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MUTUAL BENEFIT—David Carter (left) from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), discusses accreditation with Donald Ward, Ambassador College president, Oct. 24. [Photo by Mike Bedford]

SACS team in Texas gets clearer picture of College

By Donald L. Ward

BIG SANDY—The visiting team from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) arrived on campus Oct. 21. It was a day that those of us working at Ambassador College have been awaiting more than three years.

The College was host at a get-acquainted dinner for the SACS team at 7 that evening.

Donald L. Ward is president of Ambassador College.

The team was chaired by Margaret Sullivan, vice president for academic affairs at Brenau College in Gainesville, Ga.

SACS is here to serve you

In her opening remarks to the faculty assembled for the reception dinner, Dr. Sullivan said: "We are here to serve you ... just like the IRS [Internal Revenue Service]." Dr. Sullivan's warmth and sense of humor helped to put

all at ease about the visit. She reminded us that the committee was here to learn from the College as well as to make recommendations and suggestions.

Oct. 22, the visiting committee met with faculty and administrators. Armed with the College's self-study, members of the committee sought to get a clear picture of Ambassador College, its strengths and its deficiencies.

The committee was primarily concerned that the College be in compliance with the SACS criteria for accreditation. It has published a number of "must" statements that the College must conform with in order to be accredited. The main purpose of the visit, from the committee's perspective, was to ascertain whether Ambassador complies with those statements or not.

SACS-buster exercise

I met with several of the committee members on the morning of Oct. 22. While they asked me ques-

tions I was reminded of how beneficial our own "SACS-busters" exercise had been. Dr. Sullivan had given me the idea and we established a mock SACS committee weeks before the visit.

Our "SACS" team went from office to office and asked many of the questions we felt may be asked by the real committee. That process helped prepare the College for the visit in a way that no assortment of lectures could have. It enabled members of the faculty and staff to focus on the major issues that we felt would be addressed.

Oct. 23, the SACS committee prepared its initial report and conducted mop-up interviews with members of the administration, faculty, staff and student body.

The next day the SACS team met with many of the administration, faculty and staff for the exit interview. We were prepared for as many as 30 or 40 recommendations from the committee, but we were pleased to have received only 21.

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PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear Brethren,

We are continuing to make exciting progress toward accreditation of Ambassador College!

The scheduled visit from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools took place Oct. 21-24 on the Big Sandy campus.

The visit yielded very positive results, and College personnel are already busy preparing our response to Southern's recommendations.

Special thanks to everyone for your prayers about this whole process, and in advance for your continued prayers for College personnel and the students as we complete the work required for full accreditation. We are all very pleased with the excellent progress thus far.

For details about the visit, be sure to read Dr. Ward's article above.

In light of Paul's instruction in 1 Timothy 2:1-4, I hope we have all been praying for eventual good to come of the Middle East peace conference in Madrid.

As lovers of peace, we should pray for the success of such talks and the opening of doors for the gospel, even though we realize that ultimate peace will not come by human effort alone.

In a world that has never found peace on its own, Jesus has richly blessed his disciples by giving them that precious commodity. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you" (John 14:27, New International Version throughout).

Ultimate peace will not come, as so many have hoped, by the collective effort of all nations working together in a "new world order." The nations do not know the way to peace (see Isaiah 59:8 and 33:7). True peace will come in only one way—through Jesus Christ, for in him God has shown humanity what peace is.

As nuclear physicist Edward Teller once pointed out, peace is not merely the absence of war. True peace necessarily involves reconciliation, and worldwide reconciliation will not come until humanity is first reconciled to God. That kind of global reconciliation will come only after Jesus returns.

No amount of human knowledge, of technological and scientific progress, of advances in medicine, in agriculture, in pollution control, or even in human-rights legislation is capa-

ble of rendering this self-centered world a peaceful one. Human nature must be transformed before there can be true peace. And for that to happen, humanity must meet God in Jesus Christ.

In the light of the gospel, humanity must come to clearly see its own depravity and rebellion against God and understand its own need for reconciliation with God. Sin, in effect, is humanity's declaration of independence from God. Consequently, humanity cannot find peace, because it is cut off from the source of true peace.

Some people believe that through education, technological progress and natural goodness, humanity will someday "evolve" to the point that people will live in concerned cooperation and peace.

But getting along with one's neighbor is only half the equation. The biblical record gives the whole picture—one cannot truly love his neighbor unless he also loves God.

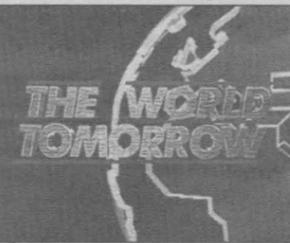
Peace is dynamic. It is a way of life, a way of thinking—a perspective, a philosophy of life. But it is more than all these. It is *godlikeness*. Only in God's own loving and forgiving initiative toward rebellious humanity can humans find true peace.

True peace, the peace that is the product of a transformed heart, comes from only one Source through only one Way and by only one transforming and unifying Spirit.

All true Christians live even now in the peace and unity of the Spirit of God, following in the footsteps of their Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

Yet, universal peace will not, indeed cannot, come until Jesus

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Increase in telecast audience without increase in cost

The *World Tomorrow* program is reaching more viewers, according to statistics gathered by Arbitron and Nielsen (two agencies that rate television audience levels). From May 1990 to May 1991 the number of markets and stations airing *The World Tomorrow* increased, although Media Purchasing cut total expenditures for air time. A comparison of those statistics by Tom Lapacka, manager in Media Purchasing, revealed the following information.

- U.S. coverage (television households capable of receiving the telecast) increased by 3 percent, from 78 percent to 81 percent.
- Excluding cable, audience level (the number of television households watching the program) grew 22 percent, from 1,025,000 to 1,254,000. This puts *The World Tomorrow* second only to Robert Schuller's *Hour of Power*.
- The telecast's share rose from 4.5 to 5.7. The share helps gauge the popularity of a program against competing programs during a particular time slot. Unlike coverage, share does not include households in which the television is turned off. So the new share figure means that, of 100 households watching television in a given city, 5.7 are watching the telecast.
- The number of U.S. markets airing the program grew by seven, from 97 markets to 104 markets.
- The number of U.S. stations airing the telecast increased from 114 to 128.
- The weekly cost of airing the program dropped 6 percent.

"With God's help, the Church has been able to reach a growing number of listeners with a telecast that appeals to a balanced audience," said evangelist Bernard Schnippert, director of Media Operations. "And we've made these strides without increasing expenditures."

The Church has kept expenditures down because its "buying strategy has changed. In some markets where there have been a limited number of stations willing to air the telecast, we sometimes felt compelled to accept less-than-generous terms from stations because they were 'the only game in town.'

"But Mr. Tkach has said that we do not need to air the telecast in every major market and we are now reaping the fruits of that decision."

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New Europe shaped on German anvil

PASADENA—The eyes of the world, understandably, have been riveted on Madrid, host city to the Middle East peace conference.

Because of news media focus on the Madrid proceedings, however, new milestones along the road to European unity have not received the attention they otherwise would, especially in the United States.

For example, on Oct. 22, the 12-nation European Community (EC) and the seven countries of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) agreed, after two years of intense negotiations, to establish a European Economic Area (EEA) encompassing their two blocs.

This arrangement, pending ratification by all the EFTA governments, will go into effect Jan. 1, 1993, the same date as the EC's own internal market.

For all practical purposes, this means that the EC's Europe-without-frontiers scheme, stimulating the free flow of goods, services, capital and labor, will regulate the economic affairs of 19 nations and 380 million people, together controlling 43 percent of global trade.

The two blocs will still, politically, be separate, with the EFTA countries continuing to maintain border controls with the EC.

The main advantage to the EFTA Seven, according to the Oct. 26 *Economist*, is that they "can also look forward to more inward direct investment from American and Japanese firms; as part of the single market, rather than [being] stranded outside ... they will look much more attractive."

Most experts believe that the European Economic Area concept presages eventual full political membership in the European Community by most, if not all, the EFTA states, who are at a political disadvantage under the agreement.



They must accept nearly all of the EC's thousands of rules and regulations, together with future legislation, but have only advisory capacity in the passage of new laws.

Austria and Sweden have already applied for EC membership, hoping to complete the process by 1995. Finnish authorities say they will put forth their application early next year. The Swiss government agreed to the EEA scheme with the understanding that it was a prelude to full membership.

The mood of the hour was perhaps best expressed by Sweden's new conservative prime minister, Carl Bildt, who announced: "Now we are heading full speed toward the Community."

Moreover, the European unification process will not end with the New Nineteen. Any day now, an announcement will be made that three former communist countries of Central and Eastern Europe—Hungary, Poland and Czechoslovakia—will be accorded associate member status with the European Community.

This arrangement, too, is expected to be only the first rung of the membership ladder. EC visionaries eventually expect the entirety of Eastern Europe to be tied in, along with Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and perhaps other parts of the dissolving ex-Soviet Union.

More than a trade bloc

The unity movement will not stop with economics, either. In

another important development, France and Germany proposed a separate European military force that would operate outside the confines of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) alliance structure, which remains under overall American command.

U.S. officials question the logic and value of such a force (which may number as many as 50,000 personnel), while at the same time conceding that NATO's role in

Europe is now in question, given the collapse of communist rule.

The purpose of the proposed Euro-Army is cloudy at the moment. Questions abound, the biggest being, is it destined to become the military arm of the European Community?

The December EC summit on political unity, scheduled for the Dutch city of Maastricht, might clarify the issue.

What is most important in all these developments is the changing nature of the transatlantic relationship. We are witnessing, in this last decade of the 20th century, a transition period, one moving away from American supervision of affairs in both Europe and Asia. A New World Order is indeed rising—but it will be one increasingly dominated by Ger-

many and Japan.

In this light, an excellent article, titled "Make Way for Germany," appeared in the Oct. 21 *U.S. News & World Report*. Its author, David Gergen, writes that, in the wake of unification, "a powerful new nation is arising on German soil—one that eventually will tower over Europe and present a formidable challenge to the United States."

Perhaps the key point Mr. Gergen makes is that Chancellor Helmut Kohl probably represents the last in a long line of instinctively pro-American German leaders. We know, from biblical accounts, what a generational change in government can produce. "Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph" (Exodus 1:8, New King James).

Sunday: official day off?

Further evidence of Germany's growing political clout in Europe (See *NEW EUROPE*, page 5)

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



Unity in diversity

BOURNEMOUTH, England—At the Feast here I ran across a book titled *Mr. Churchill in 1940* by Isaiah Berlin. The book is about the difference between the visions of Winston Spencer Churchill and Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Mr. Roosevelt (1882-1945) and Mr. Churchill (1875-1965) formed a bridge that cemented the Anglo-American partnership during World War II. Yet their world views were strikingly dissimilar.

Mr. Berlin wrote: "The difference is deep, and accounts for a great deal in the incompatibility of outlook between him [Churchill] and the President [Roosevelt], whom he admired so much and whose office he held in awe."

Mr. Berlin characterized President Roosevelt as having "this feeling of being at home not merely in the present but in the future, of knowing where he was going and [by] what means and why."

President Roosevelt's "sense, not only of the movement of American public opinion, but of the general direction in which the larger human society of his time was moving, was what is called uncanny."

On the other hand, Prime Minister Churchill's vision was motivated by a sense of the past. His speeches were full of historical allusions.

Mr. Berlin writes that Sir Winston's "bright, heroic vision of the mortal danger [in 1940], and the will to conquer, born in the hour

when defeat seemed not merely possible but probable, is the product of a burning historical imagination."

Though their "dissimilarities of outlook went deep," Mr. Roosevelt's and Mr. Churchill's visions were flexible enough to embrace alternative points of view.

There is a lesson here for the Church. Even though the Church is a single body, it is also multicultural, composed of many members. As members, we must learn to work together with mutual respect and learn to resolve our differences amicably. This is part of our growth in Christian knowledge (II Peter 3:18).

There will always be differing ideas naturally emerging from our backgrounds and cultures. And as long as our ideas do not contradict God's law they are not wrong.

Therefore, we can admire the methodical Dutch, the artistic French, the musical Welsh, the soulful Russian, the intelligent Jew, the skillful Thai.

In God's Church, where national characteristics can be refined, we can see in each national uniqueness a different facet of the nature of God himself.

Within the Church we must learn to merge our differences (submitting to one another in the fear of God) into a unity of overall purpose that results in bringing Christ's gospel to the whole world.



Just talking to myself

I just caught myself talking to myself. Have you ever done that?

It reminded me of days gone by when my children would ask me, "Dad, were you talking to yourself?" I had to confess to them on more than one occasion that I had been. They would look at me as if I had gone over the edge.

But, as my grandmother used to say, "It's OK to talk to yourself as long as you don't answer yourself back."

Well, I've not gone bonkers and I find I have a good biblical authority for talking to myself. I find it good therapy from time to time to have a heart-to-heart talk with myself.

In Psalms 42 and 43 we read that the depressed writer finds life hard and difficult going. Tears keep coming day and night, and he was complaining to God.

"Why have You forgotten me?" he asks God (Psalm 42:9, New King James throughout). "Why do You cast me off?" he complains (Psalm 43:2).

It is easy, in a moment when we are down, to forget what God said in Hebrews 13:5: "Let your conduct be without covetousness, and be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.'"

Fortunately the psalmist turned away from confronting God to confronting himself. Instead of asking God why, he asked himself why. That is a much healthier thing to do. Turn to yourself and ask, Why are you so downcast (your name)? What is the cause of your depression?

In these psalms notice how God is described as the strength of our life, the gladness of joy, the help

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of our countenance.

Faith in God will chase the tear from the eye, the furrow from the brow, the fear from the soul. God the Father is there when we need him.

God's promises

God promises to supply our every need, though not all of our wants or desires.

God gives us wisdom, delivers us from trials and temptations, fights our enemies for us and guides us in making wise decisions.

Make it a goal this year to find

out what God has promised to you. That's a good personal Bible study, or for those with young children, make it a family Bible study, where all can learn and share in God's promises.

We need to know what God's promises are. Then we can ask for them as our needs arise.

Peter wrote: "By which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust" (II Peter 1:4).

What do you think about?

Ralph Waldo Emerson, the American essayist and poet, was correct in asserting, "Man is what he thinks about all day long."

That which he or she feeds on, the context of his or her experience, the playbacks from previous contacts, shape our lives. The

Bible says, "For as he thinks in his heart, so is he" (Proverbs 23:7).

So, the next time you are discouraged do as the psalmist did, ask yourself: "Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall yet praise Him, the help of my countenance and my God" (Psalm 43:5).

Take God's promises and bombard the source of your discouragement with his promises.

Let's be encouraged, let's be thankful for God's truth. Why not have a talk with yourself today?

Europe's destiny: a greater community of nations



By the end of this decade the European Community (EC) may be made up of 24 or more members.

The EC signed a trade agreement with the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) Oct. 22. However, in spite of the agreement some EFTA members still want full EC membership, such as Austria and Sweden (who have already applied for Community membership), and Finland and Switzerland.

The 1989 liberation of East European nations and the disintegration of the Soviet Union, may also enlarge the Community. The European Commission (the executive branch of the European Parliament with the power to initiate and execute policy), asked Community foreign ministers to offer association agreements to Hungary, Poland and Czechoslovakia. The association agreements will give them access to the EC's market and will ultimately lead to full membership in the Community around the year 2000.

The Commission also wants EC members to offer the same agreements to Romania, Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Albania. Georgia (formerly part of the Soviet Union), Turkey, Cyprus and Malta also want to be members.



SACS team visits

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We believe that we can effectively respond to the recommendations we received.

We next anticipate a written report enumerating all of the SACS team's recommendations, suggestions and commendations by the second week in December. We will then have until May 1, 1992, to respond to the recommendations.

Review process

After the SACS receives our responses, they are subject to a multilayered review process.

David Carter, associate executive director for the Commission on Colleges from SACS, explained this process:

"This committee passes on its report along with our responses to the Criteria and Reports Committee for the second level of the peer review process, who in turn passes its recommendation on to the Executive Council of the Commission on Colleges, which in turn passes its recommendation on to the full Commission on Colleges.

"There are 77 [commissioners] representing all 11 states within our region, and it is those 77 commissioners who ultimately will make the decision."

Dr. Carter reminded those assembled that the decision will be one of three—full accreditation, candidacy status or to discontinue the relationship with Ambassador College.

We have repeatedly sought the prayers of God's people that his will be done in this process. We feel that there has been strong support for the College's pursuit of accreditation on all fronts.

We certainly appreciate the prayers of so many people from around the world. We believe those prayers are being answered.

Even members of the visiting committee have commented about the remarkable progress Ambassador College has made in the past two years.

'It is a miracle'

Dr. Sullivan made this striking statement in her exit interview: "We recognize how much work has gone into this and how extraordinary the move was, and what has been accomplished here in Big Sandy. It is a miracle, as you have said."

Ambassador also received several glowing commendations during the proceedings from other members of the SACS.

Betty Ann Cook, director of institutional research and planning at Morris Brown College in Atlanta, Ga., said: "Although Ambassador College has not specifically identified public service as one of its goals, the committee during the review process identified a significant level of activity in the areas of education, social and community responsibility.

"In the nearby communities of Tyler and Big Sandy, as well as on the international fronts, Ambassador College has consistently provided extensive human, financial and educational resources to a variety of causes."

She added, "The committee recognizes Ambassador College for its commitment to public service through its various outreach and volunteer programs."

Communication skills

E. Vance Davis, dean of High Point College in High Point, N.C., said, "The committee recognizes and compliments the college for its emphasis upon the development of oral communication skills."

C. William McKee, dean of administration and registrar for Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tenn., made the following observations: "The committee compliments Ambassador College for the quality of the behavioral standards being exhibited by

the students on the campus.

"The committee notes the special and positive relationship enjoyed by the student personnel staff and the student body.

"The committee notes and compliments the school on the depth of the intramural program and the number of people who are participating in that program."

Carlton Adams, dean of Piedmont College in Georgia, said, "The committee commends the college for its outstanding computer resources and services."

George D. Youstra, president

of Clearwater Christian College in Clearwater, Fla., presented an additional commendation: "The committee commends the board and administration for securing strong financial resources to sufficiently support the goals of Ambassador College."

Candidacy prospects

At this point, the prospects for receiving candidacy status in June appear to be bright. But we are not taking anything for granted.

Once again, the prayers and support of brethren worldwide

have been felt and greatly appreciated. We hope that support will continue so, God willing, our hopes and prayers will be confirmed.

Other team members were William Burns, vice president for finance and administration at Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg, Va.; Evelyn H. Burrows, associate professor in fine arts and communications from Fayetteville State University in North Carolina; and Jessie Smith, university librarian from Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn.

Youths enriched at SEP camps

PASADENA—About 1,600 campers attended nine Summer Educational Program (SEP) camps in seven countries this year.

The following reports from five of those camps were written by Kerri Dowd, *Youth 91* managing editor; Matthew Fenchel, assistant pastor in the Bonn, Duesseldorf, Darmstadt and Zwickau, Germany, churches; Rick Shallenberger, *Youth 91* associate editor; the Philippine Office; and Leanne Ingham and Lisa Kissel, Ambassador College students.

Shawnigan Lake, B.C.

Ninety campers arrived here, northwest of Victoria, B.C., on Vancouver Island, Aug. 11.

Doug Smith, camp director and pastor of the Kitchener, Ont., church, described the camp as "an environment conducive to learning. We really do believe in our youths, and we have two weeks to show them here that God's way works."

Camper Todd Couch from Mara, B.C., said he appreciated "all the opportunities—the chances to try new things. And, I'm not nearly as nervous about participating as I am at school. It's an excellent camp, but it's not long enough. What we learn here will rub off when we go back. We'll affect others back home."

Each dorm produced a dorm video as part of their television classes, and every camper had a chance during radio class to be a

disc jockey on KSEP, the camp radio station.

Voehl, Germany

"I think camp is great because the staff and campers are always encouraging you, something you don't find during the year at school," remarked Maja Borke who attended the SEP camp here July 25 to Aug. 9.

Sixty-four campers from Germany, Austria, Switzerland, England, the United States and Yugoslavia and 28 staff members attended. Two girls from Yugoslavia attended their first SEP, and one of them attended a Sabbath service for the first time.

Loch Lomond, Scotland

About 305 youths and 107 staff attended here July 21 to Aug. 11.

The staff set up a city of tents and caravans (trailers) in a sheep pasture. The only permanent dwelling was a barn housing the kitchen and storage areas.

Many youths begin attending camp when they are 12 or 13 years old, and when they are 17 or 18 they move to a special status. They are still campers, but they have

more time for specialized activities. Then the following year they can return as a member of the staff.

The staff is made up of volunteers. Many parents of campers gave up their holiday (vacation) to serve. Several of the staff try to serve every year and some have served the camp for 10 or 15 years. They all know each other well and they know the campers.

Baguio, Philippines

The excitement of the campers soared as their bus labored up the last mile of the winding mountain road toward the Teachers Camp, where the SEP was conducted April 21 to May 5.

The opportunity to attend the SEP can prove vital to a youth's success in the depressed Philippine marketplace. The annual per capita income is about US\$600.

Bulgneville, France

Fifty-one campers and 35 staff members spent two activity-filled weeks in France July 14 to 28.

Among the activities was a night-time obstacle course. The favorite activity was rock climbing taught by the junior champion of France.

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Estonians attend Feast

By Frankie Weinberger

BONN, Germany—Seven Estonians (one member and six prospective members) kept the Feast in Denmark this year.

Leo Kaagjaerv, a member and native Estonian, was a professor of physics at the University of Sydney, N.S.W., for about 30 years. He accepted early retirement and planned to return to Estonia in the fall of 1990.

Before he left Australia, an Estonian newspaper editor asked Mr. Kaagjaerv to write an article about the Bible for the 250th anniversary of the first printing of the full Estonian Bible. The editor added a short foreword to the article saying that Mr. Kaagjaerv was to give lectures at Tartu University in Estonia.

Upon his arrival in Estonia, Mr. Kaagjaerv advertised in a newspaper to find an apartment. He received a reply from a woman who said she could not offer him any accommodation, but would like to attend his lectures, which she thought would be about the Bible.

She had recognized his name in the advertisement as the author of the article about the Bible. Mr. Kaagjaerv told her that the lectures would be about physics and mathematics.

Since Mr. Kaagjaerv is a member of the Church, he offered her some Church literature. Her interest was piqued, as were other

members of her family and a friend.

The family invited Mr. Kaagjaerv to their home and asked him questions about biblical truths and principles.

When the question of a ministerial visit arose, he advised them to write a letter, which was received by the German Office, and plans were made for John Karlson, regional director in the German-speaking areas, and his wife, Kristina, to visit Estonia in July.

The Karlsons went and discussed Church teachings, including God's laws, baptism and Holy Days and the possibility of keeping the Fall Festival.

Travel plans were subject to approval from the Estonian government. The Church sent official invitations so the group could apply for a visa to attend the Feast in Denmark. Flight and hotel bookings were made in the hope that the visas would be granted.

Four of the six Estonians received their visas on Saturday, Sept. 21, between 11 and 12 p.m. The other two got their visas just before their flight left on Sunday, Sept. 22.

Two of the men had waited several days at the Danish Consulate in Moscow to get the visas, then flew to Leningrad and took a taxi to Tartu, where the visas were finally obtained.

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returns in glory to rule all nations as the eternal Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6-7).

As each of us eagerly awaits that glorious day, the Scriptures give admonition and assurance: "The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:7).

Each of us must bow before God in humble acknowledgement of our need for forgiveness and cleansing and gratefully turn our lives toward serving and obeying our Maker, Redeemer and Sustainer—the omnipotent God of love.

"Into all the world..."

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

Holy Days

In the *Plain Truth* magazine of September you had the article, "The Festivals of the Bible."

Where would you purchase a calendar that would give you the exact days these Festivals would occur in 1992? Where do you get information as to the location where events concerning these feasts are held? Can you please send information on the above and the churches who celebrate the Holy Days?

D.B.

Cleveland, Ohio

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Magazine a bright light

I'm grateful for receiving the *Plain*

Truth magazine. It is a bright light in this very bleak world, and I look forward to getting the magazine again and again. Please accept the enclosed donation and thank you and God bless.

R.H.

Brooklyn, N.Y.

I love your *Plain Truth* magazine. I am only 12 years old, but I'm becoming more in love with God than the magazine. Thanks for helping me find my love with God, more than rock and roll. I would like to have some magazines for my brothers.

C.R.

Deming, N.M.

Thank you very much for your publication ministry. I have found many of your articles extremely helpful in understanding the roots of my Christian faith.

J.R.

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Serving amidst ethnic diversity

By Andre van Belkum

About 60 million people live in the countries of southern Africa administered by the regional office here.

Besides South Africa, which covers an area five times the size of the United Kingdom (Kruger National Park in the Eastern Transvaal is equal to the territory of Wales), the office is responsible for Zimbabwe and Zambia to the north, Botswana and Namibia to the west, Lesotho and Swaziland to the east, and the island of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean.

Andre van Belkum is regional director for southern Africa.

Each area is inhabited by peoples with their own cultural identities, languages and social systems. As though a microcosm of the world around us, South Africa consists of a collection of minority groups.

Seventy percent of South Africa's 36 million inhabitants may be broadly called "blacks." These blacks are not a single homogeneous group, but comprise at least nine major distinct ethnic groups with their own languages. Historically, they settled in specific areas of the country. The tradi-

tional differences are gradually lessening within urban areas as more of the young people move to the towns to find jobs.

Numerically the most important black nations are the Zulus, Xhosas and Sothos.

On the political scene

The 1990s have, so far, been a



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dramatic period in South Africa's history. State President F.W. de Klerk has taken unprecedented and bold steps toward building "the new South Africa."

This new South Africa is centered on dismantling apartheid legislation, much of which dates back to 1948. We hope that the harmonizing of the needs of all groups will lead to a new constitution that will ensure that one

group will not suppress other minority groups.

This is an enormous challenge. How do you motivate peoples of different and varied political persuasions and cultural heritages to bridge the distrust, suspicion and fear that has divided them in the past? The desire is for all population groups to seek common ground on which they can together build a future. This is truly a millennial wish.

Already violence and unrest have erupted in many parts of the country, retarding the process of reconciliation. Fighting, mostly between blacks, has claimed the lives of hundreds of people, many of them innocent bystanders.

However, overall the mood among community leaders is in favor of negotiations, and significant progress has already been made toward discussions on a new constitution. The average South African hopes that peaceful and equitable solutions will be found.

Thankfully no Church members or any of their family members have been killed or suffered serious injuries because of the violence. However, a number of



members live close to areas of unrest, and prayers for their safety are appreciated.

Growth in times of trouble

Despite the political and economic turmoil and uncertainty, the Church continues to experience steady growth in most facets of its operations.

Since the first Church service conducted by evangelist Gerald Waterhouse on March 18, 1963, much has been accomplished. Thirty-three attended that first service. Today there are about 2,800 attending Sabbath services. There are 18 full-time ministers and 11 local church elders serving (See **AMIDST DIVERSITY**, page 5)

Meet the office staff

By Morgen Kriedemann

The regional office for southern Africa is situated on the beautiful coast of the Cape of Good Hope (also known as the Cape of Storms), and directly opposite the historic Mouille Point lighthouse built in 1823.

Morgen Kriedemann, a local elder, is manager of Mail Processing in the Cape Town, South Africa, Regional Office.

Regional director Andre van Belkum directs the operations here, which are organized into five departments: the Business Office; Computer Information Services (CIS); Media, Publishing and Editorial; Mail Processing; and Ministerial and Office Management.

Business Office manager Bryan Mathie has served in this capacity since 1966 and is the longest-serving employee of the Work in southern Africa.

Mr. Mathie is a local elder and is assisted in the office by Ronnie Govender, Brian Young and Marjory Leeuw, executive office secretary.

Peter Hawkins, a 1971 Ambassador College graduate and local elder, is the Media, Publishing and Editorial manager. His assistant is Lindi Loetter.

For two years now the office in Cape Town has enjoyed the help of longtime member Koos Vos. Earlier this year Mr. Vos was appointed CIS manager.

Mr. Vos has a civil engineering and computer science lecturing background, as well as a master's degree in engineering and a bachelor of science honors in applied mathematics. He is presently pursuing a bachelor's degree in commerce.

Before joining the office staff, Mr. Vos was involved in research and lec-

turing at the Applied Mechanics Research Unit at the University of Cape Town.

Robert Klynsmith is office and Ministerial Services manager. He has had several years experience in industry as a senior personnel manager, is a 1973 Ambassador College graduate, and a preaching elder. His assistant is Brenda Merrington, secretary, receptionist and the office's WordPerfect word processing specialist.

A quarter of a million pieces of incoming mail are processed each year by a team of 12, which I head. Before joining the staff two years ago, I worked as a quality assurance manager in a chemicals plant for several years.

The Mail Processing Department consists of two sections. The postal services supervisor, Eben Jacobs, is assisted by Charlotte Adcock, Martin Hendricks, Craig Lindes and Victor Schuller in the receipt, reading, distribution and posting of mail.

Trevor Weber, mailing list services supervisor, oversees data entry and processing handled by Cyril Hendricks, Bonnie Beelders, Ren Bissolati, Isabel Fortune and Heidi Powell.

Secretary for the Personal Correspondence Department is Wilma Nigrini, who has worked in the office since its relocation to the Cape in 1984.



ETHNIC BREAKDOWN—Andre van Belkum shows demographics chart to Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach. [Photo by Frank Nelte]

INTERNATIONAL DESK

FROM OUR SOUTH AFRICAN OFFICE

Zambians hope for relief after elections

By Kambani Banda

LUSAKA, Zambia—Zambia is a country of 7.5 million square miles and a population of 10 million.

It is also the home of 85 Church members. Fifty percent of the members live in Lusaka, the capital city. Another 20 percent live in a copper-mining town of the Copperbelt. The rest of the membership lives in rural areas.

Kambani Banda is a deacon in the Lusaka, Zambia, church.

Walking through Lusaka, one can still see and hear evidence of Zambia's links with its previous colonial ruler, Great Britain. English is still widely spoken here.

Independence from Britain brought hopes and dreams to Zambia's people. It was not uncommon to hear politicians promise an egg a day for every Zambian.

And, upon independence, there was rapid economic growth. Dreams appeared to be realized. But, as time progressed, our leaders embraced socialist ideals.

Free education, medical services, subsidized housing and supplies of maize were made available to all people, especially those in urban areas. The price of copper, the major mineral export, dropped dramatically, making it impossible to finance these social programs.

Along with socialist ideals and spending came the introduction of economic reform, which entailed large-scale nationalization of the private sector. The price of maize was kept low to please those in urban areas. The unattractive price

offered to farmers forced many of them out of business, thereby causing severe food shortages.

The late '70s to the present

There has been a steady decline in ethics and morals in government and business, causing widespread corruption and major financial scandals.

Failure by the authorities to punish culprits created almost total disregard for law and order. Evidence of this was witnessed by food riots in July 1990.

Out of that period of chaos and confusion we have seen a shift from socialism to a market-oriented economy and the birth of plural politics.

Once again it is hoped that with proper checks and balances by a multiparty system, matters will improve economically. Some here, however, think that the crime and corruption are too deep-seated to bring about any meaningful change.

All the above factors have brought untold hardship to the people of Zambia, including members of God's Church. It is not even financially possible for a well-paid professional to eat out in a restaurant.

Inflation stands at 150 percent, and the bank lending rate is 53 percent.

For the past three years God's people have kept the Feast in their homes because rented accommodations are priced too high for almost all members.

The majority of Zambians looked forward with fever-pitch enthusiasm to the October elections, which were the first multiparty elections in Zambia in 18 years.

Frederick Chiluba, leader of the Movement for Multiparty Democracy, won by an overwhelming majority. President Chiluba called

on Zambians to respect their defeated leader as the founding father of the nation.

Although major problems will be solved only at Christ's return, we hope for some relief through a better-run human system in the meantime.

Zimbabwean members remain faithful in midst of troubles

By Aldrin Mandimika

HARARE, Zimbabwe—Zimbabwe, which has an area of 150,803 square miles (slightly larger than the state of Montana), is the home of 264 members. One in 38,000 have been called into the Church.

Aldrin Mandimika pastors the Bulawayo and Harare, Zimbabwe, churches.

The excessive price controls by the government on imports, wages and exchange rates during the past decade have largely contributed to slow growth in the country's economy.

Now, the government has embarked on a five-year trade liberalization program to stimulate investment and promote growth in the productive sectors of the economy.

Deregulation is considered by some economists a fundamental key to the success of the program.

The cost of living has risen considerably in the past few months because of deregulation, coupled with the rapidly falling value of the Zimbabwean dollar, a high inflation rate and the present recession. The average member is struggling to make ends meet.

Securing affordable prices for accommodations at the Feast is one difficulty members face. However, despite these problems and trying times, members display a willingness and deep commitment to fulfill their calling and further the commission of the Church.



IRON SHARPENS IRON

Help your child through the school Christmas season

By Paul Kroll

The 1991 season to be jolly is around the corner. Folks will be humming "Jingle Bells." Children will be watching *Charlie Brown's Christmas* and the umpteenth television rerun of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. Christmas will be everywhere.

Paul Kroll is a senior writer for The Plain Truth.

Teachers will have prepared Christmas programs months in advance for wide-eyed and expectant youngsters.

Children will be decorating trees, cutting out paper Santas, coloring reindeer and writing cute poems extolling the joy of Christmas.

How can parents who don't observe Christmas deal with yuletide programs in their child's school?

During the "December dilemma" Christmas just seems to be there in the life of the schoolchild. The classroom may have its own tree, with children cutting out stars, ribbons and the like to decorate it.

Santa might come to the classroom or be in the school auditorium. The children may be asked to form a line, greet Santa and receive a Christmas trinket.

Teachers may plan concerts for the class to sing—you guessed

it—favorite Christmas carols. Or the class may be given the project of creating a nativity scene. What is a non-observing parent to do?

Most importantly, parents need to explain their beliefs to their child's teacher (and, if necessary, to the school administration).

A private conference, ahead of the Christmas season, will help. Explain your beliefs and specific concerns politely, calmly and firmly. No matter how some may view Christmas (or its individual parts), you see it as a religious holiday.

If there is a Christmas party at which your child would feel uncomfortable, you might come to school and take him or her home.

The courts and Christmas

Decades of court rulings in the United States have focused on issues of church and state separation. Some rulings have involved aspects of Christmas observance.

School districts and teachers in the United States expect some parents might be concerned about Christmas. It's not like you're talking to someone from another planet when you ask that your child be excused from directly participating in Christmas programs.

Teachers and administration realize your legal rights on religious questions.

In multicultural metropolitan areas parents will have somewhat less of a problem in dealing with Christmas.

For example, the Los Angeles Unified School District discusses planning and presenting holiday programs in its revised Bulletin No. 25, issued in 1989.

The bulletin stresses "multicultural considerations" when planning such events. Holiday programs, says this bulletin, must

It's important for parents to carefully and thoroughly explain to their children why they do not observe Christmas. Take positive steps before Christmas to deal with the holiday.

avoid the promotion of "sectarian doctrine."

According to this regulatory document, holiday programs must maintain "respect for group differences." They should reflect "respect for the sensibilities of staff and students of all faiths."

Most importantly, the bulletin declares that students and staff must be excused from taking part "in any holiday program without penalty or bias."

A check of several elementary schools in the Los Angeles area found them avoiding the word

Christmas to describe classroom programs. They usually referred to any celebrations as their "winter program."

Nonetheless, tensions can simmer and even explode over Christmas in the classroom. This will be more apt to happen in schools that have few non-Christian children or Christian non-observers of Christmas, or in nations that do not define so sharply between church and state.

Schools in such areas may be less aware that some people do not observe Christmas because of religious conviction.

Be wise and practical

This lack of awareness makes it even more important that parents

explain their beliefs ahead of time to such uninitiated teachers and school officials.

Otherwise, teachers may not understand why the children don't want to participate in a celebration of Christmas customs. Teachers may even embarrass the children.

This should not happen.

Parents should ask that school and classroom Christmas programs be presented in as informal a way as possible.

Children should be able to ignore the yuletide classroom festivities without being put on the spot or having to create a scene.

Non-observing parents must understand that problems may arise under the most accommodating situations.

In some classrooms, the Christmas-observing culture thoroughly dominates. Children will feel some isolation, perhaps be considered strange or be put on the spot.

Jews have experienced this sense of separation for centuries. Rabbi Gary Greenebaum, the American Jewish Committee's western regional director, says of Christmas, "It suddenly starts to feel as if this country [America] is excluding you everywhere you turn."

That's why it's important for parents to carefully and thoroughly explain to their children why they do not observe Christmas.

Remember, the children will have to face their teachers and classmates alone.

Before Christmas arrives

Take positive steps before Christmas to deal with the holiday. Encourage your child to make friends with other children. Perhaps invite these children to an activity at your home. They will be more likely to think of your son or daughter in a positive light.

Help your children ahead of time to know what may be coming. Be honest and frank with them about any negative feedback they might receive.

Deal lovingly with any feelings of isolation they may have during this time. Help and encourage your children, and they will avoid school Christmas merrymaking with confidence, humility and wisdom.

New Europe

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is the pressure inside the European Community to have Sunday designated as the Community's official day off. The issue is being deliberated as a health and safety measure, but the real motivation is economic, and springs from Germany's powerful industrialists and labor unions.

The Germans and their allies on this issue say that their nations, in which little work or trade is done

on Sunday, are at a competitive disadvantage to those Community countries permitting work all seven days of the week.

The British are alarmed because of the threat to personal freedom. It only proves to them what can happen in a "federal" Europe where power is concentrated in Brussels.

And since this proposal is being sneaked in the back door as a social issue, requiring only a qualified-majority vote to be approved,

the British will need other allies to stop it, if indeed the issue finally comes to a vote.

The problem in the Community these days is that the economic and political clout of Germany is so great, that on all but the most crucial issues, the smaller countries tend to vote Germany's way, even while having considerable reservations.

These developments and trends show that a German-led Europe is increasingly setting the pace for global economic affairs in this last decade of the 20th century.

South Africa is Zimbabwe.

Outlying Bible studies

Altogether there are nine outlying Bible studies. Because of the small size of these groups, there is a closeness and a spirit of camaraderie among them.

Normally, outlying studies take place monthly. Some members travel long distances to attend and for some it takes two to three days to reach the meeting place.

Sometimes a social is organized at the home of a member living close to where the study is conducted.

Church office

In September 1984 the office moved from Johannesburg, the largest South African city, to Cape Town, the second-largest and the oldest city here.

Cape Town, known as "the mother city," has a population of 1.5 million and is situated in one of the most beautiful areas of South Africa.

Amidst diversity

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2,090 members.

Long distances to travel

Because of vast areas of sparsely populated land, some ministers drive long distances to give Bible studies or visit with members and people interested in the Church.

Some ministers travel up to 50,000 kilometers (about 30,000 miles) a year by car. This represents about 70 hours of driving each month.

Our brethren in Mauritius are served by Ron Stoddart, pastor of the Port Elizabeth and East London, South Africa, churches. He visits the island about five times a year.

Even though Mauritius appears as a tiny dot in the Indian Ocean on the southeast side of Madagascar, there is a great deal of interest in the Church's publica-

tions, and membership continues to increase.

Brethren in Zambia are ministered to by Bill Whitaker, who visits Zambia from Blantyre, Malawi, where he pastors the churches there.

Because of a depressed and sagging Zambian economy, members face serious difficulties.

Food prices are exorbitant, unemployment is high and wages are low, making it difficult for families to survive.

Yet when visiting the church in Zambia, I am always heartened to see that despite these problems our members are happy and cheerful.

They are fine examples of people expressing and demonstrating a positive and high-spirited attitude despite tough and troublesome circumstances.

The country with the largest number of brethren outside of

Ferry runs to safety as waves top 40 feet

By Frank and Jane Parsons

AUCKLAND, New Zealand—After attending the Feast in Dunedin, New Zealand, on the South Island, my wife, Jane, daughter, Amy, and grandson Treston (11 months old) began a long drive back to Auckland on the North Island.

Frank Parsons is manager of the Mail Processing Extension Center in Big Sandy, and his wife, Jane, is receptionist.

To travel from the South Island to the North Island we boarded the 6,000-ton seagoing ferry the *Aratika*. This is usually a three-hour trip.

As we left Picton the winds and waves picked up. We enjoyed the adventure until the winds grew to gale force. By the time we started crossing the Cook Strait the winds were more than 80 miles an hour, and the waves were topping 40 feet. Sometimes the waves broke over the top of the ship.

Twice the captain attempted to go between the rocks and Wellington Harbor, but he was unable to navigate because of the high winds and waves. A few years ago a ferry sank trying to come into the harbor in similar weather.

Twice the ship tilted over severely on its side. Passengers,

luggage, garbage cans and glasses were sent spilling around inside decks.

The crew kept themselves and the passengers calm. A television news bulletin announced that the *Aratika* was caught in a storm.

The captain announced that he was going to make a run back to the South Island to safety. This way he could sail directly into the waves coming from the south.

The ship creaked and groaned as it headed into the massive waves.

A metal panel crashed down from the ceiling barely missing my wife and daughter.

The captain said we would have to wait out the storm in the safety of a cove in the South Island until the winds died down.

We prayed as the night moved along, and we better understood Paul's comments about being in peril at sea and being a day and a night in the deep. After about 15 hours the winds and waves began to subside and eventually, after 17 hours at sea, we landed safely in Wellington.

A radio station interviewed my wife after we landed.

As we continued our trip to Auckland, a radio station announced that it had an interview with a passenger who was on the *Aratika*. It was an interview with my wife!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

ALLTOP, Mark and Pam (Whitt) of Indianapolis, Ind., boy, Brian Matthew, July 29, 9:04 p.m., 9 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, first child.

API, Jesse and Bethann (Mattson) of Tallahassee, Fla., girl, Jennifer Elizabeth, Sept. 23, 3:43 p.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BOGGS, Myron and Sophronia (Ames) of Virginia Beach, Va., girl, Catharine Ames, Sept. 7, 6:20 p.m., 5 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

BREDLO, Richard and Cathy (Kutt) of Kitchener, Ont., boy, Matthew Timothy, Aug. 9, 12:28 p.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

BROWNLEE, Michael and Eileen (Clark) of Athens, Ga., girl, Stacia Renee, Aug. 16, 2 p.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

CARSON, Andre and Lisa (Gentry) of Raleigh, N.C., boy, Joshua Ludwig, Sept. 17, 3:17 p.m., 6 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

COFFMAN, Bryan and Megan (Williams) of Atlanta, Ga., boy, Daniel Phillips, Aug. 26, 1:33 p.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

CRAFT, Kevin and Jennifer (Vandegriff) of Colorado Springs, Colo., boy, James Harrison, Aug. 20, 12:43 p.m., 9 pounds 10 1/4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

CURRY, Robert and Jennifer (Bittner) of Trenton, N.J., boy, Shane Robert Todd, June 13, 12:13 a.m., 9 pounds, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

CURTIS, Jon and Barb (Lemmon) of Montpelier, Vt., girl, Jennifer Suzanne, July 8, 9 p.m., 8 pounds, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

DEMMAANS, Maury and Rita (Nicholson) of Saskatoon, Sask., girl, Alanna Mae, May 13, 12:31 p.m., 6 pounds 6 ounces, 2 boys, 1 girl.

DOBBS, Carl and Mary (Bird) of Washington, D.C., boy, Zachary George, Aug. 27, 12:49 p.m., 6 pounds 4 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

DONOGHUE, Michael and Del (Cramer) of Morwell, Vic., boy, Kieren Michael, June 23, 9:26 p.m., 9 pounds, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

DUNBAR, John and Cyndi (Johnson) of Indianapolis, Ind., girl, Kayla Elaine, July 30, 11:52 a.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

EAGLE, Aaron and Corinne (Ostrander) of Pasadena, girl, Tasha Cherie, Aug. 22, 11:08 a.m., 9 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

FENTON, Niall and Theresa (Hegvold) of Atlanta, Ga., girl, Aislinn Gwen Elizabeth, Oct. 2, 12:05 p.m., 6 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

FORTNER, Rod and Joanne (Woeffle) of Quincy, Ill., girl, Marissa Janine, July 4, 6:04 a.m., 6 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

GLADDEN, Stephen and Lisa (Cooley) of Phenix City, Ala., boy, Stephen Joshua, Sept. 6, 12:41 p.m., 8 pounds, first child.

GORE, Stephen and Vicki (Murney) of Edmonton, Alta., girl, Danielle Renee, Sept. 19, 4:17 p.m., 6 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

GRAHAM, Ronny and Ali (Ritenbaugh) of Atlanta, Ga., boy, Levi Wells, Sept. 8, 9:08 p.m., 9 pounds, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

HAecker, Timothy and Vianna (Clamp) of Wheatland, Wyo., girl, Stephanie Ann, Aug. 21, 12:30 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

HARVEY, Edward and Maria (Godinez) of El Paso, Tex., girl, Bereniz Vanessa Erinay, Aug. 6, 12:15 p.m., 6 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 girls.

HELSEr, Hank and Derenda (Neal) of Round Rock, Tex., boy, Devin Hunter, July 16, 8 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

HENDERSON, Hal and Linda (Yates) of Avon, Ohio, girl, Amanda Marie, Aug. 19, 6:22 a.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

HOHNHOLT, Jeffrey and Marchelle (Kersch) of Grand Island, Neb., boy, Bryan Michael, Aug. 6, 7 pounds 10 1/2 ounces, now 3 boys.

HOWAH, Ken and Maureen (Tay) of Gold Coast, Qld., girl, Han-yin Tay, July 26, 6:18 a.m., 6 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

JACKSON, Tyrone and Tasha (Merfalen) of Long Beach, Calif., girl, Jean Marie, Sept. 10, 1:32 p.m., 6 pounds, first child.

JAMES, Mark and Vanessa (Sampson) of Melbourne, Vic., boy, Matthew Richard, Sept. 23, 12:03 p.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

JANTZEN, Eric and Angela (Vince) of Victoria, B.C., boy, Benjamin Eric, Aug. 28, 1:20 p.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

JOHNSON, William and Dawn (Larson) of Detroit, Mich., boy, Wesley Warren, June 21, 5:21 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

JOHNSTON, Mark and Linda (Bledsoe) of Chillicothe, Ohio, boy, Alex Hyle, Sept. 7, 5:42 a.m., 6 pounds 13 1/2 ounces, first child.

KITTEL, Wayne Jr. and Kelley of Columbia, Mo., boy, Wayne Andrew III, July 26, 3:17 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces.

KNOWLES, Steve and Keri (Soustik) of Escondido, Calif., girl, Toni Rochelle, Aug. 8, 7 pounds, now 2 girls.

KUHLMAN, Todd and Nancy (Oehlerking) of Nampa, Idaho, boy, Adam Shay, Aug. 15, 6:28 p.m., 8 pounds, now 4 boys.

LITAVSKY, George and Katherine (Nemeth) of Barrie, Ont., girl, Meaghan Dawn, July 23, 10:59 p.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

LYON, Graeme and Trish (Hughes) of Conondale, Qld., boy, Joshua David, Aug. 26, 3:13 p.m., 7

pounds 3 ounces, first child.

MAHAN, Thomas and Elizabeth (Rucker) of Wichita, Kan., boy, Daniel Christopher, Oct. 1, 8 pounds 1 ounce, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MANDIMIKA, Aldrin and Elinah (Makamure) of Harare, Zimbabwe, boy, Dwight Leroy, Oct. 3, 3:05 p.m., 9 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 boys, one girl.

MILEY, Stephen and Kathleen (Denny) of Erlanger, Ky., girl, Amy Lauren, Sept. 21, 8:24 a.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, now 3 boys, 2 girls.

OGADA, Patrick and Rita (Salome) of Nairobi, Kenya, girl, Evelyn Angela, Sept. 1, 7 a.m., 3.3 kilograms, now 1 boy, 4 girls.

OSENBAUGH, John and Rae (Walker) of Auburn, Neb., girl, Chelsea Rae, July 30, 6:02 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 8 girls.

PATE, Gary and Carol (Graves) of Tacoma, Wash., girl, Alicia Lauren, Sept. 6, 3:03 p.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

PEITZ, Gregory and Ruth (Peterson) of Chico, Calif., girl, Angela Elizabeth, Sept. 8, 4:46 a.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 4 girls.

RAEBURN, Stewart and Mairi (Graham) of Irvine, Scotland, girl, Claire Graham, Aug. 18, 3:58 p.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

RAFUSE, Doug and Elizabeth (Doyle) of Calgary, Alta., boy, Maxwell Douglas, Aug. 14, 4:11 p.m., 10 pounds, first child.

ROBERTS, Graham and Tracey (Pritchard) of Ross-on-Wye, England, girl, Amy Leanne, July 3, 12:57 p.m., 8 pounds 4 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SCHIMPF, Richard II and Christina (Hall) of Baltimore, Md., boy, Richard John III, Sept. 17, 12:43 p.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

SMOTHERS, David and Reta (Biellier) of West Plains, Mo., boy, Caleb Allen, June 17, 7 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

STEWART, Scott and Jean (Cleveland) of Arlington, Tex., boy, Ian Marshall Lange, Aug. 21, 5:47 p.m., 10 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

WHELCHER, Brent and Karla (Davis) of Escondido, Calif., girl, Lindsey Faye, Sept. 8, 12:15 p.m., 7 pounds, now 2 girls.

WHITE, Mark and Brenda (Maxey) of Lewisburg, W.Va., boy, Mark Franklin, Sept. 7, 4:25 p.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

ZIMMERMAN, Ricky and Deborah (Whitt) of Indianapolis, Ind., girl, Leesa Nicole, Aug. 20, 10:48 p.m., 5 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 girls.

ENGAGEMENTS

Frank and Barbara Klett of Toledo, Ohio, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Heidi Ann to Brian Craig Condeley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Condeley of Akins, Ark. A Nov. 30 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Brown of Chelmsford, England, are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Sarah Louise to David R. Witt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Witt of Sand Gap, Ky. A Dec. 28 wedding is planned.

Arthur and Kathy Ewing of Norfolk, Va., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Angela Marie to Alton Eugene Dacus. A May 3 wedding is planned.

Angeline Chichaya of Zimbabwe and Gabriel Ojhi of Nigeria are pleased to announce their engagement. A May wedding in Big Sandy is planned.

The parents of Roger Pinette and Tammy Sieg would like to announce the engagement of their children. A Dec. 14 wedding in Sedona, Ariz., is planned.

Together with their parents, Charles Goff and Rebecca Savoie would like to announce their engagement. A Dec. 29 wedding in Big Sandy is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Dunn of Ligonier, Pa., are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Laura to Craig Anthony Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Scott of Etobicoke, Ont. A Dec. 29 wedding in Indiana, Pa., is planned.

Cheryl Wilson-Snyder of Tehachapi, Calif., is happy to announce the engagement of her daughter Callandra Wilson to Richard Murray, son of Gordon and Alice Murray of Santa Ana, Calif. A Feb. 23 wedding in Pasadena is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Borm of Surrey, B.C., wish to announce the engagement of their daughter Susan to Tim Achtemichuk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Achtemichuk Sr., of Surrey. A May wedding is planned.

WEDDINGS

MR. & MRS. RICHARD TODD
Karen Childers of Wausau, Wis., and Richard Todd of Rockford, Ill., were united in marriage June 30. The ceremony was performed by Randall Stiver, Roseburg and Coos Bay, Ore., pastor. Nancy Capo was matron of honor, and Terry Todd was best man. The couple live in Rockford.

MR. & MRS. PATRICK KELLEY
Marjorie Dunstall and Patrick Kelley were united in marriage July 28. The ceremony was performed by Ross Beath, Brisbane, Qld., South and East pastor. Heather Harvey was bridesmaid, and Christopher Newton was best man. The couple live in Brisbane.

MR. & MRS. WILLIAM WEHRMANN
Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Martin of Tafton,



MR. & MRS. JONATHAN JEWELL

Wendy Rae Eckman, daughter of Richard and Dorene Eckman of Palmer, Alaska, and Jonathan Jewell, son of John and Christine Jewell of Eccleston, England, were united in marriage June 23. The ceremony was performed by the groom's father, Preston, England, pastor. Mandy Eckman, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Phillip Jewell, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Nairobi, Kenya, where the groom serves as a ministerial trainee.



MR. & MRS. JON BROADWATER

Mr. and Mrs. Michael McConnell and Bill Broadwater are pleased to announce the marriage of their children, Kimberly and Jon. The ceremony was performed June 23 by Jerry K. Center, a minister in the Reno, Nev., church. Michelle Center was bridesmaid, and Mark Broadwater was best man. The couple live in Reno.



MR. & MRS. PAUL JAY

Mr. and Mrs. Willem Heykoop of Fenwick, Ont., and Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Jay of Grove Hill, Ala., are happy to announce the marriage of their children, Joanne Sarah and Paul Bryan. The ceremony was performed June 1 by Tom Pickett, Monroeville, Ala., associate pastor. Teresa Yates was maid of honor, and David Jay, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Evergreen, Ala.



MR. & MRS. PETER NEGRI

Larinda F. Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth F. Williams of New Castle, Calif., and Peter S. Negri, son of Richard P. Negri of Kingwood, Tex., and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Zech Jr. of Long Beach, Calif., were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed June 16 by Larry Neff, Pittsburgh and Beaver Valley, Pa., pastor. Sabrina Wright, sister of the bride, and Cindy Plese were maids of honor, and Richard P. Negri, brother of the groom, and Richard T. Negri, brother of the groom, were best men. The couple live in Long Beach.



MR. & MRS. MARK HESSE

Daisy Higgs of Deloraine, Tas., is delighted to announce the marriage of her daughter Joyce to Mark Hesse, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Hesse of Murwillumbah, N.S.W. The ceremony was performed June 30 by Rod King, Gold Coast, Qld., pastor. Andrea Patey was maid of honor, and Matthew Hesse, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Gold Coast.



MR. & MRS. DARRELL HANNAWAY

Teresa Sue Hunsberger and Darrell Lloyd Hannaway were united in marriage July 14 in Pasadena. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, David Hunsberger, a minister in the Pasadena West A.M. church. Moriah Huse was maid of honor, and George Hatch was best man.



MR. & MRS. DANIEL GEHRIS

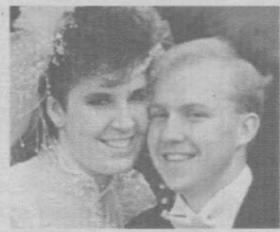
Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Knur of Bethlehem, Pa., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Renee Michelle to Daniel Keith Gehris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Gehris of Venice, Fla. The ceremony was performed Aug. 18 by James Capo, Bethlehem associate pastor. Lisa Barnett was maid of honor, and Sal Rizzuto Jr. was best man. The couple live in Allentown, Pa.

Pa., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Wendy to William T. Wehrmann of Greentown, Pa. The ceremony was performed July 28 by Clyde Kilough, Wilkes-Barre and Selinsgrove, Pa., pastor. Denise Kaminsky was matron of honor, and Michael Blankfein was best man. The couple live in Tafton.



MR. & MRS. ROBERT ROSS

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hirschler are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Linda Kay to Robert Ross of Dallas, Tex. The ceremony was performed March 28 by Aaron Dean, director of the Ambassador College Student Center. Laura Hirschler was maid of honor, and Randy Ross was best man. The couple live in Dallas.



MR. & MRS. DANNY BLAIN

Mr. and Mrs. James Adam of Colorado Springs, Colo., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Rhonda Susanne to Danny Ray Blain. The ceremony was performed July 7 by Paul Butler, Colorado Springs, Pueblo and Alamosa, Colo., pastor. Attendants to the bride and groom were Heather Sloma and Shawn Malcolm. The couple live in Colorado Springs.



MR. & MRS. KEVIN SMITH

Michelle Dawn Robinette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Robinette of Bristol, Tenn., and Kevin Lee Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey F. Smith, were united in marriage Aug. 31. The ceremony was performed by Randall Kobernat, Kingsport, Tenn., and Pound, Va., pastor. Leigh Harkleroad and Joan Countiss were maids of honor, and Robert Armstrong Jr. was best man. The couple live in Bristol.



MR. & MRS. TIMOTHY DOWDELL

Sarah Van Dyke, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Douglas W. Van Dyke of Bath, N.Y., and Timothy Dowdell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Les Dowdell of Windsor, Ont., were united in marriage May 26. The ceremony was performed by Oleh Kubik, Elmira and Binghamton, N.Y., pastor. Jennifer Van Dyke was maid of honor, and Leonard Dowdell was best man. The couple live in Boston, Mass.



MR. & MRS. JOSEPH CARISTI

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Barenbrugge of Palm Bay, Fla., take pleasure in announcing the marriage of their eldest daughter, Anne Marie, to Joseph John Caristi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Caristi Sr., of Waldwick, N.J. The ceremony was performed June 30 by Kenneth Smylie, Melbourne and Port St. Lucie, Fla., pastor. Theresa Medina and Cathy Barenbrugge, sisters of the bride, were attendants to the bride, and Anthony Caristi Jr., brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Oakland, N.J.



MR. & MRS. SHAYNE GARDENER

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Moreland of Danville, Ohio, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Sheila to Shayne Gardner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Gardner of Amarillo, Tex. The ceremony was performed Aug. 18 by Douglas Johnson, Mansfield and Marion, Ohio, pastor. Debbie Kendig was maid of honor, and Larry Evans was best man. The couple live in Tyler, Tex.



MR. & MRS. GREG THOMAS

Elisabeth Martens and Greg Thomas, both of Winnipeg, Man., were united in marriage April 7. The ceremony was performed by Lyle Greaves, Winnipeg associate pastor. Helen Reimer, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Giño Vadacchino was best man.



MR. & MRS. ROBERT LEE

Roberta E. Bearinger and Robert E. Lee were united in marriage March 23 in Spokane, Wash. The ceremony was performed by Steve Wineinger, a minister in the Spokane church.



MR. & MRS. LLOYD HENRY

Marjorie Martin and Lloyd Henry were united in marriage July 28. The ceremony was performed by Lateef Edalere, Kingston, Mandeville and Ocho Rios, Jamaica, pastor. Rochelle Sutherland was maid of honor, and Courtney Campbell was best man. The couple live in New York.



MR. & MRS. EUGENE GUICE

Mary Hoosier and Eugene Guice were united in marriage July 14. The ceremony was performed by Arnold J. Hampton, Chicago, Ill., South pastor. Cathy Rodgers, daughter of the bride, was matron of honor, and Freeman Banks was best man. The couple live in Chicago.



MR. & MRS. LENFORD VIDAL

Hazel O'Loughlin and Lenford Vidal were united in marriage April 25. The ceremony was performed by Edward Straughan, Castries, St. Lucia, and Roseau, Dominica, pastor. The couple live in Toronto, Ont.



MR. & MRS. ALEXANDER AGSALUD

Yolanda E. Perez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ciriano S. Perez of Naga, Philippines, and Alexander P. Agsalud, son of Mr. and Mrs. Juan Agsalud of Winnipeg, Man., were united in marriage July 21. The ceremony was performed by Royston Page, Vancouver, B.C., East and West pastor. Alegria Lagman was maid of honor, and Colin Carr was best man. The couple live in Burnaby, B.C.



MR. & MRS. CHRIS MANINGAS

Tina Haith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Haith of Blackfoot, Idaho, and Chris Maningas, son of Idoos and Jan Maningas of Lombard, Ill., were united in marriage July 28. The ceremony was performed by William Martin, a minister in the Blackfoot church. Lisa Wilmot, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Jon Maningas, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Palatine, Ill.



MR. & MRS. JACK WETZEL

Jack Wetzel and Beth Quarles were united in marriage April 28. The ceremony was performed by Stuart Segall, Sedro Woolley and Everett, Wash., pastor. Brenda Dees was matron of honor, and Don Keil was best man. The couple live in Mukilteo, Wash.



MR. & MRS. TIM HENDRICKSON

Carla Carlson, daughter of Don and Joan Henderson of Seattle, Wash., and Tim Hendrickson, son of Robert and Evelyn Hendrickson, were united in marriage Sept. 16. The ceremony was performed by the groom's stepfather, Bill Simonton, a minister in the Bellevue, Wash., church. Lisa Carlson, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Roy Hendrickson, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Bothell, Wash.



MR. & MRS. WALT SHAFER

Sara Noell and Walt Shafer were united in marriage April 28. The ceremony was performed by Stuart Segall, Sedro Woolley and Everett, Wash., pastor. Brenda Dees was matron of honor, and Don Keil was best man. The couple live in Mukilteo, Wash.



MR. & MRS. JAMES STONER

Emily Lauren Snipes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Snipes of Linville, N.C., and James Edward Stoner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Stoner of Lewisburg, Ohio, were united in marriage July 21. The ceremony was performed by John Moskel, Buffalo, N.Y., North pastor. Jenny Snipes, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Ron Stoner, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Gladewater, Tex.



MR. & MRS. GEORGE LEDUC

Elaine Beverly Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Colin Watson, and George Louis Leduc, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilles Leduc, were united in marriage Aug. 5. The ceremony was performed by John Borax, Ottawa and Cornwall, Ont., pastor. Margaret Haddon was matron of honor, and Herb Haddon was best man. The couple live in Ottawa.



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MR. & MRS. ADRIAN DAVIS

Jennifer Clarke of London, England, and Adrian Davis of Toronto, Ont., were united in marriage April 14. The ceremony was performed by Richard Wilding, Toronto Central pastor. Pamela Gilkes, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Gean-Michel Belanger was best man. The couple live in Toronto.



MR. & MRS. BRIAN FOOTE

Dr. and Mrs. Howard Early of Manassas, Va., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Cynthia Dianne to Brian Ray Foote, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Foote of Coffeyville, Kan. The ceremony was performed June 16 by Ray Clore, a minister in the Washington, D.C., South church. Leslie Martin was maid of honor, and Craig Hillman was best man. The couple live in Big Sandy.



MR. & MRS. JEFFERY HUTCHESON

Mr. and Mrs. Herschel L. Foote of Coffeyville, Kan., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Rebecca Ann to Jeffery Baker Hutcheson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne B. Hutcheson of Greenbrier, Tenn. The ceremony was performed June 9 by evangelist Dean Blackwell. Attendants to the bride were Karen McCutchan, Julie Mayer, Teresa Brown and Lacey Hutcheson, and attendants to the groom were Wayne Hutcheson, Nick Elyhyvoulos, David Covington and Brian Foote. The couple live in Springfield, Tenn.



MR. & MRS. MARK BARRETT

Laura Dawn Hennessee, daughter of Margaret Hennessee of Old Fort, N.C., and Mark Stephen Barrett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ridley Barrett of East Ridge, Tenn., were united in marriage July 28. The ceremony was performed by John Moskel, Buffalo, N.Y., North pastor. Kimberly Morrow was matron of honor, and Monte DiGiacomo was best man. The couple live in East Ridge.



MR. & MRS. BERNARD HANSON

Jasper Wells of Minneapolis, Minn., is pleased to announce the marriage of his daughter Lori Ann to Bernard Hanson of Hull, England. The ceremony was performed Dec. 30 by Steve Nutzman, Minneapolis South pastor. Cleo Schaeffer was matron of honor, and Harry Hanson, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in London, England.



MR. & MRS. WILLIAM THOMAS

Cheryl Ann Agard and William Anthony Thomas were united in marriage April 21. The ceremony was performed by Allen Bullock, Dallas, Tex., East pastor. The couple live in Dallas.



MR. & MRS. MICHAEL GUCHES

Rene Grant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Gage of Portland, Ore., and Michael Guches, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Guches of Medford, Ore., were united in marriage Sept. 1. The ceremony was performed by Glen White, Vancouver, Wash., pastor. Desiree Baxter, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Les Noschka was best man.



MR. & MRS. DAVID LIESENFELT

Stephanie Diane Miller, daughter of Patricia Miller of Lewistown, Pa., and Raymond Miller of Johnstown, Pa., and David Liesenfelt, son of Lila Liesenfelt of Kankakee, Ill., and William Liesenfelt of San Clemente, Calif., were united in marriage May 26. The ceremony was performed by Ronald Laughland, Chicago, Ill., Southeast pastor. Mary Koumas was maid of honor, and Edward Liesenfelt, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Bradley, Ill.



MR. & MRS. TONY KOTA

Tony and Chris Kota of Buffalo, N.Y., celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Sept. 18. The Kotas have three children, Brian, Jason and Renee.



MR. & MRS. KEN SWANSON

Ken and Colleen Swanson of Sherman, Tex., celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary Aug. 25. The Swansons have four daughters, Katherine, Jennifer, Erica and Kenna; two sons-in-law, Matthew and Mark; and five grandchildren.



MR. & MRS. ROBERT REEVES

Robert and Christine Reeves of Grafton, N.S.W., celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Aug. 27. The Reeves have two sons, three daughters and one son-in-law.



MR. & MRS. JAMES SAPP

James and Nellie Sapp of Columbia, Mo., celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary April 27. The Sapps have six children and seven grandchildren. They were honored with a dinner reception given by their children.



MR. & MRS. ROBERT NIEKAMP

Robert and Wanda Niekamp of Evansville, Ind., celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Sept. 2. The Niekamps have two daughters, Dorothy Webb and Wilma Vernich; two sons-in-law, Bob Webb and Bill Vernich; and one granddaughter, Sara Beth Webb. Mr. Niekamp is a deacon in the Evansville church.

Did we spell it right?

We hope so, but we can't always be sure with handwritten announcements. In the interest of accuracy, announcements submitted to *The Worldwide News* should be typewritten and checked carefully for typographical errors. If you do not have access to a typewriter, please print clearly.



MR. & MRS. ULRICH BUFF

Ulrich and Marie Buff of Zurich, Switzerland, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Oct. 6. The Buffs have one daughter, Esther Tanner; one son-in-law, Rainer Tanner; and one grandson, Andreas.



MR. & MRS. MICHAEL JENNINGS

Michael and Della Jennings of San Antonio, Tex., celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Aug. 31. The Jennings have five sons, Terry, Stan, Fred, James and Andrew; two daughters, Helen Peifer and Elizabeth Raynes; three daughters-in-law, Anita, Donna and Tama; one son-in-law, Art Raynes; and seven grandchildren, Daniel, Fred, Chuck, Bryan, Tiffany, Bethany and Heather. Mr. and Mrs. Jennings serve as deacon and deaconess in the San Antonio West church.



MR. & MRS. LARRY NOWELS

Larry and Marsha Nowels of College Springs, Iowa, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Aug. 27. The Nowels have one son, Chad; and one daughter, Nikki.



MR. & MRS. SONNY HYGH

Sonny and Jan Hygh of Pasadena celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary Sept. 14. A surprise party was given in their honor Aug. 25. The Hyghs have two sons, Ken and David; two daughters-in-law, Lana and Julie; and five grandchildren, Kit, Sheila, Janelle, Angela and Jonathan.



MR. & MRS. NEIL WOLCOTT

Neil and Barbara Wolcott celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary June 30. Buffalo and Casper, Wyo., and Billings, Mont., brethren presented them with a silver tray at a surprise party. Mr. and Mrs. Wolcott serve as local church elder and deaconess in the Buffalo church.



MR. & MRS. BRUCE GORE

Bruce and Phyllis Gore of New Orleans, La., celebrated their 25th anniversary Sept. 25. Mr. Gore is pastor of the New Orleans and Raceland, La., churches.



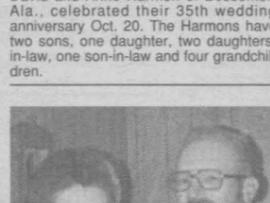
MR. & MRS. PAUL QUADE

Paul and Erma Quade of Gordonsville, Mo., celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Sept. 1. Cape Girardeau, Mo., brethren surprised them with a dinner party.



MR. & MRS. RAY FERTIG

Ray and Donnie Fertig of Cheyenne, Wyo., celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary Oct. 6. The Fertigs have five sons, Ray Jr., Robert, Ronald, Richard and Randal; three daughters-in-law, Catherine, Lisa and Lori; eight grandsons; and two granddaughters. Mr. Fertig is a deacon in the Wheatland, Wyo., church.



MR. & MRS. MARLAND SCHEFFLER

Marland and Carol Scheffler of Joplin, Mo., celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary June 4. The Schefflers have three daughters, Natalie, Nancy and Pamela; one son, Timothy; three sons-in-law, Andy Middleton, Mark Bellies and John Cooper; one daughter-in-law, Vicki; and six grandchildren.



MR. & MRS. DANE SMITH

Dane and Alene Smith of Milpitas, Calif., celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary Sept. 14.



MR. & MRS. HENRY MAYER

Henry and Eileen Mayer of Pueblo, Colo., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 4. The Mayers have five children, 13 grandchildren, three step-grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.



MR. & MRS. GRADY SMITH

Grady and Louise Smith of Columbus, Ga., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 31.



MR. & MRS. FRANCIS DRAKE

Francis and Marjorie Drake of Asheville, N.C., celebrated their 50th anniversary June 23. The Drakes have four children and five grandchildren.



MR. & MRS. RICHARD MARTIN

Richard and Velva Martin of Albion, Ind., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Oct. 4. The Martins have three sons, Ken, Phil and Tom; three daughters-in-law, Pam, Pam and Ginny; and seven grandsons, Scot, Ross, Jason, Bill, Andy, Ryan and Brian.



MR. & MRS. VIRGIL JUDD

Virgil and Wilma Judd of Yuma, Ariz., celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary June 23. The Judds have one son, one daughter, eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.



MR. & MRS. WALT BOGLE

Walt and Annabelle Bogle of Yuma, Ariz., celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary July 19. The Bogles have two sons, two daughters, 16 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.



MR. & MRS. HOMER BREWER

Homer and Ruby Brewer of Crossville, Tenn., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 30. The Brewers have eight children, 17 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



MR & MRS. HENDRIK VALOM

Hendrik and Femmigje Valom of Perth, W.A., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Oct. 1. Family members honored them with a dinner reception Sept. 28.

NOTICES

The Garden Grove and Santa Ana, Calif. (Orange County), congregations will celebrate their 25th anniversary Dec. 7. Services will be at 10 a.m. at the Inn in the Park, 1855 S. Harbor Blvd., Anaheim, Calif. A musical and audiovisual history of the churches will be presented in the afternoon. Members and their families who have attended the Orange County churches (Norwalk, Anaheim, Garden Grove or Santa Ana) are invited to attend. For further information call Dennis Luker at 1-714-559-9165 or Jerold Aust at 1-714-993-0277.

OBITUARIES

WEAVER, Margaret "Margie" Elizabeth, 70, of Florence, Ala., died Aug. 22. She is survived by her husband, Don; and four sisters, Arlene Hays, Jo Ann Leonhardt, Donna Richter and Evelyn Whitten.



WILLIAM GRAHAM JR.

GRAHAM, William Ed Jr., 74, of Walled

Lake, Mich., died Aug. 12. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Eunice; three sons, Dennis, Ken and Bill III; one daughter, Elizabeth; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and one brother, Kenneth A.



JOYCE LAVENDER

LAVENDER, Joyce G., 64, of Whittlesey, England, died Aug. 5 after a 12-year battle with cancer. She is survived by her husband, Vic; one son; two daughters; five grandchildren; two brothers; and two sisters.

ADAMS, Nelda Grace, 39, of Jackson, Miss., died June 3 after a long illness. She is survived by her husband, Floyd; three daughters, Krista, Jennifer and Emily; and one son, Brady. Mrs. Adams was a deaconess in the Jackson church.

BRAND, Ralph Henry, 65, of Aurora, Colo., died Aug. 3 after a long illness. He is survived by his wife, Jackie; one son, Ross; two sisters; and two brothers.

CONGDON, K. Don, 60, of Stuart, Fla., died Sept. 5 of cancer. He is survived by his wife, Helen; three daughters, Barbara Gaudet, Gail McCall and Laura Waddell; three sons-in-law, Neil, Doug and Ken; and three grandchildren. Mr. Congdon was a deacon in the Port St. Lucie, Fla., church.

GIBSON, Irene Ivy, 93, of North Bay, Ont., died July 19 after a long illness. She is survived by five children, 16 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.



HORTENSE LARSON

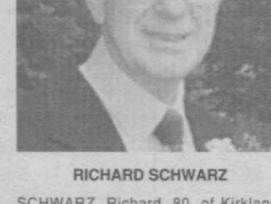
LARSON, Hortense "Susie," 76, of Brevard, N.C., died June 7 of a blocked artery. She is survived by her husband, Henry; one son, Max; one daughter, Jane; and two grandsons, Henry and Glen.

MOORE, Alvis, 89, of Rogersville, Mo., died Sept. 2. He is survived by his wife, Mary; one daughter, Maxine Watts; and one son-in-law, Earl Watts.

ROSE, Mildred, 80, of Dayton, Ohio, died Aug. 18 of cancer. She is survived by three daughters, one son, 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

SCHINDELDECKER, Leonard A., 46, of St. Cloud, Minn., died Aug. 2. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis; one son, Jeffrey; and one daughter, Jennifer.

BISHOP, Enola Lois, 81, of Mount Morris, Ill., died Aug. 30. She is survived by one son, Walley Stevens; one daughter, Lavonna Bliss; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two sisters. She was preceded in death by one son and three husbands.



RICHARD SCHWARZ

SCHWARZ, Richard, 80, of Kirkland, Wash., died April 15 of a heart attack. He is survived by his wife, Margaret; two daughters, Arlene Howe and Sandra Green; four grandchildren; and one great-grandson.



MARY LEE ADAMS

ADAMS, Mary Lee, 64, of Oklahoma City, Okla., died Sept. 4 from Lou Gehrig's Disease. She is survived by her husband, W.R., a local church elder in the Oklahoma City church; one son, Allen; one daughter, Lee Ann Davenport; one son-in-law, Galen Davenport; and one grandson, Keegan Davenport. Mrs. Adams was a deaconess.

GRIMES, Lewis, 71, of Zephyrhills, Fla., died Aug. 17 of leukemia. He is survived by his wife, Erma; two sons, Clifton and Jerry; one daughter, Mary K.; three sisters; two brothers; and three grandchildren.

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

UPDATE

PASADENA—Seven Church employees and ministers received plaques and watches Oct. 17 in honor of 25 years of service to the Church.

They are **Allen and Doris Bullock**, pastor of the Dallas, Tex., East church; **Eugene and Jan Noel**, pastor of the Toledo and Findlay, Ohio, churches; **Henry Miller**, an employee of the Landscape Department; **W. Stuart Meier** and **Benton Nesmith**, employees of the Legal Office; **Eric Shaw**, manager of the Postal Center; and **William Scott**, manager of the Architecture & Engineering Department.

Since June 1985, 167 watches and plaques have been presented to Church employees and ministers.

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CAPE TOWN, South Africa—**Barry Gridley**, director of Publishing Services, and his wife, **Wendy**, were accompanied by

Peter Hawkins, media manager for the South African Regional Office, and his wife, **Sonia**, on a visit to CTP Web Printers Oct. 3.

The company is responsible for printing the South African editions of the *Plain Truth* and *Youth* magazines. The visit included a meeting with three of CTP's executives and a tour of the plant.

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AUCKLAND, New Zealand—Visits made by the ministry in New Zealand and the South Pacific so far this year are up by 100 percent over the same period last year, according to the regional office here. Baptisms are up by 33 percent.

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BIG SANDY—**Raymond Myrick**, 82, worked his last day at the Mail Processing Extension Center Sept. 3. Mr. Myrick and his wife, **Edna**, have served the Church for five years as volunteers in the Tele-

phone Response and Master File Services sections of Mail Processing.

Together they have given more than 7,000 hours of work to the Church. The Myricks returned to Portland, Ore., where they lived until the early 1980s.

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COCOA BEACH, Fla.—NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) presented **Hilmar B. Lange**, a local church elder in the Phoenix, Ariz., East church, with the Honoree Award July 22.

The award is given to certain employees or individuals for their dedication to quality work and flight safety. It is the highest tribute paid by NASA to government and industry workers under its Manned Flight Awareness Program.

Mr. Lange owns Dobson Tool and Die in Chandler, Ariz., and is a supplier of jet rings to Rocketdyne of California, builder of rocket engines for the Shuttle. Rocketdyne nominated Mr. Lange for the award.

NASA invited Mr. Lange and his son, **Michael**, to spend five days at the NASA facility in Florida to view the July 23 launch (although it was delayed because of weather), tour the facilities and meet with NASA officials.

World Tomorrow Program

TELEVISION STATION

UPDATES

New Stations

Station/Location	Air Time
KUSA Denver, Colo.	Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
KOIN Portland, Ore.	Sunday, 6:30 a.m.

Renewals

WKRG Mobile, Ala.	Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
WHAS Louisville, Ky.	Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
WDIO Duluth, Minn.	Sunday, 10 a.m.
KGW Portland, Ore.	Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
KAUZ Wichita Falls, Tex.	Sunday, 9 a.m.
WTRF Wheeling, W.Va.	Sunday, 11 a.m.
WOI Des Moines, Iowa	Sunday, 7 a.m.
KFVS Paducah, Ky.	Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
WAFB Baton Rouge, La.	Saturday, 11:30 p.m.
WGNO New Orleans, La.	Saturday, 7:30 a.m.
WOTV Grand Rapids, Mich.	Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
WNBC New York, N.Y.	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.
WTXF Philadelphia, Pa.	Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
WKPT Kingsport, Tenn.	Sunday, 11 a.m.

Job Open for Electronics Technician

PASADENA—The Worldwide Church of God Office Equipment Maintenance Department is looking for qualified applicants to fill an electronics technician job opening.

The position will require the maintenance of a wide variety of electronic equipment using schematic drawings and bench equipment.

Other duties include the modification and shipping of audio equipment to local churches and the maintaining of videocassette recorders and television equipment down to the integrated circuit level.

Two years proven experience in repair of all types of electronic equipment and education in the fundamentals of electronics and electronic repair are required.

Candidates must be able to analyze repair needs using oscilloscopes and other types of repair equipment. Candidates must also be able to work under deadlines and be able to deal tactfully with individuals at all levels within the organization.

The ideal candidate should be able to resolve equipment problems on his or her own. A valid driver's license with a good driving record is essential. Candidates must be baptized members of the Worldwide Church of God.

If you meet the requirements and are interested in this position please contact Joe Slevin in the Worldwide Church of God Personnel Office at 1-818-304-6100 no later than Dec. 30.

Ministerial Ordinations

Scott Ashley	a deacon in the Denver, Colo., North church, was ordained a local church elder Aug. 31.
Christopher Crawford	Cairns, Mackay, Rockhampton and Townsville, Qld., pastor, was ordained a preaching elder Sept. 23.
Richard Ely	a deacon in the San Jose, Calif., church, was ordained a local church elder Sept. 9.
Gary Endres	Glendora, Calif., assistant pastor, was ordained a local elder Sept. 21.
Stephen Estabrook	a deacon in the Richmond, Va., church, was ordained a local church elder Sept. 9.
Ronald Felling	Indianapolis North and Terre Haute, Ind., assistant pastor, was ordained a local elder Sept. 9.
Shorty Fuessel	Pensacola, Fla., pastor, was ordained a pastor Sept. 9.
Timothy Grauel	Brisbane, Qld., North pastor, was ordained a preaching elder Sept. 18.
Michael Grovak	Manhattan and Westchester, N.Y., associate pastor, was ordained a preaching elder Sept. 9.
Clarence Hannold Jr.	a deacon in the Rochester, N.Y., church, was ordained a local church elder Sept. 14.
Donald Hillman Jr.	a deacon in the Detroit, Mich., South church, was ordained a local church elder May 19.
William Johnson	of the Big Sandy P.M. church, was ordained a local elder Aug. 24.
Don Lasher	of the Washington, D.C., South church, was ordained a local church elder Aug. 31.
Curtis May	Los Angeles, Calif., pastor, was ordained a pastor Sept. 9.
David Mills	Macon and Dublin, Ga., pastor, was ordained a pastor Sept. 14.
Stan Murphy	of the Big Sandy A.M. church, was ordained a local elder Aug. 24.
Michael Rice	a deacon in the Pasadena West P.M. church, was ordained a local elder Sept. 18.
Edward Straughan	Castries, St. Lucia, and Roseau, Dominica, pastor, was ordained a preaching elder Sept. 19.
Donald Waterhouse	Fort Worth, Tex., pastor, was ordained a pastor Sept. 7.
Dennis Wheatcroft	Glendora, Calif., pastor, was ordained a pastor Sept. 21.
Paul Worth	a deacon in the Dublin, Ga., church was ordained a local church elder Sept. 9.

FROM OUR

SCATTERED BRETHREN

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

STOCKHOLM, Sweden—For the brethren here, the Sabbath of Aug. 31 was a special one. Guest speaker Wade Fransson, associate pastor of the Stuttgart, Germany, and Zurich and Basel, Switzerland, churches, gave a sermon in Swedish.

Normally Sabbath services in Stockholm are conducted in English because there are no Swedish-speaking ministers in the area.

"It was a very moving opportunity, and we all welcomed the first occasion for non-English speaking brethren to understand what was being said," said Sven R. Lof, a deacon in the Stockholm church.

Out of 28 people in the Stockholm church, 60 percent have a fairly good understanding of English, 20 percent understand some English and 20 percent understand no English at all.

Sometimes the Stockholm brethren are able to hear sermons in Norwegian and Danish, languages that are understood at least to some degree. Two local church elders in Oslo, Norway, and one in Aarhus, Denmark, visit the Stockholm church on a semi-regular basis.

SAN FERNANDO, Philippines—Although it has been nearly five months since Mt. Pinatubo erupted, the members here are still feeling the aftereffects.

Out of 30 families in the Angeles City church, only three still have jobs. Many of the members here had been employed by Clark Air Base up to the eruption, but lost their jobs when the base closed. Many are farmers unable to use their land, which experts say will not be suitable for agriculture for several years.

The Angeles City church is closed indefinitely, and members are attending the San Fernando church. The Olongapo church, which was also forced to close, will reopen in January. Olongapo members are attending the Balanga church until then.

The Philippine government is offering free homesteads on the undeveloped island of Palawan (in southwestern Philippines) for those who would like to resettle there. One Church family is already there and several others are considering it.

"What has us most concerned now is not so much the erupting volcano but the ash deposits on the slope," said Bermevon Dizon, San Fernando and Angeles City pastor. "When it rains just one hour it flows down to the villages in the form of boiling hot mudflow."

"You might imagine that the mudflow would be cold because it's just rainwater, but it's not. It's hot because it's the volcanic crater overflowing."

Mr. Dizon says if it rains just a little, the members cannot come to Sabbath services. Most of the members do not have cars and rely on public transportation to get to services. Usually they take jeepneys, which are patterned after army jeeps left from the Second World War that were converted into passenger vans.



KNEE DEEP—Members in San Fernando, Philippines, battle floodwaters, a continuing threat after the Mt. Pinatubo eruption.

"When it rains, the jeepneys do not run because the drivers fear the mudflow," Mr. Dizon said. "It can come in a split second, and jeepneys get buried in the mudflow. Only really large vehicles can go through it, but sometimes even amphibian trucks can't get through the mudflow—it's like quicksand."

According to Mr. Dizon, there is a lot of sickness in the area. "Mudflow has buried a lot of the chickens, pigs and other farm animals and it stinks," he said.

Because the riverbeds are filled with hardened mudflow, there is nowhere for the rainwater to go. Some of the water evaporates, but this is a slow process. The floods go down about one inch a day.

"At night when you hear it raining nonstop you almost cannot sleep, thinking that the mudflow might come," Mr. Dizon said.

He says the mudflow will probably be a threat until the end of November, when the rainy season is expected to end. "From December until May we should have some kind of breather. We just hope and pray there will not be any typhoons this year."



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