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Russian media will tap skills of new volunteers at project

By Paul Monteith

Jerry and Tami Rehor were at home one day last November, when they got a phone call from Victor Kubik, assistant director of Church Administration U.S.

"He asked if we were still interested in the St. Petersburg project," said Mr. Rehor. "We said, yes, and he said, Russia is all yours."

The Rehors, who left for St. Petersburg Feb. 25, will replace Cliff and Simone Worthing and Debbie Armstrong when they leave the project and Russia in May.

They have been interested in the project ever since the Church decided to send members to teach English and computer skills to staff at the Petersburg Television-Radio Co.

Mr. Rehor, who worked for the Ambassador Foundation, was Macintosh computer systems coordinator at the Ambassador Auditorium.

Besides a knowledge of various computer software and desktop publishing, Mr. Rehor also has an

audio engineering background, which will be of particular interest to the staff at the television station.

Mrs. Rehor, who was circula-

tion secretary in Publishing, has business communication skills and training in the use of computer software.



JERRY AND TAMI REHOR

The Rehors spent some time in the Television studio "gaining experience with equipment similar to that used at the Petersburg television station," Mr. Rehor said.

"We were taken step-by-step

through the development of a television program—from script writing to final editing, as well as how to use a television camera," he added.

After meeting with representatives of Petersburg Television-Radio Co. who visited here Feb. 2 to 7, the Rehors said the Russians seemed excited about tapping their skills.

"They are looking for what they call Western intelligence," said Mr. Rehor. "That means ideas that will help them to be more efficient and successful now that their country is moving toward private enterprise."

The Rehors spent a week in Iowa visiting family before leaving for Bonn, Germany, Feb. 16 to meet John Karlson, regional director for German-speaking areas. The St. Petersburg project is now being administered from the German Regional Office.

They spent a week with Mr. Karlson before leaving for Russia to meet the Worthings and Debbie.

Think of what God has done for us! Not only has God granted us the blessing of physical life, he has called us out of our worthless, self-oriented existence to make us partakers of the divine nature (II Peter 1:4).

In his eternal and perfect love, he has redeemed us from our sins, washing us clean by the blood of his sinless Son from our own sinful corruption, and has given us new life in Christ through the gift of the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:1).

Jesus Christ is indeed the perfect (See PERSONAL, page 3)

Site coordinators plan balanced program for Feast

Festival coordinators gathered in Pasadena Feb. 19 to 21 for the 1992 Festival Conference.

In his opening address, evangelist Joseph Tkach Jr., director of Church Administration U.S., told coordinators that they would assume more responsibility for the speaking schedule at the Feast this year.

This is to ensure members receive a more balanced program of messages, said Victor Kubik, assistant director of Church Administration U.S.

"People attend the Feast of Tabernacles to hear about the meaning of the Festival and the world to come. We want to make sure that sermons relevant to the Feast are not overlooked and that messages do not overlap," said Mr. Kubik.

Coordinators will, therefore, work with the Festival speakers with regard to subject choice and content to better provide "meat in due season" for Feastgoers.

Over the three days the site coordinators heard about Festival procedures, housing negotiations, social activity ideas, accounting methods, media training, the five-year computer plan and had computer training.

Zaire: Church receives official recognition

President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire signed documents granting official recognition to the Church Dec. 9.

Ralph Helge, director of Legal Services, presented the application for recognition to the ministry of justice during a visit to Zaire in March 1987.

While in Zaire Mr. Helge also visited government officials, including the president's wife, Mama Mobutu Bobi Ladawa.

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach had just approved a program to assist disabled people in Zaire, so Mr. Helge presented a donation to the Mama Mobutu Foundation for the Blind in Zaire.

Mr. Tkach also approved donations of white canes and sewing, braille and thermoform machines. A thermoform machine uses heat to make pictures for the blind, who learn by touching the pictures.

Church members helped, too,

by donating 70 boxes of eyeglasses and frames for the foundation.

In 1987 Mr. Helge met Mama Mpinga Mwakana, president of the Foundation for the Blind. (Mr. Helge was accompanied by Bernard Andrist, who, from Geneva, Switzerland, serves brethren in French-speaking Africa, and Kalume Lunganga Mvita and Ndayi Kakwanga Mpinda, two members in Zaire.)

"Mama Mpinga has been extremely supportive of the Church's application for recognition," said Mr. Helge. "She is a person who truly manifests deep concern for the handicapped in Zaire."

'A great blessing'

Olivier Carion, French Office manager, said recognition "is a great blessing that may help the Church gain future recognition in other African countries."

Eighty-two members live in Zaire, 225 brethren attend congregations in Kinshasa, Boma and Lubumbashi.

This year a student from Zaire is attending Ambassador College. After many difficulties in obtaining appropriate visas, he was able to leave Zaire last September, said Mr. Andrist.

Start: eight people in a hotel

The church in Zaire got under way in 1974, when the late Harold Jackson asked eight people to his hotel room in Kinshasa, the capital. Each thought he or she was the only one being asked to come.

Mr. Jackson baptized one person, and the others asked him for permission to meet every Sabbath.

A few years later one of them told of his meeting with Mr. Jackson: "I lived near Matadi, which is 280 kilometers [about 175 miles] from Kinshasa, but I didn't even have transportation for getting to Matadi," he said.

"As I came to the street to go to Matadi—by what means I still didn't know—a Mercedes car passed me, stopped and offered to drop me off at my destination, which was the station. In another

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PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear Brethren:

As Passover approaches, God inspires us to rejoice in deep gratitude for the glorious victory over sin and suffering that was won by our Savior, the Son of God, on the cross at Golgotha.

God has called us to spiritual peace and joy in the steadfast hope of salvation made possible in only one way—through Jesus Christ.

Jesus told his disciples on the night he was betrayed: "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33, New International Version throughout).

Jesus is the Author and Finisher of our faith (Hebrews

12:2). By his grand victory over sin and death, including every corruption, every evil and the devil himself, Jesus has enabled us to enter into true life (I Corinthians 15:57).

Through this great sacrifice, planned from the foundation of the world, we are enabled to freely come before the very throne of God with confidence and abounding hope.

"His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence" (Ephesians 3:10-12).

How glorious and wonderful is our calling and salvation in Jesus Christ! Through the unsearchable mercies of God, we have been made partakers of his perfect gifts and participations in the new life of the glorious age to come (I Peter 1:3-5).

Although the Passover is indeed a sober time as we reflect on the suffering and death of our Savior, it is also a time of unspeakable spiritual joy, for our loving God has given us salvation through the perfect and willing sacrifice of his Son on our behalf.

New WN fold to save \$20,000

In a move that will save the Church \$20,000 in postage costs each year, *Worldwide News* copies going to members in the United States are now folded to the size of a business letter.

The idea was prompted by a 16 percent rate increase at the end of 1991 that the United States Postal Service (USPS) charges nonprofit mailers for large items.

"Part of that increase can be offset by folding the *WN* smaller to comply with USPS regulations for letter-size mailings," said Stephen Gent, assistant publications production manager.

According to Eric Shaw, manager of the Postal Center: "The USPS bases its rates on how much it costs them to handle the mail. Since smaller items can be processed on their letter-size equipment they give us a discount."

Terry Smirl, Postal Center production coordinator, added, "Since the USPS spends more to handle larger items, Congress felt that mailers, not taxpayers, should pay for these extra costs."

"About 20,000 copies for overseas members will still receive the half fold," Mr. Gent said. "Since the extra folding costs more, the international areas may not wish to switch to the new fold."

The Worldwide News will carry "Tuesday" on its folio lines instead of "Monday," to accurately reflect the day the paper is ready for distribution.

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Scotland seeks independence

BOREHAMWOOD, England—Samuel Johnson, 18th century English literary giant, once teased his Scottish friend and biographer James Boswell with "The best thing a Scotsman has ever seen is the road to England."

The two men were close and enjoyed a joking rivalry. But this quote illustrates the tension that has existed between the countries of England and Scotland throughout their histories.

Scotland comprises the northern portion of the British Isles and includes several surrounding islands such as Skye, the Orkneys and the Shetlands.

On my first train trip to Scotland in the summer of 1976 I was shocked by mutually critical Anglo-Scottish attitudes.

Scots believe they have a better education, a more beautiful country, better natural resources, better whiskey. The English feel a sense of superiority, a pride as the seat of government, a feeling that they can rule best.

Arrogance and prejudice exist on both sides in spite of the number of people who cross the border regularly.

Back on the political agenda

One thing is for sure: Scotland is back on the political agenda at the British seat of government in Westminster.

Many Scots believe their nation is the victim of English exploitation, especially of the economic variety.

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



Scottish nationalists argue that Scotland would be better off if it kept both the duty on Scotch whiskey and North Sea oil tax revenues.

Severe economic pressures north of the border are bringing the Scottish question to a boil. In one poll 50 percent of Scotland's citizens wanted complete independence from London.

Many Scots also envisage full and separate membership for Scotland in the European Community.

Polls in previous years have shown figures of first 30 percent, then 40 percent, in favor of independence. So the voice of Scottish nationalism is growing ever louder as the pressures of economic recession increase.

British Steel is a state-owned fully nationalized industry. Not long ago the Westminster (London) government closed the Scottish steel works at Ravenscraig, costing many jobs and intensifying nationalist feelings north of the border. Ravenscraig was a source of pride to the country.

At the moment 20 percent of Scots want to remain a part of the

United Kingdom. These unionists have raised the banner against the clamor for independence.

Another 30 percent desire London to devolve much of its governing authority to a Scottish assembly.

Who benefits?

Would Scotland be better off outside the political realm of the United Kingdom? Few think that England and Wales would really benefit.

Could Scotland and England achieve more separately than together?

Certainly the two nations (together with Wales) share an island and a mutual land border. And nothing can change that.

What about the military? Scots composed 40 percent of British forces during the Gulf War last year. A divided Britain seems to presuppose a potential sapping of historic British institutions.



The Scottish dilemma is complicated by the fact that the ruling Conservative Party in Westminster presently has a weak power base in Scotland.

Conservative MPs (members of parliament) in Scotland have dwindled to a handful.

The unpopular poll tax, forced upon Scotland a year before it took effect in England, caused widespread resentment and in some cases open rebellion.

The British government has applauded nationalism in faraway Eastern Europe.

Commonwealth nations have been encouraged to seek independence. But a fully independent Scotland is just too close to home for many in England.

True independence would probably temporarily enhance the dominance of the Conservative Party, while simultaneously weakening English influence in general and in the 12-member European Economic Community.

The editor of *The Spectator* remarked: "If Mr. [John] Major [Conservative prime minister] cannot keep the St. Andrew's [Scottish] cross in the flag we might as well burn the rest of it." Feelings on this issue run deep.

Britain's strength threatened

If Scotland becomes independent there is no way Britain can maintain its same strength. No one pretends that the Britain of the empire days is

the same as today.

Full Scottish independence might also awaken relatively dormant nationalist movements in Wales and Cornwall. Northern Ireland is already a serious problem in itself.

Finding the right balance

So what are we to make of all this?

Governments are about the exercise of political power, theoretically for the benefit of their citizens.

Finding the right balance between rule from a centrally constituted authority and indigenous local needs (home rule) is a difficult proposition for human governments.

Mankind has spent thousands of years in search of right government.

What we see on television and read in our daily newspapers tell us we are miles from achieving fair and right rule in the human realm.

Was that one of the reasons Jesus Christ asked us to pray, "Thy kingdom come"?

Utopia is still a long way off in both Scotland and England. Neither the status quo, full independence or compromise will bring the Millennium to Britain.

Worldwatch

Because of travel and other editorial responsibilities, Gene Hogberg's column does not appear this issue. "Worldwatch" will resume in the March 17 issue.



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

The role of fatherhood

Child psychiatrists recognize a common syndrome in many children—"father hunger" or the effect of fathers being out of touch with their children.

Many fathers are failing at fatherhood. There are angry fathers who fail to control their tempers, and intimidate their families not only with verbal threats but with physical aggression.

There are fathers who love their children but never openly express that love. They are emotionally inhibited.

Other fathers are busy working overtime or socializing with work mates or friends and spend little time with their children.

There are fathers who are divorced or separated or have walked out on the family, and may see their children only on weekends and holidays. Others do not see their children even on these occasions.

Such fathers may feel they have little to contribute to a family they don't go home to any more.

Absentee fathers are becoming common in our family-fractured world. Children, created by two parents, are increasingly being cared for by only one.

Absentee fathers fall short of the God-given role of leading, guiding and loving their families. As a consequence, their families pay a heavy price.

Helping the fatherless

Character disorders, sleep disturbance and chronic nightmares are suffered by children whose parents have just divorced.

Many children search for surrogate fathers in their relationships.

Some women may look for a father figure in their boyfriend or husband.

Boys especially crave close contact with their fathers.

Samuel Osherson makes this point in his book, *Finding Our Fathers*: "I began to see how profound and painful were the consequences of the predictable dislocation between fathers and sons, a separation we take for granted in our society."

While many people and organizations recognize the problems

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caused by errant fathers, little is done in practical terms to improve the situation.

The Bible talks a lot about the fatherless (James 1:27). Christianity recognizes the problems fatherlessness causes and seeks to heal the breach.

Christian fathers have a primary responsibility to make sure they are properly performing this crucial role in their lives. A father who does not provide for his own household is worse than an unbeliever (1 Timothy 5:8).

Material possessions are not enough, however. Some families may have a high standard of living but still suffer emotional deprivation from absent fathers. There is no substitute for giving time—and lots of it—to our children.

There are sincere promises of help to all those who have the courage to examine their perfor-

mance as fathers. With God's help, a father can improve.

Biblical masculinity

Perhaps this modern age of anxiety has deprived many men of masculine qualities.

Proper manhood involves real spiritual staying power—men who can endure following the example of Jesus Christ.

Part of being a man is the ability to accept problems and trouble, and deal with them patiently and positively.

What I mean by this is a certain constancy under trial—a man remaining on his feet with his face to the wind. (Not that a woman should not have these qualities as well.)

Good fathers do not happen accidentally. Men have to put out diligent effort—always depending on the help of our Creator and reading biblical examples for encouragement and help.

Those who had a father who fell

far short in his responsibility can still have the experience of a loving father-child relationship.

We have a heavenly Father who will not let us down, who knows us intimately and loves us unconditionally.

He is always available to listen and give advice through his word. "A father of the fatherless ... is God in His holy habitation" (Psalm 68:5).

Good fathers are loving, stable figures and secure confidence givers. They are thought of with affection, respect, admiration.

They are strong enough to provide a solid, secure framework for their children, but gentle enough to allow them to grow into unique individuals. These fathers are ideal role models.

The job of fatherhood—one shared by the greatest Power in the universe—must not be neglected.

Pastor helps brethren face hardships in India

By Joe D'Costa

MADRAS, India—My wife, Joanna, our children and I live in a port city on the southeast coast of India. I conduct weekly afternoon services on Sabbaths here, with an attendance of about 35.

Joe D'Costa, ordained a preaching elder Dec. 10, pastors the Madras, India, church and serves brethren in southern India.

On the last Sabbath of the month we have all-day services with a Bible study in the morning, a break for lunch and a service in the afternoon.

Unlike church areas in the United States and other Western nations, the minister in this area gives the sermonette, announcements and the sermon.

Once a month I conduct a Bible study in Bangalore, Trichy-Madurai or Cochin.

Bangalore and Trichy are 350 kilometers (217 miles) from Madras. Madurai and Cochin are 461 kilometers (286 miles) and 670 kilometers (415 miles) from Madras.

Some brethren live far from these areas and sometimes travel long distances to attend Bible studies. I occasionally make side trips and visit them in their homes.

Though I sometimes travel by car, train is the most reliable and convenient means of transportation. When my children have their school vacation, my family accompanies me.

Rapport in Hyderabad

Twice a year my family and I travel to Hyderabad to meet Daniel Zachariah (Hyderabad pastor), his wife, Mary, their son and the brethren there.

Such visits help to establish rapport with the only other minis-

ter in India and help us to coordinate activities and discuss factors that are common to both areas.

I coordinate the Feast in India. Planning and preparation for the Feast involves a lot of work, but has added a new dimension and meaning to the Feast for my family and me.

Succeeding in job market

One of the biggest difficulties members and families face is obtaining a job with Sabbaths off. Unemployment is high, and employers call the shots.

When counseling, I try to help members with their approach to job hunting, show how to obtain and succeed in a job, and how and when to present the Sabbath to a prospective employer.

I draw on 15 years of experience in business and industry to help the brethren be successful in the job market. Being unemployed in a society with no welfare program is difficult for members and families.

We have freedom of religion in this country, and in general people here are tolerant and respectful of one's religion.

The people in the south have had greater exposure to Christianity. It is not uncommon to see Hindus and Christians singing Christian hymns together in schools and colleges.

But though religious freedom exists, pressures from family, relatives and friends to compromise with God's law can become almost unbearable.

We have a large group of singles, with more men than women. Many are doing quite well financially, but lead lonely lives with only the brethren for emotional help and support.

This is an often neglected group of people who need our continued prayers.

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fect sacrifice for sin, the Lamb of God who gave himself once for all (Hebrews 10:10).

The unfathomable depth of the love of God is incomparably revealed in the life, death and resurrection of this unique man, the second Adam, the incarnate Son of God, who laid down his life for us, his brethren.

"Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. Then Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world.

"But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him" (Hebrews 9:25-28).

How can we even measure the awesome love God has for us? We can only stand in grateful, humble amazement at what the supreme, holy God has done that we may be saved from sin and death and given righteousness and eternal life.

"Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death" (Hebrews 2:14-15).

And amazingly, God did all

this for us while we were yet sinners (Romans 5:8). We did nothing to earn it or warrant it. We were sinners, utterly without hope and facing certain and permanent death.

God owed us nothing. Yet, his love is so great that he sent his only Son to ransom us, to rescue us from our own sinfulness, vanity and darkness.

Absolutely no aspect of our salvation whatsoever can we

calling and election sure.

No wonder we are to work out our salvation with fear and trembling (verse 12), knowing that it is God who is at work in us, enabling and empowering us according to his good purpose.

As we abide in Christ and he abides in us, we will bear fruit (John 15:5, 16). Yet we cannot claim credit even for the fruit we bear.

As Paul wrote: "I have been

that of our own selves we can do nothing.

The Passover of Jesus Christ is an annual reminder of the awe-inspiring acts that God, in his indescribable love, has done for us through his Son. As we take it, we show the Lord's death till he comes (I Corinthians 11:26).

Just as Jesus gave thanks for the bread and broke it, saying, "This is my body, which is for

Paul wrote, "Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will never count against him" (Romans 4:8). As we abide in Jesus Christ, confessing our sins before him in faith and setting our minds "on what the Spirit desires" (Romans 8:5), God removes our sins as far as the east is from the west.

The Passover of Jesus Christ is not a time to "work up" an attitude of self-loathing. We are sinners. If we are truly Christians, we face that fact deeply and sincerely. That is precisely why God sent his only Son. That is precisely why we need Jesus Christ.

We should examine ourselves, as Paul wrote, to be sure we understand the meaning and value of Jesus' sacrifice (I Corinthians 11:29). We should never forget that we are hopelessly lost in our sins without Jesus Christ.

We should honestly and frankly face our sins in humility and repent (a lifelong process, not something reserved only for Passover).

How great God is, and how inexpressible his love! The Passover brings home to us the reality of Peter's statement: "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you" (I Peter 5:7).

This observance symbolizes the wonderful reconciliation God has given us through his Son and is an essential reminder of the glorious relationship God has given us with himself.

We can only stand in grateful, humble amazement at what the supreme, holy God has done that we may be saved from sin and death and given righteousness and eternal life.

ever attribute to ourselves. "For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose" (Philippians 2:13).

It is God who convicts us of our sinfulness and convinces us of our need for forgiveness and cleansing. It is God who initiates our desire to turn to him in repentance and faith.

And it is God who gives us the strength to endure to the end in our calling, who motivates us to continually renew our devotion to him, and to make our

crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20).

The righteousness of the saints is the righteousness of God; it is not their own righteousness. It is the fruit of the presence of God within them, not the fruit of their own efforts.

If we are in Christ we will obey him, and we will bring forth fruit. But we will always give the glory to God, knowing

you; do this in remembrance of me" (verse 24), so let us give thanks to God continually for him, both in grateful prayer and in a life dedicated to his service.

As we take the symbols of the Passover of Jesus Christ this year, let's again renew ourselves to God in confident assurance and faith, knowing that our Redeemer, who gave himself for us, lives, and that our inheritance is safely reserved in heaven for us.

Let's rejoice in the sure knowledge that our sins have indeed been removed and that we have indeed been forgiven and washed by the blood of our Savior. And, as we observe the Days of Unleavened Bread, let's rejoice that we now live in the righteousness of God.

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Victor Lim	Makati
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Patrocinio Matas	Catbalogan and Borongan
Bernardo Rosario	Puerto Princesa
Melchor Raduban	Santiago and Roxas
Honesto Rustia Jr.	Tarlac and Cabanatuan
Rodolfo Salisipan	Tacloban and Liloan
Teodoro Sernal	Kiara and Maramag

All positions are pastor unless noted otherwise.

U.S. Holy Day Envelopes

Holy Day offering envelopes for the Spring Festival season have been mailed to U.S. members. If you have not received your supply by April 1, please call the toll-free number (1-800-423-4444) no later than April 8.

This is the last date that the Mail Processing Center can receive requests for personalized offering envelopes and have them reach members by the first Holy Day, April 18.

These envelopes are intended only for Holy Day offerings to speed the processing of those donations. Please send literature requests and changes of address with other correspondence.

"Into all the world..."

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

Professional programme

I watched your *World Tomorrow* programme last Sunday and felt it was a really professional programme, well thought out and presented.

So often we see videos on Christian topics put out by churches, that are so poor in content and presentation that one gets the idea that the producers think, "It's for the church, it will do." But that's not good enough. Only the best will do and you have achieved that.

M.K.
England

Plain Truth

Thank you very much for *The Plain Truth*. I enjoy it so much and it helps make my problems seem small. I say "Let go and let God."

V.D.
New Jersey

Don't ever cancel my *Plain Truth*. These are the best articles of biblical understanding that I have read.

W.H.
Kentucky

I'm sorry to inform you, but my dad and I have discussed your magazine and Dad has informed me that this magazine does not always go along with the Bible. Please don't send me any more issues of

The Plain Truth. I don't mean to be cruel, but no one should go against the Bible.

M.W.
Washington

Please do not send me any more issues of your magazine. God gave us the Bible to guide us. It should not be twisted around and written to fit the lifestyle of nonbelievers. I believe strongly in God, the Bible, Christmas, heaven, hell and the immortal soul. I hope you realize the error of your ways before it is too late.

V.B.
North Carolina

I would like to express my appreciation of the ever welcome *Plain Truth*, *News of the Work* and the many brochures received throughout the year. I look forward each week to the *World Tomorrow* television program.

I hope my small contribution will help to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ to more and more people all over the world.

D.B.
California

"Thanks for standing up!"

I just finished reading the article "The Search for the Real Words of Jesus." Thanks for standing up for the Word!

These so-called scholars of the Jesus Seminar seem to be more anti-Jesus than anything else. What they claim to be untruths are strong points in our faith, not only that, but they practically discredit Jesus' claims.

Richland, Wash.

Letters to the Editor

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

Keeping in touch

I'm so thankful for *The Worldwide News* every two weeks. I look forward to it and read it all in one sitting if I can.

I feel it is important to receive this news because it keeps us up to date with the work of the Church and its needs. It also keeps us in touch with the brethren throughout the earth and their needs. Please never stop printing *The Worldwide News*. I feel it's needed for all to read because:

1) It's 100 percent encouraging. Each article is so uplifting and properly leading.

2) It keeps us up with the Work and its needs, so therefore we can pray more efficiently for the Work and the brethren and also the ministry.

I have been in the Worldwide Church

of God since August 1982, and I'm more impressed each year to see how God is working his purpose down here below. It's so wonderful and extremely uplifting to see how we can work hand in hand with God and have his Holy Spirit working with us and in us.

Reston, Va.

I really do enjoy and appreciate *The Worldwide News*. Even though some of the news is old, I would rather have old news about our brethren than no news at all. Thank you for the maps that show the location of the people and places mentioned in the articles.

Roseland, Neb.

Death of Harold Jackson

I knew Mr. Jackson personally and that is one of my blessings. For years he took us out in the cow pastures and woods of Big Sandy on annual picnics, always teaching us something that would benefit us.

He told us how he could not even go in some places to eat while he was on baptizing trips down here in the South.

Mansfield, La.

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Member's book: 'Anne Frank story with a happy ending'

By Becky Sweat

BENTON HARBOR, Mich.— Jumping off a train headed for Auschwitz, passing information to the Dutch resistance and hiding from the Gestapo in a boat's oil-storage tank may sound like the *Movie of the Week*, but for Mandy Evans these experiences are real.

Mrs. Evans, a member since 1975, who attends the Michigan City, Ind., congregation, is a Holocaust survivor.

She tells of her experiences in her book, *Lest We Forget*, in which members of the Dutch resistance risked their lives to save her, her family and other Jews in the Netherlands during World War II.

"Not enough is said about the non-Jewish people who put their lives on the line every day for little children like myself," said Mrs. Evans. "They shared their homes and food with me and never gave it a second thought."

Lest We Forget, published in December by Andrews University Press in Berrien Springs, Mich., has primarily been marketed in

the midwestern United States, but several national bookstore chains have expressed interest in carrying the book. A Dutch book distributor is considering marketing it in Europe.

"I'm not thinking in terms of monetary gain," Mrs. Evans said. "My biggest dream is getting the

to keep the latch from catching. Before the train gained too much speed, he grabbed his mother's hand and the two leaped off the train into a field. They walked back to town, where they got help and regained contact with the resistance.

As a young child, Mandy too faced her share of close calls. One of her most frightening experiences was when the Gestapo had discovered where she and her two sisters were hiding.

When the SS guards pounded on the front door of the house one night, the three girls ran out the back door into a field.

The girls hid next to a brick wall as the Gestapo flashed searchlights toward the field. After what seemed an eternity, the Gestapo left, unable to find the children in the dark.

That night the girls hid in the barn of a nearby farmer, waiting for the resistance to contact them with their next hiding place.

All six family members—her parents, brother, two sisters and herself—survived. According to the National Institute of War Documentation in the Netherlands, the Wijnperle family may be the largest complete Jewish family to survive the Holocaust.

Mrs. Evans said it took several years for life to be "normal" again once the war was over. "Sometimes my family and I would be sitting at the dining room table and we would hear a knock at the door and we would still jump up," she said.

"Emotionally, I don't think you ever recover. Until I wrote the book, the Holocaust was all I would talk about. I had a feeling if people saw me, they would walk the other way, thinking, 'Don't talk to her, she'll hit you up with a Holocaust story.' Since I wrote the book, that feeling is gone."

Preserving legacy for children

Writing at night, after her daytime job, Mrs. Evans completed the book in 1982, seven years after she began.

Her original intention in writing the book was to preserve the information for her children.

"When I finished writing the book, my children read it. They thought it was good enough to get published. I wasn't all that sure," she recounted.

So she put her manuscript in a closet where it stayed for 10 years. Meanwhile, her family and friends kept urging her to try to find a publisher.

"I wanted to prove to them that I couldn't get the book published, so I sent the manuscript to several large publishers in New York," she said.

Although Putnam Publishers expressed interest in her book, Mrs. Evans declined their offer. She was uncomfortable about making a lot of money from telling her Holocaust story. So she decided a second time to forget publishing her book.

In 1989 Mrs. Evans was in a serious auto accident and because of injuries was unable to work for two years. While recuperating, she reflected on her life and became convinced she should share her Holocaust experiences.

Last fall she presented the book to Andrews University Press, and after historians read her book to verify its validity, they agreed to publish it.

So far *Lest We Forget* has received good reviews and has often been referred to as "the Anne Frank story with a happy ending."



LEST WE FORGET—This book by member Mandy Evans (far right) tells how the Dutch resistance helped her, her brother and sisters (pictured) and parents stay one step ahead of the Nazis in World War II.



MANDY R. EVANS

book out in school libraries. I think it is really important for young people to know about these kinds of things.

"History books focus more on facts and statistics. I tried to write the book from the perspective of a child. I want kids to be able to read my book and put themselves in my shoes."

German invasion

Mrs. Evans was born Hermanda Rosalie Wijnperle in Sittard, Netherlands, in 1933. When the German army overran her country in the summer of 1940, Jews were barred from restaurants, public transportation, public schools and parks.

They were allowed to shop only at designated "Jewish stores" and were required to wear a gold Star of David, identifying them as Jews.

In May 1942 the Wijnperle family was evicted from their home in Amstelveen, Netherlands, and taken to a central clearing station in Amsterdam. They were ordered to move in with another Jewish family.

Manus Wijnperle, Mrs. Evans' father, knew this arrangement helped the Nazis keep close tabs on the Jews. He walked his family to his mother's apartment and immediately made plans for the Dutch resistance to put them into hiding.

Because the Gestapo was in close pursuit, their hiding places changed constantly. Much of the time the family members stayed in separate places, unable to contact one another.

Mrs. Evans stayed in hiding until January 1945, four months before the Netherlands was liberated.

One narrow escape after another

In her book Mrs. Evans relates one narrow escape after another. Her mother and brother, Nan, had one of the closest calls. The two had been captured and sent to Vught, a Dutch concentration camp.

One cold winter night, as they were waiting to board a train transporting prisoners to the Auschwitz death camp, her mother gave Nan a handkerchief to wear.

When Nan put it on, the SS (Nazi elite) guards assumed he was a woman and allowed him to stay in the women's compartment of the train with his mother.

As a guard walked along the train, securing all doors, Nan pushed his knee against the door

Telecast market largest ever

This and other findings in media review

The local market audience of *The World Tomorrow* reached 1,397,000 in November. This figure, which excludes cable viewers, is the largest in the history of the telecast, according to Tom Lapacka, Media Purchasing manager.

Mr. Lapacka announced this news Feb. 11 in a Strategic Market Review meeting, a semiannual presentation to Pastor General Joseph Tkach.

Other details of the presentation, based on newly published Nielsen and Arbitron ratings for November, are:

- The number of TV households is 14.4 percent greater than it was in November 1990.

- *World Tomorrow* expenditures for air time dropped 14 percent during the same period (from

November 1990 until November 1991).

- U.S. coverage (the potential U.S. audience, or the portion of the nation's TV households capable of receiving the program) increased from 79 percent to 83 percent. This figure tells how many TV households *The World Tomorrow* can reach.

- *The World Tomorrow* is second only to Robert Schuller's *Hour of Power* in terms of number of TV households viewing.

- The rating of *The World Tomorrow* increased from 0.8 percent to 0.9 percent. (A rating is the percentage of TV households capable of receiving a program and that actually tune in that program.)

- The share of the telecast rose from 5 percent to 5.4 percent.

Share is important in gauging the popularity of a program against competing programs during a particular time slot.

Unlike rating, share compares TV households tuned in to a program only to TV households watching other programs during a particular time slot.

For example, if 10,000 households are capable of receiving *The World Tomorrow*, but only 1,000 are watching television (100 of whom are watching *The World Tomorrow*), our rating would be 1 percent and our share 10 percent.

- The number of U.S. markets airing the program grew 15 percent, from 101 to 116.

- The number of U.S. stations airing the telecast increased 15 percent, from 124 to 142.

Zaire: facing many hardships

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car going to Kinshasa, there was only one seat left, just for me."

He continued: "Once in Kinshasa, I went to a small hotel, and the next morning I was wondering how I was going to get to the rendezvous. A Mercedes passed by on the street and took me to the hotel where Mr. Jackson was. Fantastic, right? So I knew that God was calling me."

"That's Zaire, a church characterized by miracles," said Mr. Andrist. "One Sabbath evening a Church member asked me to anoint his sick wife. I found out later that her doctor had forbidden her to walk or ride a bus.

"The member told me later: 'She was pregnant and the child had dropped down. I wanted to tell you, but then I thought she could do it.'

"When I got back home, we noticed that the baby had come back up. And it is thus that my wife was able to accompany me on Sunday to meet you for anointing. The baby was born and it's a pretty little girl. Let God be praised."

Blessings needed

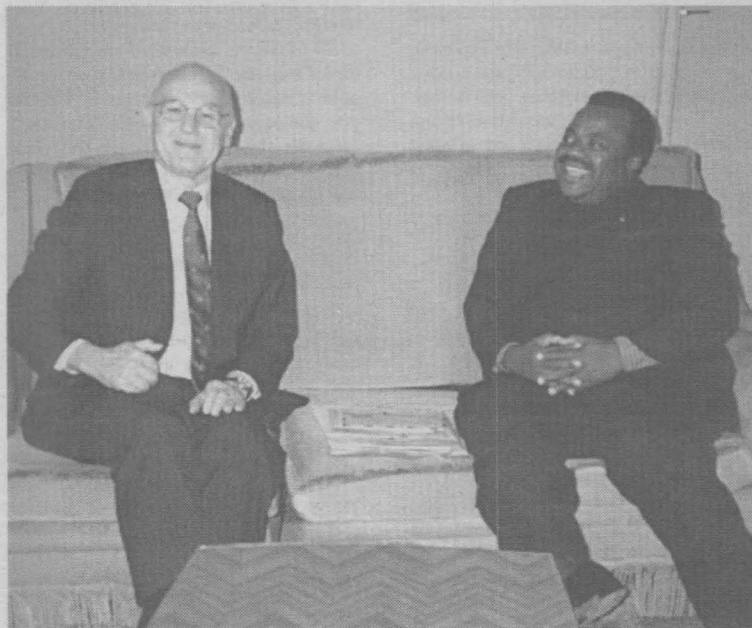
Mr. Andrist said he has faith

that God will bless the African nations so they can play a greater part in supporting the enormous harvest the Church faces.

Brethren in Zaire face many hardships, but they help one another, according to Mr. Cari-

on, and are able to buy basic foodstuffs, including rice and beans.

"Help all of our African members by your prayers," Mr. Andrist said. "They truly need God's intervention and blessings."



IT'S OFFICIAL—Ralph Helge (left), director of Legal Services for the Church, with Mr. Wessamo, general secretary of state of justice, in Zaire. The Church was granted official recognition in Zaire Dec. 9.



IRON SHARPENS IRON

Here's why the Passover should be a victory celebration

By Paul Kroll

Haven't you sometimes felt a bit gloomy at the start of the Passover season?

Paul Kroll is a Plain Truth senior writer.

Your "Overcoming Report Card" seems to have a lot of Cs and Ds. Maybe it even has an F. You didn't really make as much progress this year, spiritually speaking, as you'd hoped.

Soon you'll be going to the Passover ceremony. You don't really feel worthy. Of course, you know I Corinthians 11:27 talks about taking the Passover in a wrong or unworthy manner—not that you are unworthy to do so.

Still, somehow Passover makes you feel, well, discouraged.

You'll be washing someone's feet, but you don't feel as though you're in a foot-washing attitude.

You'll be eating unleavened bread during the seven-day festival, but you don't consider yourself free from the spiritual yeast of sin.

Should Passover be a season of gloom, of guilt, of feelings of inadequacy? No, it should not. The Passover is our victory celebration with Christ!

First New Testament Passover

Jesus stressed the triumphant as he led his disciples in the first New Testament Passover. Even in the midst of terrible agony—in spite of imminent torture and death—Jesus told his disciples to look to a joyous future.

"Your grief will turn to joy," he promised. "A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world" (John 16:20-21, New International Version throughout).

We are in the time of joy, not anguish. The baby has been born in the sense that the suffering and death of Jesus are accomplished facts!

It's a time of rejoicing about our resurrected, living, eternal high priest in the heavens (Philippians 2:8-11; Hebrews 1:1-4; 4:14-15; Revelation 1:12-18).

How to remember Jesus

The apostle Paul called the Passover ceremony a memorial and remembrance of Jesus.

He wrote, "Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes" (I Corinthians 11:26).

What do we commemorate by Passover? Is it our human weakness, our sins, our worthlessness? No, certainly not.

The Passover isn't about what we have failed to overcome. It's about what Jesus has already succeeded in doing on our behalf.

The memorial for Jesus stirs up nothing less than our eternal gratitude for an unearned gift of life. In this joy our minds turn from our sins to our Savior.

Our eyes become fixed on the prize of eternal life. It is the victorious, saving work he accom-

plished that we remember.

What Jesus' victory does

The apostle Paul said this Passover victory made possible a pure church. Washed of sin and guiltless before God, it is victorious over sin, born anew, truly free, accounted as alive eternally.

Paul wrote: "Our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be rendered powerless, that we should no longer be slaves to sin" (Romans 6:6).

What is the lesson of eating unleavened bread for seven days? We learn we *are* spiritually unleavened. The yeast has *already* been put out.

Our sinful nature has been crucified with Jesus. We are sinless before God, because he counts us as guiltless through the Passover work of Jesus.

Paul told the Corinthians: "Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast—as *you really are*. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed" (I Corinthians 5:7, author's emphasis).

We are truly without yeast—without sin—in God's eyes. We do sin, yes (I John 1:8-10). But we also ask for a forgiveness we already have.

God tosses our sins behind his back (Isaiah 38:17) and into the sea (Micah 7:19). He does so as quickly and as often as we repent of them.

We are no longer the children of the devil. We have been reborn as spiritual children of God through the Holy Spirit.

So Paul wrote, "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (II Corinthians 5:17).

Through the Passover sacrifice of Jesus, God is "not counting men's sins against them" (verse 19).

To consider us sinless, Paul said, "God made him [Jesus] who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (verse 21).

It is a wonderful mystery that we—puny, weak, sinning humans—can be considered pure and sinless before God. Yet it's true.

Because of Jesus' death we are unleavened spiritually. Because of his resurrection we are already accounted to be alive eternally (Romans 4:17; 6:11).

Sin is condemned

The Passover, then, should not be, must not be, cannot be, a season that makes us feel condemned. Paul told the Romans, "There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death" (Romans 8:1-2).

Paul said God had sent "his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man" (verses 3). It is not we who are to feel condemned. Sin has been condemned by God in us and we have been pronounced: "Not guilty!"

Paul wrote of his exultation in this spiritual victory, one in which

we participate: "Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns?" (Romans 8:33-34).

Jesus, who died and was raised to life, intercedes on our behalf (verse 34). Paul then concluded "we are more than conquerors through him who loved us" (verse 37). We have won the Passover victory and have conquered sin through the power of God.

The Passover cross was a triumph, not a disaster. In the end, it

wasn't Christ on the stake who was shameful—though he died a shameful death. Jesus made all authority, on earth and in heaven, a spectacle of failure (Colossians 2:13-15). He made sin weak and disgraceful.

Passover makes us alive and forgiven. Jesus left our sins and death penalty nailed to that cross. He rose in glorious resurrection. And we have been raised with him, though we still live in the flesh. That's how we share in the Passover victory.

The future victory celebration

Jesus last observed the Passover ceremony more than 1,950 years ago. But he promised a Passover celebration at his second coming, when the saints gain final victory over death through eternal life.

Jesus told his disciples on that last Passover, "I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father's kingdom" (Matthew 26:29).

That a future Passover is to be celebrated points to its victorious meaning. For this reason the apostle Paul wrote: "Thanks be to God! He gives us the *victory* through our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Corinthians 15:57, author's emphasis).

This Passover, when we take the bread and wine, let's silently give thanks to our Father and to our elder brother.

For it was in the Passover that they wrought the greatest victory of all on behalf of every human who has ever lived. That victory has made our eternal salvation possible.

Children with disabilities: how members, families cope

By Alan Dean

The awe a newborn baby brings is never forgotten. The first thing most parents do is to check to see if the baby is normal.

We check the toes and fingers and ask the doctor if the baby is all right. We breathe a sigh of relief when informed everything is fine and that we have a healthy, normal baby.

Alan Dean pastors the Toowoomba and Warwick, Qld., congregations.

For some parents, however, these are not the words they hear. They are told by a disappointed doctor that their child has a disability, either mental or physical. Others find out later their seemingly normal child has serious problems.

In the Church, too, families have children with disabilities. The purpose of this article is not to explain why or to give simplistic answers to a complex human situation. Rather, it is to share with you the experiences of members who are rearing children with disabilities.

I Corinthians says when one member suffers we all suffer. These families go through major emotional pain. Are we aware of their needs and feelings? We need to become aware and learn how we can help.

A questionnaire was sent to some families with disabled children. The rest of the article is a compilation of their replies.

Spiritual strength

A key question we asked was,

Severe emotions

Among the mothers, one re-

spondent, who found out her child had a serious problem, wrote about "feelings of devastation and unbelief, of helplessness, humiliation and embarrassment. Emotions were stretched to the limit."

Another mother said: "The emotions started to come forward, especially for me, the mother. Had I caused this? Was I too young when I had him? [She was 21.] Had I taken any medication that may have hurt him?"

Emotions of grief and guilt were common.

Another dilemma faced one family: If they let their child go untreated, he would die. They wrote that the choices "horrified

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Another family took comfort in Romans 8:28, which helped them maintain a positive attitude, "even though at times life was a living nightmare."

Another replied: "Over the years we have had many crises, when we had to have faith in God. We have had many miracles happen. I would have to say our spiri-

tual outlook is stronger for it."

While everyone is different and each situation is special, one outstanding feature in the replies is that the parents are sticking together and helping one another.

In society many a father finds it difficult to accept that his child has a disability. This may be because of the male ego. A man can be deeply hurt to think he has produced a child who is not perfect.

In the Church that appears not to be a major problem for our converted fathers.

us. We felt we had to do what we could and trust God, but the pressure was enormous from the medical staff."

These feelings, expressed by many, parallel those of people grieving for a deceased family member—shock, denial, anger and, subsequently, acceptance.

Struggling with priorities

After the initial shock there is the future to face. The hard part is to get life reorganized to cope with the new demands.

These members tirelessly (many, for 24 hours a day) care for the special needs of their children. One family spent four years giving their child exercises for self-sufficiency.

Another family had to protect their child from danger around the clock. Other families are going to great lengths and expenses to provide the best medical and therapeutic treatment.

Many other stressful situations affect these families, often causing frustration and heartache. Some families have great difficulty knowing how to cope.

Many families have wrestled with despair, making it hard to

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United States Donation Receipts

April 15 is the deadline for filing U.S. tax returns. Annual receipts for 1991 contributions were sent to members in January. Some, however, may need duplicate receipts to complete tax returns.

Any U.S. brethren who need a second annual receipt should call Mail Processing's donation file personnel by using the toll-free number (1-800-423-4444). Please allow at least 10 days for the replacement receipt to reach you.

Disabilities: Tolerance and sharing

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stay on top of the struggle. At times it seems progress is being made, but then a setback occurs.

One family said: "The biggest stress was having all the medical and educational experts expecting you to work long hours [applying their programs, whether it was] physiotherapy, occupational therapy or special teaching."

This is often avoided by families having regular discussions to establish priorities with the different specialists attending to or advising about the children.

And, regarding the other evident priorities, one family emphasized keeping their child's welfare and their relationship with God at the top of the list. Particularly, they said, when "there were stresses of working with the whole family in the early years."

Many times, those in such circumstances and who work at it are more successful at keeping a balance in their family lives than those with less complicated lives.

Tolerance and sharing

I asked the families what message they would like conveyed. Their replies fell into two main themes.

The first is that trials are not a totally negative experience: "This trial hasn't hurt us," "We have never been alone," "We have always shared our feelings," "It has been a prod on us to talk to God daily," "It is a reminder to us that we can't do it on our own"

As a family we need to educate ourselves on how to help one another.

were some thoughts.

Another said: "Positive experiences came when other members opened up and felt free to discuss similar previously experienced problems in their own lives or [those of] family members. Together we grew in knowledge of such problems and gave strength to each other."

Tolerance of others' trials and tests has developed in the Church. "A less pointing-the-finger attitude exists," said one member.

Another exhorted: "Never give up! Don't feel guilty about the spectrum of emotions, both good and bad, that will be experienced. "Keep looking for answers and

treatments that may bring results. With God's help, learn to accept the unacceptable. Believe Romans 8:28."

The other theme could be summarized by this: The Church is a family. As a family we need to educate ourselves on how to help

one another. And this was reflected by those families who replied:

"Be friendly to people with a disability." "Let them share things with you." "You will benefit more than the person with a disability."

And, "Teach your children not to be scared and whisper, but to be

open and friendly to those with a disability, especially the young with a disability."

People are unsure of what to say to people in wheelchairs or those with disabilities. Some don't like to get too close or discuss the condition. Teens with a disability can feel rejected by their peers.

One parent with such a teen wrote: "Although my child has tried to be more outgoing and approach people, I have seen people say hello and then walk off."

Many people with a disability are discouraged and have an incomplete self-image. They can become further discouraged by the seeming indifference of others.

Church members and their children should be open and friendly with all people.

Don't be afraid to discuss the disability a person has; try to include him or her in activities. While it may seem difficult ini-

tially, it will be worthwhile.

Strength from God and his family

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach is exhorting the Church to become closer and for the word *family* to be an action word, not a label.

Here is an area where we can all learn to grow in strength and to give more. Many parents and children are battling against great odds to achieve a sense of normality that others take for granted.

Their words should give us greater insight and encourage us to share with them the personal trials—and triumphs—they experience as members of our spiritual family.

The apostle Paul said that when he was weak physically he was strong spiritually, because he looked to God for his strength. In the end these families have one guaranteed source of comfort: the love of God.

1992 Festival Updates

Lowell, Massachusetts

The Festival Office in Pasadena announced that Lowell, Mass., will be a Feast site this year.

Historic Lowell, in the heart of New England, will be host to about 3,000 Feastgoers. Temperatures are expected to range from 50 to 65 degrees Fahrenheit (10 to 18 degrees Celsius) with warmer periods possible because of Indian Summer. Fall foliage is expected to be at its peak.

Lowell, birthplace of the American Industrial Revolution, has national and state parks, a canal system with boat tours, and art and historic museums.

Boston, half an hour south, has historic sites such as the USS *Constitution*, Bunker Hill, the Freedom Trail and the site of the Boston Tea Party.

The historic cities of Salem, Lexington and Concord are nearby. Within one hour's drive are New Hampshire's White Mountains, Maine's rugged coastline, Rhode Island's historic sites and Cape Cod in Massachusetts.

Services will be at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium at 50 E. Merrimack St. It is easily accessible from interstate highways, is air conditioned and heated and is handicapped accessible.

Spanish translations will be available.

Lowell is easily accessible from Boston's Logan International Airport by airport shuttle, the Metro Boston Transit Authority (MBTA) commuter rail service and numerous private charter bus and limousine services.

Housing prices range from \$29 to \$99 plus local taxes of 9.7 percent. Many of the hotels have indoor pools and athletic facilities.

Also, a few cozy Victorian New England bed and breakfasts are available.

Transfers to Lowell are expected to be limited because of auditorium capacity.

BOREHAMWOOD, England—The Feast site in Paignton, England, has reached capacity and no further applications can be accepted.

Self-catering apartments in Aviemore, Scotland, cost about 160 pounds (about \$295) a week, not 80 pounds (\$140)

as was previously quoted.

Rättvik, Sweden

The 1992 Scandinavia Feast site will be Rättvik, Sweden, on Lake Siljan three hours northwest of Stockholm. Attendance is expected to be about 300.

Rättvik offers a variety of cultural, social and recreational activities. Lake activities are boating, fishing and possibly paddle-steamer tours. Folk dancing and music, ceramics and other area handicrafts are available. Recreation facilities offer hiking, cycling, an alpine slide and a bear park.

Housing is provided at three locations, all within one kilometer (0.6 miles) of the conference auditorium.

Rättviksparken (complex where the auditorium is located) and Fyrklöven holiday village offer high quality, all-season, chalets. The Scandic Hotel is available for those who prefer hotels.

Prices for the chalets range from 250 Swedish krona (24 pounds, \$42) a night for a two-person chalet to 417 krona (40 pounds, \$70) for the largest six-person chalets.

The per person costs (half board) for the Scandic Hotel (sharing a double room) are 373 krona (36 pounds, \$63) per night and 118 krona (11 pounds, \$20) extra per night for a single room.

Meals are available at Rättviksparken for everyone, regardless of where they are staying, including those who do not want to self-cater.

Maximum cost for full board is 185 krona (18 pounds, \$31) per person per day. Other combinations of half board or partial board are available for less cost.

Transportation to the site is available by bus, train, airplane or car. The nearest airports are Börlinge and Mora, each about 25 minutes drive from Rättvik.

A car is recommended, though not necessary. If there is a need, the Church will help with arranging ground transportation, but flight or ferry arrangements are up to the individual member.

More details will be available in the Swedish approval package.

Mombasa, Kenya

Kanamai Conference and Holiday Centre, about 15 miles north of Mombasa, will be the

Feast site in Kenya this year. Kanamai is situated among coconut palms at the top of the beach and cooled by sea breezes.

Daytime temperatures should be in the upper 80s Fahrenheit (about 31 degrees Celsius) with much sunshine and little chance of rain.

Kenya will have only one Feast site this year. Because of space limitations in the meeting hall, only a few international visitors can be accepted. Those who are accepted will need to make all travel, accommodation and car hire arrangements themselves.

Numerous hotels are nearby with prices starting at around 2,000 Kenyan shillings (\$70 or 39 pounds) a day for a double room with full board.

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.—The Caribbean Regional Office announced the following updates.

Port of Spain, Trinidad

Room rates at the Trinidad Hilton Hotel in Port of Spain have been reduced from the amount listed in the 1992 Festival Planning Guide.

Room rates are \$64 a night for a single or double room. A limited number of triple rooms are also available at this price. Two children younger than 12 are free. Room prices are subject to a 15 percent value added tax and 10 percent service charge.

All other information for this site remains the same as listed in the Festival Planning Guide.

Ocho Rios, Jamaica

Room rates at the Ramada Americana Beach Resort in Ocho Rios have been reduced from the amount listed in the 1992 Festival Planning Guide.

Room rates are \$72 for a single room (one adult), \$78 for a double room (two adults) and \$90 for a triple room (three adults). Two children younger than 12 are free. These prices include all taxes and service charges. The prices do not include meals.

All other information for this site remains the same as listed in the Festival Planning Guide.

St. Francois, Guadeloupe

The Feast site in Guadeloupe is coordinated by the Caribbean Office, not the French Office as it was previously listed.

Los Banos, Laguna, Philippines

MANILA, Philippines—Los Banos, Laguna, is the correct name of a Feast site in the Philippines, not Los Banos, Laguna de Bay.

FACULTY POSITIONS AVAILABLE FALL SEMESTER 1992

Ambassador College invites applications from suitably qualified candidates for the following vacancies:

Biological Sciences: A full-time position at the assistant, associate or full professor level to teach undergraduate courses in the biological sciences. Requires a doctorate in biology, ecology or related discipline.

Business Administration: A full-time position at the assistant, associate or full professor level to teach undergraduate courses in business administration and management. Requires a doctorate in business administration or management.

Computer Science/Information Systems: A full-time position at the associate or full professor level to teach undergraduate courses in information systems. Requires a doctorate in computer science or computer information systems.

French: A full-time position at the assistant, associate or full professor level to teach undergraduate courses in French culture, language and literature. Requires a doctorate in French.

Home Economics/Human Environmental Sciences: A full-time position at the assistant or associate professor level to teach undergraduate courses in one or more of the traditional home economics disciplines. Requires a doctorate in a home economics field such as food sciences and human nutrition or individual and family development.

Mathematics: A full-time position to teach undergraduate courses in mathematics. A master's degree or doctorate in mathematics is required.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

AIRSMAN, Dale and Lynora (Magner) of Indiana, Pa., boy, August Edmund, Jan. 9, 12:18 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

ATKINSON, Tolar and Trina (Higgins) of Tulsa, Okla., girl, Cassi Elizabeth, Dec. 31, 5:13 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

ATTEBERRY, Clayton and Gertrude (Swarey) of Big Sandy, boy, Travis Wayne, Dec. 11, 3:14 a.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BARTHOLOMEW, Mark and Karen (Domm) of Fargo, N.D., girl, Marti Jean, Nov. 28, 4:15 p.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BIELSKI, Mark and Leslie (Van Wieren) of Michigan City, Ind., girl, Rebekah Elizabeth, Jan. 14, 5:55 p.m., 8 pounds 4 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BURKS, Jeff and Melissa (Johnson) of Wichita, Kan., girl, Tabitha Danielle, Nov. 5, 9:09 p.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

CLARK, Tim and Sharon (Bush) of Brisbane, Qld., boy, Rowan Jeffrey, Dec. 31, 8:45 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

DELFINO, Pat and Marie-Anne (Von Arx) of Magog, Que., boy, Salvatore Adam, Sept. 23, 9:37 a.m., 9 pounds 2 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

FOULEM, Francois and Sylvie (Loubier) of Big Sandy, boy, Alexandre Aime, Jan. 13, 9:05 a.m., 9 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

HALEY, Trevor and Trenea (Lorentz) of Oklahoma City, Okla., girl, Sara Ellen, Jan. 8, 11:46 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

HARGRAVE, Gary and Sally (Lege) of Lafayette, La., boy, Gary Neil Jr., Jan. 7, 9:37 a.m., 9 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

HUMBLE, Duane and Cathy (Berrle) of San Angelo, Tex., girl, Haley Cheyenne, Jan. 24, 11:39 p.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

JORGENSEN, Tony and Valerie (Means) of Seattle, Wash., girl, Kimberley Diane, Nov. 15, 12:50 a.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

JOSLYN, Ty and Kim (Gerrie) of Providence R.I., girl, Rachel Sabra, Jan. 22, 5:15 p.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

KAUFFMAN, Robert and Nancy (Paules) of Lancaster, Pa., boy, Nathaniel Russell, Dec. 3, 7:08 p.m., 6 pounds 11 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys.

KEEN, Martin and Jenny (Gunning) of St. Albans, England, girl, Lucy Ann, Nov. 30, 8:44 a.m., 8 pounds 12 1/2 ounces, first child.

LINDELL, Tim and Carol (Elliott) of Ferrdale, Wash., girl, Rachel Jillayne, Dec. 23, 9:52 a.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

MACHI, Dale and Dannelou (Oakes) of Pasadena, boy, Matthew Duncan, Jan. 5, 10:45 p.m., 9 pounds, first child.

MAITLAND, John and Christa (Rath) of Omaha, Neb., boy, Brandon John, Dec. 19, 3:19 p.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

MORGAN, Jack and Joyce (Henry) of Jacksonville, Fla., girl, Jacobi Allysia, Jan. 4, 9:05 p.m., 6 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

MOXLEY, Randy and Ann (Ledingham) of Portland, Ore., boy, Cody James, Jan. 11, 7:40 a.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

PEARCE, Corey and Lori (Swenk) of Monroe, La., boy, Joshua Colby, Dec. 12, 12:53 p.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

PETERSON, Scott and Shari (Mavins) of Roanoke, Va., boy, Kevin Scott, Dec. 25, 10 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

RIEMEN, William and Jenny (Atkinson) of Chantilly, Va., girl, Nichole Marissa, Jan. 26, 3:11 a.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

SCHURTER, Vernon and Marion (Fisk) of Frederick, Md., boy, Brandon Neal, Jan. 10, 4:27 a.m., 10 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

SPENCER, Darrell and Margaret (Alleyn) of Rochester, N.Y., girl, Raina Alexandra, Nov. 12, 10:37 p.m., 6 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 girls.

STEWART, Larry and Tamera (Simmons) of Erlanger, Ky., boy, Jonathan Ray Wheeler, Jan. 10, 2:30 p.m., 8 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

THIESSEN, John and Doreen (Katchmarik) of Boonville, Mo., girl, Amber Nichole, Dec. 23, 1:51 p.m., 6 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

VICAREAL, Jose Lolito and Judith (Canete) of Iloilo, Philippines, boy, Oliver, Dec. 7, 6 pounds, now 4 boys, 1 girl.

WHITE, Michael and Tami (Vance) of Bluefield, W.Va., girl, Moriah Louise, Sept. 28, 7 p.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

WHITLEY, James and Erika (Acton) of Conroe, Tex., boy, Joshua Michael, Jan. 14, 5:54 a.m., 6 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

ENGAGEMENTS

Janice Marion is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter Joni Lynn Marion to Thomas David Pickett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Pickett. A March 28 wedding in Mobile, Ala., is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wurster of Wodonga, N.S.W., are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Elizabeth to Chris Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Miller of Hobart, Tas. A

May 31 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Patey of Brisbane, Qld., are delighted to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Andrea Clare, to Jesus Balderas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesus Balderas of Houston, Tex. A July 19 wedding in Australia is planned.

Betsy Bennett and Michael Belloni, along with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Bennett of Lambertville, Mich., and Doris Belloni of Denver, Colo., are happy to announce their engagement. An Aug. 16 wedding is planned.

Noreen Belej of Borehamwood, England, is delighted to announce the engagement of her daughter Madeleine Ann to Simon John Carter of Northampton, England. An August wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. James Heim of Brighton, Ill., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter LeAnn Marie to Joel David Nickelsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Nickelsen of Huntington, W.Va. An Aug. 16 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cain of Missoula, Mont., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Susan Jo Anne to Ted D. Wells, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Wells of Atlanta, Ga. An Aug. 22 wedding in Missoula is planned.

WEDDINGS



MR. & MRS. MICHAEL GUIDOLIN

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Arnold Parrish of DeSoto, Tex., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Debra Lynne to Michael Anthony Guidolin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Danilo Guidolin of Toronto, Ont. The ceremony was performed Sept. 2 by Randal Dick, assistant director of Church Administration International. Charisse Dunn was matron of honor, and G. Fred Stevens was best man. The couple live in Alhambra, Calif.



MR. & MRS. ANDREW STEINHUEBEL

Deborah Gordon and Andrew Steinhuebel were united in marriage Oct. 13. The ceremony was performed by Colin Hardy, Melbourne, Vic., South and East pastor. Robyn Pentrose, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and David Gordon, brother of the bride, was best man. The couple live in Toronto, Ont.



MR. & MRS. DAVID DEPASS

Anita Forde is pleased to announce the marriage of her daughter Alison Janelle to David Depass. The ceremony was performed Aug. 25 by Tom Oakley, Brooklyn, N.Y., South pastor. Charlene Williams, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Raymond Smith, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Brooklyn.



MR. & MRS. STEVEN FEITH

Mr. and Mrs. Robin Jones of Hampshire, England, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Theresa Danielle Louise to Steven Kent Feith, son of Lorraine Feith of Azusa, Calif. The ceremony was performed Sept. 15 by the bride's father, Southampton, Reading and Godalming, England, pastor. Rachel and Elizabeth Brown were maids of honor, and Richard Feith, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Covina, Calif.



MR. & MRS. FRANK KING

Joan Batty and Frank King were united in marriage Oct. 27. The ceremony was performed by Bharat Naker, Sydney, N.S.W., South associate pastor. Brenda King, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and Martin Korelvink was best man. The couple live in Sydney.



MR. & MRS. ROBERT MULLER

Mr. and Mrs. Earle G. Reese of Pasadena are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Joyce Ann to Robert John Muller, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Muller of Oak View, Calif. The ceremony was performed April 21 by the bride's father, a minister in the Pasadena East A.M. church. Cynthia Reese, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Gregg Moulder was best man. The couple live in Santa Paula, Calif.



MR. & MRS. GARRY NEASON

Deanna Armstrong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn Armstrong of Devonshire, Bermuda, and Garry Neason of Dallas, Tex., were united in marriage Aug. 18. The ceremony was performed by Cecil Pulley, Hamilton, Bermuda, pastor. Ellen Armstrong, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Calvin Neason, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Dallas.



MR. & MRS. PETER CONWAY

Sue Rodgers of Atlanta, Ga., and Peter Conway of Dublin, Irish Republic, were united in marriage June 30. The ceremony was performed by Earl Williams, Atlanta East and Northeast pastor. Judy Romblinger was matron of honor, and Jim Todd was best man. The couple live in Dublin.



MR. & MRS. JOHN VONDERHAAR

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cookman of Phoenix, Ariz., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Tonya Denise to John Richard Vonderhaar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vonderhaar of Crown Point, Ind. The ceremony was performed Sept. 15 by Cecil Maranville, Phoenix North pastor. Trina and Teresa Cookman, sisters of the bride, were maids of honor, and Jim Vonderhaar was best man. The couple live in Scottsdale, Ariz.



MR. & MRS. WALTER HICKMAN JR.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Fletcher of Atlanta, Ga., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Melinda to Walter Hickman Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hickman of Columbus, Ohio. The ceremony was performed July 7 by Earl Williams, Atlanta East and Northeast pastor. The couple live in Columbus.



MR. & MRS. PETER MCNAIR

Miquelyn I. Germano, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Michael Germano, and J. Peter McNair, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. McNair, were united in marriage Sept. 15. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, dean of academic affairs at Ambassador College. Lara Feltracco, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Rod McNair, brother of the groom, was

best man. The couple live in Irving, Tex.



MR. & MRS. TONY WHITE

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Matkin of Orange, Tex., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Lisa Caryl to Lowell Anthony White of Irving, Tex. The ceremony was performed Aug. 4 by Bob Smith, Austin, Tex., pastor. Lauree Kolar, sister of the bride, and Chau Allums were attendants. The couple live in Dallas, Tex.

ANNIVERSARIES



MR. & MRS. BILL KUBON

Bill and Ronnie Kubon of Pasadena celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary Feb. 4. The Kubons have two daughters, Kim Ancona and Phyllis Candela; two sons, Lance and Neil; one daughter-in-law, Laura Kubon; two sons-in-law, Frank Ancona and Steve Candela; and six grandchildren, Denise, Joseph, Danny, Michael, Steven and Kyle.



MR. & MRS. EUGENE ELMER

Eugene and Lillian Elmer of Detroit, Mich., celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Oct. 27. The Elmers have three daughters, Candice, Patricia and Katrina; one son, Kraig; three sons-in-law, Chuck, John and Rick; and four grandchildren, Jill, Joanna, Jeffery and Kyle.



MR. & MRS. C.B. SHORT

C.B. and Leona Short of Corpus Christi, Tex., celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Dec. 5. The Shorts have one son, Jim; three daughters, Carolyn Coston, Laura Weiland and Mary Jarrett; and nine grandchildren. Mr. Short is a local church elder in the Corpus Christi church.



MR. & MRS. LAWRENCE DREYFUS

Lawrence and Janet Dreyfus of Earleville, Md., celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary Nov. 23. The Dreyfuses have three sons, Chris, Mike and Paul; two daughters, Rita, Laura and Cheryl; three daughters-in-law, Sharon and Cathy; three sons-in-law, Dave, Joe and Eric; and two grandchildren. Mr. Dreyfus is a deacon in the Wilmington, Del., church.



MR. & MRS. CHARLES ROGERS

Charles and Irene Rogers of New Baden, Ill., celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Dec. 23. The Rogeses have one daughter, Sandra Goranitis; and one son-in-law, Bill Goranitis.

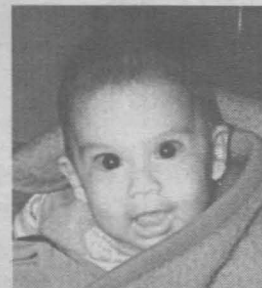


MR. & MRS. NEIL FAW

Neil and Georgina Faw of London, Ont., celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Feb. 10. The Faws have two daughters, Sue Robbins and Laura; two sons, Tony and Steven; one son-in-law, Denis Robbins; one daughter-in-law,

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

We'd like to let readers know about your new baby as soon as it arrives. Just fill out this coupon and send it to the address given as soon as possible after the baby is born. Baby announcements should be no more than six months old.



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Sharon; and one grandchild, Ariel.



MR. & MRS. TOM OAKLEY

Tom and Bettye Oakley of Brooklyn, N.Y., celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Dec. 11. The Oakleys have two daughters, Dawn and Lauren; and one son, Jason. Mr. Oakley is pastor of the Brooklyn South church.

Jim and Sarah Lee Osborn of Terre Haute, Ind., celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary Sept. 20. The Osborns have two sons, Jeff and Greg; one daughter, Jennifer Swenson; one son-in-law, Guy Swenson; two daughters-in-law, Joan and Kathi; and eight grandchildren.

Lawrence and Gene Greider of Phoenix, Ariz., celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary Oct. 5. The Greiders have three sons, Lawrence, Michael and Thomas; and three daughters, Terry, Patricia and Alice.

ANNIVERSARIES MADE OF GOLD



MR. & MRS. STEVE MESKO

Steve and Rose Mesko of Ellwood City, Pa., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 11. Youngstown, Ohio, brethren honored them with a reception. The Meskos have four children, 12 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.



MR. & MRS. HENRY HILL

Henry and Beryl Hill of Boston, Mass., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Nov. 22. They have four children.



MR. & MRS. T. FATTOROSS

Theodore and Camille Fattoross of Toms River, N.J., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 7. President George Bush sent them a congratulatory card. The Fattorosses have five children and seven grandchildren.

OBITUARIES

NILSON, Alrik, 87, of Hawkins, Tex., died Jan. 18. He is survived by one son, John; one daughter, Arika Pendry; and four grandchildren, Brian, Erik, April and David.

HERBST, Helen, 85, of Puyallup, Wash., died Jan. 30 of a heart attack. She is survived by her husband, Raymond; two sons; two stepsons; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



TOM FAUNCE

FAUNCE, Tom, 74, of Prescott Valley, Ariz., died Jan. 22 of cancer. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Virginia; two daughters, Peggy Moriarty and Pamela Elliott; two sons-in-law, Bob Moriarty and Bill Elliott; four grandchildren; one grandson-in-law; and one brother. Mr. Faunce was a local church elder in the Prescott Valley church.

QUINONES, Doris, 56, of Brooklyn, N.Y., died Jan. 6. She is survived by her husband of 35 years, Juan, a local church elder in the Brooklyn South church; one daughter, Juanita; and one son, Raymond.

KENNEDY, Ronald, 85, of Manchester, England, died Dec. 29. He is survived by his wife, Emily; one daughter, Diane; one son, Steve; and one daughter-in-law, Theresa.

McNABB, Willard, 74, of Brooklyn, N.Y., died Dec. 23 after a lengthy illness. He is survived by his mother, Mattie Brown.



LLOYD HOSMER

HOSMER, Lloyd, 67, of Skaneateles, N.Y., died Jan. 3 of cancer. He is survived by his wife, Kay; two sons, Vernon Hill and Carl; two daughters, Donna Reagan and Rebecca; one brother; one sister; and two grandchildren.

WINBERG, Carolyn Shelton, 46, of Kingman, Ariz., was killed by a robber at a convenience store Jan. 21. Mrs. Winberg is survived by her husband, Roland; her mother, Verna Shelton; her father, Robert Shelton; two sons, Scott and Don; one daughter, Joann; two brothers, Gerald and Robert Shelton Jr.; and two sisters, Doris Musgrave and Nina Baimbridge.

HAMILTON, Willie Virginia, 65, of Cincinnati, Ohio, died Aug. 9. She is survived by her husband of 39 years, Walter; one son, Walter Jr.; three daughters, Beverly Martin, Teresa and Sandra; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

THOMPSON, Lupah, 95, of Bedford, Tex., died Jan. 5. She is survived by her brother Ralph Thomas of Daytona, Fla.

FACER, Cecil W., 86, of London, England, died Dec. 21 of a stroke. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Ida; two daughters, Joan and Helen; one son, Jeff; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

COON, Merle, 72, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, died Nov. 23. He is survived by one daughter, Vicki Edgerly; one son-in-law, Ronald Edgerly; three grandchildren; and two sisters, Mabel Raetz and Ethel Heath. His wife preceded him in death.

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

UPDATE

Some radio stations air program at no cost

Nine radio stations in the United States air the audiotract of *The World Tomorrow*. Four of these stations have donated time slots to the Church.

Managers of small radio stations sometimes donate time slots that cannot be sold or they may simply like the program.

The donated stations are Mocksville, N.C., WDSL 1520, Saturday, 9:30 a.m.; Alexandria, La., KTLN 1110, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.; Fordyce, Ark., KBJT 1570, Sunday, 10 a.m.; and Lajunta, Colo., KBZZ 1400, Sunday, 9 a.m.

The other five radio stations are Lubbock, Tex., KFYO 790, Sunday, 6:30 a.m.; Medford, Ore., KCMX 580, Sunday, 9 a.m.; Boise, Idaho, KBOI 670, Sunday, 6:30 a.m.; Coffeyville, Kan., KGGF 690, Sunday, 7:05 p.m.; and Jonesboro, Ark., KBTM 1230, Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Midwestern social to honor black culture

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—The churches here will again be host to a Midwest regional social Sunday, July 5, to honor black culture in the Church, with a special tribute to the late evangelist **Harold Jackson**. All are welcome.

A catered meal will be served at 12:30 p.m., followed by dancing from 2 to 6. Back by popular demand will be the Cosmopolitan Band. Attire is formal to semiformal.

Location will be the Indiana Roof Ballroom, 140 W. Washington St. in downtown Indianapolis. Attendance is by ticket and limited to those 14 years old and older. Cost per ticket is \$23.

Please send all ticket requests to July Social, Box 44561, Indianapolis, Ind., 46244-0561. Deadline for ticket requests is June 1, and all checks should be made payable to the Indy Activity Fund, Indianapolis South.

Singles invited to Classic Weekend in Georgia

ATLANTA, Ga.—The East and Northeast congregations here invite singles worldwide to the Olympic City Classic Singles Weekend May 23 and 24.

Sabbath services will start at 11 a.m. with a Bible study following. **John Halford**, a *Plain Truth* senior writer, is scheduled as guest speaker. A dinner dance Saturday evening will feature a 20-piece big band. The cost is \$25.

For an additional \$10 singles can attend a Sunday barbecue at Stone Mountain Park (park admission included), which has many attractions including an evening laser light show.

Sabbath services, the dinner dance and accommodations will be at the Hyatt Atlanta Airport hotel. Cost is \$49 per person per night at the hotel. Please call 1-800-233-1234 for reservations. The hotel will provide shuttle service to and from the airport.

For the dance and picnic make checks payable to Atlanta East Activity Fund and mail to **Earl Laughlin**, 3646 Cornwall Ct., Decatur, Ga., 30032.

President on hand at first Church wedding in Fiji

SUVA, Fiji—Tongan member **James Panuve** married **Alisi**

Kanaimawi, daughter of Fiji pastor **Epeli Kanaimawi**, in January, in the first Church wedding in Fiji.

The president of Fiji and prominent personalities closely related to the Kanaimawis attended.

Evangelist **Raymond McNair**, regional director for New Zealand and the South Pacific, said: "Surely the great God caused many of the nonmembers, including the dignitaries who attended the wedding, to have a very favorable opinion of God's Church and his people."

"It is clear to me that God used Ratu Epeli Kanaimawi, his family and the brethren to be a real witness, a bright light to the Fijian nation."

Cyclone Val causes massive damage, members spared

SAMOA—Cyclone Val caused massive damage in Samoa last December. **Epeli Kanaimawi**, Fiji

pastor, visited members and prospective members, and was inspired to see how God had protected them from damage, this despite severe damage to properties around them.

Volunteers visit oldest inhabited city and extraordinary city-state

AMMAN, Jordan—Ambassador students, project director **Cory Erickson** and his wife, **Colene**, left the Ambassador Foundation project here Jan. 5 for a trip to Damascus, the oldest continuously inhabited city in the world.

Although the Foundation has sponsored archaeological digs in Syria, this was the first time project members in Jordan made the journey north. Damascus has been a city since the time of Abraham.

The group visited one of the oldest markets in the Middle East, Souk Al-Hamedieh, two stories of shops lining a main street and tributary. Storekeepers begged the Ambassador seniors in broken English to visit their shops.

On the second day in Syria the group took a bus to Palmyra, a tropical oasis 200 miles north of Damascus, in the Syrian desert.

Palmyra is regarded as the most

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WTVA Columbus, Miss.	Sunday, 8 a.m.	9
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WAKA Montgomery, Ala.	Sunday, 9:30 a.m.	8
WALB Albany, Ga.	Sunday, 9:30 a.m.	10
WBRC Birmingham, Ala.	Sunday, 9 a.m.	6
WKYC Cleveland, Ohio	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.	3
WNEP Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	Sunday, 8:30 a.m.	16
WRAL Raleigh, N.C.	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.	5
WTOG Savannah, Ga.	Sunday, 10:30 a.m.	11
WTTG Washington, D.C.	Sunday, 6:30 a.m.	5
WUSA Washington, D.C.	Sunday, 8:30 a.m.	9
WVEC Norfolk, Va.	Sunday, 10 a.m.	13
WXIA Atlanta, Ga.	Sunday, 10:30 a.m.	11

extraordinary city-state the Arabs built in the first three centuries A.D., because it had contacts with other cultures and is better preserved.

The group returned to Damascus on the final day and saw the

old city's east gate, built before the time of Christ.

It is near St. Paul's Chapel, which commemorates what some believe is the window Paul was lowered from when escaping Damascus.

FROM OUR SCATTERED BRETHREN

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

Nucleus of Uruguay church has unusual beginning

In Latin America one way the gospel message is sometimes preached is through plagiarism.

Ministers from other churches often use *The Plain Truth* and some of the Church's booklets for sermon material, since they are free and not many other periodicals are available.

This is what happened in Salto, Uruguay, said Mike Medina, pastor of the Salto and Montevideo, Uruguay, and La Paz, Bolivia, churches.



MIKE AND ADRIANA MEDINA

"Manuel Rodriguez, a pastor at a local Protestant church, came into contact with our literature and started preaching from it. He covered such doctrines as the Sabbath, the Holy Days, repentance and clean and unclean foods."

Mr. Medina continued: "He got together a nucleus of about 20 adults who started keeping the Sabbath with him, and anyone in disagreement quit coming to his church. Although Mr. Rodriguez took material from *The Plain Truth*, he did not tell the people where he was getting his material."

When Mr. Rodriguez realized he needed to be baptized, he wrote to Church headquarters in Pasadena, and they sent Luis Chavez, now Bahia Blanca, Argentina, pastor, to see him.

"Mr. Chavez told Mr. Rodriguez he needed to ... tell the members of his church where he was getting his sermon material.

"Mr. Rodriguez was so convicted, he stepped down from his position and told all the people the material he'd been preaching from came from the Worldwide Church of God," Mr. Medina said.

When Mr. Chavez went back to baptize Mr. Rodriguez, the 20 people he had been preaching to were waiting outside Mr. Chavez's door, wanting to counsel for baptism.

Mr. Rodriguez had done such a good job explaining Church doctrine that Mr. Chavez wound up baptizing 15 people that day alone.

Today the former members of this Protestant church form a big part of the Salto church, which has an average attendance of 60.

In addition to Salto, the congregation at Montevideo has an average attendance of 25.

Feastgoers help members in Uruguay

Uruguay's economy has been in serious recession since 1983, and brethren there are facing difficult times financially.

Although all members are employed, their buying power continues to decline.

In the Montevideo area, rent typically takes half the members' salaries, said Mr. Medina. "The rest just gets them by for food and they really don't have enough for clothes."

A big source of help to the Uruguayan brethren has been used clothing donated by brethren visiting South America for the Feast.

Some of the Uruguayan brethren can't afford a refrigerator and must get by without one. A refrigerator can cost up to four months' salary.

"The most financially well-off people in Uruguay are the farmers because they have access to land [they rent it]. They are able to

have fresh fruits and vegetables from their gardens, cows for milk and chickens for eggs," said Mr. Medina.

Bolivia: 'a completely different culture'

In addition to Uruguay, Mr. Medina pastors the 25 members and their families living in Bolivia. Most of the members live around La Paz, the capital, with an average Sabbath attendance of 35.

Mr. Medina visits there four times a year, for two consecutive Sabbaths on each visit. On other Sabbaths brethren listen to sermons on cassette tapes.



"Bolivia is a completely different culture from Uruguay," Mr. Medina said. "Whereas in Uruguay most people are primarily of Spanish or Italian descent, in Bolivia 70 percent of the population is of Indian descent."

Yet only three of the 25 Bolivian members are of Indian descent; the rest are Europeans.

Because the literacy rate among Indians is low, most cannot be reached by the printed gospel message.

Even if they could read *The Plain Truth*, Indian traditions keep many from getting involved with other cultures or religions.

Last August Mr. Medina baptized two German citizens living in Bolivia, Reinhard and Brigitta Wedler.

A year ago the Wedlers moved from Berlin, Germany, to the small town of San Ignacio in eastern Bolivia. For 11 years they had been subscribing to *Klar & Wahr* (German *Plain Truth*).

"They wanted to get away from the big city so they moved to Bolivia as permanent residents. After they got to Bolivia, they

realized they needed to do something about their spiritual lives," Mr. Medina explained.

The Wedlers, however, knew hardly any Spanish and spoke only limited English.

Mr. Medina, fluent in both English and Spanish, was asked to write them a letter telling when he next would be visiting Bolivia and where he would be staying.

The Wedlers met him at his hotel in La Paz, after a 10-hour bus trip from San Ignacio to Santa Cruz. Then they took a plane to La Paz.

"They spoke just enough English that we could get by," Mr. Medina said.

"My wife and I met them at the hotel Friday night and we talked until late that evening. Saturday morning, we talked some more and went to Sabbath services that afternoon.

"Between English and a few Spanish words we were able to communicate pretty well," Mr. Medina continued. "I was able to ascertain their conviction and that Sabbath I baptized them."



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