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Orientation address: College place of hope, excitement and mission

By Julee Stanley

BIG SANDY—Orientation week, Aug. 17 to 21, marked the beginning of the third academic year since the Big Sandy and Pasadena campuses consolidated in 1990.

In the two years since, widespread construction projects and dynamic growth in academic and institutional activities have continued to bring Ambassador College closer to its goal of achieving accreditation.

Freshmen and returning students were met by unseasonably cool temperatures, newly completed building projects and landscaped areas of the campus.

Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach arrived on campus on Sunday, Aug. 16, for the orientation activities beginning the next day. Monday morning Mr. Tkach spoke to students and faculty at the first assembly of the year, in the Field House auditorium.

Why we must value education

He offered a formula for success based on Deuteronomy 29:29 and Philippians 2:12—realizing that tomorrow will take care of itself if we apply known principles to achieve success at college today.

The chancellor told students that the uncertainty of the future is why we must value education as a lifelong process that prepares us to deal with any outcomes in life that God will eventually reveal.

He explained that an Ambassador education, however, equips a student with the tools to handle any circumstance the future might hold.

"Ambassador College is a training ground for individual excellence and a process of hope, excitement and mission in accomplishing your goals."



TELLING POINT—Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach summarized by saying, "Apply principles today to help success come about." [Photo by Mike Bedford]

In emphasizing the importance of preparation, the chancellor referred to President Abraham Lincoln, who said, "I will study to prepare myself so when the opportunity presents itself I will be ready."

Mr. Tkach said that Ambassador students could apply Lincoln's creed by staying current in all of their classwork and diligently studying throughout the semester.

After his address Mr. Tkach was joined on stage by Joseph Locke,

vice president of Ambassador Foundation International, to present plaques to Ambassador students returning from overseas projects in Jordan, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

Evangelist Donald Ward, Ambassador president, then spoke to the students and faculty. He began by updating the audience on the time frame for Ambassador's bid for accreditation.

He encouraged the students to set right priorities for the college year. "Ambassador College will be what we make it," he said.

Freshman reception

Later that day Mr. Tkach at (See COLLEGE, page 6)



DOUBLY WELCOME—College freshmen (from left) Randy Yeckel, Jenny Swartz, Jamie Swartz and Alex Carrel at the freshman reception Aug. 17 in Big Sandy. [Photo by Mike Bedford]

Picking others up after Andrew

By Becky Sweat

"It is one thing to see the hurricane coverage on television, it's another thing to be there and walk into the homes of members, seeing furniture thrown all over the house, and entire walls and roofs missing," said Allan Barr, Miami and Hollywood, Florida, pastor, after Hurricane Andrew ripped through southern Florida Aug. 24.

"The area looks a lot worse in real life than what you see on television. We didn't realize how devastating this really was until we drove around the community and

saw it with our own eyes. A lot of our members had lovely homes, and now their houses are just pieces of junk."

The brethren primarily affected by Hurricane Andrew were those living in southern Miami and Homestead, Florida, and after the storm's second wind two days later, those from Morgan City, Louisiana.

Although 15 Morgan City brethren had to be evacuated from their homes, none of them sustained serious damage to their property. The biggest concern for brethren in that area is lack of electricity. They could be without power for several months.

Homes destroyed, no power

Between 30 and 35 Miami members' homes were either severely damaged or destroyed.

Although no brethren were injured during the storm, many are homeless and will have to live in temporary dwellings for a few months to a year.

At least 50 Miami brethren do not have electricity because of the damage done to the power grid in the area, and will be without power for at least a month.

"With 85,000 homes in the area condemned, it's extremely difficult to find alternate housing. Some of our brethren are trying to locate recreational vehicles, trailers or apartments to move into.

Others are moving in with relatives or Church members," said Mr. Barr.

"Housing and building supplies are at a premium right now. Some members are living in severely damaged housing and trying to make do. There is a shortage all over Florida of plywood and other building materials."

Members pitch in

Several Florida congregations helped by supplying food, water, generators, building supplies, chain saws and other tools.

Work parties were organized to help clear debris from the yards of members and to put up temporary roofing on homes to stop any more damage from being done to the interiors.

"One of our biggest concerns is reconstruction," Mr. Barr said. "We hope the insurance companies will be able to help our brethren rebuild their homes. Several insurance companies have already folded up or refused to pay."

"This has not affected our members so far, but when we hear stories like this, it is of great concern that some of our members may also be left with no financial means of rebuilding their homes."

The junior high school where Miami brethren meet for Sabbath services held up quite nicely. (See HURRICANE, page 6)

PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear Brethren,

Beginning with the October issue of *The Plain Truth*, you will notice an important change on the back cover.

For the most part, we have used the back cover to advertise *The World Tomorrow*. That is good, because it is important for readers and viewers to know that *The Plain Truth* and *The World Tomorrow* are related.

But there is another important connection that we would like readers and viewers to make. We'd like them to know that *The Plain Truth* and *The World*

Tomorrow are produced by the Worldwide Church of God.

And further, we want them to know that the Worldwide Church of God has local congregations where people who are devoted to God meet every Sabbath to fellowship and learn.

We will continue to use the back cover to advertise *The World Tomorrow* and to promote other literature, but we will also be using it to help our readers understand the fact that we are a Church.

This will be one more way we will let our readers and viewers know more about who we are, what we are doing and how they can be involved in what we are doing. This is an essential part of preaching the gospel and letting our lights shine, rather than crawling under a bushel basket to hide.

As you well know, we have sometimes tended to deemphasize the fact that we are a Church, choosing instead to position our publications as being produced by Ambassador College or our projects as being sponsored by Ambassador Foundation.

At times, and for various reasons, we have felt that it would be advantageous for the Church to do business as an educational

institution (Ambassador College) or a foundation (Ambassador Foundation).

Of course, there is a need for Ambassador College to do business as Ambassador College. And it is true that there have been certain unique situations, due to certain government regulations, in which the Church was not able to operate as a church, but was able to operate as Ambassador Foundation or as an educational institution.

However, the rare exception made necessary only by unique circumstances should not be allowed to become the rule.

Putting Church up front

As an institution, we have tended to shy away from the fact that we are indeed a Church. For decades, our publications stated they were produced by Ambassador College. Our telecast was sponsored by Ambassador College.

Eventually that changed, but the connection with the Worldwide Church of God was still somewhat subdued. And little about what the Church is and what it is doing was explained in most of our publications.

We have found that many of our readers have absolutely no idea we are an actual church with real congregations. That is incredible. But, in one sense, it is partly our own doing.

We have to some extent hid- (See PERSONAL, page 6)

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Members in Yugoslavia safe, out of the war zone

The five members and their families living in the former Yugoslav republic are safe and out of the war zone, but the economy is fast deteriorating, said Wilhelm Mandel, pastor of the Vienna and Salzburg, Austria, and Munich, Germany, churches.

Mr. Mandel, who serves remote brethren in the former Yugoslav republic, keeps in contact with members by phone.

"The need for proper nourishment and fresh produce is ever present," said Mr. Mandel. "The heat wave that sits over that part of Europe does not make it any better."

"Mrs. Zorka Taubkin, an elderly lady living in Zagreb, mentioned to me that the population is getting sick from the heat and added toxic pollution," he added.

"Medication is badly needed, which the occasional Church member who goes there to visit takes along to be distributed. The brethren do need our prayers, and for them the coming kingdom of God is ever on their minds."

Somalia tragedy primarily man-made

It is difficult to comprehend the enormity of the disaster enveloping the suffering people of Somalia.

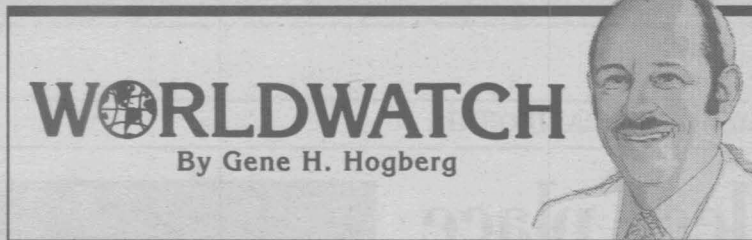
International relief experts tell us that out of the East African nation's population of six million, 4.5 million are in serious need of emergency food. Of these, 1.5 million are in immediate danger of starvation.

It is further estimated that 200 children are dying each day from malnutrition. One in four Somali children has already perished. Countless others who may not die may be physically or mentally crippled for the remainder of their lives.

These kinds of statistics threaten to make the crisis in Somalia much graver than the great famine that killed more than one million Ethiopians in 1984-85. The world responded generously at that time, prompted in part by attention generated through concerts and other highly visible publicity.

Armed anarchy cripples aid

Food, medicine and other emergency supplies are beginning to pour into Somalia now, organized through the United Nations. But the greatest difficulty that international relief workers face is the chaos and



WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

anarchy that grip Somalia in its vice.

Drought, which has cursed East Africa for years—Kenya is withering under its worst drought in 53 years—may be the underlying cause of the crisis. But civil war, pitting members of rival Somali clans, greatly exaggerates the drought's effects, crippling food production and hamstringing all attempts to bring outside food supplies to areas most affected.

Somalia has been in a chaotic state ever since its former leader, Gen. Mohammed Siad Barre, fled in the wake of a coup d'état in January 1991. The warring factions are well-armed because of the abundance of weapons supplied by the superpowers.

Somalia was a Soviet client during the early 1970s, but switched to the Western camp when neighboring, and arch-rival, Ethiopia fell to local Communists, and Moscow started

courting Addis Ababa instead.

The starving country is almost awash with armaments, leading to perilous conditions for international relief personnel.

One official was giving a news briefing on food deliveries and the latest famine statistics when he abruptly stopped. "You have to understand something," he told reporters. "You have to understand what a horrible place this is."

Elaborating on this official's relapse into frustration, a wire service reporter who was present commented: "Many conversations in Mogadishu [Somalia's capital] go like that. For this is a city where relief workers have been fighting gunmen, anarchy and world indifference to get not enough food to too many hungry people...."

"The threat of random violence is incessant and all-defining. Nothing is illegal because there is

no authority except the gun."

Accounts tell of the hazards of getting food supplies, once they arrive at the port of Mogadishu, or at various airports, to the starving thousands in the countryside.

"Every day at Mogadishu's port," writes Greg Myre of the Associated Press, "trucks loaded with food aid must run a gauntlet of rival factions and the 'free-lance' gunmen waiting like hungry lions just outside the gate."

To have any chance of success, the relief agencies hire armed guards, euphemistically referred to as "technicals." But even this often does not work.

One European relief official recounted how, on one morning, a convoy carrying 200 tons of food—20 full trucks—disappeared en route to a distribution center in south Mogadishu.

It was likely, he said, that the armed Somalis paid by the United

Nations to guard the convoy had been bribed to divert it, probably into the warehouse of a private businessman.

"Businessmen know what's on a ship and it's sold before it's even unloaded," this official continued.

Instead of reaching starving Somalis, such stolen aid shipments often end up on the market in Ethiopia and Kenya.

'We need peace'

The plight of Somalia's desperate people is perhaps best seen through the eyes of Omar Sabrie Abdulle. A former university lecturer, Mr. Abdulle now ekes out a living working for the Red Cross in Mogadishu.

In a story appearing in the Aug. 26 *New York Times*, Mr. Abdulle told reporter Jane Perlez he worries that food alone will not solve the anarchy and famine that are consuming his country.

International organizations, he suggested, should buy up all the loose weapons, or offer food in

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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.

Listening to God

It is so exciting to have all the new understanding in the Church. We've been baptized for 22 years now, and this has been like experiencing our "first love" all over again.

So many of those little nagging things we wondered about, but haven't dared to touch, are being systematically dealt with by God through his Church.

Questions long resting in corners of our minds have been addressed and answered.

Over and over, the thrill of it all is being experienced as God wakes up his true Church to prepare it for events ahead.

Thanks for listening to God so earnestly and for passing on to us what you hear.

Katheryne and Paul Williams
Longmont, Colorado

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Didn't know how to love

I would like to express my thanks to the brethren. When I came into the Church I didn't know to love, but through reading, watching and listening, God has shown me through the actions of my family how to love.

Apart from eternal life to come, I have a gift now also—a wonderful Church family.

What an honor to be in such a family! I am surrounded by God's jewels and I am impressed and very thankful.

My God, my brothers and sisters, make living a valuable gift.

Darren McGhee
Sydney, Australia

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Thrilling answers

You can't imagine what a thrill some

of your answers in the *WN* give us, as in your reply ["Letters to the Editor," June 2 *WN*] about Yap, Reunion and others not being listed in the new membership list [see April 14 issue].

What a joy to know that Mr. John Yugumang on Yap and Mrs. Ana Maria Furtado, her daughter and Mr. Jose Manuel Furtado on the Azores are still a part of us.

The *Worldwide News* is a strong guide for my prayers as you bring brethren in very remote places very close to us.

I truly feel that I know these people really well and can truly empathize with them in their trials. Another bit of good news you mentioned is that Mr. William Othieno is safe after the explosion in the Kenya office building.

I've prayed for him and Mr. Eldad Opiio for many years, so I was so happy to hear about him.

Cynthia Cook
Corrigan, Texas

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I would like to thank you very much for the *Worldwide Church of God* membership list 1992 which you published in the April 14 *Worldwide News*.

While praying for specific countries helps to build a love and concern for the members in different parts of the world, I have found that praying for these members helps me to develop a deeper love

and concern for all the people in a particular country.

Having heard a 1991 Feast of Tabernacles sermonette on esteeming other nations more highly than our own, (a national application of Philippians 2:3), and more recently Mr. Tkach's taped sermon on racism, I think that this is a fruitful way of building the right attitude towards other nations and peoples—how can you hate people when you are praying for them?

David A. Chaundy
York, England

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Church's new three-point program

The May 19 *WN* "Personal" takes on a very interesting approach in the matter of more personal contact.

It differs at least with my experience in the Church since 1970, but I think it's a very good approach not only in witnessing to the world but in our own training and preparation for the kingdom.

Robert L. Tollefson
Croswell, Michigan

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The three new programs make great sense. As the Body of Christ, each member has one way or another to proclaim the gospel.

We cannot allow ourselves to do like that man in Luke 19:20, who knew the gospel, hid it and kept it for himself. It didn't bring forth any fruit.

My best wishes in these new programs. Even a testing is a work—it is an involvement.

Stella Mainville-Lockwood
Rockledge, Florida

"Into all the world..."

Your involvement in the Work produces fruit. In this column prospective members, co-workers, subscribers to the Work's publications and viewers of the *World Tomorrow* telecast express their views and opinions.

Can't put Bible course down

I'm not sure exactly where to begin. I had been studying the correspondence course a few years ago and had regrettably—due to unforeseen circumstances—stopped studying.

Just recently our Lord guided me to begin anew, and I started from the beginning lesson and have now just completed Lesson 7. I have reread and studied many of the additional publications that you had previously sent to me.

I find myself so involved in my studies that I am barely able to put your course down, even for a short time. Your course has guided me to a new understanding of the Holy Scriptures. Never before has the Word of God been so

clear and understandable.

I wasn't sure what led me to begin again after such a long time away. But I know it was the Lord himself who has guided me and has been controlling my life.

Aurora, Colorado

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Lifting hopeless feelings

There were many times when I thought of abandoning any hope of a future. Through your work I am finally learning to accept my ways and circumstances and pursue peace in an attitude of sincerity and in truth.

Much work still needs to be done in the way of resolving personal difficulties and conflicts, but those feelings of hopelessness have lifted.

I'm hoping that as the years go by I will become more productive and beneficial to the mission God has given you. Grace and peace be with you.

Syracuse, New York

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



Union split by divorce

BOREHAMWOOD, England—In the wake of scandal plaguing the royal family, the subject of divorce is high in the public mind here.

The saga of pain and alienation is familiar in households all around the country.

Statistics show that marriage in Britain has hit an all-time low. One in five parents bring up one or more children alone—1.2 million lone mothers support 2.1 million children.

Now the British government is set to introduce a law to make divorce faster and friendlier.

Demand for fast divorces in England and Wales is so intense that lawmakers find it necessary to fine-tune existing marriage laws.

As in the rest of the Western world, divorce has exploded here during our troubled 20th century.

In 1938, 7,621 couples divorced. By 1958 that figure had climbed to 23,456. By 1968 the numbers had doubled to 47,959, tripling to 151,533 in 1978. Since then the official figures have stabilized, but only because many couples now live together. Their splits are even greater, but not reflected in official numbers.

These shameful statistics, which make Britain the divorce capital of Europe, reflect a growing army of people who do not see their marriage vows as binding for life.

The cost to the country of this crumbling bedrock of society is enormous. It is reflected in human as well as financial terms—teenage crime, alcoholism, drug abuse, falling literacy standards, lower output at the workplace.

Unable to take the strain

A growing number of marriages today cannot take the strain of children, and it is usually after the birth of a child that relationships start to go wrong, said Zelta West-Meads, who heads Relate, a marriage guidance service.

"Many couples who come to us are facing a tremendous period of adjustment after the birth of a baby," she said.

"Many men stray when their wives ... are pregnant, which leaves the woman feeling let down because she is at her most vulnerable. The

man feels that new demands are being put upon him."

It is not only men who are deserting their marriage vows. Women are also turning their backs on the image of the faithful wife.

At theaters all over the country, suggestive male dancers stage sell-out concerts. Married women make up a large part of the audiences. In newsagents, soft porn magazines for women are on sale.

Delma Heyn, author of *The Erotic Silence of the American Wife*, advises women that having an affair "is a ticket to recovering a sense of self."

Although not yet published in Britain, her book is being widely reported in newspapers. All of this is bad news for marriages in the '90s.

Pain all round

Divorce hurts everyone—the couple, the family, the community, the nation! It is not hard to see why God hates divorce (Malachi 2:16).

Although it may be a sad necessity in some cases, the devastation caused by divorce is beyond calculation. Hatred and acrimony often continue for years.

Psalm 127:1 says, "Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain." When it comes to healing damaged relationships we need God for help. Ultimately, the solution to the problem of divorce lies in the spiritual realm.

"Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways.... Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your sons will be like olive shoots around your table. Thus is the man blessed who fears the Lord" (Psalm 128:1-4).

Of course, the Psalms talk about the overall effect of God's influence on a family. This ideal is not reached easily.

Some marriages are made up of people unsuited to each other from the beginning. In other marriages the husband and wife grow apart for one reason or another.

It takes work, patience, love and God's help if we are to take steps forward. But it is not impossible. With his involvement, marriage and family relationships can be abundant and pleasing.

Just One More Thing

Dexter Faulkner's column now appears with other Christian-living articles on page 5, the "Iron Sharpens Iron" page.

Student digs unearths a wealth of relics

By Thomas Delamater

BIG SANDY—Thirty-two Ambassador College students and faculty returned in August from the College's 1992 archaeological expedition to the Middle East.

Thomas Delamater is director of Development and College Relations.

Members of the expedition, which reflects the College's emphasis on ancient and biblical studies, were divided among three separate excavations—Hazor in Israel, Umm el-Jimal in Jordan and Mozan in Syria.

Ambassador's focus on old world archaeology began in 1968 when the College joined Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Israel Exploration Society in excavating the south Temple Mount site in Jerusalem.

With the completion of the excavation at that site, Ambassador continued its program in Israel with the excavation of ancient remains on the hill of the City of David.

The archaeological team at Hazor is headed by Professor Amnon Ben-Tor on behalf of the Hebrew University and the Israel Exploration Society, together with the Complutense University of Madrid and Ambassador College. The project is supported by the Rothschild Foundation and the Ambassador Foundation.

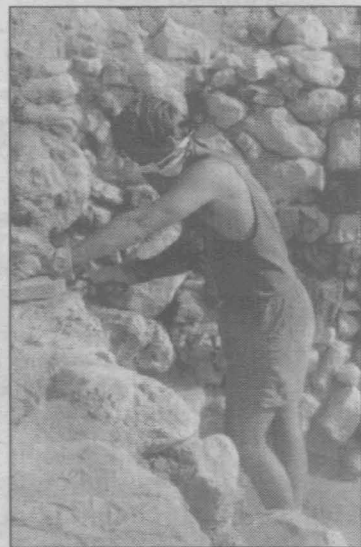
Hazor is the largest biblical-era site in Israel, covering about 200 acres. The population of the city in the second millennium is esti-

ated to be about 20,000, making it the largest city in the region.

Testimony as to the size and importance of Hazor has been revealed in documents found at distant sites—such as Mari on the Euphrates—which traded with Hazor tin, silver, gold and precious stones.

At the end of the 13th century B.C. the city was burned and destroyed. According to the biblical account this was during the military campaigns of the Israelites led by Joshua, who refers to it as "Hazor, head of all those kingdoms" (Joshua 11:10).

The site was resettled by the Israelites and destroyed again dur-



CHIPPING OFF OLD BLOCK—Senior Josh Harms excavates an Iron Age Israeli wall at Hazor. [Photo by Michael Germano]



EXCAVATION TEAMS—Volunteers participating in all three archaeological digs are (standing, left to right): Jason Yeats, Edwin Orogo, Rick and Roxanne Sherrod, Marie-Angelique Alcindor, Sharon Wiese, Jana Sharpe (Calvin College), Molly Shrauner, Rodrigo Silva, Stacey Linsley, Rodrigo Atallat, Kenneth Swisher, Herve Irion, Mark Brawner, Matthew Gus, Lisa Fergen, Matthew Fricke and Josh Harms. Seated: Irene Hart, Justin Brann, Julian Spykerman, Shlomo Ben-Asher (tour guide), Michael and Brenda Germano, Maria Murray, Wendy Pieper, Audie Santibanez, Jennifer Armstrong, Vicki Whitehead, Patrick Uddenberg, Charles Hartness, Tania Hobbs and Joan Hoffahrt.

ing the Assyrian conquest of the kingdom of Israel.

With the financial backing of the Rothschild Foundation, the site was excavated during the 1950s and '60s by a team led by the late Yigael Yadin on behalf of the Hebrew University and the Israel Exploration Society.

These excavations revealed a wealth of relics of biblical Hazor, including temples, water systems and fortifications.

"Much still remains a mystery

about Hazor," said Michael Germano, dean of academic affairs at Ambassador and supervisor of the student group at the site.

"What was the nature of the Israelite settlement at Hazor during the days of the great builder Ahab and the kings who followed him? What was the extent of the Solomonic city?"

A major goal of the renewed excavations is to uncover the entire palace of the Canaanite kings of Hazor, only a corner of

which was uncovered in the 1950s.

"There is reason to believe that the archival records of the kings of Hazor are to be found in that palace," said Dr. Germano. "One such document was previously found in the vicinity of the building, and a cuneiform-inscribed clay tablet from the 18th century B.C. was found during the 1991 excavation season."

According to Dr. Germano, the summer's findings included an ivory box with jewels from the ancient Canaanite city, an additional clay tablet, several cylinder seals and a wealth of pottery.

"The importance of such discoveries cannot be over-estimated," he said. Work at the site is scheduled to continue for the next five to 10 years.

Jordan

At the ancient Roman city of (See RELICS, Page 6)

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European teens make God their trip-planning partner

By Paul Monteith

After two years of work and saving their earnings, 12 YOU members from Austria, Germany, Croatia and Slovenia arrived here Aug. 16.

Their desire to visit was sparked in 1990 when Robert Berendt, then pastor of the Munich, Nuremberg and Salzburg, Germany, and Vienna, Austria, churches, asked the youths if they were interested in seeing Church headquarters.

"The only stipulation I made," said Mr. Berendt, "was that they earn their own money for the trip and not be financed by their parents, and that they

make God their partner."

The youths were enthusiastic about the idea, and Mr. Berendt realized they had taken him seriously when, a year later, he learned the youths were busily working and saving their money.

One YOU member earned money by rearing a calf for market, a couple of them delivered newspapers and flyers, another worked in a garden and sold produce, others did babysitting and cleaning jobs.

In June, Mr. Berendt and his wife, Valerie, were transferred to Canada to pastor churches there, but arranged with the Canadian Office for leave so they could

keep their promise to the youths.

Also traveling with the group was Erich Hojnik, YOU coordinator, and nurse Angelica Keller, a member in Vienna.

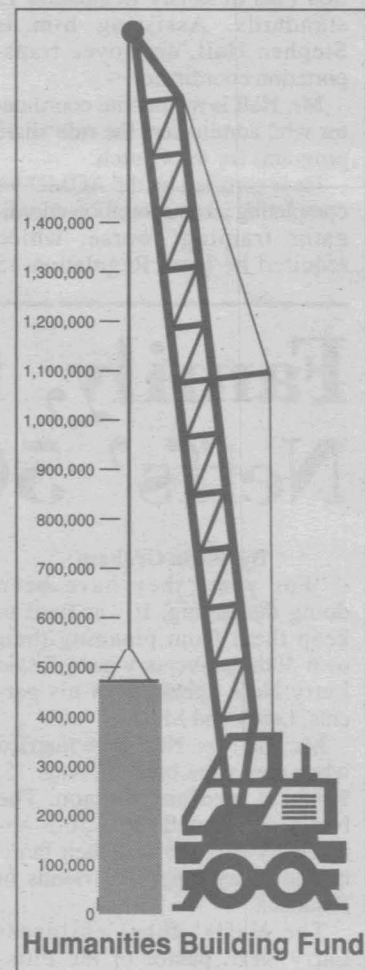
While here the group toured Church headquarters and facilities, visited with Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach and met with YOU members from Pasadena and Garden Grove, California.

They visited area attractions such as Disneyland and Universal Studios, traveled north to Sequoia, California, to see the giant redwoods, and saw the Grand Canyon in Arizona.

The group returned to Europe Aug. 30.



SNEAK PREVIEW—European youths tour the offices of The Worldwide News in Pasadena Aug. 18. Center, Valerie Berendt, wife of Robert Berendt, trip director. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]



UP AND UP—Members and congregations have contributed \$463,717.45 for constructing the Harold L. Jackson Hall of Humanities in Big Sandy. [Artwork by Ken Tunell]



ON A CLEAR DAY—Left: View of the mountains as seen from the top of Ambassador Auditorium looking northeast toward Pasadena City Hall. Right: Same view during a Stage One smog episode. According to a ride-share video produced by the City of Pasadena in

1991, the air in Pasadena exceeds federal safety standards two out of every three days. Most of the time, city residents and workers, just by breathing normally, inhale the equivalent of a pack of cigarettes a day. [Photos by Hal Finch]

Ride sharing lightens load on locals' lungs

By Paul Monteith

While the air in the Los Angeles basin is cleaner than in the '60s, air quality here is still the worst in the nation, said Bill Kelly, a South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) press officer.

If that isn't bad enough, Pasadena has some of the worst air in the area. Of the 47 Stage One smog episodes issued in the L.A. basin last year, 10 were for Pasadena specifically.

To improve air quality in Southern California, the AQMD enacted Regulation 15, a commuter plan compelling companies employing 100 people or more at one site to encourage employees to ride-share or use public transport.

"Air quality is a serious situation," said Dean May, transportation coordinator for the Church.

"We want to cooperate with the AQMD because, as a Church, we have a moral responsibility to show that we care about the air people breathe."

Last year Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach asked Mr. May to develop an Employee Transportation Plan to satisfy Regulation 15 standards. Assisting him is Stephen Hall, employee transportation coordinator.

Mr. Hall is the on-site coordinator who administers the ride-share programs for the Church.

He is certified by the AQMD for completing a transportation coordinator training course, which required he learn Regulation 15

policy. This "covers ride-share transit, cyclocommuting [commuting by bicycle], car and vanpooling, and how to market and promote those ideas," he said.

Changing commuting habits

"What the AQMD wants," said Mr. May, "is for companies in this area to reduce the number of vehicles coming to work. It's our goal to encourage Pasadena Church employees to participate in the transportation plan."

Each year the Church must meet the Average Vehicle Ridership (AVR) figure set by the AQMD. The AVR for 1992 is 1.5 employees for each vehicle driven to the facilities.

To assess the Church's AVR, the Transportation Department conducted a survey of all employees' commuting habits June 22 to 26. During that week employees were asked to ride-share, cycle, walk or ride public transport and to make it a regular practice where possible.

The Church achieved a 1.56 AVR, which means 100 vehicles beyond the 1.5 requirement have been removed from the weekly commute to work.

Along with its AVR figure, the Church must present to the AQMD its transportation plan, detailing how the employer will encourage employees to ride-share or find alternate means of transport.

Failure to submit a plan can lead to a citation, which, if ig-

nored, may lead to a \$25,000 fine for each day the plan is late.

Incentives

Within the Church's plan, Mr. Tkach offers employees participating in the program several benefits: cash assistance, free fuel, preferred parking, a guaranteed ride home in emergencies and subsidized oil changes.

Mr. Tkach also provides monetary incentives for those who walk or commute by bicycle.

"We can't force or penalize our employees," Mr. May said. "All we can do is encourage them to ride-share. That's what the AQMD expects of us at this time."

These incentives show the AQMD we are serious about improving air quality, said Mr. Hall.

It makes a difference

While changing commuting habits may not be always convenient, commuter compliance with Regulation 15 helps reduce air pollution.

According to research by the University of California at Los Angeles and the University of Southern California, the results from 71 Southern California companies' trip reduction efforts reduced pollution by 3.6 tons of reactive organic compounds, 29.3 tons of carbon monoxide, 3.1 tons of nitrogen dioxide and 0.4 tons of particulate matter.

The AQMD has clean air in mind, and that benefits us all.

Smog

When a Stage One, Two or Three smog episode is declared, one or several of the following components may be present: **Ozone** (invisible)—irritates and impairs breathing. **Nitrogen dioxide** (brown)—impairs breathing. **Carbon monoxide** (invisible)—reduces blood's oxygen. **PM₁₀** (10 micron particulates)—Invades lungs, reduces visibility.

...its effect on the body

Brain and nervous system ● Brings on headaches and irritability. ● Alters behavior and may decrease mental performance. ● Reduces tolerance to high altitudes.

Immune system ● Alters immune system cells in blood and tissue. ● Increases susceptibility to infections and diseases. ● May worsen disease, especially for people with immune deficiencies.

Heart and blood ● Is absorbed and spread throughout the body. ● Reduces capacity of red blood cells to carry oxygen to the body. ● Promotes and aggravates heart, blood and other diseases. ● Causes leaky and congested capillaries in eyes, sinuses, throat and air tubes.

Lungs ● Increases susceptibility to pneumonia, bronchitis bronchiolitis, emphysema and tissue scarring. ● Causes coughing, wheezing, shortness of breath, chest discomfort or pain. ● Damages air sacs and may speed depletion of lung reserve tissue. ● Decreases lung function and exercise performance. ● Causes chest tightness.

Source: South Coast Air Quality Management District

Family, friends celebrate Neffs' 50th anniversary

By Sheila Graham

"For years they have been doing the giving. It was hard to keep them from planning their own 50th anniversary party," said Larry Neff, speaking of his parents, Leroy and Maxine Neff.

Mr. and Mrs. Neff were married when they were both 18, Aug. 15, 1942, in Medford, Oregon. The Neffs celebrated their 50th anniversary Aug. 16 with their family and many longtime friends in Pasadena.

The Neffs' three children: Larry Neff, pastor of the Pittsburgh and Beaver Valley, Pennsylvania, churches, and his wife, Linda; Carol Hegar of Big Sandy; and Donald Neff and his wife, Josie, of San Jose, California; organized the celebration.

"It wasn't a surprise party," Larry Neff said. "We wanted to include our parents in part of the planning, so they could



NEFFS' WEDDING PHOTO IN 1942

invite their friends."

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach was unable to attend but sent his congratulations on a card attached to 50 long-stemmed yellow roses. Evangelist Joseph Tkach Jr. and his wife, Tammy, were among the guests.

Also attending were Mr. Neff's sisters, Joan Millard from Pacifica, California, and Barbara Robinson from Medford, Oregon; Mrs. Neff's brother, Gerald Bostwick from Ensenada, Mexico; her niece, Delores Glass of Pomona, California; and the Neffs' grandchildren.

Mr. Neff, an evangelist, is one of Mr. Tkach's assistants and a member of the advisory council of elders.



FAMILY AFFAIR—Family members commemorate the 50th wedding anniversary of Leroy and Maxine Neff in Pasadena. [Photo by Hal Finch]



IRON SHARPENS IRON

Will you be too busy fishing to show human touch at Feast?

Get into the swim of things by prayerfully and courageously moving out of your comfort zone

By Jeff Zhorne

Apparently our goldfish has developed an attitude problem. Every morning when we walk by the goldfish bowl on our way to the kitchen, our peevish pet swishes its tail as if reminding us to feed it.

Splashes become louder as the minutes pass. Water often spills over the edge. Once I even turned to see our hungry fish flapping on the counter like a Mexican jumping bean.

I quickly returned the vivacious vertebrate to its bowl and tossed some fish food in the water. Whew!

That's why we now feed the fish earlier than we used to. Maybe we've got a spoiled goldfish, but we do feel a responsibility to our spirited scaly sidekick.

Sometimes, in much more important matters, we need a rude awakening. Sadly, many of us are too busy attending to other things. We have other fish to fry.

True, priorities are important. Christ told the Pharisees that justice, mercy and faithfulness were "more important matters."

But we shouldn't let seemingly unimportant things—or people—go unnoticed (Matthew 23:23).

Christ died for everyone

We need to continually realize Christ died for the ungodly (Romans 5:6), sinners (5:8), the weak (1 Corinthians 8:11), those whom we might call "less than nothing" (1 Corinthians 1:28), the despised, the unkempt, the distasteful. Jesus spent his time with those who were blind, lame, deaf, poor, lepers, to show God's calling is not given on account of any earthly position, advantage or wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:18-31).

A man who's almost blind in our congregation wanders up and down the aisles after services each Sabbath, looking for conversation. Not many people spend time with him.

You probably know people like this in your congregation. How about on your block or in your community? Maybe it's a homeless person at the intersection, whose death would seem to go unnoticed.

Unfortunately we sometimes judge by whether people are dressed in the latest styles, instead of appreciating—not judging—their inner traits of generosity, dependability, integrity, good humor, competence, wisdom, human kindness or willingness to help others.

This is no new problem. The apostle James warned against favoring some people above oth-

ers. "Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? But you have insulted the poor" (James 2:5-6).

We too can insult heirs of Christ's kingdom by overlooking, neglecting or downright spurning some people. Establishing relationships with such people might make us feel... well, like a fish out of water. But we are told to esteem all people (Philippians 2:3-4).

"The parts [of Christ's body] that we think are less honorable we [must] treat with special honor.... God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other" (1 Corinthians 12:23-25).

How? By giving people a little of that human touch, even if they seem, humanly, unpleasant. Ask God to use you to buoy up others' spirits and let them share their lives with you.

A little human touch this Feast

The Feast of Tabernacles is the perfect time to employ these principles.

Quoting Matthew 5:43-48,

find one of the great secrets. When you are behaving as if you loved someone, you will presently come to love him.

"If you injure someone you dislike, you will find yourself disliking him more," Lewis added. "If you do him a good turn, you will find yourself disliking him less."

This Feast—and at all times—we can be accepting, enjoying and

"We have committed the Golden Rule to memory; let us now commit it to life" (Edwin Markham in *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*).

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach says that agape "looks only for the good in other people and gives you the power to love people you don't like."

"Do not waste time bothering whether you 'love' your neighbor; act as if you did," C.S. Lewis wrote in *Mere Christianity*.

"As soon as we do this we

cultivating our family and interpersonal relationships.

We're in an age when it's so easy to forget about other Christians in the spiritual sea. Get into the swim of things by prayerfully and courageously moving out of your comfort zone.

You'll see that you can really make a difference.

How to get the biggest smiles from the Feast

The second the closing prayer concluded, my husband and I dashed out of the auditorium, jogged a half mile to our hotel, quickly changed into casual clothes and collapsed on another tour bus—all in 15 minutes.

It was a typical day for us that Feast of Tabernacles some years ago. We'd over-scheduled ourselves to the point we were going on tours every waking moment that wasn't a Sabbath or Holy Day.

There was no time for fellowship. Our tours each day started just a few minutes after services ended. We were so exhausted from being out late every night touring, we slept in as late as we could in the mornings and didn't get to services until the last minute.

Fellowship on the tour bus usually went something like: "Hi, I'm so-and-so. Yawn, yawn. Snooze, snooze." Who had energy for introductions?

I hadn't realized what a "nonpeople" Feast it was until we got back to Pasadena and looked at other people's Feast pictures. "Here's a picture of a really sweet couple we met from New York—they've already called us twice since we've been back," a friend told me as she pointed to a picture in her photo album.

"Here's a picture of a lady I met from England—she called me her adopted granddaughter the whole Feast. And here's a picture of a family from Phoenix we enjoyed talking with..."

All of our pictures were of my husband and me posing next to ancient ruins. Before the Feast we'd made plans to see Pompeii, Naples, the Colosseum, the Vatican and the Pantheon. But we never made plans for meeting people.

You can be so busy at the Feast with tours and activities that you end up having a lonely Feast. Getting to know others doesn't just happen.

It's a good idea to set aside time at the Feast for the sole purpose of fellowship. Be intentional about reaching out to others. Plan to meet a certain number of people each day.

When I look at past Feast photo albums, I enjoy looking at pictures of beautiful scenery and historical sites. But it's the photos of brethren I've met that bring back the biggest smiles. People make your Feast special. *Becky Sweat*

Blocks for building strong bonds in your family

By Dexter H. Faulkner

On the way to work my wife and I saw small children, neat and proper, marching off to their first day of school. It reminded us that three of our four grandchildren will also be starting school this year.

As I survey the world our children and grandchildren have to cope with, I come to no other conclusion than it is much tougher for children today that it was for us.

Without guiding parents or other responsible adults, children are left to make their own way in the world.

Survey of women students

Take a study of more than 700 women students at Oxford, Cambridge and other premier British universities.

- More than 25 percent have indulged in sexual relations on campus.
- Over a 12-month period, the average woman student has had sex with three partners.
- 20 percent never use protection during sex.
- Nearly 10 percent have indulged in lesbian activities.

While we are all aware of conditions in our troubled societies, we must become concerned for our children and grandchildren. And this concern should be reflected, not only in thought, but in word and deed.

As parents and grandparents we need to realize the importance of right thinking and attitudes.

"And it is he who will go as a forerunner before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers back to the children, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord" (Luke 1:17, New American Standard Version).

The older generation should take the initiative.

Family building blocks

Following are three principles that will help strengthen family relationships.

Ideally, for a child, these principles should be clearly identifiable and unbroken from before their first memories.

Just one more thing

1 Parental tranquility. A drop in parental harmony can cause young people to consciously, or even unconsciously, fear that they are to blame somehow. But in a family where parents remain positive, close and continue to strengthen and improve their marriage, children have an opportunity to build on the same solid foundation.

2 Clear parent-child communication. Solid family closeness is impossible without lots of communication. We should, therefore, spend time with our children, play with them,

work with them and talk to them. In today's busy world, commitment to spend time together is essential. Family time can be simple: play table games, get involved in something your children are interested in, help them with homework or visit a park together.

3 Parental affection, care and encouragement. Lots of love and caretaking are very powerful parental forces for the family bonding process.

Children should see their parents showing each other little courtesies. They should hear their parents talk about each other respectfully, with love in their voices. Always build each other up.

Parental warmth and affection play an important role in determining a child's well-being as he or she matures to adulthood.

Parental warmth means a deep attachment and responsiveness to a child's emotional needs. Don't stifle their personal development. Coach them. Help them to think through all of life's questions.

Give your child increasing responsibilities and privileges that fit with their talents and abilities. Affirm and encourage them frequently.

Solid family relationships

Learning never ends; it is a full-time job for both parents and children. The most effective method for teaching children is through positive family relationships.

Tranquillity, communication and love are three foundational keys to effective parenting. They have one common ingredient—time.

Make sure you always give plenty of time to your family. The time you spend with your children will have a direct bearing on making your family solid, now and in the future.

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den that information from readers and viewers. But our commission, the commission of the Church, involves making disciples (Matthew 28:19). It does not involve the Church hiding itself and obscuring its existence.

And, one reason the Church has emphasized the College and the Foundation, as I have explained before, is that we have tended to think of ourselves as primarily a warning witness rather than as having the primary responsibility to make disciples.

It is almost as though we have been just a little bit ashamed, in a public sense, of being thought of as the Worldwide Church of God.

It is as though we have been a little more comfortable with being associated with Ambassador College or Ambassador Foundation than being associated with the Worldwide Church of God.

Ambassador College is important and valuable, and has its essential role to play in the work of proclaiming the gospel. Ambassador Foundation has its unique function.

But the fact that even those

two institutions are specialized branches of the Church must not be forgotten.

It should be no secret to readers and viewers that the Church produces the telecast and the publications. And it should be no secret that the Church has congregations where converted people meet and nurture one another in the love of God.

And when an interested reader or viewer wants to visit one of those congregations, it should not be next to impossible for him or her to find out how to do that.

Telling readers who we are

As I said, we will continue to feature ads on the back cover of *The Plain Truth* that promote the telecast and certain literature, but we will also use the back cover to inform our readers about who we are and what we are doing.

Let's remember those who have been affected by the devastating Hurricane Andrew. Page 1 contains an update on conditions of members in the affected areas.

Thank you all for your wonderful dedication to God's Word and your zeal for the gospel! Let's never cease praying for God's guidance and direction.

College developments

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tended a luncheon with the faculty. That evening he and Dr. Ward were hosts at the annual freshman reception in the dining hall. A dance in the gymnasium for all students and faculty followed the reception.

Mr. Tkach and his party returned to Pasadena Tuesday, Aug. 18.

During the remainder of orientation week, students participated in academic placement testing, academic advisement for course selection, and club kickoff meetings.

Music Department faculty members conducted auditions for the various instrumental and vocal ensembles. Intercollegiate athletic tryouts were offered for women's volleyball and men's soccer.

For the first time since intercollegiate athletics were reintroduced two years ago, Ambassador is fielding a men's soccer team.

Coach Scott Webster said that team members have solid individual skills but are still learning to play as a unit.

"Although the men have never played as a team before, they have developed good camaraderie

from participation in our intramural soccer program in past years," Mr. Webster said. "This should help them build the team chemistry that we need to compete with the more established schools."

In the opening match of the season Aug. 28 on Ambassador's soccer field, the Royals lost to Dallas Baptist University, 1-0, in double overtime.

Summer construction

College and outside construction crews have been hard at work during the summer months. The Harold L. Jackson Hall of Humanities is scheduled to be completed by November, and the band hall extension was completed in time for the new academic year.

The crews also finished other projects this summer. Street signs now identify the main campus roads, bicycle lanes are painted on roads and the quarter-mile track is resurfaced.

According to Dale Bailey, director of Facilities Services, they will finish installation of new campus lighting later this fall.

New faculty

Dr. Ward announced several

new faculty appointments were announced by Dr. Ward for the fall semester: Michael Bedford, instructor in mass communications; Laura Hirschler, instructor in physical education; C. Dwight Holcomb, assistant professor of mathematics; Edward D. Mauzey, counselor; Ardith Weiss, assistant to the director of Career Services and Placement; and Douglas Winnail, professor of biological sciences.

In addition, Kevin Brownlee was named student housing officer, and Roger Widmer, director of financial aid.

Jeb B. Egbert, assistant to the president, will also serve as dean of student affairs. Gary Richards serves under Mr. Egbert as dean of students.

"I hope students will realize that the administration is interested in providing the best godly environment and godly educational situation that it possibly can," said Mr. Egbert.

Gary Antion is now director of Counseling Services, and he is assisted by ministers James Kisse and Mr. Mauzey.

As orientation week began, enrollment stood at 1,176. That included about 250 international students representing 49 countries.

Classes began Aug. 24.

Relics

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Umm el-Jimal in Jordan, Bert de Vries of Calvin College in Michigan and Rick Sherrod, chair of Ambassador's History Department, directed the excavation.

Ambassador students completed a detailed ground survey for preparing a map of all existing architecture.

"Umm el-Jimal is the third largest archaeological site in Jordan," he continued, "and the recent development of the Jordanian road system has opened promising possibilities."

Syria

The excavation at Mozan in Syria was directed by Giorgio Buccellati of the University of California at Los Angeles and Marilyn Kelly-Buccellati of California State University Los Angeles. The Buccellatis began work on Tel Mozan in the mid-1980s after a survey of the region was done.

"Mozan is very likely the site of an ancient world capital city of the Hurrian Empire," said Dr. Sherrod. "Given the large size of the tel, archaeological work at Mozan will probably continue for many years"

He said this year's season yielded a number of interesting discoveries, including a cuneiform tablet listing various ancient world occupations and several grave sites.



HAZOR POINT?—Student volunteers don't look too fed up even though their work was hard at this Israeli site. [Photo by Michael Germano]

Somalia: what's needed

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exchange for them. Reporter Perlez recounted that the destruction of Mogadishu, "a once-graceful city on the Indian Ocean," as she described it, began last November when two sub-clans of one of Somalia's biggest clans battled for control of the city.

The sub-clans fought each other to fill the vacuum left by Siad Barre, whom they had united in ousting. It was a fight for power

between "cousins," said Mr. Abdulle, himself a member of one of the feuding clans, the Abgal.

Mr. Abdulle's own brother joined in the fighting and was killed in a skirmish. Before that, he said, his brother had chided him for not taking up the gun too, charging him with being a coward. He continues to resist pressures from others, saying: "The clan can't protect you all the time.... We need peace."

The tragic situation in Somalia—and in Bosnia and other war-ravaged spots—should make us reflect on the great godly relief that is coming for this war-weary world, as depicted by the symbolism of the annual Feast of Tabernacles.

The relief from war and suffering that the returning Jesus Christ and his government will enact will be far more effective and long-lasting than the temporary physical relief international agencies can give, and that often too late.

Far more than food and medicine, what is needed most of all is good government.

As *The Economist* reported: "There is no mistaking the size of Africa's food crisis.... But [the] mass descent into life-threatening deprivation is owed more to bad government, warfare and economic collapse."

Somalia is the most glaring example to date of this reality.

Hurricane: reaching out

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Mr. Barr said. "The eye of the storm passed right over it, but the air conditioning unit was destroyed and there is no power going to it. So it's going to be some time until we're able to meet there for services."

For the first two Sabbaths after the hurricane, Miami brethren had combined Sabbath services with the Hollywood church.

Mr. Barr said: "We're doing all that we can to help our brethren, but we're also doing what we can to help others in the community."

"Many of our members have neighbors who do not have any

family or friends to help them out. So we are encouraging brethren to reach out to others and help out as much as they can."

As a service to the community, the Miami and Hollywood churches are setting up a Meals on Wheels program to provide food for people who have lost their homes.

Pastor General Joseph Tkach has directed that third tithe funds be used to help the brethren affected by the hurricane.

Since the emergency funds required may place a significant drain on the fund, any donations to the general third tithe fund will be much appreciated.

Holy Day offerings at international sites

If you are traveling to an international site for the Feast of Tabernacles, here are guidelines for Holy Day offerings. Because most members want a receipt for income tax purposes, we request that U.S. residents attending the Feast in another country (including Canada) send their fall Holy Day offerings to Pasadena directly.

This may be done just before or immediately after the fall Holy Days. Not only will this speed processing, it will also eliminate most of our currency exchange problems when offerings are left at international sites.

When sending an offering to Pasadena, please seal it inside a special Holy Day envelope, then enclose it inside a regular tithe envelope for mailing.

Do feel welcome to give offerings wherever you attend, as doing so will help support the Work in that country and demonstrate your appreciation to area brethren.

Remember that a number of Festival sites are in financially depressed countries where members' incomes are extremely low. Additional offerings from visiting U.S. brethren for use in those countries will be helpful.

Such contributions, however, cannot be credited to your record in the United States, nor are they tax deductible.

Notice of nondiscriminatory policy as to students

Ambassador College admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in administering its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs and athletics and other school-administered programs.

1992 Festival Updates

Putt in best scores at Daytona golf scramble

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.— Golfers attending the Feast here are invited to participate in a golf scramble tournament Oct. 13 at the Indigo Lakes Hilton Golf and Tennis Resort.

Cost is \$45, which includes green fees, cart and an awards banquet. Club rentals are available for a small fee.

Please send a check payable to Church of God Activity Fund to Joe Scott, 11211 S.

Military Trail No. 5024, Boynton Beach, Florida, 33436.

Send your best score in the last six months. All entries must be received by Oct. 6. Play is limited to the first 72 entries received.

Scottish site at capacity

The Festival Office announced that the site in Aviemore, Scotland, has reached capacity, and no further transfers can be accepted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

AGBALE, Timothy and Gladys (Ziddah) of Accra, Ghana, boy, Michael K. Dzifah, July 12, 7 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

ARCHULETA, Ray and Sonja (Phipps) of Las Cruces, New Mexico, girl, Kara Lene, May 15, 2:47 p.m., 8 pounds 10 1/2 ounces, now 3 girls.

CARTER, Paul and Tracy (Weiser) of Moreno Valley, California, boy, Kevin Andrew, July 31, 12:29 a.m., 9 pounds, first child.

COLLEY, Greg and Sherry (Tucker) of Orlando, Florida, boy, Mitchell Aaron, June 24, 7:31 a.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

DOBSON, Harvey and Nancy (Groves) of Sunman, Indiana, boy, Jacob Daniel, June 15, 4:34 p.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 boys.

ENERIO, Raul and Angeles (Sarrosa) of Montvale, New Jersey, boy, Revel, July 26, 2:39 a.m., 6 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

ERWIN, Daniel and Sheila (Bryant) of Mobile, Alabama, boy, Justice Daniel, June 13, 1:12 a.m., 5 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

EUGENIO, Fidelio and Maria Rosario (Mantala) of Montreal, Quebec, boy, Zachary Thomas, Aug. 3, 7:30 p.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

FLUTSCH, James and Teresa (Newell) of Abilene, Texas, boy, Shane Thomas, July 11, 8 pounds, first child.

FRIZ, Daniel and Tammy (Sutton) of Longview, Texas, girl, Patience Emily Anne, May 7, 9:20 p.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

GRANT, Tommie and Roberta (Robertson) of Charleston, South Carolina, boy, Isaac Nicholas, July 20, 3:25 a.m., 9 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 boys.

HAGEN, Jeffrey and Anna (Pifer) of Champaign, Illinois, boy, Cory Jefferson, July 15, 12:34 a.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HERBERT, Jim and Marilyn (McMillan) of Edmonton, Alberta, girl, Suzanne Kimberly, July 20, 8:06 p.m., 5 pounds, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

HIGGINS, Peter and Andrea (Keeble) of Melbourne, Australia, girl, Fiona Michelle, July 12, 10:15 p.m., 6 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 girls.

HOLLOWACHUK, Don and Darlene (Antonik) of Preeceville, Saskatchewan, boy, Austin Don, July 23, 7:19 p.m., 6 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 boys.

JAROSEK, Dean and Margie (Ayres) of Waco, Texas, girl, Jarrica Rene, June 23, 4 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

JONES, Alan and Cathy (Black) of Big Sandy, boy, Randy Alan, Aug. 5, 1:30 p.m., 9 pounds 1 ounce, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

KLAVERENGA, James and Julia (Hammons) of Lafayette, Indiana, girl, Chaconne Leyenda, July 26, 1:40 p.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

KLUS, Norbert and Marita (Haanschoten) of Bonn, Germany, girl, Melanie Patricia, July 28, 5:15 p.m., 3.7 kilograms, first child.

LEMIEUX, James and Diane (David) of Montreal, Quebec, twin boys, Jonathan James and Jeremy David, July 14, 4:22 and 4:27 a.m., 5 pounds 2 ounces and 4 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

LOBDELL, Rob and Melanie (Byrnes) of Eston, Saskatchewan, girl, Paige Monique, June 28, 11:36 a.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

MARTIN, David and Cindy (Black) of Big Sandy, girl, Brianna Lynn, Aug. 9, 9 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

MASONHOLDER, Ross and Barb (Swolley) of Clinton, Iowa, boy, Dylan Paul, April 11, 6:47 p.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

MCDUGALL, Jackson and Lilliane (Powell) of Orlando, Florida, girl, Marisa Jonel, May 25, 7:03 p.m., 7 pounds 13 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

MCHALE, Bruce and Anita (Neal) of Salt Lake City, Utah, girl, Hillary Marie, Aug. 3, 5:30 p.m., 9 pounds 3 ounces, now 4 girls.

MENCEL, Robert and Laurie (Miller) of Superior, Wisconsin, girl, Kristina Clare, Aug. 2, 2:56 a.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MORELLI, Carmine and Judy (Dynarski) of St. Catharines, Ontario, boy, Michael Anthony, July 31, 3:45 p.m., 5 pounds 5.2 ounces, first child.

NELLER, Gregory and Tammy (Hickman) of Big Sandy, girl, Shelby Karyn, July 31, 3:32 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

O'KANE, Danny and Cheryl (Pitcher) of Brisbane, Australia, boy, Benjamin Daniel, March 29, 11:07 a.m., 5 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

PARKER, Michael and Roxanne (Wright) of Pasadena, girl, Jennifer Arielle, April 9, 7 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

PARKS, Ken and Brenda (Jackson) of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, boy, Austin Bradley, June 21, 3:52 p.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

PEREZ, Steve and Nina (Chacon) of Los Angeles, California, girl, Brittany Ann, June 19, 9:07 a.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 3 girls.

PETERSON, Robert and Linda (Bortolotto) of Payton, Saskatchewan, girl, Anita Lynn, July 13, 6:20 p.m., 4 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 girls.

PINK, Ben and Laura-Beth (Catherwood) of Columbus, Ohio, girl, Annelise Danielle, Aug. 7, 5 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

ROLLINS, Scott and Amy (Field) of Omaha, Nebraska, girl, Sara Kay Marie, Aug. 5, 8:20 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 girls.

RUDAJA, Helmut and Carla (Kurck) of Pasadena, boy, Adrian Kurt, July 21, 9:50 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

SASH, John and Debra (Mayhew) of Eldon, Missouri, girl, Brittany Gabriel, July 22, 8:34 a.m., 8 pounds 9 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

SMITH, Derrick and Sheila (Price) of York, Pennsylvania, boy, Jarrod Keith, July 21, 9:31 p.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

STEVENS, Jeffrey and Linda (Strelow) of Wausau, Wisconsin, girl, Kelsey Jo, Aug. 3, 7:44 a.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SUROWIEC, Roman and Dianna of Detroit, Michigan, boy, Kevin Bradley, July 3, 9:27 a.m., 8 pounds 6 1/2 ounces, now 5 boys, 1 girl.

USRY, Barry and Lesa (Barrett) of Gainesville, Georgia, boy, Benjamin Adam, Feb. 17, 10:10 p.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

WILKERSON, Curtis and Alegera (Neyland) of New Orleans, Louisiana, boy, Kasimir Bryce Neyland, April 7, 7:40 a.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

ENGAGEMENTS

Launia Morris of Bluefield, West Virginia, and Janet Neiles of Orlando, Florida, are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Aldena Maxey and Nispols "Nick" Solomon. An October wedding is planned.

John and Jill Lennon of Melbourne, Australia, are pleased to announce the engagement of their second eldest daughter, Samantha, to Paul Seymour, eldest son of Eric and Colleen Seymour of Sydney, Australia. A Jan. 3 wedding in Melbourne is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry G. Vine of Gaines, Michigan, are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Rebecca Lynn to Heath Cardie, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Cardie of Woodbury, New Jersey. A May 15 wedding is planned.

Peter and Darlene Meldrum are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Marie to Howard J. Heyl. A Sept. 18, 1993, wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Byars of Porterville, California, along with Mr. and Mrs. James N. Pope of Niederkirchen, Germany, are happy to announce the engagement of their children, Holly and Clark. An Oct. 4 wedding in Bakersfield, California, is planned.

WEDDINGS



MR. & MRS. MATTHEW HICKOK

Ramona Leigh Tucker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hughes Tucker of Casper, Wyoming, and Matthew Lee Hickok, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Hickok Jr. of Santa Clarita, California, were united in marriage June 14. The ceremony was performed by David Perino, a minister in the Casper church. The couple live in Santa Clarita.



MR. & MRS. BEN KIAI NJENGA

Beatrice Khamati and Ben Kiai Njenga were united in marriage June 27. The ceremony was performed by Owen Willis, Moncton and Saint John, New Brunswick, and Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, pastor. Dorothy Ngui was maid of honor, and Boniface Macharia was best man. The couple live in Nairobi, Kenya.



MR. & MRS. FRED HUNTER

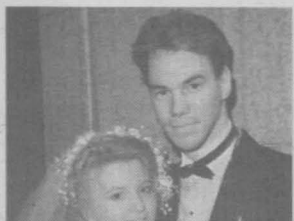
Edna Parks of Nashville, Tennessee, and Fred Hunter of Colorado Springs, Colorado, were united in marriage June 25. The ceremony was performed by Paul Butler, Colorado Springs pastor. Ruth Washington was matron of honor, and Don Frazier was best man. The couple live in Colorado Springs.



MR. & MRS. JACK FLACCO

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rudolph of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, are pleased to announce the

marriage of their daughter Luana Juanita to Jack Flacco of Toronto, Ontario. The ceremony was performed May 24 by Gary Moore, Halifax and Digby, Nova Scotia, pastor. Diane White was matron of honor, and Paul DeBuono was best man. The couple live in Toronto.



MR. & MRS. ERIC LOEPF

Eileen Tschetter and Eric Cornelius Loepf were united in marriage May 17. The ceremony was performed by Carl Burns, Winnipeg, Manitoba, associate pastor. Wilma Wolfe, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Karl Loepf, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Winnipeg.



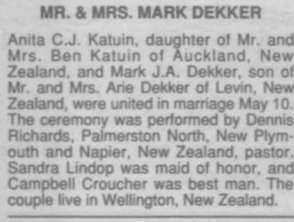
MR. & MRS. MARK WOLTZ

Vicki Lee Strader and Mark Derricotta Woltz were united in marriage May 31. The ceremony was performed by John Comino, Washington, D.C., South and Central pastor. Doris B. Strader, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Adrian Carlyle Woltz, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Annandale, Virginia.



MR. & MRS. DAVID BELVIN

Tricia Ruth Wilson, daughter of Henry Wilson and Lynne Wilson of McKinney, Texas, and David Luke Belvin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Belvin of Ratliff City, Oklahoma, were united in marriage Dec. 14. The ceremony was performed by Charles Bryce, Sherman and Paris, Texas, pastor. Bonnie-Jean Wilson, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and the groom's father was best man. The couple live in McKinney.



MR. & MRS. MARK DEKKER

Anita C.J. Katuin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Katuin of Auckland, New Zealand, and Mark J.A. Dekker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arie Dekker of Levin, New Zealand, were united in marriage May 10. The ceremony was performed by Dennis Richards, Palmerston North, New Plymouth and Napier, New Zealand, pastor. Sandra Lindop was maid of honor, and Campbell Croucher was best man. The couple live in Wellington, New Zealand.



MR. & MRS. EDGAR MORRIS

Launia Maxey and Edgar Morris were united in marriage June 27. The ceremony was performed by William Pack, Bluefield, West Virginia, pastor. Aldena Maxey and Brenda White, daughters of the bride, attended the bride, and Fairley Burks was best man.



MR. & MRS. IAN WOODLEY

Mr. and Mrs. George Delap of Perth, Scotland, are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Charis Amanda to Ian Woodley. The ceremony was performed July 5 by the bride's father, Perth, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Aberdeen and Irvine, Scotland, pastor. Vicky, Michelle and Katy Delap, sisters of the bride, and Emma Stevens, were bridesmaids, and David Chaundy was best man. The couple live in Cambridge, England.



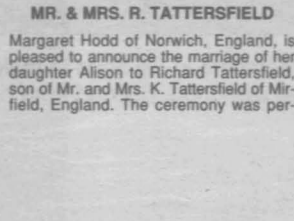
MR. & MRS. DHANANJAY GODSE

Renee Pellerin and Dhananjay Godse were united in marriage May 17 in Gatineau, Quebec. The ceremony was performed by John Borax, Ottawa, Ontario, pastor. Pierre Pellerin, brother of the bride, and John Beaubien, the best man, were witnesses. The couple live in Ottawa.



MR. & MRS. R. FENSTERMACHER

Richard and Grace Fenstermacher of Allentown, Pennsylvania, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary June 26. They have one son, Robert; one daughter, Ginny; one daughter-in-law, Karen; one son-in-law, Joseph; and four grandchildren, Lori, Christa, Tanya and Erin. Mr. and Mrs. Fenstermacher serve as local church elder and deaconess in the Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, church.



MR. & MRS. R. TATTERSFIELD

Margaret Hodd of Norwich, England, is pleased to announce the marriage of her daughter Alison to Richard Tattersfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Tattersfield of Mirfield, England. The ceremony was per-

formed Nov. 10 by Peter Shenton, Ross-on-Wye, England, and Llanelli, Wales, pastor. Stan Smith was best man. The couple live in Morley, England.



MR. & MRS. EARL UNDERWOOD

Jennifer Carol Bridges, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hamilton of Bethlehem, Georgia, and Earl D. Underwood, son of Kathy Hinson of Lacey's Spring, Alabama, were united in marriage June 28. The ceremony was performed by Otto Lochner, Huntsville and Florence, Alabama, pastor. Ginger Sorg was matron of honor, and Joe Johnson was best man. The couple live in Harvest, Alabama.



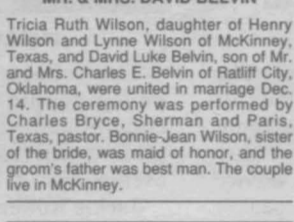
MR. & MRS. JEFFREY HINER

Mr. and Mrs. Karlic of La Canada, California, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Sandra Christa to Jeffrey Dean Hiner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hiner of Pomona, California. The ceremony was performed March 22 by Dennis Wheatcraft, Glendora, California, pastor. Gail Glasen, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Timothy Hiner, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Alhambra, California.



MR. & MRS. JAMES GUY

James and Carla Guy of Youngstown, Ohio, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary June 3. They have three children, Todd, James Jr. and Shannon; and two grandchildren. Mr. Guy is a deacon in the Youngstown church.



MR. & MRS. GERALD STYER

Gerald and Mary Styer of Burnis, Tennessee, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary June 14. They have two sons, Michael and Tony; two daughters, Wendy Kovalchick and Shari Foose; two daughters-in-law, Cathy and Lori; two sons-in-law, John Kovalchick and Mike Foose; and three grandchildren, Ben, Kaitlin and Jennifer.



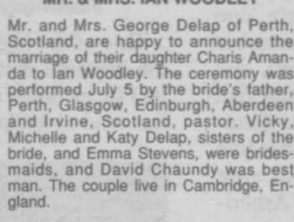
MR. & MRS. RUSSELL JOSE

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald A. Wheeler of Novato, California, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Heather Ann to Russell Scott Jose, son of Mrs. Michael R. Jose of Lodi, California. The ceremony was performed July 18 by the bride's father, a minister in the Santa Rosa, California, church. Ruth Terry, Tabettha Vough, Christine Rogers and Callandra Murray were bridesmaids, and Robert Rodzaj, James Terry, Donald Vough and David Wheeler were groomsmen. The couple live in Vallejo, California.



MR. & MRS. BOB KANTAK

Bob and Emma Kantak of Chino Valley, Arizona, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 10. They have four sons, John, Jim, Bob and Richard; four daughters-in-law, Brenda, Maria, Deena and Callie; and one granddaughter, Rachel. Mr. and Mrs. Murray serve as local church elder and deaconess in the Garden Grove, California, church.



MR. & MRS. GEORGE JORZA

George and Mary Jorza of Youngstown, Ohio, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary May 14. They have seven children (two are deceased), 29 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. Mr. Jorza is a deacon in the Youngstown church.



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OBITUARIES

PRESTON, Herbert, 88, of Richmond, Virginia, died June 1 of Alzheimer's disease. He is survived by his wife, Edith; and one sister, Edna Dalrippe.

Roger and Jean Botts of St. Petersburg, Florida, sadly announce the birth and death of their daughter Angela Jean, Sept. 4. Besides her parents she is survived by one brother, Matthew; two grandmothers; three aunts; and two cousins.

COLEMAN, Perry, 43, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, died July 9. He is survived by his wife, Nicole; his mother, Juanita Coleman-Anderson; two brothers, Floyd Anderson and Greg; one sister, Lisa Anderson; and two stepdaughters, Dollette and Sherby David.

HOLUM, Inge Elizabeth, 60, of Modesto, California, died July 1 of cancer. She is survived by her husband, Richard; and three children, Loralyn, Nathan and Daniel.

QUIST, Valborg Christine, 89, of Bailey, Michigan, died July 8 of leukemia. She is survived by one cousin.



JAMES TOMTEN

TOMTEN, James A., 62, of Westlock, Alberta, died June 24 after a lengthy battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife, Selma; three daughters; one son; and numerous grandchildren.



WILLIAM WILLIAMS

WILLIAMS, William Fred, 88, of Rome, Georgia, died June 23. He is survived by his wife, Kate; eight children; 17 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

WATSON, Myrna June, 51, of Caddo, Oklahoma, died April 19 after a 2 1/2 year battle with cancer. She is survived by her husband of five years, Charles; two sons, Chris and David Gordon; two daughters, Rhonda Carter and Jody Hodge; and one granddaughter, Ashley Carter. Her first husband of 28 years, Benny Gordon, preceded her in death.

SILCOX, Richard, 87, of Manteno, Illinois, died July 25 after a yearlong illness. He is survived by his wife, Gladys; two sons; one daughter; four sisters; three brothers; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

PETERSON, Alfred J., 73, of Seattle, Washington, died Sept. 22. He is survived by his son, Jerome; one daughter-in-law, Ramona; and one grandson, Dwayne. Mr. Peterson had triple bypass surgery and died while recovering in the hospital.

MCBRIDE, Frank L., 56, of East Detroit, Michigan, died Feb. 27. He is survived by one stepbrother, Bruce Thomas.



PATRICIA CURLING

CURLING, Patricia Bernice, 58, of Nassau, Bahamas, died June 15 of a heart attack. She is survived by five sons, Omar, Desmond, Bertram, Jewelyn and Kendrick; one daughter, Nathania McKinney; one son-in-law; three daughters-in-law; and nine grandchildren.



HELEN HARTMAN

HARTMAN, Helen Mae, 78, of Savanna, Illinois, died June 11 after a lengthy illness. She is survived by her husband, Leon; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and one sister. One son and two brothers preceded her in death.

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

UPDATE

Ministers, employees honored for quarter century of service

Four ministers and four employees received plaques and watches in Pasadena Aug. 13 for 25 years of service to the Church.

They are **Manfred Fraund**, an audio production engineer for the Television Department; **Felix Heimberg**, pastor of the Albuquerque and Santa Fe, New Mexico, and Durango, Colorado, churches; **Karl Karlov**, pastor of the Penrith and Bathurst, Australia, churches; **Alan Leiter**, an employee of Computer Information Systems.

Otto Lochner, pastor of the Huntsville and Florence, Alabama, churches; **Dean Mohr**, a mechanic for Flight Operations; **Larry Neff**, pastor of the Pittsburgh and Beaver Valley, Pennsylvania, churches; and **Bud Neller**, an employee of Plant Maintenance.

Singles invited down home on Old Kentucky Night in Lexington

LEXINGTON, Kentucky—Singles transferring to Lexington for the Feast are invited to an Old Kentucky Night at the Kentucky Horse Park Oct. 13.

The evening's entertainment will be a hayride, dinner and a barn dance. Western dress is encouraged. The gent and gal judged the best dressed will win a prize.

Cost for the event is \$22 a person. Planning for this outing requires your reservation be received by Oct. 5.

Make your check payable to Pikeville Activity Fund and send to **Hasadore Hall**, Box

278, Harold, Kentucky, 41635.

For further information call Mr. Hall at 1-606-478-1397.

Singles: Relive that Feast feeling at Akron's post-Feast ball

AKRON, Ohio—Singles here invite other singles to their fourth annual post-Feast dinner dance, The Harvest Ball, at the Ohio Prestwick Country Club Nov. 21 at 6 p.m.

The weekend scheduled activities are a singles Bible study Saturday at 11 a.m. by evangelist **Carn Catherwood**; Sabbath services at 2 p.m.; and a Sunday breakfast buffet seminar from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cost of the Sunday breakfast seminar is \$8. Advance dinner dance admission is \$27 and advance dance-only admission is \$11. Dance admission at the door is \$13.

Dinner reservations are limited to 300 people, and advance admission must be received by Nov. 13.

For further information call **Roger Ellis** at 1-216-753-8551 after 6 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time.

San Jose shows the way to singles' weekend in February

SAN JOSE, California—The San Jose church will conduct its ninth annual singles weekend, Feb. 13 and 14.

A singles-only Sabbath service is planned with a guest speaker from headquarters, followed by a full course meal, talent show and semiformal dance. Scheduled for Sunday are a brunch, Bible study and sock hop.

Those who have performed special music or have experience in

other areas and would like to participate in the talent show should submit a video (ideally, if not, an audio tape will do) by Nov. 1 to **John Jester** at 6166 Cottle Rd., No. C-2, San Jose, California, 95123-5108.

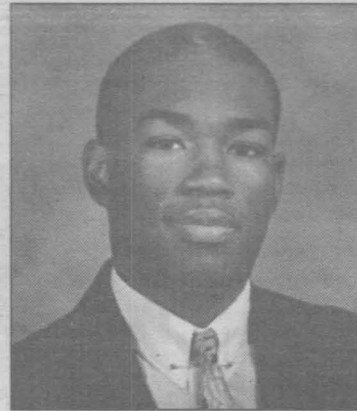
For further information call **William Horn** at 1-408-265-2512.

Space is limited to 325 singles. The cost is \$22 if paid by Dec. 1; \$30 if paid by Dec. 31; and \$40 if paid by Jan. 15. The deadline for payment is Jan. 15.

Checks should be made payable to **Bert Emata** and sent to him at 199 Brooklyn Ave., San Jose, California, 95128-1910.

Phillip Olive gains local and national accolades

Phillip Olive, 18, son of members **Leonard** and **Celestine Olive** of Pasadena, was awarded a four-year, \$20,000 Jackie Robinson Foundation scholarship.



PHILLIP OLIVE

The scholarship recognizes young people who exhibit the commitment to excellence and achievement that Jackie Robinson exemplified.

Jackie Robinson, the first black man to play major league baseball, led the Brooklyn Dodgers to six World Series appearances from 1947 to 1956.

Betty Adams, president of the Jackie Robinson Foundation, wrote to Phillip: "Because of your superi-

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WFLA Tampa-St. Petersburg, Fla.	Sunday, 9:30 a.m.	8
WJAC Johnstown, Pa.	Sunday, 10 a.m.	6
WNYW New York, N.Y.	Sunday, 6 a.m.	5

or academic accomplishments, community service involvement and potential for success, it is especially fitting that you should receive this award."

Phillip, a National Merit Finalist, was also awarded a four-year, \$10,000 Texaco Foundation Achievement Scholarship in recognition of academic promise and distinguished performance in the competition of 1992.

In addition, Phillip was selected, along with one other high school senior, to represent Pasadena at the 31st Annual American Academy of Achievement Program in June.

President **George Bush** wrote Phillip: "I was delighted to learn that the American Academy will be honoring you as one of the 'Teenagers of the Year' in your community.

"Your accomplishments reflect your talent, your dedication, and your hard work. Such an honor should make you very proud. Mrs. Bush and I congratulate you and wish you continued success. God bless you."

Senator **John Seymour** wrote to Phillip: "Your extraordinary efforts as a member of the newly

formed 'Mentoring Alternatives to Save our Sons,' a National Merit Finalist and maintaining a 3.92 grade point average at Marshall Fundamental Secondary School are evidence enough of your determination to excel academically and professionally."

Phillip plans to attend the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) this fall.

Our postal benefits could subside, under U.S. budget proposal

President **George Bush's** budget proposal for the 1993 fiscal year would significantly reduce postal subsidies for nonprofit organizations, according to **Eric Shaw**, supervisor of the Church's postal center in Pasadena.

If approved, the budget would increase the postage for nonprofit second-class mail by 15 percent and nonprofit third-class mail by 30 percent.

There is a good chance that the subsidy will not be slashed to this extent, according to Mr. Shaw. If it is, however, postage costs for the Work will increase by \$456,000.

FROM OUR

SCATTERED BRETHREN



"That He would gather together in one the children of God who were scattered abroad." (John 11:52)

Weather smiles on Fijian members and their country

"When people visit Fiji, one of the first things that strikes them about the country is that people still smile. People here laugh a lot and are very friendly," said **Epeli Kanaimawi**, pastor of the Suva and Nandi, Fiji, churches.

"The second thing you can't help but notice about Fiji is God's creation is relatively unpolluted. The seas are clean, the sky is clear and you can see the stars at night."

Fiji comprises 320 islands in the southwest Pacific Ocean, although only 105 of the islands are inhabited. Most of the country's 700,000 population live on the two biggest islands, Viti Levu and Vanua Levu.

About 170 brethren live in Fiji and the surrounding region: 120 people attend weekly Sabbath services in the Suva and Nandi churches, 20 attend Bible study in Labasa once every two weeks and 12 attend Bible study at Taveuni once every two months. (Labasa and Taveuni are located on Fiji's Vanua Levu island.)

The remaining brethren live on islands so remote they are unable to attend Sabbath services or a Bible study.

One prospective member lives on the island nation of Nauru, one family of six plus another member live on the island of Kiribati, one member and her four children live on the island of Tuvalu, two families and a prospective member live on Western Samoa, and one prospective member is in American Samoa.

Islands of coral and coconuts

These brethren have to get by with a visit from Mr. Kanaimawi once a year and the rest of the time communicate with him by radio, telegram and letters. It takes Mr. Kanaimawi almost three hours by plane to visit some of the remote members.

"If you fly to one of these islands and don't confirm your flight, you can get stuck there," Mr. Kanaimawi said. "Some of these islands are just coral and there is no soil. About all they can grow is coconuts and breadfruit. And the only other source of food is fish."

He added with a chuckle: "If

you want to go on a diet of coconut and fish and lose weight, these islands are the place to be."

Suva and Nandi brethren live on Viti Levu, Fiji's largest island. Because of transportation costs, the two churches are rarely able to meet with each other. Few members own a car, so most rely on the bus for transportation.

Bus transportation is a major expense for the brethren. According to Mr. Kanaimawi, it costs between \$6 and \$9 for a family of six to take about a four-mile trip on a bus or taxi to Sabbath services.

Economic challenges

One of the biggest challenges for the brethren is making ends meet. In Fiji incomes are low, but families tend to be large. Most couples

have five to seven children. The average laborer makes \$50 a week. About half of the brethren live in apartments, and rent alone runs about \$120 a month.

To supplement their incomes, most Fijians have a garden. Even apartment dwellers usually have access to a small plot of land for a garden. In addition to vegetables they can grow sugarcane, pineapples, coconuts, bananas and other tropical fruit.

Praying about hurricanes

For years, Fiji used to have about three strong cyclones a year. "In 1985 we had three devastating cyclones go through the islands, each about two weeks apart," Mr. Kanaimawi said.

"Before 1985 the brethren were praying primarily about

their own interests, but after those cyclones in 1985, we changed the way we pray. Since then we've been praying that God would protect the entire country, and we've had little cyclone activity or flooding, and mostly pleasant weather conditions."

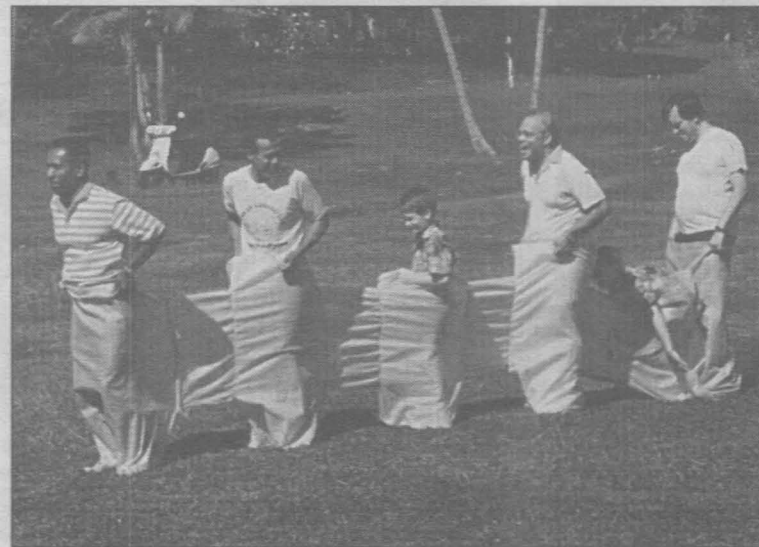


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HOPPING TO IT—Members in Fiji have to make their own fun, as well as grow much of their own food. Second from right, Epeli Kanaimawi.