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The Plain Truth goes on radio to the disabled in Australia

Giving the visually impaired and others a new vision

By Aub Warren

BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia—A radio program featuring *Plain Truth* magazine articles is being broadcast on 4RPH (Radio for Print Handicapped), in Brisbane.

Aub Warren is public affairs and editorial manager in the Australian Office.

The station, which operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, relies on volunteers to read, produce programs and operate the station. Only the station manager, Ralph Grey, is paid a salary.

Brisbane member Geoff Robertson, who has worked in radio and operates his own recording studio, knew Mr. Grey from several years ago when they worked together at a radio station in the area.

Mr. Robertson was also familiar with 4RPH and knew its format was ideal for presenting articles from *The Plain Truth*.

4RPH, a community service station, has readings from newspapers, magazines and journals. In addition, it has an international news service, religious programming and comedy shows.

Serving the disabled

The station's main aim is serving people who have difficulty

with written communication, for example: the visually impaired and blind, people severely affected by arthritis or crippling diseases, the dyslexic and those who understand spoken but not written English.

Mr. Robertson presented his idea to Rod Matthews, regional director for Australia and the South Pacific, who directed the idea to Church headquarters in Pasadena for approval.

In February a commitment to provide programming to 4RPH was confirmed. The program format was then developed, and recording began later that month.

The 25-minute programs are produced in Mr. Robertson's home recording studio.

The recording is done inside an old telephone booth that Mr. Robertson bought because he needed a suitable voice recording facility for his studio.

The telephone booth, now acoustically lined for voice recording, does the job perfectly.

Members' voices

Each program features articles from *The Plain Truth*, which are read by a team of Church members from the Brisbane area: Mr. Robertson; his wife, Roxanne; Brisbane East member Debbie Efimov; Brisbane South local church elder, David Jackson; Brisbane North member, Laurie Nicholls; my wife, Karen; and me.

This variety of reader voices and styles helps sustain interest. In addition, some articles call specif-

ically for a male or female voice depending on their author.

After each program is recorded, Mr. Robertson adds standard opening and closing segments and occasionally musical transitions between articles. Literature offers are also included in the readings.

"This is an exciting opportunity for us," said Mr. Matthews. "It enables us to share *The Plain Truth*'s message of hope, direction and biblical understanding with a group of people we might not otherwise reach. In that we are giving the visually impaired a special sort of vision."

Although there are no present plans for expansion, the hope is that the programs can be aired on similar stations in other cities.



Jackson Hall to open this fall

We gratefully appreciate the prayers and financial contributions of members and congregations toward the building of Jackson Hall in Big Sandy," said Donald Ward, College president. "We are hoping to complete construction some time in November." As of Sept. 11, \$502,586.95 in donations had been received. [Photo by Mike Bedford]

During visit with university employee, Chinese minister and wife also get to home in on their own background

By Yong Chin Gee

SHANGHAI, China—We met Houpu Fu in a small library room at Shanghai International University and had a short talk with her before the university closed.

Houpu, about 35, graduated from the same university with a bachelor's degree in English and literature, and a master's degree in

Lecturer gains higher learning

international journalism. She has been a lecturer there for the past eight years.

Yong Chin Gee, pastor of the churches in Malaysia, and his wife, Yuet Siam, traveled to mainland China in June in response to a visit request.

Houpu asked questions about the Bible correspondence course. She had no Bible in hand, so I gave her a small King James Bible donated by brethren.

We met her parents in a high-rise apartment—a 14-by-20-foot room with a kitchen and a balcony. The room, besides containing the parents' bed, was also used as a dining area. Houpu has

a bed on the balcony.

Her father, a government servant before retiring, and mother were extremely polite during our stay and invited us for dinner.

After two days in Shanghai we flew to Hong Kong, where we ate with the brethren and conducted Bible studies.

Yuet Siam and I enjoyed being able to learn for the first time what and how China was like, since my parents and our ancestors were from that land.

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Hurricane Iniki hits Hawaii

MILILANI TOWN, Hawaii—"It appears that our four member families on Kauai are fine," said pastor Richard Parker in a telephone interview after Hurricane Iniki slammed into the island of Kauai Sept. 11. However, as of Sept. 15, Mr. Parker had only been able to contact two of them.

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such things contrary to the Bible.

"Signed, Member who wants Bible Truths only."

It is discouraging to receive such a letter, and it is discouraging for several reasons. One is that I feel sad for this person, because he or she is too fearful to sign the letter.

One of the things we have stressed for the past several years is that anyone should feel free to ask honest questions so they can resolve misunderstandings. We are not out to intimidate or dominate people.

On the contrary, we strive to create a nurturing atmosphere in which a person can ask questions and discuss problems in an open and caring environment.

It is also discouraging that this person assumes the worst about my motives and writes as though my goal is to reject God's Word and do away with God's law.

Beyond letter of the law

The whole point of the co-worker letter was to emphasize the spiritual obligation of the Christian not only to keep the Ten Commandments, but to go beyond the mere letter of the law and also to keep the command that we love God and one another, as God has called us to do.

The writer of the above letter quotes 1 John 5:3, and somehow believes it supports his or her point, but fails to quote verses 4 and 5, which go on to demonstrate exactly what I was explaining in the co-worker letter:

"For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God."

Merely keeping the letter of the law is meaningless spiritually unless one has faith in Jesus Christ and loves his brother.

(See PERSONAL, page 7)

Europe's past gets lost in Spain's Expo

In many ways 1992 has been the Year of Spain.

In serving as host for the Olympic Games the city of Barcelona and the region of Catalonia made a great impression on people throughout the world.

In this year, too, the historic and beautiful city of Seville has served as the site of Expo 92, a six-month-long world's fair, which concludes in October.

Spain has also been the host for numerous exhibitions and conferences in connection with the observance of the 500th anniversary of the first voyage of Christopher Columbus to the New World.

Taking AVE to the fair

Planning a trip to Europe this summer, my wife, Barbara, and I decided this would definitely be the time to be in Spain. We arrived in Madrid, the capital, Tuesday, July 14.

We spent that night and the next at the home of pastor Pedro Rufian, his wife Brigida, and their lively 3-year-old son, Pedro.

Thursday morning, Mr. Rufian, my wife and I took the new AVE fast train to Seville to attend Expo '92. AVE is the Spanish acronym for *tren de Alta Velocidad de España*—meaning Spanish high-speed train.

WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



And it is fast. At one stretch we were clocked at 330-kilometers-an-hour (around 200 miles an hour). The former five-hour train trip has been cut nearly in half.

The Spanish government is

installing a network of the French-built trains (called TGV in France) between major cities, with ultimate links to France and the rest of Europe.

The new system symbolizes



ROYAL ENTRANCE—Statues of kings David and Solomon adorn the Courtyard of the Kings entrance to the basilica of the royal monastery of El Escorial near Madrid, Spain. [Photo by Gene Hogberg]

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.

Helping a hurting friend

The article in the July 14 issue, about helping a friend who is hurting, was very timely, and much needed. For some certainly do not help but can hurt in such cases.

I fully realize that no one means to hurt, that their comments are meant to be kind. But some do not understand how much their words or lack of them can hurt those in desperate need.

On the afternoon of February 2 this year, there was a knock on our door, and my wife went to answer it.

She called me, and I went into the hall. One glance at the military man and his companion told me what had happened.

I took his card, looking at it but not able to read it. I held my wife and asked them in.

Our son Gordon, serving in the army in Germany, had been killed that morning. I am never going to be able to forget Jean's cry of despair when the major told us. Before being in Germany, our son was an ambulance tank commander in the Gulf War. Had he been killed there, we could have probably accepted it better; but he died in a road accident in a car skidding on black ice in the dark while returning to camp.

Gordon had been brought up in the Church from birth until, at 18, he decided to join the army. He was our only son, although we have three daughters.

The day passed in a daze. I rang our pastor, Mr. David Bedford, our two nearest elders, and our only daughter living in England. I felt their shock when I told them.

The ministers and their wives were absolutely wonderful, as were so many Church friends and neighbours. We had so much support from both the Church and the army.

However, the points I want to make are these:

Please, brethren, when someone dies, do not preach to the relatives about the resurrection. Jean and I have known about that for over 30 years. But that is in the future. Gordon just isn't with us in the flesh. Some brethren, well meaning, pinned us both down with sermons about the future and reduced us both to tears.

In spite of the enormous number of cards and letters we received from many

people, some we had considered as friends did not send a card at all. And that also hurts.

When one loses a child it is like losing part of oneself—far, far different from losing anyone else. Those who told us they knew how we felt just did not know at all. Oh, we know and understand they were trying to help, but I do hope, if they have read your article, they will have a better understanding.

Gordon's death—and he died instantly, asleep, a passenger in the back of a car, and was unmarked—made me realize when I studied for Passover how much it must have hurt the Father when he saw his beloved Son tortured and murdered and marred in such a horrible way.

I miss my son. Never again in this life will I answer the phone and hear his pleasant voice say, "Hi, Dad!"

Yes! We know we shall see him again one day, but I just hope that everyone, when someone dies, will just listen to the bereaved and not sermonize

or make trite remarks. I hope everyone, when someone they know dies, will send a card to the family. Those cards, which we have kept and all which I answered later, gave us strength we had not had before.

There are times when the tears come, as they have now, but in some ways I am a stronger person because I grieve. I now understand how other parents feel when they lose a loved child. Gordon was nearly 25, quiet, pleasant, good humoured.

Jean and I are going back to Germany soon to once again meet the many friends in his unit. Just this once we shall visit his grave in the Hannover military cemetery. His headstone bears just a simple reference: Revelation 21:4.

He had a military funeral in the land he loved, among his friends. Yes, we shall see him again, but how I long to hear him speaking now!

We have no anger against anyone for his death. No anger against God who had his reasons for allowing him to die; no anger against the driver whom we consoled when we met him.

But we have a lot of memories. And a lot of love that will never die.

Ronald McLaren
Inkersall, England

"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.

Did it right

There are several pamphlets I would like to have. I have just started going to church. As a child growing up I didn't have any kind of religion.

My father went to church but I didn't understand any of it. I am 30 years old and have a family of my own now. When my father first started going to this Church, I was very upset about it. I used silly reasons for being upset.

Then I started getting *The Plain Truth*. I started seeing what he saw in it. When I started understanding it, I didn't discuss it with my husband. It wasn't that I was trying to hide anything. Religion was never talked about in our home.

When I did tell him he reacted basically as I did with my father. The more we talked about things the Church believed, the more he tried to prove me wrong.

In turn, he proved it right. Now this is what he wants for us and our children.

Waco, Kentucky

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Fulfilling teachings

I came in contact with the Church

through a friend of mine who is a member. Although I do not yet attend services, I have observed the Sabbath and am tithing.

I am beginning to counsel with a minister and hope to attend services real soon. The teachings of God are so fulfilling, and I honestly have been much more at peace with myself since.

I've started really looking at the Bible and what is being said, as well as reading the Church literature. (I have subscribed to *The Plain Truth*). It's a great thing. I am now sending my tithes and offerings to the Church.

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

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Great work on earth

I was a visitor at the 1991 Feast in Lexington, Kentucky. I have been reading *The Plain Truth*. I also have been going to the church in London, Kentucky.

I now see the Worldwide Church of God doing the greatest work on earth today. And I do believe what I hear. And I know that through faith in Jesus Christ, my knowledge will increase.

I am retired from one job, working part-time on another. I hope this check will be accepted to help keep the work going. And if it be the will of God, I want to be added to the Church as a member. I thank you.

Mount Vernon, Kentucky

Spain's commitment to the European Community (EC), which it joined Jan. 1, 1986.

Regarding the fair, international exhibitions have a history of being on the cutting edge of futurism.

The Seville exposition was no exception. In fact, it seemed to go a notch further, in the high-tech, rapid-fire manner in which information was dispensed at one national pavilion after another.

The Israeli pavilion, for example, consisted of little else than a 16-minute, multicarousel slide show on the history of the Holy Land.

What did we learn? Only that this is a part of the world that cannot be compressed into a quarter-hour sound-and-light show.

Even less satisfying was the EC pavilion.

After guides rushed us past a few dioramas—not permitting us to pause and reflect on anything—we were herded in front of a bank of about 100 video

monitors for a 12-minute video presentation.

No audio message accompanied the splashing montage of pictures intended to convey the human diversity of the 12-nation community.

And where were the linkages between the EC of today both to its developmental past and to its intended future?

Information overload

In the thought-provoking new book, *Technopoly: The Surrender of Culture to Technology*, author Neil Postman writes concerning the information overload we experience today.

He explains that "the tie between information and human purpose has been severed ... information appears indiscriminately ... in enormous volume and at high speeds, and disconnected from theory, meaning, or purpose.... We are a culture consuming itself with information."

Together with the advent of the Information Age, author Postman continues, has been a corresponding "decline of the great narrative" (See *LOST AGE*, page 3)

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



God and science?

BOREHAMWOOD, England—A poll in *The Daily Telegraph* (London) posed this fundamental question: "Which one of the following would you ask to explain how life came to exist on earth?"

Respondents replied:

a biologist	37 percent
a historian	11 percent
a parent	6 percent
a philosopher	8 percent
a poet or writer	1 percent
a religious leader	20 percent
don't know	18 percent

More than a third of Britons believe that a biologist would produce the best answer. Only 20 percent would turn to a religious leader.

By contrast, in the United States we would find the results quite different. According to the "Voice from America" column in the British *Spectator*, the average American thinks "that the biblical version of creation is accurate, and that the evolutionary theory is fiction."

Breaking this result down further, the column goes on to explain that "47 percent of Americans think God created man in a single day some time within the last 10,000 years. Another 40 percent think human creation occurred in the more distant past, had required a bit of evolution, but had been essentially the work of God."

Now notice the difference between Britons and Americans: "Only 9 percent of Americans agree with the teachings of science, that man has developed over millions of years from less advanced forms of life without divine assistance."

Battle of the believers

On both sides of the Atlantic the creationist-evolutionist debate is heating up. A new book disputing Darwinism, *The Facts of Life* by Richard Milton, is shortly to be published here in Britain.

His approach is adversarial—he attacks science. As the book review claims, for a scientist to accept its radical conclusion would be tantamount to "asking Christians to abandon the Bible."

Meaning of life

A second question asked in that *Daily Telegraph* poll was: "People have always asked big questions such as 'What is the meaning of life?' Do you think scientists are the right people to answer such questions?"

Respondents replied:

Yes	33 percent
No	61 percent
Don't know	6 percent

David Attenborough, president of the British Association (Science '92), said: "I agree with that majority. By and large, science answers 'How' questions and religious philosophers deal with 'Why.'"

God is concerned with every aspect of life—with all knowledge—not just with religion. It is God and science—not God vs. science.

Pastor general visits South Texas



TRIP OVERVIEW

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach spoke to 1,587 brethren Aug. 29 from the San Antonio East and West, Austin, Corpus Christi, Harlingen, Uvalde and Waco, Texas, congregations.

Hosts for the visit were Burk and Billie Sue McNair, San Antonio West and Uvalde; John and Nancy Bald, Corpus Christi and Harlingen; Steve and Vivian Moody, San Antonio East; Robert and Shirley Smith, Austin; Mark and Jill Gully, Waco; and Cliff and Cheryl Parks, San Antonio West and Uvalde.

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Lost age remembered

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of the Bible, which had provided answers to both fundamental and practical questions."

The invention and rapid development of the computer, he says, amplifies the contemporary belief that "the most serious problems confronting us at both personal and public levels require technical solutions through fast access to information otherwise unavailable."

This premise is faulty, Mr. Postman contends. "Our most serious problems are not technical, nor do they arise from inadequate information," he says. "If families break up, children are mistreated, crime terrorizes a city, education is impotent, it does not happen because of inadequate information."

Visit to the royal chambers

Considering our experiences at Expo '92, my wife and I were even more grateful that, the day before, Mr. Rufian had taken us to the great royal monastery of El Escorial, not far from Madrid.

Construction of El Escorial began in the late 16th century under the direction of King Philip II, as an appropriate burial place for his father, Charles I—known more widely as Holy Roman Emperor Charles V—and succeeding generations of Spanish royalty.

The most impressive part of the enormous complex, the marble-lined subterranean burial chambers, contain nearly all the Habsburg and Bourbon kings, queens and other members of royalty, beginning with Charles V.

Outside the entrance to El Escorial's basilica is an open area called the Courtyard of the Kings. It is so named because statues of

kings David and Solomon and four subsequent kings of Judah—Jehoshaphat, Hezekiah, Manasseh and Josiah—adorn its facade.

El Escorial, one of the world's greatest monuments to kingly rule, truly befits Spain's Golden Age, when it was the world's leading power. But that is the past.

Today God is calling men and women throughout Spain into his Body. Mr. Rufian serves 130 people (60 are baptized) and is on the road 10 days out of every month.

Church members in Spain share with brethren around the world the same high calling of God.

They, too, are part of a "chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation" (1 Peter 2:9) being prepared for the return of Jesus Christ, to serve with him as kings and priests.

Spain is a nation with a grand, regal past. In the person of King Juan Carlos I, it possesses one of the most astute rulers of today.

The members in Spain, however, are seeking a different crown, one that will last forever (1 Corinthians 9:25) in a new Golden Age to encompass the entire earth.

The brethren in Spain, as elsewhere, are acquiring not just the limited knowledge of the physical world in this Information Age.

They are obtaining priceless spiritual understanding and access to the wisdom of God to pursue his way of life.

Keeping in mind the statuary above the entrance to the basilica at El Escorial, they, like all of us, can imbibe of the preserved wisdom of Solomon and follow the example of his father, David, a man after God's own heart.

World Tomorrow program: expenditures down, audience up

The *World Tomorrow* program continues to reach more viewers, according to statistics gathered by Arbitron and Nielsen (two agencies that rate television audience levels).

From May 1991 to May 1992 the number of markets and stations airing *The World Tomorrow* increased, although Media Promotions cut total expenditures for air time.

A comparison of those statistics revealed the following information.

- U.S. coverage (television households capable of receiving the telecast) increased by 4 percent, from 81 percent to 85 percent.

- Excluding cable, the number of television households watching the program grew 2 percent, from 1,254,000 to 1,278,000. *The World Tomorrow* is second to Robert Schuller's *Hour of Power*.

- The telecast airs on three cable networks: WTBS, WGN and WPIX. The number of television households watching *The World Tomorrow* on cable is more than 300,000.

- The telecast's share rose from 5.7 to 5.9. The share gauges the popularity of a program against competing programs during a particular time slot. Unlike coverage, share does not include households in which the television is turned off. So the new share figure means that, of 100 households watching television in a given city, 5.9 are watching the telecast.

- The number of U.S. markets airing the program grew by 17, from 104 markets to 121 markets.

- The number of U.S. stations airing the telecast increased from 128 to 139.

- The weekly cost of airing the program dropped 2 percent, a savings of \$7,400 a week.

- The *World Tomorrow* program consistently does well in the category of men and women between the ages of 25 to 54, and is the leading religious program to reach males in that group.

EPIC changes will enhance publishing process worldwide

By Bernie Schnippert

The July *Plain Truth* was the first U.S. edition of the magazine fully produced on the Macintosh desktop publishing system.

Evangelist Bernie Schnippert is Media Operations director.

The August issue of the Spanish *Plain Truth* was the first international version produced fully on the same equipment.

Following that were the September German and Italian *Plain Truths*, and the October edition of the British and Dutch versions and the November-December French edition.

Before all these, we were already producing a wide variety of literature using the desktop publishing system.

Those publications were *The Worldwide News*, *News of the*

Work, *Youth 92*, the new correspondence course, booklet covers, the Festival Planner and Housing Guide, promotional copy for our publications and miscellaneous publications for Ambassador Foundation.

The Technical Support team, directed by Don Patrick, has installed 35 Macintosh computers worldwide. We are on schedule in our five-year plan for implementing a worldwide desktop publishing system.

Since the Macintosh hardware is now in place, all we have to do before phasing out the old Bedford typesetting system at year's end is install special file-management software.

We chose to write our own program as available programs cost about \$75,000. We felt we could write one that serves us better for less money.

EPIC, which stands for Editori-

al-Publishing Information Control, is the name of the file-management program that keeps track of computer files for all publications in all languages.

Although file-management programs were available, they didn't meet our needs.

Our program is customized to our international compatibility needs. As far as I know, we are the only organization that publishes internationally compatible magazines in multiple languages.

The program also makes the international desktop publishing system like a library. With the system in place, no two editors can "check out" the same file simultaneously, so they cannot edit the same article at the same time.

We've been testing the program and expect it to be a tremendous asset. It will mean our regional offices can work more closely with Pasadena editors and artists.

1992 Festival Updates

Check starting times for services on first Holy Day

The daytime service on the first Holy Day will include the live service transmitted by satellite from Pasadena and the sermon by Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach. Local services at each site will begin a half hour earlier.

Sites in the Pacific time zone, and Tucson, will begin at 10:30 a.m. In the Mountain time zone, the local service will begin at 11:30 a.m.

At sites in the Central time zone, services will begin at 12:30, and in the Eastern time zone services will begin at 1:30.

If you are uncertain what time zone your site is in, please consult the map on the back of the Housing Guide, or see your Festival adviser.

Refunds for general sales tax in Canada

Some U.S. brethren have questioned the amount of goods and services tax (GST) and provincial tax they had to pay while attending the Feast in Canada.

Nonresidents are eligible for a full refund of GST paid on goods they take out of Canada with them, as well as hotel accommodations while in Canada.

They should keep receipts

and apply for a refund once they get home.

They can also claim their refunds at duty-free stores at some border points (most airport duty-free shops have opted out of the refund program, not being able to handle the volume).

The refund does not apply to purchases or services consumed in Canada, such as restaurant meals, gas or car repairs.

Most provinces also provide a refund of provincial sales tax on goods taken out of the province. A separate refund application must be made to the province.

To claim a refund on both provincial and federal taxes, foreign visitors can pick up information and forms from any Canadian customs office and some duty-free stores.

Forms will also be available at all Canadian Festival sites plus Niagara Falls, New York.

Sabbath services in Arkansas

Sabbath services in Hot Springs, Arkansas, will take place at 3 p.m., Oct. 10, in the Convention Center at 134 Convention Blvd.

There will be no Sabbath services that day in Little Rock.

Students lend helping hands to needy at foreign projects

By Karen Reyngoudt

BIG SANDY—Thirty-one Ambassador College students are spending a year serving on foreign projects sponsored by the Ambassador Foundation.

Karen Reyngoudt is an Ambassador College senior.

Thirteen went to Jordan, nine to Thailand and nine to Sri Lanka, according to Joseph Locke, vice president of Ambassador Foundation International.

Daniel Vander Poel, executive assistant to Mr. Locke, said that those who helped select students for the projects considered whether

each student could live in a close environment with other students, be accepting of other cultures and be a strong example of God's way of life.

Ambassador Foundation pays the students' airfare, housing and food expenses, plus provides each student a monthly allowance. Upon returning to college, the students receive a tuition scholarship.

Ambassador Foundation is the corporate entity of the Church chartered to function where the Church may not be able to, said Mr. Vander Poel.

The June 16 issue of *The Worldwide News* featured Ambassador students serving on the Thai proj-

ect. They left Big Sandy May 24.

Helping disabled in Jordan

Of the 28 who applied for Jordan, 13 were selected: sophomore Greg Radtke and juniors Josh Baudoin, Johnathan Frankel, Jason McCoy, Daniel Porteous, Lisa Baker, Jolene Brazil, Michelle Petranek, Karen Quinn, Lisa Soik, Rachel Thomas and Cheryl Webb, Steve Nixon, Ryan Fuessel and Mike Smith.

The Jordan project, directed by Cory Erickson, is helping mentally and physically disabled children and adults.

The students serve at one of four schools:

The Bunyat School is for mentally disabled children. The Sahaab Workshop, a school for physically or mentally disabled adults, is a branch of the Bunyat School.

The second school is the al Hussein School for the Physically Handicapped.

Students also serve at the Sports Federation for the Handicapped, a school for young adults and teenagers who are physically or mentally disabled.

The fourth school is the Noor al Hussein Foundation, where Ambassador students work with mentally disabled students from a variety of backgrounds.

Those in Jordan will return the second week in June.

Varied curriculum in Sri Lanka

In Nuwara Eliya, Sri Lanka, the students, directed by Dan Thompson, teach at Waterfield Institute, which is on a former tea plantation.

Seniors Cheryl Hart, Wendy Kendall and Christie Quarles were accepted to the project last year but were unable to go because of difficulties acquiring a visa.

They went this year, along with sophomore Joe Piotrowski and juniors Aldo Antolli, Dan Kale, Robert Kendall, Rohan Puls and Rachel Kirishian.

Group members teach speech and computer, typing, shorthand, formal grammar, reading, world history, writing with a purpose, business management, accounting and principles of success.

Until December Waterfield was operated as a two-year program. However, the school was restructured with a one-year curriculum.



JORDAN PROJECT—At left, Cory Erickson, project coordinator, and Joseph Locke, vice president of Ambassador Foundation International, with students who help mentally and physically disabled children and adults develop communication and social skills, vocational aptitudes and sports skills. [Photo by Dan Vander Poel]



SRI LANKA PROJECT—At right, Dan Thompson, project coordinator, with students who teach Sri Lankan students English, grammar, reading, typing, shorthand, office procedures, public speaking and basic computer skills. [Photo by Dan Vander Poel]

Want to write to a volunteer?

Ambassador College students serving on Ambassador Foundation projects in Jordan, Sri Lanka and Thailand, and their mailing addresses, are listed below if you would like to write them. Their hometowns appear in parentheses.

Jordan: Cory and Colene Erickson (directors); Lisa Baker (Bremerton, Washington); Josh Baudoin (Slidell, Louisiana); Jolene Brazil (Charlotte, North Carolina); Ryan Fuessel (Gonzalez, Florida); Johnathan Frankel (Vienna, Virginia); Jason McCoy (Summerville, Oregon); Steve Nixon (Rollingdam, New Brunswick).

Michelle Petranek (Irving, Texas); Daniel Porteous (Titirangi, New Zealand); Karen Quinn (Kingston, Ontario); Greg Radtke (Albuquerque, New Mexico); Mike Smith (Gadsden, Alabama); Lisa Soik (Abrams, Wisconsin); Rachel Thomas (Miami, Florida); and Cheryl Webb (Statesville, North Carolina).

Address letters to IMC Jordan Project, Pasadena, California, 91123. May 1 is the last date to mail letters, because students return to the United States in early June of 1993.

Sri Lanka: Dan and Cindi Thompson (directors); Aldo Antolli (Canberra, Australia); Cheryl Hart (Yorkton, Saskatchewan); Dan Kale (Pasadena); Robert Kendall (Lilburn, Georgia); Wendy Kendall (Lilburn, Georgia); Rachel Kirishian (Puyallup, Washington); Joe Piotrowski (Schwenksville, Pennsylvania); Christie Quarles (Clinton, Mississippi); and Rohan Puls (Frankston, Australia).

Address letters to IMC Sri Lanka Project, Pasadena, California, 91123. June 1 is the last date to mail letters, because students return to the United States in early July of 1993.

Thailand: Please see page 6 of the June 16 *Worldwide News* for students serving in Thailand and their mailing address. Since they are scheduled to return to the United States in April 1993, please post any mail to them by March 1, 1993.

Mail can be sent to students at all three projects at these addresses. Mail normally takes two to four weeks to arrive. Please don't send packages, because they take longer and may require the receiver to wait several hours at a post office and open the packages for inspection before picking up. Only letters will be forwarded.



IRON SHARPENS IRON

Go for the gold: If you fall, Christ will help you back up

By Thomas C. Hanson

American record holder Gail Devers crouched in the starting blocks with other runners in the women's 100-meter hurdles at the Olympics in Barcelona.

Between them and the finish line were 10 hurdles. The tension mounted as the starter raised his hand and fired the gun.

Gail glided smoothly over each hurdle, coming ever so closely to each one as she raced toward her goal. Gaining an insurmountable lead, she got to the 10th and final hurdle quicker than she ever had before.

However, she clipped the final hurdle with the heel of her right foot, lost her balance and stumbled across the finish line in fifth place.

In that race, Gail Devers did not get the gold.

In gymnastics world champion Kim Zmeskal rushed herself and fell off the balance beam just 10 seconds into her routine.

Kim Zmeskal didn't get the gold.

Just 16, her brief era is in dan-

ger of ending. She spent countless hours of training, and though she has received many other rewards, Kim Zmeskal did not and probably never will win an Olympic gold medal.

Derek Redmond of Britain pulled a hamstring in the 400 meters. Millions watched on television as his father helped him across the finish line.

Derek Redmond didn't get the gold.

If an athlete falls in the Olympics it is virtually impossible to win a gold medal.

A better way

God has a better way.

In our Christian lives we fall many times. Proverbs 24:16 tells us: "Though a righteous man falls seven times, he rises again."

We can and must get up and go for something far better than an Olympic gold medal—eternal life in God's kingdom.

With Christ's help, no matter how many times we fall, Christ will help us get up so we can continue on the path toward eternal life.

Only Christ lived a perfect life. We all sin, make mistakes and fall short in this life.

When we are in school we won't always do well on tests or assignments. In our relationships we won't always say the right thing.

Sometimes people say unkind things to us, and sometimes people are hurt by what we say.

If trials knock you down

Life has its challenges and trials, comparable to the hurdles that Gail Devers faced.

Some we may glide over smoothly. Some we will hit and stumble. Some will knock us flat on our backs. But we can still get up and go for the gold.

We don't like trials. We'd rather not go through unpleasant circumstances.

In the back of our minds, we may know that they are good for us, but it is usually not until the trial is over that we can take comfort.

And oftentimes the trial is eas-

ier than the mental anguish we put ourselves through worrying about it.

God doesn't always save us from trials, but he always offers us comfort. "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11).

God offered hope for Judah at a difficult time. Defeated, they were carried off to Babylon in captivity.

However, in verses 5 through 8 God told them to build houses and settle down, plant gardens and eat what they produce, marry and have sons and daughters, find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, increase your numbers, don't decrease, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile and pray for the city, because if it prospers you will prosper too.

These are all tremendously positive and encouraging statements at a time when Judah was in deep trouble.

Even though God had given them strong punishment, he said, I've got plans for you, I want you to prosper, I'm not trying to harm you, I want to give you hope and a future.

We sing the song "By the Waters of Babylon" from the Church hymnal.

In the song the people ask, "Could we sing the Eternal's songs by the waters of Babylon?" Could they be positive at a time of great trial?

I hope we can figuratively sing the Eternal's songs when we go through times of trouble. We need to have the positive outlook that God asked ancient Judah to have.

A better reward

The Olympics has some pretty impressive awards ceremonies.

To me one of the most exciting moments in sports would be to enter Olympic stadium leading the men's marathon, with the crowd cheering me to victory. Then to receive the reward—a gold medal—while my country's national anthem was playing.

This would be an exciting moment.

But again, in God's way of life, our reward is greater. Eternal life in God's kingdom is greater than anything we can imagine, and nothing is worth giving it up for.

So when we stumble, when we fall, let's get up, forget the past and go for the gold.

from the Pastor General's Report

What tithing principles apply to one who inherits stocks in a company?

There are two basic principles to bear in mind in considering the question of tithing on inherited stock.

First, tithes are paid on earned increase. Second, no tithes are due on an inheritance, for it is not an increase earned by the recipient.

Applying these principles, there would be no tithes due on the stock itself at the time it is inherited. However, any earned dividends the stock accrues after the time of inheritance would of

course be considered earned increase and would therefore constitute titheable income.

There can be extenuating circumstances to this simple application. For example, a husband dies and his will provides for the children to receive the stock, but the wife to receive the dividends.

The children are prohibited from selling the stock until the death of his wife (who is probably the mother of the children). In such a case, the wife would not tithe on the dividend she receives, for the dividend itself is intended as her inheritance.

Healing the Generation Gap

By Dexter H. Faulkner

One of my favorite pictures of the fulfillment of God's kingdom on earth is that of peaceful cities where old men and women walk in harmony and young children play peacefully.

Where, as the Psalmist pictured, "One generation shall praise Your works to another" (Psalm 145:4, New King James throughout).

It is good and pleasant for "brethren to dwell together in unity," and this is also true across the generations.

Yet today, old and young struggle to find anything in common. Why?

Divisions between young and old

The generation gap is pretty much a Western problem—life in many developing countries is much the same for young people today as it was for their elders.

The generations in a family are close because they need each other for social well-being and to care for each other.

Western nations have a welfare system to deal with this support problem—largely removing the impetus for family and involvement.

But the division between young and old often goes deeper than that. Different experiences lead to different attitudes.

The 20th century has seen many changes. Young people are proficient on computers that would have astonished their parents as children.

These differences create a lack of common ground, and the young and old sometimes have nothing to say to one another. In a way, they come from totally different worlds.

That is, unless there is a meeting of minds, a sincere communication between the two sides.

Harmony in the Body

Within the Church, whatever our circumstances, God requires reconciliation between different generations and people of different experience.

We should not exhibit the alienation between the generations so common in the world around

us. This is an important part of our calling.

In his first letter to the Corinthians, the apostle Paul compares Church members to a body, where each has his or her own vital function. Paul makes it clear, under God's inspiration, that no part is dispensable, superior or inferior. Each has a role to play and needs to work in harmony.

"Now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He

wants them to be. There is no one who is a body, yet it is not made up of one part but of many parts, and these many parts are all one body, because we are all members of one body" (1 Corinthians 12:18).

A body in which all the parts work in unison and sympathy with one another is a healthy body. A body in which one part antagonizes another cannot work at full capacity.

We should appreciate the particular wisdom, idealism, originality, experience and knowledge that each age brings. We can learn valuable lessons from those older or younger than ourselves.

Young and old in harmony

The book of Proverbs is full of admonitions for the young man to hear the words of his father (or mature persons) and be wise.

"My son, hear the instruction of your father," says King Solomon, "and do not forsake the law of your mother" (Proverbs 1:8).

The Bible emphasizes that the younger generation should esteem its elders and be willing to learn from them. Ready, more than anything else, to listen.

But the Bible also places a burden of responsibility upon the fathers. They must teach the next generation in love, not in harshness and bitterness.

Education must be passed on in an atmosphere of shared experience.

"You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up" (Deuteronomy 6:7).

Fathers—the older generation—must not provoke their children to wrath (Ephesians 6:4).

The generations must learn to dwell together in unity, peace and harmony to praise God's works to the next.

HOW TO DOUBLE YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

(WITHOUT GIVING ONE DIME MORE)

It's no gimmick. It's possible. You might be able to double your tithes and contributions and yet not give one more dime of your own money.

The answer is found in a tax benefit the Internal Revenue Service grants certain companies when they donate to a nonprofit educational or cultural organization. Because of this, many companies have set up what is generally called a gift-matching program for their employees. Under these programs employers match donations of their employees to nonprofit educational or cultural institutions.

The procedure is simple but highly beneficial to God's Work. You need only ask your employer if he has such a gift-matching program. If he does, obtain a gift-matching form and mail it to us.

This form would merely request verification of your contributions. After we return this verification, your company would contribute a matching amount. It's just as simple as that, and yet you have in effect doubled your tithes and contributions.

If your company does have such a program, please be certain to write and inform us immediately. To aid in the processing of your letter, please write to Ralph K. Helge, Legal Office, 440 W. Green St., Pasadena, California, 91105.

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Home, Idaho, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary Aug. 25. The Hardens have one son, David; three daughters, Lorinda Springer, Becky Bennett and Talitha Ulsberger; one daughter-in-law, Lorrie; three sons-in-law, Jim Springer, Mike Bennett and Steve Ulsberger; and five grandchildren.



MR. & MRS. LLOYD GARRISON

Lloyd and Helen Garrison of Warrior, Alabama, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Sept. 6. They have two children and six grandchildren. Mr. Garrison is a local church elder in the Jasper, Alabama, church.



MR. & MRS. BOB BROCKMEIER

Bob and Peggy Brockmeier of Richmond, Virginia, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Sept. 15. They have one son, Chip; one daughter, Linda Morris; one daughter-in-law, Gilda; and one son-in-law, Mark Morris.



MR. & MRS. ROY DEMAREST

Roy and Pauline Demarest of Tampa, Florida, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary June 5. They have three children, Cliff, Chad and Dan. Mr. Demarest is pastor of the Tampa church.



MR. & MRS. WALTER REAK

Walter and Claudine Reak of Albu-

querque, New Mexico, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Sept. 1. The Reaks have three daughters, Linda Puzak, Dana Ferguson and Beverly Carson; and six grandchildren, Michael, Leicia, Michaela, Jared, Christopher and Sarah.



MR. & MRS. WILMER WILKE

Wilmer and Brenda Wilke of Ottawa, Ontario, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary July 22. The Wilkes have three children, Angie, Gail and Mark; and one grandchild, Nicole.



MR. & MRS. PHILLIP TALLY

Phillip and Sheila Tally of Tulsa, Oklahoma, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary June 23. They have two daughters, Karen and Tammy; one son, Ben; one son-in-law, Fred; one daughter-in-law, Helen; and one granddaughter, Nadine.



MR. & MRS. WALTER SCHMIDT SR.

Walter and Jeana Schmidt of Edmonton, Alberta, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary March 23. They have three sons, Walter Jr., Nathan and Adriel; and one daughter, Becky. Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt serve as deacon and deaconess in the Edmonton North church.



MR. & MRS. CARLOS PERKINS

Carlos and Ruth Perkins of Brooklyn, New York, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary June 14. They have two sons, Phillip and Danny; one daughter, Karen; and four grandchildren. Mr. Perkins is pastor of the Brooklyn North church.



MR. & MRS. KEITH NEWELL

Keith and Dorothy Newell of Beerwah, Australia, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary May 22. The Newells have two daughters, Lisa Johnstone and Anna; one son, Darren; one son-in-law, Brad Johnstone; one daughter-in-law, Kate; and one grandchild, Elise.



MR. & MRS. CURTIS MAY

Curtis and Jannice May of Los Angeles, California, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Sept. 17. They have two children, Angela and Bradley. Mr. May is pastor of the Los Angeles church.



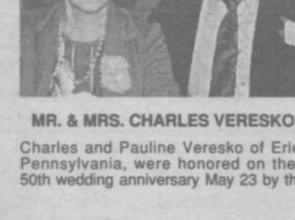
MR. & MRS. TOM MOORE

Tom and Rachel Moore of Dandridge, Tennessee, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary Aug. 25. They have two daughters, Debi Younk and Brenda; one son-in-law, Don Younk; and four grandchildren, Sean, Shannon, Kim and Steve.



MR. & MRS. RALPH WOLFGANG

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wolfgang of Gilbertsville, Pennsylvania, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Aug. 6. They have six children, 23 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.



MR. & MRS. CHARLES VERESKO

Charles and Pauline Veresko of Erie, Pennsylvania, were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary May 23 by the

Erie and Franklin, Pennsylvania, churches. The Vereskos have one son.



MR. & MRS. CHESTER DUNLAP

Chester and Eva Dunlap of Pasadena celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 12. The Dunlaps have two sons, Cliff and Sam; two daughters, Cora Grassmann and Linda Young; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.



MR. & MRS. THEODORE GALL

Theodore "Ted" and Rebecca Gall of Marion, Virginia, celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary Aug. 21. They are the oldest married couple in the Kingsport, Tennessee, church.



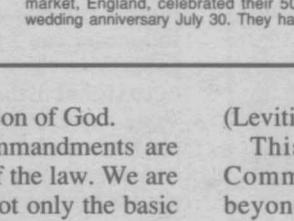
MR. & MRS. DORIS MARLOW

Marlow, Doris, 87, of Proctor, Minnesota, died Aug. 4 of cancer. She is survived by her husband of 37 years, Elbert; one son; four daughters; eight grandchildren; and her mother.



MR. & MRS. DOROTHY MOYLES

Moyles, Dorothy, 71, of Torbay, Newfoundland, died Aug. 13 of cancer. She is survived by two sons, William and Chesley; six daughters, Shirley, Bonnie, Judy, Grace, Betty and Linda; two daughters-in-law, Beatrice and Margaret; 23 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Her husband, Harold, and son, Roy, preceded her in death.



MR. & MRS. CLARA SCHROEDER

Schroeder, Clara F., 90, of Pasadena, died July 3. She is survived by one son, Donald; seven grandchildren; and

two great-grandchildren. One son, Richard, preceded her in death.

RAY, Josie, 66, of Dandridge, Tennessee, died April 11 of complications with diabetes. She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Brad; four sons, David, Charles, Lee and Donald; two daughters, Dorothy Henry and Pauline Wise; two sisters; 15 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. Her son, Jeffrey, preceded her in death.

OBITUARIES

MCDONALD, Elizabeth, 103, of Bowral, Australia, died Aug. 9. She is survived by two sons and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Mrs. McDonald was the oldest member in Australia.



VIOLET LEWIS

LEWIS, Violet, 82, of Melbourne, Australia, died May 13 of cancer. She is survived by one brother, Stan; three sons, Ken, Doug and Graeme; 14 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.



PAUL ACHTEMICHUK

ACHTEMICHUK, Paul, 55, of Rhein, Saskatchewan, died Feb. 29 of natural causes. She is survived by one sister and two nieces.



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EYBERG, Edna C., 92, of Omaha, Nebraska, died Aug. 19. She is survived by two nieces, Edith Pearson and Joy Ross.

CHILDS, Travis W., 63, of Fort Worth, Texas, died Aug. 1 of cancer. He is survived by his wife, Mona; two daughters, Carol Szymkowicz and Retha Simmons; one son, Scott; and four grandchildren.

DOUGLASS, Gladys, 89, of Akron, Ohio, died Aug. 1. She is survived by one son, two daughters and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

PLESS, Clarice Arlene, 84, of Whitesburg, Tennessee, died July 26 of lung cancer. She is survived by eight children. One son and one daughter preceded her in death.

PERSONAL

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Verses 11-13 go on to underscore the point: "And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life."

As I wrote in the co-worker letter:

"People need more than just to be told to keep the Ten Commandments. They need to know that God gave his Son to die for their sins, and that they can receive the gift of the Holy Spirit and eternal life through faith in him (1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Ephesians 2:8).

"That is why Jesus gave the Church, in Matthew 28:19-20, the commission to 'make disciples of all nations,' that is, to lead people to repentance and forgiveness of sins through faith in the Son of God, Jesus Christ, so they can be born anew as children of God.

"This goes hand in hand with 'teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you,' because it is only through the transforming power of the Holy Spirit that believers can be saved, and that they can obey Jesus' commands to love God and their neighbor (Mark 12:30-31).

"Christians obey the Ten Commandments and exhibit the fruit of the Holy Spirit."

Doing more

Certainly, as I wrote, Christians should not break the Ten Commandments. But neither should Christians assume that all God calls on them to do is to keep the Ten Commandments.

Mark 10:17-29 records an important discussion in which Jesus points out that there is more to eternal life than keeping the commandments.

A man asked Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus replied, "You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.'

The man then told Jesus, "All these I have kept since I was a boy." Then notice what happened.

Verse 21 says: "Jesus looked at him and loved him. 'One thing you lack,' he said. 'Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.'

This man had kept the commandments since he was a boy. Even so, Jesus said, there was still something he lacked.

Besides keeping the commandments, he still needed to follow Jesus Christ! He needed to give up what stood in the way

and follow the Son of God.

The Ten Commandments are only the letter of the law. We are called to keep not only the basic letter, but the spirit of the law—the law written in our hearts by the Holy Spirit.

The Ten Commandments are only the basic, minimum standard for human conduct. They are only the starting place.

But once God, through the Holy Spirit, writes his law in our hearts, we not only keep the basic letter of the law, the Ten Commandments, we move on to express the overflowing love for God and our neighbor that Jesus commanded.

Let's take an example. The command "you shall not murder" (Exodus 20:13) does not require me to love. It only requires me not to murder.

But the command "love your neighbor as yourself" requires me not only to avoid murder, but to love and to serve my neighbor.

I can keep the command "you shall not murder" by staying inside my house, doing nothing, and turning a blind eye to the suffering of my neighbor.

But I cannot keep Jesus' command to love my neighbor as myself by ignoring the plight of those around me.

The fact is, the Lord even commanded Israel: "Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself"

(Leviticus 19:18).

This is not one of the Ten Commandments. It goes far beyond the basic and specific restrictions of the Ten Commandments.

But even this command does not go as far as Jesus did when he told his disciples: "Love your enemies" (Matthew 5:44).

It is the Spirit of God in us—Jesus Christ and God the Father dwelling in us, creating in us a new heart—that makes such love possible!

So again I say, as I wrote in the co-worker letter, the Ten Commandments are not enough. It is a big mistake to think of yourself as righteous simply because you have not broken the Ten Commandments.

In order to inherit eternal life, you must follow Jesus Christ. You must become a Christ-like individual!

That is why, as I showed in the co-worker letter, the gospel message must be far more than just, "Let's get back to the Ten Commandments."

There is no question that getting back to the Ten Commandments would be a wonderful thing, but it is only part of the gospel!

Let's remember Luke 24:45-48: "Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, 'This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repen-

tance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'

Jesus commands us to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins in his name, with all that that entails. This includes the need to keep the Ten Commandments.

But it includes much, much more than the mere keeping of the letter of the basic law. That was the point of the May co-worker letter.

I realize that most who read it understood that. But because of the importance of the topic, I thought it might be helpful to go through it again.

My love and prayers are constantly with you, and I thank you for your support and encouraging letters and cards! I hope all your Feast plans are working out successfully.

Please remember to pray for encouraging Holy Day offerings during all the fall festivals. Income is still at about 4.5 percent under last year, and we are keeping expenses under that level.

If the recession continues into next year, however, I want you to know now that we will need to make further reductions to stay within projected income.

Let's pray together for God's wisdom and guidance in all things, and in all decisions regarding potential reductions in expenses.

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

Longtime minister and manager of Deaf Program retires

Selmer L. Hegvold, 76, retired Aug. 17. Mr. Hegvold and his wife, Iris, have supervised the Church's Deaf Program in Pasadena for the past 12 years.

"The most enjoyable activity



SELMER AND IRIS HEGVOLD

and responsibility of our 32 years in the ministry has been our work in the Deaf Program," said Mr. Hegvold.

"It has been a wonderful, exciting experience, especially in witnessing the dramatic and miraculous growth."

Mr. Hegvold married Iris Coyn on April 4, 1942, during his military service, and was baptized 10 years later. He later worked as a cabinetmaker in the Ambassador College cabinet shop.

He was ordained as an elder in 1960 and attended Ambassador College from 1961 to 1966. He was ordained a preaching elder in 1963 and a pastor in 1981.

Mr. Hegvold directed the visiting program under evangelist Roderick Meredith from 1960 to 1966, while he pastored the Temple City and Santa Barbara, California, churches. He has also served congregations in Vancouver, Washington; Portland, Oregon; Crown Point, Indiana; Hinsdale, Illinois; Chicago, Illinois; Big Sandy, and Pasadena.

"Our prayer is for the continuing attention to the deaf and hard of hearing—and all brethren who might otherwise be left out—and for the nurturing of their spiritual growth," said Mr. Hegvold.

Ted Landis now directs Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Services.

Gerald Waterhouse retires

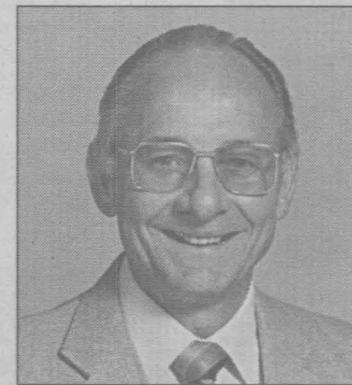
Evangelist Gerald Waterhouse, 66, retired in August after more than 36 years of faithful service to God's Work. After serving in the Navy during World War II, Mr. Waterhouse first heard Herbert W. Armstrong on the radio in 1949.

Mr. Waterhouse attended Ambassador College in Pasadena from 1953 to 1956, gave his first sermonette in November 1953 and his first sermon in 1954. Mr. Armstrong ordained him a preaching elder in 1956, a pastor in 1959 and an evangelist in 1963.

For many years Mr. Waterhouse raised up churches in numerous areas and started several international offices of the Work. He served in Britain and started the Australian, Philippine and South African regional offices. Mr.

Waterhouse also pastored various U.S. congregations.

At Mr. Armstrong's request, Mr. Waterhouse began conducting world tours in 1966. These tours served to unify the Church and keep brethren in outlying areas pointed toward headquarters. He conducted 11 world tours in 25 years. In 1991 he transferred to Church Administration.



GERALD WATERHOUSE

"We cannot thank Mr. Waterhouse enough for his dedicated and loyal service," said evangelist Joseph Tkach Jr.

"He will be moving to Florida in the near future. He will still be speaking on occasion to the congregations in Florida, and we hope to have him speaking in various areas around the world during the Holy Days."

Lecturegoers know us equally from telecast, literature, personal contact

SYRACUSE, New York—Evangelist and *World Tomorrow* presenter Ron Kelly conducted public Bible lectures for *Plain Truth* subscribers and telecast viewers here July 30 and 31.

On the first night Mr. Kelly spoke on world conditions to 51 subscribers, who he said were "very enthusiastic and responsive."

The second night only 26 attended because of stormy weather. He spoke about the Church.

Asking for a show of hands as to how those present learned about the Church—whether through the telecast, literature or another person—the group responded in about thirds on each category.

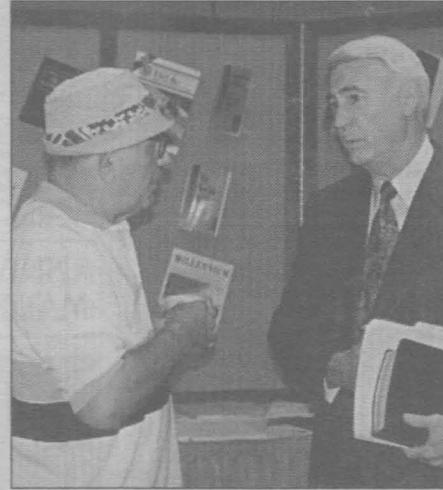
Those attending browsed through literature, met Syracuse pastor Randy Bloom, his wife, Debbie, and Mr. Kelly's wife, Norva, and visited with members.

Three follow-up Bible studies were to be conducted later.

Member reaps rewards of determination and study, hard work

TUCSON, Arizona—Determination, good study habits and perseverance paid off for Lupita Maldonado, a member here, when she received a \$1,000 scholarship from Soroptimist International of Desert Tucson, a professional women's service organization.

Mrs. Maldonado was born in Cananea, Mexico. In 1976 she moved to the United States, where the English language didn't come



LUPITA MALDONADO

and their three children, Christina, Danny and Clarissa. She plans to attend the University of Arizona at Tucson.

Fires blaze in northern California

No members suffered injuries or property damage from blazes in northern California in late August.

The daughter of a member lost her home in Round Mountain, but she was fully insured, and area brethren have been responsive to her needs.

The Chico and Redding churches donated clothing, canned goods, toiletry articles and other commodities for the fire victims in their areas.

Tasmanians mark Hobart's 20th

HOBART, Tasmania—The church here celebrated its 20th anniversary July 18 with a dinner and dance. Garry Barber, newly ordained local elder, and his wife, Elizabeth, cut an anniversary cake.

EAGER LEARNER—Presenter Ron Kelly answers questions after his public Bible lecture in Syracuse, New York, July 30.

It is not uncommon for people in both countries to work six days a week.

The year's high point for members is the Feast of Tabernacles in Malaysia.

In addition to fellowshipping with each other, brethren appreciate the opportunity "to meet brethren from around the world and show them our countries," Mr. Yong said.



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FROM OUR SCATTERED BRETHREN

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

Countries in contrast: Malaysia and Singapore

Doing the Work offers some great challenges for Yong Chin Gee, pastor of the Johore Bahru and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, churches.

"Because Malaysia is a Muslim country, we are not allowed to do what the government considers proselytizing the Muslim people," he explained.

"According to the constitution, we legally have the prerogative of practicing religious freedom, but there are certain regulations that need to be observed for public order."

For instance, the law says that police must grant a permit before the Church can conduct a meeting in a public place.

Ethnic tastes

Most of Malaysia's population are ethnic Malays and Chinese, with a sizable Indian minority. Singapore's population is mainly Chinese, with large Malay and Indian minorities.

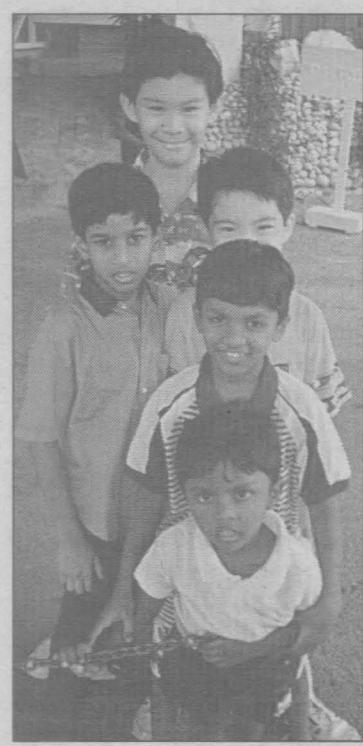
In Malaysia 111 people attend church in Kuala Lumpur, and 45 attend in Johore Bahru. Of those in attendance, nearly half are children.

Because Mr. Yong is the only full-time minister in the area,

members don't have Sabbath services to attend every week.

On average, the Johore Bahru and Kuala Lumpur churches meet three out of four Sabbaths a month.

Although the 30 members in



SMALL WORLD—Half of those attending services are children.

remote regions of Malaysia and Indonesia can't regularly attend Sabbath services, most can attend occasional Bible studies. Mr. Yong visits one of the four outlying Bible studies each month.

Although Singapore and Malaysia are neighboring countries, Mr. Yong said the life-styles in the two nations are vastly different from each other.

Economic differences

Singapore's economy is mainly manufacturing, and Malaysia's is primarily agricultural. Singapore is cosmopolitan and fast-paced. Malaysia is mostly rural and slow-paced.

Because Singapore is a small country and public transportation is efficient, brethren can see each other often and maintain close relationships.

Fellowship in Malaysia is more difficult. "The Malaysian brethren

are scattered more, and public transportation is not very good," Mr. Yong said.

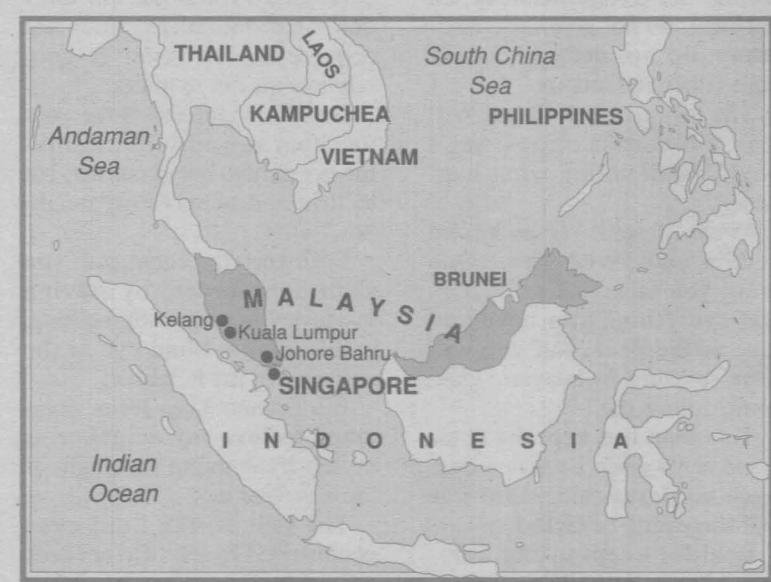
"They are seldom able to get together outside of Sabbath services except for a Church picnic every couple months or so. Few Malaysian brethren can afford to socialize often, although the economy is starting to pick up."

Singapore has little or no unemployment. In fact, in the past few years the country has had to import laborers from the Philippines, Malaysia, India and Sri Lanka.

Rent takes half of wages

The cost of living is quite high in Singapore. For most people in Singapore, more than half of their wages goes for rent.

"It's tough for a couple to survive financially unless both the husband and wife work," said Mr. Yong.



COASTAL NEIGHBORS—Life in small but busy Singapore contrasts with that of sizable but slow-paced Malaysia. [Map by Ron Grove]

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easy for her. But she became a U.S. citizen and was baptized in 1986.

She attends the Tucson congregation with her husband, John,