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PERSONAL FROM *Joseph W. Tkach*

Dear Brethren,

Greetings and love from Pasadena!

God has called us, as his people, into an entirely new life in his Son, Jesus Christ.

He has given us his Holy Spirit and made his dwelling with us. In this present world, we are only sojourners and pilgrims, living in the world, but no longer of it. We are now God's own property, his first-fruits (James 1:18).

He has given us a completely new identity, with all saints, in his Son. And with that new identity comes a new responsibility toward the one who has redeemed us.

Paul wrote to the Colossian Christians: "Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins" (Colossians 1:12-14).

God has *rescued* us from the dominion of darkness, and has *brought us into his kingdom!* Even now we are called to be his representatives, reflecting his love to all people.

We have not yet entered into the *fullness* of the kingdom, when even our mortal bodies will put on immortality at the second coming of Christ (1 Corinthians 15:53). But we have already "tasted that the Lord is gracious" (1 Peter 2:3, New King James Version).

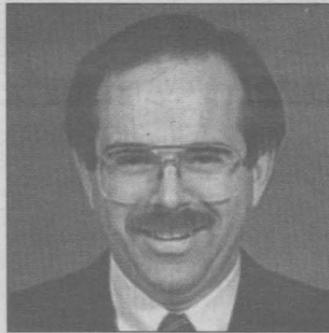
A job to do

We have already been given a (See PERSONAL, page 4)

YOU conference: showing teens how God loves them

By Paul Monteith

"The new YOU program offers so many activities that parents and teens will have to make some choices," said Bill Jacobs, YOU national coordinator, at a YOU conference here for U.S. regional coordinators, March 3 to 5.



BILL JACOBS

"The idea is for each family to select the activities they like and will benefit their teens the most."

The coordinators were here to discuss the new YOU program, which will benefit all types of congregations, from the smaller rural congregations to the larger urban congregations.

"The conference made us more aware of the unique needs and cultural diversity within YOU chapters," said Michael Hanisko, YOU regional coordinator and pastor of the St. Paul, Minnesota, church. "This awareness will enable us to establish realistic standards and policies."

To help the regional coordinators set the program in motion all U.S. pastors will receive a YOU handbook in April and all U.S. churches will receive a video explaining the program in May.

Learning to love God

A major aim of the YOU program is to help young people build a relationship with God. During a discussion about teaching young people to love God, Mr. Jacobs said that children need to feel love from parents and other adults before they can understand that God loves them.

"This topic is important," said Fred Kellers, YOU regional coordinator and pastor of the Nashville, Tennessee, church. "We live in an age that isn't always very loving. We can feel alone, unloved. That no one listens or cares very much.

"But, there is always someone who will give each young person loving attention, who wants to hear from them. If each young

person can come to know the love that God has for them, they will learn to love God.

"Mr. Jacobs reminded us that we teach God's love best by letting God's love flow through us to the young people. They must see God's love in the ministry and in the Church."

John Halford, *Plain Truth* senior editor, who attended the meeting said: "We are beginning to see that young people in the Church have spiritual lives. In the years before their baptism they need help. The Church is working to provide a warm and loving environment for teens to grow up in."

Mr. Hanisko agreed. "We help our teens see how God loves them by the example of the entire Church family—parents, ministers, singles, seniors—extending love and concern toward and interest in our youths who represent the largest body of prospective members."

The task is to help adults express godly love to young people in ways they can understand, Mr. Jacobs told the coordinators. "The best way to provoke adult members to love and good works is to set the example."

Conference renews enthusiasm

Other topics discussed during the conference were regional planning and YOU field structure; how to improve the quality of the sports program, which includes equal treatment for girls, better (See TEENS, page 4)

Utica members repair library

UTICA, New York—Members here helped repair a Middleville, New York, library damaged by water leaking from a broken faucet, Dec. 9.

Overnight, more than 4,000 gallons of water leaked from the faucet in an upstairs room in Corey Hall, flooding the library and school nursery below.

Dan Quinn, Middleville resident and member, asked Leo Lynch, town mayor (who later resigned so his contracting firm could bid on the restoration contract) what he could do to help. Mr. Lynch gave Mr. Quinn, who has done construction work, a job.

"Middleville is a small town," said Mr. Quinn, "and the library is the cultural center of our community. I wanted to do all I could to help put it back together, because there was talk of closing the library down and replacing it with a book mobile."

On the Sabbath he told Randy Bloom, Utica pastor, about the mishap, and Mr. Bloom asked if any members would like to volunteer to help restore the library.

Twelve adults and YOU members responded by giving 150 hours over a three week period to help repair the library and the basement nursery.

"Some did carpentry, built a stairwell and shelves, some put up wallboard, some painted the baseboard and window casings, while

others helped clean up and carry books," said Mr. Quinn.

Mr. Lynch was so impressed with the group that he wrote a letter to Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach. The letter reads: "Village resident, Dan Quinn, indicated that he would bring many friends in to assist with the restoration... To my surprise, several men and young boys arrived daily to lend a much needed helping hand.

"They displayed abundance of talent and eagerness to be involved. Without their assistance, our job could never have been completed... for the scheduled opening of

the nursery school and library.

"My faith in the fact that there are many who care and give their utmost to a good cause certainly has been confirmed. Thank you to you and your congregation."

Mr. Bloom said: "For its official opening, Feb. 11, the town's officials asked me to attend and ask a blessing over the library and the town. It was good to see the congregation come together and work so well on this project, and they donated books."

Middleville residents and library patrons also have made Mr. Quinn a trustee of the library.



RESTORERS—Foreground, Kieran Cox, Alan Kirk and Gerald Smith from the Utica, New York, congregation repair water-damaged Middleville library. [Photo by Telegram staff writer John McGraw]

New building in Arima provides for many needs

By Clifton Charles

ARIMA, Trinidad—To the applause of 60 Church members and project personnel, regional director Colin Adair broke parched ground and turned sod to start a church building project here Feb. 4.

Clifton Charles pastors the Arima and San Fernando, Trinidad, and Crown Point, Tobago, churches.

Mr. Adair, who visited the site on behalf of Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach, also planted a tree.

More economical to build

As the Arima congregation grew in excess of 800 people, adequate meeting facilities became increasingly difficult to obtain. It became more economical to use office and hall rental money to construct a building.

The new building will meet the needs of weekly and Festival services, Spokesman

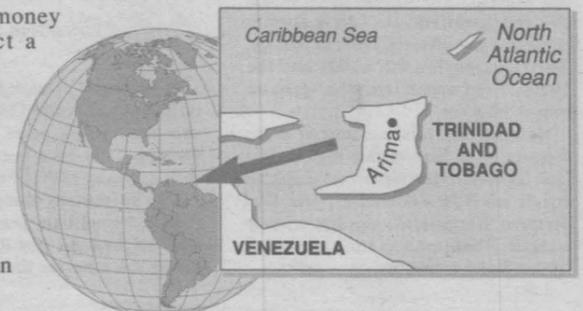
and Graduate clubs, YES evaluation classes, the Summer Educational Program and other youth-training opportunities as well as community service projects such as adult education classes for the community.

It will occupy 27,000 square feet with adjacent parking facilities for 150 cars, as well as basketball, volleyball and lawn tennis courts.

Area for projects

Space is available on the 9.75-acre site for agricultural and horticultural projects, picnics, relaxation and meditation.

Mr. Adair described the project as a modification of Church policy to accommodate the circumstances of churches in some island states where owning a church building becomes necessary.



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When religious zeal turns to deadly force

On the last weekend of February, the perils of misdirected religious zeal were driven home to Americans by dramatic events in New York and in Texas.

Together, they serve as extreme examples of how not to serve God and our fellowman.

The first event concerned the bombing of New York City's World Trade Center Friday, Feb. 26, alleged to be the work, initially, of Mohammed A. Salameh, a Palestinian living for the past several years in America.

The explosion killed at least six people, injured more than a thousand others, and closed the enormous complex for weeks.

The alleged perpetrator and his accomplices are said to be followers of Sheik Omar Abdul Rahman, an extremist Muslim cleric who preaches from a mosque in Jersey City, across the Hudson River from lower Manhattan.

Sheik Omar is accused by the Egyptian government of being the spiritual force behind dozens of terrorist attacks in Egypt, including shootings of tourists, as well as violence against the minority Christian Coptic community.

On tapes smuggled back to Egypt, Sheik Omar rails against the West. He warns Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak that he will suffer the same fate as his predecessor, Anwar Sadat, assassinated by Muslim extremists in 1981.



WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

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Sheik Omar, and others like him, reports Mark Juergensmeyer, an expert on religious-based nationalisms, "perceive the world as embroiled in a cosmic war between secular and religious forces.... They identify the secular economic institutions of America as one of the enemies, and regard the killings of which they have been accused as justified by the rules of war."

'The Evil Messiah'

The second event absorbing the attention of Americans—and the curiosity of Europeans and others befuddled by quirky extremes in American religion—was the bloody storming of a religious cult compound outside Waco, Texas. This action occurred shortly after the New York explosion.

Acting on a tip that members of the isolationist Branch Davidian organization might be planning a drastic act—reminiscent of the

mass suicide at Jim Jones' People's Temple in Guyana in 1978—armed federal authorities attempted to forcefully enter the compound.

Shocked agents were met with a hail of gunfire from assault rifles and semiautomatic weapons. Four officers fell dead.

The Branch Davidians are led by charismatic, 33-year-old David Koresh. Over the years, Koresh stupefied his followers with an almost superhuman ability to recite scripture from memory, and, according to the *New York Times*, to string biblical passages together "to make just about any point he wished to."

At one time Koresh proclaimed he was the seventh and final angel of the Book of Revelation, the agent of God who would bring about the end of world civilization.

He has claimed to be the Messiah. "If the Bible is true, then I'm Christ," he said on an audio tape. *People* magazine labeled him, instead, "The Evil Messiah."

Koresh's biggest claim to notoriety came when he said God told him to build a new House of David. He proceeded to "raise up seed," through multiple marriages. Male cult members voluntarily surrendered their wives to him and became celibate.

Koresh promised to prepare his flock for the end of the world and to protect them against outside threats. Cult members bought large amounts of food, intending to store up a year's supply.

Military-style drills, including chants such as "We're gonna destroy the Babylonians!" became daily routine.

"The idea was that we were being prepared for war," said one ex-member, "and with war comes famine. He [Koresh] said the rest of the people who were out there, the heathen ... wouldn't be used to famine, so we would survive while they wouldn't."

Christians not isolationists

Even though located in an intensely religious part of the country—Waco is sometimes called the Jerusalem on the Brazos River—the Branch Davidians were not well known locally.

"These people were isolationists," said Baylor University professor Derek Davis in the March 2 *New York Times*.

"The Davidians, as far as I

know, have had no community involvement whatsoever. They're strictly isolated out there and serve no one but themselves."

These two examples of religious extremism occur at a time when we are being made more fully aware that God intends Christians to have a positive impact on those around them, both within and outside the Church.

Not harming your neighbor goes without saying. Jesus said, in fact, to "love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you" (Matthew 5:44, New King James).

Furthermore, Jesus said, "You are the light of the world." Christians are not to be isolationists or passive "wait-it-out" types.

Christ himself set the example. He revealed to his disciples the profound truths of the kingdom of heaven, which the public at large could not fathom (Matthew 13:11). Yet, he was also "a friend of tax collectors and 'sinners,'" for which the self-righteous people of his day condemned him (Matthew 11:19).

Jesus, we read in Acts 10:38, "went around doing good ... because God was with him" (Acts 10:38). His followers are instructed to do the same. "As we have opportunity," the apostle Paul wrote in Galatians 6:10, "let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."

Letters to the Editor

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. We welcome your comments.

God Is ...

I'm almost through studying the *God Is...* booklet. I am so deeply moved and satisfied with its contents. It is such a blessing when God reaches down into his Church and talks to us about himself. The fatherly connection is just simply something that is felt there.

God's Church grows and matures constantly and, lately, we have been seeing the evidence of that growth in the product of all the booklets that have been written. It is a real spiritual feast.

Katheryne Williams
Longmont, Colorado

Just a short note to express my feelings after my first reading of *God Is...* What a dynamic piece of literature it is. An eternal thank-you to all involved in the composition of, what I feel, will be a hallmark in Church literature.

Please express a hearty thank-you to those who labored to produce such an exhilarating, inspiring and lesson-filled booklet. This will surely influence many who need to know the truth at this time.

Leonard Jaworski
Lackawanna, New York

I feel compelled to thank you, your staff, the writers and all concerned for the booklets we have been receiving. And especially for the latest, *God Is...* Much zest is added to Psalm 139:1-12, John 14:23, and the entirety of the Bible—and of course, the majesty and grandeur of God. He truly is sovereign.

Lawrence Smith
North Hollywood, California

Staying informed

As a longtime member of the Church I wish to express my gratitude to the staff and writers of *The Worldwide News* and of other publications. As a former employee at Ambascos Press in Sydney, Australia, during the 1960s and the 1970s, I can appreciate what goes on behind the scene.

However there is a matter of some concern to us here in this region. The Dec. 29 *Worldwide News* containing an article on New Zealand ("From Our Brethren Worldwide") was not entirely accurate. There are two areas in particular that I wish to address.

The first concerns the population of cities in which are established churches. The article says that most of these cities, with the exception of Auckland, have populations around 10,000 to 50,000.

Census figures of city populations for 1991 are estimated as follows:

Whangarei 44,183, Auckland 855,571, Hamilton 148,625, Tauranga 70,803, Rotorua 563,702, New Plymouth 48,519, Napier 52,468, Palmerston North 70,951, Nelson 47,391, Wellington 325,682, Christchurch 307,179, Dunedin 109,503, Gisborne 31,484.

Since then it is expected that population numbers have risen. That being so, we can expect that most of these cities are about 50,000 and above, there being only one city, Gisborne, that is substantially below the 50,000 mark. One other city, Whangarei, may just be under that level.

The second area in question is the national pensions program. This was not started in the 1950s as stated, but was introduced in 1898 by the government of Richard Seddon. There have been many changes in the way it is administered since that time.

It is not my intention to be critical, and I do repeat that I am appreciative of the hard work that goes on behind the scenes. Thank you for bearing with me.

Syd Richards
New Zealand

Changes in the Church

Perhaps the following may help others who have problems with changes.

When Mr. Tkach wrote that we should pray for those who are confused or disturbed by doctrinal changes I put this on my prayer list, never thinking one day it would include myself.

One new booklet disturbed me. I needed prayer and counselling, and yet I was still confused.

In the end I realised that many things are not 100 percent clear yet, but Christ is leading his Church, including me. So I put the matter aside and went on with other Bible study, in the comforting and sure knowledge of Christ's work in us all.

Gisela Shia
Lower Hutt, New Zealand

I just wanted to make a few comments on the changes the Church has made over the last few years. I'm almost 37 years old and have been privileged to have grown up in the Church.

I've seen many things happen and change during those years. Some things were taught in the past that were wrong, but at the time we thought they were

genuinely right. I feel that Mr. Tkach with God's great guidance is doing a great job in showing us a much better way of doing what's really important.

I think it matters far more to God that we are doing things such as taking a widow out to lunch or bringing a meal to a sick friend, than if we are quibbling over whether Christ died on a stake or on a cross. What really matters is why he died, and that we all show that same love and sacrifice to everyone.

Rachel Frampton
Pasadena, California

Loving and helping others

I was reading "Letters to the Editor," Jan. 12, and was so sad to read about the lady from Ontario. I guess I was counting our blessing from our church and how the brethren love and help each other. We are a small church, Mike Horchak is our minister. What a blessing to have him.

My husband has asbestosis and he has been in the hospital three times this year. We did not get to the Feast, but God's people made sure we had cards, notes, calls and fruit.

After the Feast we had so many cards that my wall was covered. Lots of the people came up and made us meals, sent cakes, candy and gifts.

Mr. Horchak had the Spokesman Club up and my husband was so happy he cried most of the day. The men cleaned our storehouse and cut all our firewood for the winter. Every time we looked at the wood, we asked God to give each man a blessing.

Sarah Keys
Alma, West Virginia

Bowling Green church to mark 25th anniversary

BOWLING GREEN, Kentucky—Brethren who have attended the Bowling Green church are invited to attend the 25th anniversary of the church here May 15.

A potluck dinner and fellowship will follow afternoon services. Highlights from the past 25 years will be reviewed.

For further information call Stephen Elliott at 1-502-781-1615.

"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.

Extraordinary change

I am a 22-year-old student at Vladimir Polytechnical Institute. Last year I became a subscriber to *The Plain Truth*. The articles are very interesting and useful.

Now my country is undergoing extraordinary change. To adjust to freedom after such a long time of repression is an incredible thing for us.

For example, we can't just be brought up for 70 years not believing and then suddenly, OK, there is a God, we'll start believing it. To transfer all our rules, our way of life, is very difficult. Your

magazine is helping me to change my way of living.

I would like to believe in God, because without belief in God, love, trust and understanding, a life does not even exist.

These are the important things and this is what I believe in. Thank you for creating a bridge between the people's hearts.

J.P.
Vladimir, Russia

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Youth 93

I have been working with the Boy Scouts for 65 years, and I find *Youth 93* the best publication I've ever seen dealing with young people's problems. I'm interested in helping teenagers "see the light."

Edgar Hyatt
Bainbridge, New York

Toronto singles hosts for Tropicana Weekend

TORONTO, Ontario—The Toronto singles invite singles to their Tropicana Weekend July 3, 4 and 5.

Activities include a dinner dance featuring calypso, reggae, pop and merengue music; a seminar with guest speaker John Halford, a *Plain Truth* senior editor; a social on Toronto Island; and a sight-seeing tour of Toronto.

Please register early. For further information call Dennis Bennett at 1-416-287-9108 or Wayne Laviere at 1-416-282-9625.

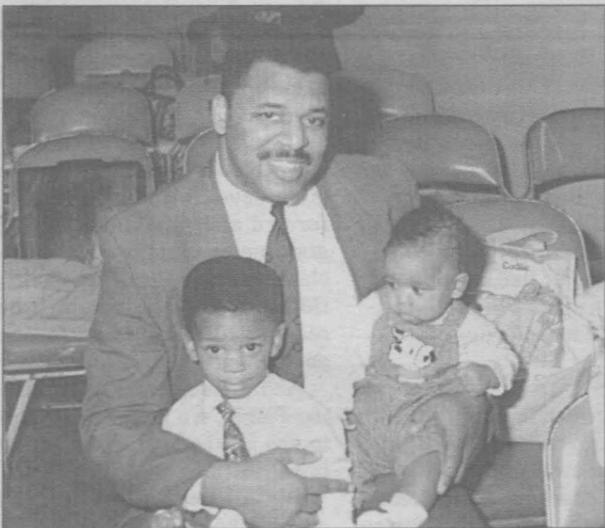
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Who Was Jesus?	361,842
*God Is...	162,331
Inside the Book of Revelation	126,035
What Is a Real Christian?	123,124
God's Festivals and Holy Days	122,714
The Spirit World	89,831
The Millennium and Beyond	80,071
Introduction to Prophecy	77,590
The Book Almost Nobody Knows	76,916

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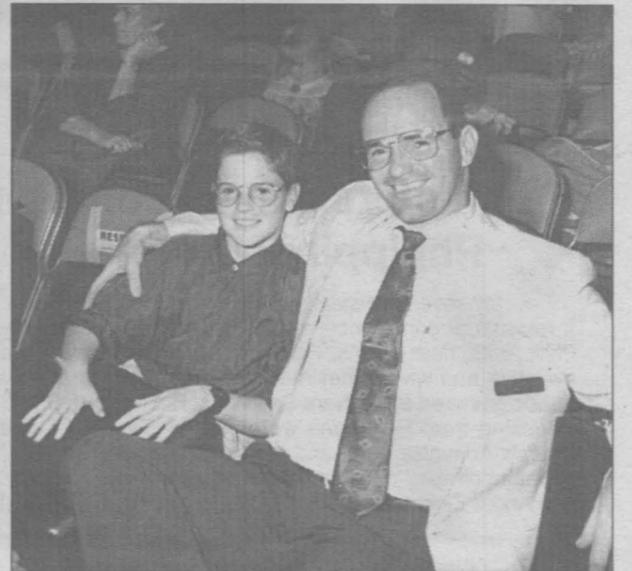


TRIP OVERVIEW

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach spoke to 2,730 brethren March 6 from the St. Petersburg, Fort Myers, Gainesville, Jacksonville, Lakeland, Melbourne, New Port Richey, Ocala, Orlando, Port Orange, Sarasota, Tallahassee and Tampa, Florida, churches.

Hosts for the visit were Roy and Norma Holladay, St. Petersburg and Ocala; Guy and Helen Ames, Lakeland; James and Barbara Chapman, Jacksonville; Roy and Pauline Demarest, Tampa; Robert and Micki Elliott, Orlando and Port Orange; Steve and Carol Schantz, Fort Myers and Sarasota; Ken and Marki Smylie, Melbourne; Gerald Waterhouse, Port St. Lucie; Steve and Mary Ann Brown, St. Petersburg and New Port Richey; Mike and Diane Kuykendall, Port Orange and Orlando; Tracey and Jean Rogers, Jacksonville; and Sio Oui and Christine Shia, Sarasota.

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Ex-House Speaker visits Ambassador

By Julee Stanley

Jim Wright, 18-term congressman from Texas and speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives from 1987 to 1989, visited the Ambassador College campus March 2 and spoke to an assembly of students, faculty and guests.

Before his address Mr. Wright met with President Donald Ward in his office in the Hall of Admin-



JIM WRIGHT

istration. Also present were Richard Walther, assistant director of the library and a high school classmate of Mr. Wright's; Thomas Delamater, director of Development & College Relations; and Ora Beth McMullen, a member of Mr. Wright's staff. Mr. Wright then joined the faculty for lunch in the faculty dining room.

The former speaker visited Ambassador at the invitation of Dr. Walther. In his introduction of Mr. Wright at the assembly, Dr. Walther reminisced about how they were both chosen for the debate team at their high school in Oak Cliff, Texas, a suburb of Dallas.

"Even then Mr. Wright was known as 'The Golden Voice' because of his mastery of speech," said Dr. Walther. "Since high school, former Speaker Wright has

probably exercised more authority and behind-the-scenes power than any other human during his four decades as an elected official."

Mr. Wright began the assembly by noting the 200th anniversary of the birth of Sam Houston, the first president of the Republic of Texas. "Sam Houston was best known for his part in the battle of San Jacinto. The lesson of San Jacinto is the evidence of the invincible spirit of free men and women and their capacity to work together and believe in a principle to achieve great things," said Mr. Wright.

In the rest of his address, Mr. Wright shared his observations about the eight U.S. presidents with whom he served: Dwight Eisenhower, John Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan and George Bush.

"It is impossible to say who the greatest President was since each had his own spark of greatness," he remarked. "The presidency is the most responsible job a person can have and exacts a high toll."

He said President Johnson once remarked of the presidency: "It makes a man bigger than he was, no matter how big he was, and no matter how big he is, he is not big enough to meet the demand."

Mr. Wright said he felt that Mr. Eisenhower was the President most universally respected and Mr. Kennedy was the most inspiring. Mr. Reagan was the most influential on television.

Mr. Wright saw Jimmy Carter as the "most sincere and thoroughly conscientious" President he has known. Although Mr. Carter's years in office were viewed by some as a failure, Mr.

Wright said that the former President is gaining in stature with each passing year.

After his address Mr. Wright fielded questions. One student asked him to list the two most essential qualities of a leader. He answered that the first quality is conviction. "If you don't believe in something, you're not going to lead anybody in any direction."

The second quality is persistence. He noted that President Bill Clinton is remarkably persistent, a quality that he said served Mr. Clinton well during the campaign.

Mr. Wright said that the expectation of better times tends to be a self-fulfilling prophecy and that he expects that Mr. Clinton's plan

to address the U.S. economy and national debt will work.

The former Speaker of the House admitted that one of the most pleasurable things about his years in public office was coming into contact with many great people. But he warned that holding public office results in the sacrifice of money, time with children and personal freedom.

"The higher you rise in public office, the more people are going to attribute false motives to you and try to attack your honor."

Mr. Wright is a visiting professor at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, where he teaches a political science course titled "Congress and the Presidents."

Director visits Europe, shares media philosophy

Bernard W. Schnippert, director of Media Operations, visited the Church's offices in England, Switzerland and France Feb. 15 to 25. While in England Mr. Schnippert met with regional director Les McCullough, who, along with office staff, presented an operational overview of the Work in the British region.

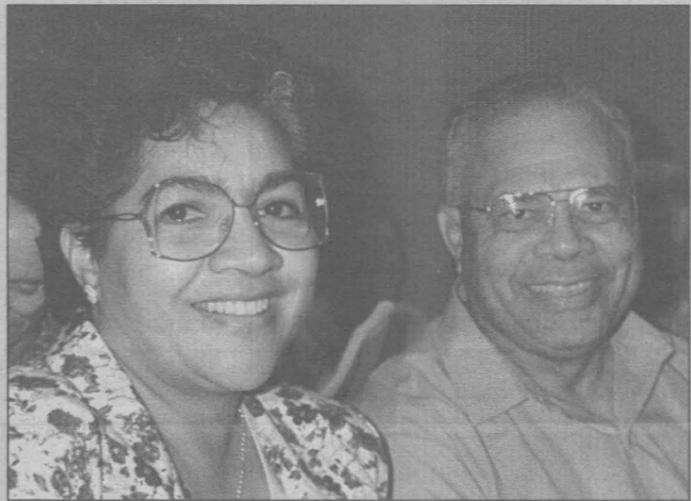
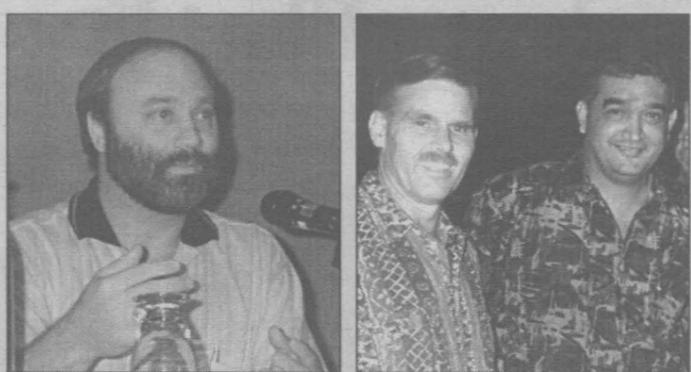
Mr. Schnippert met with all British office employees and gave a presentation on the media philosophy of the Work. In addition, he conducted a question and answer session with the employees.

In Geneva, Switzerland, Mr. Schnippert was joined by Carn Catherwood, regional director of the French and Italian areas of the Work. The Geneva Office serves

the French-speaking African countries. In addition to reviewing their mail processing procedures, Mr. Schnippert met with Olivier Carion, pastor of the Geneva church, Bernard Andrist (who lives in Switzerland and serves congregations in French-speaking Africa), and other office personnel.

Mr. Schnippert also met with Jean Jacques Ndoudoumou, a local church elder in Cameroon, who happened to be visiting the Geneva Office at the same time.

Mr. Schnippert and Mr. Catherwood then proceeded to Paris for similar meetings with Sam Kneller, pastor of the Paris church, and the office staff there.



Ministers, wives confer in Philippines, Australia

Seventy-seven ministers and wives from the Philippines met for a ministerial conference at the Development Academy of the Philippines, near Manila, Feb. 15 to 17. The following week 166 ministers and wives from Australia, Asia, New Zealand and the Pacific gathered at the Nara Sea World Resort on the Gold Coast.

Visiting from Pasadena were Joseph Tkach Jr., director of Church Administration, and his wife, Tammy; Randal Dick, an assistant director of Church Administration, and his wife, Susan; and Andre Zick, assistant to Mr. Dick, and his wife, Georgia.

Attention, SEP campers

U.S. residents

WCG Travel can provide discounts on your airline tickets for camp. Flyers outlining the procedure to obtain these discounts were included in your acceptance packages for SEP Orr and SEP Pasadena. Airline discount information for SEP Alaska campers is available from church pastors.

If you did not receive this information, please contact Donna Hall at WCG Travel at 1-800-858-6999.

Discounts are also available to SEP campers attending international sites. If you are traveling to an international SEP site and would like information regarding the discounts available, please contact Gordon Barr at 1-800-858-7999.

Canadian residents

Canada Swan International will give you a 4 percent rebate on tickets purchased from them to any of the United States or international SEP sites. Their toll-free number is 1-800-663-2111.

1993 Festival Updates

Caribbean

The Caribbean Office announced that the following sites are closed and cannot accept additional international transfers: Bahamas, Barbados, Dominica and St. Lucia.

The office is behind schedule in processing transfer requests and asks that members not telephone the office to inquire about the status of their transfer requests.

Kenmare, Ireland

● Situated by the sea in County Kerry in southwest Ireland surrounded by mountains, lakes and woodlands.

● 60 miles from Cork airport, and 110 miles from Shannon international airport.

● Average hotel price 26

Irish punts (US\$37) per person per night, sharing dinner, bed and breakfast.

Economical guest houses, apartments and five-star hotels also available.

● Services in English.

● Average food costs—12 Irish punts per person per day (US\$17.52) if self-catering, higher if in restaurants.

● Car rental advisable, though Church transportation may be used.

● Temperature: daytime 54 to 65 degrees Fahrenheit (12 to 18 degrees Celsius) with rain possible.

● Expected attendance: 500. As for all British-administered sites, a transfer application fee of 15 pounds (US\$22) will be payable on registration at the site.

PERSONAL

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foretaste, a glimpse, through the Holy Spirit, of the glorious joy of what lies ahead! We await our indescribable future hope in faith, and as we wait, we have a job to do—to participate now, already, in the work of his kingdom, as God gives us wisdom and strength!

John wrote of Jesus: "In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it" (John 1:4-5).

Jesus himself is the light of the world, and yet, he also calls his people the light of the world. We are the light of the world because Jesus, who is the true light, lives in us!

Living the gospel

Jesus brought what those who live in darkness cannot understand—the truth of his identity as the Son of God, the Savior of the world. He commissioned his Church to proclaim that truth (Luke 24:45-49).

Proclamation of that truth involves telling people about the gospel. But it also involves living the gospel!

The Christian life is active in the service and love of fellow human beings, not for recognition, but because Christ lives in us! If Christ lives in us, there is no other way we can live. Jesus' life was devoted to the good of those around him, and so must ours be.

We no longer belong to ourselves, but to God. As his property, we have been set apart, or sanctified, for his service—to do his will in a world that does not know him.

We are indeed witnesses of the grace of God that has appeared to all humanity (Titus 2:11).

We often think of the kingdom of God only in terms of the future. But the kingdom of God is not only a future reality. It is also a present reality—because Jesus Christ right now lives in each of his people, and because God has already brought us out of darkness and into the kingdom of his Son!

And because we have been born again, regenerated, through the presence of the Holy Spirit within us, we also possess the real and living hope of the magnificent fullness of the kingdom yet to come!

Our citizenship in the kingdom of God puts demands and

Teens

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officiating, sportsmanship and uniform adherence to rules between regions; dress and behavior standards; and encouraging young people to participate in the YOU talent showcase.

"We know the new program will be challenging," said Ken Giese, YOU regional coordinator and pastor of the Big Sandy P.M. church. "So getting together for the conference, to share ideas and solutions, was encouraging. It renewed our enthusiasm for the program."

The coordinators left Pasadena intent on "lighting a candle," according to Mr. Jacobs. "We want to set an example for ministers, parents and other adults, preaching and living godly love for the young people in the Church."

responsibilities on us! We must do God's work, and we must do it as his holy people. God wants all people "to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4).

Not only do we long for and pray for the day when all people everywhere will know God and his Son (John 17:3), but, as citizens of his kingdom, we are already privileged to live in Christ through the Holy Spirit as faithful children of our Father in heaven.

We are witnesses of all he has done, living testaments to the life-changing power of the Holy Spirit (Luke 24:48; 1 Peter 2:9),

working to develop new and meaningful ways to teach and nurture one another in our local congregations, programs that will be of value for every member of the Body in personal spiritual growth, which will in turn mean greater spiritual growth for each congregation and for the Church as a whole!

This, in turn, will further equip us for the work of proclaiming the gospel, both internationally at the headquarters level and locally by our individual congregations.

For the gospel to be proclaimed through us, we must

We await our indescribable future hope in faith, and as we wait, we have a job to do—to participate now, already, in the work of his kingdom, as God gives us wisdom and strength!

and are in every way to do his will as we await our inheritance.

Paul wrote: "Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body" (Philippians 3:20-21). How are we to wait? Eagerly!

Exciting calling

What an exciting calling we have been given, and what a glorious future awaits us!

We are eager for the deliverance, the salvation of all people everywhere from the pain that human bondage to sin has produced.

We are eager for the coming of peace, accord and tranquility in a new world ruled by Jesus Christ. We are eager in our devotion to living fully and wholeheartedly in Christ right now.

We are eager in serving our fellow human beings in the love of God as Jesus did, as true and living witnesses of the gospel in word and deed, and as energetic and involved citizens of the kingdom of heaven!

Here in Pasadena, we are

ourselves be washed clean in the blood of our Savior and zealous in his obedient service.

Servants to others

To reach outward with the good news, we must be transformed and passionate in that good news ourselves. To proclaim the message of reconciliation to the world, we must be reconciled to God and to one another ourselves.

And to be servants of our loving Father, we must be servants to one another and to our neighbors.

We all need to go to God daily in heartfelt prayer for his help to participate zealously in the new identity he has so graciously given us.

In these days preceding the Passover, let's meditate on what Jesus Christ has done for us, and what our response to his love must be: "He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds" (Titus 2:14, New Revised Standard Version).

As we do, let's remain steadfast and faithful in the love of God and the unity of the faith!

WCG Travel announces change in domestic rebate policy

WCG Travel was established to provide year-round discounted travel services to Worldwide Church of God members. A 4 percent rebate, paid out of commissions WCG Travel receives from the airlines for ticket sales, is given to members. We can provide this discount on domestic tickets (travel within the United States and Canada) because members make reservations directly with the airline and then allow us to do your ticketing.

Last year the airlines lowered fares several times. When a ticket was reissued for a lower fare the airline asked us as the ticketing agency to return a percentage of the commission. In turn we then had to ask you to return a portion of your rebate. Many of you indicated to us that this process was confusing and asked if there was not a way to simplify the procedure.

In an effort to simplify the process, beginning April 1 we are instituting a new rebate policy for all domestic tickets. To ensure that you receive the correct rebate we ask that you return your passenger receipt portion of the ticket you actually use for your travel along with a short form that will be included with your ticket.

Both the passenger receipt and the form must be returned to WCG Travel after your trip is completed. Upon receipt of these documents we will mail your rebate to you. This change will greatly simplify our accounting procedure and will ensure that you receive the correct rebate.

Thank you for allowing WCG Travel to serve you. A total of \$180,000 in commissions was rebated to members in 1992. Your patronage also allowed us to accrue \$96,500 in travel benefits for corporate Church travel.

We look forward to continuing our mutually beneficial partnership in 1993.



IRON SHARPENS IRON

If you feel broken and empty, you can get to know God

By Earl Williams

"I strive to obey God, I serve in the local church and I give liberally to God. So why am I not being blessed? Why am I at risk of losing everything? Why is my health failing? Where, oh where, is God?"

Earl Williams pastors the Atlanta, Georgia, East and Northeast churches.

Have you ever felt like that? Do you feel broken and empty even though you are trying to follow God? Aren't the righteous supposed to be blessed? You are right—but what is a blessing?

As unbelievable as it might sound, brokenness and emptiness lead to blessings and fullness.

Brokenness is when all the people and things you used and depended on to meet your needs no longer work. Emptiness is nothingness and the feeling of being worthless.

If we respond correctly, low condition can be a blessing. Jesus said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:3).

Jesus Christ emptied himself, became lowly, was broken for us and ultimately died for us. Was this tragedy a blessing or a curse?

You see, it's all in how you look at life, for much of life is in how we respond to it. Life is 10 percent what happens to you, and 90 percent how you respond to it.

Jesus responded by totally depending on God. In this humble state he brought the greatest blessing of all—eternal life for all who believe! (John 3:16).

Value system

So just what do you mean *blessings*? Many of us have accepted the value system of society. All over the world people seek the American dream of prosperity and materialism.

Some have unconsciously mixed this value system with Christianity. Perhaps, you reason, if I am blessed materially God is pleased with me. If things are going my way then God is with me.

On the other hand, if you are suffering and the events of your life seem chaotic, you might assume you are cursed. You must be doing something wrong.

But this is not always true. Many times the righteous are afflicted, and the wicked have it their way (Psalm 34:19).

In a vain attempt to change God's response, you desperately search your life for hidden sins. You may begin to bargain with God through various religious acts including fasting.

Surely God will see my self-humiliation, my hunger, my thirst, my nausea, my ... as if you can control him to change your circumstances.

Sometimes we practice a commercial or bargaining type of faith. "God, if I do this, then you will do that."

Thankfully we cannot control

God by what we do. He manages events according to his divine design for our lives (Romans 8:28).

Sometimes pain and suffering are a part of his grand design. Trying to change the master's design is like the clay saying to the potter, "You don't know what you are doing" (see Isaiah 45:9).

In the midst of our pain we need to realize that though God may allow us to hurt, he is too wise to make a mistake and too loving to harm us.

God has a different value system, based on the spiritual, not the material. It is based on his long-term plan, not your short-term desires.

It is time to change your value system. It is time to recapture true values—those that are eternal.

The challenges of the '90s will force you to change, and that itself is blessing. You have the opportunity to grow in Christ as never before.

The real blessing

What is the real blessing that God has given you? It is God! He has given himself to you. He lives in you through the Holy Spirit (Galatians 2:20).

Think about it. Which is greater, the creation or the Creator? Then why do we usually seek the creation—people, places and things? We should seek the Creator.

If we have him, then all things are ours. When we focus on knowing him, we do not worry about anything else. We become content and confident and have joy beyond our circumstances.

It is the experience of knowing God even as we walk through the valley of the shadow of death. The experience of knowing his presence and peace in the midst of the storm.

The experience of knowing his abiding faithfulness when all others have forsaken you. This is the highest state of human existence—total dependence on God! This is the abundant life Christ promised us.

The abundant life Christ promised us is eternal life. But length of days is not the only characteristic of eternal life. Jesus said: "Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent" (John 17:3).

The word *know* means an intimate relationship. It is the same word used throughout the bible to describe the intimate sexual relationship between husband and wife.

Oftentimes we develop an intimate relationship with God through our brokenness and emptiness. The apostle Paul said his prime passion in life was knowing God.

In prison, chained to a Roman soldier, his future at best uncertain, one would think that his utmost desire would be freedom.

Yet he wrote: "I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his

death" (Philippians 3:10).

Paul saw his broken and empty condition as a means to the end of knowing Christ better. He was not seeking to change his circumstances, but saw his circumstances as a means to the end of knowing God—eternal life.

Use the broken pieces of your life, the emptiness of the things of your life, to come to know God. He heals and fills your spirit with the greatest gift of all—himself.

Growing in intimacy

How can you grow in intimacy with God through the broken and empty times of life?

First, give thanks for adversity. It is an opportunity to know God on a deeper level.

The apostle Paul tells us to "give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

Notice he said "all circumstances," not just those we consider good. For God will work all

things for your good if you love and trust him.

It is amazing the transforming power that praise has on our hearts. Praise, the channel through which God's power flows in our lives, can change your whole outlook on your circumstances.

It acknowledges God as the source of all things in your life, even those things that bring pain. He is so aware of what is happening to you that he knows the number of hairs on your head. So give thanks he knows what is happening to you and is in control.

Second, give thanks for your spiritual blessings.

The apostle Paul wrote, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ" (Ephesians 1:3).

Study and meditate on all the heavenly blessings we have from an intimate relationship with Christ.

You are loved (Ephesians 2:4), highly valued (Romans 5:6-8), accepted (Ephesians 1:6), forgiven of all your sins (Colossians 2:13), justified by grace (Romans 3:24), saved by grace (Ephesians 2:8), translated into the kingdom now (Colossians

1:12-13), never alone (Hebrews 13:5), created for good works (Ephesians 2:10) and you are the light of the world (Matthew 5:14).

Wow! And there is much, much more that God has given you, revealed in his Word. Thank him for these things. Set your mind on things above (Colossians 3:2).

Lastly, and most importantly, walk with God. Nurture your relationship in all situations and seasons of life. Listen to him through the pages of his Word. And commune with God unceasingly in prayer.

When you make the joy and pleasure of your life the intimacy of knowing God, nothing else will matter. The cares of this life will fade dimly from view. God will grow brighter and brighter in your life.

You will glorify him in all situations of life. He will become the center and very purpose of your existence.

Through your relationship with God you will be able to look at the broken and empty vessels of your life and say to God: "You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand" (Psalm 16:11).

A time to build

By Dexter H. Faulkner

In January my wife, Shirley, and I moved from Britain to Kansas. Before leaving we spent an evening with friends at a restaurant. It was a bit-sweet time.

Many members sent cards. Several said that they wished they had gotten to know us better. But time is like that, it slips through our fingers. Before we know it, an opportunity to make friends or deepen relationships has disappeared.

Superficial relationships cannot be the hallmark of God's Church. We talk about being family in the Church, but what sort of family are we?

True friendships

Friendships are one of the most positive and rewarding aspects of human relationships.

True friendships have depth and maturity. They have been cultivated and nurtured through intimate sharing of hopes, dreams, experiences and even tragedies. Such friendships are precious.

Ruth and Naomi had a special kind of friendship. All the comforts of home beckoned Ruth to remain among her own people in familiar Moab. But Ruth perceived that other values in life were more important and told Naomi: "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God" (Ruth 1:16).

The friendship between David and Jonathan was also special. Between them a loyalty, mutual respect and love transcended selfish desires, politics and prestige. Jonathan, the heir apparent to Israel's throne, had the courage and faith to serve his friend, knowing David was anointed of God, rather than to cling to his position.

True friendships are not just based on mutual interests, likes or dislikes, monetary gain or self-interest. They are relationships that last through good times and bad.

Jesus set a perfect example of friendship, love and loyalty. He doesn't forsake us when we are struggling to overcome life's trials. We must not abandon friends during times of trial, either. "A

friend loves at all times" (Proverbs 17:17).

Of course, we cannot know everyone in the Church personally. But we should know a few people deeply. There should be a network of concern, honesty and trust between members of the Body.

Just before his death Jesus said, "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (John 13:35). He wasn't talking about a superficial smile and greeting. He meant love that helps and serves in good times and bad.

Our love for one another must be the mortar that binds us—the temple of God—together.

'Number your days'

The week before we left England, Ernest Cardy, a longtime member, died. He and his wife, Isabel May, were well-loved in the area.

It was a time to reflect upon those things in life that are important. The

end of someone's life should make us think about our priorities.

What could matter more in the great scheme of things than a close bond with our Creator?

"Show me, O Lord, my life's end and the number of my days; let me know how fleeting is my life" (Psalm 39:4).

If our busy lives prevent us from getting to know one another well, they can also prevent us from getting to know God. We need to be as close to God as was Abraham who was called the friend of God.

We must go beyond a superficial, handshake stage with our Heavenly Father and take the time to get to know him before the days, weeks, months and years slip by.

Isaiah urged the Israelites, "Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near" (55:6). There is no time like the present to spend with our Father.

As my wife and I settle into our new life in Kansas, we have a new opportunity to make the most of the time God gives us—to know him and the brethren ever more deeply. So do you.

Just one more thing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

BAKER, Daniel and Nancy (Le Dent) of Des Moines, Iowa, girl, Nikkia Marie, Jan. 25, 8:43 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 4 girls.

BECHTHOLD, Ryan and Jeanie (Porter) of Oceanside, California, boy, Evan Ryan, Dec. 28, 12:34 p.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

BENDALL, Cris and Patrizia (Lupus) of Vancouver, British Columbia, girl, Melissa Ann Ursula, Feb. 13, 3:40 p.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

BENSON, John and Beth (Dauber) of Birmingham, Alabama, girl, Shelby Nicole, Dec. 18, 4:56 p.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

BERUBE, Michael and Wanda (Johnson) of Union, New Jersey, boy, Andrew Douglas, Dec. 28, 10:16 a.m., 9 pounds 2 1/2 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

CACCHIO, Leonard and Diane (Gieselman) of Lee's Summit, Missouri, girl, Michelle Diane, Feb. 3, 12:26 p.m., 5 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 girls.

CALVELLI, Steven and Carolyn (Brath) of Union, New Jersey, girl, Allison Jean, Feb. 4, 9:37 a.m., 7 pounds, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

CALVERT, Kim and Vicki (Harmon) of Birmingham, Alabama, boy, Brandon Jared, Sept. 30, 4:02 a.m., 5 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

CHAMBERLAIN, Lee Jr. and Karen (Schaffer) of Evansville, Indiana, boy, Grant Jassiah Edward, Jan. 28, 5:31 a.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

CHRISTIAN, Brian and Beth (Meldinger) of Duluth, Minnesota, girl, Ashley Nicole, Dec. 30, 4:15 a.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 girls.

DIAZ, Ricardo and Christina (Cereceres) of San Jose, California, girl, Samantha Diamond, Oct. 28, 4 p.m., 8 pounds, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

DIXON, Mark and Colleen (Gus) of Perth, Australia, boy, Douglas Mark, Feb. 12, 7:26 p.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys.

DORIS, Henry and Shelley (Milligen) of Nampa, Alberta, girl, Jessica Janine, Oct. 5, 4:26 a.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

FRANCIS, Dana and Eva (Long) of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, boy, Dylan Kyle, Feb. 8, 10:14 p.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

GARZILLO, Mark and Marci (Redanz) of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, girl, Megan Rose, Feb. 13, 2:58 p.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

GATLIN, Nathan and Denise (McNew) of Albany, Oregon, girl, Katie Marie, Dec. 14, 2:15 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 3 boys, 2 girls.

GILLILAND, Steven and Julie (Engl) of Townsville, Australia, girl, Christy May, Feb. 4, 3:58 a.m., 4 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

GREEN, Lawrence and Donna (Campbell) of Manhattan, New York, girl, Olivia Luana, Sept. 24, 6:54 p.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 girls.

GRUMMAN, Robert and Susan (Venable) of Austin, Texas, girl, Sasha Alexandra, Feb. 5, 12:06 p.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 girls.

HACKL, Martin and Cornelia (Kaiser) of Stuttgart, Germany, boy, Jonas Phillip, Jan. 23, 3:71 kilograms, first child.

HERRMANN, Karl and Terisa (Green) of Dallas, Texas, boy, Kenneth Edward, Jan. 24, 10:44 p.m., 9 pounds 4 1/4 ounces, first child.

ILGEN, John and Melodie (Mattice) of Green Bay, Wisconsin, boy, Henry Willard, Feb. 3, 9 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

JAECKEL, Lee and Laura (Kazmer) of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, girl, Mikayla Dawn, Feb. 17, 5:47 a.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 girls.

JANKE, Daniel and Norma (Martin) of Gunn, Alberta, boy, Johnathan Ryan, Jan. 14, 8:19 p.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

LIESER, Mark and Jean (Muehlbauer) of Elk River, Minnesota, girl, Rachel Mary, Nov. 25, 3:44 p.m., 5 pounds 6 1/2 ounces, now 3 girls.

LOPEZ, Robert and Candee (Nunnelee) of Santa Maria, California, boy, Austen Robert, Sept. 1, 5 p.m., 7 pounds 4 1/2 ounces, first child.

MARLOW, Chris and Christine (Lockwood) of Dayton, Ohio, girl, Kirsten Elizabeth, Feb. 10, 4:54 a.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl (1 boy is deceased).

MEDINA, Jorge and Theresa (Barenbrugge) of Palm Bay, Florida, girl, Savanna Joy, Dec. 22, 1:55 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

NEAL, Danny and Pamela (Lester) of Austin, Texas, girl, Audrey Blair, Jan. 20, 12:40 p.m., 5 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

OKYERE, George and Elizabeth (Pokuah) of Kumasi, Ghana, girl, Freda Gyamfuaah, Jan. 28, 7 p.m., 3.06 kilograms, first child.

ONWUAMADIKE, Plous and Emilia (Umunakwe) of Lagos, Nigeria, boy, Uchechukwume James, Feb. 4, 1:30 a.m., 3.3 kilograms, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

ORTIZ, Nathan and Cindy (Barry) of Green River, Wyoming, girl, Kiera Desiree, Feb. 14, 2:06 a.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 4 girls.

PERRY, Michael and Gina (Vaccaro) of Columbus, Ohio, boy, Brian Michael, Dec. 21, 7:27 p.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

REID, Neil and Debbie (Wyatt) of Wodonga, Australia, boy, Brandon Ron, Jan. 23, 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

RUSSO, Carmine and Janice (Dion) of

Brooklyn, New York, boy, Stephen Robert, Feb. 5, 1:33 a.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 boys.

SHIVES, Ray and Lori (Morgan) of Portland, Oregon, boy, Ian Michael, Dec. 28, 10:25 p.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

SORENSEN, Phillip and Tina (Buntain) of Barrie, Ontario, girl, Casandra Norine, Dec. 2, 4:42 a.m., 7 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

STEEL, Steve and Lindy (Huber) of Melbourne, Australia, boy, Joel Owen, Jan. 28, 1 a.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

TESLIK, Zane and Darlene (Friel) of Detroit, Michigan, boy, Zane Marcus, Dec. 1, 6:42 p.m., 7 pounds 4 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

THIBODEAU, Leonard and Lucina (Burke) of Sydney, Australia, girl, Emilie Chantelle, Jan. 30, 4 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

THOMPSON, Brian and Brenda (Hoffman) of Regina, Saskatchewan, girl, Breanna Marie, Oct. 6, 8:05 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

WAGNER, James and Beverly (Short) of Clarksburg, West Virginia, girl, Christina Marie, Feb. 3, 8:58 a.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

WANN, Paul and Alicia (Franz) of Eureka, Missouri, girl, Bethany Anne, Oct. 3, 1 a.m., 9 pounds, now 4 girls.

WELTER, Herb and Paula (Kailey) of Lincoln, Nebraska, girl, Hannah Lynn, Jan. 23, 3:06 a.m., 8 pounds 12 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

WESTBERG, Kris and Lori (Eschenburg) of Waukesha, Wisconsin, boy, Mitchell Dalton, Jan. 6, 2:53 a.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

WICKEY, Ervin and Michele (Staggs) of Fort Wayne, Indiana, boy, Daniel David, Jan. 28, 7:27 a.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

WILMS, Henk and Diane (Raessler) of Calgary, Alberta, boy, Stefan Nico, Feb. 4, 2:11 a.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

WYNN, Eric and Jaci (Martin) of Atlanta, Georgia, girl, Alexis Theodora, Dec. 25, 8:27 a.m., 7 pounds 6 1/2 ounces, now 2 girls.

ZUCHOWSKI, Paul and Mary (Cook) of San Jose, California, boy, Jordan Paul, Jan. 23, 2:20 a.m., 6 pounds 11 1/2 ounces, now 3 boys.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Bell Jr. of Federal Way, Washington, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Mindy Angela to Obie Stagg, son of Wande Stagg of Tacoma, Washington, and Leo Stagg of Lakewood, Washington. A July 14 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Greupink of Oostburg, Wisconsin, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Vickie to Timothy Boehnlein, son of Barry and Mary Boehnlein of New Berlin, Wisconsin. A Sept. 26 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Haines of Big Sandy are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Elizabeth Anne to Zane Richard Peterson, son of John and Wilma Peterson of Central Square, New York. A Sept. 26 wedding in Tyler, Texas, is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. David L. Orban of Longview, Texas, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Alyssa to Charles Morrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Galen Morrison of Rockford, Illinois. A July 10 wedding in Tyler, Texas, is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stash of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Linda Marie to Jeffrey Theodore Lengwin of Pittsburgh. An Aug. 28 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. John Peterson of Central Square, New York, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Tara Elaine to Timothy Graybeal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Graybeal of Spokane, Washington. A July 4 wedding is planned.

Laura Dugger of Cleveland, Ohio, is happy to announce the engagement of her daughter April Amber to Lonnie Clifton Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Campbell of Raleigh, North Carolina. A July 4 wedding in Cleveland is planned.

Iona Broze and Rob Burbeck of Brampton, Ontario, would like to announce their engagement. An April 18 wedding is planned.

WEDDINGS

MATTHEW & LYNDIA KING
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gibbs of Sumnerland, British Columbia, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Lynda Ruth to Matthew Vinson King, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan B. King of Joplin, Missouri. The ceremony was performed Oct. 3 by the groom's father, independence, Kansas, and Joplin associate pastor, Wendy Besler and Lily Kushniruk were bridesmaids, and Dan B. King Sr., grandfather of the groom, and Brian Gibbs, brother of the bride, were groomsmen. The couple live in Portland, Oregon.

DEWAYNE & KATHERINE ARBOGAST
Katherine Lynn Smalling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Smalling, and DeWayne Allen Arbogast, son of Mr. and Mrs. Darl E. Arbogast, were united in marriage Sept. 26. The ceremony was performed by Fred Kellers, Nashville, Tennessee, pastor. Wendy Bozorth was bridesmaid, and David Kellers was best man. The couple live in Madison, Tennessee.

GUY & MARIANNE PARDOE
Marianne Tavares and Guy Pardoe were united in marriage Sept. 6. The ceremony was performed by Ken Sparks, Boston and Worcester, Massachusetts, associate pastor. Denise Tavares was maid of honor, and Paul Bibinski was best man. The couple live in Acton, Massachusetts.

OWEN & SARAH SLAUGHTER
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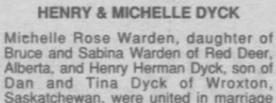
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JOHN & KATHY OLIVAS
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DUNCAN & SHIRLEY McLEAN
Shirley Buik and Duncan McLean were united in marriage July 26. The ceremony was performed by Dexter Faulkner, Kansas City South and Topeka, Kansas, associate pastor. Mary Last and Laura Hudson were bridesmaids, and Edward Smith was best man. The couple live in Milton Keynes, England.



THOMAS & LISA JONES
Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Brewster of Pasadena are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Lisa Ann to Thomas W. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth R. Robbins of Birmingham, Alabama. The ceremony was performed Oct. 4 by evangelist Herman Hoeh. Michelle Hierman was maid of honor, and Charles Devilbiss was best man. The couple live in Pasadena.



HENRY & MICHELLE DYCK
Michelle Rose Warden, daughter of Bruce and Sabina Warden of Red Deer, Alberta, and Henry Herman Dyck, son of Dan and Tina Dyck of Wroxtton, Saskatchewan, were united in marriage Aug. 9. The ceremony was performed by Bob Millman, Red Deer pastor. The couple live near Wroxtton.



RICHARD & TONYA WELSH
Mr. and Mrs. Eddie McCoy of Knoxville, Tennessee, are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Tonya Renee to Richard Austin Welsh, son of Richard and Tracy Welsh of Colorado Springs, Colorado. The ceremony was performed Oct. 4 by Paul Butler, Colorado Springs pastor. Mitzi Knowles was maid of honor, and John Thompson was best man. The couple live in Colorado Springs.



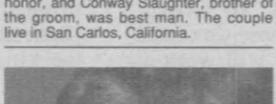
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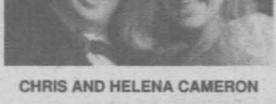
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JIM & BETTY LINDSEY
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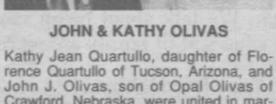
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Jnay Buffington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Buffington of Weeping Water, Nebraska, and Steven Marlett, son of Loretta Harris of Ocala, Florida, and Buddy Marlett of Maplewood, Missouri, were united in marriage Aug. 8. The ceremony was performed by Donald Mason, Raleigh and Rocky Mount, North Carolina, pastor. Shella Swarey, Jackie Fry and Sandy Vernich, sisters of the bride, and Diane Bailey were bridesmaids, and Henry Swarey, Buddy Jewell, Ron Waller and Kim Boykin were groomsmen. The couple live in Big Sandy.



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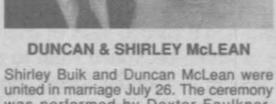
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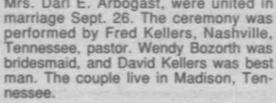
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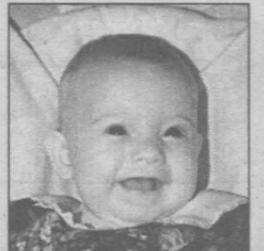
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Shellie Rubynn Dagoo and James V. Caldarola were united in marriage Oct. 4. The ceremony was performed by Daniel Boesch, Milan and Vicenza, Italy, pastor. Manuela Caldarola was matron of honor, and Francesco Kustermann was best man. The couple live in Bari, Italy.



ROBERT & CINDY BROWN
Cindy Whitome, daughter of Garth and Donna Whitome, and Robert Brown, son of Frank and Ollie Brown, were united in marriage Jan. 2. The ceremony was performed by Perc Burrows, Toronto, Ontario, West associate pastor. The couple live in Toronto.

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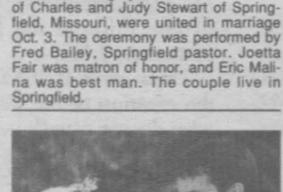
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and Mrs. Rudolph Stevens of New Orleans, Louisiana, and Willie Earl Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Williams of Sharon, Mississippi, were united in marriage July 5. The ceremony was performed by Bruce Gore, New Orleans pastor. Dorea Stevens, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Ado Small was best man. The couple live in Biloxi, Mississippi.



GREGORY & AMY STEWART
Amy Leigh Espinoza, daughter of Frank and Janie Cummings of Branson, Missouri, and Gregory Bennett Stewart, son of Charles and Judy Stewart of Springfield, Missouri, were united in marriage Oct. 3. The ceremony was performed by Fred Bailey, Springfield pastor. Joetta Fair was matron of honor, and Eric Maila was best man. The couple live in Springfield.



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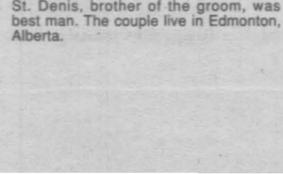
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CLARENCE & SHELITA CRAWFORD

Shelita Tania Walker, daughter of Thrift Chevannes-Boston of Toronto, Ontario, and Clarence Amil Crawford II, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Crawford of Brooklyn, New York, were united in marriage Sept. 6. The ceremony was performed by Tom Oakley, Brooklyn South pastor. Alijcia Walker, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and John Spruce Jr. was best man. The couple live in North Brunswick, New Jersey.

ANNIVERSARIES

Joseph and Margaret Riley Jr. of Fort Wayne, Indiana, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Feb. 8. They have one son, James; one daughter, Beth; and one daughter-in-law, Susan.



LEO & OLIVE DUBREUIL

Leo and Olive Dubreuil of New Port Richey, Florida, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary Jan. 25. They have two daughters, Jo Anne Duhaime and Noreen Haddow; one son, Alfred; two sons-in-law; one daughter-in-law; and several grandchildren.



ROY & JOYCE DOVE

Roy and Joyce Dove of Yukon, Okla-

homa, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary Feb. 26. They have six children and 13 grandchildren. Mr. Dove is the associate pastor of the Oklahoma City, Enid and Weatherford, Oklahoma, churches.



WAYNE & GAYTHLEEN MULLINS

Wayne and Gaythleen Mullins of Greensboro, North Carolina, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Jan. 10. They have three sons, Jeff, Andy and Chris; two daughters, Patricia and Jeni; two daughters-in-law, Wendy and Susan; one son-in-law, Bill Richie; three grandsons; and one granddaughter.



BOB & HELEN BARRON

Bob and Helen Barron of Wausauke, Wisconsin, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Jan. 6. Mr. Barron is a local church elder in the Green Bay, Wisconsin, church.



ALAN & GWEN DAVIES

Alan and Gwen Davies of Colne, England, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary March 8. They have one daughter, Lorraine; one son-in-law, Michael; and four grandchildren, Aaron, David, Dawn and Naomi.



DON & VELMA YALE

Don and Velma Yale of Gladewater, Texas, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Feb. 6. They have one son,

Marty; one daughter, Brenda Stow; one daughter-in-law, Jane; one son-in-law, Robin Stow; and two grandchildren, Clint and Hope.



RICHARD & HENRIETTA KISSEL

Richard and Henrietta Kissel of Walkersville, Maryland, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Sept. 3. They have two sons, Christopher and Kevin; three daughters, Lisa Pinder, April and Gina; one son-in-law, Gary Pinder; and one grandchild, Logan.

ANNIVERSARIES MADE OF GOLD



ROSENDO & MERCEDES LLAMBIAS

Rosendo and Mercedes Llambias of Gibraltar celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 16. They have nine children, Eddie, Hector, Sonia, Douglas, Sherre, Tyrone, Perry, Mary (deceased) and Maria (deceased); and 12 grandchildren. Mr. Llambias is the only member of the Worldwide Church of God in Gibraltar.



CARY & LIZZIE PERDUE

Cary and Elizabeth "Lizzie" Perdue of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 12. They have two sons, Malcolm and Bobby; one daughter, Kay Owens; one son-in-law, John Owens; and four grandchildren, Rocky, Amber, Jonathan and Kimberly.



ARNOLD & ONETA ALLEN

Arnold and Oneta Allen of Portland, Oregon, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 15. They have one son, one daughter-in-law and two grandsons. Mr. Allen is a deacon in the Portland church.



DAN & EMMA BROADWATER

Dan and Emma Broadwater of Baltimore, Maryland, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 20. They have two daughters, Susan Ann and Marlene Fay; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

OBITUARIES



KEN WILLIAMS

WILLIAMS, Ken, 84, of Kenton, Michigan, died Oct. 18 of a ruptured aneurysm following surgery. He is survived by his wife, Corinne; two daughters, Denise Frederick and Kenia Austin; five grandchildren; one brother; and one sister. He was a local church elder in the Eagle River, Wisconsin, church.

HOLDEN, Marjorie, 71, of Maidstone, England, died Feb. 2 after a lengthy illness. She is survived by her husband, George; and five children, Philip, David, Colin, Susan and Stephen.

FANE, Edgar, 85, of Pasadena, Newfoundland, died Jan. 16 of cancer. He is survived by three sons, Edgar Jr., Anthony and Duncan; and one daughter, Lana.

SHAFFER, Natalie R., 56, of Raccoon Township, Pennsylvania, died Jan. 27 after a long illness. She is survived by her husband of 28 years, Joseph; her mother; two brothers; one sister; and

one sister-in-law.

SLAGLE, Lennie, 87, of Peoria, Illinois, died Feb. 9 of heart complications. She is survived by one son, one daughter, one nephew, five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.



GEORGE EGGLESTON

EGGLESTON, George, 77, of Lowell, Massachusetts, died Nov. 19 of leukemia. He is survived by his wife of 15 years, Mary; and two sisters, Florence Hutchings and Mabel Dunstan.



EMIL DLUGOSH

DLUGOSH, Emil, 83, of Russellville, Arkansas, died Jan. 4. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Edna; two sons; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

TOWNSEND, Marguerite, 94, of Glendale, Arizona, died Feb. 8 after complications from a fall. She is survived by two children, two grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.



MARY KELLY

KELLY, Mary, 81, of London, England, died Jan. 1. She is survived by two daughters, Shirley Wilson and Janice

Mather; two sons-in-law; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Her husband, Ronald, died in 1964.

SUCHY, Dale Kinney, 56, of New England, North Dakota, died Jan. 6 of cancer. He is survived by his wife, Fern; one son, David; one daughter, Janet Reisenauer; one son-in-law, Dean Reisenauer; one brother, Donald; one sister, Althea Kessel; and one brother-in-law, Richard Kessel.

SMITH, Lorraine, 83, of Pasadena (formerly of Houston, Texas), died Jan. 19 of complications after several strokes. She is survived by her daughter, Patricia Van Deventer; two grandchildren, Dennis Van Deventer and Barbara Stein; and two great-grandchildren, Ginger Van Deventer and Mark Stein.

RAPE, David, 56, of Eastman, Georgia, died Feb. 6 in a sledding accident. He is survived by one brother and three sisters.

INEICHEN, Gary, 34, of Eagan, Minnesota, died Feb. 6 in a sledding accident. He is survived by two children, Dante and Virgil; his mother, Bertha; one sister, Linn Bershot; and one brother, Stanley.

SMITH, Verlan R., 86, of Lorain, Ohio, died Nov. 19. He is survived by his wife, seven children and 17 grandchildren.



ERNEST CARDY

CARDY, Ernest, 95, of Hemel Hempstead, England, died Jan. 4. He is survived by his wife, Isabel May; two sons, Ernest and Tony; two daughters-in-law; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.



REYES TURRIETTA

TURRIETTA, Reyes, 75, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, died Nov. 17 of a heart attack. He is survived by two sons, Joseph and Tim.

Member's work study program steers young people to success

By Joel Meeker

When Raymond Stutz proposed a new work study program in the college (junior high school) in eastern France where he teaches math, he never dreamed it would attract nationwide attention.

The striking success of the program led to Mr. Stutz being featured in a two-page article in the March 4 issue of *L'Express*, a major French newsweekly. Mr. Stutz is a member who attends the Colmar church in the Alsace region of eastern France.

Joel Meeker pastors the Colmar and Metz, France, congregations.

The program, which is directed by Mr. Stutz and the school principal, is a way to motivate young people to continue their education.

The EA project (Enseignement Alterne or alternate education) consists of three weeks of normal class work alternating with one week of work in a business or factory.

Since its beginning in 1991, the EA program has had excellent results in encouraging under-achieving young people to see school work as a useful tool in achieving a better job.

One student said he learned to concentrate on the job. "Now it's easier to pay attention in math class."

Another said he had wanted to

drop out of school because working would be easier. A few weeks on the job as a metalworker convinced him to continue his studies.

After seeing life on the job first-

hand, most of these young people are more enthusiastic about their education. "This enthusiasm means they're charting a course away from failure," said Mr. Stutz.

Ministerial Ordinations

Jose Biamonte a deacon in the San Jose, Costa Rica, church, was ordained a **local church elder** Jan. 16.

Eke Udeagha a local elder in the Enugu and Owerri, Nigeria, church, was ordained a **preaching elder** Oct. 17.

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SOLOIST—YES member Sarah Redanz, 11, performs a flute medley for elderly residents of the Souderton Mennonite Home.

YES children perform at senior citizens home

By Christine Fluck and Cliff Redanz

SODERTON, Pennsylvania—Seven church families, including 15 YES members and 11 parents, entertained senior citizens at the Souderton Mennonite Home, Jan. 9.

Christine Fluck is a YOU member, and Cliff Redanz is a local church elder in the Souderton church.

The entertainment featured group singing, clarinet and flute solos by several youths, a couple of family numbers by Ed and Nancy Budda and their four children, and "Gray Squirrel," a musical performed by YES members Amber and Krystle Kostura in costume.

The delighted audience asked for an encore of the final number.

Church members also provided beverages and homemade cookies during the performances and, afterward, young people and parents mingled with the audience.

The elderly residents, who are confined to the nursing home by bad weather and short days, said the groups' timing brightened their winter season. They expressed appreciation for the children because they have so few such visitors and were impressed by the young people's courteous attitudes, as well as the children giving their time to share and talk with them.

Cliff Redanz, whose wife, Jane, launched the idea, said: "It was a simple effort that didn't require much time. But it became fulfilling for us to see the smiles on residents' faces."

The nursing home residents asked for a return engagement.

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

UPDATE

Ministers, wives honored for quarter century of service

Three ministers and their wives received plaques and watches March 4 at the Ministerial Refresher Program banquet in Pasadena to recognize 25 years of service to the Church.

They are **Wayne Dunlap**, Eureka, Chico and Redding, California, associate pastor; **Harold Lester**, Everett and Seattle, Washington, associate pastor,

and his wife, **Carol**; and **Gene Watkins**, Baker and Ontario, Oregon, and Boise, Idaho, associate pastor, and his wife, **Barbara**.

Four ministers and their wives received their plaques and watches Dec. 16 at the south-central regional ministerial conference in Little Rock, Arkansas.

They are **Karl Beyersdorfer**, Joplin, Missouri, and Independence, Kansas, pastor, and his wife, **Gaylon**; **Oswald Engelbart**, Fayetteville and Fort Smith,

Arkansas, pastor, and his wife, **Tina**.

Nelson Haas, Russellville and Mena, Arkansas, pastor, and his wife, **Linnea**; and **Gerald Witte**, Houston, Texas, East pastor, and his wife, **Cherie**.

Joplin singles hosts for 'Getting to Know You' weekend

JOPLIN, Missouri—Singles here invite other singles to their "Getting to Know You" weekend May 29 to 31.

For those coming from out of town, Friday arrival is recommended, since it is Pentecost weekend. Housing with area brethren will be provided, but a list of motels is also available.

Saturday activities are services and a picnic and Bible study at a

park. Sunday is Pentecost, and there will be a dance that evening.

Dress for the dance is either Western or Sabbath wear. A bowling party is planned for Monday morning (Memorial Day).

For further information please call **Dan King**, Joplin associate pastor, at 1-417-673-8676.

Belleville singles plan fun and friendship

BELLEVILLE, Illinois—Singles here invite singles to a weekend of fun and friendship May 15 and 16.

Activities will be a dinner dance Saturday night, continental breakfast, picnic, volleyball and softball Sunday. Cost for the weekend is \$20, and the deadline for registration is May 1.

For further information call

Larrie Wiggand at 1-618-475-2404.

Singles invited to biggest barn dance of them all

JACKSON, Tennessee—The Jackson singles invite singles to the "Biggest Barn Dance This Side of Texas Part IV" April 24.

The dance will feature the Ambassador College Dance Band with **Marty Yale**. Their mechanical bull will be back, meaner than ever.

A barbecue meal and hayride are also planned. Cost is \$16 a person.

For further information or to make payment write **Jeremy Chandler** at 2714 N. Highland Ave., Jackson, Tennessee, 38305, or call him at 1-901-664-7118.



FROM OUR BRETHREN WORLDWIDE

Four Yorkshire women share their experiences

By Ruth Arnold

YORKSHIRE, England—So often we underestimate the resources that exist right in our own congregations, or in ourselves. One of the most fascinating parts of the Church to me is the different talents of each member—particularly the women.

Ruth Arnold is copy editor for the British Plain Truth.

Each of the following four women interviewed have a different story to tell. Yet all have something in common: They are determined to do their best.

Marian: Make things happen

About a month ago, Marian Scott had some good news to share. After a difficult period in which she and her husband lost their business, she is about to become a published children's author.

Marian: "A year ago I had an idea for a children's story which came from talking to my grandchildren. I rang a publisher about my idea and sent a synopsis. They asked me to go see them. I spent the morning with them, and then in the afternoon they explained they were definitely interested."

"They wanted four books,

You have to ... make things happen.

"It's no good sitting back and thinking, Oh dear, what a boring life. You have to say, What can I do? and believe you can do it!"

Diane: Listen to the client

Diane O'Keefe has also used her interests and talents as a source of employment. After many years working in fashion shops, she is now a professional window dresser. I asked Diane how it all began.

"It was very gradual. I've always worked in fashion. I tried to help women achieve their own personal style, and think about what suited their particular shape or the occasion they had in mind. Working in shops I had the opportunity to coordinate items for customers and for display.



DIANE O'KEEFE

"I went free lance based on my experiences. I had some business cards printed and gave them to all the independent shops. I kept my prices very low.

"Actually, I would have done it for nothing just to get established. Then when you do one shop, other people in the street become interested. You build up recognition."

Diane learned some valuable lessons along the way.

"I listen to what the client wants. I'm still learning of course, but I try and help them feel confident in me. I have taken courses when I can afford them, but I read as many books as I can. I go to the library too, which is free! That's absolutely wonderful!"

"I just gather as much information as I can. When I am working for people who are knowledgeable I ask lot of questions and listen to them."

Lesia: Keep learning

Talents are not only for business! Lesia Lysenczuk uses her resources in caring for her four children: Laryssa, 7, Olexa, 5, Lydia, 3½, and Maxym, 2. She said she sees the need to keep on learning and to have patience.

"You have to learn extreme patience. And to learn from a child's point of view. Some of the things I have to show them, I am also learning. For example, how to draw. You really have to relearn what you learned at school ... and some things you didn't learn as a child yourself.

"I have to go and find out answers as well. For example, from the library, and we have lots of books. We teach them things about nature. For example, we go mushroom picking and they learn which mushrooms are which.



LESIA LYSENCZUK

They love nature."

Lesia urges women to do their part: "Sometimes we can be selfish and not do the things we are capable of and expect someone else to do them for us."

Edna: Sowing and sewing

Every congregation needs an Edna Pearson, although she insists she is nothing special.

"I just live my life, and that's how I regard it. I do pray for things though. There are quite a list of people that need prayers, and then anything special that comes up has extra."



EDNA PEARSON

In fact, Edna does a lot more than pray. Despite being restricted mainly to the house, she has sewn for several members of the congregation (including painstakingly sewing pearls onto a wedding veil for a young bride) and written encouraging letters to others. She is also known as a generous and hospitable hostess.

Not all easy

Of course, there are frustrations along the way, as all these women recognize.

Lesia: "Not having the finances to do the things you want to do with and for your children. You

have to think of them.

"People sometimes say to me, You have to think of yourself, but you can't. Well, perhaps with one child, but not with four!"

"I feel we talk a lot about family in the Church, but we are not always family oriented in the practical details. This can be such a frustration.

"For example, with four children my husband and I find we have to be at services at the Feast an hour and a half early so we can all sit together and the buggy can go by the aisle.

"It's not easy to keep your child still for an hour and half before church even begins.

"Once someone told me to go out at the Festival when my child was actually asleep and I went out and had a good cry!"

"After all, we're there to help one another. So, it's important not to just say that we're family but also to work with families too! Once an elder gave us reserve seating tickets and that really helped."

Diane: "My obstacle was learning to drive and passing my driving test. My husband has been incredibly supportive though."

Marian: "Probably the biggest frustration for me was employing other people. That is something people who work for themselves should realize. Another thing is age. After 50 you don't have the same stamina."

Edna: "My main frustration is being confined to four walls. I can't get out unless someone takes me. One wears a bit thin with time, you know. But it's not a trial. I'm just living my life."

Don't bury your talents

Each of us has something we can do—something we can offer. The challenge is finding out what those talents are, and how we can use them.

I asked these women if they had any advice for other women in the Church.

Marian: "It seems to me there is a distinction between women in the Church. Some perhaps got certain ideas from the Church in the past and are frightened to do, to use their talents as they might. Now they have the freedom to look at these things. "We tend to lack confidence in ourselves. Yet whatever you feel you can do well, make the most of it."

Diane: "Everyone is good at something. Ask yourself what you like doing. The chances are that it is something you're good at. Then simply practice until you are nearly perfect."

Edna: "I think it is essential to keep your word. My word is my bond. I think it's so important to be honest and true."

Lesia: "If something needs doing, just go and do it! Don't wait for someone else to tell you, do it!"

Make God your partner

These four women each have

talents. The Church benefits from their efforts too. So what difference has God and the Church made?

Marian: "I've had so much go wrong at times that nobody can have been on their knees about work more than me! And God doesn't always make things easy. He doesn't always give you a bed to rest on, he just holds your arms so you can go on.

"You have to do for yourself—and ask God for the strength and inspiration. But it is not necessarily going to be an easy road. After all, it's a building process of our own character."

Diane: "It's brilliant to know that when you've got a really difficult job, you can pray and, if it's really difficult, you can ask your friends to pray. God always hears us."

Lesia: "Last year before the Feast I was having problems with my health. I was anointed and asked the Church to pray the physiotherapy I was having would be a success. The problem has never come back. I can do things now I couldn't do before. My only regret is not asking before!"

Edna: "I've been in the Church for 30 years now. I progress so very slowly. Really it's only now I feel I'm getting any spiritual understanding.

"If someone asked me for advice I would say, you can always go on your knees and pray. That is the greatest good you can do for anyone!"



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which will hopefully be printed in May, reviewed in June and on the shelves in July. The first print will be of 20,000 copies, which is quite large for a first printing. The publishers are hoping to develop me as their children's author.

"I had killed myself running a factory [producing sweaters] for eight years and it didn't work. Now I'm doing something I love, using my imagination. I've always had an active imagination."

What had she learned through her experience?

"I've learned not to sit back and take everything life has to offer.

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