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Minister attempts to reach Rwandan brethren

GOMA, Zaire—Church families fled their homes in Rwanda for Goma, along with hundreds of thousands of other refugees. They are the Mundelis, Banzubazes, Muzalias, Kabinanas, Munyanezas and Mr. Ndayambaje.

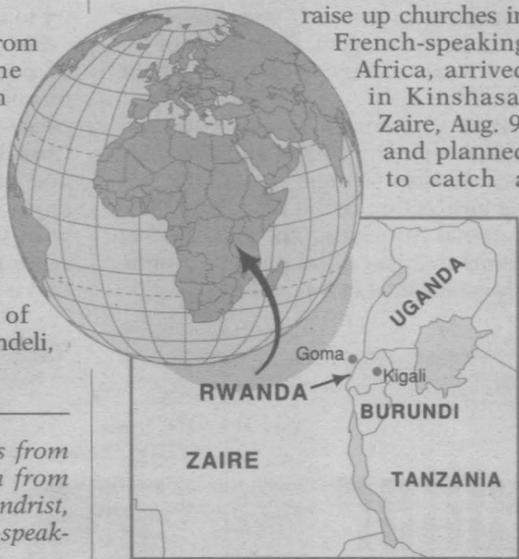
Mr. Banzubaze is suffering from persistent diarrhea, and some children are suffering from diarrhea and vomiting. Life has become extremely difficult for the brethren, since some of them are getting weaker from lack of food and water, and from difficulties adapting to a new diet.

Mugisha Mundeli, 20, son of Rwanda deacon Jean-Marie Mundeli, drowned in Lake Kivu July 15.

This article is based on reports from Jean-Marie Mundeli, a deacon from Kigali, Rwanda, and Bernard Andrist, who pastors brethren in French-speaking Africa.

A prospective member who is an army officer was wounded by a mortar shell and has recovered and is taking refuge in Tanzania.

Bernard Andrist, a longtime minister whom God used to raise up churches in French-speaking Africa, arrived in Kinshasa, Zaire, Aug. 9, and planned to catch a



plane to Goma. Mr. Andrist intends to take one or two Kinshasa deacons with him to deliver medication and other things needed by brethren in Goma. At press time it was uncertain whether Mr. Andrist had reached Goma.

Such a mass movement of refugees is putting Goma under considerable stress. Since the arrival of Rwandans in Goma, food prices have skyrocketed. For example, a portion of *sombe* (crushed manioc leaves), which cost

100 Zaire a few days ago, now costs 1,000 Zaire. Rent is horribly expensive and must be paid in dollars. Tenants have to make a down payment of at least four months rent as security.

The Church, with great difficulty, has put some resources into the hands of the Rwandan brethren, and these funds have sustained them. Mr. Andrist hopes to bring additional relief for their suffering. Your continued prayers are appreciated.

Northern lights: Norwegian PT and members to be more in spotlight

Norwegian *Plain Truth* relies on Scandinavian members as it celebrates 10th anniversary

OSLO, Norway—The Norwegian *Plain Truth*, *Den Enkle Sannhet*, celebrated its 10th anniversary in February. The magazine has a circulation of about 3,500 in Norwegian, and an additional 2,500 in Scandinavia subscribe to the English language edition.

Beginning with the April issue, the cover format was changed from a text-only cover to a black-and-white illustrated cover, which improves visual quality.

A further development in the magazine's content has been the introduction of one article, in either Danish or Swedish, in alternate issues.

Members in Scandinavia help in the translation process. These editorial activities are coordinated by Roy Oestensen, editor of *Den Enkle Sannhet*, who lives in Oslo, Norway, and Shirley McLean, assistant editor, who lives in the United Kingdom.

To improve her Norwegian language skills, Mrs. McLean worked for the Oslo Red Cross International Center and was asked to assist in the production of a new Red Cross magazine. This publication is intended to reflect the center's bridge-building work, showing how Norwegians and immigrants to the country are working together to make a positive contribution to society.

The center relies on Norwegian *Plain Truth*

voluntary support, and the Oslo congregation plans to provide volunteer services.

Two days of meetings took place in early June to plan open house Sabbath services. Both the local church elders from the Oslo congregation, Carl Fredrik Aas and Diedrik Zernichow, and the church pastor for the region, John Andrews, attended, along with editorial staff Roy Oestensen, Shirley McLean, John Ross Schroeder, British regional editor, and David Gunn, who coordinates planning for open house activities in Britain and Scandinavia. The Oslo open house is tentatively planned for next spring.

Also discussed was how Church literature can be geared to better serve the needs of local congregations, particularly in preparing for the open house program.



Personal from...

JOSEPH W. TKACH

Let's rejoice before the Lord

Recently, I've been thinking about the role of music in our worship services. Music has been with us for a long time. Miriam worshiped the Lord by singing his praises. David wrote psalms of fear and faith, requests and thanks. These psalms and others became part of Israel's worship traditions. Jesus and his disciples also sang hymns. Paul exhorted his converts to worship God in spiritual songs. Music is a part of worship.

Music is an important part of our weekly worship services. We always have congregational singing, and we normally have special music. Many of our songs are prayers; many encourage the congregation to give thanks and worship the Lord.

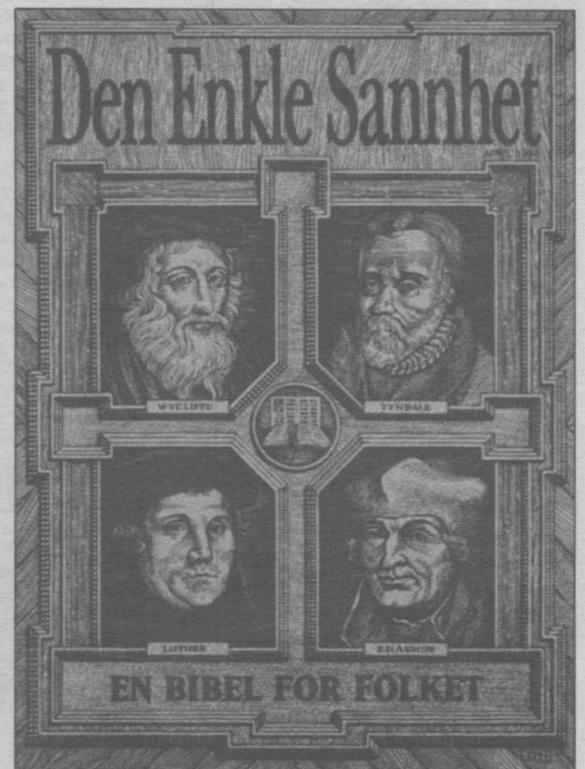
Music expresses emotions in a way that mere words cannot. Music can be deeply moving—sometimes causing sadness, or gratitude, or feelings of well-being, depending on the purpose of the song. Sometimes we are particularly moved with feelings of joy and exhilaration, and we can scarcely restrain ourselves from spontaneous applause or, in other cultures, shouts of joy.

Nearly six years ago, I set a policy that we should not applaud special music, and I have on numerous occasions since then regretted my own policy. After some particularly stirring songs, we want to express our joy through applause or, in some cultures, with shouts of joy. But our policy has squelched this normal reaction and has therefore thwarted one of the unique functions of music in worship.

Actually, despite our policy, some congregations have occasionally been moved to applaud some songs or announcements or even sermons. Then, due to our policy, some may have felt awkward because they had expressed their normal emotions by applauding.

We do need policies for orderly worship meetings, but do we really need a policy for this? Can't we allow our people to express

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Jerusalem: Who can square the circle?

Once again Washington and Jerusalem have been linked in the elusive search for Middle East peace.

Appearing at the White House and before the U.S. Congress July 25 and 26, the leaders of Jordan and Israel—King Hussein and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin—agreed to end the 46-year state of war between their two countries.

After being escorted into the White House Rose Garden for a ceremony at which both leaders signed the Washington Declaration outlining terms of their new relationship, King Hussein said, in a voice quiet with emotion: "Out of all the days of my life, I do not believe there is one such as this."

In his welcoming remarks, U.S. President Bill Clinton noted that the king had told him that, as a 15-year-old, he was at the side of his grandfather, King Abdullah, when the latter was assassinated by a Palestinian extremist at the entrance to Jerusalem's Al Aksa Mosque in 1951. At the time, King Abdullah was intent on making peace with Israel.

"Had he completed his mission, you said to me," continued the President, "your region would have been spared four decades of war. Today, 43 years later, Abdullah's grandson has fulfilled his legacy."

After the signing, Prime Minister Rabin concluded his address in Hebrew for the benefit of Israelis



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watching on television back home: "Tomorrow morning we will all arise to a new page in our history, of which it can be said: 'This is the day that God has made, let us rejoice in it.'"

In contrast to the strained White House ceremony last September, at which President Clinton had to nudge Mr. Rabin to shake hands with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, there was no need for prompting this time. The prime minister and the king, who have met some 30 times in secret, have a genuine warmth for each other.

The words in Washington were quickly backed up by action. Within days, one of two border crossings called for in the declaration was opened up, linking Eilat, Israel, with Aqaba, Jordan. (Pending a full peace treaty, only individuals from other countries can use the crossing.)

At ceremonies heralding a hastily constructed road joining the two towns on the Gulf of Aqaba, Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan surprised Israelis by

quoting, in Hebrew, the passage from Hosea 2:15 about "turning the valley of trouble into a gate of hope."

Despite these developments, the road to peace in the Middle East will not be easy. Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) leaders were incensed that, in the Washington Declaration, Israel said it "respects the present special role of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in Muslim Holy Shrines in Jerusalem."

Jordan has paid for the upkeep of the Muslim shrines for the past 27 years, despite having lost East Jerusalem in the 1967 war. Last year, King Hussein spent \$8 million of his own funds to regild the Dome of the Rock.

PLO Chairman Arafat, however, asserts that the shrine and the adjacent Al Aksa Mosque now fall within the jurisdiction of the new Palestinian National Authority. The PLO further claims that its capital must be eventually established in Jerusalem.

Israelis of all political persuasions are determined that Jerusalem must remain politically one, as Israel's "eternal and undivided capital."

King Hussein has remarked that only God can have sovereignty over Jerusalem's holy places. This approach intrigues Israeli authorities, who stress that religious access and political control are two different matters. "Jerusalem is closed politically and open religiously," says Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

Even in religious matters, problems loom. The Greek Orthodox Church controls the majority of Christian sites in Jerusalem, yet fears inroads by the Vatican, which has now established diplomatic ties to both Israel and Jordan.

Thus, Jerusalem is the one circle in the Middle East game that apparently no one can square.

The prophet Zechariah foretold that Jerusalem would become like an immovable rock, injuring those who try to move it (Zechariah 12:3).

For Christians, Jerusalem, the city of peace, has another significant meaning. We are learning the way to peace now, summarized as becoming Christlike, acting in love toward God and our fellow humans. Christians enjoy a new covenant relationship with God, described in a symbolic sense as being tied to "the Jerusalem that is above" (Galatians 4:26).

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Letters to the Editor

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Wrong beliefs before and after conversion
I've just finished studying your "Personal" in the May 17 issue along with Earl Williams' article of June 14. The topic of these two articles is close to my heart and is something that has troubled me for a number of years.

I've been a member of the Church since 1973. I came into this church with a reservation about the day of Pentecost, but I knew this was God's true Church and that he was in charge. So I had faith that either God would show me which was the right day in a way that I could understand or that he would do something else. It was important that this was the church to which I was called, period.

You might like to know that even though I didn't know it then, God was working with me for some time before he led me to this church. I experimented with a lot of different belief systems and churches—from Methodism to Zen and transcendental meditation, Mormonism and Pentecostalism. Something was always missing. One thing that troubled me was since we were God's one true Church and all other Christians were tainted, we were to avoid contamination by associating with them.

What bothered me was the pride and superiority I felt over my fellow Christian. I didn't want to be associated with those other false churches, and I pitied them for their lack of knowledge. As a result, I was beginning to die spiritually. I still attended church but my heart wasn't in the Work. For these reasons, I greeted these two articles with joy. Thank God for moving the Church in this direction.

I've always known God was all seeing, all knowing and all powerful. In short, he can do anything he wants to do. So who am I to limit him in any way? If he has called Christians in other churches, we know them by their works and I praise him for it.

I feel liberated. My life is full of joy. I proudly call myself Christian. My pride is in Christ, not in myself. I am grateful that he has called me because I know where my life was heading without him. My heart is open to my brother or sister in Christ without reservation. Thank God for leading you and his Church.

Beth Renwick
Chico, California

Positively different

Dear, and I mean dear, Mr. Tkach: You have recently stated on more than one occasion that we pray as we always have, that we worship as we always have. This is not true. Although I love you, I want to start this letter with some criticism. I still pray, but I pray differently. I still worship, but I worship differently. (What you originally implied is true—that we still pray. But I inferred that we should pray in the same way we always have, and I will show you how I don't.)

I was a Congregationalist before I became a member of the Worldwide Church of God, and in the intervening years I went through a rebellious teenage phase. As our ideas of the nature of God are undergoing modification, the realizations I am experiencing are affecting my prayer life in a positive way.

I can no longer pretend that Jesus is sitting

there as my advocate with a harsh, cruel Father. (I never realized that I had this prejudice against the Father.) I no longer can ignorantly go on in the same error. I no longer can be so angry with other Christian churches if they teach what they understand or suppose is the truth, and I no longer can treat God as if he has to honor me just because I happen to belong to an organization that has a unique claim on truth.

I want to commend you for the stand you have taken, and I imagine that you, as everyone who lives godly in Christ Jesus, shall suffer persecution. But I pray for you and for the many people in the leadership of the Church.

I do not feel that this letter is in a complete form, and I can see my lack of gentleness in it. But I am trying, motivated by compassion and fairness, to point out how your statement about prayer and worship may be taken by some of the members having difficulty understanding.

With my deep love,

Dan Shelley
Sonoma, California

"Into All the World..."

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

Worth teaching

I so much enjoy and appreciate your magazine, but I'm most particularly moved, sometimes to tears, by the "Personal" by Joseph Tkach. His comments are so pertinent to today's conditions. They make sense and are indisputably true.

One never hears of our major churchmen making such thought-provoking remarks or declaring hope in the kingdom of God. When, oh when, will people realize that no relief or help can come from any political leaders but can only come in the loving Messianic rule?

I wish the "Personals" could be mandatory reading for all schoolchildren. I certainly never lose an opportunity to allow others to read Mr. Tkach's writings.

I thank you for giving me the hope, the comfort, the pleasure and the excitement of the promised kingdom of God by your wonderful articles.

Monmouth, Wales

Closer to the source

I find your magazine educational and

enlightening. The stories and quotes from the Bible are interesting, and I look forward to each month's issue.

I have found that reading the articles has given me a different outlook on life. My feelings for other human beings have changed, and I feel closer to the Almighty who created heaven and earth.

I'm hoping and praying that the world will change and that all people will try to make it a better place to live. I see a lot of destruction and hatred in today's news, but I read a lot of good news from you.

Thanks to *The Plain Truth*, this gives me hope for the future.

Prince George, British Columbia

Sincere confession

Thank you for the year's subscription to your magazine, which you sent free of charge. Our friends in this remote barrio come to us with deep pleasure in their hearts after reading it.

We are really impressed by their sincere confessions regarding getting so much knowledge from this magazine and how much it has contributed to their daily lives.

Sharing what we have to comfort others makes us feel great.

Angeles City, Philippines



Pastor General visits...

BILLINGS, MONTANA



Trip Overview

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach spoke to 444 brethren Aug. 6 from Billings, Butte, Great Falls, Helena, Kalispell and Missoula, Montana; and Buffalo, Wyoming.

Hosts for the visit were James and Sondra Reyer, Billings and Buffalo; Norm and Kay Strayer, Kalispell and Missoula; and Warren III and Marti Heaton, Butte, Great Falls and Helena. [Photos by Lowell R. Knowlen Jr.]



SEP Pasadena offers 'a lot more life to live'

By Rick Shallenberger

One hundred fifty-nine students attended the Summer Educational Program (SEP) in Pasadena July 20 to Aug. 5. The camp, directed by Curtis May, pastor of the Los Angeles church, consisted of motivational sessions and sports activities.

Most of the mornings started with one or two motivational sessions given by professionals. Presidents and chief executive officers of multi-million dollar corporations talked to the students about what steps to take to make it in the world today. Other sessions were given about encouragement, gangs, commitment, dating and how to conduct yourself in a formal dining atmosphere.

The afternoons were spent in sports activities.

One of the highlights of camp is Speech Club. Each student has the opportunity to give a speech and to contribute to tabletopics. Many of the students come to camp and dread speech club, but it quickly becomes one of their most memorable events.

This is what some of the students thought about SEP.

Mervin Cump, New Orleans,

Louisiana: It's a melting pot of different ethnicities, languages, styles and backgrounds. It's fun too.

Jessica McPeake: I like being around all these teenagers in the Church because we understand what's going on and what's right and wrong.

Tony Hillerson: I like SEP because it gives me a chance to be in an intensely friendly atmosphere. The atmosphere is so different from where I live (and probably from where most of us live) because there's so much excitement and intensity. There just seems to be a lot more life to live in a place like this.

E in SEP stands for education at Malawi camp

By Mandy Heathcote

BLANTYRE, Malawi—*Muli Bwanji!* The traditional warm greeting of the Malawian people is extended to all who visit this country, also known as the warm heart of Africa.

For 10 days, beginning July 31, 34 campers attended SEP on the church grounds here. At this year's camp, coordinated by pastor Bill Whitaker, the *E* in SEP was the theme that permeated the activities—education.

"During this SEP I have learned some of the skills that I know will remain profitable to me for the rest of my life," said Jane Chonde,

a camper from Lilongwe.

During SEP each dorm was taken to the Zomba Plateau, a scenic area about 70 kilometers from Blantyre. Campers were taken to various lookouts to view Mt. Mulanje and Lake Chirwa. They also had lunch by a dam, followed by a hike up the falls.

The evenings were filled with activities such as dance classes, question and answer sessions, movie nights, indoor games and a talent show.

The awards banquet and a dance brought SEP to a close. Campers enjoyed dinner by candlelight, after which they put into practice the dance steps they had learned during dance classes.

What did the campers think of SEP? Chawezi Chirwa said that "this SEP was the most successful I have ever experienced." Not only was there fun, but bonds of friendship developed too.

"One of the things I enjoyed most was that I have developed new friends," said Manes Salawila.

Garvey Chilopora said, "I believe the coming programs will offer even more excitement by providing more activities to keep the youths busy and also more trips to new places."

Mandy Heathcote served on the staff at SEP in Malawi.

SEP Pasadena takes on international flavor

By Curtis May

Ten students from the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) participated in the Summer Educational Program (SEP) in Pasadena.

Several Church families, coordinated by member Norma Wiles, housed the students, who are in the United States on an educational exchange program.

On their first day, the CIS students were friendly but reserved. However, from the next day on they not only excitedly chose their activities but really began to get to know our SEP teens (they were all in their mid to late teens).

Since each dorm is a speech club, we adopted a student into each club. Two clubs had two students each since there were eight clubs. That worked out well since there were five boys and five girls.

We asked each student to give a speech, which made for some interesting club meetings. These students were some of the most respectful, intelligent, mannerly teens you could find. In club they talked about their countries, cultures, economics and families. Their comments were broadening and lifted our minds onto new horizons as some gave historical overviews of their countries.

Curtis May pastors the Los Angeles congregation.

Rick Shallenberger is managing editor of Youth 94.

Iron Sharpens Iron

Proverbs 27:17—As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.



Sensible ways to secure your money and your future

By Glenn Nice

If I only had more money, then all my financial problems would be taken care of." How often have you heard that—or said it about yourself? The book *Uncommon Cents* by Lynn Robbins quotes a Gallup survey of four levels of workers earning from \$15,000 a year to \$150,000 a year. Individuals in every group expressed the need for 10 percent more. Maybe it's not a problem of how much you have as opposed to how you are spending (using) what you have.

For the past seven years, I have helped administer financial assistance to members from funds that have been donated to the Church for that purpose.

Money is tight for almost everyone, but I have come to realize that one major reason so many are constantly struggling with money needs is that there isn't enough understanding about the basics of family budgeting or money management.

Quoting again from *Uncommon Cents*: "Are good health practices only helpful to the sick? Of course not.... Good health habits maintain and enhance good health as well as help cure the sick. So it is with money management. While good financial habits can help restore financial health, they also maintain and enhance an already healthy checkbook."

Caution: In every situation, there are differences. The needs of your family are different than those of my family. Before you make any big plans or commitments, you should get proper counsel. The proverb about getting a multitude of counsel is stated three times (Proverbs 11:14; 15:22; 24:6).

With that in mind, let's take a look at a three-step plan.

Glenn Nice is member assistance coordinator in Church Administration.

- The first law of success in any endeavor is pleasing God. In the case of finances, honor to God is shown by tithing. God tells us the whole world is his (Psalm 50:10-12), and Jesus sanctioned the practice of tithing (Matthew 23:23). If you have questions about tithing or are a little confused as to what is expected of you, you should discuss it with your minister.

Whatever you do, don't let this brief mention of tithing cause you to undervalue this critical part in your spiritual and physical life.

- God expects us to do our part. If you are a family, your values take on a different perspective than if you are single. Only when you have established what your values are can you do the next thing.

Set some goals. Everyone needs to have clear, written goals, and from time to time, goals need review. Financially speaking, what do you want to be doing in five or 10 years? What are your plans for that time in life, or retirement? What are your hopes and plans for your children and grandchildren?

These different aspects of life will mean setting some priorities. For instance, you may need to decide whether to take that vacation or whether you should put money in a certificate of deposit for your 5-year-old's college education.

Again quoting from *Uncommon Cents*, "In an interview with *Financial Security Digest*, Venita Vancaspel stated: 'Of every 100 people who reach age 65 in our country, only 2 are financially independent, 23 must continue to work, and 75 are dependent on friends, relatives, or charity. This means that 98 percent of us are flat broke.'"

Save. Most everyone seems to feel that saving money is an impossible task. I would recommend reading *The Richest Man in Babylon* by George Clason. He pounds home that we should be saving 10 percent of our incomes.

I cannot emphasize enough the damage done by the combined effect

of not having a savings plan and having an ongoing debt payment. It is important to get out of debt and establish a savings plan. Remember, the opposite of savings is debt.

Record. What are you spending your money on? Many people have no method of recording their expenses. For a minimum of one month, record what you spend your money for.

Only when you know where your hard-earned money is going can you decide where you want to redirect it. Buy or make a budget ledger to fit your needs, but, most important of all, start recording what you spend.

Redirect your available money. Now you need to decide where to spend your money. If you don't have enough to pay the bills, reevaluate how much you are spending on what items.

After you have analyzed your spending patterns and decided where you want to spend your money, it will take character to keep your spending patterns where you want them. Every time you spend money on anything, record it against the budget for that category.

- Don't depend on help. This country has various welfare programs and the Church has third tithe, but we need to recognize that these things only provide subsistence.

We need to ask ourselves, if these things weren't there, what would we do? We must exercise the character to know when to ask for help and when we are developing the entitlement attitude.

Karl Marx said: "A democracy is not a form of government to survive. For it will only succeed until its citizens discover they can vote themselves money from the treasury, then they will bankrupt it."

This article is just the beginning. You may find it helpful to review the article written by Doug Peitz in the Jan. 18 *Worldwide News*. In addition, *The Worldwide News* plans to run occasional articles on money management.

Pulling things apart, or pulling people up?

Christians can't imitate puppies, who like to pull things apart. We are called to build up.

As my wife, Shirley, and I sat talking to a friend, our puppy undid our guest's shoelace. "Clever little dog you have," he said. "Yes," I replied, "but she can't tie it up again."

We all know people who delight in undoing things. Whether it is someone's conduct, morals or a hallowed past, some find it hard to resist tearing down.

Building, not pulling down

As Christians, on the other hand, we are required to be builders, examples of unity.

In Ephesians 4 the apostle Paul urges us to keep the unity of the spirit. Three times he emphasizes that we have been called to help Christ, the head, build up the Body.

And we are the Body. Figuratively, hands to do Christ's work, feet to run his errands, a voice to speak his words.

This pictures the Church's unity, working together to build up. Each member must be involved with all the others as a team doing the work of Christ on earth. We are not lone Christians but part of a body.

In verses 11 and 12, Paul explains that Christ expects that "the body of Christ may be built up."

As each member of the Church functions properly, the Church is built up in love. "Speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work" (verses 15-16).

This means that not only should our words be honest but also that

our actions should encapsulate Christ's integrity.

Questions to consider

Are you building up or undoing things? As part of the Body of

ourselves some important questions.

- Have I discerned Christ's gift to me to help build up God's Church?

- Am I using that gift to build



Just One More Thing

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Christ, do you reflect Christ's character and carry out your role in his work?

We must see that, as Paul puts it, we don't "let any unwholesome talk come out of our mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen" (verse 29).

In this connection we should ask

up the Church in love?

- Do my words encourage and help, adding strength to the Church?

It may be clever for a dog to undo a shoelace. But Christians shouldn't imitate puppies, who like to pull things apart.

We are called to build up. Let's take care that our words build up, not tear down.

Adopting a gracious view of 'other Christians'

It is self-righteous to think that we are better Christians than anybody else.

By Joseph Tkach Jr.

In the past few months, my dad and others have written articles to explain the definition of a Christian. My dad published a detailed explanation in the May 17 *WN*. About a year earlier, I wrote an article in the April 27, 1993, issue. Most recently, Earl Williams authored an article in the June 14 *WN*. This subject is used by some to create unnecessary controversy.

It is important to understand that to claim we are Christian is to say our life, in spite of our human imperfections, is dedicated to and represents the way of Christ. And we thank God for his grace for those occasions when we fail as humans and fall short of either the letter or spirit of God's law. By all means, we strive to remain faithful to the scriptural teaching. Regarding how we conduct ourselves with others who also claim to follow God, Christ gave us an illustration of how we should *not* represent him.

On a number of occasions, Christ cited the inappropriate behavior of the Pharisees as an illustration of how Christians should not behave. The illustration should warn us against viewing others as less than genuine:

Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: "God, I thank you that I am not like other men—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get." But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, "God, have mercy on me, a sinner" (Luke 18:10-13).

The Pharisee was so pleased to celebrate himself and how he was different. He did this rather than celebrate God's uniqueness and greatness. Instead, he celebrated his knowledge and that he kept the law better than anybody else. The publican or tax collector recognized him-

self in comparison to God's greatness and simply prayed for forgiveness.

Remember Christ's conclusion to this illustration. In verse 14, he said: "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

The question is asked, "Can there be Christians in other organizations?" My dad explained very carefully in the *WN* how we are to understand the fact that God also has children who are not members of the Worldwide Church of God. (I urge all members to go back and read his article again very carefully.)

For some, this is a difficult concept to cope with. But how many times have we read and heard the words John preserved in his Gospel about Christ? "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:44). It is God's call, not ours. Christians will stand before *his* judgment, not ours. God did not invite us to be umpires who make the call on whom he is working with.

Christ taught the disciples that it was not their call, either. He asked them what they were arguing about on their way from Capernaum (Mark 9:33). At least they realized that their topic of discussion was problematic. "They kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest" (verse 34).

In verses 35-42, Christ told them something we should take to heart: "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all." Jesus then brought a child into the group and said, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

After John heard this, he mentioned a situation regarding how to treat other believers: "We saw a man driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us."

"Do not stop him," Jesus replied. "No one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, for whoever is not against us is for us. I tell you the truth, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to Christ will certainly not lose his reward. And if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in

me to sin, it would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone tied around his neck."

The last thing we want to do is misrepresent Christ by behaving like Pharisees. However, we don't always see where we are following the Pharisees' example instead of Christ's example. We need to understand the teaching Christ gave the disciples and live by it. For some, this means that we should take a more gracious view toward others who worship Christ as the Lord, Master and King.

This doesn't mean that we agree with everything "other Christians" teach and believe. We don't have to be umpires to recognize a wild pitch. When we see a major denomination ordain practicing homosexuals or

ular issue or doctrine.

I'm reminded of an anecdote that Keith Stump, a scriptwriter in the Television Department, shared with me. A self-righteous Sunday-school teacher was preaching to his class on the importance of exemplary living. With his head held high and chest thrust outward, he strutted boldly back and forth across the room, saying arrogantly, "Now kids, why do people call me Christian?"

There was momentary silence. Then one of the boys slowly raised his hand.

"Yes?" boomed the teacher as he acknowledged the boy.

The boy responded, "Probably because they don't know you."

It is easy to proclaim our own righteousness and overlook our own dirty laundry. It is so easy to parade about as the Pharisees did, filled with our own perspective of how well we are obeying the law, that we lose focus on how many times and in how many ways we fall short of the stature of Christ.

Some of the Pharisees were just this self-righteous, as is evident by Jesus' corrective remarks to them. I don't believe that any of us want to emulate the approach of the Pharisees.

Several weeks ago here in Pasadena, my dad read a "B.C." comic strip during the announcements. As some of you who read B.C. know, Wiley is a regular member of the B.C. cast of characters. "Wiley's Dictionary" definitions are often featured as brief but clever commentaries on human foibles and shortcomings. On this occasion Wiley referred to the dictionary for the meaning of "religious cult." The definition was "the church down the street from yours."

We can fall into the mistake of thinking that just because we understand and observe the seventh-day Sabbath, that we are the only ones God is calling and using to his glory. We appreciate the conviction God has given us to celebrate salvation in Christ, symbolized in the Sabbath and annual Holy Days. But our celebration should not reflect the approach of the Pharisees. Rather, it should reflect Jesus Christ, our Creator.

Let's practice internalized Christianity, not comparative Christianity. As we prepare for the fall festivals, let's focus on the joyful assurance we have through Christ. Let's be grateful for all that Christ has done for us. This is the real cause for celebration.

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when we watch certain television preachers, we can recognize certain serious problems in theology and conduct.

There are numerous areas in which we disagree with other churches in practice and in doctrine. We would never use statues or crucifixes in our worship, for example. We would never pray to Mary or other saints. We don't "laugh in the Spirit," perform "healings" on stage, or believe in "cheap grace" or "easy believism," and we do permit the moderate use of alcoholic beverages.

Before we focus on the lack of understanding and faults of others, we should also bear in mind that we would not want to be judged by our own doctrinal misunderstandings and errors, marriage and family problems, divorces, abuse, alcoholism and other sins. We have splinters in our own eyes.

It is self-righteous to think that we are better Christians than anybody else because we believe we have a better understanding of some partic-

Festival Updates

Golf tournament in Spokane

A two-man scramble tournament is planned for 1:30 p.m., Sept. 21, at Meadowwood golf course.

Cost is \$27 per person, not including carts. Please make checks payable to Bill Miller and mail to him at 18410 23rd Dr. SE, Bothell, Washington, 98012, or call Mr. Miller at 1-206-483-6697.

Golf tournament in Tucson

A golf tournament will take place Sept. 22 at the Starr Pass golf course in Tucson, Arizona. Registration by Sept. 5 is necessary. Call 1-602-570-1230 to register and for more information.

Singles hayride, dinner, dance

Two singles events are planned for the Tucson Feast site. Registration by Sept. 5 is required for both events.

A hayride with a steak dinner and music in the Tucson mountains will take place Wednesday, Sept. 21. Cost will be \$30 per person.

A dance with a disc jockey will take place Thursday, Sept. 22. Cost will be \$12 per person.

To register for either activity, send payment along with your name, address and phone number to Kenneth Gareau, 11811 N. Dragon Springs Dr., Tucson, Arizona, 85737. His phone number is 1-602-742-5657.

Singles event in St. Petersburg

Singles attending the Feast in St. Petersburg, Florida, are invited to a brunch buffet at the St. Petersburg Hilton and Towers, Sept. 24 at 11 a.m.

The meal will consist of orange juice, a citrus bowl, muffins, biscuits, eggs with sauteed mushrooms, cheese and peppers, plus turkey ham, turkey bacon, roast beef hash, hash browns, grits, jellies, coffee and tea.

The cost is \$13.50 per person. Please make checks payable to LCAF—Fayetteville and send to Beal Beaver, Box 6396, Springdale, Arkansas, 72766.

Room is limited, and reserva-

tions will be first come, first served. Please register by Sept. 5.

Volunteers needed in Pensacola, Florida

Help is needed with ushering and other jobs related to the auditorium at the Pensacola, Florida, site.

If you are transferring to Pensacola and would like to serve, please send your name and experience level to Howard Shadoan, 190 Parnell St., Munford, Alabama, 36268.

Also, if you can help, please plan to attend the auditorium and ushers meeting in meeting room A at the civic center at 5 p.m., Sept. 19.

21-year-old completes world tour

SPARTANBURG, South Carolina—Dwain Pruitt, 21, a senior at Wofford College, returned here June 20 after a nearly seven-month trip that took him to 16 developing countries.

Dwain, who majors in history and French, is the ninth winner of the annual Presidential International Scholarship, which paid his expenses for the trip.

Joab M. Lesesne Jr., president of Wofford College, a liberal arts college with 1,100 students, awarded the scholarship to Dwain as the person "most likely to lead a life of service to mankind." Scholarship recipients are required to travel to developing nations, including at least five coun-

tries where different languages are spoken.

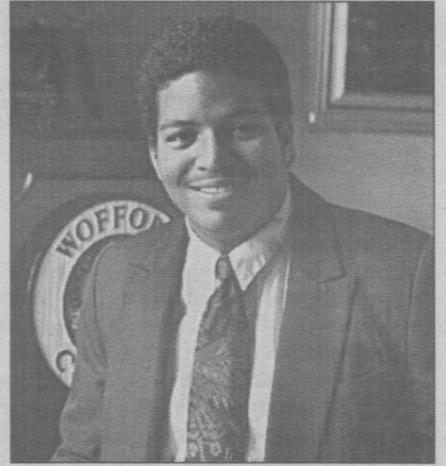
The scholarship is "a call to a lifetime of service by sharing what we learn through our travels and then by building on those lessons to be better global citizens," Dwain said. His topic of study is "At What Price Heritage?: Historical Preservation in the Developing World," in which he is studying how poor countries preserve their national monuments.

"This is a good time for someone from the Church to have won this scholarship, given the Church's emphasis on personal evangelism," Dwain said. "I think this falls right

into what Mr. Tkach has been saying about the Church needing to serve others as a sign that we have Christ's character and commitment to outgoing concern.

"I have also been able to mention the Church on several occasions in discussing how I could have contacts in so many different countries. Over the past year the Church has been mentioned on area radio and television stations, in the local newspaper and in the college's publications."

Dwain will give a presentation at Ambassador University Oct. 6. He attends the Greenville, South Carolina, church with his parents, Marion and Carolyn, and his brother, Craig.



Dwain Pruitt

Personal: Applause is audience participation in praise of God

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appropriate emotional reaction? I do not think we need to forbid applause, so I am rescinding our policy against it.

Obviously, applause does have a potential for problems. That's why we forbade it for so long. I would like to address a couple of those potential problems and explain a little more about the proper role of applause within our worship services.

"Applause makes special music seem like a performance, not a prayer or an expression of praise." This concern is valid. We do not want special music to be a place for entertainment-style performances designed to draw attention to the performer's artistic skills. No one

should be singing or playing instruments for the purpose of getting applause. The songs should glorify God, and likewise, the applause is the congregation's participation in the praise of God. The musicians do not need to bow; they can simply smile and humbly leave the stage.

Sometimes we have seen applause as a way of thanking the musician, recognizing that many hours of preparation go into a three-minute song. But applause for special music isn't primarily an expression of gratitude. Rather, it seems to come from a more general emotional uplift. (At least this seems to be true in American culture; other cultures may have different spontaneous responses.)

Applause for certain announcements also illustrates this: We do not

applaud for the skill in which the announcement was delivered. We applaud because we are pleased at the news and want to express our happiness and joy. Our response to songs can be similarly motivated.

Some songs do not inspire the audience to applaud. Not every song should. Some inspire feelings of peace and relaxation, and quietness is the spontaneous and appropriate response. No one should feel obligated to applaud. Equal effort and artistic skill may have gone into the presentations, but our responses may be different.

"Applause seems out of place in worship services." Our expectations of worship services are largely a matter of our own customs, not of any particular biblical rules. Some people prefer a doctrinal lecture, some

people prefer organ music, some people prefer formality and some prefer spontaneity. No matter what we do, we should do it to the glory of God.

We are human, and we each have our weaknesses. Our pride may occasionally be wounded. Problems will no doubt arise sometimes over applause or nonapplause. But I do not think we should manage this problem by legislating a rule. As we are led by the Holy Spirit, we will mature through our experiences, and we will edify one another.

Thanks again to all for your prayers and expressions of love and support. Soon we'll be meeting together again for the Feast of Tabernacles! Let's pray that all plans and preparations go well as this joyous celebration approaches.

'94 Festival films offer some exciting firsts

By Bernie Schnippert

The Television Department has produced two Festival videos. *The Worldwide Newsreel*, a 20-minute sermonette video, and *The Hope Within You*, a 63-minute sermon video, will be played Friday morning, Sept. 23, at most U.S. Feast sites.

The sermon shows how each member can preach the gospel by the power of personal example, living a Christlike life and by sharing the hope within.

Setting the tone for this video, Pastor General Joseph Tkach speaks on the subject of personal evangelism, as well as his vision and hopes for the Church of God. In one clip, he addresses ministers assembled for the open-house conference in February. In another clip he delivers a message to regional directors, and a third clip contains segments of one of his sermons.

One segment of this sermon video deals with the successes of the open-house program. Interviews with three pastors explain the impact of the open-house program on their congregations. The Washington, D.C., area congregations, pastored by John Comino, were hosts at the pilot open house in June 1993. The San Francisco and Oakland, California, churches, where Bill Bradford is pastor, conducted an open house last November. The Los Angeles church, pastored by Curtis May, had its open house in April.

Two segments provide an international aspect to *The Hope Within You*. The first covers an open house in Lyon, France, conducted by Olivier Carion in May.

The second covers an opportunity for the church in Ipswich, England. Rena Gibbons, a member in Ipswich, was enrolled in a course at Suffolk College. Through one of her instructors, the Church and area schoolchildren were invited to participate in a multifaith fair at the college. Ipswich members manned a booth, displayed Church publications and answered questions about the Worldwide Church of God.

Perhaps the most compelling and moving segments of the sermon video are stories of several members who became interested in the Church directly through the personal examples of other members. These examples illustrate how God uses individuals to draw others to him. I won't tell you more about these stories, because I don't want to spoil the video for you.

The sermonette video is also exciting. *The Worldwide Newsreel* includes a number of news stories about the Church. The lead story takes the audience to Ambassador University on the day it was accredited, allowing them to witness the excitement firsthand. Another segment takes viewers behind the scenes in the Ukraine, where AU students were teaching English.

Two segments highlight events sponsored by local churches. One cov-

ers an African-American gala in Indianapolis, Indiana, and the other covers a bluegrass festival at a picturesque farm in northeastern Ohio.

This special newsreel also includes a message about the new personal development program for Church teens, presented by Bill Jacobs, manager of Family Ministry. In addition, Randal

Dick, assistant director of Church Administration International, reviews ways members can serve one another in various parts of the world.

I believe that when members see these videos, they will be moved by some stories, inspired by others, but given a greater sense of unity and purpose by them all.



REUNION—Members of the Imperial High School class of 1969 gather in Carpinteria, California, Aug. 13. From left (first row): Susan Sixt, Jan (Kuipers) Young, Sara Winger, Ken Evans; (second row) Bill Armstrong, Grace Lomascola Clark, Kamie (Zimmerman) Mulroy, Jill (Hockwald) Andrews, J. Michael Feazell; (last row) Joseph Tkach Jr., Robin Webber, Mel Inglima, Steve Wendt, Doug Royer and Dean May. Not pictured: Craig Bacheller, John Elliott, Dan Hall, Candace (Hanway) McKill, Melania (French) Nutzman, Bill Pack, Gail (Streeter) Pastusak, Jerry Sandquist, Gloria (Jebens) Sexton, Mel Schuetz and Ted Turner. [Photo by Michael Young]

Announcements

BIRTHS, ENGAGEMENTS, WEDDINGS, ANNIVERSARIES AND OBITUARIES

Chance Anthony, May 24, 7:13 p.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, now 3 boys.

MAITLAND, John and Christa (Rath) of Omaha, Nebraska, girl, Tripolee Nicole, July 1, 6:48 p.m., 3 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl (See Obituary).

MARTZ, Scott and Tara (Wheat) of Springfield, Missouri, boy, Jamie Christopher, June 30, 3:20 a.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

MOSELEY, Joel and Michele (Tallson) of Indianapolis, Indiana, girl, Tiera Oné, June 23, 9:40 p.m., 6 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

MOTSOANG, Wilson and Stella (Dizwani) of Johannesburg, South Africa, girl, Alison Tumeleng Nokhuzola, June 26, 9:25 p.m., 2.88 kilograms, first child.

MULLINS, Mark and Melissa (Bloomer) of Kingsport, Tennessee, girl, Brianna Laura, July 1, 6 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

NELSON, Eric and Jackie (Page) of Pasadena, boy, Drake Lawrence, July 30, 7:50 a.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 3 boys.

PALMER, Jon and Denise (Jones) of Los Angeles, California, girl, Celeste Cheri, July 21, 9:20 p.m., 6 pounds, first child.

POWER, Andrew and Janelle (Downes) of Brisbane, Australia, girl, Shannon Leigh, May 8, 1:16 a.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

RUSSELL, Richard Allen and Stephanie (Brown) of Memphis, Tennessee, girl, Tessa Delaney, Feb. 24, 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 3 girls.

SAWYER, Donald and Kathleen (Cherry) of Atlanta, Georgia, boy, Matthew Leonard, July 20, 11:53 p.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys 2 girls.

SIGURDSON, Tim and Carolyn (Siedschlag) of Wadena, Saskatchewan, girl, Jasmine Anna Beth, March 28, 1:23 a.m., 1 pound 9 ounces, now 2 girls.

THOMPSON, Daniel and Cindi (Block) of Nuwara Eliya, Sri Lanka, girl, Shelby Maria, July 17, 11:50 p.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

TURNER, Ken and Tamora (Brooks) of Nashville, Tennessee, girl, Haley Christine, June 15, 2:30 p.m., 6 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 girls.

VISSER, Randy and Becki (Suboski) of Allendale, Michigan, boy, Mitchell Lee, May 29, 7:26 p.m., 8 pounds, first child.

ray Gast was his son's best man. The couple live in Delaware, Ohio.



GREG & TODNI ROBINSON
Todni Elmore, daughter of C. Kim Franklin, and Greg Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus Robinson, were united in marriage July 2 in Houston, Texas. The ceremony was performed by the groom's father, a minister in the Suffolk, New York, church. Somé Franklin, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Chris Nelson was best man. The couple live in Dallas, Texas.



PETER & ADA CLIFFORD
Ada Butcher and Peter Seth Clifford were united in marriage June 5. The ceremony was performed by Robin Jones, pastor of the London and Basildon, England, churches. Debbie Raaen, daughter of the bride, was matron of honor, and Claire Butcher, granddaughter of the bride, was bridesmaid. Len Maylin was best man. The couple live in Southend-on-Sea, England.



MANUEL & AUTUMN HAMME
Autumn Lea Galloway, daughter of Gwendolyn and Robert Galloway, and Manuel Stephen Hamme, son of Cathy and Howard Hamme, were united in marriage Sept. 5. The ceremony was performed by Robin Webber, pastor of the Pasadena East P.M. church. Sheryl Ann Galloway was maid of honor, and Felix Burbon was best man. The couple live in Pasadena.



LYNN & CASIE LEIBY
Cassandra Renee Nootboom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Nootboom of Jackson, Tennessee, and Lynn Lee Leiby, son of Arlene Leiby of Allentown, Pennsylvania, were united in marriage July 2. The ceremony was performed by Mark Cardona, pastor of the Jackson church. Mary Pipkin was maid of honor, and Tim Goho was best man. The couple live in Nacogdoches, Texas.



MATTHEW & KAREN SMITH
Karen Jistine Mullens, daughter of Oliver McCafferty and Joyce M. Dodson, and Matthew John Smith, son of Gary and Susie Smith, were united in marriage June 19. The ceremony was performed by Clyde Kilough, pastor of the Akron, Ohio, church. Diane See was maid of honor, Jessica Smith was bridesmaid, Louis Petit II was best man and Roger Ellis III was groomsmen. The couple live in Athens, Ohio.



RANDALL & RHONDA McCOY
Rhonda Ann Kolb, daughter of Rebecca Walter of Dallas, Texas, and Joel Kolb of Petal, Mississippi, and Randall Glen McCoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. William McCoy of Euleas, Texas, were united in marriage April 16. The ceremony was performed by Frank McCrady III, Dallas North pastor. Lizz King was matron of honor, and Danny Seward was best man. The couple live in Dallas.

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Rissinger of Buffalo, New York, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Julie Rae to Michael Anthony Wirth, son of Mrs. Leonard Jakobowski. A November wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Northrup of Goshen, Arkansas, and Ada Northrup of Fayetteville, Arkansas, are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Janice Ann to Eric Michael Swagerty, son of Terry and Gayle Swagerty of Evans, Washington. A Jan. 1 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Schatz of Pasadena, and Dan Kelly announce the engagement of their daughter Erin Kelly to Mark Schnee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schnee. A fall wedding in Pasadena is planned.

Weddings



DAVID & DEBORAH RAND
Deborah Ann Graham, daughter of Ken Graham and Farrol Bradley of Portland, Oregon, were united in marriage May 29. The ceremony was performed by Doug Holcomb, a minister in the Portland East church. Kaye Rowning was maid of honor, and Brian Bullock was best man. The couple live in Big Sandy.



PATRICK & SARAH GAST
Sarah Elizabeth Marquis, daughter of Olga Wilson of Piketon, Ohio, and Patrick Murray Gast, son of Murray and Mary Gast of Marion, Ohio, were united in marriage May 27. The ceremony was performed by Douglas Johnson, Marion and Mansfield, Ohio, pastor. Vicki Hornsby was her mother's matron of honor, and Mur-

Births

BAKER, Brent and Ruth (DiGeronimo) of Bowling Green, Kentucky, boy, Austin Brent, July 5, 1:10 a.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys.

BROOKS, Ben and Angie (Compton) of Greenville, South Carolina, boy, Kyle Austin, July 9, 8 a.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 boys.

CLARK, Steve and Susan (Little) of Brampton, Ontario, boy, Jeremy Edward, May 6, 10:55 a.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

CLEEK, Alan and Linn (Dupree) of Springfield, Missouri, twin girls, Leah Kay and Andrea Lee, July 1, 10:02 and 10:05 a.m., 6 pounds 9 ounces and 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy 2 girls.

CLERE, Gary and Christine (Shottliff) of Watford, England, boy, William John, July 9, 10 pounds, first child.

EBERSOLE, Brent and Sonja (Metz) of New Enterprise, Pennsylvania, boy, Brendan Dale, May 7, 8:29 a.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

ELLIS, Michael and Elizabeth (Howard) of Bacchus Marsh, Australia, boy, Brett James, June 23, 7:52 p.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

FENSKY, Dan and Donna (Watson) of Calgary, Alberta, boy, Trevor Otto Daniel, June 22, 2:30 p.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

FLORIAN, Chuck and Deb of Valentine, Nebraska, boy, Cody William, Jan. 24, 9:13 p.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys.

HOFFMAN, Wade and Robin (Bunting) of Regina, Saskatchewan, girl, Melissa Jeannine, April 12, 8 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

HOOVER, Robert and Stacey (Boss) of West Palm Beach, Florida, boy, Jonah Matthew, March 15, 7:40 p.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 3 boys.

HORNSBY, Donald and Tina (Randall) of Allentown, Pennsylvania, girl, Cara Monica, July 25, 10:35 p.m., 8 pounds, now 2 girls.

LEFAIVRE, Leighton and Joëlle (Richoux) of Abbotsford, British Columbia, boy, Jordan Thomas, July 18, 11:33 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

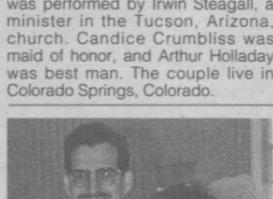
LOCCISANO, Mike and Lee Ann (Cole) of Atlanta, Georgia, boy,



ERIC & ANDREA RICE
Andrea Ella Peters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Peters of Countyline, Oklahoma, and Eric Forrest Rice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rice of Neodesha, Kansas, were united in marriage May 21. The ceremony was performed by Richard Dunlap, pastor of the Lawton, Oklahoma, church. Amy Peters was maid of honor, and Tim Rice was best man. The couple live in Lawton.



CRAIG & LOREITA HOLLADAY
Loreita Genette Spurlock, daughter of Linda Spurlock of Pueblo, Colorado, and Craig William Holladay, son of Roy and Norma Holladay of St. Petersburg, Florida, were united in marriage Sept. 19. The ceremony was performed by Irwin Steagall, a minister in the Tucson, Arizona, church. Candice Crumbliss was maid of honor, and Arthur Holladay was best man. The couple live in Colorado Springs, Colorado.



MARK & CAARA ANSTIS
Caara S. Gates, daughter of Fred and Ginny Gates of Monroeville, Pennsylvania, and Mark A. Anstis, son of Paul and Georgie Anstis of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, were united in marriage April 17. The ceremony was performed by the uncle of the bride, Terry David, a minister in the Pittsburgh church. Michelle Hart was bridesmaid, and Todd Anstis was best man. The couple live in Monroeville.

Anniversaries



VICTOR & VICKIE WAGLE
Victor and Vickie Wagle of Dayton, Ohio, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Aug. 9. They have four children, Michael, Mary Ann, Mindy and Bill; one daughter-in-law, Vickie; two sons-in-law, Jon Graham and Andrew Altevors; and five grandchildren.



FRED & DIANNE REID
Fred and Dianne Reid of Coaldale, Alberta, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary July 5. They have one son, Kris; and three daughters, Julie, Colleen and Amanda. Mr. and Mrs. Reid serve as deacon and deaconess in the Lethbridge, Alberta, church.



LLOYD & MARY GIMBER
Lloyd and Mary Gimber of East Ridge, Tennessee, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary July 18. They have three sons, Joseph, Jim and John; two daughters-in-law, Kathy and Karen; and five grandchildren, Greg, Andrea, Aaron, Shannon and Maxie.

Victor and Jennie Zager of Los Angeles, California, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Aug. 1. They have two children, Barbara Jean and Joseph John.



ROBERT & JANICE EHLEN
Robert and Janice Ehlen of Imperial, Missouri, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary June 22. They have two sons, Kenneth and Thomas; one daughter, Gina; two daughters-in-law, Susan and Leanna; one son-in-law, David Surface; and one granddaughter, Breanna. Mr. Ehlen is a local church elder in the St. Louis, Missouri, South church.



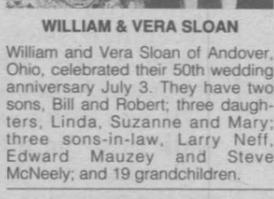
FRANK & LEIGH WILLIAMS
Frank and Leigh Williams of Port St. Lucie, Florida, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary May 15. They have two sons, Barry and Hal; one deceased son, Nathan; two daughters, Adrienne and Teri; and five grandchildren.



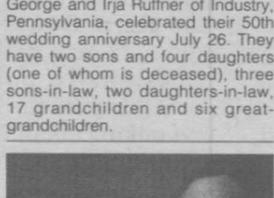
JERRY & SHIRLEY STEVENS
Jerry and Shirley Stevens of Merrill, Wisconsin, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary June 12. They have three sons, Jerry Allen, Brian and Jeffrey; and three grandchildren.



ELMER & JUANITA MORGAN
Elmer and Juanita Morgan of Beverly, West Virginia, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 3. They have two sons, Gary and Mark; and three grandchildren.



WILLIAM & VERA SLOAN
William and Vera Sloan of Andover, Ohio, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 3. They have two sons, Bill and Robert; three daughters, Linda, Suzanne and Mary; three sons-in-law, Larry Neff, Edward Mauzey and Steve McNeely; and 19 grandchildren.



GEORGE & IRJA RUFFNER
George and Irja Ruffner of Industry, Pennsylvania, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 26. They have two sons and four daughters (one of whom is deceased), three sons-in-law, two daughters-in-law, 17 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



WILLIAM & ELINORA PYLE
William and Elinora Pyle of Merrill,

Wisconsin, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 20. They have two daughters, Judi Liebens and Barb Philleo; and seven grandchildren.

Obituaries

VIERCK, Terry L., 36, of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, died June 12. He is survived by his wife, Lori; a son, Jeremy; a daughter, Nicole; his parents, Lyle and Ruth; and a paternal grandmother, Dorothy.

MAITLAND, Tripolee, two hours, of Amaha, Nebraska, died of triploidy. She is survived by her parents, John and Christa; a brother, Brandon; her maternal grandparents, Lee and Cheryl Rath; and her paternal grandmother, Barbara Maitland.



ALFONSE DEGREGORIO
DEGREGORIO, Alfonse, 67, of Niagara Falls, New York, died June 30 of a heart attack. He is survived by his wife, Thomasina; a son, Gary; four daughters, Marlene, Diane, Donna and Jeri; 12 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.



ROSA UTTERBACK
UTTERBACK, Rosa, 60, of Louisville, Kentucky, died June 8 of cancer. She is survived by her parents, Claude and Anna Perry; her husband, Charles; a son, Bernie; two daughters, Lisa Bunch and Lora Burton; and one granddaughter. Mrs. Utterback served as a deaconess.



DAVID MAKORTOFF
MAKORTOFF, David William, 22, of Surrey, British Columbia, died May 1 in a hiking accident. He is survived by his parents, Ed and Betty; two brothers, Edward and Michael; five sisters, Pamela Antle, Elaine Dube, Marcia, Brenda and Marilyn; and his grandmother, Polly Makortoff.



CHELSEA COMEAU
COMEAU, Chelsea, 18, of Hamilton, Montana, died July 1 from injuries she received in a vehicle accident. She is survived by her parents, Bob and Sue Comeau; and a brother, Josh.



LLOYD HACKMAN
HACKMAN, Lloyd, 38, of Pasadena, died June 18 of cancer. He is survived by his wife, Becky; a daughter, Nicky; his father and mother, Claude and Martha Hackman; two brothers, Claude and Neil; one sister, Ingrid; and his parents-in-law, James and Marjorie Friddle.

HOPKINS, Robert, 56, of Lincoln, Nebraska, died June 14. He is survived by his mother, Vivian Lankford; two brothers, Richard and Rodney; a sister, Vay Jean Jones; and nieces and nephews.

Update

NEWS OF PEOPLE, PLACES AND EVENTS

Hard to get around embargo in Haiti

Blaise Franklin, a local church elder living in Haiti, reported to **Carn Catherwood**, regional director of the French-Italian Department, that the crisis in Haiti is becoming increasingly worse.

A coup d'etat occurred in the capital of Port-au-Prince Sept. 30, 1991, while brethren were safely keeping the Feast of Tabernacles 100 kilometers away.

The United Nations declared a trade embargo two to three weeks later, and this was the beginning of a crisis that has made life extremely difficult for all Haitians, including the brethren.

The infrastructure of the country, including mail, telephone, water and electricity, is fast becoming nonexistent, and as of Aug. 1 there were no commercial flights going in or out of Haiti.

The church must supply brethren with a weekly ration of rice and beans, or many would not be able to eat regularly.

David Panarelli, business manager of the French-Italian Department in Big Sandy, traveled to Haiti March 16 to 21.

"The Haitians are survivors, and you can find them on the side of the road selling everything, from a gallon of gas for \$5, to a piece of sugarcane or a drink from a coconut. Our church hall already has a well-established presence in the neighborhood, and we are definitely shining a light," said Mr. Panarelli. "Visitors come to the church building on a regular basis to make literature requests."

Some of the members who live outside the city can only come to services every two months and on Holy Days, but they are supplied with audio cassettes.

Church attendance of 81 consists of 10 families with children and 41 single brethren. Haiti has had seven baptisms in the first seven months of this year, and three members who had left the Church have asked to rejoin the congregation.

Mr. Franklin commented, "Visibly, God provides comfort to his young children by placing them into his family,

so they can taste the true joy, which comes from above."

Mr. Franklin is a pastry chef who runs a business from his home. He said people line up outside his doors early in the morning to buy meat turnovers for less than a penny each.

He has lost 80 percent of his business because his main customers were area schools that are now closed. Without electricity most of the time, Mr. Franklin has to use bags of ice to keep his pastry dough from spoiling. Unfortunately, ice is as expensive as gasoline during these times.

Reflecting on the congregation's attitude, Mr. Franklin said: "Every day we experience God's intervention, which helps us to understand and put our hardships in the right perspective. This is part of our life; we must manage it and remain Christ's disciples."

Mr. Franklin went on to explain: "The Church in Haiti is stable and grows stronger with mutual support from one another, while remaining faithful to Jesus Christ, the Supreme Head of the Church, and to the instrument Christ uses for the growth of his Church, Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach**."

"We strongly support with our prayers all who assist Mr. Tkach and who take part in contributing to the advancement of this work of God."

Youth 94 runs booth at Summer Praise festival

BURBANK, California—Attendees at Summer Praise 94, a Christian music festival, picked up more than 1,500 pieces of literature from a *Youth 94* booth Aug. 11 to 14.

More than 500 people stopped at the booth to pick up one or more of the last three issues of *Youth 94*, the *I Need Some Answers* brochure and other literature. Several also asked questions about the magazine, its mission, how it is funded and who supports it.

The *Youth 94* staff also displayed four possible cover options for the November-December issue, and surveyed nearly 100 people about which they liked best.

"It was quite exciting to walk into the main arena and see several people reading the magazine while waiting for the next act or concert to start," said **Rick Shallenberger**, *Youth 94* managing editor.

"Two young women sitting fairly close to the booth read the magazine for well over an hour—even when the performers were performing," said **Kerri Dowd**, associate editor. "I also noticed them occasionally pointing at something in the magazine and talking about it."

Besides teens, many parents and youth workers picked up copies of the magazine. "Many of the youth workers said they felt the articles would give them some ideas for Bible studies and discussions," Mr. Shallenberger said.

Monte Wolverton, *Plain Truth* and *Youth 94* design director, talked to a representative of Match-Two Prisoner Outreach in the next booth. This organization matches Christian volunteers with prisoners who have no one to visit them. Volunteers are trained and visit the prisoners once a month.

The representative mentioned that three of his best volunteers were from the Riverside, California, congregation of the Worldwide Church of God. **Mike Bennett**.



HOMES FOR HUMANITY—Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter (top) and his wife, Rosalynn (left), help build homes on the Lakota Sioux Indian Reservation in Eagle Butte, South Dakota, July 21. Some 1,400 volunteers took part in a blitz program by Habitat for Humanity to build 30 homes in five days. John Halford, a *Plain Truth* senior editor, interviewed the former president for an article about Habitat for Humanity, scheduled to appear in the January *Plain Truth*. Mr. Halford said Mr. Carter is deeply committed to the cause of peace at every level, whether at the highest level of international relations or a remote Indian reservation. [Photos by John Halford]

Employees on the spot for Canadian calls

Telephone Response in Pasadena handled more than 22,000 calls from Canada in response to a spot ad campaign May 16 to June 12. Employees from the Mail Processing Center (MPC), French Editorial, Telecommunications and the Canadian regional office worked together to ensure calls were processed.

Since the commercials aired in French and English, French Editorial and MPC provided three French-speaking employees to handle these calls.

Employee honored

Jim West, an employee of Publishing Services, received a plaque and watch Aug. 11 for 25 years of service to the Church.

Edmonton's tea for 30

EDMONTON, Alberta—It has been 30 years since **Richard Pinelli** raised up the Edmonton church, the third in Canada. Mr. Pinelli will be back for the 30th anniversary celebration Oct. 1.

The day begins with Sabbath services at 1 p.m. at Ross Sheppard High School, 13546 111 Ave., followed by a tea social and slide show. As well as pictures from early years, there will also be then and now shots accompanied by taped greetings from ministers who have served in the area. For more information contact **Al Nordstrom**, Edmonton associate pastor, at 1-403-483-3955.

AU offers hot career opportunities

NASHVILLE, Tennessee—The Ambassador Uni-

versity alumni here played hosts July 16 and 17 to an alumni regional activity organized by the university's alumni association. The get-together, the first of several planned for regions across the United States, took place at the Opryland Hotel.

Sixty-one alumni attended a reception and banquet Saturday night and a seminar Sunday morning conducted by President **Donald Ward**.

Dr. Ward gave the alumni a comprehensive update on Ambassador University and answered several questions.

Dr. Ward told the alumni that "what we are doing at the university is trying to integrate how to earn a living and how to live, so that we get both. We have one of the best programs in management information systems in the nation and we have an excellent program in business administration."

"Those are the two hottest items with regard to career opportunities. So the technical and the liberal arts side are being welded together in a way that makes our graduates very marketable," he said.

Dr. Ward also explained how alumni could help the institution with fund-raising at little or no cost to themselves. One way is by identifying potential corporate, foundation and individual donors.

He also pointed out that many potential donors ask: "What percentage of your alumni gave directly to the institution last year?"

In Ambassador's case, fewer than 1 percent of alumni give directly to the university, although most alumni contribute directly to the Church.

But if each alumnus gave a dollar or five dollars a year to the university, AU could easily reach a fairly high

level of direct alumni contributions which, in turn, would help to foster major corporate and foundation donations to the university.

Dr. Ward also explained how the university has taken measures to make effective use of every dollar of Church support, including changing the work study program to a need basis, the use of federal student funds and raising tuition fees.

Other university representatives included **Reginald Killingley**, assistant to the director of Institutional Advancement; **Thomas Kirkpatrick**, chair of the Business Department; **William Stenger**, associate dean of Academic Affairs; **Ardith Weiss**, director of Career Services & Placement; and **Debbie A. Wood**, special events coordinator. *Debbie A. Wood*.

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