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Dear brethren,

I hope each of you had as inspiring and meaningful a Feast of Tabernacles in your respective sites as I did here in Pasadena! Again, this year, I was able to spend a great deal of time meeting and talking with the many brethren who trans­ferred in from around the world.

And at this year’s Feast there certainly seemed to be a greater sense of “one family” in Jesus Christ than ever before.

I believe that God, through His Spirit, is binding His elect ever more tightly together as this present age draws toward its close.

The earthquake here in Southern California, the unprecedented hurricane-force winds that ravaged southern England only the very night after the Feast, as well as the dramatic fall in the stock market Oct. 19, along with the continuing tension in the Persian Gulf, should all serve as warning bells to God’s Church that time is growing short.

Such events should make us all more acutely aware of the need to fulfill God’s commission to us of proclaiming the warning message of the imminent end of this age and the commencement of the glorious new world tomorrow under the rulership of Jesus Christ!

As we grow spiritually in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, drawing closer to Him and to one another through Him, the Church will be prepared for its final work in this age and for the wonderful marriage to Jesus Christ at His return.

Now that another Feast has come to a close, we must keep our eyes on the fulfillment of those Holy Days that will come yet in the future. Our lives, too, must more and more reflect the fruit of God’s Holy Spirit so that we can be the useful tools in His hands that He wants us to be.

Of our own selves we can do nothing. But with God’s power working in us through His Spirit, we can accomplish all He sets before us. This Work is not done by human might, or by human power, but by the Spirit of God. It is only as we submit to God’s rule in our lives, acknowledging Him in all our ways and putting our hearts into overcoming and coming out of this world (Révelation 18:4), that we will be able to fulfill His will for us.

The point is this: A humble, repentant spirit and obedience to God are essential to doing His Work. The apostle Paul wrote: “And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light” (Romans 13:11-12).
Two German states develop cautious ties

PASADENA—The prospect of a visit by Soviet General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev to the United States has unfortunately overshadowed another major summit since—the unprecedented five-day early September visit, but Mr. Honecker was ac­cepted firm about the two German nations. Chancellor Kohl probably will pay a re­turn visit by Soviet General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev to the United

**WORLDWATCH**

By Gene H. Hogberg

"It is a harsh truth," wrote Mr. Bloomer in The Worldview of East—West—West—which the trip was hailed in both

**European Diary**

By John Ross Schroeder

This present evil world: tears for a bygone age

BRETHAMWOOD, Eng­land—My wife and I saw a U—r (general rating) film called 84 Charing Cross Road. It was a throwback to a more innocent age.

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"This year we had the smoothest transmission yet, with only a few minor annoyances," said Larry Omanta, director of Media Ser­ vices.

"Mr. Jones' Tkach's dynamic message, coupled with his warm and convincing delivery, un­ derstood the brethren worldwide, certainly set the pace for the Feast," Mr. Omanta continued.

The audio and video signals were beamed directly from an uplink dish outside the Ambassador Auditorium to satellites, from which they were beamed to 37 sites.

This year's broadcast sites West IV and RCA 22 beamed the services to 23 sites in the United States, in­ cluding Niagara Falls, N.Y., Anchorage, Alaska, and five sites in Canada, including La Malbaie, Que., said the Media Services direc­ tor.

Two satellites, Major Path I and the Pacific satellite, "also beamed services to Bermuda, four sites in the Caribbean, three sites in the British Isles and also to faraway New Zealand."

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Other sites that received a videotape of Mr. Tkach's message were St. Lucia, Dominican Republic; Vancouver, Canada; Tyler, Texas; Port-au-Prince, Haiti; and New Orleans, La.

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VANCOUVER, B.C.—More than 12,000 brethren met at five English-language sites in Victoria, B.C.; in Charlotte, P.E.I.; according to evangelist Colin Adair, Canadian regional director.

The satellite transmission of Pastor Joseph W. Thack's message "came through loud and clear, and his call for a spiritual Feast did not fall on deaf ears," said Mr. Adair.

Site coordinators reported that the messages "demonstrated the Festival atmosphere," he added.

Members expressed their appreciation of seeing others in the worldwide body of Christ through the eye of the video camera. The videos gave brethren a perspective on the lives of members in different, and in some cases, less fortunate, circumstances. We were "able to see the oneness of the body," Mr. Adair said.

Guest speakers "added a great deal to the respective sites," said the regional director. Ray Wosten, pastor of the Ann Arbor and Detroit, Mich., West churches, was in Charlotte; David Wainwright, Pasadena Ambassador College professor, was in Niagara Falls, N.Y.; Arthur Dockens, pastor of the Santa Rosa and Fairfield, Calif., churches, attended in Regina; and evangelist Raymond McNair was in Penticton and Victoria, B.C.

"We did attract some media attention, and I'm happy to say it was a positive nature," said Mr. Adair.

There was an infectious feeling of excitement as brethren left for home—a great start to a new year and something on which they can build during the coming year," said Mr. Kost.

In Charlottetown, coordinator Jack Kost described a spirit of family togetherness among the brethren as so striking it almost left one "breathless."

"A YESD service for the handicapped, elderly and women with infirmities under an "exceptional degree of enthusiasm, cooperation and unity" on the part of the youth.

Isaiah Eina, a member who attended the Halifax, N.S., church who could not attend the Feast because of illness, "was overwhelmed by the love and concern demonstrated by the brethren in the form of numerous, flowers, cards and phone calls," said Mr. Kost.

Michael Dodge of the Dighy, N.S., church, keeping his first Feast, was struck by the friendliness and warmth of the brethren. "He had a book full of names and addresses of members from many different areas who invited him to visit in their homes," Mr. Kost said.

Neal Earle, Niagara Falls coordinator, said, "The dominant note that was different this year in Niagara was the respect and affection brethren seem to have for the local community and business leaders. The press coverage was favorable."

Business First of Buffalo published a chart of the largest conventions in the Niagara Falls area, with the Worldwide Church of God ranking No. 1.

Convention Center officials appreciated a letter in a newspaper from a member praising their facilities.

"A relaxing and warm family environment" prevailed in Regina, where, according to Pastor John Halford, Festival convention and recommitment to see us through the coming year," Mr. Kost said.

The city of Penticton presented the brethren a special inscription on a rock presentation at the Visitor Information Center at the boardwalk to ministers at a civic reception.

"Regina, "the entire Feast was exceptional this year," said Glen MacLean, regional director. "We have a member praising their facilities."

Both Penticton and Victoria, B.C., were described by Jack Kost, Canada's regional director, as having "an infectious feeling of excitement as brethren left for home—for the Work God is doing among their neighbors."

Brethren saw Thai people personally chosen by Queen Sirikit being trained in arts and crafts so they can go back to their villages to be teachers of their relatives and neighbors.

The tour of the royal projects Oct. 16 preceded the royal barge procession that afternoon. The largest barge, the king's titled Sub-anongha, was accompanied by some 50 ornately carved escort barges down the Chai Phraya River to Wat Arun (Temple of Dawn). Each barge was manned by traditionally costumed oarsmen calling out rhythmic boating chants to regulate their strokes.

Before the Feastgoers left Bangkok, they toured the Grand Palace Oct. 19, which included an invitation to see the throne room. Queen Sirikit expressed her personal concern about everyone's health and graciously sent each a souvenir book of the barge procession titled Royal Barges, Poetry in Motion.
French sites "led by God's Spirit"

**PASADENA—Brethren attended six French-speaking sites this year in Port d'Albret, France; La Malbaie, Que.; St. Francois, Guadeloupe; Tartane, Martinique; Jacmel, Haiti; and Kinshasa, Zaire.** "Each of these sites had its own particular charm, and they were all led by God's Spirit," said evangelist Dibar Apartian, regional director, who attended in Port d'Albret and La Malbaie.

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At Port d'Albret attendance included 230 English-speaking brethren. Instead of expected sunshine, rain and occasional storms were the rule. Mr. Apartian called the weather "good for our activities".

One rainy evening brethren presented an impromptu entertainment show. "To our delight we found out that we had tremendous talents among us," said the regional director.

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At La Malbaie 1,242 brethren enjoyed springlike temperatures, instead of the expected rain and cold weather, according to coordinator Donat Picard.

"The French-Canadian brethren, as well as the powerful sermons they were able to hear in English with the use of earphones." Mr. Apartian said.

At Tartane, Martinique, where 304 attended, members often had lunch at the beach.

"Our brethren in Haiti were also able to hear Mr. Tkach's sermons" with French translations, Mr. Apartian said.

"This year dessert was a honey cake." he added.

For the first time the Feast was conducted in the central African nation of Zaire. Bernard Andrist, manager of the Geneva, Switzerland, office, spent the Feast there. Ten Cameroonians also attended.

Mr. Andrist reported: "After each assembly our brethren had to pick up their chairs and carry them to another hall located a couple of blocks away, where they took their meals. Reason: lack of chairs!

"There was a food shortage. One day we got a whole beef and cooked it ourselves. The country has extremes-with the very poor and the very rich. The average income in Zaire is about $30 per month."

"The transportation was not a problem, but it would have been a disaster if it had rained ... God protected us. We enjoyed warm, warm days with wet, wet nights!"

Members feast together in Italy

CASTELVECCHIO-PASCOLI, Italy—This first-time site provided a sense of unity and greater closeness for 781 brethren, said evangelist Cees Catherwood, Italian regional director.

"Feastgoers formed a single unit together and took part in activities on the grounds of the same hotel. "Italian food is always good," said Mr. Catherwood, "and we feasted both physically and spiritually."

"The scenic view of the valley and surrounding mountains, along with the superb Tuscan cuisine also added to the enjoyment of the dining experience," according to coordinator Clifton Veal.

"A family atmosphere prevailed in the sermons, social activities and get-togethers. The singles, both Italian and visitors, "set a tremendous example of service," Mr. Veal said. They helped set up and take down auxiliary halls, organize family day and handle luggage for arrivals and departures at the hotel.

At the close of the Festival, 10 people were baptized-eight from Italy and two from Malta. Nearly all of the Italian and Maltese brethren attended.

"As the brethren watched the Italian children's performance and the ordination of Mr. Catherwood, the growing excitement manifested itself in spontaneous applause." Mr. Veal added.

Netherlands host to 535 brethren

BELGIUM and 112 visitors from abroad attended the Feast of Tabernacles in Hoogeveen, Netherlands, according to regional director Bram de Bree.

Pieter Michielsen, pastor of the Grande Prairie, Alta., church, a regular guest speaker at the Dutch Feast of Tabernacles site, said, "The Feast is better because our growth in knowledge accumulates year by year."

"The video messages helped unite brethren and make them feel more involved." Activities included a visit to Giethoorn, Venice of the North; a dance; and a musical performance by the Deep River Quartet.

More free time was available this year. This gave brethren "more responsibility to schedule our time and put the lessons on family unity into practice," said Rien Kersten, a deacon in the De Bilt, Netherlands, church.

"There is no reason to be sadened to return home after eight days," concluded Henk Wilm's, from Calgary, Alta., "as there is enough to be done in the coming year."
BOREHAMWOOD, England—"From the sites in England, one in Ireland, one in the Channel Isles, one in Denmark, and five in Black Africa, reports have been coming in that this was the most trouble-free and family-oriented Feast ever," reported evangelist Frank Brown, regional director.

Communities "warmly welcomed" the Church, and Feast goers to pray, and then he gave in-person instructions that, in their first language. Evangelist David Hulme, director of Communications & Public Affairs in Pasadena, was guest speaker.

United Kingdom

About 250 brethren in Jersey, Channel Islands, took a day trip by sea to France, "which turned out to be exciting, to say the least, with heavy seas and high winds," said Mr. Brown.

On a ferry from Portsmouth, England, to Jersey before the Feast, a woman (not a member) in her 70s died of a heart attack, reported David Magewson, pastor of the Bradford Hall, Middlesbrough and Newcastle upon Tyne, England, churches, who was aboard the ferry with his family.

The Jersey Evening Post reported Overseas visitors gave 4,000 kroner (Danish currency equaling about $600) toward the purchase of a medieval banquet, a high point of the event, said Mark McCulley, Festival Office coordinator, who attended in Trabolgan, Irish Republic.

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Danmark

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Hurricane Floyd

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Brethren also took part in a barbeque, Bible quiz, games evening, children's games, talent show, volleyball and a Mt. Kenya hike.

Similar events were conducted in neighboring Mombasa, Kenya, where brethren enjoyed a sunset cruise on a dhow (an Arab boat), followed by candlelight dinner at one of Mombasa's finest restaurants, said Mr. Willis.

Curtis May, an associate pastor of the Pasadena Imperial A.M. Church, was the guest speaker at both Kenyan sites.

Josef Forson, coordinator of the African brethren, was guest speaker at both Kenyan sites.

"We had a new degree of comfort and enjoyment for the site's visitors," reported Jeremy Rapson, a local elder in Birmingham and Gloucester, England, and Llanelli, Wales, churches, who traveled to Ghana as a guest speaker.

A videographer of Mr. Thack's first day message, taped in Paignton, was shown on the day of the Feast. A backup generator was used during occasional power failures, so services were not disrupted.

Mr. Rapson said God's people in Ghana are "currently enjoying relief from the conditions of austerity and hardship, which prevailed until quite recently."

The Feast in Blantyre, Malawi, took place in the church's new building for the first time. "The facilities were such that the Feast abounded in family spirit and was truly representative of the Millennium," according to Kenneth Buck, resident pastor.

Family day included a barbecue of steak and Malawi's special fish—the chambos. Activities were bus trips, singles outings and youth activities.

Guest speaker was Jonathan Buck, pastor of the Brandon, Man., and Moosomin, Sask., churches, son of Kenneth Buck.

Mr. Brown said English and African brethren as well as visitors praised the organization, preaching atmosphere and overall inspiration at Feast sites administered by the British Office.
MANILA, Philippines.—"A spirit of unity, closeness and dedication to the work God has given us is a characteristic of the Feast," said regional director Rod­ney Matthews.

The political situation remained generally peaceful. Although several bridges on the main roads from the southern Luzon (Bi­lan) provinces were destroyed by in­furiated power supplies, roads were blocked and rail transport was ruptured. "So many roads were blocked it tended the Dunstable, England, church, who was abroad with his wife, Jill, said the ferry listed more than 43 degrees, overturning a truck and damaging cars. Mr. Jar­dine said he felt like the boat would not come upright again.

Outside London, Gatwick Air­port was closed by 90 mile-an-hour crosswinds, and Heathrow Airport was severely disrupted. Mr. Matthews said he knew that a severe storm was building in the Channel Islands, which is "liter­ally blown into the air by the wind." Thursday evening, Oct. 15, 23 adults and five children who left Jersey in a ferry for Portsmouth, England, "had a very violent cross­wind," said Mr. Matthews.

While still dark the leisure park staff and Church personnel evacuated all the people from the main auditorium, where the storm for the entire eight days. A few members were injured, Mr. Matthews reported. At Silver Sands Holiday Park, where several members were staying, damage was "overwhelming." Out of 160 caravans, 120 were destroyed. "Some caravans were not chained down and consequently were overturned and somersaulted like matchsticks, coming to rest in chaotic heaps of fragmented and shattered remains," said Mr. Matthews.

At Romney Sands, where members occupied more than 100 units, 17 were damaged. Eileen Schofield, a member who went by train to the area, was kept overnight for observation. "Mrs. Schofield was thrown clear without any injury, but her caravan suffered a serious con­clusion," said Mr. Matthews. An arriving ambulance was struck by another caravan that had broken loose. A second ambulance took Mr. Scho­field to Ashford Hospital, where he was kept overnight for observation.

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Feast points to God's way in Australian, Asian areas

On the western side of the country, brethren attended services in Perth. Teenage girls served as mothers' aides and helped with young children.

The manager of a kiosk at the park where family day activities took place commended the parents on the behavior of their children, and the boat captain on a cruise said the group of singles and young adults was the tidest group he ever had on board.

Singles provided assistance at an over-50s trip to a deer park at the Caloundra site. A valet service was provided by the parking crew for disabled brethren.

A large number of overseas brethren attended this site, and it was "heartwarming to see how all the brethren mixed together in a family atmosphere," according to coordinator William Sidney.

A woman who works for the Caloundra Civic Centre was so impressed with the brethren and messages that when the offering was taken up on the Last Great Day she gave an offering herself.

A large group of visitors from the United States attended the Feast in Minamibia. "In light of the emphasis on the Church being an international family" it was good that the visitors provided much of the special music for services, said coordinator Kenneth Lewis.

The Merinubila Fishing Club provided electric power for the family day barbecue. The officer in-}
Spanish sites espouse family focus

PASADENA—The Feast of Tabernacles was kept at 10 Spanish-speaking sites with an attendance of more than 4,300. Services were conducted in Spanish at seven sites, and English translations were provided in Mexico, Puerto Rico and, for the first time, Argentina.

Activities were arranged to involve whole families, not just portions of them, said evangelist Leon Walker, regional director for Spanish-speaking areas. "Sermons also emphasized family unity and cooperation. Even the entertainment in some areas incorporated this theme."

In areas where English-speaking members attended, arrangements were made for them to have a meal with Spanish-speaking members. Bilingual members translated.

In Colinas, Spain, 12 adults and two children in the group of 134 were attending the Feast for the first time. Four baptisms took place. A Portuguese member was denied a visa by an employee of the Spanish Embassy. He returned to the embassy and was granted a visa by another employee. He arrived day late.

Mr. Walker gave a sermon in Spanish on order and discipline. He attended the second half of the Feast in Venezuela.

In Maitencillo, Chile, 30 percent of the 319 attending were new members or prospective members.

Two members from Bolivia traveled by train and bus from about 12,000 feet above sea level in La Paz, Bolivia, to the Pacific Ocean and then crossed the Atacama Desert by bus. The trip took more than 50 hours. Six Bolivians and six Children were baptized at the Feast.

Messages in Melgar, Colombia, focused on children's education and Christian living.

In Antigua, Guatemala, 20 were baptized: three from Honduras, nine from Guatemala and eight from El Salvador.

One day the young men invited elderly women to lunch and the young women invited the elderly men.

One hundred twelve brethren attended services in San Isidro de El General, Costa Rica. "Like in a big hotel, the hotel is ready—everybody understood, shared and helped," said coordinator Mauricio Perez.

In Acapulco, Mexico, half of the Feastgoers in English and spoke Spanish. The Mexican churches presented La Noche Mexi­ cana (Mexican Night), a show of Mexican folkloric dances and songs.

The English-speaking brethren received videotapes of Pastor Tkach's satellite transmission.

Unfortunately, the others.

More than 3,800 brethren kept the Feast at eight English-speaking sites in the Caribbean.

Hurricane Floyd threatened but did not adversely affect the Feast in the Bahamas. However, regional directors of the 319 attending were stranded for two days in Miami, Fla., when the airport there was closed.

The sites in Bermuda, Bahamas, Jamaica, Barbados and Tobago received Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's satellite transmission. Other sites received videotapes of the message.

"I added a member was struck by a car and suffered a mild concussion. She was able to attend services by the middle of the Feast. Overseas brethren at Gros Islet, St. Lucia, showed exceptional love to blind member M. Louisy. "It seemed that each individual was patiently awaiting his or her turn daily, either to fellowship with him or more often lead him across the street to a restaurant for a meal," said Victor Simpson, Feast coordinator.

Feastgoers at Ocho Rios, Jamaica, spent the second weekend and overcast afternoon with light showers on some days, while other parts of the island had flooding that caused flooding.

In Georgetown, Guyana, the location of the Festival was changed just before the Feast, which gave many a chance to help transport others.

Rain fell before and after the Feast in Rosena, Dominica, but stopped during the Feast whenever a major outdoor activity took place.

The convention center accidentally canceled the Church's booking, but the problem was solved, and services took place as scheduled.

A piano bought for brethren in Dominica was found after it had been missing for about a week. However, there was no pianist and, at first, tapes were used. A visiting member then volunteered to play for the remainder of the Feast.

Overseas brethren attending the Feast in Store Bay, Tobago, do­ nated 5,419 Trinidad and Tobago dollars to the Summer Educational Program.

An American Airlines flight with Spanish-speaking members had a large overload on the Day of Atonement, and when his father asked if he meant to put in that much, he said: "That's OK. I know God will bless me." At the Nassau, Bahamas, site, family day beach activities were rained out, but spur-of-the­moment activities were organized in the meeting hall.

Brethren in Georgetown, Guyana, were saddened that a number of brethren from the interior of Guyana were unable to make it to the Feast because of transportation difficulties, according to coordinator Paul Kurnid. "But we rejoiced when one family was able to get here by helicopter."

Rachel James, who lives near the Brazil border, was unable to attend the Feast for three years. There are no roads to her area and few flights. When a plane landed in the village she and her children just had time to grab one or two items of clothing and make the trip to Georgetown. Brethren provided for them during the Feast.

CAPE TOWN, South Africa—"I think the arrival of a number of incidents occurred that threatened to mar the event," said evangelist Leslie McCullough, regional director.

"I have heard that Adversity was making every effort to spoil the occasion for God's people . . . Despite these problems (or maybe because of them) the Feast got away to a wonderful start and the brethren in excellent spirits at all sites," Mr. McCullough said.

In Mabopane, a hotel manager double-booked accommodations and chambered with the deposits. However, the problem was quickly resolved and caused no inconvenience to the 585 Swiss, one German, one Swiss, one German and 36 South Africans who kept the Feast there.

In Zimbabwe currency restrictions imposed a week before the Feast threatened to make payment of hotel bills difficult.

In Durban, South Africa, the worst floods in memory left the city without a water supply, washed away bridges and islands, and stranded several inland districts. Bodies were washed up on beaches during the Feast. More than 400 were killed or missing, but God's Feast went ahead on schedule.

The magnitude of damage "demonstrates the force with which Satan tried to wreck the largest site in Africa during God's Feast," said coordinator John Bartholomew.

Mild temperatures and average humidity made the hall where services took place more comfortable, despite water restrictions that meant not using air conditioners.

The issued engineer, who is not a member, mentioned that his infant son was desperately ill and was not receiving medical treatment.

The congregation was asked to pray for the child, and the next day, much to the man's astonishment and delight, the child was healed.

In George, South Africa, Feast coordinator Andre Van Belkum noted that Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's efforts to unite the Church as one family are being blessed by God as evidenced by the concern shown by members for one another.

A number of George residents commented that the weather always changes for the good when the Church convention starts. George had cold and rainy weather for 10 days, which cleared up three days before the Feast. And true to form, it rained the second day after the Feast ended.

Evangelist Ronald Kelly spoke at three sites, and Roy Halliday, pas­ tor of the Bethlehm A.M. and P.M. and Wilkes-Barre, Pa., church, spoke at two sites.

In Livingstone, Zambia, brethren enjoyed a cruise up the Zambezi River. They saw elephants browsing on an island and hippopotamuses in midstream.

The variety show brought brethren from Zambia, Zimbabwe and Botswana into "joyful contact with new friends," according to coordinator William Bentley.

Senior citizens attended a luncheon, and Church youths viewed animals at a game park and had a braai (barbecue) afterward.

The United States: VENEZUELA. GERMANY. ZAIRE. ZAMBIA. ZIMBABWE.
God? OK, just too sweaty.

**Staff shares Festival experiences, memories**

PASADENA—Dexter Faulkner, editor of the Church's publications, encourages his staff to travel to various Feast sites around the world. This travel helps the writers to have a better understanding of you, the readers.

In this article Editorial staff members share some of their experiences at the 1987 Feast of Tabernacles.

Gene Hogberg, Plain Truth world news editor, was a guest speaker at the Feast in Singapore and Thailand. A woman in Singapore asked if Mr. Hogberg and his wife, Barbara, would mind if those who wanted to meet them came to their room for a few minutes after a service. The Hogbergs agreed.

"Our room was quickly filled with at least 60 brethren, standing three deep by the windows and kneeling and sitting on the floor. Others stood in the hallway of the room, while additional members waited outside.

"After a while, after answering numerous questions about head­quarters, the publications, news and prophecy, my personal history, etc., I requested that some might rotate out so that others might join in. In came a very pleasant girl from Indonesia, it was wonderful to break the ice and to meet many of the brethren.

"Merlii Kellis, Worldwide News associate editor, also in Singapore, met brethren through the Japanese occupation at the end of World War II and scattered brethren who can only fellowship with other members once a year.

"Some single Indian men told her that it is extremely uncommon for single Indian women to come into the Church.

"People face a whole different and more difficult set of problems that I am used to hearing of, and yet they are some of the most cheerful and generous people I’ve ever met.

"On the Last Great Day three sisters, one of whom is a student, come to our small Chinese meal. I ate things I’d never seen or heard of before.

"Mr. Smith, R.P. editor assistant, told about traveling from Los Angeles, Calif., to keep the Feast in Jordan. ‘Leaving earth­quakes behind we flew to Chicago (Ill.) to pick up more brethren.’ In Chicago a baggage car hit the plane and the group was unable to serve until the next day.

"Quickly we learned that this Feast would be one to learn much patience,’ she said. ‘We arrived in Amman a day late but still in one piece. On the way to our hotel our bus stalled—more mech­anical problems.’

The next day the group traveled to Petra. On the way back one of the buses with the Los Angeles and Chicago group aboard had a flat tire, and, later, another flat.

‘Mr. [Richard] Frankel started a debate about the Los Angeles and Chicago group: Were we the right­eous with trials, or were we the sin­ners whose sins were finding them out?’

A Yugoslavian family living in West Germany invited an English family and four American families, including Monte Wolverline, Plain Truth art director, and his family, over for a fish goulash dinner.

‘Afterward we sang hymns and other songs in three different lan­guages for hours. It was an ex­perience which brought home to us the concept of our worldwide family,’ Mr. Wolverline said.

Tom Hanson, managing editor of the Festival Photo News, came back from Bredsten, Denmark, with a greater understanding of what scat­tered brethren have to face. Some of the Scandinavian members are only able to fellowship once a year at the Feast.

‘It was quite lonely for me trav­eling the Feast site and spending most of the day on a train to Frankfurt, West Germany, with no other members,’ Mr. Hanson said.

‘For most of a week I was enraged by seeing brethren at services in Durrinast, West Germany, the next day. For some of our U.S. members in Scandinavia the cure won’t come until next Feast.

Michael Bennett, managing edi­tor of Youth 87, and his wife, Becky, kept the Feast in Rotorua, New Zealand.

‘We ... met a longtime member who had been a captive of the Japanese during World War II in what is now Indonesia. She told of the anxiety of not knowing whether her husband, held in a different part of the camp, was even alive. Listening to her experiences made us look forward to the time the Feast pic­tures even more,’ Mr. Bennett said.

One of the member Editorial serv­ices staff said that he and his wife try to find “sneaky” ways to do nice things for other members at the Feast. ‘Sometimes we’ll send flow­ers to the hotel rooms of widows or a bottle of champagne to a married couple.’

This year we ran into trouble finding people to surprise since we were at a site where we knew only a few people.

He said they solved this problem by picking out groups of Church members in restaurants, finding their waitresses, paying their bills and leaving before the waitresses told them their bills were paid.

‘Part of the fun we got out of it was hearing the waitresses’ glowing words about “that church.” Part of it was also imagining the capa­bilities of the members. But the biggest reward came through being able to share a part of our celebration of the Feast even at a site where we knew only a few people.

Brius Kretzal, an editorial assist­ant, related his 5-year-old daugh­ter’s prayers on the third day of the Feast: “Please help every­one in the neighborhood, please help everyone in the world to be one family, please help all the dogs and cats too, please help Barbara ’cause she’s blind and please let me so hot today because I get to wear my glasses, and it’s just too sweaty for me.”

Jesus Christ. Amen. It’s Lisa’s turn now, OK, God?”

‘After three very hot days it was overcast the next day, and it rained the next,’ Mr. Kretzal said.

‘I was beginning to think that my family and I attracted natural disas­ters...’ said Jeff Zorn, news editor for the Festival Photo News. ‘We were so far we left the earthquakes in Pennsylvania up to 1971. After the Feast, on the British is­land of Jersey, hurricane-force winds took all the memor­y. Someone suggested that I not go to Hawaii last a storm a volcano erupt.’

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Keep the Labels Coming

PASADENA—Imperial Schools wishes to thank all the brethren who have so diligently saved and sent labels to Imperial Schools for its participants in the Federal Education program, according to Joseph Locke, superintendent. The enthu­siastic support of this organization by the brethren in the United States and Canada saves the work thousands of dollars in equipment each year.

Drs. Joseph and Joseph W. Tkach, admonish us to be wise stewards of the resources God provides us to do His work, according to Mr. Locke. Saving and sending them in to Imperial Schools is one way in which you can assist Mr. Tkach in making those resources stretch even farther.

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**BIRTHS**

AMES, quincy and Betty (Bedos), of Sikeston, Mo., welcomed their fourth child, Andrew Scott, May 15, at 9:02 p.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces.

BOWERS, Terri (Etherton), of Springfield, Mo., and Gary (Dye), of Orléans, Que., announced the birth of their son, Justin Kristopher, Aug. 11, at 4:15 a.m., 9 pounds 3 ounces.

GALLOWAY, Larry and Delores (Brown), of Ozark, announced the birth of their son, Brett Lee, May 22, at 9:41 a.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces.

WITTS, Gary and Mary (Mays), of Independence, Mo., and John (Lamkin), of Kansas City, Mo., welcomed their son, Eric Allen, May 3, at 9:17 a.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces.

**ENGAGEMENTS**

Mr. and Mrs. David Broughton of Cedar- ville, Mo., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan H. Broughton, of Sikeston, Mo., and David Craig, Jr., of Nacogdoches, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Craig, Sr., of Nacogdoches, Texas. The engagement was announced by a surprise party at their home in Sikeston, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Randall are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Cathy Barden, of Sikeston, Mo., and Michael Stephen Smith, of Poplar Bluff, Mo. The engagement was announced by a surprise party at their home in Sikeston, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Gundersen of Columbus, Kansas City, Mo., are pleased to announce the engagement of their second daughter, Joanne L. Gundersen, of Kansas City, Mo., to Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Hodge of Springfield, Mo. The engagement was announced by a surprise party at their home in Kansas City, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell King of Springfield, Mo., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Robin N. King, of Springfield, Mo., to Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Farrow of Bolivar, Mo. The engagement was announced by a surprise party at their home in Springfield, Mo.

**WEDDINGS**

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Wangsness

Mr. and Mrs. Tom J. Blackwell

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Dickman

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

PASSADA— The July Arbi
tron ratings showed that the World Tomorrow telecast moved up to the No. 3 position in total
viewing audience for religious pro-
gamming in the United States, ac-
cording to Michael Snyder, asso-
ciate director of Public Affairs.
"In all, World Tomorrow ranked in the top 10 religious programs last
viewers, except for The World To-
morrow, which had the largest gains in the 18 to 49 age bracket," Mr. Snyder said.

PASSADA— Publishing Ser-
mals mailed about 550,000 direct-
mail packages offering The Plain 
Truth during the last week of Au-
gust and the first week of Septem-
ber. Names came from 62 mailing lists rented by the Church.

We tested 10 different pack-
age formats and overall response ran from 8 to 10 percent," said Boyd 
Lees, Plain Truth circulation manager.
The control package has pro-
duced a two percent increase and it will be mailed to five million people in
January. On the outside envelope are the words, "Money can't buy
this magazine, but we'll sell it to you. . . . FREE." The word free is a punch-out circle that shows through a color coated cut-out on the envelope.
The direct-mail program is de-
signed to "reach a different audi-
ence—people who wouldn't neces-
sarily reach through television," Mr. Leeson said.

He added that Church members may receive direct-mail packages even though they are already Plain 
Truth subscribers because their names are on the rented lists.

"We've been sending direct-mail packages since 1977 with excellent results," Mr. Leeson said.

PASSADA— A total of
46,818 cells were received in re-
sponse to the World Tomorrow telecast titled "Dance With the Devil." Evangelist David Zr<br>Quake, who presented the telecast, which aired the weekend of Oct. 14 and 25.

PASSADA— WPXI, a cable station in the New York, N.Y., area, began airing The World To-
morrow Oct. 4. During the first three
weekends, more than 1,900 calls were received from viewers who wanted to order the telecast.

"The station is already among the top 10," said evangelist Richard 
Rice, director of the Mail Process-
ing Center.

PASSADA— David Schurter, pastor of the Nassau, N.Y., church, demonstrated a composer to Am-
bassador College Landscaping per-
sonnel Sept. 2. The composer, called the Compostumbler, was do-
ated to the college by the Nassa

Mr. Schurter also serves as soil 
consultant for the college. He men-
tioned the need for the composer to Nassau because after a trip to Passada. "Several people sug-
gusted that the church buy it for
the college, so we decided to do it," Mr. Schurter said.

Members sold fruit to raise the 

The composer, with a capacity of
18 hives, takes organic man-
ure and recycles it as honey. Mr. 
Schurter showed the right mixture of manure, which is added to the 
mixture to get the best product.

"It is a cylindrical object," said
Janine Summers, who was just 
coming right through the building.
And then all of the sudden I realized
It sounds like a railroad train

Mr. Tkach related his experi-
ements to Mr. Schurter in the ASU 
Auditorium's acoustical ceiling and 
fallen plaster as a result of the 
earthquake.

In Mr. Tkach's office a book-
case fell over. "It could have been very serious if 50 people had been 
working at the desk," Mr. Peoples said.

Other cosmetic damage included
fallen ceilings tiles in some campus departments, and the university's acoustical ceiling and fallen plaster as a result of the 
earthquake.

"Our [computer] hardware wasn't affected at all," said Mr. Peoples about CIS. "In our programming room we had extensive damage to the ceiling. It was proba-

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On the Day of Atonement Mr. 
Tkach told members in attendance in the Auditorium: "We certainly don't want to take for granted that God has worked in our com-
puter offices and 

Students form work force

"The student center was the first to be checked," said Mr. Tkach to Gregory
Albrecht, dean of students.

The student center was then re-
opened to allow the students an air-conditioned place to gather and to make the students involved in a general work party," Mr. Albrecht said.

Classes were canceled.

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"The student center opened at about 10 a.m.," said Michael Kay-
kendall, student body president, "and work party requests immedi-
ately began coming in from the vari-
ous departments. The students re-
sponded to the requests in a vol-
unteer manner—usually more than
where else we could need it."

PASSADA— David Albert, one of the presenters of the World 
Tomorrow telecast, filmed seg-
ments at the Sydney, Australia, Harbour Bridge Oct. 22 and 23 for a program to air in March.

John Halford was on-site direc-
tor.

United States

Prayers were requested for a child who was diagnosed as having meningitis. She was hospitalized for tests, but no signs of the meningitis were found.

The results were announced in services. This "caused the entire group to fly pull together," said Mr. Schurter.

Community announcements

Brethren at Dayton Beach told Mr. Dick about a conversation they had with a restaurant hostess: "She said the merchants have been discussing our people..."

"She asked, 'What goes on at your meetings to make you so happy?' She wanted to know if she could get tickets to attend. She said she has been going to some groups here, but they preach and try to convert you..."

An article titled "Daytona Prays That Church Will Enjoy Its Stay Presenting the Truth" called the Compostumbler, was do-

The choir, which was on stage pra-
ticing when the outage occurred, sang hymns for 45 min-
utes while the church was dark.

"With an auxiliary generator, we powered up our own public address system and a light on the speaker—"

Mr. Schurter.

A south wind kept smoke away from the auditorium. "God's people shine brilliantly through the darkness," he added.