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GRADUATION—From left, Rod Matthews, regional director for Australia and Asia; Tony Knudsen, a student working at Waterfield Institute in Sri Lanka; and Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration International; at Waterfield Dec. 6.

Asia: Challenges vary, but God supplies needs

By Larry Salyer and Dan Vander Poel

PASADENA—Problems and issues faced by U.S. brethren and international brethren are often quite different.

Larry Salyer is director of Church Administration International, and Dan Vander Poel is an assistant in Ambassador Foundation International.

But cultural and environmental contrasts "provide ample evidence that God's way of life can be lived effectively in any society," said evangelist Larry Salyer about a



ADDRESS—Joseph Locke, vice president of Ambassador Foundation International, speaks to graduates, guests and family at Waterfield Institute in Sri Lanka.

December trip to visit members and Ambassador Foundation projects in Asia.

Traveling with Mr. Salyer were his wife, Judy; Joseph Locke, vice president of Ambassador Foundation International; his assistant, Dan Vander Poel; and Rod Mat-

thews, regional director for Australia and Asia.

"The challenges vary, but God supplies all the needs of his servants," Mr. Salyer said.

"Everywhere we went we were welcomed enthusiastically and lovingly, and we departed inspired by the spiritual fruits evident in the lives of God's people."

Sri Lankan projects

Dec. 5 the group visited Mawatagama, Sri Lanka, where Mike Mieure and Tom Votaw teach English to 164 students enrolled in college preparatory classes.

The program started in August as a one-year test program, said Mr. Vander Poel.

They continued on to Kotmale, where the Foundation sponsored a second-year school until the end of 1990. It was closed because of the (See **ASIAN TRIP**, page 8)

Haitians show survival spirit despite shortages, embargo

By Paul Monteith

PASADENA—Members in Haiti feel the worst is yet to come as a commercial embargo—already causing unemployment, a scarcity of food and electrical power blackouts—takes effect.

The embargo was imposed by the Organization of American States and later joined by the United States because of the Sept. 30 coup against Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

Cyrille Richard, pastor of the Pointe-a-Pitre and Basse-Terre, Guadeloupe, and Port-au-Prince, Haiti, churches, traveled to Haiti Dec. 17. This was his first visit to Haiti since the coup.

"Our members are not discouraged or depressed," said Mr. Richard, "but they are sober and worried."

Because of the embargo many Port-au-Prince factories have closed down, and "many brethren have lost their jobs. We have 45 baptized adults in Haiti and only about five are fully employed and another five are half-employed," said Mr. Richard.

Haitians have no unemployment benefits and those without a job have no income.

Food shortage

Besides unemployment in Port-au-Prince food is short also. Produce from the provinces cannot be hauled in by truck to the capital because of a dwindling fuel supply. (Under the embargo all shipments of petroleum products to Haiti are suspended.)

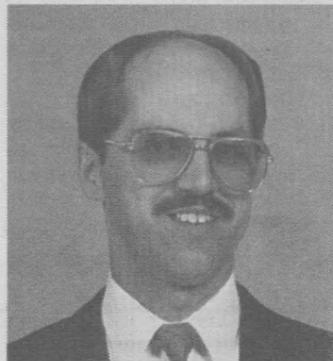
Members are receiving some assistance from the Caribbean Office, however, enough money to buy food for six weeks, said Mr. Richard. "We have bought rice, peas, corn and a little sugar."

While the money is not suffi-

cient to provide members with seven full days of food each week, they do have enough to eat, he added.

"They see the help the Church gives and that encourages them. They see that God is providing for their basic needs and they know that if they were not in the Church many of them would go hungry."

Members are being encouraged to grow food for themselves, however, and are looking for land to rent or buy, he said. "They want to do their part and not always have



CYRILLE RICHARD

to rely on Church assistance."

No one is starving, but people are getting thinner, one Haitian told Mr. Richard.

A hotel manager said that by February the country would be paralyzed if the embargo continues. "No food will reach the capital and there will be no electricity because the city's electricity generators are gas driven," he said.

Power blackouts

Even now the city suffers lengthy blackouts each day. The hotel provided guests with electricity for only "an hour in the morning and an hour in the

evening for showers," Mr. Richard said. And while Port-au-Prince has three to four hours of electricity a day, the power is sometimes on only in the early hours of the morning.

Bakery owner Blaise Franklin, a local church elder, has a welder and bricklayer working for him from midnight to 4 a.m., when the electricity is available.

Mr. Franklin is converting his propane-burning ovens into charcoal-burning ovens, said Mr. Richard. Propane is no longer available, but he can find charcoal. "If he has to close down his business he will have no other source of income."

"So it's a rough time for him and many others, but the Haitians have what we French call 'combativity'—the spirit of fighting or struggling against the odds," Mr. Richard observed.

Some members are struggling to pay their rent. In Haiti people have to pay rent six to 12 months in advance.

"Three single men and a family were in need of rent money, but I was only able to help the family, though not with the full amount. They gave what they had to the owner and said they hoped to give him more later."

"I told the single men that if their owner kicks them out then they can stay in the church-owned building," Mr. Richard added.

The most troubling aspect of the embargo's effect on brethren, he said, is the strain it puts on their marriages.

Rumors cause trouble

Mr. Richard visited Marie-Saintalia, wife of Jean Pierre, a deacon, who is in a hospital in Port-au-Prince.

(See **HAITI**, page 4)

PERSONAL FROM

✓ Joseph W. Skach

Dear Brethren,

As you know, 1991 has been a tight year for the Work from a financial standpoint.

However, I am pleased and grateful that we finished the year at only 3.8 percent under the previous year's income, a figure that was better than we had expected.

For the past three months I felt we should not expect better than a 5 1/2 to 5 percent decrease for 1991, but the final few weeks of the year brought the income up to the level of a 3.8 percent decrease.

My heartfelt gratitude and appreciation goes to all our faithful brethren and co-workers who, during this recession, have done so much to contribute to the great commission God has given his Church!

It is often during times of

stress or trial that we tend to learn more, grow more and draw closer to God.

I believe that has been the case this past year. Not only the financial tightness, but also various attacks on the Church from dissidents, "prophets" and self-appointed "pastor generals" have caused us to see all the more clearly the truth and importance of the doctrinal updates, clarifications and changes God has led the Church to make.

Learning to rely on God in faith through all trials is one of the greatest lessons we can learn in this life.

In many ways, as James and Peter taught, we can actually rejoice in times of trial—because we realize that if we use the trial effectively, it will result in greater spiritual growth and courage that will, in turn, prepare us and strengthen us for even

greater challenges ahead (James 1:2-4, I Peter 1:3-9).

I am reminded of the Israelites on the bank of the Red Sea. They were witnesses of the mighty hand of God opening the way for them through the sea. Yet, how easy it is for us, like them, to soon forget the great things God has done for his people and begin to grumble because we think the future is uncertain.

As we see God's hand bringing us through all trials, we should also see him preparing us spiritually for even greater work ahead.

Even as we are experiencing trying times financially right now, new possibilities for reaching more people than ever with the gospel seem to be developing on the horizon. I hope to be able to share with you in the next few months some of these exciting possibilities for reaching far more people with increased *Plain Truth* circulation and greater direct member involvement.

But before these things can take place, I believe God has led us to first and foremost make much important and necessary spiritual growth in faith, in doctrine, in priorities and in under-

standing of *his* will in contrast to our own. I am *excited* about what the future holds for proclaiming the gospel because I can see that our spiritual priorities are beginning to become more closely aligned with those Jesus Christ gave his Church through the Scriptures.

Spiritual priorities

Recently, I was reading an editorial Herbert W. Armstrong wrote in the March 1938 issue of *The Plain Truth*. Though it is well over 50 years old, I want to share it with all of you, because I believe God brought it to my attention to underscore once again the true spiritual priorities that he is guiding us toward. Mr. Armstrong wrote:

"We live today in a babylon of confusion. Hundreds of denominations and sects, each teaching a different creed.

"*The Plain Truth* comes as a magazine of UNDERSTANDING to help those who honestly hunger and thirst after righteousness out of this modern confusion, into the knowledge of TRUTH.

"Solomon was wise when he (See **PERSONAL**, page 6)

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Why Japan can say no to America

PASADENA—Relations between the United States and Japan have entered a new, and troubling, phase.

Evidence of this was seen in the high-level visit in January by President George Bush and 18 captains of U.S. industry to Tokyo.

Some of the American executives said they were pleased with agreements to open up greater access to Japan's domestic market for their products.

But the big sticking point was in automobiles and automotive parts, which account for three fourths of America's annual trade deficit with Japan.

The top executives of Detroit's Big Three—Ford, Chrysler and General Motors—said that expected breakthroughs with their counterparts from Japan's Big Five—Toyota, Nissan, Honda, Mitsubishi and Mazda—failed to occur.

After he returned home, Chrysler chief executive Lee Iacocca, notorious in Tokyo as a Japan-basher, denounced the summit's results and urged trade retaliations against Japan.

Salesman or statesman?

Mr. Bush's trip to Tokyo was initially planned to cover a wide range of issues, not just trade. But with the U.S. recession and political challenge over Mr. Bush's handling of the economy, the Japanese portion of the trip changed.

The President said the main purpose of the trip became one of securing "jobs, jobs, jobs" to try to relieve rising unemployment at



WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

home. Unfortunately, he appeared, according to some Japanese press accounts, as more of a "car salesman" begging for business, than the world's leading statesman.

Before the President arrived, Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa appealed to the Japanese public and to his nation's auto companies to make some sort of sacrifice for the United States. "We must appreciate how serious layoffs are in America," he said, obviously referring to General Motors' decision to eliminate 74,000 jobs.

In a joint press conference with Mr. Bush, the prime minister elaborated on his remarks. "What I really tried to say was that we have to understand the other person's position." Then he cautiously added a few words about what he saw as more fundamental problems underlying America's declining economic competitiveness:

"I believe the U.S. society is a great society, but there are homeless people, there is a problem of AIDS, and so on, and for various reasons education is not as high as in the past. . . . I am convinced they will overcome these problems."

Even with its diplomatic niceties,

it was an extraordinary comment for a Japanese prime minister to make, sitting next to an American President. Ever since Japan's defeat in World War II, its leaders have showed uncommon deference to the United States.

Japan can say no!

Prime Minister Miyazawa's remarks are mild when compared to those of Shintaro Ishihara in his controversial book, *The Japan That Can Say No*, a best-seller in Japan in 1989. The official English translation came out last year.

The author's basic argument is that Japan's political leaders should more forcefully defend Japanese economic interests against what he contends are unreasonable American demands. They can do this, he says, because U.S. industry, and even the military, has become dependent upon Japan in key areas such as computer microchips.

Mr. Ishihara admits to being uncharacteristically blunt for a Japanese in dealing with foreigners. But he could not be categorized as anti-American. "I offer this book to American readers," he writes, "with the recognition that too much is at

because we think it's beneath our dignity.

The answer to pride

How do we keep pride in check? Paul wrote, "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me" (Galatians 2:20). True humility is the quality that replaces a heart of pride.

Two elements replace pride with humility. The first: The humble spirit must gladly submit to God. Replace the pride of assuming you are the final authority in your life. Pride urges you to assume the role of master. But God is the sovereign ruler of all creation.

The second element: Position, wealth, health and abilities are gifts from the Creator—he is responsible for all our resources. Replace the pride of assuming

Humility puts God in his rightful place. He is No. 1. The truly humble person has discovered that.

See yourself as God sees you—strengths, weaknesses, needs and possibilities. Ask daily for his love and understanding as you go about your life.

Hazardous substance

The epistles warn of being filled with conceit. It is easy for any of us to be puffed up. Pride can lead to other sins, to anger when our pride is hurt. It can lead to self-pity or a foolish refusal to give in.

Pride is being too self-sufficient, thinking we don't need God or the Bible. Pride can prevent us from considering advice, whether it's from the ministry or from a friend.

Pride is idolatry of the self. It becomes an abiding faith in self, not God. Pride keeps us from performing many a menial duty

that you are responsible for your own good fortune.

We may have worked hard for success, but our hands and minds were given to us by God. We are what we are by God's grace. Apart from him we would be nothing.

There is a right kind of pride, of course. There is a pride in something good, in God's Work or in our family. We can even feel happy that we are unique people with a wonderful potential.

We must get rid of the pride that stands in the way of a clear-eyed view of human life.

Humility puts God in his rightful place. He is No. 1. The truly humble person has discovered that.

The measure of our humility can be determined by God's place in our life. Push pride aside. Ask God for help (Hebrews 4:15, 16).

stake for Japan and the United States to drift apart."

Mr. Ishihara, in fact, titled Chapter 8 "Saying Yes to America." Japan, he says, "cannot brusquely reject all U.S. trade demands."

He admits, for example, "galling though it is," that U.S. pressure is necessary for Japan to reform its complex and costly distribution system, which not only largely excludes foreigners, but keeps prices high for Japanese consumers.

But the heart of *The Japan That Can Say No* is Mr. Ishihara's premise that "most of America's woes are self-made." And he wants, like most Japanese, to see a turnaround in America's fortunes: "I want to believe that the United States, with its enormous underlying strength, will pull itself together and come roaring back. Yet there are many worrisome signs."

Instead of primarily criticizing Japan, Mr. Ishihara claims, "Americans should follow the Chinese proverb, 'When things go wrong, first look in the mirror.'"

Were he as familiar with the Bible, he also could have quoted Matthew 7:3-5, advising a person to remove the plank (obvious sin or shortcoming) from one's own eye before attempting to remove a

tiny speck from another's eye.

Mr. Ishihara said that he "and 15 other like-minded politicians who want U.S. industry to regain its competitive edge" offered specific "friendly suggestions" at U.S.-Japan trade talks in 1990.

Some of these are listed in Chapter 11: Regarding savings and investment: "Make vigorous efforts to cut the federal deficit. . . . Create family savings accounts. . . . Tighten credit card eligibility criteria."

Regarding corporate investment and behavior: "Discard the short-term, quick-profits mentality. . . . Stop excessive corporate takeovers [and] leveraged buyouts. . . . Limit the huge bonuses paid to corporate executives."

Regarding education: "The American worker's low level of basic skills is a major reason for the decline of U.S. industry. Rectifying this deficiency should be the highest priority."

These common-sense recommendations are not sinister. But it is so much easier for an individual—or a nation—to blame others rather than face one's own problems.

Mr. Ishihara wrote: "With the cold war over, friction on trade and investment will inevitably intensify. . . . Protectionist measures and sanctions against Japanese products will follow one after the other. . . . We must be prepared for stormy days ahead."

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



Summit: mixed victories

MAASTRICHT, Netherlands—Heads of European governments and their finance ministers met for a European Community (EC) summit here Dec. 9 and 10.

All sides claimed success—but observers wondered how many concessions had been made.

Before the summit I traveled to Bonn, Germany, for the Sabbath, Dec. 7. Regional director John Karlson described his trip to Estonia and St. Petersburg, Nov. 29 to Dec. 4 (Jan. 6 *Worldwide News*).

Mr. Karlson said some people were interested in the Church but needed booklets to continue growing. The Church, incidentally, is planning some literature in Russian.

The British Office is interested because many in the ex-Soviet Union, particularly the Ukraine, speak English. A letter from a Ukrainian reader said 20 people read one English *Plain Truth*.

Mr. Karlson commented that some religious denominations have gone in big and then pulled out. We don't want to repeat this.

At the summit

My arrival at the summit was marred by a gigantic queue. For security reasons each journalist (more than 1,500) had to be body searched.

Attending a European summit is like watching a magician doing tricks. Just as you put your attention to one area, with sleight of hand he rearranges things.

One thing that struck me was the sterility of EC propaganda—almost unreadable. But I conscientiously picked up every brochure, transcript and directive possible.

I was struck by the thought that this new pan-European culture doesn't appeal to the palate. Whereas the ancient states of Europe produced wonderful cultures, this Europe is a patchwork of strengths and weaknesses.

In a television interview, the French prime minister, Edith Cres-

son, referred to the EC as a "marriage of convenience"—not one of natural love and compatibility, but practical necessity. Such marriages are always in danger.

In the summit press room the public address system never stopped. It was difficult to put two thoughts together because of constant announcements of a fax or some other message waiting for a Mr. Yugoalovich from Slovenia.

To avert the boredom of waiting for something to happen, journalists interviewed each other.

Later at the central railway station, protesters for Croatian independence paraded by. Police kept the hundreds of protesters under control.

Nothing effective was done about the Balkan war by the august group of European leaders at the summit—a symbol of the EC's relative political impotence.

Opt-out clause for Britain

Usually these conferences break up at noon. Not so on the second day of the summit. Things weren't going well for Britain. Finally, Britain arranged an "opt out" on monetary union and social legislation, with a view to joining later if opinions changed. The British claimed victory, but it was clear they were the odd man out.

Photos of the European leaders of 10 years ago were posted in the summit hall, leaders such as Margaret Thatcher of Britain, Helmut Schmidt of Germany, and Valery Giscard d'Estaing of France—all gone from office. Another 10 years and the same thing will have happened to most of the present players.

A Canadian journalist told me that East Germany had been transformed in the last two years. The Germans are investing heavily in their infrastructure—railways, roads, bridges, transport and communications. He said completion would not take too long.



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Push pride aside

Many of us are like the woodpecker who pecked on the trunk of a dead pine tree. A storm came up and lightning struck the tree; splintering it to the ground. The woodpecker flew off unharmed. Looking back from a safe distance to where the dead tree had stood, the proud bird exclaimed, "Look what I did!"

Pride often reigns within us in subtle ways that need to be kept in check. All too often we don't give God or others credit when we succeed, although we are quick to pass the blame when we don't. We often fail to see ourselves in perspective.

Pride is mentioned in the Bible as one of the things that comes out of the heart and defiles a person. "Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord" (Proverbs 16:5).

The Bible warns of the destructive sinfulness of the wrong sort of pride and its grip upon us.

What is our motive?

How often have our efforts to serve God been marred because our motives were at fault. Not that the actions weren't good. Yet, perhaps at times we were more concerned with the effect our action would produce, than with the love and respect it would show to our Creator.

We are probably all guilty of being more concerned about what people think of us, than with the good reflection on God working with us.

We must continually consider our motivation, our reasons for what we do, and take stock of the purity of our hearts.

Alumni meet for homecoming, 40-year graduate honored

BIG SANDY—About 230 Ambassador College alumni and guests attended a homecoming banquet Dec. 26, the first activity of Homecoming 1991, the College's annual alumni reunion.

"The weekend provided a real boost for the College," said Thomas Delamater, director of Development & College Relations and coordinator of the alumni association.

"The success of the activities was ensured by the enthusiasm of the alumni who were here, and their enthusiasm rubbed off on faculty and students as well," Mr. Delamater said.

Graduates of the classes of 1961, 1971 and 1981 met for receptions at faculty homes on campus. They were joined by College administrators, faculty, members of the board of regents and others.

40-year alumni honored

At the banquet the alumni asso-

ciation presented a gift to evangelist Herman L. Hoeh to commemorate the 40th anniversary of Ambassador's first commencement exercises. Dr. Hoeh was a member of the first graduating class.



Donald Ward, College president, gave Dr. Hoeh a desk set and clock on a black marble base. Betty Michel, also a 1951 graduate, was invited to the reunion but was unable to attend.

Later that evening musical entertainment was provided by Roger Bryant and Ross Jutsum of the Ambassador College Music Department.

Dec. 27 Dr. Ward and Mr. Delamater conducted an alumni seminar in the field house gold rooms. Dr. Ward outlined the new academic programs being offered at Ambassador, as well as the progress of the College's accreditation effort. Then Mr. Delamater discussed the progress in the alumni association and the College's fund-raising plans.

Chancellor at services

The next afternoon Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach spoke at a combined Sabbath service in the field house auditorium.

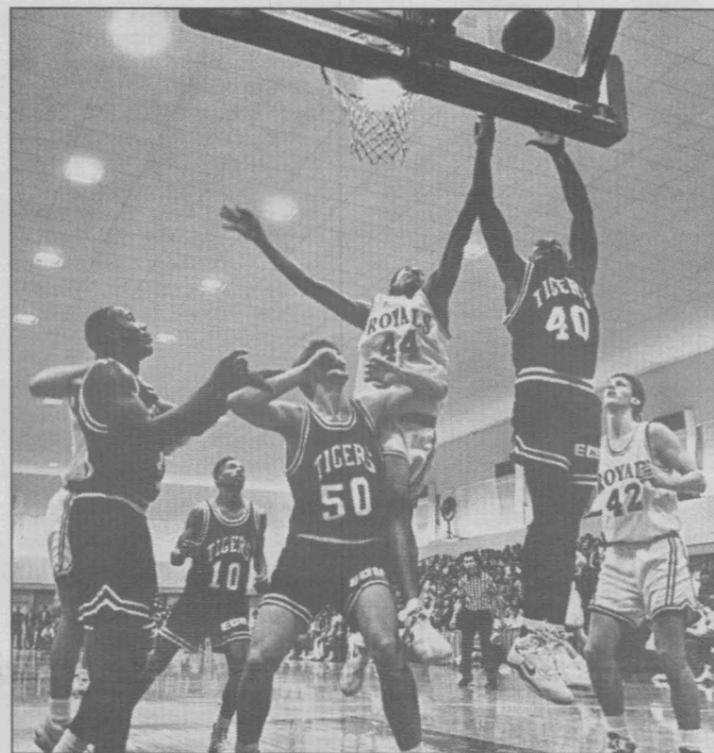
He expounded on the need for vision in the Church and the College.

That night Mr. Tkach joined alumni in watching the Ambassador Royals, the intercollegiate basketball team, play the East Central State University Tigers from Ada, Okla. In a game that put the fans on their feet at the end, the Tigers edged Ambassador 57-54. The Young Ambassadors gave a halftime performance.

The next morning the weekend's activities concluded with a country brunch in the gold rooms. Mr. Delamater again addressed the group and presented surprise gifts to a number of alumni in attendance.

"It's always enjoyable to have alumni on campus, and this year's reunion exceeded our expectations in every way," said Mr. Delamater.

"We received some excellent suggestions from alumni about how to make the reunions even more enjoyable, and we're already eagerly anticipating next year's event."



HOMEcoming 1991—Activities at the Ambassador College alumni reunion (clockwise from above left): evangelist Herman L. Hoeh, a member of the first graduating class (left), receives gift from Donald Ward, College president; administration cheers at College basketball game; action on the boards at the College game; Dr. Ward addresses alumni; and alumni share formal dinner. [Photos by Mike Bedford]



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Understanding God's purpose

I'm one of the members of the Church in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

In the first place, I'd like to show you my appreciation for your work on *The*

Worldwide News, which helps us to understand God's purpose in these difficult times. We're very grateful for all the effort and enthusiasm you put forth in bringing us the news about the Church activities all over the world as well as how the world scene is rapidly changing.

In our country, despite all the economic difficulties and rising unemployment rates, we're growing in love toward one another.

Our present economic and labor difficulties compel us to pray more fervently on behalf of our brethren, and God has always answered our prayers, helping us in the hardest of trials.

Buenos Aires, Argentina

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Brethren: achievements, triumphs

I am greatly encouraged by the articles on the brethren around the world with the achievements, triumphs and overcoming that each article portrays. I want to feel a part of the Church. Reading about the brethren and seeing pictures of them helps me feel at one with them.

Newcastle, England

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Returning to Church

There is much I yearn to know and learn. I used to attend Church with my parent. I left as an 18-year-old who knew all there was to know. At least, I thought so.

Six years later I have a husband and three children. Now I realize what I left behind. I pray that it is not too late to learn all I need to know.

Since leaving the Church I have searched in many directions for the "Truth." I always ended up coming back to the place from where I started. I guess I was trying to deny all I knew. Now I

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am trying very hard to find it all again.

It helped a lot when my husband said that there must be more than what we knew. I guess knowing that he was starting to question things and look for answers made my hidden emptiness surface.

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Alberta

Worldwide News survey

In response to the article on page 3 of the Dec. 9 *Worldwide News* regarding the survey, I want to say a big "thank you" for publishing *The Worldwide News*, and pleased don't be discouraged by negative comments.

Perhaps some don't remember a time when there was no *Worldwide News*, a time when news of "the family" was not as plentiful or personal as it is now.

We wanted to know more about the Work worldwide than was available through *The Good News*, which was what we had at the time, but there was no vehicle to convey that kind of information.

Buffalo, Mo.

I did not send in my own survey. When I read it back, it basically said keep up the good work, it's great as it is. I didn't have any constructive criticism to make.

Sure you make mistakes, but I have never thought you were anything but human, and I have found during my lifetime that human beings do tend to make mistakes sometimes, no matter how careful they are, and I don't doubt that you all try very hard in everything you do.

I would have felt a little hurt if I had been on the receiving end of some of those comments, knowing that I would have been doing my best.

I don't always understand some of the American terms that slip through, but that just gives me the challenge of finding out and learning a little more of the American culture.

Surrey, England

"Into all the world..."

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

Perfect parents

We used your article "Raising Perfect Parents" from the July-August *Youth* magazine for a family discussion on the Sabbath.

We found it very helpful and informative to read and talk about. We thank you in helping us raise "perfect parents."

Apple Valley, Minn.

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Saving a life

The article "Unbearable Pain" in the November *Youth 91* helped me more than anyone could know.

Everything has been going wrong in

my life for the past two years. I have had a lot of deaths around me. One that really affected me was a friend who was killed in a car accident. I was severely depressed.

I can't talk with people because I am always afraid they will hurt me. I have been hurt so many times by people because they misuse my trust of them. So, all of the pain kept on building up in me.

I vowed that I would kill myself if everything got even worse. Everything did get worse. I was just about to give up again, but when I read your article "Unbearable Pain," I decided to keep on trying.

I used to be a happy-go-lucky person who always smiled. But, not anymore. I am starting to smile again, but it isn't as easy as it used to be.



IRON SHARPENS IRON

Recognition in the Church: Does anyone really notice?

By Alan Dean

An interesting pastime when traveling is to study old grave-stones. On the stones are brief descriptions of once active, vibrant people.

Alan Dean pastors the Toowoomba and Warwick, Qld., churches.

Not long ago a ceremony was conducted in China to give recognition to an unmarked grave. A sleuth had found the burial spot of English runner Eric Liddel.

He is the runner of the film *Chariots of Fire* who refused to run on Sunday in the 1924 Olympics. It almost cost him a gold medal.

Buried in an unmarked grave in 1945, he had died a prisoner in a Japanese internment camp. This unmarked grave had a happy ending. Belated recognition was given to the man buried there.

But millions of graves are lost in time. Unrecognized, forgotten—all their works and efforts gone into oblivion.

In our lives we can feel that same futility. We live life and receive no recognition. No one seems to remember our sacrifices, pain and effort.

That is why some old people like to talk about the past. They are crying out to the world that this frail person is not the full story. There is more to them than this.

Some are so discouraged they withdraw into themselves and become reclusive, bitter and disillusioned.

Feeling unappreciated

Even in the Church, we can feel unappreciated. A new minister comes in, a new approach seemingly pushes us aside. We can start to feel redundant, passe. Our former works, struggles and loyalty seem irrelevant to the new minister.

In our private lives these same thoughts can come into play. We have been trying to follow Christ's teaching of turning the other cheek, going the extra mile and no one seems to appreciate all our efforts. We

can begin to feel, "What difference does it make?"

Understanding the message of Hebrews 6:9-12 would revolutionize our thinking.

Notice especially verse 10. God does not forget our works. One of the most important realities for us is to see the nearness of God in our lives.

In Matthew 6:4, 6, 18 Christ tells us not to look for recognition, but that God who sees in secret will reward us openly.

We have a different perspective to recognition than nonbelievers. Notice how Christ shows that the unbeliever's only source of value is found in the praise of other people (Matthew 6:2, 5, 16).

That recognition is fleeting. It may last a minute, a week or maybe a year, but it is eventually lost into time.

We need to be appreciated

It is human to need appreciation. As Christians we should be thanking people and recognizing their efforts. We all need a little fodder to chew on. A Christian is still human and has basic needs of appreciation.

But if our perspective is based on Hebrews 6:10 we would have an inner strength, a peace that realizes our works are appreciated, if not tangibly by our neighbor, certainly by God.

God's recognition is not for a limited time, but forever. This peace transcends whether we are appreciated by others or not.

For example, some mothers in the Church at times feel worn out and maybe taken for granted. They probably are. Others fail to notice the efforts they make for the family. Mothers can begin to feel taken advantage of and become discouraged. They have to remind themselves that they are valued and prized by God.

Please remember that God rejoices in your motherhood. You are reflecting the sacrificial values of God's kingdom exemplified in the statement in Mark 9:35: "servant of all."

In this world where most things are done for self-interest, a truly selfless individual stands out to God as a sweet aroma.

He delights in our works. We are called to be living sacrifices. God relishes those acts of charity, of kindness. He stores them up and remembers them all.

God's recognition

In Ephesians 6:5-6 and Colossians 3:18-25 we are admonished to look to God for our praise. If God is real to us, we know we are appreciated.

Humans live in small time frames. They have no continuity of history. Life starts with their experiences. People are forgotten, overlooked and left aside as history marches on.

In contrast, God is eternal. He is always there. He remembers everything that takes place in our lives.

The good worker who does not get praise or is treated unfairly can be comforted that he or she is noticed, and it is recorded, and that a right, humble reaction is valued.

History of rejection

The history of God's people is one of rejection and humiliation (Hebrews 11:35-40). Many times

Haiti

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The hospital is near the army headquarters, but "there were few patients in the hospital," he said. "Most had left because of trouble a couple of days before I arrived."

"Dec. 16 would have been the first anniversary of the president's election and rumors were circulating around Port-au-Prince on the 15th that he would return the next day."

Embargo creates tension

Throughout the city Mr. Richard saw lines of cars, some two kilometers (about 1.2 miles) long, waiting at gas stations.

"Some drivers had been waiting for two days to get fuel. At night the cars were empty, their owners left them in line for the following day."

Police and soldiers had to stop fights and arguments among waiting drivers when some tried to cut in line and bribe gas station owners.

Foreigners might also find themselves in trouble out in the city after 5 p.m. Those responsible for the coup and those supporting the coup feel that foreigners were responsible for the embargo.

"I stayed in the hotel and did little travel in the city after dark," said Mr. Richard.

According to some Haitians the embargo has not yet had its full effect, and the situation is expected to worsen as the trade ban continues.

"Everybody will be affected. The poor people are getting poorer and the wealthy are suffering also."

"The Haitians and members know that once the embargo takes full effect they will suffer and suffer more than they have in the past."

people of God walked alone, unloved, unappreciated by their contemporaries. But God saw them.

A graphic illustration of how God remembers is found in Genesis 4:10. Cain killed Abel secretly, yet Abel's blood figuratively cried out to God.

The world could miss it or eventually forget it, but God does not. Christians have been tortured, secretly destroyed in dark places and left to rot in unmarked graves. Yet their lives cry out to God day and night (Revelation 6:9-10).

Even though they are dead, their deeds are alive and meaningful to God. No wonder Christ said God is the God of the living. Nothing is lost or goes unnoticed.

Remember, we have the privilege to walk the same path Christ walked. He was despised,

rejected and unappreciated in his time (Isaiah 53:3 and I Peter 3:8-12). His mind was on the eternal recognition of God.

The most encouraging words

The words that should mean the most to us are the words of praise that Jesus Christ will say to us: "Well done, good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:21, 23).

It is nice to receive acknowledgement for our efforts. It gives us confidence to do more. But we need to realize that no matter what men do or don't say, we are appreciated, loved and recognized by a great God who never devalues our years of tireless work.

This understanding brings deep peace and power to keep improving in our ability to truly reflect the values of God's kingdom.

FACULTY POSITIONS AVAILABLE FALL SEMESTER 1992

Ambassador College invites applications from suitably qualified candidates for the following vacancies:

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Each position requires an earned doctorate from a regionally accredited institution, an exemplary record of teaching, evidence of scholarship and service, and effective relations skills.

Applications must include the following:

- A letter of application
- A current resume
- The names of three references with phone numbers

Applications, nominations and inquiries should be sent to:

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Spanish Office

Big Sandy

In 36 years Work expands from booklet to 40 churches

By Leon Walker

BIG SANDY—The first efforts of God's Work to reach the Spanish-speaking world began in 1956, when Herbert W. Armstrong asked Benjamin Rea to translate booklets and articles into Spanish.

Evangelist Leon Walker is regional director for Spanish and Portuguese-speaking areas.

Today, 36 years later, 2,133 baptized members attend 40 congregations and outlying Bible studies. Thirty-one ministers serve Spanish-language regions.

The first Latin American congregation started in Mexico City in 1967. The first church on the South American continent was Santiago, Chile, raised up by the late Robert V. Flores in 1969.

The first Feast of Tabernacles was conducted in Chile the same year. Later Mr. Flores was transferred to Argentina, where he started congregations in Bahia Blanca and Ezeiza.

In 1991 there were 13 Festival sites in Latin America and one site in Talavera de la Reina, Spain.

Santiago boasts the largest congregation with an average weekly attendance of 305. The smallest group meeting on a regular basis is in Cuauhtemoc, Mexico, with about 16 in attendance.

At the moment the Church has no resident minister in Brazil. The 20 brethren in the country are served by Alberto Sousa, pastor of the Ezeiza congregation.

The Work in miniature

Like most of the Church's non-English-language offices, the Spanish Department is, to a certain extent, a microcosm of the Work.

The department plays a role in

time and seven student employees. Since its inception in Pasadena in 1956, the Spanish Department has relocated a number of times. In 1960, when the Bricket Wood, England, campus of Ambassador College opened, Dr. Rea and the department moved there.

After Dr. Rea died in 1965 the department was transferred to Big Sandy, returning to Pasadena in 1972, where it

ing, donation tabulating and receipting, church and financial reports, computer support, church administration, festival administration, circulation, promotion and editorial. These functions are handled by 21 full-time, four part-

remained for 18 years. In July 1990 the department again moved to Big Sandy.



Challenges and obstacles

Among the greatest obstacles to preaching the gospel in these areas are the region's vast expanse and large number of countries comprising it.

Most work is carried out in

Spain and Portugal

God's Work on the Iberian Peninsula has made some important strides. In August 1985 Pedro Rufian, a Church member from Andalusia, went to Ambassador College in Pasadena.

After two years in college and after serving as a ministerial trainee in Chile, Mr. Rufian was ordained.

He returned to his homeland to begin serving brethren in Spain and Portugal.

Today 57 baptized members live in Spain, and 19 live in Portugal and the Azores. On the Day of Atonement Carlos Tavares from Lisbon, Portugal, was ordained a local church elder.

Even without a Portuguese *Plain Truth* a number of Portuguese-speaking people have been called into the Church.

We produce some literature in Portuguese. Heading this effort is Graham Davies, who oversees the editorial activities and coordinates the translation of sermon and Bible study tapes.

Economic survival

Latin America presents a number of anomalies. One is the side-by-side existence of opulent prosperity and grinding poverty. Traditionally, our publications have reached all strata of society—from the highest levels of government and religion to the sorely deprived lower class.

But the upper classes are a tiny minority of the population, so most of those who have been reached belong to the middle and lower economic levels.

Day-to-day economic survival is a constant concern for many brethren. Inflation is rampant.

In some cases prices for consumer goods change almost daily. The phenomenon of rapidly changing prices gave rise to a new word in Mexico: *requetetacion*, which means "re-pricetagging."

Economic woes have hit Peru the hardest. A major impediment is the activities of the Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) guerrillas.

It is difficult to explain how brethren can survive in such a desperate economic climate. Economic and social difficulties can be overwhelming.

One inspiring aspect of our work is reading letters from subscribers whose lives have been transformed and seeing the attitude of love and support that prevails among the brethren.



REBA AND LEON WALKER

most major functions of the Work including mail processing, personal correspondence, literature mail-

Grads boost to congregations

By Reginald Killingley

In the past 12 years more than 40 young people from Latin America have attended or now attend Ambassador College. When they return home, they provide a big boost to their congregations.

Reginald Killingley is a minister in the Spanish Department.

We asked three Latin American students, all juniors, for a firsthand view of this exciting development.

Central America

Carlos Bardales, 31, comes from northwest Honduras. In 1981 he moved to Costa Rica to study music on a scholarship.

A year later he started playing the cello for Costa Rica's national symphony orchestra. In 1985 a friend introduced him to Church literature.

Mr. Bardales started attending services later that year and was baptized in August 1986.

At the 1988 Feast in Guatemala he met Ambassador graduate Cory Erickson, who had been sent to Cen-

tral America to help teach English to Church families. Mr. Erickson helped Mr. Bardales to greatly improve his English proficiency.

When Mr. Bardales applied to Ambassador he was accepted.

Since 1989 he has played in many concerts, recitals and assemblies at the College. Upon graduation he plans to return to his native country to teach music.

Chile

Paola Atallat, 24, from southern Chile, first encountered Church literature 10 years ago through her older brother, Rodrigo (now a freshman at Ambassador). By 1985 Miss Atallat and her brother were keeping the Sabbath and



PAOLA ATALLAT

Holy Days on their own. Three years later she was baptized.

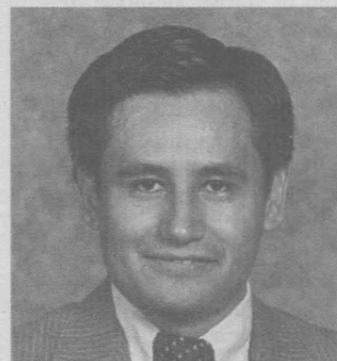
In 1988 the Church sent Ambassador graduate Kurt Hoyer to Chile to teach English to potential students and other interested members. In 1989 Miss Atallat was accepted to Ambassador.

Miss Atallat said: "Ambassador is totally different. You see it clearly in the attitude of the faculty, who want to help the students."

Miss Atallat is planning to either teach the English language or work as a translator when she returns to Chile after graduation.

Peru

Pedro Reynoso, 27, comes from Lima, Peru's capital. His first encounter with Church literature was in 1979 through a friend's father, who was a *Pura Verdad*



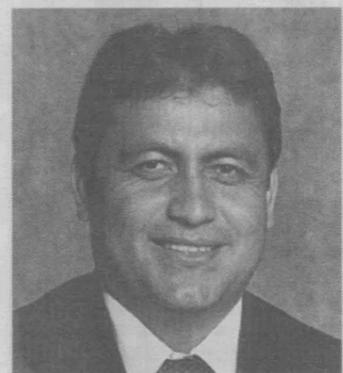
PEDRO REYNOSO

(Spanish *Plain Truth*) subscriber. In 1983 he received his first ministerial visit, started attending services and was baptized.

Mr. Reynoso studied manufacturing engineering at a technical school, became an instructor, then studied English. He even traveled 1,600 miles to Chile for instruction and assistance from Mr. Hoyer. In 1989 his goal of attending Ambassador became a reality.

His principal reason for wanting to attend was to study the Bible in depth. But "not only am I able to study the Bible, I'm also majoring in Management Information Systems," he said.

After graduation Mr. Reynoso hopes to do graduate study in MIS and return to Peru to work.



CARLOS BARDALES

PERSONAL

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asked for UNDERSTANDING! But he would have been wiser, had he asked for something else!

"There is one thing that is even more important—a thing that is still more rare. That thing is LOVE!

"It does make a difference what we believe. It is the TRUTH that shall make us free. But, 'though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and ALL KNOWLEDGE ... and have not CHARITY, I am nothing!'

"Can you have LOVE, in patience and kindness, toward the one with whom you disagree? If you can't, you'll never repel error or find TRUTH.

"Why do people argue, strive, quarrel, over differences of belief? That is not the way into truth. Rather it confirms one in his error, until he comes to BELIEVE a lie. 'Hereby know we the spirit of TRUTH, and the spirit of error. Beloved, let us LOVE one another' (I John 4:6-7).

"Stop and think a moment. The one great barrier that separates professing Christians into denominational bundles—that keeps them apart—that promotes rivalry, hatred, and causes continued new splits and divisions—is this insane insistence that the other fellow must see 'eye-to-eye' on every little point of doctrine!

"The one cord that binds together each little denomination-

right, or that it makes no difference so long as we have love. Freedom must come thru the TRUTH, but—catch this!—the TRUTH can come only thru LOVE! Love is the first fruit of the Spirit who guides us into Truth. When love is lacking, the Spirit has fled. LOVE COMES FIRST!

"Beyond doubt you will read things in *The Plain Truth* which conflict with what you have believed. If *The Plain Truth* cannot bring you something you did not know before, or correct you where you were wrong, it will have failed in its mission. Its real value to YOU lies in how much correction and added knowledge it brings.

"And so, we ask, do as the Bereans were commended for doing with Paul. Read, study, without prejudice. Then search the Scriptures whether these things are so! (Acts 17:10-11). Then write us if you still disagree, and let us study it together in LOVE.

"Why can't those who profess to be God's children have kindness, gentleness, and LOVE toward each other? Let us open our hearts to God's LOVE, and then we can have PEACE with our minds opened for God's truth."

Advice for today

Reading this half-century-old editorial was like reading on paper many of the very things Mr. Armstrong had said to me in person during the last weeks of his long life.

Love is active. It reaches out. It cares. It goes out of its way for the benefit of others.

al bundle is the identical thing that has caused every split and division that ever took place between brethren—DOCTRINE!

"As long as DOCTRINE is employed as the basis for church unity, every so-called 'church' will continue to suffer strife, division and separation into more divisions.

"And yet each denomination firmly believes that it, and it alone, is God's one and only TRUE CHURCH! And they think they base their claim on solid Bible evidence, the same as YOU probably think about yours! So many assume that salvation hinges upon such an organization connection and whether you accept its creed!

"But Jesus said differently. 'By THIS shall all men know that ye are my disciples, IF YE HAVE LOVE one to another!' Why can't we have it? Lacking that LOVE for those who see some points a little differently, we lack also the SPIRIT which alone can guide into the TRUTH.

"The inspired Word says we must 'GROW in grace and in ... knowledge' (II Peter 3:18). We fear there is still so much we all have yet to learn, that each can afford to have charity for those who see some things differently.

"God's Word must tell the truth when it says we now 'see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know IN PART,' etc. And again, we shall all 'see eye to eye, WHEN the Lord shall bring again Zion'—or, as the marginal rendering says: 'when the Lord returneth to Zion' (Isaiah 52:8). Then the earth shall be FULL of the knowledge of the Lord (Isaiah 11:9).

"We do not mean to imply that whatever a man believes is

There are many ways in which we have done, as a Church, just what Mr. Armstrong warned against in this editorial. But now that God has been leading us for several years to strongly reemphasize these fundamental truths and priorities of Christianity, it behooves us today to *take* the same advice that we were blessed to give others in 1938.

This command of Jesus is one that so many who believe they are Christians just never seem to understand. Love is far more than just "following the rules" or not doing harm to others. Love is active. It reaches out. It cares. It goes *out of its way* for the benefit of others.

Consider Paul's description of love in the "love chapter." He wrote: "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

"Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away" (I Corinthians 13:4-8, New International Version, unless noted).

Paul continued: "For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me.

"Now we see but a poor reflection; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part;

then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love" (verses 9-13).

What Jesus taught

God has indeed led us to place primary emphasis on what Jesus taught, on his instruction to those who would follow him.

Jesus did not say that Christianity is to be easy. He called it the "strait and narrow" way. This is what so many miss. They don't want a strait and narrow way. They want the Christian life to be a clearly delineated life of certain specified dos and don'ts.

They want to feel good about themselves, to have a clear yardstick by which to measure their righteousness against that of their neighbor.

But Jesus has called us to a totally transformed life—transformed from the relentless pursuit of selfish interests to a life devoted to humble service in unfeigned love (I Peter 1:22).

When sin enters the Christian's life (and of course, since none are yet perfect, sin does enter), the Christian, whose life is now "hid in Christ Jesus," is unsettled and upset until he or she repents before God.

This new life is a radical change from the natural human state to something far different, and it is made possible only through repentance toward God and the presence of the life of God in us through the Holy Spirit.

God is love, John wrote. When God makes his dwelling in us by his Spirit, the result will be our transformation to a life which loves in "actions and in truth" (I John 3:18).

In this new life, there is no place for arrogance, bitterness, gossip, prejudice, sexual misconduct, dishonesty, selfish pride, filthy talk, drunkenness, substance abuse, temper tantrums, spouse abuse, child abuse, wild partying, or any other unrestrained, self-oriented, morally irresponsible attitude or behavior.

Instead, the new life centers on sacrifice of one's own desires and pleasures for the good of others. It requires us to follow Paul's instruction: "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves" (Philippians 2:3).

Let's each take a moment to honestly consider how well we are living by that instruction. If we are indeed honest, we will realize how far short we fall of Christian perfection.

Is it any wonder, then, that God has led the Church to focus its full attention on these primary, fundamental basics of Christian life? After all, Jesus did say, "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35, New King James).

However, like so many others, we have tended to strive for uniqueness in wrong ways. It is not a special understanding of prophecy that makes Jesus' disciples unique. It is not nuances of doctrine that make Jesus' disciples unique. (There is, after all, hardly a single doctrine we teach that at least one other church or organization someplace does not also teach.)

We need to understand this important truth: It is, according to Jesus Christ, our love for one

another that makes us, if we are indeed God's people, unique.

I have emphasized this because, if I am to be faithful to the Scriptures, I can do nothing else.

Full-time Christians

Most people just don't want to be full-time Christians. They prefer to be Christians when it suits them, but not when it requires confession, repentance, humility, admission of guilt, sacrifice of desires or pleasures or time, forgiveness of a brother or sister, or reaching out in love to someone they don't particularly care for.

Yet all this is what being a disciple of Christ entails. God has shown his unbounded love toward us in all that he has done, and he calls on us to respond to him and others in the love that comes from the indwelling of his Spirit.

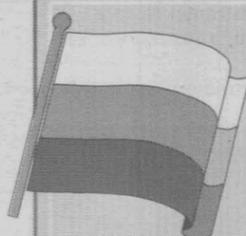
Jesus Christ suffered and died for us—even "while we were still sinners" (Romans 5:8). God has

given us a magnificent example, and through his Spirit transforms us into a new creation—gives us new birth as his own children that we might show forth his praises (I Peter 2:9).

He entreats us, as Paul wrote, to "be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God" (Ephesians 5:1-2).

Let's not fail to see the importance of what God is teaching us. Let no one fall by the wayside because the cross of Christ offends him or her. Rather, like it was for Paul, let our Savior's cross be our glory (Galatians 6:14)!

There is always much work ahead, and as we yield ourselves as clay in the Master Potter's hands, we will be continually renewed and equipped to carry on the work he gives us to do.



Communication breakdown: a fax of life in St. Petersburg

By Simone Worthing

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia—When most of us in the West want to call a friend or relative overseas we just pick up the phone, dial the number and we're talking. We might even ask an operator to place the call for us. Same with a fax. One can be sent to most places in the world—instant communication.

Simone and Cliff Worthing and Debbie Armstrong are on an Ambassador Foundation project at Radio-Television St. Petersburg.

These relatively simple processes, an integral part of daily social and business life in Western nations, are daily burdens in Russia.

In past times, all international communication was closely monitored. To get through the monolithic bureaucracy and extensive monitoring network to make a telephone call or send a fax required enormous amounts of patience, time, self-control and luck. Although most of the monitoring has gone, patience, time, self-control and luck are still required.

To send a fax from St. Petersburg we must first call the international operator to reserve a telephone line. It might take two days to get through to the operator and when we do there's no guarantee they'll reserve a line for us. The operator may tell us to call back at the time appointed for reservations to the country we want to reach and then they hang up before we can ask questions or plead our cause.

Once an operator agrees to reserve us a line, we've made a forward step, but only a small one. Usually it's impossible to choose the time we would like to send the fax (although it does happen occasionally). Mostly the operator tells us when the line is open and we must choose a time within those hours. (We hope the line is available during work hours, not 2 a.m. Otherwise we spend the night at the television station).

The line is rarely available the day we want and there's usually a two-day wait. (For some reason getting through to Britain is easiest of all, so the British Office receives most of our communications and relays them to their intended destinations.) Once in a while we can reserve a fax line without a problem, the call comes on time and the document is faxed smoothly.

At the set time we place our document into the fax machine. Then we wait for the operator to call us and connect the lines. The call is usually late. When the connection is made and the fax starts going through we wait with bated breath—will all the document be transmitted? The red error light starts flashing.

"The line has been disconnected," replies the operator tersely. We ask the operator to try again and after several attempts we are told to call back tomorrow and reserve another fax line.

Alternately, we might be faxing page 4 of a six-page document to London and the operator cuts in to tell us our time is up. "Can we just send two more pages?" we plead. "Not to London, but there's a line free to Germany right now if you want to use that," the operator replies.

It's a good thing we have regional offices all over the world—some documents to the United States have gone by way of London and Bonn.

As Russia strives to develop business links with the West, improving its communication systems will have to be a high priority.

Next time you have to wait a few minutes when sending a fax or making a phone connection, spare a thought for those who face a week-long ordeal to complete the task.



SIMONE WORTHING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

ALDRED, Tom and Gloria (Wilson) of St. Louis, Mo., boy, Stephen Thomas, Nov. 27, 8:58 a.m., 6 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

BJURSTROM, Ed and Wendy (Zebrowski) of Thousand Oaks, Calif., girl, Stina Johanna, Oct. 22, 6:21 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

BLACKMORE, David and Tracy (Conway) of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., boy, Scott Patrick Alan, Nov. 19, 9:38 a.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 3 boys.

BOSANTOG, Salvador and Abuan (Rose) of Sagada, Philippines, boy, Salvador Abuan, July 19, 2:58 kilograms, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

CAMPBELL, Doug and Manuela (Schlieff) of Bon Accord, Alta., boy, Jesse Case, Nov. 20, 11:35 p.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 girls, 1 boy.

CHANCE, James and Suzette (Parquette) of Belcamp, Md., boy, Austin James, Oct. 25, 7 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

CLAYTON, Gary and Jeanne (Bahen) of Ann Arbor, Mich., girl, Veronica Joy, Nov. 7, 2:45 a.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, now 4 boys, 1 girl.

DAVIS, Donald and Brenda (Bane) of Nashville, Tenn., boy, Jared Alexander, Nov. 1, 7:58 p.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys.

DELAMATER, Tom and Doreen (Stansbury) of Big Sandy, boy, John Charles, Dec. 4, 7:48 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

DYCK, Charles and Donna (Almquist) of Yorkton, Sask., boy, James Theodore, Aug. 6, 4:19 a.m., 9 pounds 8 1/4 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

GUZMAN, Victor and Luz of Queens, N.Y., boy, Victor Jr., July 16, 8 1/2 pounds, first child.

HOLDEN, Jeff and Michelle (Hochstetler) of Elkhart, Ind., girl, Courtney Michelle, Oct. 16, 5:55 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

JONES, Don and Marcia (Schmauss) of Denver, Colo., girl, Kayla Anne, Nov. 3, 8:55 a.m., 9 pounds, first child.

LEBLANC, Richard and Mary (Hofer) of Montreal, Que., girl, Patricia Renee, Oct. 6, 8:57 a.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 girls.

LINDSEY, James and Penny (Pichette) of Eugene, Ore., girl, Jennifer Leigh, Nov. 14, 3:10 a.m., 7 pounds 11 1/2 ounces, now 2 girls.

LUCAS, Syd and Lorraine (Pickering) of Ottawa, Ont., boy, Matthew John Sydney, Nov. 18, 6:15 p.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MANNING, Ron and Susan (Wilkie) of Vancouver, B.C., boy, Conner Geoffrey, Sept. 14, 6:57 p.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys.

McDOWELL, Blake and Delonna (Minton) of Grand Island, Neb., girl, Cassia Jonal, Dec. 8, 7:15 a.m., 6 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

MICK, James and Cynthia (Pratt) of Detroit, Mich., girl, Rachel Elizabeth, Dec. 2, 3:31 p.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

MOLIMOCK, Jim and Peggy (Witt) of Trenton, N.J., boy, Russell David, Aug. 16, 7:47 a.m., 8 pounds, now 4 boys.

POLIWCZYNSKI, John and Jane (Peek) of Bangor, Mich., boy, Stefan, Dec. 8, 12:03 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys.

PRESTON, Alan and Rebecca (Henson) of Blackfoot, Idaho, boy, Micah John, Oct. 19, 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

SCHUSSLER, Robert and Beverley (Clark) of Perth, W.A., girl, Jennifer Lauren, Oct. 31, 2:52 a.m., 6 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 girls.

STEELE, Tony and Karen (Hayes) of Melbourne, Vic., boy, Regan Thomas, Oct. 28, 11:37 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

VANLAECKEN, Murray and Cindy of Letcher, S.D., boy, Lukas Dean, Sept. 3, 10:03 p.m., 8 pounds 11 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

WISE, John and Rebecca (Andreas) of Pasadena, boy, Adam Roger, Dec. 12, 10:54 a.m., 10 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys.

YOUMELL, Daniel and Kimberly (Skapura) of Cleveland, Ohio, twin girls, Lindsay Kay and Melissa Anne, Nov. 14, 8:33 and 8:34 p.m., 4 pounds 9 ounces and 5 pounds, now 3 girls.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Hagy of Abingdon, Va., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Kimberly Beth to Daniel Jon Duffield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Duffield of Murfreesboro, Tenn. A March 29 wedding in Virginia is planned.

Together with their parents, Kalengule Kaoma and Nsama Mwila, both of Lusaka, Zambia, would like to announce their engagement. A May 17 wedding in Big Sandy is planned.

Jennifer Albert, daughter of David J. Albert of Pasadena, and Brent Bradford, son of Joan McWhorter of Austin, Tex., are delighted to announce their engagement. A Feb. 16 private ceremony is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Joseph of Lansing, Mich., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Amy Michelle to Jeffrey Paul Welch, son of Kay Welch of Waukesha, Wis. An April 5 wedding in Lansing is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Katuin of Tuakau, New Zealand, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Anita to Mark Dekker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arie

Dekker of Levin, New Zealand. A May 10 wedding is planned.

Together with their parents, Leslie John Cameron and Lindi Lotter announce their engagement. An April 5 wedding in Johannesburg, South Africa, is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. David Braun of Cudahy, Wis., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Penny Lynn to Randal Ray Urwiller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Urwiller of Ravenna, Neb. A March 8 wedding in Big Sandy is planned.

Joe and Rose Goertzen of Akron, Ohio, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Eva Annette to Dean Richard Larkin, son of Mike and Ann Blencowe of Tampa, Fla. A May 24 wedding in Akron is planned.

Alfred and Margarete Hellemann of Wengen, Germany, have the honor of announcing the engagement of their daughter Karin to Markus Wegenast, son of Reinhold and Emilie Wegenast of Sulz, Germany. A March 14 wedding in Bonn, Germany, is planned.

WEDDINGS



MR. & MRS. TOM SMITH

Josie E. Crowther and Tom Smith were united in marriage Aug. 18. The ceremony was performed by James Henderson, Watford and Borehamwood, England, pastor. Melanie Farnell was maid of honor, and Basil Harris was best man. The couple live in Malvern, England.



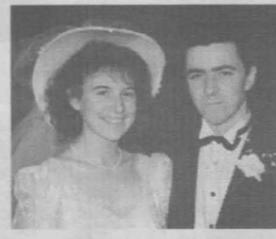
MR. & MRS. THOMAS HUBER

Edith Stacey of Saranac Lake, N.Y., and Thomas Huber of Ottawa, Ont., were united in marriage Sept. 1. The ceremony was performed by John Borax, Ottawa pastor. Sarah Dowdell was matron of honor, and Tony Cullen was best man. The couple live in Ottawa.



MR. & MRS. SCOTT CAMPBELL

Lori Lynn Gannon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Gannon, and Scott A. Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Campbell, were united in marriage Aug. 25. The ceremony was performed by Roy Dove, Enid, Okla., associate pastor. Susan Gannon, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Trent Meisner was best man. The couple live in Hennessey, Okla.



MR. & MRS. B. GALLAGHER

Mr. and Mrs. Terence Villiers of Sydney, N.S.W., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Debra to Brendan Francis Gallagher of Dublin, Ireland. The ceremony was performed July 28 by the bride's father, Melbourne, Vic., North pastor, Amanda Villiers, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Craig Forsythe was best man. The couple attend Ambassador College.



MR. & MRS. RAYMOND RICARD

Marie Dyck of Winnipeg, Man., is pleased to announce the marriage of her daughter Shirley Rebecca to Raymond Ernest Ricard of Winnipeg. The ceremony was performed June 16 by Carl Burns, Winnipeg associate pastor. Silvia Suderman was matron of honor, and Dan Charron was best man. The couple live in Winnipeg.



MR. & MRS. DEAN THORNTON

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Miller of Hobart, Tas., announce the marriage of their daughter Sarah Jane to Dean Victor Thornton, son of John and Lana Morgan of Sydney, N.S.W. The ceremony was performed Sept. 1 by Barry Williams, a minister in the Devonport and Launceston, Tas., churches. Cathie Evans was maid of honor, and Steve Franetovich was best man. The couple live in Sydney.



MR. & MRS. REX MEDLEY

Rex and Sara Medley of Ariton, Ala., celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary Dec. 7.



MR. & MRS. MARTY CAMPBELL

Janee Hayworth and Marty Campbell were united in marriage Sept. 8. The ceremony was performed by Richard Duncan, Salem and Albany, Ore., pastor. Trisha Silis was maid of honor, and Greg Humphreys was best man. The couple live in Corvallis, Ore.



MR. & MRS. DONALD MEIDINGER

Donald and Marva Meidinger of Scottsdale, Ariz., celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Dec. 9. They have four daughters, Suzanne Bogdanchik, Elizabeth Christian, Deborah Pakiser and Rebecca; one son, David; three sons-in-law, Mark David, Brian and David; one daughter-in-law, Laura; and three grandchildren, David, Sarah and Catrina.



MR. & MRS. TED TONNE

Ted Tonne and Rebecca Magar of San Diego, Calif., were united in marriage Oct. 21. The ceremony was performed by Bill Jahns, Salt Lake City, Utah, and Green River, Wyo., pastor. Stella Schreiber was matron of honor, and Leonard Schreiber was best man.



MR. & MRS. ROBIN JONES

Robin and Shirley Jones of Fleet, England, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Dec. 27. They have one son, Rolfe; one daughter, Danielle Feith; and one son-in-law, Steven Feith.



MR. & MRS. C. DESGROSSEILLIERS

Matthew, Adam, Meredith and Zachary are pleased to announce the marriage of their mother, Judith Anne Berkowski, to Charles Desgrosseilliers. The ceremony was performed April 14 by Robert Morton, Brampton, Ont., pastor. Karen McBride was matron of honor, and Robert Berkowski was best man. The family lives in Brampton.



MR. & MRS. EVERETT WHEELER

Louise Jacobs and Everett Wheeler were united in marriage Jan. 27. The ceremony was performed by Rand Millich, Columbia, Mo., pastor. The couple live in Columbia.

ANNIVERSARIES



MR. & MRS. RICHARD MARR

Richard and Rose Marr of Lautoka, Fiji, celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary Jan. 7.



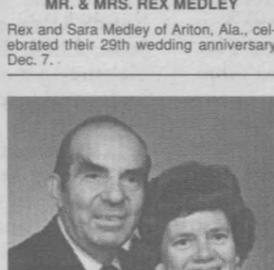
MR. & MRS. GARY KLAR

Gary and Judith Klar of Toledo, Ohio, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Nov. 12. The Klars have two sons, Doug and Jeff; one daughter, Ja'nean; one son-in-law, Ed; and one daughter-in-law, Deanne.



MR. & MRS. HOWARD DILLON

Howard and Mary Dillon of Brookhaven, Miss., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 25.



MR. & MRS. GORDON BLAKELY

Gordon and Gloria Blakely of Oro Station, Ont., celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary Dec. 4. They have two sons, Gordon and Tom; two daughters, Lorraine and Donelda; 11 grandsons; two granddaughters; four great-grandsons; and five great-granddaughters.



MR. & MRS. ROBERT MUUS

Robert and Marie Muus of Franklin Square, N.Y., celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary Sept. 19. They have one daughter, Linda Allgeyer; one son-in-law, Roger Allgeyer; one grandson, Darren; and one granddaughter, Christy.



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Oscar and Marjorie Porterfield of Yelm, Wash., celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary Oct. 30.



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MR. & MRS. HERBERT KOESTER

Herbert and Leolie Koester of Houston, Tex., celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary Nov. 3. Houston brethren presented them with a plaque.



ANNIVERSARIES MADE OF GOLD



MR. & MRS. WILLIE DUNNE

Willie and Mae Dunne of Dallas, Tex., celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary

Sept. 21. Allen Bullock, Dallas East pastor, presented the Dunnes with a congratulatory plaque. The Dunnes have two children, five grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.



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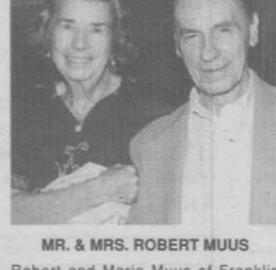
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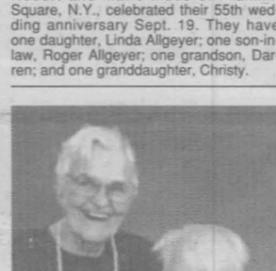


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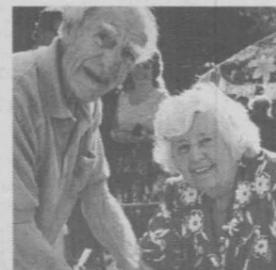


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OBITUARIES

WRIGHT, Ruby, 72, of Anna, Ill., died Nov. 3. She is survived by two sons, Ron and Larry; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and two brothers. Her husband, Ed, died July 9.

SANDERS, Eula Naomi, 71, died Nov. 20 of cancer. She is survived by her husband, Robert, and her sister, Bernice Pobst.

BUCHANAN, Mary Susan, 98, of Fort Worth, Tex., died Nov. 25. She is survived by eight daughters, Johnnie Mills, Louise Pace, Thelma Terry, Rose West, Martha Hurley, LaVada Lock, Mary Lee Gary and Juanita Wimberly; two sisters, Jessie Wilcox and Lizzie Branner; 34 grandchildren; 84 great-grandchildren; and 80 great-great-grandchildren.

McGAUGH, Harlen J., 56, of Wimberly, Tex., died Oct. 30 of a stroke. He is survived by his wife, Amanda; two sisters,

Lillie and Pauline; and his mother, Flora McGaugh.



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SAWYERS, Miriam Elizabeth, 84, of Elkton, Ky., died Nov. 21. She is survived by two daughters, Mary and Kathleen; two sons, Bill and Keith; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Her husband, Homer, preceded her in death.



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SANTANA, Violet, 55, of Tyler, Minn., died July 14 after a long illness. She is survived by her husband, John; five sons, David, Daniel, Devin, Darren and Bob; two daughters, Debra and Dena; and 18 grandchildren.



JOHANNA VAN DEN BERG

VAN DEN BERG, Johanna A., 80, of Hoornsterzwaag, Netherlands, died Dec. 8 after a short illness. She is survived by one daughter, one son-in-law, one granddaughter, one stepdaughter, one nephew and two nieces.

CARTER, Gene Carlyle, 70, Benton, Ill., died Dec. 25 after a long illness. He is survived by his mother, Edith; one brother, William; and one sister, Myra Cole. Mr. Carter was a deacon in the Mount Vernon, Ill., church.



DEBBIE MOHR

MOHR, Debbie Elva, 30, of Warwick, Old., died Dec. 11 of a brain hemorrhage. She is survived by her parents, Alan and Joan; three sisters, Val, Barbara and Charlie; one brother, Ernest; and her grandmother.

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

UPDATE

BIG SANDY—Fifteen Ambassador College students received degrees at the winter graduation ceremony Dec. 31.

Graduates receiving bachelor of science degrees were **Tammy Lee Brown**, **Susan Joan Hughes**, **Mark Stephen Kasmerski** (with distinction) and **Russell E. Schaffer**.

Graduates receiving bachelor of arts degrees were **Patricia Margaret Campbell** (with highest distinction), **Michael Matthew Finger** and **Aaron Ray Wiley**.

Graduates receiving associate of arts degrees were **Dean Gregory Ames**, **Amy Marie Burkhardt** (with distinction), **Veronica Charles (Betha)**, **Bradley Nathan England**, **David John Hargrove**, **Santiago Lange**, **Antonio Mora** and **Lauren Marie Shiver**.

(Highest distinction, grade point average 3.8 to 4.0; high distinction, 3.6 to 3.79; distinction, 3.4 to 3.59).

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SHELL BEACH, Calif.—About 200 adults attended the "Success for the '90s" seminar at the Cliffs Resort Hotel here, Dec. 28 to 30.

The seminar was coordinated by **Marc Courtenay**, pastor of the Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo, Calif., churches. This was the fifth success seminar for adults Mr. Courtenay has organized.

Most of the seminar attendees came from California, but some came from Oregon, Nevada, Michigan, Canada and South Africa.

Activities included Sabbath services, a banquet Saturday night, a breakfast Sunday morning and presentations from seven speakers.

The seminar focused primarily on employment, career and financial success.

"We try to teach people to better use their talents," Mr. Courtenay said. "That means discovering what your abilities and God-given gifts are, and getting people who've already done that and setting them before the group as mentors."

Asian trip

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political upheaval in Sri Lanka.

In Nuwara Eliya, on Friday, Dec. 6, Mr. Salyer was a guest speaker at graduation ceremonies at Waterfield Institute. Eighty students graduated from the one- and two-year programs at Waterfield.

The Foundation eliminated the two-year program to increase enrollment. Students learn English, computer and personal development skills necessary to go on to better jobs or further education.

After graduation Mr. and Mrs. Salyer, Mr. Matthews and Mohan Jayasekera, Colombo pastor, and his wife, Nihara, traveled back to Colombo for Sabbath services.

Mr. Locke and Mr. Vander Poel stayed in Nuwara Eliya to spend time with Daniel Thompson, director of Foundation projects in Sri Lanka, his wife, Cindi, and the others serving there (Ann deBlecourt, Frank Foos, Tony Knudsen, Shannon McKenzie, Mike Mieux, John Overton, Carla Pearson, Ignacio Sanchez, Andy Shamblin, Richard Taylor and Tom Votaw).

Mr. Locke conducted Sabbath services. Normally the students receive sermon tapes from Big Sandy.

Dec. 22, Carla Pearson, Ann deBlecourt and Shannon McKenzie returned to the United States after

Victor Kubik, assistant director of Church Administration U.S., was the keynote speaker. "Success is more than financial well-being. You can't be a success if your personal life is a disaster," Mr. Kubik said.

He spoke about employer-employee relationships. When most people lose their jobs it is not usually because of incompetence, but because they can't get along with others, he said. "Often the most skilled person is not the best person for the job. If you can't relate to other people, it will hold you back."

The remaining presentations were given by the following Church members: **Virgil Gordon**, a local church elder in the San Diego, Calif., church; **Don Follett**, a real estate owner and property manager in Pasadena; **Leandra Marshall**, an educator in the San Francisco, Calif., church.

Steve Cegalski, owner of Access Marketing, an import-export company in the San Luis Obispo area; **Lee Joyce**, an economist and investor and author of the book, *The Savvy Investor*; and **Ron Dodgen**, owner of two health care facilities in the San Luis Obispo area and president of the Area Agency on Aging.

OWENS SOUND, Ont.—Seven Church employees visited R.B.W. Graphics, the company that prints the Canadian, French Canadian and Philippine editions of *The Plain Truth*, Dec. 17.

They are evangelist **Bernard Schnippert**, director of Media Operations; **Barry Gridley**, department manager of Publishing Services; evangelist **Frank Brown**, Canadian regional director; **Skip Dunn**, publications production manager; **Steve Gent**, assistant publications production manager; **George Patrickson**, executive assistant to Mr. Brown; and **Percival Burrows**, Toronto, Ont., Central and West associate pastor.

The visit included a meeting with R.B.W.'s executives and a tour of the facility. This was the first time Church employees visited the company since it began printing *The Plain Truth* last March.

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DALLAS, Tex.—Record rains flooded the home of member **Nancy Otey** and her husband, **Scott**, during the Sabbath of Dec. 21, totaling more than \$70,000 in damage. This was the third time in two years the Oteys' home has been seriously flooded.

At 3 a.m. that Sabbath, when the waters of the Trinity River overflowed and had reached the door of the Oteys' home, Mr. Otey called **Don Hooser**, pastor of the Dallas South church.

Shortly after that, 10 men came to the Otey home to help move furniture, heirlooms and other valuables to safety. Some also assisted the Oteys' neighbors. In Mr. Hoos-

Ministerial Ordinations

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| Larry Cortelyou | a deacon in the Macomb, Ill., church, was ordained a local church elder Dec. 7. |
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| David Fiedler | Waukesha and Kenosha, Wis., pastor, was ordained a pastor Dec. 14. |
| Eugene Kubik | Fargo and Grand Forks, N.D., pastor, was ordained a preaching elder Nov. 30. |
| Roger Ludwig | Joplin, Mo., and Independence, Kan., associate pastor, was ordained a preaching elder Sept. 9. |
| Ray Meyer | Milwaukee and West Bend, Wis., pastor, was ordained a pastor Dec. 14. |
| Christopher Moen | a deacon in the Pasadena East P.M. church, was ordained a local church elder Nov. 23. |
| Dwight Viehe | San Antonio, Tex., West associate pastor, was ordained a preaching elder Nov. 16. |
| Richard Weber | Murfreesboro and Nashville, Tenn., associate pastor, was ordained a preaching elder Nov. 16. |

er's words, this was a true "ox in a flooded ditch" situation.

Several members volunteered to assist the Oteys with post-flood cleanup, which required removal of plasterboard and insulation. The refinishing of the house will be completed after the inner walls have all debris and sewage removed and have been bleached and thoroughly dried.

Although flood insurance will restore most of their losses, the threat of looting and the smell of

mildew in their home are concerns.

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BIG SANDY—Ambassador College President **Donald Ward** announced officers of the 1991-92 freshmen class in a student body assembly Dec. 12.

President is **Brad Marshall** of Calgary, Alta.; vice president is **Rodd Heaton** of Sussex, Wis.; Women's Club representative is **Riccinni Beloso** of Kissimmee, Fla.



"That also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad." (John 11:52)

Member dies in Papua New Guinea

By **Aub Warren**
BURLEIGH HEADS, Qld.—Papua New Guinea brethren were saddened by the unexpected death

of David Togora, Dec. 5.

Tim Grauel, Brisbane, Qld., North and Papua New Guinea pastor, said Mr. Togora died after suffering prolonged severe stomach pain. Mr. Togora is survived by his wife, Christina, and two

children, Junior, 4, and Hunota, 2.

Mr. Togora was admitted to a hospital in Port Moresby several weeks before his death. The exact nature of his illness had not been disclosed by the hospital at the time of writing.

"I'm personally very sorry to lose one of my dear brethren and a valued friend," said Mr. Grauel. "I learned a lot from the beautiful attitude and rich faith that Mr. Togora displayed."

Mr. Togora came in contact with the Church of God while serving a prison sentence in Port Moresby. When he was sentenced, the judge told him that his problem was that he didn't live by the Ten Commandments and that he was never going to amount to much in life as a result. Mr. Togora had not previously heard of the Ten Commandments.

This comment prompted Mr. Togora to begin praying to God for mercy in changing his life. Shortly afterward, portions of the New Testament were smuggled into the prison for Mr. Togora.

Through reading and studying Mr. Togora learned English and deepened his appreciation for the New Testament Church. He began to pray that he would find God's Church.

Several years passed until one day he found a copy of the *Good News* magazine in a drawer at the prison. Since this type of literature was banned, Mr. Togora quickly noted the articles, the return address, and composed a letter requesting a visit from a minister.

Later, upon being released from prison, Mr. Togora posted the letter and was eventually visited in 1988 by Mr. Grauel. In 1989 both he and his wife were baptized.

Mr. Togora's new life was clearly noticed by his workmates and relatives, and was a testimony to the power of God's Holy Spirit to change people.

Mr. Grauel conducted funeral services in Port Moresby Dec. 7. Brethren and relatives of Mr. Togora attended the service.

According to Papua New Guinea custom, Mr. Togora's body was

returned to his family's village of Garasa, Morobe province. Mrs. Togora now lives with her relatives in Peila village, also in Morobe province.

Mr. Togora's death came just three months after a murder charge against Mrs. Togora (June 24 *Worldwide News*, page 8) had been dismissed by the court.

The Togora family attended the Feast and its joy was accentuated by the dismissal of the charge against Mrs. Togora.

Mr. Grauel asked that brethren not send donations or gifts to Mrs. Togora. Cards and letters may be sent to Mrs. Togora, who has taken her maiden name again, at the following address: Christina K. Kara, c/o Tim Grauel, Box 136, Albany Creek, Qld., 4035, Australia.

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