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HAPPY CAMPERS—Campers attending the Summer Educational Program in Pasadena visit Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach in his office July 1. (See "Updates," page 8) [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]

PERSONAL FROM

✓ *Joseph W. Tkach*

Dear Brethren,

More earthquakes!

As you probably know, a pair of major earthquakes rumbled through Southern California during the early morning hours of Sunday, June 28. Numerous less-powerful quakes have been shaking the area since then.

Some scientists suggested that the "big one," referring to an expected "killer quake" along the San Andreas fault, may be triggered by this recent succession of earthquake activity along neighboring fault lines.

It is clear to the brethren here in Pasadena and the Los Angeles area that we had God's protection on that frightening morning. The two quakes were powerful and long, 7.4 and 6.5 on the Richter scale, lasting 30 to 60 seconds each and sending residents all over the Los Angeles basin running for shelter under tables and in doorways, yet there was virtually no damage in the major populated areas.

Homes of brethren were affected, though, in the hard-hit areas of Yucca Valley and Big Bear Lake, but none of the members were hurt.

(See article this page by John Elliott, pastor of our San

Bernardino and Palm Springs, Calif., congregations, about the effect of the earthquakes on the brethren in his area.)

An earthquake of such intensity centered just a little farther west, as you can imagine, could cause immense damage and suffering, cripple vital emergency services and bring business and industry to a standstill, as well as cripple our own publishing and telecast facilities. That is precisely what is expected to happen when the "big one" strikes.

I know you are praying for God's protection for all his people around the world, and I thank you again for those diligent prayers of thanksgiving for God's mercy toward his people.

Members shaken but safe after quakes rock California

By John Elliott

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif.— "It felt like a jackhammer and it just kept going. Every drawer in the house emptied, every shelf, all the lamps fell over, three quarters of the pictures bounced off the walls.

"We really bounced around ourselves," said Karla Diehl, June 28 after the strongest earthquakes in 40 years hit Yucca Valley and Big Bear Lake.

John Elliott pastors the San Bernardino and Palm Springs, Calif., churches.

Karla and her husband, James, a local church elder, live at Big Bear Lake.

"The furniture was jumping all over the floor. Glass chimneys on the chandelier jumped out over the light bulbs and crashed onto the table. Some screens popped out, but no windows were broken."

The house suffered no major structural damage, though knick-knacks and china broke.

"It sure is nice to have your eyes on the kingdom rather than on china and crystal," Karla said.

Nearby, two other elders and some members live in a mountain village. Wallie Fagerstedt, an elder in Mountain Home Village, said the mountains rained boulders and landslides. The highway had 26 major rockslides across it.

Jim Jobe's house shook quite badly, and a kerosene lamp bounced around the living room, spilling fuel. The Jobes also live in Mountain Home Village.

Thankfully, our members there have food and water stored and, though shaken, are OK.

I gave Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach a report on the members affected most severely. He asked me to let the brethren know

they were in his prayers and that the Church would help those in need. I communicated that to several brethren right away.

'Never been in anything like this'

The strong aftershocks that followed interrupted power and phone lines, so I couldn't reach members living near the epicenter of the first quake in the Mojave Desert.

Later I reached the few members in the area. Ted and Adela Sanders from Joshua Tree reported a lot of broken glass, and they lost their antique collection.

Though the earth around their home has many cracks, their home remains structurally sound. They have a good emergency store of food and water.

"God has taken care of us and is watching over us," Ted said. "I have never been in anything like this in my life."

In Yucca Valley, Judy Lemon and her daughter, Cindy, had their water heater break away from the wall and were without water and gas. The house foundation cracked, splitting the kitchen floor tile.

"Everything fell including the TV," Judy said. "Our neighbors have had their homes devastated. Big cracks in the earth run along both sides of our house, but [for the most part] our house was spared."

A television station showed Palm Springs members, led by Don Turk, a local church elder in Cathedral City, helping a woman move from her demolished mobile home in Yucca Valley.

Camp sustains damage

Less than six miles from the epicenter of the second quake is Camp River Glen, which the Church leases for use by area congregations.

About 60 brethren were at the camp when the quakes hit. Water

pipes broke, and they were without power all day Sunday. They used a generator to light the kitchen and operate the refrigerator and two freezers.

The landslides cut off the campers' normal route home, so they drove north through the desert and back to Pasadena.

Rick van Pelt, director of Facilities Services, said damage at the camp is far less than expected.

The chimney on the main lodge pulled away from the building by four inches. A restraining cable was placed around the chimney after efforts to pull it back in place failed. Modifications were made to the lodge to secure the chimney and make the building usable again.

"A few cabins almost shaken off their moorings can be pulled back on," he said.

"A water valve was damaged. There may be other leaks, but we won't know until after the valve is repaired in a day or two."

The two Sunday quakes and a 3.9 temblor June 29, centered two miles from Pasadena, caused only minor cosmetic damage to property at headquarters, said Mr. van Pelt.

"Very few books fell from shelves this time and the buttressed walls of Ambassador Hall, damaged in the June 1991 quake, held up well."

An unsettling aspect to members near Yucca Valley and Big Bear has been the unrelenting aftershocks. For hours our houses have been shaking and rattling. Old-timers calling into radio stations said they don't remember any quakes like these.

Members here are shaken but not upset. A larger than expected crowd even turned up at a church fair June 28 undaunted by a "whole lot of shakin' going on." But then, this is Southern California.

Members free, though behind bars

Plain Truth senior editor finds Church members in prison hopeful despite living in hostile environment

By Paul Monteith

"You can be in prison and be outside. You can be behind bars and free, because God gives you freedom," imprisoned Church member Sam Howard told John Halford, a *Plain Truth* senior editor.

Not freedom from his sentence, nor freedom from prison, but freedom from the way of thinking that ensnared him.

Mr. Howard and several other members serving sentences were interviewed for a January *Plain Truth* article about their experience of living the Christian life in prison.

Changed lives

Mr. Halford traveled to prisons in Alabama, Florida, Illinois,

Iowa, Nevada, Oklahoma and West Virginia during May.

He interviewed eight men who are serving long sentences and have demonstrated a changed way of life.

All eight said being a Christian in jail is the hardest thing they had ever done because the whole system militates against rehabilitation.

"Prisons were built to stop criminals escaping, not to change them," Mr. Halford said.

No one expects prisoners to change, the jailed members told him, and no one cares whether or not they change—not other inmates, the public, guards or wardens. For a Christian it's an hostile environment.

The cells are full of men with bitter, violent, angry and vengeful attitudes, they explained.

Inmates see themselves as failures and failures don't think they can be successful, so many don't try.

"It's an upside-down world of perverted values," said Mr. Halford, "and our members in jail face a greater challenge straightening out their value system

than do we in society.

"They are confronted every moment of the day with a system hostile to their beliefs, it condenses and highlights the Christian experience and throws into sharp relief the struggle we all face."

Opposition can come from inmates, prison staff and even other religious people, he continued. They want to see if the change is for real and they do all they can to trip up a Christian—until they know the person is on the level.

"All the men appreciated passing on what they had learned in the hope that it will help other prisoners," he said.

"It was a sobering experience but the men were an inspiration and showed that with God's help anyone can surmount a bad start and difficult circumstances."

Turning to God

Each month more than 46,000 copies of the *Plain Truth* magazine are delivered to people in prison.

That circulation figure prompted Mr. Halford and Greg Al-

brecht, editor of *The Plain Truth*, to want to publish an article for prisoners—not about prison life, but how to live God's way of life in prison.

"In the past we've printed material about jail and how awful crime is, but we've never focused on prisoners who are trying to turn their lives around," said Mr. Halford.

"This article will be for them. Prisoners telling prisoners that repentance, turning to God, looking to God to help them live his way of life will give them the three things they want: peace of mind, something to look forward to and freedom."

Not necessarily physical freedom, Mr. Halford continued, but freedom from guilt and freedom from being trapped in a destructive way of life.

"That's what all people want," he said. "But especially prisoners. The men I interviewed for the article tell other prisoners: 'We've done it. We know it works and we also know it's difficult and even though it's tough at times, living the Christian life in prison is possible.'"

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Earth Summit: God not on the agenda

By Sheila Graham

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil—For the first two weeks of June, news-magazines, newspapers and television news shows focused on the Earth Summit environmental conference here, June 3 to 14.

This column is by Sheila Graham, Plain Truth managing editor, who attended the Earth Summit in early June.

More than 100 heads of state, tens of thousands of UN delegates and advisers, and some 8,000 journalists attended the largest gathering of world leaders ever congregated toward a single purpose.

Ten thousand representatives of nongovernmental organizations set up their own conference in Rio, calling it the Global Forum.

There movie stars, sports heroes, religious leaders, political activists and indigenous peoples gave their views on environmental degradation.

Ironically, the official symbol of the Earth Summit was a sculpture called *Paradise Regained*. The 18-foot, red and white sculpture depicted the two trees of Genesis with a human figure reaching up toward each of the trees.

The sculpture, constructed of recycled aluminum, was designed

by Edwina Sandys, granddaughter of Winston Churchill.

God, morals not on agenda

Although the symbol was biblical, God and his role as Creator of the earth and its environment were

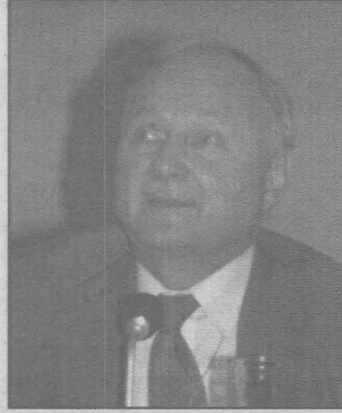
"These are not pious ideals divorced from reality.... If we do not limit population, nature will do it.... Like it or not, we are all in this together," Maurice Strong, secretary-general of the conference.

not on the agenda at the Earth Summit conference. Neither were other moral issues.

"I haven't heard a single discussion on ethics and values at this conference," lamented Rashmi Mayur. Dr. Mayur, who has appeared on the *World Tomorrow* telecast, is president of Global Futures Network of Bombay, India.

Dr. Mayur made his comments in an interview with me; Tina Kuo, a *Plain Truth* contributing writer; and Bernabe Monsalvo, a 1992 Ambassador College graduate.

We were covering the confer-



ence as background for a March 1993 *Plain Truth* lead article on a Christian's responsibility toward the environment.

Evangelist Leon Walker, Spanish-language regional director, sent Mr. Monsalvo to visit and speak to the Brazilian brethren (see "Scattered Brethren," page 8) and to assist Tina and me during the conference.



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Helping others to grow

An American novelist spoke about his frustration over what he termed "God's famous reluctance to appear."

He was frustrated with God when, during times of trial, there seemed to be a deafening silence from heaven.

When things were going wrong, when he was surrounded by problems, he wondered why God didn't show up.

Many of us can identify with this writer's feelings. Even though we know God promised he would never leave or forsake us, in the midst of our trials we sometimes feel alone and wonder, where is God?

Yet, while we are looking for God to personally intervene in our lives, we may overlook the way he does come to our assistance, a way we may not have considered before.

Remarkable words

During the Passover service we read certain scriptures. They include parts of John's Gospel. John records the final thoughts of Jesus Christ before he was delivered up to terrible suffering and death.

What was on Jesus' mind as he prepared to walk into the valley of the shadow of death?

In his special prayer that concluded the final meal with his disciples, Christ talked to the Father about what is arguably the most important lesson of the Passover, and of our entire lives: the depth of God's love for his people.

Christ asked his Father to "let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me" (John 17:23).

As human beings, it is difficult for us to comprehend God has the same love for us that he has for the One who was so important to him—his Son. But that is precisely

what Christ asked his Father for.

What Christ had to say later was also remarkable. So remarkable we can easily read over it and not take in what was said.

"I have made you known to them [the disciples then, the Church now], and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them" (verse 26).

This is an amazing part of God's plan. Grow in the love God has for Jesus Christ and show that love to one another.

John further explained this demonstration of God's enormous love for his people—a love we must possess—in his letters.

"Dear friends, let us love one

As we mature in God's love we must assist those in need. We are the connection through which God helps, encourages and empathizes with other people.

another, for love comes from God.... Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love" (I John 4:7-8).

John pointed out that the very nature of God's being was of deep love for his creation and for his future family. If we don't express this same love to others, we can't claim to have any knowledge of who God is.

Later, John puts the same point this way: "If we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us" (verse 12).

Even though none of us has seen the Father, we can see God's indwelling in those Christians who express the powerful love of God.

Hitting rock bottom

Through this expression of

godly love God can be seen during times of trial. We may wonder where God is when we hit rock bottom, but forget the encouragement of his love manifested in a brother or sister.

The one who helps us when we are low, sticks with us through our darkest days or holds our hand as we face death, allows God to be present through the manifestation of his love.

As John puts it: "And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him" (verse 16).

For this reason we have an enormous responsibility to express God's love to our husband or wife, our family, our brethren in the Church and indeed anyone as opportunities arise (Galatians 6:10).

This love is no mere sentimental, romantic inclination. This love gives, shares, supports and lays down its life.

As John observed: "If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but

with actions and in truth" (I John 3:17-18).

As we mature in God's love we must assist those in need, thereby completing a circuit. We are the connection through which God helps, encourages and empathizes with other people.

Therefore, we must love our mate more fully; our children, more deeply; our extended family, friends and neighbors, more sincerely; and people still to be called, more actively; depriving none of God's love.

When we show God's love we ensure the circuit is not broken, and if a person asks God, "Why didn't you appear?", he can answer, "I was there, in the outgoing, active love of my people!"

On our way to the RioCentro conference site, we passed soldiers stationed about every 50 yards, automatic weapons in hand. Light-armored tanks and machine guns were set up in strategic areas.

After arriving, we heard Mostafa K. Tolba of Egypt, executive director of the UN environmental program, describe the conference and its proposals as the "first give and take between developed and non-developed countries."

Dr. Tolba happened to be staying at the same hotel as the three of us, so we met him later.

We interviewed Hazel Henderson of the Los Angeles *Times*, author of multiple articles and several books on the environment.

When asked how you can tell if a government, an organization or an individual is concerned about the environment, she said: "See what people do, not what they say. That's how you measure. I like to see people walk their talk. My indicators are all based on results."

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



Lighting Russia's way

BOREHAMWOOD, England—"We are living through extraordinary times," said Boris Pankin (now the Russian ambassador to the United Kingdom) in a speech to the Foreign Press Association in London.

Communism in the former Soviet Union has crumbled. Instead we hear of attempts to introduce a free market, of rising food prices and empty shops in Moscow and St. Petersburg.

Mr. Pankin faces a difficult task, to explain his country's needs to an outside world: "What is happening [in Russia] can only be described as a profound transformation of a complex society. It has never been attempted before at such rapid pace and under so difficult economic conditions."

A challenge to Russia

Russia is emerging from its own dark age, but where does it go to find light? Its leaders are trying to introduce a free market, which has led to prosperity in the West. But is this the right way to go?

Mr. Pankin makes the direction of his government clear: "We made our choice.... We too finally want to become 'healthy and wealthy.'"

This health and wealth demands a closer look, however.

When people seek material gain as a prime motivation in life, other values are soon pushed aside. The Bible says that "the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil" (I Timothy 6:10). For Russia to replace old problems with new problems is not the solution.

Yet the Russian government fears civil unrest. Can it contain a people who have lived for so long with a lack of what many consider basic necessities? Will the frustration of the food lines turn into violent protest?

These are concerns to the Russian ambassador: "The problem is to ensure that the debate does not spill onto the streets in a violent manner. My feeling is that the Russian people have already shown responsibility and maturity."

Certainly the people of Russia are long-suffering. They have

Boutros Boutros-Ghali, UN secretary-general, opened the meetings by asking for all delegates to stand for two minutes of silence for the earth. Maurice Strong, secretary-general of the conference, warned that nature will have the last word.

Mr. Strong said: "These are not pious ideals divorced from reality." As an example, he said: "If we do not limit population, nature will do it.... Like it or not we are all in this together."

Tina noticed a digital world population clock hanging just outside the main conference hall. "At the very moment I happened to be standing in front of it, the numbers read 5,497,749,59," Tina said.

"The last digit was flipping rapidly. It reflected the number of babies born every second.... I felt like saying, 'No! Stop! Wait.' But unmercifully, the digits kept flipping," she said.

Described by one national leader as "controlled chaos," the Earth Summit is now over. The world leaders and their entourages have gone home.

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experienced generations of war and hunger. They are a nation with an extraordinary ability to endure hardship.

The soul of Russia

Another quality that enabled Russian people to endure is the concern for something beyond the material.

Since the fall of the Soviet Union there has been a revival of interest in things of the spirit. Russians are returning to church as never before.

Outside Moscow State University, people stand by the doors of the Trinity Church on Sundays waiting for the priest to beckon them to the baptismal urn. There is a sense that there must be more to life.

Yet what are they learning?

At Petersburg Television (where members Jerry and Tammy Rehor teach English and computer skills to employees) journalist Irina Menzelintziva, in an interview for *The Plain Truth*, said: "I would like to believe in God, but our upbringing, our whole way of life hasn't been that way."

Russia finds itself in need of guidance and leadership—not just of the economy but of the soul. To ignore matters of belief, morality and personal integrity is fatal.

Sadly, this is an aspect of Russian society that Mr. Pankin failed to emphasize, although he recognized that the leaders of his country must answer the needs of the people in a way they understand: "The real tragedy begins when peoples and leaders fail to find a common language, when the dialogue is broken."

His words are a timely reminder for us. How God will eventually see the gospel preached to Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union is not certain. Yet the message will have to be expressed in a way they can understand.

As Irina Menzelintziva said: "The contacts between yourselves and Russia are a great thing. We see actual people representing your religion.... I think in the future you need to spread the news of your religion throughout our country because people need to have some hope.... The country needs it."

Pastor general visits Kearney, Nebraska



TRIP OVERVIEW
 Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach spoke to 369 brethren June 20 from Grand Island and North Platte, Neb.
 Hosts for the visit were Fred Davis, who pastors the two churches, and his wife, Beverly.

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Accreditation: investment in Church youths

By Donald L. Ward
Ambassador College president

BIG SANDY—The June 19 announcement concerning Ambassador College's achieving candidacy status in the accreditation process marks an on-and-off quest that was first mentioned by Herbert W. Armstrong in the 1947 *Bulletin*.

In the 1947 *Bulletin* he wrote: "Ambassador College is being founded and sponsored by the Radio Church of God incorporated under the direction of Herbert W. Armstrong. In every respect the standards will be maintained on a high level that will ensure full accreditation before graduation of the first senior class."

On the front page of the Feb. 15, 1957, *Portfolio* (the student newspaper), an article appeared titled "Professors Become Students Again." Part of the text of the article reads as follows:

"As we go to press plans are rapidly developing which may result in the College's becoming accredited. To fulfill the requirements of the accrediting association, Mr. Herman Hoeh and Mr. Kenneth Herrmann will seek to obtain their master's degrees from the University of Southern California. At the time of this writing, Mr. Hoeh and Mr. Herrmann are starting their first courses."

Those plans did not develop. But, Ambassador College did begin to aggressively pursue accreditation in 1968. In a letter dated April, 1968, Herman Hoeh, dean of faculty, wrote the following in a letter to Ambassador graduates:

"Effective last December, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong gave his approval to proceed in the direction of full accreditation for the Pasadena campus of Ambassador College."

The pursuit of accreditation in the '70s resulted in candidacy

with the Western Association of Schools and Colleges in 1974. Candidacy status ended in 1978 when the Pasadena campus operations were severely reduced.

The Big Sandy campus of Ambassador College pursued accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in the 1970s, receiving a visit in the spring of 1977. The visiting committee's report at that time was positive, and doubtless Ambassador College, Big Sandy, would have achieved at least candidacy that year.

Unfortunately, the Big Sandy campus was closed in May that year.

The current quest for accreditation was driven by several factors. First and foremost, it is a good-faith investment in the youths of the Church and education in general.

Ambassador College serves as perhaps the greatest motivating force for youngsters to pursue higher education. They will be even more motivated to attend an accredited college. The success helps to ensure the spiritual, physical and fiscal growth of the Church and College.

Historically, institutions of higher learning in the United States have not been governed directly by the national government. Their jurisdiction was left to the individual states.

State control was not imposed if an institution of higher education became accredited through a regional accrediting association or any nationally recognized accrediting body. If they were not accredited by a nationally accrediting association, then they were subject to the laws of the states in which the institution was located.

By 1970 all states except California and Texas had passed laws requiring state certification for postsecondary schools in

order for them to grant degrees.

It is interesting to note that Texas and California were the two last states to pass such legislation. When Texas passed its legislation, it was among the most restrictive legislation regulating postsecondary education at the state level. The Texas state law said, that after an institution received state certification to offer postsecondary degrees, it then had eight years to become accredited.

The only exception was that if an institution made a good-faith effort to become accredited, and could not because of religious reasons, this might constitute grounds for exemption. Then the college would be relegated to being a Bible college only.

Historically, Mr. Armstrong never envisioned Ambassador College being only a Bible college. He envisioned a coeducational liberal arts college that provided a balanced curriculum and other learning experiences for the development of young men and women.

Whether these young men and women would be used in the ministry or not was to be determined by their fruits and calling from God.

Mr. Armstrong never envisioned a seminary or Bible-type school in which young people would volunteer up front to become ministers. This would have deeply violated his understanding of the ministry as a calling from God (Hebrews 5:4).

The Texas legislation was first passed in 1975 and amended in 1977 or 1978. The College received a certificate of authority to grant degrees in the summer of 1976.

However, that certification of authority was revoked when the College closed in 1977.

When the College reopened in 1981 in Big Sandy, application was made for a certificate of

authority to grant degrees.

The certificate of authority to grant degrees was granted by the Coordinating Board of the State of Texas in July of 1982. From that point began the eight-year countdown. During this time the question of accreditation was often discussed, but no lasting decision was made.

In the summer of 1984, Mr. Armstrong commissioned Les McCullough, then deputy chancellor of the Big Sandy campus, and me to visit Southern Association headquarters in Atlanta, Ga., and report back to him on the possibility of the Big Sandy campus pursuing accreditation.

Mr. McCullough and I visited with Bennett Hudson, associate executive director of the Southern Association. We reported back to Mr. Armstrong our findings, and his comment was, "Oh, I think we could do that."

Finally, in September of 1988, the board of regents decided that Ambassador College would pursue accreditation. The initial thought was that each campus, Pasadena and Big Sandy, would pursue accreditation independently through the accrediting agencies in whose jurisdiction each campus operated.

The initial step after the decision was made to pursue accreditation was to inform the State of Texas of our intent. David Kelly, institutional director of postsecondary certification, advised us to visit officials of the Southern Association and talk with them in person.

In November of 1988 Michael Feazell, an executive assistant to Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach, and Mike Germano, dean of academic affairs, and I visited with James Rogers, executive director of the Commission on Colleges of (See INVESTMENT, page 6)

Youth Bible Lessons: parents hold key to success in learning

By Larry Salyer

Youth Bible Lessons serve thousands of children in God's Church. They provide an organized method of learning facts and principles from the Bible.

Evangelist Larry Salyer is director of Church Administration International.

But you, the parent, are the most important element of this study course. You hold the key to your children's success in learning these important truths.

What can you do to promote your children's study of God's way?

Is it enough to just send your children off to YES (Youth Educational Services) class and expect them to be taught by the Church? Will they get the greatest benefit from the lessons that way?

No, they won't. Pastors have repeatedly told us that those children who are most successful in YES are those whose parents show the most enthusiasm in helping their children with the lessons.

Spend some time

Children delight in spending time with parents whose attention is focused on them and their needs. Helping your children with their lessons is an excellent way to emphasize the bond between the child, the parent and God.

At the earliest levels the lessons demand your involvement because the children generally cannot read them themselves. With those lessons the writers have provided notes to help you help your child.

At higher levels no notes are

given, but we hope to develop some in coming years.

As your children grow, the way you work with them changes. But the lessons should not become something you first look at the day they are due at church.

Take time to familiarize yourself with the content of the lesson soon after it arrives. Think about what additional information you may want to discuss, relating the lesson to your child's daily life.

An effective means of teaching is to ask your child questions that lead him or her to come up with right solutions to problems.

If your child is studying a lesson about Moses leading the children of Israel out of Egypt, why not have your child explain the story in his or her own words?

As your child tells you, think about questions to get deeper than the story flow itself—questions such as why and how. Ask your child how the lessons apply to things we do today. Not only will this keep you on your toes, but it will help your children recognize your interest in what they are learning.

Spread your discussions out over the month. Make it interesting. Children can only absorb so much at a time, and they learn at different rates. Don't compare them with one another.

Above all, don't let it become drudgery. Children learn by example. If we aren't excited about the important lessons from God's Word, it will be hard for our children to be excited.

Take an interest in how your child colors the pictures and

works on the games and puzzles in the lesson. You don't need to do them for your child. Just express encouragement as he or she finishes them and support when difficulties come up.

As a parent, you have been given a priceless opportunity—the challenge of shaping and teaching a child of God. We know you don't want to take this lightly.

The Church supplies the Youth Bible Lessons and other materials to help you teach. We wish you every success and joy as you take part in this exciting process. The rewards are tremendous, both now and when Christ says to you, "Well done, good and faithful servant!" (Matthew 25:21).

Changes in covers

The covers of YES level 2 lessons will be changed to lavender starting with the new YES year. The old color was similar to the color of several other levels, so Creative Services chose lavender to differentiate it.

Some students and evaluators may still receive the old color since we decided not to throw out lessons in inventory from last year.

The first lessons of the new academic year should arrive by July 25 in the United States.

Helping Your Child With Bible Memory

Many children find the Bible Memory on the back of the lessons challenging. Your help can make a big difference.

Bible Memory gives your child basic knowledge about God's Word. The skills of memorization and concentration learned by doing it will also be of great value to your child.

This memory work also presents a great opportunity to share a learning experience with your child as you enthusiastically memorize the material yourself.

How can you teach memorization skills? Keep in mind that many children find memorization difficult and believe they can't do it at first.

Praise and encouragement (and a lot of repetition) can help them achieve the goal. Help your child gain this feeling of accomplishment that will give him or her confidence in other areas of life.

Memorization techniques include:

1 Break the piece to be memorized into small parts. This makes the job less intimidating.

2 Use the whole month to learn it. Plan time to go over it, and even consider appropriate rewards.

3 Repetition. Have your child read it, repeat it, even teach you, as a means of reviewing the memory work in a variety of ways.

4 Teach your child the key of association, which is especially helpful in remembering lists. Read up on this and other techniques if you need to.

In the midst of all the work of memorizing, help your child see the meaning and importance of the verse he or she is learning.

When necessary, restate the subject in your own words on the children's own level. The more they grasp it now, the better, but even things they don't fully understand are becoming part of their memory banks.

Answers to common questions about Youth Educational Services

By Richard Rice

Youth Bible Lessons, often referred to as Youth Educational Services (YES), are made available to thousands of children in God's Church. They provide an organized method of learning facts and principles from the Bible.

Richard Rice is director of the Mail Processing Center.

Each year 10 lessons, plus the Spring and Fall Feast lessons, are sent to each enrolled student. The lessons are sent once a month beginning in the summer. There are seven levels numbered K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 to

correspond with kindergarten through grade six in the U.S. school system.

Most children completing level 6 will be almost 13 years old, the age they can enter Youth Opportunities United and make the transition from YES to YOU. Please see your pastor if you have any questions about YOU membership.

Also, children completing level 6 will then be added to the subscription list of *Youth 92* if they are not already subscribers.

Please see the accompanying chart of planned mailing dates for the United States and Canada.

Here is a list of answers to commonly asked questions about the

Youth Bible Lessons:

May I have a complete (or partial) set of lessons?
Sets are not available.

My child is 4 years old and is very advanced for his age. May he receive the lessons?

Each child must be at least 5 years of age or in kindergarten to start. This ensures that all children progress with others in their age group.

We just heard about the lessons and we've missed the first three. May we get the ones we missed?

Since only enough lessons are printed for the students currently enrolled, those starting part way into the year will receive the current lesson and following lessons. This same answer applies if a student has missed previous levels.

How do I request a replacement for a lesson that was not received or damaged in the mail?

Call or write MPC and give the specific level and lesson needed.

Who should inform MPC of any changes regarding church youths?

It is primarily the parents' responsibility.

How should we notify MPC of these changes?

You may call or write directly to MPC. Call the toll free number (1-800-423-4444) and ask for Youth File, or write to the Worldwide Church of God, Pasadena, Calif., 91123. Attention: Youth File

What information is needed?

The name of the parent or guardian, the name of the child(ren), the mailing address, the birthdate(s) of the child(ren), the sex of the child(ren) and the grade(s).

Letters to the Editor

The *Worldwide News* welcomes your comments. Letters for this section should be addressed to "Letters to the Editor." The editor reserves the right to use letters so addressed in whole or in part, and to include your name and edit the letter for clarity or space.

Healthy diet

I am writing about the March 31 article, "Healthy Diet, Exercise Helps Control Diabetes."

The kind of diabetes mentioned in the article (Type II non-insulin dependent) is a case where not enough insulin could be produced for the body size.

Type I insulin-dependent diabetes is a total lack of insulin production in the body. Without insulin injections, death will occur. A healthy diet and exercise add greatly to controlling diabetes, but will not jump start insulin production.

Some may interpret the writer's condition as the condition of all diabetics and delay getting treatment. Such a delay concerning Type I diabetes can result in death.

Type II diabetes can go undetected for years and still respond to treatment. Most Type I diabetes occurs in children (but not always; in my case I was 26).

Name withheld

Harold Jackson Hall

What a thrill it was to open the May 5 *Worldwide News* and see the mock-up picture of Harold Jackson Hall.

Mr. Jackson was the pastor of the Chicago Southside church when I came into the Church. Being in the chorale gave my sister and I (and my mother who traveled with us) an opportunity to visit all four Chicago area churches on a rotating basis. We got to hear Mr. Jackson speak once a month usually, and he was a fine speaker; an inspiration to all.

Mrs. Jackson and I stood next to each other in the choir, though she was not Mrs. Jackson at the time. I remember her friendliness and how encouraging she was to us newcomers. We share her loss.

Mr. Jackson will certainly not be forgotten. He lives on in the hearts of all who knew him or were affected by his ministry. The new hall will be a constant reminder of him.

I also want to mention how exciting things are in the Church; watching it grow and change as God directs. I feel sorry for those who have left the church and those who are attacking the church because they do not see God leading us. They are in my prayers.

Bonnie Friebe
Dardanelle, Ark.

In prison, but free

After reading the article about prejudice in the June 2 *Worldwide News*, I felt inspired to write. I am incarcerated, and am a relatively new member of God's Church. My life changed drastically since my baptism in 1990 and although the changes are real both inner and outer I still am looked upon as before.

I've been incarcerated for almost 15 years and have (in the past) been involved in every type of evil this place can offer, but mostly homosexuality. It's an easy sin to get caught up in in places such as this. Most all other evils are easily given up and forgotten by other inmates, but not homosexuality.

There is an old saying in here that is loosely tossed around when an individual attempts to change his life-style: "A zebra can't change its stripes."

Then because of the persecution, they often give in, and revert back to the darkness. But, through the help of God's most holy and powerful Spirit, and the support of brethren, I am one of the few who has changed, am changing, and will continue to change, despite all the persecution, suffering, and most of all, loneliness.

Prejudice is a strong motivating force here. It's the law of the jungle! And as a new man steps off the bus, he is sized up and marked for attack. Then he either throws up defenses or loses all self-respect.

It's only by the grace of God and the loving folks in God's Church encouraging me that I've gone this far, otherwise I would have given in many times.

My advice to others who share my journey, and are being prejudged for past sins, is to take it easy and not take it for what it seems. Even though we suffer humiliation, we grow from it. And the persecutors (who are actually the ones suffering) need our prayers of forgiveness.

Name withheld

Mailing Dates for Youth Bible Lessons for the U.S. and Canada

YES Lesson	Mailing Date	Latest Arrival Date
1	July 3, 1992	July 25, 1992
Fall Feast	Aug. 7, 1992	Aug. 29, 1992
2	Sept. 3, 1992	Sept. 26, 1992
3	Oct. 2, 1992	Oct. 31, 1992
4	Nov. 4, 1992	Nov. 28, 1992
5	Dec. 3, 1992	Dec. 26, 1992
6	Jan. 8, 1993	Jan. 30, 1993
Spring Feast	Feb. 4, 1993	Feb. 27, 1993
7	March 5, 1993	March 27, 1993
8	March 31, 1993	April 24, 1993
9	May 7, 1993	May 29, 1993
10	June 4, 1993	June 26, 1993

If no one in your congregation has received the current lesson, it is probably because of a production delay. If others have received the lesson by the latest arrival date and your child has not, call the Mail Processing Center (MPC) at 1-800-423-4444 and ask for Youth File.

You may wish to cut out this chart and save it for future reference.



IRON SHARPENS IRON

A member in need: how to help a friend who is hurting

By Becky Sweat

Casserole in hand, I rang the doorbell of a young Church couple's apartment. The previous week their baby was stillborn, and several of us had arranged to help out by taking over meals.

My heart raced as I approached the door. What was I going to say? Should I just hand them the casserole and dash off in a hurry?

If I ask how it's going, will they think I am prying? If I don't acknowledge the situation, will I come across as insensitive?

When the door opened, the couple greeted me with a warm smile and my anxiety disappeared. "Thanks so much for the meal," they told me. I said, "You've been in my thoughts and prayers this past week."

I could tell they weren't up to a long conversation, so I hugged them good-bye and went home.

A week later they sent a card, thanking me for the meal, and especially for the love and concern. Sometimes it only takes a few simple words to be encouraging.

At one time or another, most of us find ourselves face to face with someone in a serious trial. The natural tendency is to feel discomfort because we don't know what to say.

Most of us would probably rather talk about something more cheerful.

After hearing bad news, some people respond by saying, "Don't worry," "Cheer up" or "Look at the bright side," all of which cut off communication and tell the sufferer it is not OK to express sorrow.

Sometimes we take it upon ourselves to correct what we perceive to be another person's negative attitude. Many of us falsely believe that true Christians do not get depressed and if they do have a bad day, they should hide such feelings behind cheery facades.

Ecclesiastes 3:4 says there is "a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance." It is normal to feel down occasionally; however, as Christians we should not let depression destroy us.

We can learn to better assess situations and respond tactfully, sincerely and appropriately. Here are some tips for comforting a friend who is hurting.

Listen in a nonjudgmental way

When you are with a suffering friend, the most important thing you can do is listen. In general, sufferers just need to know the listener recognizes they feel sad and will support them in expressing this sadness.

Calmly accept your friend's situation for what it is and try not to deny what is happening. Comments like "don't worry, it can't be that bad," minimize the tragedy and lay a truckload of guilt on the person suffering.

Responses such as, "Tell me more about it," "You've been through a lot" and "I was sorry to hear the bad news," communicate genuine concern and acceptance.

Try to understand what your friend is going through. "Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn

with those who mourn," Romans 12:15 tells us. After Job lost his property and children, his three friends, Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar wept and mourned with him (Job 2:11-13). David mourned for his enemies when they were ill, even fasting for them on occasion (Psalm 35:13-14).

Galatians 6:2 says, "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

Respect sufferer's privacy

Realize that some hurting people may not be ready to talk about their problem or may open up to only a few of their closest friends. Let the sufferer call the shots.

If you know someone is going through a major trial, don't jump on him or her the minute he or she walks into Church and start asking prying questions. First discern if it's a good time to talk, and try not to take it personally if the sufferer does not feel comfortable opening up to you.

Asking "How are you doing?" or mentioning "If you ever need to talk, I'm available" lets the sufferer know you are willing to listen if the need arises. Otherwise, you may appear pushy or like a busy-body.

From 1977 to 1981 my mother was dying of cancer, and plenty of times I did not want to even think about the situation because it was so overwhelming.

Several times when I was with brethren at church I had to tell them that although I knew they were concerned, I just couldn't handle talking about it at that particular moment.

Because it was a long-term illness and there were periods where the situation didn't change much from week to week, I only needed to talk about it a little.

Don't be offended if the family of someone who is seriously ill limits the number of visitors for a while. You can still send a card or note with a message reminding them they are in your thoughts and prayers.

I still have every sympathy card sent to us after my mom's death, even though nearly 11 years have passed since her death. The words people wrote to me and my family meant a lot and are still encouraging.

Some people go to the extreme of respecting someone's privacy by being afraid to intrude and backing off completely. Don't assume a grieving friend doesn't want to be bothered without first giving him or her a chance to talk.

If your friend doesn't feel like talking, she'll let you know. If she does need to talk, she'll appreciate you being perceptive enough to notice.

I have a couple of friends at work who know by my body language alone when I am upset and need to talk. They approach me and ask if I need to talk, without me having to tell them I'm upset and asking if they have time to listen.

Offer realistic encouragement

Although a situation may seem bleak, you shouldn't stretch the truth to try to be encouraging.

Don't tell someone with a serious illness, "Don't worry, you'll be better soon," or "You're going to be jogging in no time," when the facts may be saying just the opposite. To be truly positive, we must be realistic.

Ephesians 4:25 says to speak honestly with one another: "Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body."

When you visit a sick friend in the hospital, recognize that the immediate situation does not have to be rosy or anywhere near perfect for you to be positive and upbeat.

Focus on what you know is true, that you care about your friend and you are pulling for him or her. "Pray for each other so that you might be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective" (James 5:16).

To say, "I'll pray for you," and mean it, is enormously encouraging and will bind you together. Don't be afraid of sounding gushy or syrupy.

Don't give hasty advice

What to do to solve your friend's crisis may seem obvious to you, but resist the temptation to give unsolicited advice. By seeking instant solutions, you tell the sufferer you do not want to hear her disclosures and close down communication.

Advice can put the sufferer in an awkward position if he or she doesn't take your suggestion. One man who was unemployed for six months told me: "I received a lot

of unsolicited advice, and usually I didn't think their suggestions would work.

"I felt like I had to defend the way I was handling my situation and didn't feel encouraged at all. Instead, I'd think to myself, whew, I've made it through another interrogation."

Remind yourself you are not an expert on someone else's situation. Even if you've experienced a similar crisis, what worked for you might not work for another person.

If a friend asks your advice, it can be all right to give it if your advice comes in the form of several alternatives, rather than one specific course of action you think he should take.

Be patient

Don't get impatient with your friend if he is not over his tragedy, even though you and others may think he should be. It takes time to work through the grief process. Depending on the severity of the situation, it can take months or even years to fully recover from some tragedies.

Fight the tendency to tell yourself things like, "If he won't help himself, there's nothing I can do." God requires us to suffer along with the brethren, regardless of how we think they are or are not handling their situations.

A friend shared how she felt during the five years her husband was battling chronic fatigue syndrome and unable to work: "Although I know people meant well, they would ask me things like, 'When is that guy of yours going to get well and start working again?' and 'Why doesn't he try a less demanding job so he can at least get out of the house?'"

She continued: "They seemed to be saying he could go back to work if he really wanted to. They made us feel like there was something

wrong with us. Some of our friends became uncomfortable around us and pulled away. When people avoided us, we started feeling like we were going through our trial alone."

Job said, "A despairing man should have the devotion of his friends" (Job 6:14). We shouldn't give up on people during their low periods.

Give practical assistance

Don't overlook some of the more obvious ways you can help a friend who is hurting. People in the middle of severe trials are often overwhelmed by their situation and could use some help with their daily activities.

That could mean cleaning house for them, running errands, cooking a meal for the family or picking their children up from school.

The husband of a cancer victim told me: "One of my biggest worries during my wife's illness was who would watch over our 9-year-old daughter. I was either at work or at the hospital much of the time and wasn't able to be much of a father."

"Several ladies in our church area stepped right in and really helped out. They took our daughter shopping, to the movies, had her over for meals and even took her camping."

You may make a few mistakes along the way. No one can be expected to know what to say or how to act in every situation. Remind yourself that people in serious trials need the godly support of others.

It's better to say something less than ideal while at your friend's side, rather than to avoid someone because you don't know what to say. What matters most is to have each other's encouragement, and not to have to face difficult times alone.

When one member suffers

By Colleen J. Bailey

"You must be someone pretty special," commented one of the nurses as they watched us decorate my husband, Brent's, hospital room with hundreds of cards. Brent was being monitored and stabilized after undergoing a major operation at M.D. Anderson in Houston, Tex., in December 1991.

Then came his diagnosis: colon cancer. Shocked and scared, we tried to assimilate all the new terms and information being hurled at us while laboring over our options.

Colleen Bailey is a member who attends the Big Sandy P.M. church

For more than a year, a day didn't pass without us receiving cards and letters in the mail. "We have remembered you in our prayers to God and have confidence that he is in charge, full of mercy, kindness and patience," wrote one member. "Even knowing these things, trials are heavy burdens meant to be shared with others. That way the load doesn't weigh us down."

Our load was lightened in numerous ways. Brethren formed yard-care committees freeing us from that responsibility all summer. Youth Educational Services daycampers designed get-well cards. One small girl phoned Brent to tell him she was praying for him. A Church

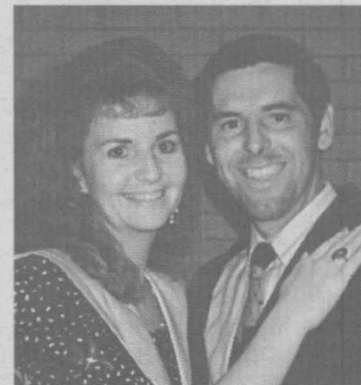
family did our weekly produce shopping in Dallas.

His condition spiraled downward last fall, and without miraculous intervention he would have died. While brethren left for exotic Feast sites, we headed for Houston for more treatments. We rented a small furnished apartment near the hospital and watched through the dark drapes as the sun set on opening night. We were about

to miss our first Feast of Tabernacles. Our worldwide family responded by sending greetings and flowers from around the globe. Friends scheduled the days they'd send those cards so that we received the Feast spirit each day.

Eighteen months of therapies, including a natural treatment, then chemotherapy, radiation, surgery and more chemotherapy, ended June 26. His present health status is adjuvant, meaning cancer free. He returned to full-time work in March in the Ambassador College Facilities Services Department and is participating in the Church's athletic programs.

Our pastor said our lives would never be the same after this experience. His wife predicted the brethren would rally together for us in an incredible way. God has been merciful and his people have truly demonstrated his powerful love.



COLLEEN & BRENT BAILEY



HONORED SERVANTS—Brothers Paul (left) and Arthur Suckling, together with their mother, Eleanor (center), were awarded 25-year plaques and watches at the Ministerial Refreshing Program May 18-22 in Big Sandy. Paul's wife, Jane, and Arthur's wife, Marsha, were honored with commemorative watches.

Summit: God will have the last word

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Diplomats, advisers and ambassadors have packed their briefcases. Journalists with their video-cameras and portable microphones are off to some other hot spot in the world.

Rio has returned to normal. The soldiers, armored vehicles, machine guns and helicopters are gone from the streets and beaches. The thousands of street children and beggars are back. Graffiti is reappearing on the freshly painted walls and tunnels.

Results of a wrong choice

Although the Creator of the environment that was getting so much attention was not officially recognized, we couldn't help wondering what God thought of all the commotion.

Since the time of creation and the first human rebellion symbolized by Adam and Eve's wrong

choice in Eden, human beings have continued to set their course apart from God.

God created the world and its creatures pure and pristine. He designed his creation to be ecologically balanced, and he placed natural laws in motion to maintain that balance.

Then he made human beings responsible for the care of the earth and its resources.

But as the two trees symbolize, God gave the first man and woman a choice. They could be good stewards of what God had created by choosing his spirit and his giving way of life or they could go their own way, choosing Satan's selfish me-first philosophy.

The earth shows the results of their wrong choice. After enduring thousands of years of human abuse, humanity has finally advanced technology to the point

that this living planet is in danger of not being able to regenerate itself.

While some, like Dr. Mayur, were discouraged with the outcome of the meetings, others, like Dr. Tolba and Gro Brundtland, former prime minister of Norway, felt the conference was a giant step forward toward world recognition of environmental problems.

But world recognition, conferences and ceremonies aren't enough. I must disagree with Mr. Strong that nature will have the last word.

We can be grateful that nature will not have the last word on the environment. God will have the last word.

Bonndorf mayor killed

By Henry Sturcke

BONNDORF, Germany—Peter Folkerts, 45, mayor of Bonndorf, was killed with three others in a private airplane crash June 16.

Henry Sturcke, pastor of the Stuttgart, Germany, and Basel and Zurich, Switzerland, churches, is Feast coordinator in Bonndorf, Germany.

Mr. Folkerts was known to members throughout the German-speaking area and around the world because of his involvement with the Feast here. He and his

wife, Regina, accompanied members on a tour of Israel in 1985.

Tom Lapacka, international communications coordinator, who was Feast coordinator in Bonndorf from 1980 to 1986, said he was "profoundly saddened" by the news, adding that Mr. Folkerts "was a dear friend of mine and I will miss him greatly."

I represented the Church at funeral services June 25. Town officials assured me of their desire for a continued friendship between the town and the Church.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Folkerts is survived by four children.

Camera and video operators needed

The Television Department needs volunteers to serve as camera and video projector operators at the Feast of Tabernacles in Pasadena this fall. Operators will be responsible for equipment used during the closed-circuit distribution of services, and will work under the supervision of an engineer from the Television Department.

Experience in video production or projector operation and a background in electronics are preferred. Training will be available the day before the Feast, Oct. 11. Duties will begin the day after the satellite transmission.

Those interested in serving should send a letter outlining their experience to Glenn Mitchell at Ambassador Television, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129 or call 1-818-304-6190 for more information.

1992 Festival Updates

Soloists and choir

The Anchorage, Alaska, Festival site needs musicians to perform solos or sing in the choir. Qualified people should contact Doug Hanson, 5109 Lionheard Dr., Anchorage, Alaska, 99508-2528 or call 1-907-333-4390, evenings and weekends.

Please note the time difference between Alaska and selected cities. When it is 7 a.m. in Alaska, it is 9 a.m. in Los Angeles, 10 a.m. in Denver, Colo., 11 a.m. in Chicago, Ill., and noon in New York.

Instrumental ensemble

The Corpus Christi, Tex., Festival site will have an instrumental ensemble in addition to the previously announced Festival choir, teen choir and children's choir.

Instrumentalists interested in performing should contact the director, Norm Myers, at 5811 88th Ave., Kenosha, Wis., 53144 or call him at 1-414-653-0597. The ensemble will perform special music and may accompany the choirs.

'Making New Friends' in Jonesboro

JONESBORO, Ark.—The Jonesboro singles invite other singles to their "Making New Friends" weekend Aug. 22 and 23.

Saturday activities are a Bible study, Sabbath services, a catered meal and a formal dance that evening.

Sunday activities are a continental breakfast, volleyball, racquetball, swimming, weight lifting and table games.

Cost for the weekend is \$20 a person. Reservations and a \$10 dinner deposit are required. Balance for the weekend is \$10 to be paid at the door. Reservations must be made by Aug. 17.

For further information call Paula Vangilder at 1-501-935-4335 (after 5 p.m. Central time) or write her at 530 East Oak, Jonesboro, Ark., 72401.

Investment in youths

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SACS. He gave us sound advice for continuing the pursuit of accreditation.

In the meantime we had to secure from the State of Texas an extension of the period for which we were certified to offer degrees. This we were able to do in a timely manner as well.

In November of 1989 it was decided that the Ambassador College campuses should consolidate. There were many reasons for this. The principal reasons were that it was obviously less expensive to operate one consolidated campus in Big Sandy, than two Ambassador College campuses with one of them in one of the highest cost-of-living areas in the nation.

In addition it became more evident that it would be very difficult to accredit each college separately. Some of the difficulties revolved around sufficient faculty to staff majors for both campuses and library holdings.

After the decision to consolidate the campuses was made, an application for accreditation was filed with SACS in April of 1990. After examining the application for accreditation, the Commission on Colleges decided that Ambassador College was ready to receive a preliminary visit by a representative of the Southern Association.

In July of 1990 David Carter, associate executive director of the Commission on Colleges, visited the college in Big Sandy. Dr. Carter gave a seminar on how to conduct the self-study and asked us to present him with a prospectus for conducting the self-study.

After the prospectus for conducting the self-study was reviewed and approved by the Southern Association, the College launched an intensive self-study.

The self-study was completed in June of 1991 and mailed to the Southern Association.

The Southern Association then authorized a visiting committee to come to the campus. The committee visited the campus in October of 1991, which was a profitable experience for the entire College community.

After their visit the committee members sent us their report with recommendations and suggestions. The College responded to the recommendations and suggestions in May of 1992.

June 19, Ambassador College achieved candidacy status once again.

The significance of this achievement in such a short time cannot be adequately expressed in words. Hundreds of people have been involved by directly pouring their collective and individual efforts into this pursuit for the benefit of the Church, the College and the youths in the Church of God.

This effort has been an investment in the future of all of the above. These people have been living sacrifices for the benefit of our youths.

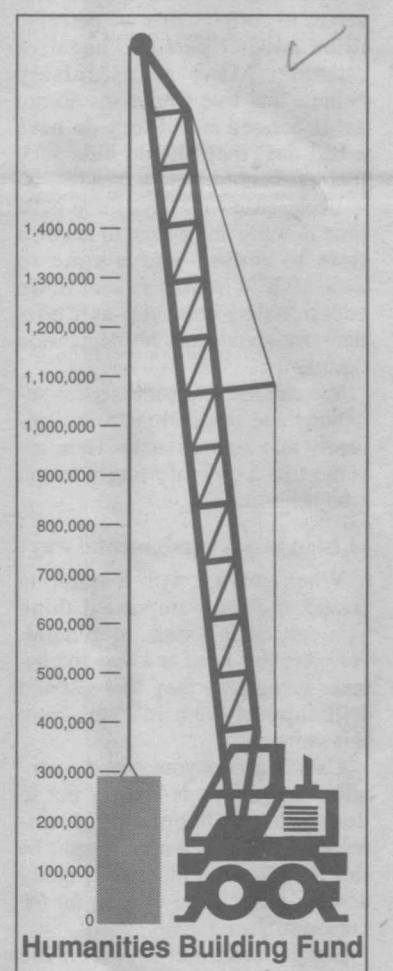
In addition to the hundreds who have been directly involved, thousands of other people have diligently prayed for the success of this venture.

On behalf of Mr. Tkach, chairman of the board of regents and chancellor of the College, the members of the board of regents, the administration, the faculty, the staff and students of Ambassador College, we are all grateful for the efforts of everyone who has made this day possible.

The next step for Ambassador College is to prepare a progress report in the spring of 1993 and, we hope, receive another accreditation visit in the fall of 1993 with the expectation of receiving full accreditation in June of 1994.

In the meantime, the achievement of candidacy status provides the constituents of the College with all the practical benefits of accreditation.

This is indeed a momentous day in the history of Ambassador College. It is a time for celebration. Thanks again to everyone for a job well done.



FUND INCREASING—As of July 3 individuals and church areas have donated \$289,956.65 for the construction of the Harold L. Jackson Hall of Humanities. [Artwork by Ken Tunell]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

AXSEL, Greg and Lee (Pearce) of Port Elizabeth, South Africa, boy, Charl Gregory, May 29, 5 p.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, now 3 boys.

BANSALÉ, Edgardo and Victoria (Santos) of Manila, Philippines, girl, Dorothy Jean, May 8, 7:05 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

BARNES, Mary and Jim of Manchester, Ga., boy, James Patrick, May 9, 6 pounds 8 ounces, now 3 boys.

BELL, Doug and Linda (Christianson) of Calgary, Alta., boy, Kevan Bret, June 8, 7:30 p.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 boys.

BOWLING, James and Terri (Harrison) of Pittsburgh, Pa., girl, Chelsea Lynn, March 28, 12:33 a.m., 6 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

BUCHHOLZ, Andy and Donna (Bock) of Rochester, N.Y., boy, Matthew David, Feb. 27, 11:50 a.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 boys.

CAREY, Todd and Gloria (Simmons) of Canton, Mich., boy, Justin Dupree, April 30, 1:05 a.m., 9 pounds, first child.

CHIVERS, Mark and Donna (Pope) of Pensacola, Fla., girl, Cailin Elizabeth, March 31, 11:46 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

CLARK, Samuel and Karen (Murray) of Caboolture, Australia, girl, Sarina Karen, May 19, 10:56 a.m., 6 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

DOWD, Jeff and Kerri (Miles) of Lancaster, Calif., boy, Brenden Reilly, June 16, 2:08 p.m., 6 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

EGIPCIACO, Regino Jr. and Karolyn (Munson) of Hammond, Ind., girl, Jillian Ariel, April 24, 10:04 a.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

ELLIOTT, Robert and Patricia (Runels) of Houma, La., girl, Angel Alanna, June 6, 9:15 p.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

FOSTER, David and Linda (Perrow) of Roanoke, Va., boy, David Matthew II, April 2, 10:07 a.m., 9 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

FOX, John and Aletha (Wise) of Marion, N.C., boy, Jacob "Sean," May 2, 9:35 a.m., 7 pounds 7 1/4 ounces, first child.

FOX, John and Cherie (Finlay) of Billerica, England, boy, David John Wainwright, June 3, 8:53 p.m., 9 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

FRUGIA, James and Kristine (Dailey) of San Bernardino, Calif., girl, Chelsea Kristine, May 27, 7:17 p.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

GOFF, Keith and Yolanda of Tacoma, Wash., boy, Dezmord Keith Rodell, Dec. 29, 4:02 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

JANTZEN, Douglas and Dale (Duncan) of Bonnyville, Alta., boy, James Douglas, April 12, 5:50 p.m., 9 pounds, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MACLEARNSBERRY, Bruce and Kadi (Schmidt) of Poulso, Wash., boy, Blake Ryan, May 6, 11 p.m., 10 pounds, now 3 boys.

MARLOW, Gary and Tina (Fender) of Asheville, N.C., boy, Benjamin Thomas, Feb. 8, 11:40 a.m., 6 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

MARQUEZ, Victor Jr. and Christine (Van Landuyt) of Pasadena, boy, Alexander Mark, June 14, 3:35 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

MAXEY, Douglas and Dreama (Walton) of Fontana, Calif., boy, Thomas Winfred, April 17, 2:17 p.m., 7 pounds 11 1/2 ounces, first child.

MELMAN, Guiora and Helen (Heyes) of Necochea, Argentina, boy, Nathaniel, May 7, 12 p.m., 3.95 kilograms, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MOY, James and Faybein (Brown) of Aptos, Calif., girl, Jasmin Ayana, May 29, 1:07 a.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

MURLEY, Ronald and Marcia (Ropson) of Corner Brook, Nfld., girl, Callie Jody, April 27, 7 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

OBENZA, Reynaldo and Kim (Frey) of Ridgecrest, Calif., girl, Hallie Morgan, June 9, 12:05 p.m., 6 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

PARMAN, Farron and Kim (Hacker) of Tacoma, Wash., boy, Cody Robert, April 9, 2:20 a.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

PIPION, Ronald J. and Missy (Hale) of San Francisco, Calif., boy, Evan Jovon, June 8, 12:52 p.m., 5 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

PITCHER, Bradley and Jule (Van der Werf) of Brisbane, Australia, boy, Ryan Charles, April 1, 6:16 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

PUZAK, David and Linda (Reak) of Albuquerque, N.M., girl, Sarah Alanna Richelle, May 31, 9:43 p.m., 1 pound 4 ounces (premature), now 2 boys, 1 girl.

PYY, Arthur and Patricia (Osborne) of Prince George, B.C., boy, Carlin Samuel Simeon, June 11, 3:24 a.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

STYER, Tony and Loni (Abbey) of Clarksville, Tenn., girl, Jennifer Lynne, March 19, 1:07 p.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

SUPRUNIUK, David and Lorie (Dillingham) of Edmonton, Alta., boy, Richard David, June 8, 5:12 a.m., 10 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

VACCA, Marcus and Wendy (Rice) of Billings, Mont., boy, Reuben Laurie, March 20, 10:30 p.m., 10 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

VANDEGRIFT, David and Selena (Martin) of St. Albert, Alta., boy, Matthew Jordan, April 25, 1:30 p.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

WALLACE, Graeme and Debbie (Smith) of Northampton, England, boy, Benjamin Michael, May 4, 2:30 a.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

WOOD, Steven and Ramona (Karels) of El Dorado, Ark., girl, Bridget Caroline, June 5, 12:39 p.m., 9 pounds, now 3 girls.

ZHORNE, Jeff and Wendy (Keller) of Pasadena, girl, Sophia Rose, July 8, 8:54 a.m., 9 pounds 6 ounces (1 boy and 1 girl deceased), now 1 girl.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Metz of Frostburg, Md., and Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Ebersole of New Enterprise, Pa., are happy to announce the engagement of their children, Sonja Elaine and Brent Dale. An Oct. 3 wedding in Cumberland, Md., is planned.

Jennifer Pairitz and Joseph Gastaldi are delighted to announce their engagement. A Sept. 5 wedding in New York is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taylor of Huntington, W.Va., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Christina to Theodore Marinich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Marinich of Weirton, W.Va. An Aug. 16 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cook of Wolcott, Ind., are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Annette Marie to David Suchanek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jason Suchanek of Fort Mitchell, Ky. An Oct. 4 wedding in Lafayette, Ind., is planned.

WEDDINGS



MR. & MRS. DAN DUFFIELD

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Hagy of Abingdon, Va., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Kimberly Beth to Daniel Jon Duffield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Duffield of Murfreesboro, Tenn. The ceremony was performed March 29 by George Elkins, Columbia, S.C., and Augusta, Ga., pastor. Janice Cook was matron of honor and Monty Bobo was best man. The couple live in South Pasadena.



MR. & MRS. RAYMOND STAPP

Sharon Wells Geddes and Raymond Franklin Stapp were united in marriage Feb. 8. The ceremony was performed by Eugene Burton, a minister in the Lexington, Ky., church. Pat Arthur was maid of honor, and Joe Johnson was best man. The couple live in Lexington.



MR. & MRS. NORMAN ROE

Kim Sarah Lathlean, daughter of Adrian and Lorraine Lathlean of Baxland, Australia, and Norman Richard Roe, son of Harry and Joan Roe of Brisbane, Australia, were united in marriage March 1. The ceremony was performed by Karl Karlov, Penrith and Bathurst, Australia, pastor. The couple live in Brisbane.



MR. & MRS. ROBERT O'NEILL

Mildred Banks and Robert H. O'Neill were united in marriage May 31. The ceremony was performed by Douglas Johnson, Marion and Mansfield, Ohio, pastor. Gladys Myers was maid of honor, and Richard O'Neill was best man. The couple live in Marion.



MR. & MRS. PAUL KLECZEK

Kitty Layne Zirkle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Zirkle of Bristol, W.Va., and Paul Thomas Kleczek, son of Mr. and

Mrs. William Troska and the late Stanley Kleczek, were united in marriage Aug. 31. The ceremony was performed by Michael Horchak, Clarksburg, W.Va., pastor. Attendants were Kathy Collins, sister of the bride, and Martin Kleczek, brother of the groom. The couple live in Johnstown, Pa.



MR. & MRS. RANDALL VISSER

Rebecca L. Suboski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Suboski of Rapid City, Mich., and Randall L. Visser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Visser of Jenison, Mich., were united in marriage Sept. 15. The ceremony was performed by Melvin Rhodes, Lansing and Flint, Mich., pastor. Teresa Peck, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Randy Walker was best man. The couple live in Grandville, Mich.



MR. & MRS. RONALD HERNANDEZ

Zenaída C. Duka, daughter of David Duka, and Ronald C. Hernandez, son of Milagros Hernandez of Quezon City, Philippines, were united in marriage May 3. The ceremony was performed by Jose Raduban, Quezon City pastor. Irma G. Oppus was maid of honor, and Roy T. Gale was best man. The couple live in Quezon City.



MR. & MRS. RUSSELL BIGGS

Karen Elizabeth Terry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Terry, and Russell Eric Biggs, son of Margaret Biggs, were united in marriage May 17. The ceremony was performed by Russell Duke, chairman of the Ambassador College Theology Department. LeAnn Heim was maid of honor, and Mike Finger was best man. The couple live in Big Sandy.



MR. & MRS. AL ERAT

Mariou J. Osillos, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Basilio Osillos Sr. of Pasig, Philippines, and Alejandro Erat, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jorge C. Erat of Rupagan, Philippines, were united in marriage April 12. The ceremony was performed by Gil Llaneza, Marikina, Philippines, pastor. Anna Lizza Quah was matron of honor, and Quah Choon Huat and Julian Concepcion Jr. were best men. The couple live in Iligan, Philippines.



MR. & MRS. RANDY FROESE

Cindy James, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chris James of Tulsa, Okla., and Randy Froese, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Froese of Rosendale, Man., were united in marriage Aug. 4. The ceremony was performed by Earl Roemer, Tulsa A.M. and P.M. pastor. Cindy James, twin sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Dean Christiansen was best man. The couple live in Bedford, Tex.



MR. & MRS. JOSEPH WASILEWSKI

Wendy Lu Mapes, daughter of Sally Mapes of Batavia, N.Y., and the late Wilfred Mapes, and Joseph Wasilewski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Wasilewski of Buffalo, N.Y., were united in marriage April 11. The ceremony was performed by John Moskel, Buffalo North pastor. The couple live in Batavia.



MR. & MRS. RANDY SCHAUER

Leanna MacMahon and Randy Schauer were united in marriage March 1. The ceremony was performed by John Elliott, San Bernardino and Palm Springs, Calif., pastor. Carrie Heagstedt was matron of honor, and Charles Schauer, father of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Mountain Home Village, Calif.



MR. & MRS. ANTHONY TERRANOVA

Tara Janel Toler of Ernul, N.C., and Anthony James Terranova of San Diego, Calif., were united in marriage Sept. 1. The ceremony was performed by Edwin Marrs, San Diego associate pastor. Marsha Rouse was maid of honor, and Tom Willett was best man. The couple live in Ventura, Calif.



MR. & MRS. TED DAHLKE

Serena M. MacKenzie, daughter of Valera L. MacKenzie, and Ted E. Dahlke, son of Edward and Ann Marie Dahlke, were united in marriage Sept. 15. The ceremony was performed by Warren Waian, Riverside, Calif., pastor. Heather Knudson was maid of honor, and David Hurlburt was best man. The couple live in Redondo Beach, Calif.

ANNIVERSARIES



MR. & MRS. ERIC BONELL

Eric and Jean Bonell of Melbourne, Australia, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary July 12. They have three sons, Richard, Paul and Philip; three daughters, Corinne, Maria and Ailsa; three daughters-in-law; three sons-in-law; and 10 grandchildren (one is deceased). Mr. Bonell is a deacon in the Melbourne South church.

Mr. and Mrs. George de Vlugt of Kitchener, Ont., celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary May 11. They have eight children and nine grandchildren.

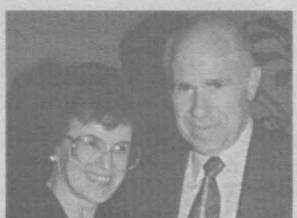
Chris and Helen Sullins of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary July 5. The Sullins have two daughters, Christy and Donna; one son-in-law, Jean; and two grandchildren, Jean Blair and Sandra Jean.

Ronald and Diann Dyer of Independence, Mo., celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary July 1. They have one son, Scott Alexander, and one daughter, Amy Christine.



MR. & MRS. THOMAS RINER

Thomas and Bonny Riner of Macon, Ga., celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary July 8. The Riners have five daughters, Mary Clark, Sharon Edwards, Ramona Ward, Laura Denny and Hannah; four sons-in-law, Thomas Clark, Kent Edwards, Timothy Ward and Mark Denny; and five grandchildren, Rachel, Adam, Samuel, Rebecca and Sarah. Mr. and Mrs. Riner are deacon and deaconess in the Macon church.



MR. & MRS. WILLIAM HUDSON

William and Joanne Hudson of Houston, Tex., celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary April 26. Houston North brethren honored them at a reception following Sabbath services May 2. The Hudsons have three sons, Ken, Jim and

John; one daughter, Jeanine; three daughters-in-law, Becky, Debbie and Rochelle; one son-in-law, Kevin; and six grandchildren. Mr. Hudson is a deacon in the Houston North P.M. church.



them with cake and refreshments. The Bruntons have two children and six grandchildren.

MR. & MRS. CLARENCE MEHL

Clarence and Bonnie Mehl of Beloit, Kan., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Oct. 26. The Mehls have four sons, Steve, Tim, Jack and Dave; four daughters-in-law, Ann, Rhonda, Vickie and June; and 17 grandchildren.

OBITUARIES



DELIA LAING

LAING, Delia Mary, 68, of Temora, Australia, died April 13 of a heart attack. She was a deaconess in the Temora-Wagga church. Mrs. Laing is survived by her husband of 44 years, Jim, a deacon in the Temora-Wagga church; one daughter, Roslyn Chirmside; two sons, Graeme and Milton; and seven grandchildren.

GARDNER, Barney, 71, of Charlotte, N.C., died June 2 from emphysema and heart disease. He is survived by three daughters, three sons-in-law and three grandchildren.

CARSON, Jennie Marie, 93, of Thermopolis, Wyo., died April 22. Mrs. Carson is survived by one son, two daughters, one sister, nine grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, one son and one daughter.



CARL SMITH

SMITH, Carl C., 70, of DeQuincy, La., died April 1 on the way to the hospital after a logging accident. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Anitta; four sons, Steve, Calvin, David and Dale; three daughters, Anita Burgess, Martha McLaren and Lisa Gentry; and 12 grandchildren.

SIMPSON, Leo, 80, of Nelson, Minn., died May 6 after a lengthy illness. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Emogene; one son, Larry; one daughter, Rae Jean; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. His daughter, Sharon Lee, preceded him in death.

STOLARYK, Alice, 62, of Sorrento, B.C., died May 14 of cancer. She is survived by two daughters, Shirley Guenther and Lenore Burton; one son, Vern; two sons-in-law; one daughter-in-law; and seven grandchildren.



MARGARET TREIBER

TREIBER, Margaret, 62, of Racine, Wis., died Feb. 20. She is survived by her husband of 38 years, William; three sons, Jerry, Jimmy and Jon; and four grandchildren.

QUIGLEY, William "Fred," 67, of Grants Pass, Ore., died Feb. 21 after a long fight with cancer. He is survived by his wife, Linda; four daughters, Margaret, Carol, Barbara Summey and Sandra Quito; and one son, Allan.

KANTORIK, Lurena B., 79, of Medford, Ore., died March 7. She is survived by four sisters and two brothers.

SCHAFFER, Robert L., 82, of Medford, Ore., died April 24. He is survived by two daughters, one brother, seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. His wife, Carolyn, died in 1984.

Please include a daytime phone number with any announcement submitted in case we need to call you with questions.

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

UPDATE

Pasadena welcomes 166 SEP campers

One hundred sixty-six teens from the United States and Canada attended a Summer Educational Program (SEP) in Pasadena June 18 to July 1.

"Most of the teens in attendance were older teens, primarily high school juniors, seniors and graduates," said **Ted Budge**, assistant camp director.

"Generally, most of the students had already been to SEP camp at Orr [Minn.]. This camp focused more on helping the teens with their relationships with God, parents and with each other and on preparing students for college and life."

Headquarters personnel conducted seminars on love and dating, what it's like being a parent, goal planning, friendship, building a relationship with God, having courage in a world of fear and surviving in the future.

Rick Shallenberger, an SEP faculty member, said that the teens met in small groups with Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach**.

"One dorm at a time, about 20 students per dorm, went up to Mr. Tkach's office and talked with him for about 10 minutes. Mr. Tkach had photos taken with each dorm."

Other activities were speech club, chorale, all-star volleyball, basketball and softball, tennis, racquetball, softball, water polo, an awards banquet and dance, a square dance, a formal tea, a beach party and a day at Disneyland.

Performing arts series selling well

Subscription sales for the 1992-93 Ambassador performing arts series are doing well, running

slightly ahead of sales at this time last year, according to **David Hulme**, vice president of Ambassador Foundation.

"We have revamped some of our marketing outreach, and the efforts appear to be paying off in reduced costs and increased sales," Mr. Hulme said.

"One new series, the 'Brass Band Jubilee,' is doing very well in sales, and the Sunday world travel film series, a perennial favorite, is headed again for a sellout."

Voluntary donations from subscribers continue to accumulate, with more than \$13,000 in donations for the performing arts so far.

Science expert praises Foundation and Television Department

The Church's Television Department produced a short documentary on the international water crisis and its implications.

This fulfilled a request by **Joyce Starr**, an expert on the worldwide water crisis, who has appeared several times on *The World Tomorrow*.

Through her contacts, experts were videotaped and their comments were later incorporated into *World Tomorrow* telecasts.

The documentary was shown in May at a luncheon in New York for scientists, government officials and humanitarian leaders.

Dr. Starr wrote to the Church: "If there was any question about the looming water crisis prior to viewing the film, not a doubt lingered by the end."

"I told the entire group about the friendship of the Ambassador Foundation and Ambassador Television, and all you have done for us over the past several years."

"By any measure, your efforts on our behalf and on behalf of global waters have been truly extraordinary. You have been a source of inspiration."

Lexington Feast site to sponsor golf tournament

LEXINGTON, Ky.—Golfers attending the Lexington Feast site are invited to participate in the WCG Lexington Invitational Golf Scramble Oct. 13 at the Players Club Golf Course.

The entry fee is \$35 and includes a golf and riding cart, plus free drinks and snacks.

Please send a check payable to LCAF-LEX to **Garey Gilvin**, 846 Mildred St., Versailles, Ky., 40383. Send your average score over the past six months.

All entries must be received by Sept. 15. Play is limited to the first 72 entries.

Youth wins foreign exchange scholarship

BRISTOL, Tenn.—**Rebekah Fiedler** won the Congress-Bundestag foreign exchange scholarship to Germany for the 1992-93 school year. She was one of three students chosen to represent the state of Tennessee.

To win the award, Rebekah had to write an essay on a current aspect of German culture or society, write several short essays, obtain school and community recommendations, and in individual and group interviews discuss Germany and her reasons for wanting to visit there.

While in Germany, Rebekah hopes to stay with a Church family. She attends the Kingsport, Tenn., church with her parents, **Brenton** and **Susan Fiedler**.

Managing editor has new addition to family

Many have asked for an update on **Jeff** and **Wendy Zhorne** from Pasadena who were involved in an auto accident in England in March 1991. They thank the brethren for

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Preemption

KTHI Fargo, N.D.	Aug. 2 & 9 (Olympics)
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their prayers and support during their emotional and physical recovery, and are pleased to announce the birth of a baby girl (see "Announcements," page 7).

Canadian youths receive Duke of Edinburgh Award

VANCOUVER, B.C.—**Galen Toews** and **Lonnie Katai** were among 87 Canadians ages 14 to 25 to receive the Duke of Edinburgh Award, March 8.

The award was presented by **Prince Philip**, the award patron, in recognition of outstanding achievement in community service, skill, physical fitness and expedition.

Australian member commended for bravery

EAST BRISBANE, Australia—By approval of Queen Elizabeth II, Church member **Trevor McElligott** was award-

ed the commendation for Brave Conduct April 10.

The citation reads: "On March 28, 1990, Mr. McElligott was in his boardhouse room when he heard a person calling out 'fire.'

"He ran to the nearby room which had smoke coming from it. Another resident of the building was attempting to gain entry by hitting the door with a fire extinguisher.

"Mr. McElligott returned to his room for a torch [flashlight] and went to the back yard for a fire hose with which he sprayed the now opened burning room.

"There was no movement inside so he dropped the hose, entered the room and saw the occupant lying unconscious on the floor just inside the door.

"Mr. McElligott tried to drag the man outside but was driven back by heat and smoke. He continued to operate the hose until the fire was extinguished."

FROM OUR

SCATTERED BRETHREN

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

From Rio, with love

By **Sheila Graham**

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil—Bible in one hand and pencil in the other, **David Fernandes** turned to each scripture reference he heard during Pentecost services here.

All the while, like many 10-year-old boys, he was also drawing pictures—futuristic airplanes and creatures named **Tigerman** and **Rocketman**.

Sheila Graham, Plain Truth managing editor, and Tina Kuo, Plain Truth contributing writer, traveled to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 1 to 10 to cover the Earth Summit environmental conference.

David isn't able to share his creativity with other boys in the Church, however, because he is the only child in the Rio congregation. His parents, **Jose Luis**, an engineer, and **Maria**, a schoolteacher, are the youngest members attending there.

In a 15-by-20-foot room, 12 of us listened to **Bernabe Monsalvo**, a 1992 Ambassador College graduate, give the offertory and Pentecost sermon in English and Spanish.

The brethren meet in a language academy in downtown Rio. We sat in student chairs with desk-type armrests convenient for Bibles and notebooks. On the walls were charts displaying the alphabets of various languages. It seemed appropriate.

Although the native language of Brazil is Portuguese, the Rio brethren have had to add Spanish to their language repertoire to keep up with the Church's publications.

The main booklets and reprints have been translated, but there is no *Worldwide News* or *Plain Truth* in Portuguese.

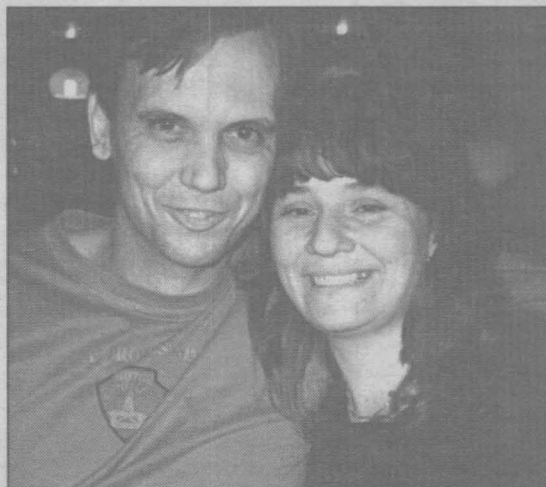
Mr. Monsalvo surprised the brethren on Pentecost by presenting them with copies of two of the Church's hymns translated into Portuguese by **Graham Davies**, Portuguese-language editor, and translators **Jair Vasconcelos** of Brazil and **Marat Araujo** of Belgium.

The Rio brethren sang with enthusiasm. Singing hymns together is a special treat. They

gave Tina and me an English version of the hymns, but we couldn't resist joining them in Spanish and Portuguese on a couple of verses.

For the Spanish-language hymns, Mr. Monsalvo provided accompanying music by playing the song service recorded at the Feast of Tabernacles in Argentina.

Sabbath services usually consist of a sermon tape, but no music or hymns at all. The closest minister, **Alberto Sousa**, pastor of the Buenos Aires, Argentina, church, is only able to visit the



JOSE AND MARIA FERNANDES

Rio church about once every four months.

In honor of our visit, with Mr. Monsalvo's translation help, the Brazilian brethren gave me a colorfully illustrated book on Brazil and Tina a golden egret holding amethyst stones.

After services the brethren

invited us to join them for high tea at the Confeitaria Colombo near Copacabana beach.

As we left the building, I was advised to put my camera back in its case. Several of the brethren led the way, while Mr. Fernandes, carrying my camera case, followed us, keeping a wary eye on the people passing by.

As in many large cities, Rio streets are not safe, especially for foreign tourists.

Enjoying Brazilian pastries, chocolate and tea in the elegant atmosphere of the 1940s-built restaurant, we got better acquainted with the brethren: Mr. and Mrs. **Jose Maria Rodrigues**; Mr. **Vasconcelos** from Brasilia; **Carime Amiden** and her daughter, **Enir**; **Aurea Campos**, an artist and sister to **Maria Fernandes**; and **Jose Luis** and **Maria Fernandes** and their son, **David**. **Herbert Schmid** had to leave right after services for his home in Sao Paulo.

Mrs. Fernandes and Mr. Vasconcelos, a retired lawyer, practiced their English on us, while Mr. Monsalvo translated for us and the other brethren.

"When will we have *The Plain Truth* in Portuguese?" Mr. Rodrigues asked. He said he asks that question of every visitor, in hopes it will come true someday.

They talked about Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach's** memorable visit in 1988. Mr. Vasconcelos described the gift brethren gave Mr. Tkach: a multicolored

toucan made of Brazilian precious and semiprecious stones.

As Tina and I left the brethren, we were presented another gift. **David** had drawn for each of us a picture of a heart. It had arms and legs and a face with a wide smile. Across the top, in large letters, **David** had printed *LOVE*.



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