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## Mr. Tkach recounts Europe trip by phone to Pasadena brethren

PASADENA—"It has been a wonderful experience to meet with other members of the family," Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach told Auditorium P.M. brethren here by telephone July 25.

Mr. Tkach called from Duesseldorf, West Germany, and gave brethren details of the first 10 days of his 2½-week trip to Europe.

In Paris, France, July 18, after speaking to brethren, the pastor general presented a 25-year plaque to evangelist Dibar Apartian, regional director for French-speaking areas, and gave Mr. Apartian and his wife, Shirley, watches for 25 years of service. "The brethren have a great love for Mr. Apartian," he said.

The next day Mr. Tkach spoke (with simultaneous translation) to French-speaking brethren in Geneva, Switzerland, and visited the Geneva Office.

"In Rome we toured the ancient ruins of the Roman Empire as well as Vatican City," Mr. Tkach said. July 20 he addressed Italian-speaking brethren and raised Carn Catherwood to the rank of evangelist (see article, this page).

July 22 Mr. Tkach and his traveling party went to Malta for another service and a barbecue with the brethren. "We toured the whole island and drove around in an 'air-conditioned' bus with open windows and a door," Mr. Tkach quipped, adding that temperatures hovered around 105 degrees Fahrenheit (40 degrees Celsius).

July 23 they went to West Germany and toured Dachau concentration camp and the rally stadium and war trial room at Nuremberg.

Mr. Tkach spoke to German-speaking brethren in Duesseldorf July 25. He told Pasadena brethren

he was going to Stuttgart, West Germany, the next day to conduct services and then on to Bonn, West Germany, for 25th anniversary celebrations of the office there.

The following week Mr. Tkach and his party toured Berlin, the Dutch and British offices and the Summer Educational Program (SEP) camp in Loch Lomond, Scotland.

"The members here send their love and greetings to everyone in Pasadena, and they feel a lot closer to you now," Mr. Tkach concluded.



**ASEAN DAY**—Michael Antonovich (right), a member of the Los Angeles (Calif.) County Board of Supervisors, presents a proclamation making July 27, 1987, ASEAN Day in Los Angeles County. From left: Arsa Sarasin, ambassador to the United States from Thailand, and Tommy T.B. Koh, ambassador from Singapore, who serves as ASEAN chairman. [Photo by Warren Watson]

### Association marks 20th year

## ASEAN ambassadors visit AC

By Kerri Miles

PASADENA—The Ambassador Foundation was host to a dinner for ambassadors to the United States from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) July 27.

Church officials termed the evening "one of the most interesting and intellectually profitable evenings in the Auditorium."

ASEAN represents six nations, and guests included ambassadors Soesilo Soedarman, Indonesia; Albert S. Talalla, Malaysia; Tommy T.B. Koh, Singapore; Arsa Sarasin, Thailand; and Raul Rabe, deputy to the Philippine ambassador. The Brunei ambassador was unable to attend.

"One of the most impressive facets

of the evening was the openness and warmth of the ambassadors and guests," said evangelist Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration. Mr. Salyer greeted them on behalf of Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach.

"The ambassadors displayed great interest in the organization," Mr. Salyer said. "The first secretary of one embassy told me that he is a regular viewer of *The World Tomorrow* and receives *The Plain Truth*."

Helicopters carrying the ambassadors landed on the Ambassador College track at about 6:30 p.m., according to Michael Snyder, assistant director of Public Affairs.

Evangelist David Hulme, director of Communications & Public Af-

fairs, met in mid-July with outside officials coordinating the visit to plan the event.

"This event was similar to the visit of First Lady Nancy Reagan in that we didn't have a great deal of time to put it together," Mr. Hulme said. "Several campus departments quickly pulled together to present a very successful and worthwhile evening."

Mr. Hulme went over the plans for the event with Mr. Tkach before the pastor general left for Europe.

Other guests were consuls general from the ASEAN nations, officials from the Church, college and Ambassador Foundation and chief execu-

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## Carn Catherwood raised to evangelist rank in Italy

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach ordained Carn Catherwood, regional director for Italian-speaking areas, an evangelist July 20 in Rome, Italy.

After Mr. Tkach gave the sermon



**CARN AND JOYCE CATHERWOOD** in the Hotel dei Congressi to about 130 brethren from Rome, Milan and Catania, Italy. Mr. Catherwood walked onstage to present the pastor general with two gifts.

"I was still on the stage while he looked at the gifts," Mr. Catherwood told *The Worldwide News* July 28. "At that point Mr. Tkach began to talk about them and very unexpectedly—at least to me—made the announcement. I was so

surprised I don't remember what he said."

"It was a very moving and joyful occasion," Mr. Tkach said. "I've known Mr. Catherwood for nearly 30 years. It was a very inspiring affair."

Mr. Catherwood, 47, born in Manitoba, married the former Joyce Sefcak Jan. 27, 1963. They have three daughters, all Church members: Suzanna Fay Molnar, Sharie Kay Damore and Laura Beth Pink. Sharie and Laura are twins.

In 1957 Mr. Catherwood entered Pasadena Ambassador College and was one of the first non-U.S. students. He was baptized in March, 1958, and spent his senior year at the Bricket Wood, England, campus as part of the pioneer class of 1960-61.

Because of his name's place in the alphabet, he was the first to graduate from the now-closed campus.

The late Herbert Armstrong ordained Mr. Catherwood a preaching elder Oct. 18, 1962.

After several baptizing tours, he raised up the Indianapolis, Ind., church in September, 1962, and then the first Cincinnati, Ohio, church Feb. 23, 1963. He then spent two years in Canada, where he began the Ottawa, Ont., church, and returned to Pasadena in 1967. The following January Mr. Catherwood was raised to pastor rank.

In 1968 he moved to France, where he began the Paris church, raising up the Brussels, Belgium, church a year later. He pastored both churches until 1972, when he was appointed pastor of the Montreal, Que., church. He was the first French-speaking minister sent to Quebec.

In 1977 he returned to Belgium for a year and then was relocated to Pasadena June 29, 1978, where he taught at Ambassador College and pastored several churches in Southern California.

Dec. 20, 1982, Mr. Armstrong appointed Mr. Catherwood regional director of the work in Italian-speaking areas.

## PERSONAL FROM Joseph W. Tkach

Dear brethren:

Which kind of growth is God most concerned about: growth in His Work, or the spiritual development and growth of the members of His Church?

Of course God is concerned about growth in His Work, and He is the one who grants that growth. But I wonder if we all fully realize that merely getting His Work done is not the *only* thing on God's mind.

God is building a spiritual building—a spiritual temple. He is preparing a special people to make up His government that will rule the nations with Jesus Christ when He returns. Doing the Work of proclaiming the warning witness to the world provides the training ground for those who are truly converted and led by the Holy Spirit to grow in the mind, character and nature of God.

The most important, fundamental aspect of God's Work is the personal and collective spiritual growth of His people! All other growth hinges on that,

whether it be *Plain Truth* circulation, *World Tomorrow* response, prospective members, income or baptisms. As I have mentioned before, God does not build on a shaky foundation. The foundation God will build on is a firm one—a rock.

The parable of the wise builder who built his house on a rock foundation teaches us that *our* foundation must be on a rock if we are to be of any value to God. And of course, that rock is *Christ!*

The key to our effectiveness in doing God's Work is the degree of our submission to Him. When our ways please God He will bless us. Of course, it is up to Him how fast or to what extent He wants His Work to grow.

At certain times He may grant greater growth than at others. But it is certainly possible for us to actually *hold back* the Work's progress if we allow ourselves to drift into a lax or careless spiritual condition. God is concerned about the progress of His Work, but He is even *more* concerned about the spiritual progress and growth of His elect!

The messages to the churches in Revelation 2 and 3 should

serve as important warnings to us. The Laodiceans are characterized as thinking they are rich, but actually *unaware* of the serious nature of their true spiritual condition.

Any who are in that state lack the continual attitude of *repentance* that faithful Christians *must* have in order to be growing spiritually. They are failing to evaluate continually their own spiritual growth, failing to ask God daily for His Spirit to lead them to see their sins and faults and for the power and motivation to *overcome*. God warns them to be *zealous and repent!*

God loves His Church! Even to spiritually drifting Laodiceans, He says, "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten" (Revelation 3:19, New King James unless noted). God is *concerned!* He wants to see His children coming *out* of this world, *overcoming and growing!*

God has called His people for a magnificent and glorious purpose! We are in the process of becoming *one*—one with Jesus Christ and one with one another through the Holy Spirit—in preparation for future opportunities so wonderful they defy our imagination!

"For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God" (Romans 8:19). God's elect are an essential ingredient in the deliverance of the whole creation

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# America plunges into perilous Persian Gulf

PASADENA—"Drift to Disaster in the Gulf." That is how *The Observer* in Britain described the growing big power military involvement in the Persian Gulf.

The escalation took a dramatic jump in July when the United States began providing naval protection to 11 Kuwaiti oil tankers reregistered under the U.S. flag.

Even before the first reflagged ship reached its port in Kuwait, the first incident occurred. The super-tanker *Bridgeton* was seriously damaged by a submerged mine, almost certainly laid by Iran.

Kuwait financially supports Iraq in its war with Iran, and its vessels are subject to Iranian attack. Whether they now fly the U.S. flag is immaterial as far as Iran goes.

The big question is: Has the United States seriously thought through the ramifications of its new policy? Or is it, as expressed by the *Los Angeles Times*, being "drawn into an unpredictable situation with uncontrollable consequences?"

## Operation 'Earnest Will'

The new operation is code-named "Earnest Will" and is said to represent a longtime commitment to the Kuwaitis. Yet, given the fact that U.S. President Ronald Reagan abruptly cut his losses and pulled out of Lebanon after more than 240

Marines were killed in a suicide truck-bombing disaster in 1983, one must wonder.

Perhaps the United States will have no choice but to stick this one out, given that much more in the way of U.S. prestige is on the line.

The July 20 *Business Week* agreed that "for the U.S., the big risk in intervening in the gulf is that it cannot pull back if Congress objects or if naval and air patrols result in American casualties. Another U.S. retreat would demoralize the Saudis and other Arab states and give the Soviets the very opening for better relations with the Arabs that the Administration is trying to foreclose."

In fact, it was the possibility that the Soviets might play a bigger role in the gulf that made the United States decide to act in the first place.

The Kuwaitis were clever in sucking Washington into the fray. They initially invited the Soviets to offer them military assistance. Only when Moscow showed interest did the United States rush in with its reflagging and escort plan.

The relatively unplanned, reactionary aspect of the operation is what has experts in Washington and other Western capitals worried. They doubt U.S. clarity of purpose and depth of resolve. Against this, no one doubts Iran's determination

in defending its interests against the "Great Satan," as Iran has labeled the United States.

Strident voices from Iran denounce U.S. action in almost chilling tones. Official Tehran Radio warned that the United States is "entering a bog more dangerous than the American military experience in Lebanon and Vietnam."

In a boastful commentary, Tehran Radio advised the United

States to "save its flags for the coffins of the American military personnel who enter this perilous place."

Military analysts detect flaws not only in the rationale behind Washington's deeper involvement, but in the manner in which its military force is deployed.

The mine that struck the *Bridgeton* exposed the Navy's most glaring weakness, that of minesweeping

escort operation. The 401,000-ton *Bridgeton*, the ship that was to be protected, took the lead in the convoy, simply because it could take a mine hit much better than the smaller warships guarding it.

## Intruding where not wanted

"We're in a position now where we never intended to be," lamented one U.S. administration official.

Instead of being a neutral force guaranteeing international traffic in the gulf, the United States has taken the side of Iraq and one of its allies, Kuwait. And in another piece of irony, the United States is positioned against a country to which it only months earlier secretly sold arms, Iran.

Furthermore, by intruding into a

war not of its own making, the United States could get hurt the most, true to the admonition given in Proverbs 26:17: "He who passes by and meddles in a quarrel not his own is like one who takes a dog by the ears" (New King James).

American journalist William Pfaff asked: "What do you do about Iran? The evident answer is that you have as little to do with it as you possibly can. It is a society incandescent with fervor... No one is going to intimidate it. No one is going to bribe it to change course. No one is going to force it to do so, not even the U.S. Navy—short of general war."

Little wonder that America's allies in Western Europe and Japan showed so little enthusiasm for the higher U.S. gulf profile when President Reagan briefed them about his intentions at the June economic summit in Venice, Italy.

But eventually it will be Europe—a more determined Europe—that will attempt to make order in the Mideast-Persian Gulf region.

Jean Thiriart, an advocate of a powerful, centralized, united Europe, told me in a *World Tomorrow* interview in Brussels, Belgium, earlier this year, "It's certain that a united Europe would be far more able [than the United States] to solve, almost instantaneously, the problem of peace in the Middle East, which is a very dangerous bomb."

Europe, added Mr. Thiriart, cannot forever abide "this continual mess in the Middle East, as the U.S. has not been able to stop it for 30 years, or 35 years. The greatness and the power of Europe should end up in a calm—just as in the Roman Empire."

## WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



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smile and a twinkle in his eyes. We all hugged and cried again. In the moment of great joy, with tears and a lump in my voice, I said, "Son, today you became a man; you too are greatly blessed." And I thought to myself, today Ruth has presented to the world a new citizen of the future Kingdom of God.

While watching the nurse check the newborn so intently, I rehearsed how as a new Christian counseling for baptism 30 years ago I was given a thorough check over by the minister. As he counseled the spiritual babe, he measured and checked my spiritual commitment and potential growth pattern.

This became an annual checkup at the Passover season and throughout the year. As I thought of these things, I asked myself, how did I measure up as a loving parent?

Most of us love our children, but often we become so entangled in the affairs of life that we fail to communicate our love in ways that our children can understand. Often the father comes home from work too weary to enjoy the children. And most mothers, even if they are not working outside the home, spend only a small amount of time playing and sharing with their children.

Christ took time to attend to little children (Matthew 19:13-14). With God as our model, we can understand why it is that love without action cannot fulfill the deep needs of children.

We must take time to demonstrate our love. We must look carefully at our priorities. What is so important that it deprives our children of the loving companionship so essential to their growth?

Concerned, loving parents will provide security for their children. Our children need to know that no matter where they go they cannot remove themselves from our love. They need to know that when they make mistakes, we will not turn on them in irrational anger. They need to know we will stand by them and support them, no matter what.

They need to know that their father and mother are deeply committed to each other and to the family and will not ever deprive them of the security of family love and unity.

As Mr. Joseph Tkach has said many times, "We are family." Brethren, how do you measure up as family? Whether within our physical or spiritual families we must work on measuring up.



## Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

## How do you measure up?

I read a newspaper column that asked readers an interesting question: "If you had it to do over again, would you have children?"

Seven out of 10 said, "No, I wouldn't have children if I had it to do all over again."

I wish they had asked me that question. My reply would have been: "Yes! Yes! Yes! A thousand times yes!"

I'm glad we had children. Having them was not a mistake, even though with children come problems.

They are helpless when they are babies, and sometimes smelly and noisy. Even when they get older they still spill things and are sometimes stubborn. But they are fun, a great joy to watch grow up, as they learn new things and finally become independent adults.

Following is a recipe for child rearing that is worth adding to any new parents' or grandparents' cookbook. I suggest you review the ingredients before you start cooking.

- 1 cup of Proverbs 22:6
- 2 tablespoons of Proverbs 19:13-14
- 1 dash of Proverbs 23:13
- 1 teaspoon of Proverbs 3:5-6
- one-half cup of Titus 2:1-7

Mix the ingredients, add a pound of persistence, a cup of love and blend until the right consistency. This recipe is recommended by the Creator of mankind. Add a pinch of Ephesians 6:4. Try it, you'll like it.

Sometimes my wife and I discuss for hours how we feel we have been "overtaken" with blessings (see Deuteronomy 28:1-2).

Shirley and I thank God daily that His commandments are living laws that if kept do absolutely bring rewards. I think we should count our blessings regularly. Please don't think me vain, but only thankful, as I count out loud for my newest blessing. We are overtaken with joy. God has blessed us with two sons and two fine daughters-in-law, and now two healthy grandchildren. Stephen I

have written about, but let me introduce you to grandchild No. 2.

David Matthew is his name (which means "beloved gift of the Lord") and love is his game. He has already captured his Opa's (that's me) heart. Born to our son, Matthew, and his wife, Ruth, June



OPA AND DAVID MATTHEW

30, 1987, at 6:35 a.m., 8 pounds 5½ ounces, 21 inches long.

It was a family affair and as Ruth's parents, the Helmuhs, our son, Nathan, and his wife, Melody, and my wife and I were standing outside the hospital nursery door window, tears were flowing, exclamations voiced and hugs given.

David was in his little bed under a warming lamp being given a thorough checkup by the nurse. She was checking his heart, lungs, ears, eyes, nose and mouth. She felt all along his arms, over his chest, his head, even the bottoms of his feet.

Occasionally David would fret a bit and the nurse would talk to him and pat him and he would sleep again. Then she would start again.

His head was measured, then his chest, then his length. When I say he was thoroughly checked and measured that's what I mean. He was in A-1 shape.

After a while our son, Matthew, came down the hall with a huge

## European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



## Gospel clearly evident for West Berlin's 750th

BOREHAMWOOD, England—Celebrations of Berlin's 750th anniversary are under way this year. The city's history is long and eventful.

### Berlin—visited and revisited

I first visited the divided city in the winter of 1983. There was no sign of the Gospel then. But things are different now. *Klar & Wahr*, the German-language edition of *The Plain Truth*, is clearly in evidence.

Earlier this year I was shocked to see issues of *Klar & Wahr* standing proudly on a news rack in West Berlin's downtown Zoo railway station.

*Klar & Wahr* is prominently displayed in several key locations. I was frankly astonished at the high-traffic areas like a key shopping point and busy underground (subway) stations. Imagine *The Plain Truth* on the Kurfuerstendamm—West Berlin's most famous downtown shopping street! Distribution of *Klar & Wahr* in West Berlin totals 225,000 copies.

Berlin is truly an international city with the Western section consisting of French, British and American sectors. One bookstore I visited has almost as many English-language volumes as German.

It came as no great shock to learn that 15,000 English, French and Italian *Plain Truths* have been distributed.

The accelerated newsstand pro-

gram takes advantage of increased tourist traffic during the 750th anniversary celebrations.

West Berlin is also a major stop-off point for people traveling in and out of the East bloc. Berlin has one subway system serving East and West Berlin. Travelers from East or West must clear border controls when crossing the border.

### Gospel to East-bloc citizens

Since distribution began in West Berlin last December, the Bonn Office has received requests for *Plain Truth* subscriptions from East Germany, Poland, Romania, Hungary and Czechoslovakia. So the Gospel is also getting to East-bloc citizens.

According to Wade Fransson, program coordinator, "Response to the newsstand program in Berlin has been 99 percent positive." Subway travelers are even asking for *Klar & Wahr* at outlets that do not distribute it.

Berlin is not without serious problems. Its citizens have coped with crisis after crisis. Berlin is a divided city. A wall separates its East-ern and Western sectors.

West Berlin is geographically isolated from West Germany. It is in the midst of East Germany. Moreover many young people are filled with frustration and restlessness. These frustrations surfaced during U.S. President Ronald Reagan's Berlin visit in June.

But Berlin has much to be thankful for—and much to celebrate.

# Tapes offered at Feast feature music of Festival film, soloists

By Kerri Miles

PASADENA—Festival of Music, Vol. III, a new set of four cassette tapes titled "We Are Family," will be available at U.S. and Canadian Feast sites this year, according to Ross Jutsum, director of Ambassador College Music Services.

Tape one includes songs with a family theme; tape two contains musical numbers from the 1986 Festival entertainment film; tape three features soloists from the Pasadena and Big Sandy college campuses; and tape four is special Sabbath music.

The tapes are in stereo and the album will include a message from Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach and a booklet with song lyrics.

"Mr. Tkach has been very much involved with these tapes," Mr. Jutsum said. His involvement included making decisions about the cover design and approving all selections of music.

Featured soloists include Ambassador College faculty members Roger Bryant, Gerald Bieritz and John Beaver; Kathryn Ames, wife of evangelist Richard Ames; William Daniels, a 1987 graduate; Ambassador College sophomore Colin Larose; and others. Other selections are performed by the

Young Ambassadors and the Ambassador College Concert Choir.

Some of the numbers were recorded in the Music Services' new recording studio. "In the past we've used audio facilities at Television," Mr. Jutsum explained. "But because of their busy schedules, we are now recording in our own 32-track studio in Ambassador Hall."

The new studio features Otari recording equipment and a Soundcraft 800B mixing console.

Contemporary selections were recorded in the new studio, and selections requiring a concert hall effect were recorded in the Ambassador Auditorium.

The cost of previous tape albums was \$15. This year there will be no

set price for the albums. "We want to stress the family concept," Mr. Jutsum said. "Some cannot afford it, and others can more than afford it. We would like those who cannot afford the tapes to be able to have them."

Although the albums are provided free, any voluntary donations as general gifts to the Worldwide Church of God will be accepted.

It is permissible to use second title for such contributions.

Plans call for the album to be available only at the Feast. When supplies run out, no orders will be taken.

Brethren in international areas will receive information about tapes from the regional offices.



**NEW STUDIO**—Tom Crabb (left) and Rick Peterson are shown in Music Services' new recording studio. Some numbers from the tapes to be made available at the Feast were recorded here. [Photo by Warren Watson]

# Zimbabwe: Brethren are 'God-oriented'

By Jeff Zhorne

PASADENA—In Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, with a population of about 429,000, "the brethren stick out, because they are well dressed and have well-behaved children. They wear their best to Sabbath services," said George Efthymoulos, who has pastored the church

since last September.

Mr. Efthymoulos, of Greek descent, was born in Rhodesia before it became known as Zimbabwe.

Since only five members own cars, attending activities is difficult. Most travel to services by bus. "Be-

cause the last bus leaves at 10.

Each month about 19 brethren attend a Sunday morning Bible study in a member's home in Gweru, Zimbabwe.

Zimbabwe, which is slightly smaller than California and has 8.5 million people, depends on mining exports and agriculture. English is the official language.

About a third of the employable Bulawayo brethren are unemployed, Mr. Efthymoulos said. "They're living in a depressed part of Zimbabwe, which is affected by the world recession."

One member, Joseph Mpofu, is editor of the national railway magazine; Stephen Chimusaru, a deacon, is a health inspector; and Stephen Tshabalala is self-employed. Some are teachers, and one couple, Keith and Winnie Keogh, are cattle ranchers living 40 miles north of Bulawayo.

For the Feast of Tabernacles almost all of the 98 Bulawayo brethren go to Mutare, Zimbabwe, on the eastern border. Most will take the train, a few the bus.

As in other areas, the Sabbath and Feast have caused some brethren to lose their jobs or have a difficult time being hired, according to Mr. Efthymoulos. "Every year somebody loses a job because of the Feast."

*Plain Truth* newsstand circulation is about 1,000 a month, with 600 going to Harare and 400 to Bulawayo. "When people who don't even have money for a newspaper receive *The Plain Truth*, you can be sure they're going to prize it."

"That's such a big blessing that none of us have to pay for God's truth," Mr. Efthymoulos said. "Even if you're unemployed and can't tithe, you still get the material."

Mr. Efthymoulos was ordained a local church elder in 1980. Until 1983 he ran a dry-cleaning business in his native country.

After 1983 the Efthymouloses moved to Cape Town, South Africa, where Mr. Efthymoulos worked for photographic and chemical companies and helped in the Church's regional office.

Mr. Efthymoulos was hired as a full-time minister last September. "It's very challenging," he said.

About serving as a church pastor, he said, "We're involved in the most important activity in the world at present."

Poppy Efthymoulos reflected on her new role as a pastor's wife. "I used to help my husband in the [dry-cleaning] shop. Now I help him with his other duties. We're dealing with people who have God's Spirit, are God-oriented and not of the world."

## ASEAN

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utive officers and senior executives from the Atlantic Richfield Co. (ARCO), Union Oil, Security Pacific, General Dynamics, Shearson/Lehman and other companies.

### Proclamations

Thomas Lapacka, assistant director of Media Purchasing, served as master of ceremonies on behalf of Mr. Hulme, who was not in Pasadena. After the dinner Mr. Lapacka introduced each of the ambassadors.

After Mr. Lapacka presented a proclamation from John Crowley, Pasadena mayor, and the city board of directors, he introduced Michael Antonovich, a member of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Antonovich also presented a proclamation to the ambassadors.

Ambassador Koh spoke and led a question-and-answer session.

"The initials ASEAN can also be understood to mean A Successful Effort at Neighborliness. And that is exactly what ASEAN has been," said Ambassador Koh.

"In the very first phase, the ASEAN leaders met regularly in order to remove the cobwebs of mistrust and mutual suspicions that had existed in the past and to create in their place feelings of confidence and mutual trust. We then developed a habit of consultation."

ASEAN was organized in 1967 in Bangkok, Thailand, to promote and expand economic growth, social progress, cultural development, peace and stability in the region.

"The relationship between the United States and ASEAN is not typical of the relationship between a rich country and a group of developing countries. It is not a one way street in which the ASEAN countries ask only for your help," Mr. Koh continued.

### Educational evening

"It was a very educational evening—to understand these nations. I sat with the Indonesian ambassador. The last time I was in Jakarta was in 1963, so it was interesting to see what has happened in that area since," said Dexter Faulkner, editor of the Church's publications.

"My wife, Judy, and I found the evening to be very profitable and enjoyable," Mr. Salyer said. "I was especially impressed with Ambassador Koh's comments about the fragile and tenuous economic trade situation in today's world. His striking comments, I feel, were sobering to all."

An official formerly with the Reagan administration who was involved in planning the ASEAN events said: "I want to thank Ambassador College and the Ambassador Foundation for the service they have provided this community—which is typical of the service that they provide this community on almost every day of the week—of bringing together interesting programs, interesting speakers, top-flight artists for the edification of Southern Californians."

"And whenever I need help, I call the Ambassador Foundation, and they're always there, ready to serve—efficiently and wonderfully well as you can see from this evening."

*This interview with George and Poppy Efthymoulos took place during the July 8 to 21 Ministerial Refreshing Program here. They have two sons. Olly, 30, works for the Church's Data Processing Center, and Nick, 29, is student body president at Big Sandy Ambassador College.*

fore or after services we have YOU [Youth Opportunities United] Bible studies or YES evaluations," said Mr. Efthymoulos. Even Saturday evening activities, however, have to end shortly after 9 p.m. be-



GEORGE AND POPPY EFTHYVOULOS

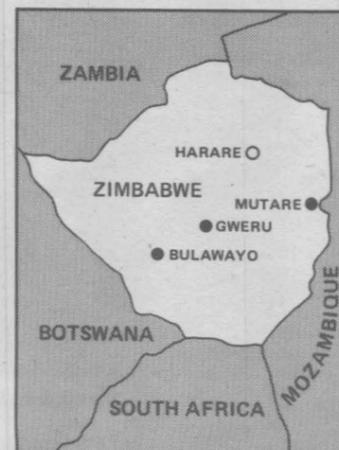
## Report from the Treasurer's Office

*Leroy Neff*

PASADENA—The year-to-date increase in income, which does not include Office Facilities Building fund contributions, is 6.1 percent. The budget is set at a 6 percent increase for the year, so we are still slightly above budget.

At the time of this report, the final expense figures are not in for the month. It appears, though, that they are just barely under budget. This means that income and expenses are now almost the same for the year. We have slowly lost the earlier positive spread between the figures.

Now is the time to pray that we not only recover that earlier position, but that our ways so please God that we can greatly increase our effectiveness.



**SOUTHERN AFRICA**—Brethren meet for services in Harare, the capital, and Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. [Map by Ronald Grove]

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# United States, Canadian, Australian YOU National Photo Contests

PASADENA—Youth Opportunities United (YOU) conducted a national photo contest in the United States. Canadian and Australian youths also participated in photo contests.

## United States

Kevin Tessier, 17, of Exeter, R.I., took the best overall color photograph, and Doug Goodwin, 15, of Maryland Heights, Mo., took the best overall black and white photograph in the U.S. contest.

Judges were Monte Wolverton, Editorial Services art director; Randall Cole, *Plain Truth* graphics editor; Michael Hale, *Youth 87* graphics editor; Sheila Graham, *Worldwide News* senior editor; Greg S. Smith, manager of the Church's Photography Services; and Warren Watson, senior photographer.

Those who placed first, second and third in each category will receive plaques.

**Action (color):** Doug Goodwin; Justin Kessinger, 13, State College, Pa.; Kevin Tessier.

**Action (black and white):** Donna Gergely, 17, Delran, N.J.; Darla Diggins, 17, Baltimore, Md.; Katherine Thornton, 17, Denver, Colo.

**Home life/family life (color):** Sharon Turner, 14, St. Joseph, Mo.; Jeanine Riggs, 16, Waco, Tex.; Rachel Snyder, 15, Oneida, Ill.

**Home life/family life (black and white):** Kevin Tessier; Doug Goodwin.

**Human interest (color):** Melissa Yelk, 14, De Forest, Wis.; Joan Hoffahrt, 18, Bloomington, Minn.; Dan Oblak, 18, Beaver Creek, Ohio.

**Human interest (black and white):** Doug Goodwin; Darla Diggins; Sharon Turner.

**Architecture, landscape, still life (color):** Kevin Tessier; Joan Hoffahrt; John Updegraff, 14, Costa Mesa, Calif.

**Architecture, landscape, still life (black and white):** Cheryl Dreyfus, 19, Earleville, Md.; Doug Goodwin; Shawn Cortelyou, 15, La Harpe, Ill.

## Canada

Eileen Tschetter, 18, of Win-

nipeg, Man., took the best overall color photograph in the Canadian photo contest. Doug Mylymok, 18, of Summerland, B.C., took the best overall black and white photograph.

Winners will receive plaques and cash prizes. Michael Guidolin and Donald Aikens, Vancouver, B.C., Office employees, judged the contest. Colin Adair, Canadian regional director, was overall evaluator.

Because there were few black and white entries, color and black and white photos were judged together. First, second and third places are as follows.

**Human interest:** Doug Mylymok; Eileen Tschetter; Iona Ward, 17, Leduc, Alta.

**Nature:** Eileen Tschetter; Darren Cardno, 18, Winnipeg; Doug Mylymok.

**Humorous:** Jeannie Lazar, 16, Sardis, B.C.; Doug Mylymok; Karen Quinn, 16, Godfrey, Ont.

**Unusual:** Eileen Tschetter; Jeannie Lazar; Doug Mylymok.

**Portrait:** Eileen Tschetter; Doug

Mylymok; Karen Quinn.

**General subject:** Jeannie Lazar and Eileen Tschetter (tie); Darren Cardno; Terri Bateman, 15, Prince George, B.C.

## Australia

Amanda Weir, 17, of Sydney took the best overall color photograph in the 1987 Australian photography contest.

Michele Flack, 16, of Adelaide took the best overall black and white photograph.

Colin Kelly, John Curry and Gary Regazzoli judged the photographs.

Contest winners will receive plaques or certificates. First, second and third places in each category are as follows:

**Unusual (color):** Amanda Weir; Michelle Evans, 16, Sydney; Barbara Van Heere, 16, Blaxland.

**Portrait (color):** Judy McLaughlin, 15, Bendigo; Lara Thornton, 17, Sydney; Zelko Lukacevic, 17, Sydney.

**General subject (color):** Paula Morrison, 19, Sydney; Bobby

Fahey, 15, Gold Coast; Joanne Pemberton, 14, Sydney.

**Action (color):** Louise Kleinbergs, 16, Sydney; Lara Thornton; Paula Morrison.

**Nature (color):** Daniel Thomas, 13, Perth; Michael Bray, 16, Sydney; Michelle Evans, 16, Sydney.

**Humor (color):** Michelle Evans; Lara Thornton; Rebecca Jester, 14, Sydney.

**Human interest (color):** Amanda Weir; Patricia Clark, 17, Grafton; Paula Morrison.

**Unusual (black and white):** Nat O'Reilly, 13, Bendigo; Sue Liu, 16, Sydney; Paul McLaughlin, 18, Bendigo.

**Portrait (black and white):** Sue Liu; Danielle Pemberton, 17, Sydney; Nat O'Reilly.

**General subject (black and white):** Chris O'Reilly, 15, Bendigo; Ruth Slade, 16, Bendigo; Paul McLaughlin.

**Nature (black and white):** Michele Flack.

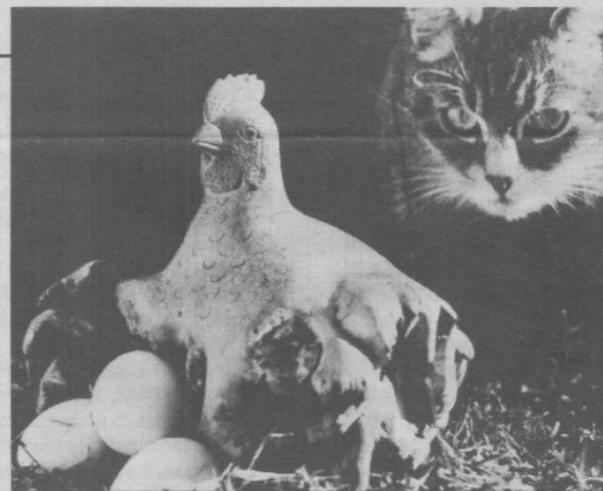
**Human interest (black and white):** Amanda Weir, Nat O'Reilly.



BEST BLACK AND WHITE (CANADA)  
DOUG MYLYMOK



BEST COLOR (U.S.)  
KEVIN TESSIER



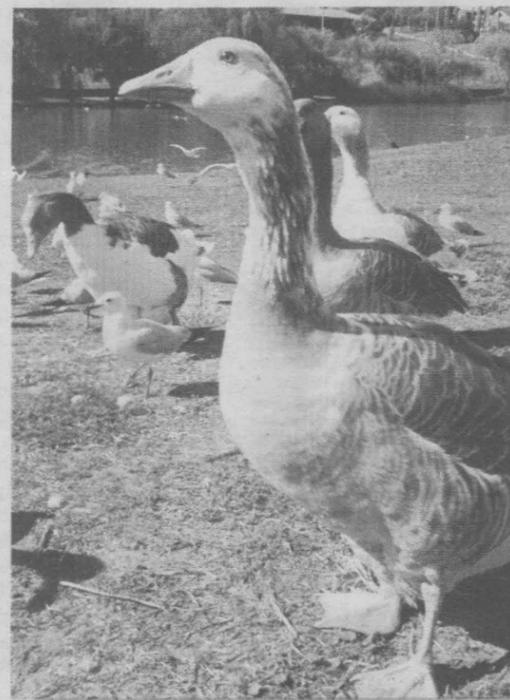
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BEST BLACK AND WHITE (AUSTRALIA)  
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# IRON SHARPENS IRON

## Facing the loneliest problem: Here's how to cope God's way

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Some years ago Editorial Services received a letter from a member going through a trial that most of us in God's Church do not have to face and, therefore, may have little understanding of. It is the trial of being unable to bear children.

I was so struck by the letter that I wrote an article for "Just One More Thing" about the problem. Since that time we've received many more letters from those suffering through that same trial, so I'm readdressing the subject here.

This member mentioned a number of situations that childless families face: feeling left out of church activities primarily designed for singles, YOU, senior citizens and families with children; or being considered in transition between being single and having a family.

The Church's teaching centers on the family, and so it should, but those without children sometimes come up against such thoughtless suggestions as that they have taken the easy life instead of following God's admonition to multiply and replenish the earth (Genesis 1:28).

Most of us grow up assuming that we will get married and have children. That's the natural course of events. Many couples these days even put off having children for a couple of years. And it comes as a shock when children don't come along as planned.

Some statistics indicate that one out of six couples has difficulty conceiving or carrying a pregnancy to full term. This may or may not hold true in God's Church, but there are childless couples in most of our congregations.

When people face trials, they go through a growing process—they are maturing spiritually. In the case of infertility, some couples ask: "Why is this happening to us? What have we done to deserve this? We really want children. Why can't we have them?"

Some feel defective, deformed, angry, hurt, empty and damaged. Others feel their spouses may come to no longer want them because they can't conceive. Others, still hoping for children, live from month to month anxiously anticipating signs of pregnancy. These experiences are all a part of the growing process.

Some well-intentioned people, trying to make conversation, are not aware of this particular problem. These are usually people who have one or more children, and have had no problem adding to their families. In some cases fertility has been the "problem" they have had to face.

Asking the childless couple, "Don't you want to have children?" or "Aren't you doing your part?" are the worst questions and should be left unasked (Proverbs 15:2). When people are having to face a trial and overcome it, casual remarks, however well intentioned, may only cause hurt, grief and pain.

As brethren working toward the same goal and trying to be overcomers, we should avoid putting stumbling blocks in front of others. It doesn't really matter what the trial may be, we all need to be more aware of others' feelings and not be so quick to make critical comments,

whether in jest or well meant.

On the other hand, those going through trials should be understanding of those who may be trying, however awkwardly, to show well-meaning concern. Give them the benefit of the doubt.

In overcoming any trial we grow



spiritually. This process of maturing involves viewing our trials in relationship to the overall picture of God's plan for us. The same holds true for childlessness.

Counsel with the ministry about being anointed for this problem. Then, too, realize that, often, not being able to conceive is a problem

that can be solved medically. Seek competent medical advice. When you have done what you can leave the rest in God's hands. Be like Paul: "Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content" (Philippians 4:11).

Your focus should not be on producing children, but should be God-oriented. Remember that the principle purpose of this life is to fulfill our commission as a Church, to be in the Kingdom of God and to teach others God's way of life.

If you are without children and have a talent for working with young people, become involved in the Youth Opportunities United activities in your church area. Support young people in their activities—go to their sporting events, participate in the fund-raising programs.

Even though church activities may not be directed specifically to the childless couple, you are a family and should be learning to be more a part of God's family by actively participating.

Don't limit your friends to other families without children. If you also make friends with couples who

## Senior secretary retires after 17 years of service

PASADENA—Data Processing Center employees honored Ellen Ware, 79, with a party and gifts June 5 for her service to the department. Mrs. Ware retired 17 years after beginning work for Data Processing June 5, 1970.

Everett Leisure, Data Processing manager, presented Mrs. Ware with a gold pen set and bracelet.

Mrs. Ware was the oldest full-time employee of the Church in Pasadena, according to the Personnel Office here. She began working for Data Processing at age 62.

Mrs. Ware served as senior secretary in the administrative section. "Over the years she's done all kinds of things," said Mr. Leisure. He added that Mrs. Ware is always "the life of the party."

"She's rather spry—always upbeat. She's always been a positive and motherly influence," he said.

Mrs. Ware worked for the United States government for 30 years, beginning with seven years at a federal bank in Houston, Tex. She worked as a court reporter and secretary in the legal office of a U.S. Naval Air Station in Florida at age 39, and she was later transferred to Memphis, Tenn. She retired from government service in 1969.

Mrs. Ware became interested in the Church through her daughter, Joan Turpin, a Church member, and began attending services in Memphis. She was baptized March 24, 1964. She moved to Pasadena in 1970, after she counseled with the ministry.

Although she had accounting experience, she had to learn computer and word processing skills. "I had never worked in data processing," she said. "I figured if I could make it

through that first week I would stay."

Mrs. Ware said she found the department a "wonderful place to work. I never slowed down."

"I felt like now is a good time to quit working," Mrs. Ware said. Mrs. Ware added that although she's retired, she'll be busy reading and reviewing Church publications.

"I have so much to do. I still wake up at 6 o'clock in the morning," she said.

have children, you will have opportunities to participate in parent-child activities and learn from them.

The member who wrote to Editorial mentioned that they "rented" children for a weekend, giving parents a break and a chance to be with each other. That is all well and good, but don't forget why you are taking care of the children—to give—not to try to fill a void in your life.

A good example is a couple who do not have children but have a lot of young friends. Before and after services you can see the wife, especially, surrounded by youngsters of all ages—visiting and encouraging them. She also writes stories for children, using the knowledge she has learned to teach many more

children than she could if she had her own.

Children are a gift and blessing from God (Psalm 127:3). But God also knows our needs, our desires and our potentials. He knows what we need to develop the right character to qualify for His Kingdom.

If you are childless you know nothing can satisfy the natural desire to have children (Proverbs 30:15-16). But remember and be encouraged by our incredible goal and purpose. Whether or not we can have children in this life, we are privileged to be an integral part of the most awe-inspiring reproductive process going on in the history of the universe—God reproducing Himself.

## PERSONAL

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from the "bondage of corruption" it has suffered these nearly 6,000 years of human domination.

"For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. And not only they, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body" (verses 22-23).

That redemption is just around the corner! For the whole creation and for each of us. How excited are we about that calling? Are we putting our hearts into coming out of this world and growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ? Are we really putting the Kingdom of God first?

The Philadelphia Church is characterized as having little strength. Their attitude is one of Godly humility. They recognize their own weakness, and their need for the strength of Jesus Christ. They know they are helpless without Him.

They are also described as keeping God's Word, and not denying His name. They are faithful, relying on the Word of

God, not the world around them, as the authority about how to live. They are true reflections of their Master, Jesus Christ, in the way they live and think. Jesus is not ashamed to call them by His own name, that is, to call them brethren (Hebrews 2:11).

The Philadelphians are those who keep "the word of my patience" (Revelation 3:10, Authorized Version). As Jesus instructed, they "endure unto the end." They diligently heed the counsel of the apostle Peter: "Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever" (II Peter 3:17-18, AV).

Brethren, let's understand just how much God cares about each one of us. As we put our hearts into doing the great Work He has set on our shoulders, let's never forget that it is His Work, NOT OURS, and that He is doing it through those who truly submit their lives to Him! Let's concentrate on GROWTH—personal spiritual growth! As we do, we'll be surprised at how much God can accomplish through us in doing His Work!

## BE READY TO GIVE AN ANSWER

### REGIONAL DIRECTORS

The Church has 12 regional offices serving 12 geographic or language areas.

"The regional director is responsible for planning, controlling, staffing, evaluating and budgeting the various activities within the region," according to Joseph Tkach Jr., assistant director of Church Administration in Pasadena.

"A regional director may also serve as office manager or delegate that responsibility to someone within the office. He directs the ministry and churches within the region," Mr. Tkach added.

The farthest office from Pasadena is in Cape Town, South Africa, 10,165 miles (16,264 kilometers) away. Regional directors, all of whom are evangelists or pastors, and their wives, office locations and the areas they serve, follow:

**Colin and Margaret Adair**  
Vancouver, B.C.—Canada.

**Dibar and Shirley Apartian**  
Pasadena—French-speaking areas.

**Stan and Millicent Bass**  
San Juan, Puerto Rico—English-speaking Caribbean.

**Frank and Sharon Brown**  
Borehamwood, England—United Kingdom, Middle East, Scandinavia and East and West Africa.

**Carn and Joyce Catherwood**  
Pasadena—Italian-speaking areas.

**Bram and Geertruida de Bree**  
Nieuwegein, Netherlands—Dutch-speaking areas.

**Robert and Evelyn Fahey**  
Burleigh Heads, Australia—Australia and Asia.

**John and Kristina Karlson** (acting regional director) Bonn, West Germany—German-speaking areas.

**Rodney and Ruth Matthews**  
Manila, Philippines—Philippines.

**Leslie and Marion McCullough**  
Cape Town, South Africa—southern Africa.

**Peter and Karen Nathan**  
Auckland, New Zealand—New Zealand and the South Pacific.

**Leon and Reba Walker**  
Pasadena—Spanish-speaking areas.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTHS

AMY, Charles and Nancy (Hill), of Lafayette, La., girl, Lena Addie, June 15, 8:47 a.m., 6 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 7 girls.

ARSENEAULT, Larry and Sandra (Raessler), of Calgary, Alta., boy, Nathaniel Aaron, May 17, 5:58 a.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 boys.

BINNION, Neale and Karen (Webb), of Melbourne, Australia, boy, Timothy Edward Neale, May 14, 10:30 p.m., 4 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

BOOHER, Tony and Suzanne (Smith), of Kingsport, Tenn., boy, Kevin Andrew, June 15, 4:48 p.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

CHAMBERLAIN, Larry and Renee (Roper), of Apple Valley, Calif., boy, Curtis Neil, Feb. 13, 4:37 a.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 boys.

CLARK, Thomas and Mary (Riner), of Pasadena, girl, Rachel Cherie, July 10, 1:47 p.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

CURRY, Timothy and Bettie (Bone), of Paducah, Ky., boy, Zachary Nelson, April 29, 3:30 p.m., 9 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 boys.

ELLAMS, Bryan and Tania (Hodgetts), of Gloucester, England, boy, Michael Bryan Benjamin, May 4, 5:46 a.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

FENSKY, Dan and Donna (Watson), of Calgary, Alta., girl, Dara Joan, May 31, 3:07 p.m., 9 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

FIECH, Kurt and Shelley (Dawson), of Lombard, Ill., girl, Nina Nicole, May 27, 11:09 a.m., 8 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, first child.

FORSLAND, Rolf and Linda (Wullum), of Ottawa, Ont., boy, Rolfand Joseph, Feb. 15, 11:46 p.m., 11 pounds 6 ounces, now 5 boys.

GALIPO, Steve and Cindy (Lara), of Reseda, Calif., girl, Jennifer Lynn, May 12, 2:06 a.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

GATTMAN, Robert and LaVonna (Krupkat), of Tonasket, Wash., girl, Staca Roxanne, March 4, 8:20 p.m., 11 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

GONDER, William and Victoria (Kasper), of Dallas, Tex., girl, Jessica Marie, May 7, 8 pounds, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HAGEN, Dwight and Barbara (Wilson), of Tisdale, Sask., girl, Whitney Mary Vera, March 26, 8:45 p.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, now 3 boys, 2 girls.

HALSTEAD, Lance and Debbie (Hoyle), of Thunder Bay, Ont., girl, Michelle Lee-Anne Dana, Nov. 14, 1986, 11:16 a.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

HLALU, Mongezi Zacharia and Audrey Tam-Tam (Audrey), of Port Elizabeth, South Africa, boy, Timothy Siyabulela, May 27, 12:55 a.m., 4.19 kilograms, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

HOPKINS, Gary and Gerda (Pfeiffer), of Bonn, West Germany, girl, Gina Margarita, July 3, 10:42 p.m., 7 pounds, now 4 girls.

HUGHES, Glenn and Christine (Parker), of Sydney, Australia, boy, Evan Gower, June 5, 3 a.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

JENKINS, Matt and Shelly (West), of Houston, Tex., boy, Clayton Thomas, May 8, 9:08 p.m., 6 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

KESSLER, Jack and Gall (Lawrence), of Los Angeles, Calif., boy, Samuel Holden, June 30, 3:28 a.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

McCLOUD, Jeff and Judy (Campbell), of St. Joseph, Mo., girl, Kristen Michelle, June 19, 12:38 p.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

McQUOID, Tim and Tammy (Sanders), of Soldotna, Alaska, boy, Scott Ian, July 3, 11:29 a.m., 9 pounds 3 1/2 ounces, first child.

MELWANI, Gope and Sonia (Belani), of Montvale, N.J., boy, Dave Gope, June 20, 2:44 a.m., 5 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

MESSER, Gary and Clarissa (Halley), of Kingman, Ariz., boy, Troy Gary, May 15, 6 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

PEREZ, Raymundo and Esperanza (Rodriguez), of El Paso, Tex., boy, Raymundo, July 3, 6:53 a.m., 6 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

PETTITT, George and Monique (Huot), of Windsor, Ont., boy, Richard Jason, June 19, 5:57 p.m., 8 pounds 14 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys.

PUZAK, Timothy and Patricia (Martinez), of Albuquerque, N.M., girl, Amaris Shari, June 8, 7:35 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

RUMBAUGH, Carl and Terri (Riggs), of Har-

risburg, Pa., girl, Gina Maria, July 4, 1:22 p.m., 7 pounds 15 1/2 ounces, now 3 girls.

SAXIN, Bernt and Olga (Sadowitsch), of Hujom, Sweden, twin boy and girl, Pierre Stefan Aron and Elin Olga Victoria, Nov. 15, 1986, 7:20 p.m., 1.5 kilograms and 1.57 kilograms, now 3 boys, 2 girls.

SCHNEIDER, Vincent and Becky (Doak), of Akron, Ohio, boy, Dustin Anthony, June 7, 7:39 a.m., 10 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

SCOTT, Dale and Bernadette (Kramer), of Moorcroft, Wyo., boy, Joseph Allen, June 23, 9:21 p.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 3 boys, 4 girls.

STEINFORT, Richard and Philomena (Gonska), of Zoetermeer, Netherlands, boy, Dustin-Michael, May 12, 7 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

STOECKLE, Peter and Claudia (Eisermann), of Bonn, West Germany, boy, Nathanael, June 8, 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys.

TINWORTH, Graham and Kym (Halvorsen), of Ipswich, Australia, boy, Drew Graham, March 12, 8:58 p.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

TINWORTH, John and Tina (Barbera), of Brisbane, Australia, boy, Bradley John, May 24, 12:35 p.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

TINWORTH, Paul and Rae (Halvorsen), of Ipswich, Australia, girl, Sarah Jade, June 28, 3:01 a.m., 9 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 girls.

UGWUEZUONU, Patrick and Laeticia (Nkwocha), of Owerri, Nigeria, girl, Ifeoma Yvonne, May 15, 9:22 p.m., 3.5 kilograms, now 3 girls.

WOOTON, Scott and Ruth (Andreas), of Madisonville, Ky., girl, Morgan Brittany, June 13, 7:35 a.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

YODER, Owen and Penny (Thrasher), of Columbus, Ohio, girl, Lauren Marie, June 29, 4:45 a.m., 8 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Graham of Kalispell, Mont., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Hiedi-Marie Mayo to John J. Vogele Jr. of Billings, Mont. A fall wedding in Kalispell is planned.

The brethren of the Manchester, England, church are happy to announce the engagement of Margaret Rutherford to John Leary. A Sept. 20 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hale Sr. are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Eithelene "Missy" Hale of San Francisco, Calif., to Ronald Joseph Pipion, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Pipion of Los Angeles, Calif. A September wedding is planned.

George G. Cooper of Lexington, Ky., wishes to announce the engagement of his daughter Denise to James M. Walker of Orlando, Fla. An Aug. 8 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dellinger of Indianapolis, Ind., are happy to announce the engagement of their only daughter, Debra Jean of Houston, Tex., to John Daniel Boerner, son of Mary Boerner of Beaumont, Tex. A Sept. 20 wedding in Indianapolis is planned.

## WEDDINGS



**MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH WIRTH V**  
Virginia Ann Farrell, daughter of Ray and Ann Anderson of Port Allegany, Pa., and Joseph M. Wirth V, son of Leonard and Anita Jakubowski of Arcade, N.Y., were united in marriage May 31. The ceremony was performed by Warren Heaton III, then pastor of the Buffalo South and Clean, N.Y., churches. Colleen Farrell, sister of the

bride, was maid of honor, and Michael Wirth, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in Hamburg, N.Y.



**MR. AND MRS. DAVID HOOPER**  
Christine Elaine Bull, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bull, and David Reid Hooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hooper, were united in marriage March 29. The ceremony was performed by Greg Johnson, associate pastor of the Cleveland, Ohio, East and West churches. Loree Weiss, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Kevin Hooper was best man. The couple reside in Olmsted Falls, Ohio.



**MR. AND MRS. R. SHEPHERD**  
Julie Maree Wallis and Robert Jeffery Shepherd were united in marriage May 3 in Melbourne, Australia. The ceremony was performed by Gavin Cullen, pastor of the Melbourne North and West churches. Dalal Smiley was matron of honor, and Ray Somerville was best man. The couple reside in Melbourne.



**MR. AND MRS. JEFFERY SWIHART**  
Jeffery Allen Swihart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Swihart of Dayton, Ohio, and Jacqueline Walton, daughter of Linda Walton of Hebron, Ky., were united in marriage Nov. 29, 1986. The ceremony was performed by the groom's father, a minister in the Dayton church. The couple reside in Dayton.



**MR. AND MRS. A. BENEDETTO**  
Lyn Marie Vernich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

William A. Vernich of Nashville, Tenn., and Andrew Benedetto, son of Andy Benedetto of Pasadena and Francesca Benedetto of Drexel Hill, Pa., were united in marriage May 17 on the Pasadena Ambassador College campus. The bride's father, a minister in the Nashville church, performed the ceremony. Patti Hoag, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Bruce Bell was best man. The couple reside in Newtown Square, Pa.



**MR. AND MRS. SCOTT ROBINSON**  
Mr. and Mrs. James V. Riddle of Rosendale, Mo., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Sharolyn Shaw to Scott Warren Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Robinson of Perry, Kan. The ceremony was performed March 22 by Stanley McNeil, pastor of the St. Joseph, Mo., and Topeka, Kan., churches. Wynn Patterson was maid of honor, and the groom's father was best man. The couple reside in Perry.



**MR. AND MRS. TRAVIS CORBIN**  
Sherry Lynn Sowell, daughter of Charles and Carolyn Hendrix of Caryville, Fla., and Travis LaDell Corbin, son of Travis and Zena Corbin of Chipley, Fla., were united in marriage June 21 in Chipley. Don Waterhouse, pastor of the Geneva, Ala., and Fort Walton Beach, Fla., churches, performed the ceremony. Terri Bevans was maid of honor, and Shane Smith was best man.



**MR. AND MRS. R. EDMONDSON**  
Reese Edmondson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin L. Edmondson, and Chantale Guay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles-Eugene Guay, were united in marriage May 24 on the Pasadena Ambassador College campus. The ceremony was performed in English and French by evangelists Dean Blackwell and Dibr Apartian. Marguerite Dubois was maid of honor, and the groom's father was best man. The couple, both 1987 Pasadena Ambassador College graduates, reside in Pasadena.



**MR. AND MRS. ROY SUGGS**  
Angie Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Rape of Eastman, Ga., and Roy Suggs, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Suggs of Malvern, Ark., were united in marriage June 28 in Dublin, Ga. The ceremony was performed by David Mills, pastor of the Dublin, Columbus and Macon, Ga., churches. The couple reside in Dublin.



**MR. AND MRS. F. ABERCROMBIE**  
Edna Louise (Nicole) Clark of the Alaskan Kenai Peninsula and Frank West Abercrombie of Las Vegas, Nev., were united in marriage May 9. Bernard Schnippert, then pastor of the Kingman, Ariz., and Las Vegas churches, performed the ceremony. The couple reside in Las Vegas.

## ANNIVERSARIES

Walter Marcus and Anita (Bach) Arnett celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary July 25. Mr. and Mrs. Arnett were baptized in 1976. They have three daughters and one son.

## ANNIVERSARIES MADE OF GOLD



**MR. AND MRS. ERNEST MARSH**  
Ernest and Irene Marsh exchanged wedding vows June 28, 1937. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with the Santa Rosa, Calif., church after Sabbath services June 27. The Marshes have three daughters, five grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Marsh was baptized in 1975, and Mr. Marsh was baptized in 1980.



**MR. AND MRS. BOB BAIR**  
The four children of Bob and Mary Bair honored their parents with a 50th wedding anniversary celebration April 26. A reception followed. The Bairs' four children, 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren attended the celebration, along with Church members and other friends. The Bairs were married May 1, 1937.



**MR. AND MRS. LOUIS SZABO**  
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Szabo of Pasadena observed their 50th wedding anniversary July 24. The Szabos have four children and seven grandchildren. Mrs. Szabo was baptized in 1964.

## OBITUARIES

PRITCHETT, Grant Allen, 6 days, of Pasadena died July 8 of leukemia. Grant is survived by his parents, Larry and Vicki; a sister, Laura; a brother, Bret; a grandfather, R.C. Pritchett; and grandparents, Richard and Dolores Witham. Graveside services were conducted by Fred Stevens, a minister in the Pasadena Auditorium A.M. church.

TAYLOR, Mrs. Ray S., 84, of New Orleans, La., died May 26. She has been a Church member since 1964. Mrs. Taylor is survived by a sister, Myrtle Pierce; a niece, Geraldine Montgomery; two great-nephews; and several great-nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral services were conducted by Al Kersh, pastor of the New Orleans church.

JOSE, Michael Ross, 68, of Fairfield, Calif., died June 23. He has been a Church member since 1984. Mr. Jose is survived by his wife, Darlene, also a Church member; and three sons, Tim, Leonard and Russell. Funeral services were conducted by Arthur Docken, pastor of the Fairfield and Santa Rosa, Calif., churches.

EDGAR, Mary Madge, 56, of Enterprise, Ala., died June 22 of cancer. She has been a Church member for 21 years. Mrs. Edgar is survived by her husband, Lyvon; two daughters, Diane Jocks and Denise Jocks; a son, Richard; and seven grandchildren. Don Waterhouse, pastor of the Geneva, Ala., and Fort Walton Beach, Fla., churches, conducted funeral services.

MOREHOUSE, James O., 54, of Wisconsin Dells, Wis., died June 11 of a heart attack. He has been a Church member for 21 years. Mr. Morehouse is survived by his wife, Norma, and daughter Kathline Fry, both Church members; two sons, Daniel and Thomas; and four other daughters, Molly, Laura, Beth and Dianne. Funeral services were conducted by Norman Strayer, pastor of the Wisconsin Dells and Wausau, Wis., churches.

JERMAKOWICZ, Mary Jane, 48, of Maryville, Tenn., died March 12 after an eight-year bout with cancer. She has been a Church member since 1970. Mrs. Jermakowicz is survived by her husband, Harry, and daughters, Karen Brackett, Kay and Pamela. Funeral services were conducted in Tennessee by John Comino, pastor of the Knoxville and Cookeville, Tenn., churches, and in Ohio by David Orban, pastor of the Pittsburgh and Beaver Valley, Pa., churches. Interment was in Youngstown, Ohio.

POPE, Jeanette C., 47, of Columbus, Ga., died June 18 after a long illness. She has been a Church member since 1967. Mrs. Pope is survived by her husband, J. Edwin, a local church elder in the Columbus church; one son, Joseph Jr.; two daughters, Juli Rasmussen and Donna Chivers; and one grandson, Brian Mark Chivers. Funeral services were conducted by David Mills, pastor of the Columbus, Dublin and Macon, Ga., churches.

OVERTON, Harriet, 74, of Tampa, Fla., died June 10 of cancer. She has been a Church member since 1973. Mrs. Overton is survived by her husband, Frank, a Church member, and a sister. Graveside services were conducted by Roy Demarest, pastor of the Tampa church.

BURKS, Ben, 68, of Chicago, Ill., died June 10. He was baptized in 1965. Mr. Burks is survived by his wife, Ardelma, also a Church member. Graveside services were conducted by Arnold Hampton, pastor of the Chicago Southside church.

PETTUS, Donna Mae, 72, of Lapine, Ala., died June 23. She has been a Church member since 1972. Ralph Orr, pastor of the Montgomery and Monroeville, Ala., churches, conducted funeral services.

BIDDULPH, Beverley Marie, 51, of Dingo, Australia, died June 20 after a five-month bout with cancer. She has been a Church member since 1971. Mrs. Biddulph is survived by her husband, Peter; children, Michael, Sean, Anne, Craig and Mark; and her stepfather, Herbert Bennett, a Church member. Orest Solyma, pastor of the Mackay, Cairns, Clermont, Malanda, Rockhampton and Townsville, Australia, churches, conducted graveside services.

## Letters TO THE EDITOR

### "Who Pushes Your Swing?"

Your recent article "Who Pushes Your Swing?" in *The Worldwide News* [March 23] was so inspiring that I found myself putting it into rhyme. . .

When I was small my Daddy  
Used to push me in the swing.  
I trusted him implicitly,  
Not doubting anything.

His hands were strong and full of love  
And strength was in his arms.  
When Daddy pushed me in the swing  
I had no fear of harm.

But if some stranger came my way

And gave my swing a thrust  
And pushed me high up in sky  
I quickly lost my trust.

I'd hold on tightly to the ropes  
For dear life I'd be clinging  
Until this foe would let me go  
And quickly I'd stop swinging.

Now that I've grown much older  
I reflect on all those things;  
The trust I put in his strong hands  
When Daddy pushed my swing.

So when the seas of life get rough  
and high winds whip my sails,  
When waves are crashing over me  
There's One who never fails.

I reach for Father's loving hand  
And then my glad heart sings!  
The seas of life are calm again  
When He controls the swing!

Dixie Faulk  
Winter Garden, Fla.

### Encouraging examples

I was very moved when I read the article about Mrs. [Alice] Reyer [*WN*, May 11]. It really hit home, as she died the day of my father's funeral. . .

In the several years of his illness he was in agonizing pain, and to my knowledge it very seldom ever let up. I know that even the medication he took made very little difference. He never complained about being sick. . .

Our family had known Mr. [Joseph] Tkach when I was at Ambassador College and Dad was working at the press. Mr. Tkach called my father last winter to let him know he was thinking of him and praying for him. My father was so very moved that Mr. Tkach would take time out of his incredibly busy schedule to call him. It was very inspiring to my mother and me, too!

Deborah L. Keith  
Spokane, Wash.

## Labeled Envelopes Save Money

PASADENA—U.S. members play an important role in helping the Mail Processing Center (MPC) efficiently process donations. "By using Church-produced envelopes with preprinted address labels, members have made it possible for us to streamline data entry of donation information," said evangelist Richard Rice, MPC director.

In 1986 MPC here received 1,331,000 letters containing contributions. Because 85 percent of the envelopes were labeled, operators handled these envelopes quickly, and the Church saved \$50,000. Names, addresses and index numbers (which appear just above the name) are printed on these labels. Operators can update any file by typing in the index number and donation information.

"Since the Fall Holy Days are just around the corner, we would like to remind members to use the labeled envelopes we provide. We would also like to thank them for their diligence in this matter," Mr. Rice said.

# Ammonia gas leak fells woman: God gave her strength to survive

By Tom Henager

HOUSTON, Tex.—“I am positive that God is healing me, because I’m improving day by day. I just keep pushing,” said Etta Lee, 48, a member who attends the Houston West church and formerly a United States Dairy Association meat inspector.

Mrs. Lee suffered injuries when an ammonia gas line ruptured Jan. 10, 1986, at a meat packing plant in Sealy, Tex.

minutes. Kenneth Giese, Houston West and Victoria, Tex., pastor, anointed her.

Twenty-five people were injured, with various degrees of injury ranging from severe respiratory problems to burns on the eyes and face. Most couldn’t talk for about a month. Four months later, one person was still hospitalized.

Ammonia gas irritates the respiratory tissues and mucous mem-

branes, causing swelling and closing of airways. There are usually long periods of recovery, with death in some cases.

When the ammonia line ruptured, the escaping gas sprayed directly toward Mrs. Lee, who was in the most hazardous area.

But after only three days in intensive care, where she was unable to see and experienced difficult breathing, she returned to the regular hospital

and stayed two more weeks.

Swallowing proved so painful that eating was impossible.

But, later, as Mrs. Lee reflected on the events of that frightful morning, she remembered how God had answered her cry for help.

She didn’t panic or become disoriented as other people did but, trusting God, was able to think and keep going. “God gave me strength to keep going, and I didn’t become terribly frightened.”

“The important thing is that God intervened and got that door open,” she said. “Had that not happened, I would be much worse today.”

Today, more than 18 months later, Mrs. Lee is still recovering but feels greatly improved. She

copies with an asthmatic condition and a lung obstruction.

Her vision returned, and her voice continues to improve. In August, 1986, Mrs. Lee said her voice sounded like someone who has smoked for 30 years, although she has not smoked.

She added that she is still susceptible to cigarette smoke and exhaust and cleaning fumes. “I have to be very careful about those things. I tire easily and know that I may never be like I was.”

“I just hope this will be encouraging for members—that God does intervene whenever we have trials,” Mrs. Lee said.

Feb. 28 she received a medical disability retirement from the meat packing plant.

Tom Henager is a member who attends the Houston, Tex., West church.

Without warning that Friday morning, the slaughtering area became instantly filled with a cloud of gas, causing intense stinging and burning. Mrs. Lee began praying for strength and help.

Searching for the back door, she felt her way along familiar pipes and other objects. Most of the workers were moving toward another door, where many stumbled over one another and fell to the floor.

Mrs. Lee remembers thinking that if she were to quit and wait for help she would not survive. “I was really praying,” she told *The Worldwide News* July 22. She kept her mind on God and continued moving.

Rescue workers found her after opening a side door that was seldom used and usually locked.

In the fresh air, Mrs. Lee vomited a substance formed by ammonia gas and was taken with other employees to an area hospital for emergency treatment. Some were airlifted by helicopter to larger hospitals in Houston.

At the hospital Mrs. Lee washed out her mouth with a medicinal solution and showered for about 20

# He wouldn’t trade truth for use of arms, legs

By Lyle V. Simons

CASTLEGAR, B.C.—The first thing that strikes visitors about Herman Grande is his smile. Mr. Grande, 52, cannot move his arms or legs because of a tumor on his spine.

Lyle V. Simons pastors the Castlegar and Creston, B.C., and Colville, Wash., churches.

Mr. Grande was born in Poland in 1935 and moved to Canada in 1953, where he worked in the logging business for 20 years. He married his wife, Solvig, in 1956. They had five children, but two died.

A tree fell on Mr. Grande’s shoulder in 1965 and broke it in three places. After two months Mr. Grande returned to work. Three years later doctors discovered a tumor on his spine. An operation in 1969 and radiation treatments kept him mobile for nearly nine years.

But the tumor reappeared, and Mr. Grande quit work in 1975. Unable to walk after his last radiation treatment in 1977, he lost the use of his arms shortly afterward.

Mr. Grande subscribed to *The*

*Plain Truth* after he began listening to the *World Tomorrow* broadcast in 1960. He attended a public lecture in 1974 and began serious study in 1978. He asked for a ministerial visit two years later and was baptized in 1983.

Mr. Grande uses a stick with an eraser on it to operate an electronic panel, donated by the Lions Club, to control his radio, television, lights, tape recorder and intercom.

The Grades live in the logging community of Canal Flats, more than 300 kilometers (about 185 miles) from Castlegar. Though Mr. Grande is not able to attend services, he keeps up to date on the activities of the Church through sermon tapes and Church publications.

Mr. Grande would not trade the knowledge of God’s Word for the use of his arms and legs. He feels the spiritual blessings he receives far outweigh the physical handicap.

He is a living example of Romans 8:18, “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us” (New King James).



**UNHINDERED TALENT**—Not only does Herman Grande, a quadriplegic member in British Columbia, use his mouth to operate a stick to turn pages in the Bible, but also to move a brush to oil paint. [Photo by Lyle V. Simons]

# ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

## Folks find fishing full of fun, fellowship

Sixty Pasadena Imperial P.M. brethren and guests from other Pasadena churches headed out to sea from San Pedro, Calif., Saturday evening July 11 on the *Freedom*, an 85-foot chartered fishing boat.

At about 6 the next morning the boat stopped and fishing began. Within minutes fish began coming in. Brethren caught cod, perch,

flounder, whitefish, mackerel, sea bass, sculpin and tree fish.

“Myson had a hook up with a yellowtail, but he lost it,” said Fred Patton, a deacon and avid fisherman who organized the trip.

Mr. Patton caught 18 fish, including the largest catch of the day—a calico bass that weighed about 10 pounds. Judging from the weight and size, he said the fish was

about 25 years old.

“Those calico bass grow very slowly,” he said. “The deckhands were absolutely amazed at it. I think they were even more amazed at how I caught it. I was using those plastic worms.”

Mr. Patton said that the crew was “surprised at the number of fish we took. When you see weather that beautiful and the water that calm and that many fish you know that God has to be in on it.”

“It was a lot of fun, a good experience to get out on the ocean and see if I could catch anything,” said Melodie Powell. “The first part to conquer was putting the squid or anchovies on the line. I caught seven fish—rock cod, a calico bass and a few smaller ones.”

The group, which included 18 women, fished until about 2 p.m., when the boat headed back to San Pedro. The skipper of the boat commented that usually by that time the wind would be blowing and the boat would be bucking waves all the way in, but the water was like glass. He said he hadn’t seen it so calm.

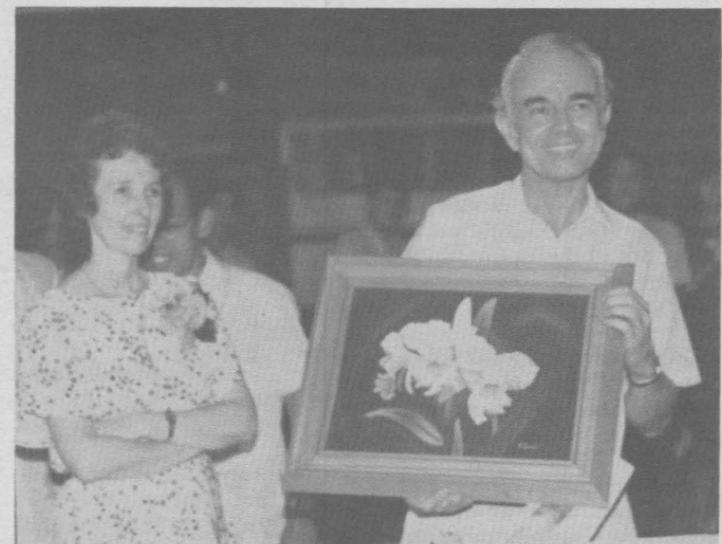
The boat contained bunks for everyone and a galley where snacks, breakfasts and lunches could be purchased.

“The people were so cooperative in the galley. Everything was kosher just for us,” Mr. Patton said.

Activities while the boat returned to San Pedro included talking, playing cards, sleeping and watching the crew clean and fillet the fish. *Kerri Miles.*



**FUND RAISER**—As part of a goal to raise \$10,000 (Australian) for the Office Facilities Building fund, Melbourne North and West members wreck a house. Pastor Gavin Cullen (pictured) and about 75 people participated in the project, including women who stacked bricks, tile, timber and anything else that could be sold.



**A PHILIPPINE FAREWELL**—Brethren presented Guy Ames, regional director in the Philippines for more than six years, and his wife, Helen, this painting June 14 before he was transferred to pastor the Lakeland, Fla., church. [Photo by Simeon Gonzales]

## Regional director leaves

Manila, Philippines, brethren honored Guy Ames and his wife, Helen, at a *barrio fiesta* (village feast) June 14. Mr. Ames served six years and five months as regional director for the Philippines. He is now pastor of the Lakeland, Fla., church.

Mr. Ames also served in the Philippines from 1963 to 1965 and from 1968 to 1970.

The fiesta included games for the children, basketball, a potluck dinner, entertainment and dancing.

On behalf of the brethren and

ministers throughout the Philippines, Mr. and Mrs. Ames received a hand-carved Philippine wood coffee table depicting scenes from traditional Philippine life, crystal glasses and area paintings.

The week before he left Mr. Ames went to three areas to meet with the Philippine ministers, and spoke to 1,329 brethren at Sabbath services June 13.

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach appointed Rodney Matthews to serve as regional director in the Philippines. *Eleazar V. Flores.*

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

## UPDATE

PASADENA—July 5 at 9:30 a.m., a new door opened for the work in the German-speaking area. At that time *The World Tomorrow* first aired on RTL Plus, Luxembourg's largest television station.

This is the first time the telecast has appeared on television in the German-speaking area.

"The coverage now only reaches into the Saar region of West Germany," said evangelist **David Hulme**, director of Communications & Public Affairs.

The telecast is aired with a German voice-over by **Norbert Link**, a native of Solingen, West Germany, and an assistant to **Ralph Helge**, the Church's legal counsel.

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PASADENA—*Youth 87* goes into 147 countries and territories, according to **Dexter Faulkner**, editor of the Church's publications.

In the past 1½ years subscribers have been added from Anguilla, Comoros, Cook Islands, Ethiopia, French Guiana, Iceland, Iraq, Liechtenstein, Nauru, Nepal, North Korea, Gambia, Togo, Yemen Arab Republic and Zaire.

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PASADENA—Forty-two people in the United States have been co-workers since the mid to late 1940s, according to evangelist **Richard Rice**, director of the Mail Processing Center.

The longest-serving co-worker was added in December, 1945.

"Although not yet called to be members of God's Church at this time, they have been faithfully fulfilling their calling as co-workers by supporting the work throughout the years," Mr. Rice said.

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PASADENA—The Feast site in La Malbaie, Que., has reached capacity and can accept no further transfer requests, according to the Festival Office here.

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PASADENA—Church Administration released the following ordinations.

**Carn Catherwood**, regional director for the Church in Italy, was raised to the rank of evangelist July 20.

**Randal Finden**, a deacon in the Olympia, Wash., church, was ordained a local church elder on the Sabbath June 13.

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PASADENA—**Bernard Schnippert**, pastor of the Las Vegas, Nev., and Kingman, Ariz., churches for eight years, was transferred to Pasadena in June.

Mr. Schnippert serves as an executive assistant to **Dexter Faulkner**, editor of the Church's publications, and as an associate editor of the *Good News* magazine.

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PASADENA—**Donald Schroeder**, a senior writer for *The Plain Truth*, received a plaque and watch for 25 years of service to the Church. The presentation was made at a Ministerial Refreshing Program banquet July 21.

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PASADENA—The 40th anniversary edition of the Ambassador College *Envoy* recounts Ambassador's history and focuses on the vision it took for the late **Herbert W. Armstrong** to found the College in 1947.

"We've spared no expense to make this the most colorful book in *Envoy* history, and we've aimed for

the highest quality," said **Dennis Robertson**, director of Academic Publications.

The history section includes interviews with 10 of Ambassador's pioneer students and faculty members. New photographs, including two four-page, color foldouts, are featured in a full-color section on the Pasadena and Big Sandy buildings and grounds.

The 292-page yearbook will be available for purchase at all U.S. Feast sites, and orders will be taken at international sites. Despite the increased production cost for the *Envoy's* special features and added color, the price is still \$25.

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PASADENA—A workshop for audio engineers, sponsored by Techron of Elkhart, Ind., a division of Crown International, Inc., took place on the Ambassador College campus July 6 to 10, according to **John Prohs**, manager of Technical Operations & Engineering.

Participants, some from as far away as Hawaii and West Germany, came to learn advanced techniques for the TEF, an audio-test instrument developed by Techron.

Mr. Prohs said, "Having occasional classes of this nature on campus, in addition to saving travel time and expenses for our employees who participate, gives people a chance to learn more about Ambassador College."

Technical Operations & Engineering employees **Michael Little**, electronics engineer, and **Michael Scheid**, software engineer, attended the workshop.

The Church uses the TEF to perform engineering and acoustical tests at the Feast sites, the television studio, the Technical Operations & Engineering lab and Ambassador Auditorium. It is also used on the SWIFT (Supervised WATS In-home Forwarding Technology) equipment for the in-home telephone response program.

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PASADENA—Evangelist **Larry Salyer**, director of Church Administration, requests the continued prayers of brethren for **Frank Schnee**, regional director for the Church in German-speaking areas.

Mr. Schnee has suffered from ill health for several months and has been diagnosed as having Parkinson's disease, Mr. Salyer said.

Mr. Salyer named **John Karlson** to be acting regional director.

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PASADENA—July 21, officials from R.R. Donnelley & Sons Co., which prints *The Plain Truth* and *Good News*, visited the Amba-



**GERMAN MILESTONE**—Norbert Link reads a script of the German-language *World Tomorrow* telecast (*Die Welt von Morgen*) at a recording session at Media Services in Pasadena. [Photo by Warren Watson]

sador College campus and met with **Ray Wright**, director of Publishing Services, **Roger Lippross**, production director, and other Publishing Services staff members.

The visitors included **Donald Reeves**, senior vice president of the magazine group, **Jack Oberhill**, senior vice president and director of magazine group manufacturing, **Bob Brennan**, vice president of

sales, and **Brian Burmeister**, customer service representative. They also toured the campus.

Mr. Lippross said the visit was important because "we look on the printers as part of a team effort to produce our publications, and if we can involve them in that concept, we get much better value for our money and, of course, a better quality end product."



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

PASADENA—While driving to a Bible study in Tandag, Philippines, in February, **Gil Llana**, pastor of the Butuan, Philippines, church, picked up three men, who flagged him down in a remote area of Mindanao controlled by the New People's Army.

In conversation the men called Mr. Llana "father," and children who waved to him along the way also called him "father."

When the men got out of Mr. Llana's car, he asked them, "Why are you calling me 'father?'"

Surprised at his question, they told him he drove the same type of car that the Catholic priest drove and asked, "Are you not the priest?"

"No, not yet," Mr. Llana replied.

Mr. Llana, by now realizing he was in no danger, joked, "You're not going to ambush priests here, right?"

"No, we will not do that to you, father," one of the men said.

Elsewhere in the Philippines, said regional director **Rodney Mat-**

thews: "The local political situation in most cases does not hinder the conducting of Church services or Bible studies, although a number of rural members must restrict travel to daylight hours, because either the public transportation system does not operate after sundown, or of increased dangers at night.

"Ministers have been discouraged from conducting all-male meetings, such as Spokesman Clubs, in their homes, because of their appearance of evil in the eyes of both military authorities and of the insurgents."

Mr. Matthews added, "God continues to protect and provide for His people in deteriorating times in this troubled country."

### Greece, Malta, Scandinavia

Pentecost services were conducted in Athens, Greece, and a visit request was received from an "extremely enthusiastic" man. Two other requests from Greece have been received since then.

**Barry Bourne**, pastor of the London and Basildon, England,

churches, and his wife, **Thelma**, observed Pentecost with the church in Valletta, Malta, where about 50 attend weekly services.

June 6 **George Delap**, pastor of the Borehamwood and Watford, England, churches, conducted morning Sabbath services in Aarhus, Denmark, and afternoon services in Copenhagen, Denmark.

On Pentecost Mr. Delap spoke in Oslo, Norway, in the morning, and in Stockholm, Sweden, in the afternoon.

### South Pacific tour

After 22 plane flights and a trip to an island by dugout canoe, **Colin Kelly**, who assists regional director **Robert Fahey** in Asian areas, and **John Curry** from the Australian Office, returned June 15 from a three-week trip to Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands.

In Papua New Guinea they visited four of the six members, three prospective members and several *Plain Truth* readers who had not had contact with a minister.

One man, formerly a Lutheran lay preacher, lives on an island where almost all the inhabitants are Lutheran. When the community leaders found out that he had been keeping the Sabbath by himself for a year, they demanded that he stop. When he refused, they spat on him and beat him.

The man told Mr. Kelly and Mr. Curry that the village leaders would probably beat him again when he returned to his island after seeing them. Nevertheless, he was determined to obey God.

In the Solomon Islands, after observing Pentecost in the home of **Tapualiki Samasoni** in Honiara with 30 brethren, the Australian visitors flew to Gizo.

There they met **Isaac Jiru**, who lives on **Ranongga Island**, inaccessible except by boat. After a two-hour trip through open seas in a motorized dugout canoe, Mr. Kelly and Mr. Curry were met by the **Jiru** family, four of whom are members, in addition to two baptized relatives.

A Bible study attended by 24 people took place in a shelter built by the members on **Ranongga** when they learned of Mr. Kelly and Mr. Curry's visit.

Although the brethren there earn little income, they are growing and selling produce to raise money for

the Office Facilities Building fund. Mr. Jiru gave Mr. Kelly the money they earned.

### Canada's postal dilemma

Income in Canada for June "took a nose dive," as the rotating postal strikes took their toll on mail delivery, reported **Colin Adair**, Canadian regional director.

"We concluded the month at minus 0.3 percent, bringing the year-to-date income to plus 5.9 percent," Mr. Adair said.

Unfortunately, postal employees who work inside buildings are threatening to close the system down in August if their demands are not met.

### PV circulates in Cuba

The Church's Spanish Department received the following letter:

"It gives me great pleasure to inform you that the magazine *La Pura Verdad* [Spanish *Plain Truth*] is getting to be known in Cuba. I send it in pieces through the mail. This can be done by people having relatives or friends there."

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**HOLY DAY ASSEMBLY**—After Pentecost services, Solomon Islands brethren gather outside the home of **Tapualiki Samasoni**, a member, in Honiara, the capital. The Solomons are an island group in the Western Pacific, northeast of Australia.