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## Television crew travels to Iraq, tapes sites of Babylon, Nineveh

By John Halford

PASADENA—"You are going where? You are going to do what?" people asked us before we left.

John Halford is associate producer of *The World Tomorrow*.

It certainly was an unusual opportunity to travel to Iraq and videotape the sites of Babylon, Nineveh and other ancient cities of Mesopotamia for use on *The World Tomorrow* next season.

Iraq has been engaged in a bitter war with Iran for eight years, but with a cease-fire in effect we felt that a visit might be possible. After initial contacts with the Iraqi Embassy we decided to make a formal request. With help from our friends in Jordan we were granted visas.

Our team consisted of Peter Lee, Keith Stump, Gary Werings, Steve Bergstrom and me.

Peter and Keith left for Baghdad a few days before us to make advance arrangements. They met with officials of the Directorate-General of Antiquities and the Ministry of Culture and Information, and when Gary, Steve and I arrived in Baghdad a few days later (March 26), the groundwork had been laid, and we entered Iraq with little difficulty.

(Incidentally, we checked into the Ishtar Sheraton in Baghdad on Easter Sunday. A sign wishing us a happy Easter hung over the statue of Ishtar in the foyer.)

### Trip to Babylon

We made a quick trip to Babylon for a preliminary survey of the ancient site. At one stage our driver casually drove up an off-ramp of a freeway in the face of oncoming traffic.

"Saves five minutes," he said cheerfully. "And makes me feel five years older," I told him. "Don't do that again." By the end of the trip, however, we were more blasé about

this kind of thing.

Babylon is about 55 miles south of Baghdad. Only a small part of the enormous city has been excavated, but much of the excavated area is being restored as a future tourist attraction. Some of the palace walls have been rebuilt, along with the street where religious processions entered through the Ishtar gate.

The palace where Daniel served at Nebuchadnezzar's court is rising from the rubble. We visited the throne room where the prophet stood before the king and revealed the meaning of his dreams. This was probably the same room where Belshazzar saw the handwriting on the wall (Daniel 5).

It was also in this room that Alexander the Great died. He intended to make Babylon his capital.

Several of the old temples have been reconstructed, but there is no sign of the tower of Babel, or even of the ziggurat (temple tower) that was later erected on the same site.

Away from the central reconstruction area Babylon is still a ruin.

March 28 we returned to Babylon and spent the day videotaping the ancient ruins and modern recon-

structions, which will become an archaeological park. Afterward, we drove eight miles to the ancient city of Kish.

From the top of its ziggurat we could see how flat this part of Mesopotamia is. It was easy to understand how the tower of Babel could have been a landmark, and a rallying point for Nimrod thousands of years ago.

### Nineveh

The next day, March 29, we traveled north to Mosul and the site of Nineveh, capital of the Assyrians, stopping on the way at the site of Ashur, the ancient Assyrian religious center.

We arrived at Mosul in the early evening. However, it took us nearly two hours to find the hotel. Our driver drove in circles, regularly (See IRAQ TRIP, page 3)



**BABYLON RUINS**—Cameraman Gary Werings videotapes John Halford, associate producer of *The World Tomorrow*, as he examines a brick inscribed with cuneiform from the time of Nebuchadnezzar, about 600 B.C. [Photo by Steve Bergstrom]

## Associate director in Australia, New Zealand

# Evangelist leads conferences

By Kerri Dowd

PASADENA—Evangelist Larry Salyer, associate director of Church Administration for international areas, conducted a ministerial conference in Australia March 27 to 30.

Mr. Salyer, together with his wife, Judy, also stopped in New Zealand for Mr. Salyer to conduct a one-day conference in Auckland.

### Australian conference

About 105 ministers and their

wives, including those from Sri Lanka, Malaysia and India, attended the Australian conference at the Summer Educational Program (SEP) site at Lake Moogerah.

Because the camp could not accommodate everyone, some couples lodged in motels, Mr. Salyer said.

"It was a great advantage to have the conference at the camp site. It made possible a closeness and camaraderie that wouldn't have been possible elsewhere," he said.

In three lectures Mr. Salyer talked about events at headquarters, how the Work functions and pastoring.

Robert Fahey, Australian regional director, and William Winer, director of Ministerial Services in the regional office, also spoke on pastoring.

Other topics included an overview of 1988, projections for the future and the sacrifice of Christ.

### Members let lights shine

"One of the things that came out in the overview was that 74 percent of the baptisms in the region in 1988 were people who came in contact with the Church through individuals—co-workers, family members and friends," Mr. Salyer said.

Reginald Wright, supervisor of mail processing in the regional office, discussed the potential for computer-to-computer communication with Pasadena that will take advantage of low telephone rates and speed up turnaround time from days or weeks to minutes.

"This is part of the international computerization of the Work that Mr. [Joseph W.] Tkach has approved," Mr. Salyer said.

### Ordinations

During the conference, Bharat Naker from Bombay, India, and David Austin, pastor of the Bundaberg and Kilkivan, Australia, churches, were raised in rank to preaching elder, and Low Mong Chai, a deacon in the Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, church, was ordained a local church elder.

"The Australian ministers were enthusiastic and supportive of Mr. Tkach and headquarters. I really appreciate the warmth and support given during my stay," said Mr. Salyer.

"It rained much of the time we were there, but mostly in the morning and during the night," said Mr. Salyer. "Only once did we have a real toad strangler while we were playing basketball, but we played anyway."

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## Truth made plain in Spain

PASADENA—"A historic event took place the first two weekends of April" as Spanish pastor Pedro Rufian conducted *Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*) lectures in Madrid, Spain, April 1, 2, 8 and 9.

Evangelist Leon Walker, Spanish regional director, said 205 new people, representing a 4.7 percent response, attended one or more lectures at Madrid's Hotel Carlton.

"We had no idea what type of attendance to expect since Spain is a totally different environment than the Latin American nations," said Mr. Walker.

"We thought that perhaps only 2 to 3 percent of those invited would attend, so it is very encouraging to see such a fine response," he added.

Mr. Rufian reported that the majority of attendees were in the 35 to 55 age group.

One person attending said: "I have a great admiration for the work you're doing. While others use the Bible to get money, you give. I am disgusted with everything else. Only in the *PV* can I find something really satisfying."

Mr. Rufian said that seven or eight people requested a ministerial visit.

Fifteen have attended follow-up Bible studies by Mr. Rufian. He also conducts weekly Sabbath Bible studies in Madrid with 30 attending.

Mr. Rufian mentioned that a program producer for Radio Nacional, a nationwide radio network, attended the lectures.

He interviewed Mr. Rufian about the purposes of *La Pura Verdad* and plans to run a program based on the interview.

PERSONAL FROM Joseph W. Tkach

Dear Brethren:

Thank you!

What a surprising and encouraging Holy Day offering!

The total U.S. figures for the Holy Days were up by 29.1 percent over last year. This is a much-needed shot in the arm, and certainly a great encouragement to realize how deeply the hearts of God's people are in His Work.

In virtually every congregation around the world the Holy Day offering was the highest ever given. All I can say is thank you to all our brethren for their heartfelt devotion to the Work of God's Church. I deeply appreciate the prayer and support of all, and I know God will see us through.

With these outstanding, record-breaking offerings, the effects of our first quarter shortfall have been substantially reduced. But even though these are of great help, they do not make up for the first quarter shortfall that had brought us to a level of

about 5 percent below last year.

These excellent offerings brought the year-to-date income up to about a level of 1 percent less than last year. We budgeted for a 6 percent increase.

### Wise stewardship

As you can see, we need to continue praying for the income, and for wisdom in effectively administering the finances God gives us. God has enabled us to accomplish a great deal in doing His Work. Yet, as I mentioned last time, the programs He has opened to us have to be paid for. With an annual budget in excess of \$160 million, a shortfall of even a few percent is significant.

Therefore, to meet income, our budget for this year will have to be slightly revised. Certain cuts are being made now, and we pray no more will need to be made. If regular income does pick up enough, we can expand or reinstate programs as appropriate. But I am glad to say that, for now at least, we will strive to avoid layoffs.

It is important that we con- (See PERSONAL, page 7)

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## Just between friends

By Dexter H. Faulkner

### The obvious answer

This is a true story. A man of about 40 fainted in the bathtub. It was filled to the brim. Fortunately, his wife was in the next room and somehow sensed something was amiss. Apprehensively she walked in and was shocked to see her husband's face submerged.

#### A life and death decision

She was in time. His face had only been under for a few moments. Trouble is this woman weighed only 97 pounds and her husband was a brute of a man at 240. It took all of her strength to lift him up. Luckily he was still breathing.

Because of the unusual construction of the bathtub, his face slipped under the water yet again. Panicked, his little wife summoned all her strength and lifted her husband's face above water level.

For some 20 minutes the poor woman struggled until she was totally exhausted. Her husband was going to drown. She couldn't lift him any more. Then it hit her. Pull the plug!

All was well! Her husband fully recovered and both are alive and well to this day.

#### There are solutions

There is a lesson here for us all. When you make up your mind to solve a difficult problem, you may at first expect to meet with clogged opposition, that plug in the drain, but if you hold on and keep searching, you will find some sort of solution. The trouble with most people is that they quit before they really start.

We humans don't always like ob-

vious solutions to our problems. Things like Bible study and prayer are too simple. We tend to prefer the complex and the convoluted. Obvious solutions escape us.

Of course, this woman found herself in a highly stressful situation. We don't always think clearly, rationally and logically when we are under intense pressure.

Here habit is one key. Training ourselves to habitually choose the obvious solution will often bail us out when under severe stress. That's

why professional sports teams practice plays until they perform them almost automatically.

#### Look for the key

We need to learn to find the core of each problem or situation. It's like a logger clearing a logjam. The pro climbs a tall tree, looks down and locates the key log, blows it with some kind of force and lets the river or stream do the rest. An amateur would start at the edge of the jam and move each of the logs, eventually moving the key log.

Both approach their work enthusiastically, but understanding and using the core concept saves time and lots of struggle. Almost all our problems have a key log if we learn to find it and take action.

#### The obvious answer

What is the most obvious solution to our spiritual problems? Prayer, of course.

A longtime member of God's Church found himself in some seri-

ous difficulties. He and his wife had gone over the same old ground many times over. "Why is this happening to me? Why can't I see the solution? Woe is me," he would say.



Finally his wife came up with a gem. "Have you prayed about it?" she asked. The man was flabbergasted. His spouse was correct.

Needless to say, after several sessions of earnest and prevailing private prayer, this man's difficulties

disappeared with the wind.

#### Our source of help

The God who has told us, "Ask and it shall be given you," and "If you shall ask anything in my name, that I will do"—will He not help us out of EVERY difficulty, help us to cope with life's surprises, help us to see our way through every problem?

When we go to God in prayer, we need to be careful that we do not give God instructions—but our attitude should be that we are reporting for duty!

Why is it that we humans persist in overlooking the most obvious source of help in the whole universe? Why are we so reluctant to call on our God? Your Creator says, "I, even I, am He who comforts you. Who are you that you should be afraid of a man who will die, and of the son of a man who will be made like grass? And you forget the Lord your Maker, who stretched out the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth" (Isaiah 51:12-13, New King James).

## NATO at 40: facing worst crisis ever

PASADENA—The heads of state of the 16 North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) powers will be conducting a crucial 40th anniversary summit at the end of May. The NATO summit in Brussels, Belgium, will at best paper over widening cracks in the alliance.

This comes at a significant milestone in post World War II history. Forty years ago this month, May 24, 1949, the Federal Republic of Germany came into existence. (It achieved full independence in May, 1955.)

In 1949 NATO was formed, which the fledgling West German state joined in 1954.

#### Current crisis

At the core of the budding crisis is a fundamental difference between Washington (and for the



most part, London) on one side and Bonn on the other over how to react to policies being pushed by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

This is reflected in the current NATO wrangle over the proposed upgrading of short-range (under 300 miles) nuclear missiles (SNF). The present Lance missile will have outlived its usefulness by 1995. American officials say production on a successor weapon must be started soon.

The West German government, however, wants to put off this decision at least until after the next general elections, scheduled for December, 1990, or as late as 1992.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl is under tremendous political pressure at home. West German public opinion is arrayed against the missile upgrade plan. Because of the weapons' short range, German territory, both East and West, would be most affected in the event of a general war in Europe.

Because of this—and the fact that Mr. Kohl's Christian Democratic Union is fighting for its political life after losses in several state and municipal elections—the chancellor says he wants NATO to negotiate with Moscow to reduce the number of short-range missiles.

Not so fast, says Washington. The Soviet-led Warsaw Pact has far more short-range missiles than NATO. Furthermore, NATO's SNF weapons help offset the superior number of conventional forces in the East. Talks are under way to reduce this imbalance. Let's not complicate this process by having two negotiations at once, goes the argument.

The dispute is more profound than counting tanks and missiles, however. Washington, London and some other Western capitals remain skeptical of the durability of Mr. Gorbachev and his promise of a new world in East-West relations.

The Bonn government, on the other hand, enduring the division of the historic German fatherland, appears more willing to take the Soviets at their word. The West Germans, says a U.S. State Department official, want to believe that "Gorbachev's glass is half full and we say the glass is still half empty."

In the April 28 *New York Times*, Stephen S. Szabo, a professor of European affairs at the National War College in Washington, D.C., looked candidly at these differing national perceptions and goals:

"Let's be frank, we and the British and French like the status quo in Europe. It has kept the peace for 40 years, it has managed the German problem, and produced a great deal of prosperity for us.

"We have not exactly suffered from the division of Europe. The Soviets got East Europe. We got West Europe. The Soviets got

Poland, we got Germany . . .

"If we diminish our military and political role in Europe, it means we will have less leverage on the European Community—right at a time when it is moving toward economic integration in 1992 and we are going to need all the leverage we can muster."

Increasingly, it is West Germany, rather than the United States, that has the power to leverage events in Europe.

#### An end to the Soviet threat?

A few American journalists realize the awesome portent of what is taking place in Europe. One of these is William Safire.

In his column in the April 29 *New York Times*, Mr. Safire said that "the Germans have a plan that transcends this logic of arms control. In German eyes, the end of the Soviet threat offers the chance of an end to German postwar deference to the West . . .

"The next assertive step is to strengthen bilateral German-Soviet relations, leading to recognized German leadership of the economic development of Eastern Europe."

After that, continued Mr. Safire, will come "agitation for the reunification of Germany. West Germans know that their future absorption of Communist East Germany is the prospect that sets teeth on edge in just about every country in Europe, which is why Germany's reunification is not on its public agenda.

"Talk of it now might mute some of the European nineteen-ninety-tooting, and tight federation with Western Europe is in Bonn's interest. But count on this: East Germany is not the Brotherland; it is part of the Fatherland, and every politician knows it.

"Bonn's plan to seek its destiny eastward will work best if ties to the West are maintained. That means continuing the pretense of NATO as long as the Americans can be duped."

In other words, West Germany won't leave the European Community or NATO, but rather pull most of Western Europe with it into a new relationship with the East.

Those who will leave the Western economic and military systems will be those who object to this new arrangement, specifically the United States and probably Britain.

It won't happen right now. Temporary platitudes may still issue from the NATO summit. But watch what the Germans and Soviets say to each other when Mr. Gorbachev visits Bonn in mid-June.

By the mid-1990s, in 1994 or 1995, we could be in for a startling new Europe. It will definitely not be to Washington's liking.



## European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder

### Tragedy at Sheffield: bearing others' burdens

BOREHAMWOOD, England—Liverpool is like Chicago in the United States. A visitor senses something special about Liverpoolians. Their friendliness is unmistakable.

But this is Monday morning in Liverpool. Blue Monday—a time for returning to reality. What happened on the weekend (April 15) doesn't seem real.

The county of Merseyside was numbed by the deaths of 95 fans—most of them Liverpoolians—at a football (soccer) match in Sheffield, England.

Yes, Liverpool has been visited with yet another soccer tragedy. Four years ago at Heysel in Belgium, a number died because of hooliganism, which brought Liverpoolians a sense of shame.

But there was more than shame in Liverpool today, there was also the human face—pathetic struggles for survival, incidences of heroism, expressions of love.

Many Liverpoolians behaved with courage. Those outside the wire barriers fought to open the mouths of those being choked and crushed to death by the pressing crowd.

The headlines were fraught with pathos:

- How Can I Tell the Children Their Daddy Is Dead?
- Yesterday We Had a Family, But No More.

Merseyside was in a state of shock. Liverpool was a city on its knees.

I devoted a previous "European Diary" to the state of unconcern in British society—no one helping a young girl being raped in full view of shoppers.

But this "Diary" is a picture from life's other side.

Compassion and mercy were in full view in Britain today. Memorial services took place in twos and threes. There was no room in Liverpool's cathedrals. Crowds waited outside to worship.

#### A people in need

Dare I say it, a spirit of repentance was in evidence? People's minds were open. They wanted to be counseled. They waited for someone to say something really meaningful.

Oh, that Britain's religious leaders could steer these brokenhearted people in the right direction.

From time to time people have the God-given ability to see where they are wrong—to be sorry—and begin to reverse directions. On rare occasions this feeling can be sensed en masse.

This is one of those times. God said to our forefathers, "O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children forever!" (Deuteronomy 5:29).

Even the manager of the Liverpool team was moved to say, "Football is totally irrelevant when something like this happens."

It was a shock for a public, accustomed to players arguing with referees, to see them—well-dressed young footballers—standing in cathedrals with their wives at their sides, brushing away the tears as they heard the speaker's words of comfort.

#### Who's to blame?

Yes, logistics may be blamed—lack of proper crowd control, opening the wrong gates at the wrong times, barriers constructed to keep hooligans off the pitch. These are physical symptoms of human error.

But the real blame is on our whole Western way of life. Undue care over sporting events. False values.

"Never again" is the cry in the aftermath of needless tragedies. But similar events will continue to mar the path of humanity until Deuteronomy 5:29 is fulfilled. Our whole way of life has to change.

But it is not appropriate to be patronizing at this time. As Jeremiah said: "O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps" (Jeremiah 10:23, New King James).

# Feast choir directors named

PASADENA—The Festival Office here announced U.S. special music coordinators (SMC), Festival choir directors (DIR) and children's choir directors (CCD). Canadian coordinators will be announced in a future issue.

Instrumentalists and vocal soloists should contact the special music coordinator (SMC) listed below for the site they plan to attend, unless an instrumental ensemble is noted separately.

Those interested in performing at a Feast site should contact the appropriate person listed below and request copies of the music to be used. List the instrument you play or voice part you sing and your experience level.

The two selections for the children's choirs and details for obtaining copies will be announced by church pastors in the next few weeks. Children wishing to participate should learn the two pieces and prepare to attend rehearsals at the Feast.

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Saratoga Springs, N.Y.: Jim Herrick (SMC), (DIR), (CCD), (See DIRECTORS, page 4)



DEAF BRETHREN VISIT PASADENA—Deaf brethren, family members and interpreters meet Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach (front row, center) at the Hall of Administration in Pasadena April 21.

## Deaf meet for feast

By Kerri Dowd

PASADENA—Seventy-one deaf members, interpreters and their families met here April 19 to 23 during the Spring Holy Days.

The group was composed of 40 from the Pasadena area and 31 from California, New York, New Jersey and Illinois.

This is the first time the Church's Deaf Program has been host to an organized event of this nature, according to Ted Landis, secretary for the Deaf Program.

Activities began with the Night to Be Much Observed, which took place at the Brookside Country Club in Pasadena. Members sat at round tables so they could communicate in sign language.

The group attended Holy Day services April 20 in the Ambassador College gymnasium with the Imperial A.M. and P.M. congregations and a potluck between services. The Imperial A.M. church is the congregation Pasadena's deaf brethren regularly attend.

Friday, April 21, the group toured the Ambassador College campus, heard a Bible study given by James Reyer, Imperial A.M. pastor, and played Bible games in the evening.

After morning services on the Sabbath, April 22, and a potluck, the group concluded scheduled activities with an evening of games and skits and a trip to Disneyland April 23.

Church Administration provided housing for out-of-town participants on the Ambassador College campus. Meals were provided in the campus student center.

The event "was very encouraging for them," said Mr. Landis. "They were given Ministerial Refreshing Program treatment in a sense. They really felt like they had the red carpet rolled out for them. It was a real upbeat time, and there was more fellowship with others who also use sign language than many of the deaf brethren had enjoyed since the Feast of Tabernacles last fall."

## Iraq trip

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stopping to ask people the way. Their directions got us even more confused. God told Jonah that He had many people in Nineveh who knew not their left hand from their right. Nothing seems to have changed.

March 30 we taped at Nimrud (the Calah of Genesis), overlooking the Tigris River. Many of the palaces have stone reliefs showing victories of the Assyrian kings.

There is not much left of Nineveh, but some of the walls have been reconstructed. We gained access to Sennacherib's throne room—and, after driving out a flock of sheep, got some useful footage. We also

taped the gate through which Jonah probably entered the city.

On our way back to Baghdad we visited the site of Hatra, a Parthian frontier city 55 miles southwest of Mosul. We rested on the Sabbath, April 1, and spent all day Sunday taping the treasures of the Iraq Museum in Baghdad.

### War zone

Then it was time to head south—which meant traveling closer to the war zone.

As we approached the war zone it was obvious that the Iraqis were still on alert, even though the cease-fire was in effect. Every freeway overpass and factory seemed to be guarded. Our Iraqi guide instructed us to keep the cameras firmly shut down.

Later, we taped at the site of Nippur, where Ezekiel may have prophesied.

We made an early start the next day, April 4, and drove to Eridu, which may be the site of Enoch, the city that Cain built (Genesis 4:17).

As we went to Eridu we passed by Ur, where Abraham lived. Unfortunately, Ur is in the middle of a military base, and we were not permitted to videotape there.

However, Eridu was well worth the visit. As I walked over the mound, I saw many pieces of modern military hardware such as rifle bullets and grenade cases mixed in

with the rubble of ancient bricks and potsherds. Some things haven't changed since the days of Cain.

The last site we visited was Uruk (Erech), a city of Nimrod's kingdom. After taping at Uruk, we returned to Baghdad.

April 5 we had to leave. I had to take all the tape we shot, about eight hours of it, to the government television station. Official censors wanted to view everything before we took it out of the country. The authorities were pleasant and gave all our material their stamp of approval.

We left Baghdad that night and arrived in Amman, Jordan, at about 3 o'clock in the morning April 6. There was one last moment of anxiety. All our baggage arrived except one suitcase—the suitcase that contained the tapes we shot! Was our trip even yet to prove in vain?

Then, just as we were filling out the lost-baggage form, a porter arrived with the missing bag. It had been directed to the wrong room. We tipped him handsomely.

Visiting Iraq allowed us to obtain some unusual and useful footage. It helped to make the lands of the Bible and the history of Old Testament times come alive.

Iraq today, like Mesopotamia of yesterday, is a place of great potential. If only all the people of the Middle East could live in peace and cooperation. One day they will.

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GATES OF BABYLON—Approaching the eastern walls of Nebuchadnezzar's palace in Babylon are television crew members, from left, Keith Stump, Gary Wering and John Halford. [Photo by Steve Bergstrom]

## Letters TO THE EDITOR

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adults, however. Doctors now recommend Tylenol (acetaminophen), or other non-aspirin pain relievers for children.

J.F.  
Louisiana

I noticed in the "Letters to the Editor" section of the Jan. 23, 1989, issue that a lady referred in passing to aspirin as a pain reliever for children.

I wanted to point out that doctors today are warning that the use of aspirin for chicken pox or flu symptoms by children or teenagers increases the child's risk of getting Reye's Syndrome, a potentially fatal disease.

The same risk is not present for

We do not wish to offer an opinion on the detriment or benefits of aspirin. However, by law, aspirin bottles in the United States carry the following as part of their warning label:

"Children and teenagers should not use this medicine for chicken pox or flu symptoms before a doctor is consulted about Reye's Syndrome, a rare but serious illness. Keep this and all drugs out of the reach of children."

Report from \_\_\_\_\_  
**the Treasurer's Office**  
*Leroy Neff*

PASADENA—The Spring Holy Day offerings were a great encouragement to us here at Pasadena. I am sure that all of you were excited and encouraged, too, when you heard of large increases in local areas. It was evident that the Church understood the pressing need caused by the low income figures this year.

In the United States the combined Holy Day offerings were 29.1 percent more than the same offerings last year. We have most of the reports from international areas, and they also have had excellent increases. We are grateful to you and to our great God for making such increases possible.

This splendid offering gave us a monthly increase of 6.6 percent over last April. Our year-to-date income now stands at 1.1 percent less than last year. This should make it evident that we still have a lot of catching up to do.

The 1988 audit by Arthur Andersen & Co. has gone well this year, and is almost complete except for some of the international details. We are expecting it to be completed before my next monthly report.

Thank you for continued support, by your prayers and financial contributions, of the Church effort to preach the Gospel to the world.

# Imperial Choraliers head east, perform for brethren in Texas

PASADENA—The Imperial High School Choraliers performed their spring concert twice, provided special music and sang at Six Flags Over Texas, an amusement park near Dallas, on a bus tour to Big Sandy April 16 to 27.

This is the first time the Choraliers have gone to Big Sandy since Imperial Schools reopened in 1980.

"The trip was a reward from Mr. [Joseph W.] Tkach and Mr. [Joseph] Locke," to the students, said Michael Carter, Imperial Schools assistant principal, who or-

ganized the trip under the direction of Mr. Locke, Imperial principal.

"We wanted to show brethren one of the products of Imperial Schools, because many have not seen or heard much of Imperial Schools," said Dennis Pelley, Choraliers director.

The group went first to Big Sandy. They performed special music in Tyler, Tex., on the first day of Unleavened Bread and presented their spring concert, "Pioneers of Tomorrow" for Big Sandy brethren that evening.

While in Big Sandy the Choraliers stayed in booths on the campus, where "they got a foretaste of college life, which encouraged a lot of students to want to apply to Big Sandy," Mr. Carter said.

The Choraliers performed special Sabbath music at services in Big Sandy April 22, and began their trip home April 23.

On the way they stopped to perform at Six Flags Over Texas. "We set up our risers right inside the park's entrance, and a Dallas

Church member set up a sound system," said Mr. Pelley. After they sang, the group and the chaperons spent the day in the park at no charge.

A park worker said, "We were impressed by their performance, especially the choreography," according to Mr. Pelley.

The Choraliers visited Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico April 24 on the recommendation of Mr. Tkach and evangelist Leroy Neff, Church treasurer.

The group stayed in a motel that evening and spent the next night at the homes of Church members in El Paso, Tex.

At Holy Day services April 26, the group performed special music for the Las Cruces, N.M., and El

Paso churches and five brethren from Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. That evening they again performed their spring concert.

Bill O'Toole, manager of Mad-den Hall, where the group performed, said: "I'm impressed at the behavior of your kids and the quality of the show that they put on. I also enjoyed watching them set up and seeing how they work together."

The Choraliers returned to Pasadena April 27.

The trip "really seemed to tie the whole group together and uplift the brethren. About 50 percent of the students had never seen the Big Sandy campus. Several now want to go to college there," Mr. Pelley said.

## Ministers

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A volunteer staff of Burleigh Heads, Australia, Office employees, Church members and youths served the group at an Asian night meal and a banquet.

"They worked long hours and did an outstanding job," Mr. Salyer said.

Before the conference Mr. Salyer spoke to the Brisbane churches on the Sabbath, March 25.

### Next stop: New Zealand

The Salyers flew to New Zealand March 31, where they were met at the Auckland airport by evangelist Raymond McNair and his wife, Eve, along with several ministers and office employees.

Mr. Salyer conducted Sabbath services April 1 for area churches.

"The brethren were warm and lined up to meet us," said Mr. Salyer. "Many asked us to remind Mr. Tkach that they are looking forward to a visit whenever he can fit it into his schedule."

That evening the McNairs were hosts at a dinner for the Salyers.

"Before dinner we visited the McNairs' home, which was purchased by the Church while Peter Nathan [now a faculty member at Big Sandy Ambassador College] was regional director," Mr. Salyer said. "The McNairs are doing exceptionally well in New Zealand. They have adjusted to the country very well."

Thirty people, including New Zealand's full-time ministry, their wives and several local church elders, attended a conference April 2.

Mr. McNair and William Hutchison, business manager in the Auckland Office, gave an update on activities in the regional office. Mr. Salyer discussed the Work at headquarters and gave pastoral instruction.

Mrs. McNair and the office staff prepared a luncheon for the group, and that evening a banquet was served at a restaurant for everyone attending the conference.

Monday, April 3, several ministers met with Mr. Salyer and Mr. McNair to discuss situations relative to their areas.

The Salyers left New Zealand that evening. "The office staff saw us off at the airport. We appreciated

their going out of their way to do that," Mr. Salyer said.

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## Youths win the gold for journalism entries

PASADENA—Judges selected five Gold Level Award winners in the 1989 Youth Opportunities United (YOU) national journalism contest April 5.

Gold Level Award recipients are Trisha Hurst, 12, of Elgin, Ore.; Michael Hopf, 16, San Marcos, Calif.; Beth Erickson, 18, Hawkins, Tex.; Jennifer Ann Stapleton, 18, Huber Heights, Ohio; and Shawna Beth Miller, 18, of Denver, Pa.

Judges for the contest were Sheila Graham, senior editor of *The Worldwide News*; Norman Shoaf, managing editor of *The Good News*; Paul Kroll, a *Plain Truth* senior writer; Thomas Hanson, *Worldwide News* managing editor; and Micheal Bennett, *Youth 89* managing editor.

Contest entries were first judged at the district level, and about 150 Gold Level entries were forwarded to Pasadena for national judging.

Gold Level winners received plaques, and letters went to those receiving honorable mentions.

Honorable mentions went to Lance McKinnon, 18, of Adairsville, Ga.; Pamela Willie, 17, Folsom, La.; Teri M. Leffek, 17, Savannah, Ga.; David Cagle, 18, Tulsa, Okla.; Beverly McCay, 15, Homosassa, Fla.; Bethany Reeves, 16, Hermitage, Tenn.; Shari D. Miller, 17, Appleton, Wis.; Karen Danapas, 14, Tarpon Springs, Fla.; Mark W. Hall, 18, Grand Junction, Colo.; and Sam Watts, 16, Greensboro, N.C.

The topic for the articles was "What I Would Like to Be Doing in the Year 2000."

"Being involved and addressing an issue like this helps teens to focus on their futures and their lives a bit more," said Aub Warren, assistant YOU coordinator in Church Administration.

The topic for next year's contest is "Why Friends Are Important to Me."

The deadline for entries is each area's first district family weekend in November or December.

# Children's Corner

## The Taradiddle Trap

By Vivian Pettijohn

"Boys and girls," Mrs. Schultz announced, "before we leave our spelling lesson today I want to introduce you to a new, l-o-n-g word—but I won't ask you to spell it. The word is *taradiddle*. Does anyone know what that is?"

Twenty-five first-graders looked puzzled, and only one hand was raised.

"Yes, Michael Harris," the teacher said, "do you know?"

"Uh-h-h, maybe," Mike answered. "Is a taradiddle like a tarantula? I've seen one of those big, hairy spiders!"

"No, it isn't like that, Mike," she said.

"But," she added in a mysterious voice: "Today I have set a taradiddle trap! So, children, watch out for taradiddles in the room, and I'll let you know if we catch one."

"Meanwhile, I want you to think about another subject. It isn't too soon to be learning about the kinds of jobs grown-up people have."

"So each Friday afternoon I'd like for one or two parents to come in and describe their jobs and answer your questions. Do any of you think one of your parents could come in Friday?"

Immediately Mike's hand shot up, hoping to impress Mrs. Schultz.



Artwork to color by Ken Tunell

"OK, Mike, you are first," the teacher said, smiling. "Tell the class what kind of work your father does."

"Daddy's a . . . a . . ." Mike began, just as a fire truck thundered by the school, its loud siren splitting the air. "Daddy's a fireman!" he blurted.

When Mike heard classmates exclaim "Ooh!" and "Wow!" he grinned. He liked being admired.

Mrs. Schultz shook a warning finger back and forth as she whispered loudly, "Hey, diddle diddle, I hear a taradiddle. Watch out children—it's in the trap."

Everyone looked around nervously,

and some asked questions: "Where?" "Where's the trap?" "Is a taradiddle dangerous?"

"Mike," Mrs. Schultz said firmly, "your taradiddle got caught. But you can get it out of the trap by telling us what your father really does. Doesn't he work for an electronics company that makes parts for radios and television sets?"

"Uh-h, yes ma'am, he does," Mike admitted, feeling embarrassed. He was so ashamed. He had told a lie in front of everyone. Hadn't his parents taught him that telling lies is breaking one of God's Ten Commandments?

"A taradiddle," the teacher said sternly "is a lie or a fib. And since I want you all to be truthful, I hope you can get rid of your fibs before you leave first grade."

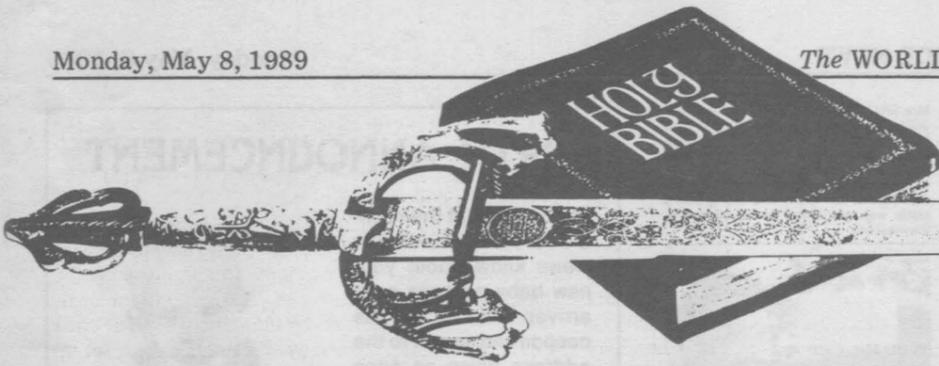
"To help you do that, let's set a trap every day for them. Just think—if nobody ever lied or fibbed, we could believe whatever anyone told us. Wouldn't that be nice?"

The boys and girls smiled and nodded in agreement, except Mike who only nodded. He was sad because he was supposed to know better already.

Next Mrs. Schultz read aloud the story of Pinocchio, the make-believe wooden boy whose nose grew longer each time he told a lie. Some of the children felt their faces, to make sure their noses hadn't grown longer.

At the end of the story the teacher said, "Mike, since it was your taradiddle that got caught, you tell us if you learned anything today from the Pinocchio story."

"Well," Mike answered, "I know it's wrong to lie. But I thought a little fib wouldn't hurt. It made me feel good for a minute. But I see that it's important to tell just the truth. So from now on I'm going to try to catch my own terrible taradiddles—before they get caught in your trap."



# IRON SHARPENS IRON

## Mother's Day: annual reminder of year-round responsibilities

By William Butler

You and I have one thing in common: We were brought into this world by our mothers.

Those of us who were blessed to have mothers who truly loved us—and there is no higher form of human love than a mother's love—should be thankful for this fact. Do we appreciate our mothers and all that they have done for us?

*William Butler, a local elder, supervises the Church's telephone response area.*

Thomas Edison once said, "Everything I am I owe to my mother." His mother quit teaching school to devote her entire time to teaching him.

### Mother's Day established

Mother's Day has an interesting history in the United States.

During the American Civil War, Julia Ward Howe, the author of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," suggested that the Fourth of July be renamed Mother's Day and urged that the occasion be used for promoting peace.

Shortly after the Civil War, another woman, Anna Reeves Jarvis, sponsored Mother's Friendship Day. The object was to reunite

families that had been divided during the Civil War.

Mother's Day didn't catch hold as a regular practice until 1914, when President Woodrow Wilson encouraged all branches of the government to observe the day. The fol-



lowing year he proclaimed it as an annual national observance.

Mother's Day as observed in the United States is not a religious holiday. However, this is not to be confused with Mothering Sunday in Britain, which is observed during the Lent season.

### How to show honor

We owe a lot to our mothers. What can we start doing right now to truly honor them?

Many of us don't write home often enough. Why not set a goal to send our mothers a card or a personal note every week or two? You might consider giving her a handmade card from you or your children—this may be even more meaningful to her.

When practical, visit often. Your time is the most priceless gift you can give. Hugs are nice! They're one of the greatest gifts of all, and they're free.

In most cases the things you do are more important than the things you buy. Simple things count.

Some of us live hundreds, even thousands, of miles from our mothers. If possible, put aside enough money to send her a plane ticket, especially if she can see her grandchildren.

Mothers have an ongoing need to know of their children's successes and problems, as well as the welfare of their grandchildren. Do you keep your mother up to date on your family affairs by phone, letter or regular visits?

And let's not forget our Church mothers—the widows and other women in need within God's Church. Let's share our lives with them, also. In I Timothy 5:2, we're told to consider "the elder women as mothers." We should shower on them the same attention and honor we give to our own physical mothers.

It all boils down to being thoughtful—taking the time to say, "I care."

### A song for Mom

Years ago a popular country and

western singer, Jimmy Dean, made a record titled "IOU." It captures the love, selflessness and concern of mothers.

He starts out by saying: "I was cleaning out my wallet the other day and I ran across a whole bunch of IOUs—some of them 30 years overdue. Funny thing is that all these IOUs are owed to one person—my mother."

Then he went on to dedicate the words of his song to her:

"Mom, I owe you for so many things. A lot of services—like night watchman for instance. The lying awake nights listening for coughs and cries, creaking floorboards and me coming in too late.

"You had the eye of an eagle and the roar of a lion, but you always had a heart as big as a house. I owe you for services as a short-order cook, chef, baker; for making sirloin out of hamburger, turkey out of tuna fish and two big old strapping boys out of leftovers.

"I owe you for cleaning services. For the daily scrubbing of face and ears—all work done by hand. And for the frequent dusting of a small boy's pants to try to make sure that he led a spotless life. And for washing and ironing no laundry could ever do—for drying the tears of childhood and for ironing out the problems of growing up.

"I owe you for service as a body-guard. For protecting me from the terrors of thunderstorms and nightmares and eating too many green apples.

"And I owe you for medical attention. For nursing me through measles, mumps, bruises, bumps, splinters and spring fever.

"And let's not forget medical advice either. Oh, no, important things like, 'Don't scratch it or it won't get well,' 'If you cross your eyes they're going to stick like that,' and, probably most important of all,

was, 'Be sure you've got on clean underwear, boy, in case you're in an accident.'

"And I owe you for veterinarian services. For feeding every lost dog that I dragged home at the end of a rope and for healing the pain of puppy love.

"I owe you for construction work, for building kites, confidence, hopes and dreams, and somehow you made them all touch the sky. And for cementing a family together so it could stand the worst kinds of shocks and blows, and for laying down a good strong foundation to build a life on.

"I owe you for carrying charges, for carrying me on your books for the necessities of life that a growing boy has just got to have. Things like, oh, a pair of high top boots with a little pocket on the side for a jack-knife.

"And one thing, Mom, I will never ever forget, when there were only two pieces of apple pie left and three hungry people, I noticed that you were the one who suddenly decided that you really didn't like apple pie in the first place.

"These are just a very few of the things for which payment is long overdue. The person I owe them to worked very cheap. She managed by simply doing without a whole lot of things that she needed herself. My IOUs add up to much more than I could ever hope to repay.

"But you know, the nicest thing about it all is that I know that she'll mark the entire bill paid in full for just one kiss and four little words—'Mom, I love you'" (Reprinted by permission).

Let's all honor our mothers—those who brought us into the world and those who are a part of our spiritual family in God's Church. And, for those whose custom it is to observe Mother's Day, do so in sincerity, not only on the second Sunday of May, but all year round.

## Do you love and honor your mother the Church?

By Anthony Bosserman

Do you love your mother? If you do, you probably express that love at various times, including Mother's Day, in those nations where this holiday is observed.

*Local elder Anthony Bosserman is assistant pastor of the Wichita, Kan., church.*

On Mother's Day in the United States some wear a colored carnation if their mother is alive, or a white carnation if she is deceased.

Each of us has a physical mother, but are we aware of our spiritual mother? On Pentecost in A.D. 31 our spiritual mother was revealed: the Church.

The Fifth Commandment (Exodus 20:12) tells us to honor our parents. The question can be asked, Do you love, honor and appreciate your mother the Church?

### The Church: a virtuous woman

Through the observance of Mother's Day, we honor our physical mothers for qualities such as those described in Proverbs 31:10-31. But can we see and appreciate these same qualities in our mother the Church? Let's take a look at Proverbs 31 to see just what a virtuous woman God's Church really is. Proverbs 31:10 asks, "Who can find a virtuous woman?" It adds, "Her price is far above rubies."

In the Old Testament God refers many times to the nation of Israel as a woman (Isaiah 54:6) and His wife (Hosea 2:2). In the New Testament, a woman is used as a symbol of a Church.

Do we appreciate the fact that God's Church is described as a chaste virgin (II Corinthians 11:2) and not a "great whore . . . with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication" (Revelation 17:1-2)?

### Christ trusts the Church

Proverbs 31:11 says, "The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil." The Church of God also has a husband, Jesus Christ, whose heart safely trusts in her.

Jesus Christ has great confidence in the Church, and so should we. He knows "she will do him good and not evil all the days of her life" (Proverbs 31:12).

Verses 13 to 15 of Proverbs 31 can be compared to the commission our mother the Church is laboring to carry out. Over the years she has used many tools (such as computers, printing presses, television and radio) to do the work of preaching Christ's Gospel (Matthew 28:19-20) and feeding the flock (John 21:15).

Proverbs 31:16 says, "She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard." The "fields" upon which the campuses of Ambassador College have been built have yielded great profits (college graduates), through which our mother the Church has planted many vineyards (congregations).

Verses 17 and 18 tell us that "she girdeth her loins with strength and strengtheneth her arms. She perceiveth that her merchandise is

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## Pentecost principle

# Leave gleanings for the world

By Garvin L. Greene

In Leviticus 23:22, after God's instructions about keeping Pentecost, we find a law that at first glance seems to have nothing to do with the Holy Days.

*Garvin L. Greene pastors the Midland and Cadillac, Mich., churches.*

"And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not make clean riddance of the corners of thy field when thou reapest, neither shalt thou gather any gleanings of thy harvest: thou shalt leave them unto the poor, and to the stranger: I am the Lord your God."

### Gleanings and Pentecost

Why did God include in this chapter the rule about gleanings in the fields? This regulation can be found elsewhere among other laws of conduct (Leviticus 19:9-10, Deuteronomy 24:19-21). What does generosity have to do with the Holy Days?

It must have something to do with Pentecost—but what?

Let's find the answer to this important question.

God wanted His people always to show concern and love for others. By leaving something in the field af-

ter a harvest, those less fortunate could also have food.

Pentecost came toward or at the end of the first harvest. The harvest was a gift from God that God wanted His people to share, especially with the poor and the stranger. God's bounty was to be a benefit to those less fortunate.

But how does this apply to us, the



firstfruits of God's spiritual harvest?

Think about it: the physical blessings given by God were not to be limited to just God's people. Remember the promise to Abraham: "In thee shall all families of the earth be blessed" (Genesis 12:3).

God knew if He blessed Abraham and his seed, others would

share in the blessings.

### Do you leave gleanings?

Aren't our lives as Christians to be the same? God is "rich unto all that call upon him" (Romans 10:12). What blessing is God not willing to give to us?

Do our neighbors reap benefits from what God has given us? Paul exhorted Timothy that the wealthy are to be "rich in good works" (I Timothy 6:18).

Do our neighbors get to glean some of God's blessings to us? Are they uplifted because we are friendly and helpful? Do they know we are concerned for them? Does our joy enlighten their lives?

Does our property add to the appearance and value of our neighborhood? Does our community benefit because we are willing to give help and support? Do we reflect the many blessings God has given us?

Now, maybe we can see that the command to leave gleanings in the field has great application to us. God's firstfruits will be a benefit to the spiritual poor and the spiritual stranger.

We cannot keep the blessings of God to ourselves. Our neighbors must reap some of the benefits so generously given to us.

Leave the gleanings for them.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTHS

**ANDRYSAK**, Garry and Colleen (Almquist), of Regina, Sask., girl, Dana Simone, Feb. 26, 7:59 a.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 girls.

**BOE**, Randy and Taz Anne (Smith), of Brandon, Miss., girl, Brittany Renee, March 26, 5:31 a.m., 8 pounds 14 1/2 ounces, now 2 girls.

**BOWLIN**, Jim and Rachel (Watts), of St. Louis, Mo., boy, Trevor Flint, Oct. 20, 1988, 5:27 a.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

**BRUSTAD**, Victor and Katrina (Gjersoe), of Oslo, Norway, boy, Christian Magnus, Jan. 20, 11:32 a.m., 3.59 kilograms, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**COLEMAN**, Willie and Robbin (Wilson), of Chicago, Ill., girl, Liberty Deshawndra, March 30, 6:42 a.m., 5 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**COOLEY**, David and Lorraine (Perry), of Washington, D.C., boy, Trenton Owen, March 26, 10:25 p.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

**DAVIS**, Brent and Karen (Neal), of Escondido, Calif., girl, Kassie Deniece, April 10, 3:19 a.m., 6 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**DOOLAN**, Patrick and Helen (Gault), of Preston, England, boy, Paul Andrew, Dec. 14, 1988, 8 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

**DOOLEY**, James and Anne (Ziobro), of Portland, Ore., boy, Colin Patrick, March 19, 10:56 p.m., 6 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 boys.

**DUVALL**, Andrew and Alison (Parkent), of Front Royal, Va., girl, Heather Nicole, March 13, 10:45 a.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 girls.

**FOOTE**, Glenn and Norma (Benedict), of Rochester, N.Y., twin girls, Valerie Felicia and Kathleen Megan, Feb. 3, 8:26 and 8:31 p.m., 5 pounds 11 ounces and 5 pounds 2 ounces, first children.

**GEDYE**, Dennis and Betty (Bruce), of Morwell, Australia, girl, Catherine Anne Sarah Charlotte, April 1, 5:40 a.m., 6 pounds 7 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

**GENT**, Stephen and Shirley (Brown), of Borehamwood, England, girl, Rachel Lauren, March 16, 4:24 p.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

**GETZ**, Robert II and Racine (Smolar), of Tucson, Ariz., girl, Cheyenne Lee, March 21, 2:33 a.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

**GLOVER**, Stephen and Tracy (Downer), of Hattiesburg, Miss., boy, Drew Alexander, March 31, 11:35 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys.

**HELSETH**, David and Rosetta (Kaimbrum), of Sioux Falls, S.D., girl, Angela Marie, March 18, 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

**HILLMAN**, William and Katherine (Harrington), of Albany, N.Y., boy, Justin William, March 30, 7:06 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

**HOFFMEISTER**, Bob and Janet (Watkins), of St. Edward, Neb., boy, Matthew David, March 4, 12:31 p.m., 10 pounds 3 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**HUMEN**, John and Cindy (Garzillo), of Union, N.J., girl, Jacqueline Mary, March 8, 3:35 a.m., 7 pounds 13 1/2 ounces, first child.

**JACKSON**, Vernon and Portia (Green), of Philadelphia, Pa., girl, I Janae Crystal, March 12, 8 p.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 girls.

**KOONS**, Roy and Cathie (Saphar), of Hightstown, N.J., girl, Stacey Renee, Feb. 26, 11:40 p.m., 7 pounds, now 2 girls.

**LEWIS**, Jeffrey and Janice (Rupp), of Vineland, N.J., boy, Steven Michael, March 21, 11:45 p.m., 8 pounds 6 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**LONERGAN**, Lawrence and Ida (Huff), of Jacksonville, Fla., girl, Leona Louise, Dec. 20, 1988, 8:38 p.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

**MANGUM**, Bob and Sally (Johnson), of Columbus, Miss., girl, Rachel Elizabeth, March 27, 3:26 p.m., 6 pounds 10 1/2 ounces, first child.

**MEDINA**, Joe and Elizabeth (Vallejo), of Harlingen, Tex., girl, Jessica Ellen, March 24, 11:02 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

**MONTGOMERY**, James and Eileen (McCarron), of Ballymena, Northern Ireland, boy, James Winton, Feb. 3, 2:15 p.m., 9 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

**NIRAS**, Nelson and Lotty (Harry), of Vanuatu, girl, Joan, Nov. 5, 1988, 3 kilograms, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**NIXON**, Scott and Beth (Kline), of Everett, Wash., girl, Brittany Bethel, March 11, 2:41 p.m., 8 pounds 5.4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**OBERMEIT**, Tony Lee and Laurel (Hames), of Brisbane, Australia, boy, Kurt Eugene Lee, Feb. 9, 7:30 p.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

**PETTY**, Gary and Kim (Kelley), of Houston, Tex., boy, Christopher Ryan, Feb. 8, 5:01 a.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**PINTO**, Robert and Lynda (Tieman), of San Jose, Calif., girl, Roxanne Lynda, April 7, 7:59 a.m., 6 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, now 4 girls.

**PRICE**, Mark A. and Melanie J. (Close), of Middletown, N.Y., girl, Tanya Lynn, April 3, 8 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**PURKAPILE**, Steve and Camille (Brantley), of Olathe, Kan., boy, Matthew Logan, Jan. 15, 10:40 p.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys.

**PUZAK**, Timothy and Patricia (Martinez), of Albuquerque, N.M., boy, Ethan Edward, Feb. 13, 2:20 a.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**RACHELS**, John and Diane (Johnson), of Huntington Beach, Calif., girl, Brittany Charisse, March 23, 1:04 a.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, now 4 girls.

**REMLINGER**, James and Judy (Black), of Marietta, Ga., boy, Michael James, March 27, 8:40 p.m., 9 pounds 10 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**ROBINSON**, Jim and Jeri (Quimby), of Roy, Wash., boy, Cory Eugene, Dec. 30, 1988, 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

**RODRIGUEZ**, William and Kelly (Duiett), of Corpus Christi, Tex., boy, William Ryan, April 13, 8:36 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

**SALES**, James and Dianne (White), of Sherman, Tex., boy, Wesley James, March 24, 7:41 a.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

**STAHL**, Richard and Lynne (Burns), of Indianapolis, Ind., boy, Matthew Gabriel, Feb. 13, 2:27 p.m., 6 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

**STRAND**, Frank and Ruby (Harris), of Sedro Woolley, Wash., girl, Carl Lee Ann, Feb. 25, 9:26 a.m., 6 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

**TROUT**, Ken and Collette (Larose), of Mandeville, La., girl, Charnelle Louise, March 19, 3:05 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

**VINTA**, Emmanuel and Antoinette (Gopez), of Malolos, Philippines, girl, Annelie Ruth, March 2, 10:40 p.m., 6 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

**WEIR**, Bruce and Anita (Horner), of Toowoomba, Australia, girl, Andrea Lee, Feb. 3, 1:43 a.m., 8 pounds 4 1/2 ounces, first child.

**WILMS**, Henk and Diane (Raessier), of Calgary, Alta., girl, Rhea Evelien, Feb. 18, 8:20 p.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**ZIMMERMAN**, Galen and Janet (Ries), of Crofton, Neb., boy, Sean Michael, Feb. 15, 6:45 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rehor of Monticello, Iowa, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Julie to Shaun W. McCallum, son of Lourae Mortenson of San Diego, Calif. A July 2 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Livermore of Ottawa, Ont., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Stacy Ellen to Dean Christiansen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Christiansen of Big River, Sask. A May 22 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Gunter Brauer of Calgary, Alta., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Karen Susan to Andrew Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Lee of Minneapolis, Minn. An Oct. 1 wedding in Calgary is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Cowan Jr. of Arlington, Tex., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Michelle Ann to Tim Rickard, son of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Rickard of Chattanooga, Tenn. A May 21 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hansen of Mount Prospect, Ill., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Mari Ann to Robert Lee Harrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harrison of Scott City, Mo. A July 16 wedding is planned.

Dr. and Mrs. Francesco Cosco of San Carlos, Calif., are pleased to announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Caroline, to Ward Douglas Opichka. The couple, both of whom attend Sabbath services in Pasadena, plan a June 25 wedding in Pasadena.

## WEDDINGS



**MR. AND MRS. STEPHEN TAKACS**  
Lisa Mae Biggs, daughter of Alice Biggs, and Stephen Takacs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Takacs, were united in marriage Sept. 11, 1988, in Edmonton, Alta. The ceremony was performed by Gordon Graham, Edmonton South associate pastor. Heather Heide was matron of honor, and Bela Fecske, uncle of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Edmonton.



**MR. AND MRS. M. WILLIAMS**  
Jeanette Marie Fricke, daughter of Orren and Marmie Fricke of Grandview, Wash., and Michael E. Williams, son of Melvin and Patricia Williams of Long Beach, Calif., were united in marriage Sept. 5, 1988. The ceremony was performed by the groom's father, a Long Beach minister. Cecile Kofol was maid of honor, and Sean Finnigan was best man.



**MR. AND MRS. TEDDY L. DOSS**  
Tony, Jason and Rachel Langley are pleased to announce the marriage of their

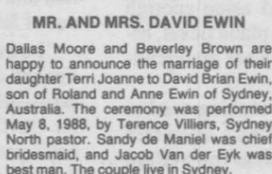
mother, Suzanne Langley, to Teddy Levan Doss, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Doss Sr. of Chattanooga, Tenn. The ceremony was performed June 18, 1988, by Paul Kurts, Nashville and Murfreesboro, Tenn., associate pastor. Rachel Langley was maid of honor, and Bill Doss Jr. was best man. The family live in East Ridge, Tenn.



**MR. AND MRS. RICHARD KAY**  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Myers of Denmark, Wis., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Mary Kay to Richard J. Kay, son of Col. and Mrs. Donald J. Kay of Panama Beach, Fla. The ceremony was performed Sept. 4, 1988, by William Miller, Green Bay and Appleton, Wis., pastor. The couple live in Tallahassee, Fla.



**MR. AND MRS. GLENN EWIN**  
Mr. and Mrs. David Harper of Nambour, Australia, are happy to announce the marriage of their eldest daughter, Kathryn Lisa, to Glenn Roland Ewin, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Ewin of Sydney, Australia. The ceremony was performed Jan. 29 by William Sidney, Brisbane North and Caboolture, Australia, pastor. The bride was attended by her sisters, Anita, Andrea and Rowena, and the groom was attended by Russell and David Ewin. The couple live in Caloundra, Australia.



**MR. AND MRS. DAVID EWIN**  
Dallas Moore and Beverley Brown are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Terri Joanne to David Brian Ewin, son of Roland and Anne Ewin of Sydney, Australia. The ceremony was performed May 8, 1988, by Terence Villiers, Sydney North pastor. Sandy de Maniel was chief bridesmaid, and Jacob Van der Eyk was best man. The couple live in Sydney.



**MR. AND MRS. ROBERT TIBBO**  
Sherri Lou Bartell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Bartell of Prince George, B.C., and Robert Joseph Ronald Tibbo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Tibbo of Sudbury, Ont., were united in marriage Sept. 18, 1988. The ceremony was performed by Rainer Salomas, Prince George pastor. The couple live in Toronto, Ont.



**MR. AND MRS. LARRY G. RIMANDO**  
Kenneth Andrea Pagulayan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maximino R. Pagulayan, and Larry G. Rimando, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin G. Rimando Sr. of Long Beach, Calif., were united in marriage Sept. 4, 1988, in Long Beach. The ceremony was performed by evangelist Dean Blackwell, who works in Church Administration. Fe Pike, sister of the groom, was matron of honor, and Gilbert Javier was best man. The couple live in Los Angeles.



**MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL McNEAL**  
No Dee E. Du Bose and Michael A. McNeal were united in marriage Sept. 11, 1988, in Highland Park, Ill. Michael Swagarty, Chicago North and Northwest pastor, performed the ceremony. Myra L. Stewart was matron of honor, and Jamil McNeal was best man. The couple live in Chicago, Ill.



**MR. AND MRS. JEFFERY HOWELL**  
Phyllis Aleta Crosby, daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Ellis H. Crosby of Seminary, Miss., and Jeffrey Lynn Howell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Howell of Waynesboro, Tenn., were united in marriage Aug. 14, 1988. The ceremony was performed by David Stone, Hattiesburg, Miss., pastor. Angela Reynolds was matron of honor, and the groom's father was best man. The couple live in Waynesboro.



**MR. AND MRS. GRAHAM OWEN**  
Lillian Hetet of Lower Hutt, New Zealand, and Graham Owen of Hullbridge, England, were united in marriage July 10, 1988. The ceremony was performed by Barry Bourne, London and Basildon, England, pastor. Moana Kousal was maid of honor, and Peter Kousal was best man. The couple live in Leigh-on-Sea, England.



**MR. AND MRS. BILL KEESEE**  
The children of Bill and Polly Keesee would like to announce their parents' 35th wedding anniversary, which took place April 30. The Keeeses live in Lee's Summit, Mo., and attend the Kansas City, Mo., East church. They have three children and four grandchildren. They have been Church members for 20 years.



**MR. AND MRS. EDWARD NORLING**  
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Norling celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 15. The Norlings, who attend the Cape Town, South Africa, church, have been members since 1968. Mr. Norling is a deacon. The couple have two sons and four daughters, all Church members, and 10 grandchildren.



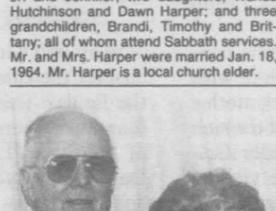
**MR. AND MRS. DAVID KENDERS**  
The family of David and Dorothy Kenders of Fort Collins, Colo.—David, Carrie, Jennifer, Brandi, Richard and Heather Kenders and Beth and Steven Klock—would like to congratulate their parents on their silver wedding anniversary. The Kenderses marked their 25th anniversary April 5. Mr. Kenders is a local church elder in the Fort Collins church.



**MR. AND MRS. GEORGE HARPER**  
George and Louise Harper celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Jan. 21 at a surprise party given by their children and Santa Fe, N.M., brethren. The Harpers have one son and daughter-in-law, George Jr. and Jennifer; two daughters, Wanda Hutchinson and Dawn Harper; and three grandchildren, Brandi, Timothy and Britany; all of whom attend Sabbath services. Mr. and Mrs. Harper were married Jan. 18, 1964. Mr. Harper is a local church elder.



**MR. AND MRS. G. BRUBAKER**  
Mr. and Mrs. George Brubaker celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary March 15. Mr. Brubaker is a deacon in the Victoria, Tex., church. The couple were baptized in 1967.



**MR. AND MRS. JOHN REYNOLDS**  
John and Audrey Reynolds observed their

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

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45th wedding anniversary Feb. 5. They have been Church members since 1963. The Reynoldses have three children, Greg, Diane and William, a Church member. Mr. Reynolds is a deacon, and Mrs. Reynolds is a deaconess in the Las Cruces, N.M., church.

Robert and Ruth Preidl, Church members in Philadelphia, Pa., since 1974, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Feb. 7. The Preidls have two daughters, Patricia and Lisa, and one son-in-law, Daniel.

## ANNIVERSARIES

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**MR. AND MRS. GAGAR HICKSON**  
Mr. and Mrs. Gagar Hickson of Bray, Ireland, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 21, 1988. Dublin, Ireland, brethren honored the couple with a social and a dance Dec. 24. Mr. Hickson is a deacon. The couple have two sons and one daughter.



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## NOTICE

Attention 1984 Pasadena Ambassador College graduates: You are cordially invited to attend a five-year class reunion, which will take place during the Feast of Tabernacles in St. Petersburg, Fla. The Festival Office in Pasadena has approved the activity, but those planning to attend will need to list the class reunion as reason for requesting a transfer on their Festival application. For information about the reunion write to David Vernich, 4107 Hunting Drive, Hermitage, Tenn., 37076 or call 1-615-889-4979.

## OBITUARIES

**HARKEY**, Minnie D., 99, of Carrizozo, N.M.,

died March 28. Mrs. Harkey, a Church member for 33 years, is survived by one son, one daughter, seven grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

**SOVA**, Nellie, 79, of Gooding, Idaho, died March 7. Mrs. Sovo, a Church member since 1964, is survived by one brother; two daughters, Marie Baucum and LaVada Rauf; three sons, Donald, Bruce and Craig; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by a sister, a brother and her husband of 58 years.

**CLARK**, Katherine, 69, of Houston, Tex., died Feb. 8. Mrs. Clark, a Church member since 1980, is survived by two daughters, Patricia and Diana Clark Jackson, both members; another daughter; one son; four grandsons; and one great-granddaughter.

**GREGORY**, Florence, 62, of Philadelphia, Pa., died March 18 of cancer. Mrs. Gregory, a Church member since 1986, is survived by one son.

**ROEMER**, Marie, 74, of Pasadena, died March 19 after a lengthy illness. Mrs. Roemer, a Church member since 1953, is survived by her husband, Charles; four children, Janice Foster, Charles, Earl and Brian; one brother, Louis Yanes; one sister, Pearl Lira; and 11 grandchildren.

**SALZMAN**, Isabel R., 87, of Rome, N.Y., died Jan. 26. Mrs. Salzman, a Church member since 1980, is survived by a daughter, Louise Smith; three sons, Ralph, Martin and Joseph; 17 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren. Her husband, Lewis, and a son, Thomas, preceded her in death.

**RISSINGER**, Priscilla, 53, of Rochester, N.Y., died Feb. 9 of cancer. Mrs. Rissinger, a Church member since 1969, is survived by her father, John A. Griffiths; a son, Scott C.; a daughter, Carrie J.; and a sister, Susanne G. Wood.

**NOELL**, Dean, 23, of Los Angeles, Calif., died Nov. 5, 1988, of cancer. Mr. Noell is survived by his mother, Sara Noell, a Church member; and two brothers, Lyle and Eric.

**WALTERS**, Robert L., 65, of Wilmington, N.C., died Dec. 14, 1988, after a long illness with heart problems and diabetes. Mr. Walters is survived by his wife, Vera; three children; and three stepchildren.

**WILLIAMS**, Essie, 61, of Wadley, Ga., died March 20. Mrs. Williams, a Church member since 1972, is survived by two daughters, three sons and 10 grandchildren.

**FISHEL**, Vera Elizabeth, 78, of La Mesa, Calif., died March 8 of complications from rheumatoid arthritis. Mrs. Fishel is survived by two sons, Rudy and Daniel Santic; a daughter, Diane E. Hollman; two brothers; two sisters; and five grandchildren.

**BOWLIN**, Edward B., 80, of Dayton, Ohio, died March 15 of cancer. Mr. Bowlin, a Church member since 1988, is survived by his wife, Georgia, and a son, Jerry, both Church members; his mother; two daughters; a brother; a sister; and five grandchildren.

**MATTHEWS**, Norma Bell, 88, of Walnut, Miss., died April 3 after a long illness. Mrs. Matthews, a Church member since 1963, is survived by three daughters, two sons, two sisters, 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.



**KERRY NEHK**  
NEHK, Kerry Michael, 13, of Big Sandy, died Feb. 6 of appendicitis. He is survived by his parents, Mike and Debbie; two sisters, Laurie, 11, and Katie, 3; one brother, Jon, 8; his grandparents; and a great-grandmother. Kerry's parents, grandparents and great-grandmother are Church members.

# Church

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good: her candle goeth not out by night." Our mother the Church is described as having a little strength (Revelation 3:8), which she uses to ensure that her merchandise (the publications and telecast, for example) is of the highest quality.

"She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff. She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy" (Proverbs 31:19-20). Using her skills and energy, our mother the Church extends her hand to peoples all over the world through the Ambassador Foundation and the Church's assistance program.

Reading of the fine clothing she makes for herself and her household (verses 21-22), one is reminded of Revelation 19:8, where it says, "And to her [the Church] was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints."

Verse 23 of Proverbs 31 tells us that "her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land." After this virtuous woman fulfills the commission, the end of this present evil age will come. At that time, "they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them,

saith the Lord (Jeremiah 31:34).

Verses 25 and 26 list characteristics we can certainly see and appreciate in our mother the Church.

Verse 27 tells us, "She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness." Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach desires to be actively involved in the lives of the people he is responsible for. The apostle Paul tells us that the ministers "watch out for your souls, as those who must give account" (Hebrews 13:17, New King James).

### Honoring our spiritual mother

Recognizing all of these praiseworthy actions and qualities in our mother the Church, shouldn't we as her children "arise up, and call her blessed"? (Proverbs 31:28).

"Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised" (verse 30). There is but one virtuous woman among the churches in this world.

Isn't this a woman worthy of our love, honor and respect? Shouldn't we "give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates"? (Proverbs 31:31).

One reason we honor our physical mothers annually is for the labor they went through to give us birth. Yet how much more praiseworthy is the labor our spiritual mother the Church is going through right now, to ensure our spiritual birth in the family of God.

# PERSONAL

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tinue to pray earnestly for the regular income, that the second quarter will not further increase the shortfall. And, of course, let's all be sure we are doing our parts individually.

I was disappointed to learn of some few who had simply become complacent and careless about tithing, not seeming to realize that one who is careless about tithing is robbing God. They finally realized their weak spiritual state, however, and have repented.

If we are truly interested in and excited about what God is doing, then we will want to

honor Him with all our substance, and help others learn of Him through His Work.

### Telecast sets standard

Meanwhile more good news for *The World Tomorrow!* WBAL, the second-largest station in the Baltimore, Md., market, offered *The World Tomorrow* Sunday morning air time. Until this offer, WBAL has not allowed any religious programming in its schedule.

Station representatives said *The World Tomorrow* will now be the standard by which WBAL will judge all religious programming. The telecast will air on WBAL Sunday mornings at 8:30, beginning May 7.

I am currently working on my

commencement address for Ambassador College. I hope to attend the ceremonies in Big Sandy, as well as in Pasadena.

Students are about to enter finals week, and those who will be graduating are thinking about what they hope to make of their futures. The next couple of weeks will be particularly busy ones for students, faculty and parents who will be attending graduation.

Meanwhile, we are continuing enthusiastically in the exciting Work God has entrusted to us. Let's continue in the faith, letting God work in us to produce the righteous fruit of peaceful and obedient lives in His love. My prayers are with you daily.

# Records fall in 5K, 10K races

PASADENA—The Ambassador College Athletic Department and the junior class sponsored the eighth annual 5K and 10K (kilometers) race for more than 175 students, employees and Church members April 2.

The course was a five-kilometer (3.1 miles) loop of the Rose Bowl. The 10K runners made a double loop.

Awards were presented to the top finishers in six age categories, and

seven new race records were set.

In the 5K, junior Edward Dunn was the overall winner with a time of 16:53 and captured first place for the 20 to 24 age group. Junior Daniel Reedy came in second place, followed by Dennis Wheatcroft, Glendora, Calif., pastor.

For the women, junior Paula Soik took first place with a time of 22:08. Freshman Jocelyn Burbach came in second at 23:54 to win the 13 to 19

year old division. Beth Chaney took third place.

In the 10K, Glen Mikolajczyk from Arizona was the overall winner with a time of 34:05. Senior Jerry Benedetti came in second, and third place went to Steven Cain, a Church member from Oregon and last year's 10K winner.

Senior Tamara Stout won the women's 10K at 45:06. Jackie Nelson placed second and Michelle Zacharias, third.

# PAGES FROM THE FAMILY ALBUM

"And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit everlasting life." (Matthew 19:29, New King James)



# Honolulu, Hawaii

By Kerri Dowd

In the beginning (the mid 1960s) various ministers flew intermittently to Honolulu, Hawaii, to conduct services. Regular services began in 1969.

Now, in addition to about 165 who attend services in Honolulu, about 30 members on the island of Maui listen to services weekly by live telephone hookup; 20 on Hawaii (the largest island in the chain) have a telephone hookup once a month and hear a local church elder once a month; and other scattered members listen to tapes each week.

In 1959 Hawaii became America's 50th state. The population is about 35 percent Caucasian, 30 percent Japanese and 10 percent is black or Hawaiian. Most of the rest are of other Asian or Pacific origin.

About 65 percent of the Church members in Hawaii were born in the state, while 35 percent have moved to the islands in the past 15 years. People frequently move in and out of the state.

### An island paradise?

"Most move to Hawaii because of an illusion," said David Fraser, Honolulu pastor. "They are looking for a quality of life without a price."

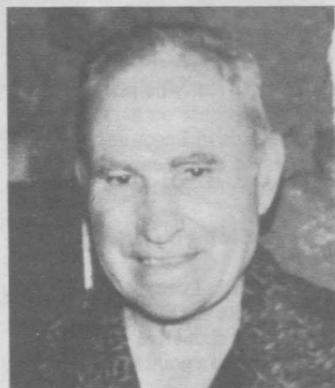
"A recent study conducted by the Bank of Hawaii showed the cost of living to be 28 percent higher than on the mainland. Food and housing are particularly expensive.

"About 80 percent of those who move here move back to the mainland."

The average standard of living is lower in terms of living space and amenities than in the mainland United States. "Members learn to

live with less," said Mr. Fraser. Some items such as bananas and pineapples, which are grown in Hawaii, often cost more there than in Southern California.

Although the unemployment rate is lower than the national average, "most jobs pay less in Hawaii



**LONG-TERM FAITH**—Norman Blanchette, Honolulu's longest-time member, was baptized in 1963 in Chicago, Ill., by Joseph W. Tkach.

than on the U.S. West Coast," he added.

"We have everything—a wide variety of professions in the church. It's amazing how diversified the occupations are. The most people that work in any one type of employment are landscapers," said Mr. Fraser.

One member is a letter carrier, one is the vice president of a savings

and loan company, two are professional artists and one is a dentist. The church includes an accountant, a veterinarian, a teacher, a chiropractor and a printer. Some are self-employed. Some work in insurance, for the telephone company and in other occupations.

Fred Kenknight paints watercolors, primarily seascapes. His work has been displayed in galleries in Hawaii and New Mexico. The other artist is Elayne Rustan, who does oil paintings and lives on Kauai.

Although tourism is a major industry in the Hawaiian Islands, only one of the members is directly employed in the industry, because of problems with the Sabbath.

Mr. Fraser talked about misconceptions people have about Hawaii. People tend to think that all Hawaiians spend their spare time at the beach. While many do enjoy water sports and most live within 30 minutes by car from the beach, "some rarely visit the beach."

The terrain is varied, as is the climate. On Hawaii two volcanoes reach an altitude of more than 14,000 feet. Snow-skiing is possible "sometimes for as long as four months of the year," said Mr. Fraser. Of course, there are plenty of palm trees and beaches.

### Church life in Hawaii

Church activities include picnics and camp-outs. The congregation raises funds by growing ornamental ferns for landscaping companies.



**HULA DANCERS**—Church youths demonstrate Hawaiian dances at an annual variety show sponsored by the Honolulu Youth Opportunities United (YOU) group.

"We plant 5,000 to 6,000 in three hours and after three to four months we net about \$5,000," said Mr. Fraser. "We do this twice a year. All it takes in addition is a little weeding and watering."

Some of the money is used to send youths to the Summer Educational Program (SEP) in Orr., Minn. This year some will be attending SEPs in Alaska and in Orr. YOU activities include volleyball, soccer, football, basketball and softball, but "obviously we have very limited district competition," said Mr. Fraser.

A sailing program was started, and the youths present an annual variety show for the church.

Patti Monroe, 82, is the eldest member in the church. The longest-time member is Norman Blanchette, 70. He was baptized in 1963 in Chicago, Ill., by Joseph W. Tkach. Mr. Blanchette fought on the Kakoda Trail in New Guinea during World War II. He is one of the few European people who survived that very arduous experience, said Mr. Fraser's wife, Katharine.

Even though Hawaii is in the North Pacific about 2,400 miles southwest of San Francisco, "psychologically we only feel about 100

miles off the coast of California," said Mr. Fraser. "We are halfway between Fiji and California, but we are saturated with American media and culture."

Most of the brethren keep the Feast of Tabernacles in Kauai. "A lot of people simply don't have the income to transfer to other sites. Some have never been to the mainland, nor traveled to some of the neighbor islands."

Wayne and Kathy Avery, on the other hand, have visited all kinds of islands. In early 1985 they sailed from Southern California to Hawaii and on to Australia, New Zealand and other points in the South Pacific. Now they are back in Hawaii.

"I think they arrived here again about a little more than a year ago," said Mr. Fraser. "They came from Tonga."

Hawaii	
Attendance	220
Local church elders	2
Deacons	6
Deaconesses	1
Teens	15
Children under 12	70
Singles	26
Over 60s	13
Spokesman Clubs	1
Graduate Clubs	1

# WE ARE ONE FAMILY

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

# UPDATE

PASADENA—The Church, in efforts to develop a good working relationship with the people of Zaire and to assist visually handicapped people there, has begun to work with the Mama Mobutu Institute for the Blind.

The Church would like to donate prescription glasses that the institute can use. Contact lenses, either soft or hard, are also needed.

If any Church members have glasses or contact lenses that are no longer used and would like to donate them to this cause, please give them to the person your pastor designates. That person will send the glasses to Mama Mobutu Institute for the Blind, c/o Worldwide Church of God, 150 W. Dayton, Pasadena, Calif., 91105.

The glasses will be sent to the Republic of Zaire.

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**OFFICIAL VISIT**—Rajah Gamage of the Sri Lankan Ministry of Lands and Land Development, and his wife, Indrani, tour Editorial Services in Pasadena April 7. Mr. Gamage works with the Ambassador Foundation project at the Waterfield Institute in Sri Lanka. [Photo by Barry Stahl]

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**BIG SANDY**—Alvah Pyle received a 25-year watch April 8 for her service to the Church. Mrs. Pyle's husband, Norvel, a preaching elder, died in 1987.

Evangelist Donald Ward, Ambassador College president, made the presentation.

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**MEXICO CITY, Mexico**—Brethren and office employees suffered no injuries when an earthquake shook southern Mexico April 25, the day before the last day of Unleavened Bread. The quake measured 6.3 on the Richter scale.

The building where services are conducted received minor cracks in the plaster on walls. Services on the Holy Day were conducted as scheduled.

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**PASADENA**—The Spanish Department announced the following ministerial transfers.

**Reginald Killingley**, pastor of the Caracas and Barquisimeto, Venezuela, churches, will move to Pasadena to work in the editorial section of the Spanish Department.

**Salvador Barragan**, pastor of the Ciudad Juarez, Cuauhtemoc and Chihuahua, Mexico, churches, will pastor the churches in Venezuela. **Pablo Dimakis**, pastor of the Veracruz and Mexico City, Mexico, churches, will pastor the churches Mr. Barragan formerly pastored.

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**BOREHAMWOOD, England**—Peter Shenton, pastor of the churches in Scandinavia, baptized the 100th Scandinavian Church

member March 27 in Oslo, Norway.

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**CHAMPAIGN, Ill.**—Robert and Virginia Cole, members who attend the Champaign church, escaped death when they were involved in a car accident on their way to Sabbath services Dec. 31, 1988.

Twenty-three vehicles were involved in a series of accidents in a patch of dense fog on a half-mile stretch of Interstate 74. Fifteen people were injured and six died.

One truck collided with another in the dense fog. The Coles, who hit the second truck, were rear-ended three times before they could all get out of their burning car.

Jimmy, the Cole's youngest son, was thrown unconscious to the floor of the car, and another man helped Mr. Cole pull him to safety. Jimmy suffered second- and third-degree burns and was hospitalized for skin grafting.

Mr. Cole, who suffered a broken wrist while removing his son from the car, and first degree burns, was

hospitalized for two days. Mrs. Cole was treated and released the same day, and another son, William, was hospitalized briefly for minor back injuries.

Several other families on their way to services were just minutes behind the accidents.

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**PASADENA**—The Feast site for Mexico has been changed from Acapulco to Guadalajara.

The Mexico City Office announced that the change was made because of contractual problems with the Acapulco Convention Center.

Guadalajara is a city of wide, tree-lined avenues, flowers and mariachis and is considered to be the heart and soul of Mexico. Food costs are expected to be less than for Acapulco, and many types of food are available.

Guadalajara, known for its colonial architecture, is less than an hour away from Lake Chapala.

Shoppers can find an abundance of treasures in Guadalajara's many shops, including the shopping area of Tlaquepaque. Mexican brethren are looking forward to serving as hosts to up to 700 English-speaking brethren. The site still has openings available for transfers.

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**PASADENA**—The Festival Of-



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

**PASADENA**—"Since January we have hardly seen the sun," said Kenneth Buck, Blantyre, Malawi, associate pastor, March 12.

"The last six weeks it has rained continuously, day and night, with only short (less than an hour) breaks, and even those have been infrequent," he added.

Rains have caused severe crop damage and flooding in southern regions, with some 10,000 people homeless because villages were washed away.

"On our journey to Lilongwe last week [March 6 to 10] we could see that as far north as Balaka some 90 percent of the maize crop has failed, although farther north it still appears that the crop will be good," Mr. Buck said.

The maize from the north will be needed because nearly 750,000 refugees have fled Mozambique, "and they are reported to be still flowing in at around 20,000 a month."

Lake Malawi is suffering pollution from soil being washed from the land, carrying fertilizer, pesticides and insecticides, which threaten to upset the ecological balance.

Landscaping at the Church-owned meeting hall in Blantyre has been at a standstill because mud has halted earth-moving machinery.

"We have been unable to construct surface water drains, so some of the lower terrace of the site has been washed down the slope," said Mr. Buck. "And our prepared vegetable garden is now buried under more than a foot of mud and sand."

"In the last few days the rain has eased, and we are now starting again with the emphasis on draining," Mr. Buck said.

### Earthquakes

Two earth tremors have also occurred, one in Blantyre, which shifted the bed of Mr. Buck and his wife, Hilary, a couple of inches, and one in Lilongwe, which was more severe.

March 9 an earthquake hit the Salima district in central Malawi, causing some deaths and collapsing buildings.

"I am very pleased to report that as far as we know none of the brethren have suffered as a result, and although up until today we are still not in touch with Mchenga Phiri, who lives in Salima, it is unlikely that he will have suffered more than a shaking," Mr. Buck said.

He added that members are experiencing another trial because of a change in the school system, "which calls for all teachers to be transferred back to their home district." Most of the teachers in the Church come from the north, and returning there "would effectively cut them off from fellowship with the church on a regular basis," Mr. Buck noted.

"In spite of all this the members and our prospective members are growing and progressing well. Especially evident is a growing sense of family and unity."

### Traveling evangelist in Africa

Evangelist Gerald Waterhouse visited West Africa for the first time in early April.

His itinerary took him to Accra, Ghana, where he showed his slide presentation to about 300 brethren representing three churches.

In Jos, Nigeria, about 20 people were unable to meet with Mr. Waterhouse because of a gasoline shortage, said evangelist Frank Brown, regional director for Britain, Scandinavia, East and West Africa and the Middle East.

Mr. Waterhouse gave the slide presentations to more than 200 brethren in Owerri, Nigeria, and April 9, to about 320 near Lagos, the capital.

He then traveled to Douala, Cameroon.

"Owing to a strike by one of the airlines, it was necessary to leave Cameroon that evening to fly to Rome and connect on to London,



**SECURITY BANQUET**—Security directors from the Association of Campus Police and Security gather for a luncheon March 31 at Ambassador College. The association is composed of 35 Southern California college security directors. Dennis Van Deventer (center) is the Ambassador College security director. [Photo by Mike Bedford]

office here announced that the Feast sites in Grand Anse Beach, Grenada; Kingston, Jamaica; St. Francois, Guadeloupe; Tartane, Martinique; Uvongo, South Africa; and Caloundra and Ulladulla, Australia; have reached capacity. No further transfer applications can be accepted.

**BOREHAMWOOD, England**—The office here announced a second Feast of Tabernacles site for brethren in Ghana.

The site, near Hohoe, will be convenient for members who attend the Likpe Mate, Ghana, church, who cannot afford to travel to and be accommodated in Accra.

where Mr. Waterhouse arrived somewhat exhausted but safe, although without his luggage, which took another day or so to reach him," said Mr. Brown.

"Having traveled in many parts of the world where difficulties are often experienced, we were surprised to hear that Mr. Waterhouse had never encountered anything like the travel difficulties he faced in West Africa," the regional director continued.

Mr. Waterhouse said, "You have to experience this to believe it can really be so!" He added that his prayers for ministers in such areas will be with much more understanding.

### Blind deacon recovering

After surgery the eyesight of Samuel Dada, a deacon in Nigeria with sickle-cell anemia, is improving.

Mr. Dada's sight improved to the point he could give a sermonette using a large-print Bible.

"His condition continues to improve and he is hopeful that his sight will return to normal," said Mr. Brown.

David Stirk, business manager for East and West Africa in the British Office, who accompanied Mr. Waterhouse on his trip, spoke to Mr. Dada in Lagos and reported he seemed much encouraged and was looking forward to resuming his duties.

The following is a letter from Mr. Dada.

"Mr. Stirk, I cannot possibly tell you all the trials I have gone through for about five years now . . .

"It reached a point within the last one year that I could not see. I was blind. And I had to be led about by my wife who has been so loving and understanding . . .

"It is a terrifying experience when you could no more see the face of friends and loved ones.

"I am extremely grateful to our heavenly Father through our Lord Jesus Christ for His mercy upon me.

"That I am able to see and walk about and even be able to write you today is not as a result of the hard sobs and tears that sometimes ran down my cheeks in the quietness of my room.

"It is not for my righteousness either. I have none. But for God's love and especially His will for me.

"As regards the medical treatment I have received so far, they have been very helpful. My right

eye is clearer than the left eye. At the time of writing this letter, I am still receiving treatment over the eye.

"I am told that it might take a little more time for both eyes to be in very good condition."

### Members' daughter killed

In Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, the young daughter of the Mwamkinga family was knocked down by a truck and killed.

Owen Willis, pastor of the Nairobi and Kibirichia, Kenya, and Blantyre, Malawi, churches, was in Tanzania at the time and able to encourage the Mwamkingas.

### Brethren in Uganda

A generally stable political atmosphere is making life for Ugandan brethren less tense, according to Mr. Willis.

"The rains have returned but water supplies have had some tsetse fly contaminations," he said.

Some scattered outbreaks of measles have affected members' children.

"The members are generally positive and encouraged," said Mr. Willis.

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