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## Telecast presenters take on new responsibilities in May

PASADENA—Evangelist Richard Ames has been appointed pastor of the Pasadena West P.M. (formerly Auditorium P.M.) congregation.

Until May, when the Ambassador College year ends, Mr. Ames will continue as registrar and admissions director at the Pasadena campus, as well as professor of speech and theology.

Evangelist David Albert, psychology professor at Pasadena Ambassador College, will become a writer and researcher at Television Production in May.

Mr. Ames and Dr. Albert will continue as *World Tomorrow* presenters. All four presenters will remain in Pasadena when the college moves to Big Sandy.

### Richard Ames

Mr. Ames, 53, a 1965 graduate of Ambassador College, has served churches in Texas, Florida, California, Ohio and Kentucky.

He taught speech and theology classes at the campus in Big Sandy from 1966 to 1977. He has served as admissions director in Pasadena since 1980.



MR. AND MRS. RICHARD AMES

Mr. Ames received a civil engineering degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute of Troy, N.Y., in 1959, a certificate of traffic and transportation engineering from Yale University Bureau of Highway Traffic in 1961, and a master of arts degree in communications in 1977.

Ordained a preaching elder in 1965, he was raised to pastor in 1969 and evangelist in 1984.

Mr. Ames married the former Kathryn Meredith, sister of evangelist Roderick Meredith of Pasadena, Aug. 12, 1964.

Mrs. Ames, who already had a bachelor's degree in music and another in music education from Kan-

sas University, was a full-time teacher at Imperial Schools and a part-time student at Ambassador when Mr. Ames met her.

Mrs. Ames was concertmaster in the East Texas Symphony from 1971 to 1977, and often plays the violin for special Sabbath music.

Mr. Ames is an amateur photographer and enjoys improvising on the piano for very limited audiences—"that means for my wife and me."

### David Albert

Born in Aberdeen, Wash., Dr. Albert, 48, graduated from Ambassador College in 1963.

"I came to Ambassador College largely as a result of being im-



DR. AND MRS. DAVID ALBERT

pressed with the writers of the magazine," he said.

"I wanted to know the Bible as well as these people knew the Bible, and I was interested in being baptized."

Dr. Albert was ordained a preaching elder in May 1963, and later raised up churches in Amarillo and Odessa, Tex.

In 1968 he began to teach theology and speech at Ambassador College and served as assistant dean of students.

In 1971 he was ordained a pastor. Five years later he earned a graduate degree in counseling and in 1978 was named director of career counseling.

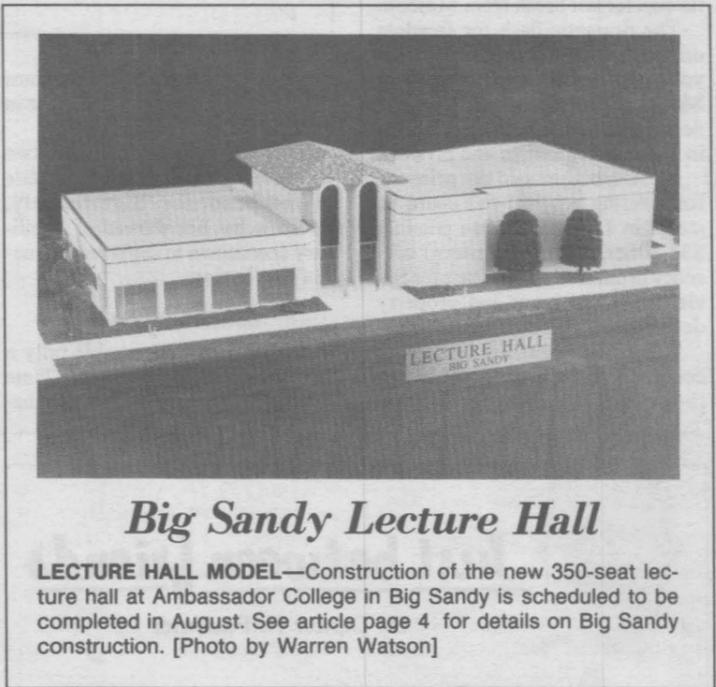
Although the *World Tomorrow*

telecast has dominated his attention for the past four years, Dr. Albert still teaches psychology and advanced speech classes.

Mr. Tkach ordained Dr. Albert an evangelist April 16, 1988.

Dr. Albert has four daughters from his first marriage. They are Brigitte Kurr, Molly Clark, Jennifer and Melissa. Dr. Albert also has three grandsons.

In 1980 Dr. Albert married Simone Johnson. "She has made a lot of significant contributions to my career with her support and her knowledge about things like nutrition. She provides an incredible base of support."



### Big Sandy Lecture Hall

**LECTURE HALL MODEL**—Construction of the new 350-seat lecture hall at Ambassador College in Big Sandy is scheduled to be completed in August. See article page 4 for details on Big Sandy construction. [Photo by Warren Watson]

## Pure Verite lectures evoke interest

# Director visits West Indies

### By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—"People in the West Indies seem to be more and more interested in our teachings as they see prophecy being fulfilled," said evangelist Dibar Apartian, regional director for French-speaking areas.

John Halford, a senior writer for the Church's publications, met Mr. Apartian in Haiti.

Mr. Apartian visited Martinique, Guadeloupe and, for the first time since January 1987, the island of

Haiti. Mr. Halford more frequently visits Haiti.

### Large response in Martinique

Mr. Apartian arrived in Fort-de-France, the capital, Feb. 15. An overseas department of France, Martinique is a rugged volcanic island of 425 square miles.

In the capital Mr. Apartian conducted two public Bible lectures, one on the Sabbath, Feb. 17, and the other on Sunday, Feb. 18.

"There is no public transporta-

tion after 6 p.m. on weekdays, and Saturday and Sunday mornings are the only days halls are available for public lectures," Mr. Apartian told *The Worldwide News*.

Of 2,600 *Pure Verite* (French *Plain Truth*) subscribers invited, 151 attended the first lecture, and 191 the second.

"This is an excellent response due to the fact we are well-known in Martinique because of *Le Monde a Venir* [French *World Tomorrow* broadcast]. People see events moving along that concern them, especially with what is happening in Europe."

At the lectures Mr. Apartian explained that European unity is "one of the biggest events since World War II."

Subscribers stayed to ask questions for about an hour.

Sabbath afternoon Mr. Apartian spoke to 342 brethren. "The youths are very excited about SEP [Summer Educational Program], and asked about an exchange program

## PERSONAL FROM

*Joseph W. Tkach*

Dear Brethren,

The Passover season is a sure reminder of God's great devotion and love for humanity.

What a great privilege to know that we do not have to carry the burden of our own guilt and shame—that God has removed it from us

through his Son, enabling us to live a new life directed toward him!

Whether we are speaking of our individual Christian lives or the collective Work of God, it is encouraging to realize that we are not on our own, having to depend on our own efforts to achieve somehow the end product that God is developing.

With regard to the Work, how thankful we can be to serve a wonderful God who continues to give us encouragement and hope about the impact of the work we are able to accomplish, even at a time when we must be concerned about a lagging income and national economy.

God sets the goals before us, and he helps us reach them by the power of his Spirit. We certainly can't reach them by our own abilities, our own wisdom or our own strength.

There is nothing spiritually worthwhile that we can accomplish without him. We must forever remember that all the work we are blessed to do is God's, and it is God who works through us to make it happen.

As I have often written, we must never come to think that it is somehow our righteousness, or

## Telecast takes top spot, airs on better stations

### By Bill Palmer

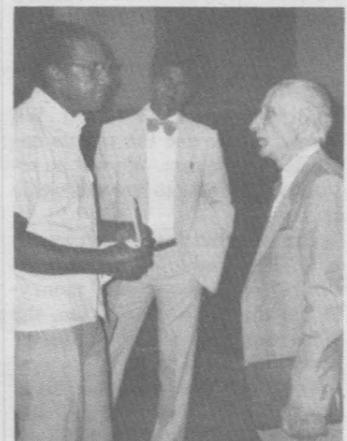
PASADENA—*The World Tomorrow* now has a larger audience than any other religious telecast, Ray Wright, director of Media Planning & Promotion and worldwide circulation director, said during a presentation about international media plans Feb. 27.

Bill Palmer is an assistant to Bernard Schnippert, director of Media Operations.

Those attending the meeting included Pastor General Joseph Tkach, Michael Fezell, assistant to Mr. Tkach, evangelist Leroy Neff,

Church treasurer, Bernard Schnippert, director of Media Operations, Joseph Tkach Jr., assistant director of Church Administration for the United States, and evangelist Larry Salyer, assistant director of Church Administration for international areas.

Mr. Wright said that each week, according to Arbitron and Nielsen ratings, 1.54 million U.S. viewers watch the program. (Arbitron provides audience ratings for local stations and network-owned-and-operated stations. Nielsen rates audiences for cable stations and superstations.) Robert Schuller's (See TELECAST, page 6)



**CONCERNED LISTENERS**—Evangelist Dibar Apartian answers questions after his public Bible lecture in Martinique Feb. 18. [Photo by Erick Dubois]

with French-speaking Canada. So we may be able to plan for 1991."

### Guadeloupe: fielding questions

Feb. 19 Mr. Apartian flew to Guadeloupe, another overseas department of France.

"Flying over the island we could still see damage from Hurricane (See LECTURES, page 8)

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# Lithuania: dramatic dash for freedom

PASADENA—Every month new milestones in history are reached. Sunday, March 11, the leadership of the Soviet republic of Lithuania declared unilateral independence from the Soviet Union.

Rumors began to fly that the Estonian parliament would soon make its own formal break from Moscow.

The dramatic dash for freedom on the part of the Lithuanians has yet to be tested. Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev called the nearly unanimous vote by delegates in Vilnius illegitimate and invalid.

Mr. Gorbachev said the price tag for severing political ties could be steep, in Lithuania's case possibly \$34 billion in hard (Western) currency in order to compensate for Soviet industrial input and property development over the past 50 years.

The Lithuanians are certain to counter with an even larger bill of their own as reparations for the hun-



## WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

dreds of thousands of Lithuanians deported to perform forced labor in Siberia in the 1940s.

This sparring between the two countries will delay the actual date of independence. Significantly, Moscow has not warned of a military crackdown to suppress Lithuania's aspirations.

### Soviet shrinking act

"What was unthinkable only a few months ago," reported *Time* magazine March 12, "has now be-

come reality: the largest country in the world is on the brink of shrinking."

Latvia, the remaining Baltic state, is expected to follow neighboring Lithuania and Estonia.

Secessionist sentiment is also rising in Moldavia, inhabited mostly by ethnic Romanians. Like the Baltic region, Moldavia was forcibly incorporated into the Soviet Union at the beginning of World War II.

In the Caucasus region, Georgia,

which has denounced its 1921 absorption into the Soviet Union as illegal, may also try to opt for independence.

Ethnic turmoil in the largely Muslim Central Asian republics and Azerbaijan shows that the ethnic Russian hold in these areas is not secure in the long run.

The real disaster to Moscow would be the loss of the giant republic of the Ukraine, with its concentration of agricultural and industrial resources and 52 million people. While there is a growing political opposition movement in the Ukraine, it has not yet raised the banner of independence.

The people in Russia itself—that is in the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic, the largest state, which is the heartland of the entire union—are not without considerable leverage in the secessionist issue.

Russia produces and sells at subsidized prices many of the resources that the other republics need. This includes 91 percent of the Soviet Union's oil, sold internally at half the world price. This reality may slow down the independence drives of some areas, with the exception of the Baltic states.

One of the most interesting developments concerning the rising tide of nationalism in the Soviet Union is the impact it is now having inside the Russian heartland.

There is a growing backlash among ethnic Russians, who make up half of the Soviet Union's population. Many Russians are growing impatient with what they believe to be the ungrateful attitudes of their non-Russian countrymen.

A growing number of these are agitating for a return to time-honored Russian traditions practiced in the days before the arrival of the modern, communist—and atheist—Soviet state.

Interest in the Russian Orthodox Church is growing stronger by the (See FREEDOM, page 5)



## Just between friends

By Dexter H. Faulkner

### You have no 'talents'?

Right after a particularly inspiring performance of special music during the Feast, one person was overheard saying: "I wish I could sing or play an instrument of some kind—any kind. I can't play anything!"

Have you ever had a similar thought? Perhaps you think of Jesus' parable about various individuals being given one, two or five talents. You wonder, "Where was I when the talents were handed out?"

Actually, like most people, you have many more talents than you realize. You may not have recognized them, however, because of the way the word *talent* has commonly come to be used.

Recall for a moment the parable Jesus gave in Matthew 25:14-30. A certain man of means went on a journey to a faraway land. Before he left, he called his servants together and distributed talents, five to one, two to another and one to still another.

During the man's absence his servants were to exercise stewardship over their talents. They were to put them to use in a profitable way. Finally, at their master's return, the servants were rewarded according to how well they had used the talents given to them.

The parable illustrates what we as Christians should be doing while waiting for Jesus to return. We should put to use the talents entrusted to our care. We will be rewarded according to how well we do this.

But what did Jesus mean by talents? The word *talent* in this parable referred to a unit of money. When the Bible was written, the word itself had nothing whatsoever to do with artistic ability.

It was only much later that, based on their understanding of this parable, people began to use the word *talent* to refer to an artistic or special ability of some kind.

And certainly this idea is included in Jesus' teaching. But the problem is that using the word *talent* to refer only to special or artistic abilities has caused many to assume that is all the parable is talking about. This is far from the truth!

The basic lesson of the parable is that in every worthwhile aspect of our lives there should be growth, increase, fruitfulness, improvement. As two of the servants multiplied the money given to them, so God wants us to be productive.

Any opportunity to do something constructive, edifying, uplifting, any ability to do good, is comparable to a piece of money—a talent—that, according to Jesus, needs to be invested so as to produce increase.

We all have opportunities to lend a helping hand, visit the sick, take care of the needs of loved ones, be an example of Christian living, be effective in prayer, improve our circumstances, grow in knowledge. Taking advantage of such opportunities is what profitably using talents is all about.

But, many people in God's Church bury their talents.

Several years ago archaeologists found hundreds of terra-cotta soldiers buried at Xian, China. Each

**In every worthwhile aspect of our lives there should be growth, increase, fruitfulness, improvement.**

sculpture was a work of art in its own right, sculpted and molded in minute detail. With the sculptures they found thousands of handmade artifacts—swords, shields, jewelry, even chariots.

It was a complete, full-size model army representing hundreds of thousands of man-hours of painstaking work and talent. In preparation for his death the emperor buried it. It seems an idiotic thing to have done, but some of us do the same thing with the talents God has given us.

There are several reasons why a person would bury his or her talent. Here are some:

(1) *Inferiority*. People feel, I'm not good enough. What I could do is not up to standard. I've never been appreciated.

Along with inferiority comes fear of rejection. Inferiority and fear of rejection cause many able people to hold back from making a contribution. This seemed to be the problem of the man in the parable. He was afraid of failure so he played it safe by burying his talents.

(2) *Laziness*. Some people bury talent because they simply cannot motivate themselves to produce. There are many people who could make a fine contribution to God's Work and to the world at large, but they've not developed their skills, never put out the effort.

Laziness is habit forming. After a while the mental muscles, along with the physical muscles you need to put your talent to work, waste away.

(3) *Procrastination*. This is often tied in with inferiority. A person who procrastinates is often not a lazy person. He or she is busy doing all sorts of things, but is always putting off the most important things. His or her life is filled with details.

Unlike the lazy person who is essentially planning not to do anything, the procrastinator always intends to get around to using his talent. Actually he does not so much bury his talent as let it get slowly silted up like an unused harbor.

(4) Another way is *selfishness*. Some people simply do not want to put out the effort to help others. They don't care about making some of what they can do available for others' benefit. It's the "I'm all right—I don't care about you" approach.

A talent that isn't used to serve may as well be buried for all the good it does. In one sense the Chinese emperor who buried the army was using this selfish approach. He

wanted it all for himself, even in the afterlife.

Probably most of us identify more with points 1 or 3. We would like to be more useful, but we are afraid. We don't want to be pushy. We're afraid we won't be good enough.

Are you one of those who makes the excuse that you do not have any great talents? What were Jesus' instructions to the slothful servant who didn't use what he had? "Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest" (Matthew 25:27, Revised Standard Version).

When you invest money you make some of what you have available for other people to use. So even people who may not feel they have much ability can invest themselves by enthusiastically participating and helping wherever they can.

Just being a good follower, responding to directions and being an enthusiastic member of a project or team are ways of getting that talent out in the open where it can be used.

Yes, even if you can't carry a tune in a bucket, even if you don't know which is the business end of an artist's brush, even if you have absolutely no special abilities popularly referred to as talents, Jesus' parable applies to you!

## European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder

### East, West Germany rushed into marriage?

EN ROUTE: CAMBRIDGE TO LONDON, England—I attended the third in a series of lectures aimed at promoting a greater understanding of events in Eastern Europe. Tonight's lecturer hailed from East Berlin.

I expected a dry presentation from a faltering speaker with barely passable English. But Jens-Georg Reich had an excellent sense of humor and the audience immediately warmed to him.

Professor Reich, born in the late 1930s, in what is now West Germany, moved to East Germany in early childhood. He recalled his mother hiding a radio under her pillow during World War II. She often listened to Radio London.

As a 6-year-old, he remembered corpses on the streets of German towns in the last days of the fighting. He also recalled crouching low at the curb with his mother as a fighter plane, passing over their heads several times, strafed civilians on the street.

Eastern Europeans have lived under tyrannical constraints for 40 years.

Professor Reich's father, a doctor of internal medicine, was a dissenter against the communist system from the beginning. He advised his son not to say anything political.

Professor Reich wanted a liberal arts degree, but he chose the physical sciences to avoid being forced to confess Marxism. His academic achievements are in biochemistry, statistics and computers. He is also co-founder of the nonpolitical New Forum—one of the populist organizations that helped bring down the Berlin Wall.

Government clearance was required for traveling to foreign lands to progress in a chosen career. The professor was denied this clearance because he refused to break off written communications with a family friend in West Berlin. No promotions were then possible.

The professor is quite handy with computers but was denied access to all but the most rudimentary access codes. Friends had to complete projects for him. In spite of this Professor Reich was not arrested as were some of his friends and colleagues.

He had to wait several years just

to buy a typewriter and obtain a telephone. Professor Reich recalls being under constant surveillance—and the nagging knowledge that somewhere someone had a file on him. It gave one the feeling of living in a fictional world, he said.

Professor Reich's descriptions of German unification were clear. The division of the fatherland was nonsense, but East Germany feels, in the professor's words, "like a poor young bride being rushed into a marriage with a very wealthy middle-aged groom. We would prefer first becoming an adult and then marrying."

He doesn't like the idea of East Germany being rushed into a political marriage. Like some in the West he urges caution and intelligent negotiation, but he recognizes that the economic shambles in East Germany require urgent action.

Professor Reich also brought to light facts about Mikhail Gorbachev's visit to East Germany in early October. Apparently the Soviet leader stopped his car on several occasions in order to address crowds of young people with phrases like, "If you really want democracy, you'll get it." Words far different from his polite talks with the now deposed former head, Erich Honecker.

During the crisis Mr. Honecker gave the order to call out the troops. But Warsaw Pact generals would not lead German troops into German towns. The military would not cooperate and there was no help from Chairman Gorbachev.

The troops on guard were approached by East German women with nothing but candles and words such as: "How dare you stand against your own people! You ought to be ashamed of yourself. I could be your mother."

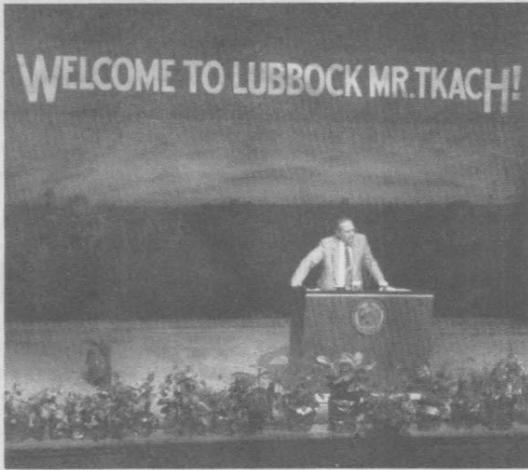
According to Professor Reich, Berlin could have been another Romania or Tiananmen Square. But all the right things seemed destined to happen with little or no loss of life.

Generations of Eastern Europeans as well as those in the West are entering a new age.

It is interesting to note that all eyes in Cambridge, the educational heart of the British Isles, as well as in London, are on Germany.

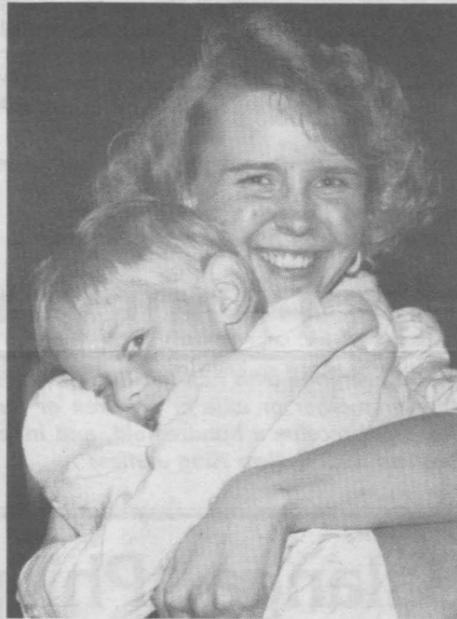


# Pastor general visits Lubbock, Tex.



**LUBBOCK, TEX.** ✓  
 Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach spoke to 880 brethren from Liberal, Kan.; Hobbs and Roswell, N.M.; and Amarillo, Abilene, Lubbock, Midland and San Angelo, Tex.; at Sabbath services March 3.  
 Host ministers and wives were David and Denise Dobson, Lubbock and Roswell; Rick and Angela Beam, Amarillo and Liberal; Alton and Madeline Billingsley, Midland and Hobbs; and Dennis and Judith Milner, San Angelo and Abilene.

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### Wrong address

The postman left *The Plain Truth* at the wrong address. I went through it and found it very interesting. I would like to have a subscription and also the booklets offered in it.

B.W.  
 Warrenton, Va.

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### Right address

I find the correspondence course wonderful. I thought I would never understand the Bible. . . . The knowledge that I have received from this course has left me wanting to learn more. I find myself watching the mail for the next lesson.

E.D.B.  
 Muncy, Pa.

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### Learning to care

I really was not a caring man before I

started reading the magazine. It is because of *The Plain Truth* that I am a very caring man. It lets me know that there are too many people in this world that just do not care about things. *The Plain Truth* shows us how we can be a good father to our children, lets us know what is going on in our environment, AIDS, improving marriages and everything else we want to know about life. It is the best magazine I have ever read. I love it!

D.H.  
 Camp Hill, Pa.

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### Better marriages

I read the article, "I Love, You Love, He Loves," and it was a marvelous one. We are approaching our 38th anniversary and we have had our ups and downs. I think it helps both of us to understand the other one's feelings and doings change as you get older. We all have a tendency to take each other for granted.

G.H.  
 Ashland, Wis.

I am very pleased with your magazine, *The Plain Truth*. It has been very instrumental to my life. One particular magazine, the March 1990 issue, the "I Love, You Love, He Loves" article drew much of my interest. It was very well detailed and it has helped me with my marriage.

R.M.  
 Jackson, Mich.

### Young reader

As a 12-year-old, I always read every article and find them interesting and understandable. However, in the March issue, I found "The Battle for the Global Marketplace" an exceptional piece of work. . . . I find it amazing as well as thrilling to read such articles as this (which could be published in any other newsmagazine, business magazine, or in a newspaper column), in your very different magazine, which brings God into the picture.

Writing such articles will make *The Plain Truth* a more universal publication that gets people's attention while adding the truth of God into the matter.

As you quoted in this article, these trade problems do, in fact, affect each and everyone's wallets even though this secret war of threats and words does not directly affect all of us.

Your boxed articles also show great

thought. In fact, I thought they were wonderful ideas because you specifically answer the questions in the text, such as: what is a trade war anyway, what's to blame for all this trouble, and, of course, that one question we have for practically every issue, are there real solutions to our global economic problems?

C.R.  
 Columbus, Tex.

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### Passing it on

Thank the heavens for my chance to be able to read this wonderful magazine. After I read it, I pass it on to many others by leaving it in hospital waiting rooms. I see someone pick up the magazine almost as soon as I put it down. Some carry it away with them.

M.W.  
 Bastrop, Tex.

## Report from the Treasurer's Office

*Leroy Neff*

PASADENA—In February income increased 3.2 percent over last February. This brought the year-to-date to 10.8 percent more than the same period in 1989. Last year the income for this period was less than the year before, so the comparative increase this year is below average.

We are still in the process of applying for a loan for the new buildings in Big Sandy. While this is the largest construction project since completing the Auditorium in 1974, building fund contributions for this purpose are low and even less than last year.

Your concern and prayers are much appreciated for these and all the other ongoing financial needs.

## NEW PHONE NUMBER

The telephone number for Ambassador College in Big Sandy has been changed to 214-636-2000. This change is effective March 19, although the old number can be used until April 20.

## Director announces progress

# Big Sandy: building update

By Rick van Pelt

PASADENA—This begins a series of updates on the progress of construction and remodeling projects at Ambassador College in Big Sandy.

These projects are enormous in scope and it is easy to understand how misinformation could be spread.

*Rick van Pelt is the director of Facilities Services.*

We hope that through regular updates on these projects we can be a source of information that will keep everyone updated on these endeavors.

### Field house

After the 1989 Feast of Tabernacles an asbestos removal company owned by a New York Church member arrived to remove asbestos from the walls of the field house.

They have removed asbestos from the eastern end of the gymnasium-auditorium and the attic area over the kitchen and dining hall.

When the western end of the gymnasium is completed, they will work on the northern corridor of the building, which includes the faculty dining room, the provost's office, Student Services and the academic dean's office.

Next they plan to work on the registrar's office. They will com-

plete the job in June with the dining hall.

The immediate challenge we face is to put the gymnasium-auditorium back together enough to host a long-scheduled concert by the Ballet Folclorico April 4.

Although we know the building won't be in totally presentable shape, we do hope to have a very successful event.

### College administration building

The contract to complete drawings and build the college administration building, designed in September, was awarded to Rogers & O'Brien Construction Co. Dec. 1.

Working drawings were essentially complete in late January and, after handling legal and financial details, construction began.

The three-story building will have a partial basement that will house mechanical equipment, telecommunications equipment and an emergency shelter.

The registrar's office, Career Services and Student Services will occupy the first floor. The second floor will house the Language, Psychology, History, Science, Theology and Business departments.

The third floor will contain offices for the college president and academic dean and the Development & College Relations Department.

Excavation work is completed,

and most of the piers on which the foundation will rest are in place. Basement walls should be completed by the end of March. Completion of the building is scheduled for midsummer.

### Women's residences

In consolidating the college it was necessary to construct residences for 480 women. Five residences, each designed to house 96 students, are under construction.

Each will have three two-story wings, with a two-story common area connecting them.

The common area has a living room den, game room and television room. The goal is to create a dormitory that is as much like a home as is possible.

The project is difficult because of its schedule. In the eight weeks that elapsed from the time Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach gave his approval on the project until the ground-breaking, the concepts were developed, working drawings (including architectural, structural, mechanical, electrical, plumbing and finish) were developed and the specifications and bidding package were put together.

Bids went out, came back, were analyzed and negotiated. A contract was worked out. Legal and financial details were completed. The contractor moved his equipment to the site and work began Feb. 12.

These buildings are not technically difficult to construct. The major obstacle would be not having enough fair weather between now and Aug. 24 to build.

Exempting Sabbaths and Holy Days from the contractor's schedule leaves only eight months, including design time, to construct five buildings totaling 130,000 square feet.

Some student residence sites are being excavated, footings are being poured for others and masons are constructing the structural concrete block walls of one.

Construction is proceeding well, although there have been a number of rainy days, which have caused slow downs. Two residence sites had small areas where water was coming up. A membrane was installed over the area and soil preparation continued, not affecting the schedule too badly.

### Lecture hall

Construction has not begun on a lecture hall, which will seat 350 people, for classes that are required of all students, such as Bible classes.

Adjoining the lecture hall is an office complex that will house the Music Department.

Working drawings are partially completed on this project. The bid packages for the structural steel are ready to go out, and foundation bids are almost ready to go out.

Ground-breaking should take place within a few weeks, with completion scheduled for August.

### Church office building

Conceptual drawings for an

11,000 square-foot building, which will house the Italian Department and part of the Spanish Department, are approved.

This building will be an academic office building with three classrooms in the center. The building was designed to handle present and future requirements without remodeling.

Working drawings will be started immediately, and construction should begin in about one month.

### Library remodel

The library must be expanded to house the books moved from the Pasadena campus.

Space will be added by extending the partial second floor by filling in the large open area in the center.

This project is under way. The necessary demolition is complete, and reconstruction is beginning. The project is expected to be completed shortly after graduation in May.

### Utility distribution system

A utility corridor is being installed through the campus, along the road between the field house and the convention center.

The corridor will be 8 feet deep and about 16 feet wide. It will contain chilled water pipes to air-condition the entire campus, high-voltage lines, low-voltage lines (computer cabling, audio-video cabling, alarm systems and telephone cabling), water lines and natural gas lines.

Again, good weather would be helpful.



## 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)*

## Olongapo, Balanga, Philippines

By Pamela Henderson

The Olongapo and Balanga, Philippines, churches are pastored by Crisostomo Mago and his wife, Elizabeth.

Olongapo, site of the U.S.-operated Subic Bay Naval Base on the island of Luzon, is changing. Every day its population fluctuates, depending on whether U.S. Navy ships are in port.

Just one hour away in Balanga, farmers tend their rice fields and fishermen cast their nets into Manila Bay. Yet even this placid setting rumbles with discontent.

Since Corazon Aquino's government overthrew President Ferdinand Marcos in 1986, seven coups have been attempted. The sixth coup took place 40 days before Mr. and Mrs. Mago flew to Pasadena for the Ministerial Refreshing Program Jan. 10 to Jan. 23.

Except for occasional encounters with the communist New People's Army, including one death threat, Church brethren have remained safe from political violence.

However, the cost of living has increased. "We've been running in double-digit inflation these past four years," Mr. Mago said.

To compensate, Mr. Mago brings unpolished rice, milk and whole wheat flour from the south to

brethren in the north of his area, where these staples cannot be obtained.

One pound of powdered milk (fresh is not available) costs about \$2, whole wheat flour is 35 cents a pound and rice 25 cents a pound. Mr. Mago transports the food himself since he and only two other members have vehicles.

Unemployment also runs high in the Philippines, although, according to the Magos, every employable Church member is working—nine at the naval base in Olongapo, others as businessmen, farmers, a nurse, a teacher, an architect, a barber, a fish vendor, an electronics engineer, a mining consultant, a statistician, an agriculturist, a customs officer and a security chief of a nuclear plant.

The average wage, the equivalent of \$100 a month, must be stretched to cover housing and utilities. Rent for a 7 x 7 meter home, utilities not included, starts at \$35 a month. However, many of the members own their own homes.

"We don't have a lot of gadgets," Mr. Mago said. "To take a bath we fill a barrel with water, then, using a dipper, pour it over our bodies."

Once, member Ruben Carino faced the possible destruction of his home. "The night before he left for the Feast a very, very, strong storm came," Mrs. Mago said.



SENIOR CELEBRATION—Olongapo, Philippines, senior citizens attend a social. [Photo by Elizabeth Mago]

"All the neighborhood houses were leveled down. Only his house stood—and it's not even anchored! It's just on top of the ground. God really spared him."

The Filipino family structure is built on a firm foundation.

"The family ties are strong," agreed Mr. Mago. "The low economic level lets families be together and be satisfied with one another."

"People have to work overtime because it is difficult to pay the bills. They make use of their spare time to rest or be with their children."

Most of the members' children are on the honor roll at school. "They're recognized in their respective schools because of their academic achievements," Mr. Mago said.

The Church family is also tightly knit. Before services almost everyone has a job to do—arranging flowers, cleaning the hall or setting up the sound system. A teenager, Daniel Arinduque, plays the portable organ for hymns.

"He is the only one who knows how to play it," laughed Mrs. Mago.

"When he's sick, we sing a cappella."

Church services are conducted in English since the members speak eight different Filipino dialects.

"After services the brethren fellowship with one another and have deep conversations. They're close to one another," Mr. Mago said.

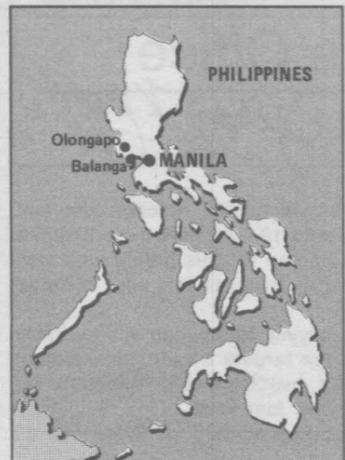
During the warm, tropical months brethren enjoy potlucks, talent nights, dances ("with only 10 singles, we make it a family dance"), a field day and a seniors social ("we lowered the age to 50").

Membership in the two churches has increased 20 percent since the Olongapo church was formed in 1985 and the Balanga one in 1986.

"It's big news when someone's baptized," Mr. Mago said. "Before the announcement is made in church the news has already gotten around!"

### Olongapo and Balanga

Attendance	105
Local church elders	1
Deacons	1
Deaconesses	0
Teens	20
Children under 12	39
Singles	10
Seniors (over 60)	4
Spokesman Clubs	1



SAND AND SURF—Olongapo, Philippines, children splash in the surf during an outing to the beach at San Felipe, Philippines. [Photo by Alfonso Dalan]

## WE ARE ONE FAMILY



# IRON SHARPENS IRON

## Lesson from Jonah's mission: Change and compassion count

By Mike Bennett

It wasn't easy being the prophet Jonah and not just because he spent time in the belly of a fish. Jonah had to learn important lessons about change and compassion. The lessons he learned are just as important for us today.

Mike Bennett is the managing editor of Youth 90.

Change affects us all, especially in this fast-paced world. Looking back into the story of Jonah, we can see the natural, human reaction to change.

Jonah prophesied during the reign of Jeroboam II (II Kings 14:25). The nation of Israel was weak, had lost many of its territories to surrounding peoples and paid tribute to the Assyrians.

Then Jonah came on the scene and prophesied that Israel would re-

capture many of the lost territories through Jeroboam II. This probably made Jonah popular with the king, and it wasn't a hard message to tell the people.

Jonah must have been very happy to see Israel recover power and strength. He seems to have been a patriotic prophet.

### Unwanted assignment

Then everything changed. God changed Jonah's assignment and Jonah didn't like it very much. In Jonah 1:2 God told him, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before Me" (New King James throughout).

God wanted Jonah to warn Israel's enemy, the Assyrians, that God was going to punish them. They certainly deserved punishment, but Jonah was probably a little fearful of walking into an enemy

nation and telling them they would be destroyed.

And Jonah thought, what if they repented and God decided not to wipe them out? Then they would continue to threaten his own people, Israel. And he would feel like a traitor.

Instead of accepting the change God had put before him, Jonah did the natural, human thing. He decided to escape and ran away from his problem. We often do the same thing because change is stressful, and we like the way things are.

Jonah learned how to handle this change after being in the belly of the fish for three days. In chapter 2 we read about Jonah's prayer of faith—knowing God is in charge—and his prayer of thanksgiving. After that, when God asked him to go to Nineveh, Jonah obeyed.

It takes faith to believe that God is in charge and that he can help us

handle change in our lives.

When we face change, we need to focus on the things that are permanent, the important things. And, in Jonah's story, that brings us to compassion.

### God has compassion for all

Throughout the book of Jonah we read about God's compassion, not just for Israel, but for the people of Nineveh, for Jonah, even for animals.

Few preachers have had Jonah's success. The people of Nineveh heeded the warning of God's prophet and repented. But Jonah didn't consider it success.

It's not that Jonah didn't have compassion. It's just that his compassion was too narrowly focused on his own family and on his own people.

It can be hard for us to have compassion on those outside our group or outside the Church. It's espe-

cially hard to have compassion on our enemies. Jonah knew about the cruel tortures of the Assyrians and he didn't want his people to become their target.

So Jonah was unhappy when they repented. He let God's compassion cause him to stumble.

Do we ever do that? Are there people about which we think, "I can't wait till they get theirs"?

Do we sigh and cry for the evils that are coming on this earth? Or do we think punishment is more important than compassion? In I Corinthians 13:8, Paul wrote: "Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail."

God's love and compassion for everyone is eternal. Prophecy only plays a part now and is important now. But 10,000 years from now love will be what matters. God puts compassion above punishment.

The book of Jonah ends with God teaching him how God thinks about (See JONAH, page 6)

## Festival Office updates sites

PASADENA—The Festival Office announced updates and additional information to the worldwide Festival site list in the Feb. 5 *Worldwide News*.

### Uvongo, South Africa

The site at Uvongo has reached capacity. No further transfer applications can be accepted.

### Bahamas

The cost of hotel rooms at the Bahamas Festival site has decreased.

The hotel will be the Wyndham Ambassador Beach on Cable Beach near Nassau. The rate for single or double occupancy will be about US\$83 a night, including tax and gratuities. Triple occupancy will be US\$31 more, including tax and gratuities.

Children under 18 are free when staying in the same room as parents. These rates are also available three days before and after the Festival period.

### Pacific Harbour, Fiji

The unspoiled beauty of Pacific Harbour's white sandy beaches, waving palms and clear blue seas mark the location of this year's Feast in Fiji. The resort is 1½ hours by road from the Nadi international airport.

About 230 brethren are expected to attend. Daytime temperatures average 80 degrees Fahrenheit (27 Celsius).

Accommodation for overseas Feastgoers has been arranged near the beachfront at the Pacific Harbour International Hotel, with rates of F\$75 (US\$53) a day for single and double rooms. Suites are F\$150 (US\$105) a day.

Also, 11 rooms are available at the new Atholl Hotel. Rates range from F\$140 (US\$98) to F\$235 (US\$165) a night. These will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Overseas brethren are asked to keep the above rates confidential and not discuss them with travel agents. A 10 percent tax will be added to the above room rates.

Visitors to Fiji will get to know

the hospitable and friendly Fijian brethren and enjoy fresh coconuts, pineapples, mangoes, bananas, pawpaws (papayas) and many other tropical fruits and vegetables.

Both hotels have their own restaurants, and other restaurants are within walking distance. Meals average about F\$10 (US\$7) for breakfast and F\$30 (US\$21) for dinner. A 10 percent tax will be added to meals.

Services will be in English, and the meeting location is within walking distance from both hotels. Taxis and internal bus service are readily available.

### Malacca, Malaysia

Because of complications the Festival site at Genting Highlands has been canceled. Instead, the Feast will be conducted at the 1986 site, the Ramada Renaissance Hotel in Malacca, Malaysia.

The site at Malacca should be as appealing as Genting Highlands, so members can still look forward to a wonderful Feast in Malaysia this year.

As was the case with Genting Highlands, members should plan on flying to Kuala Lumpur. Ground transportation is readily available between Kuala Lumpur and Malacca.

Malacca is on the west coast of the Malaysian peninsula and is about 147 kilometers (91 miles) from Kuala Lumpur. It abounds in historical buildings, churches and forts, all remnants of the days of the Portuguese and Dutch settlements.

Malacca offers the chance to discover colorful customs, festivals, superb food and a cosmopolitan community. Daytime temperatures should be around 25 degrees Celsius (80 degrees Fahrenheit), with cooler temperatures at night.

Three hotels, all within walking distance of each other, will be used for the Feast. All three hotels offer fine quality rooms. The accommodation cost for single or double occupancy is about M\$100 (US\$38) a day. Meals should cost an additional M\$50 (US\$19) a day.

Members already approved to transfer to Genting Highlands are automatically approved to Malacca. An information package has been sent to them. There are vacancies at this site and anyone wishing to attend the Feast this year in Malaysia is welcome to apply.

### Interpretation for the deaf

The following U.S. Festival sites will have sign language interpretation for deaf members: Big Sandy, Daytona Beach, Fla., Kansas City, Mo., Lexington, Ky., Niagara Falls, N.Y., Norfolk, Va., Pasadena, Pensacola, Fla., Rapid City, S.D., Redding, Calif., Spokane, Wash., Tucson, Ariz., West Coast cruise leaving from Los Angeles, and Wisconsin Dells, Wis.

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once again promising programs and threatening, 'Death to the Jews'. . . Can the leaders of the Christian churches of Europe remain silent once again?"

The appeal was in the form of an open letter to political and religious leaders all over Europe.

### World power shift

The potential disintegration of the Soviet Union has an enormous effect in world affairs. The United States especially is at a loss as to how to react to these events.

Most Americans, used to the concept of the ethnic melting pot that is their country, find the resurgence of ethnic nationalism baffling.

Washington is perplexed. Does it support Lithuanian or Georgian nationalism—or the larger, but somewhat artificial, Soviet nationalism?

An even larger issue is that as the Soviet Union recedes, the United States loses its enemy. As a consequence, the U.S. role in Europe is not as large or as relevant as during the height of the Cold War.

Harold James, writing in the March 4 *Sunday Telegraph* in London, summed up the world's altered state as follows: "The disintegration of the Soviet position is at the same time the beginning of the collapse of U.S. claims to manage world affairs.

"Power is shifting away from the superpowers of 1945 and towards Japan and Germany. These are countries which understand both the idea of nationalism and the idea of economic power, and which can realize how they will be associated."



## PERSONAL

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our expertise, wisdom or skill that makes the work we are doing successful. This Work cannot be successful in any lasting or permanent sense by any other means than by God's own blessing and inspiration.

We should understand that the Work will always have its ups and downs as God leads us steadily toward his kingdom. Whether we find ourselves in easier times or in harder times, our faith, trust and confidence must remain firmly in God's power to make his will be done.

Jesus Christ is both the author and finisher of our faith. We will be successful in fulfilling his will as we submit to him, trusting him to lead and guide us.

### God builds the house

Of course, since we are committed to doing our very best in

his service, we must always strive to grow in expertise, wisdom and skill. In this way we can learn more about what we are doing and be better prepared for the work God has for us to do—though we must do so in humility.

And we must never come to rely on our own strength. As we often sing, "Unless the Lord shall build the house, the weary builders toil in vain."

We all realize that commitment is one of those qualities that is not needed during good times. It is during the rough times—whether in marriage, child rearing, on the job, in times of illness or in the doing of God's Work—that commitment, or sticking power, is needed.

As pastor general, I am deeply thankful for and greatly rejoice in the commitment to God and his Work that all God's people show during times of rapid growth and during times of economic caution.

Your devotion and dedication are a constant source of encouragement and strength for me and for all those involved in the various aspects of the Work here at Pasadena, at Big Sandy, and at all the regional offices around the world.

I am greatly thankful for the loving support so many have shown regarding all the recent decisions I have had to make. And I am thankful that God has shown us ways to save expenses while remaining effective and maintaining such a strong impact.

I believe God has blessed us enormously in these past few years. One of his greatest bless-

ings has been leading us to more deeply understand his love for us and the meaning of our calling to love one another.

Although I know it will take time to grow in many of these things before we can properly replace some of our old attitudes, and even old misguided administrative habits and approaches, I believe much progress has been

made and that we have begun to see some very important areas in which God wants us to repent and change.

Please continue praying that God will lead us in all future planning for the Work. And please remember the building program in Texas. We do need good weather so that construction can be completed in time for

the new college year. Your prayers for this and for the success of our bid for accreditation of the college are much appreciated.

Thank you again for your love and support as we work together to serve God. And praise to him for his never-fading love and commitment to us, and to all mankind!

## Telecast

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*Hour of Power* is second, with 1.32 million viewers.

The Church has essentially maintained its audience level while cutting the number of stations that air the telecast, Mr. Wright explained.

In February last year *The World Tomorrow* aired on 232 stations across the country. These stations had a cumulative audience of 1.65 million viewers.

At present the program airs on 123 stations, but the audience size only dropped to 1.54 million viewers.

Summarizing the results of Church media efforts during the past year, Mr. Wright noted that "less doesn't necessarily have to equal less."

Mr. Schnippert said: "It's exciting to see the Work make such phenomenal progress in the broadcasting field and at the same time dramatically cut costs. This is one way we've been able to follow Mr. Tkach's lead in 'working smarter, not just harder.'"

### Paid religion

Thomas Lapacka, who heads the Media Purchasing section of Media Planning & Promotion, pointed out

some of the difficulties of obtaining air time on the better stations, including network owned-and-operated stations and cable stations.

"Generally speaking the best stations will not accept paid religious broadcasting," Mr. Lapacka said.

Paid religion is an industry term referring to time religious broadcasters purchase. It does not include the church services the stations sometimes air as a public service.

The network owned-and-operated stations, many independent station groups and the cable stations still maintain policies that prohibit airing paid-religious broadcasts. But many have made exceptions for *The World Tomorrow*.

It "is now being considered . . . as a serious broadcast," Mr. Wright said. "We are going where no other religious broadcaster has gone."

*The World Tomorrow* is the only religious broadcast syndicated on cable stations and superstations (except WGN and Lifetime), Mr. Wright added.

Mr. Lapacka said that as the *World Tomorrow* telecast gains acceptance on these more powerful stations the Church gains leverage that helps Media Purchasing and Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn (BBDO) in negotiations with other stations. This leverage often gives

the Church a choice of stations in some markets.

### Meeting station criteria

Mr. Wright pointed out that the more powerful stations have strict standards that all programming must meet. "The fact that *The World Tomorrow* meets those criteria speaks well of the program," he said.

During his presentation Mr. Wright said NBC network personnel repeatedly called the Church to see whether the Church would ask for money. It never happened and they finally gave up checking.

As the Church pursues air time on cable and network owned-and-operated stations, it is dropping many smaller, local stations that produced only marginal results in terms of viewership or response.

The way the Church measures those results has also changed, Mr. Wright noted. "Now we're looking at the number of people viewing the telecast rather than primarily looking at the response," he said.

In the past the Church has considered response a good indicator of audience size, but ratings have consistently shown that there isn't a direct correlation between the two. As a result, the Church has begun to measure the success of stations in terms of audience size and the cost per thousand viewers.

## Jonah

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compassion. Feeling sorry for himself, Jonah sat outside the city of Nineveh and waited to see what would happen.

God prepared a plant that grew up overnight and shaded Jonah. Then God let the plant die. He knew Jonah would feel sorry for the plant and himself. God wanted Jonah to see how much more he cared about the people he has created.

It's a moving lesson for us today as we see people dying in earthquakes, in revolutions, in drug wars. God wants us to have the same compassion he has for them all.

## A smile for Katie

By Alys Henderson

(Continued from last issue)

One sunny morning Grandma Pople came out to work in her flower bed. She almost stepped on Katie several times before she saw her. But she did see her, and that's when Katie's life began to change.

*Alys Henderson is a member in the Chico, Calif., church.*

Grandma smiled and picked up the bedraggled, limp, little doll and began to shake some of the mud and dirt from her.

"Poor little thing," she said. "What a mess you are. How did you get here? Whatever could have happened to get you into this terrible mess? Well, well, we will just fix that." And she started toward the house.

"First I'll just put you here in my washing machine with these towels—this water is only warm—and see what you look like then."

So Katie went through the washer. Phew! How dizzying and tumultuous it was, but she survived and looked oh so much better.

"Now," said Grandma, "let's see what we can do with you. We'd better start with your face. We'll just take it all off—the embroidery floss is broken in so many places—and then I'll just give you a whole new face."

So Grandma painstakingly removed each stitch and every hair on Katie's head until her face was blank and her head was bare. Then she snipped off Katie's ill-fitting clothes.

"I think we'd better wash you again. Some of these stitch lines still show." So back to the washer went Katie for another tumbling ride in the suds, but

this time she knew what to expect, and she enjoyed the ride. She washed out beautifully clean without a mark anywhere on her little body.

"Now," said Grandma, as soon as Katie was dry, "come to my work basket."

Grandma was careful to match

colors and make the clothes fit properly. She made a blouse with adorning ribbons and even a teeny pocket. A full, flouncy skirt reached almost to the floor with ruffles all around and panties to match. Neat little red shoes tied on with bright ribbons. A miniature string of color-

ful beads adorned Katie's neck.

With loving fingers Grandma worked carefully and slowly on Katie's little round face. Her mouth emerged in a beautiful smile. Clear shiny eyes looked back at Grandma, and Grandma was sure they twinkled.

She stitched in a straight little nose and hair that glowed like fresh spring buttercups to cover the top, sides and back of her head in golden ringlets. With such a happy face, Katie glowed inside and out.

"I don't know what your name was," said Grandma, "but I think it should be Katie." So she embroidered *Katie* in bright stitches on the top of the teeny pocket of Katie's lovely new blouse.

Grandma had several grandchildren of her own and she knew many other children, but thought of one dear 4-year-old girl who lived up the road. Grandma knew this little girl loved dolls, but didn't have one of her very own. Her name was Kathleen.

One afternoon as Kathleen skipped by the gate in front of Grandma's house, Grandma called to her: "Kathleen, hello! Please come in and have some milk and cookies, and then I'll show you what I have for you."

Kathleen came gladly for she loved this woman who was the only Grandma she knew. Her real grandmothers lived far, far away.

Kathleen and Katie loved each other on sight and Katie's smile became brighter, if possible. Katie has never since looked unhappy nor lost her smile or the twinkle in her eye for she is truly as happy as a little doll can be.

(The end)



Artwork to color by Ken Tunell

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTHS

**ALFANO**, Frank and Joan (Connolly), of Providence, R.I., girl, Julie Ellen, Dec. 13, 3:16 a.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**ALLEN**, Gary and Cheryl (Tesch), of Thompson, Man., girl, Sarah Ann, Jan. 20, 6:30 p.m., 8 pounds 1/2 ounce, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**CLAYTON**, Jim and Sondra (Whitehead), of Lubbock, Tex., boy, Kyle Wilson, Dec. 28, 8 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

**COLE**, Bruce and Sally (Gaudry), of Sydney, Australia, boy, Richard Stephen, Jan. 5, 9:23 p.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

**COLLIER**, Michael and Elizabeth (Griffith), of St. Louis, Mo., boy, Samuel David, Feb. 6, 7 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**CORBIN**, Robin and Jayne (Wiggand), of Macon, Ga., girl, Megan Janita, Jan. 26, 5:51 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

**DAVENPORT**, David and Bonnie, of Pismo Beach, Calif., boy, Andrew David, Feb. 10, 12:03 a.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, now 3 boys, 2 girls.

**DAY**, Roger and Sherry (Lindsey), of Arlington, Tex., boy, Jason Edward, Dec. 30, 2:04 p.m., 6 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

**DeGROOT**, Douglas and Robin (Ward), of Muskegon, Mich., girl, Rebecca Elizabeth, Jan. 27, 7:11 p.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**DOUCET**, Scott and Tammy (Small), of Pasadena, girl, Amanda Ann, Sept. 19, 2:01 p.m., 8 pounds 4 1/2 ounces, first child.

**EICHER**, John and Linda (Morris), of Pasadena, boy, Benjamin Ryan, Feb. 2, 4:15 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**FRITCH**, Todd and Carol (Tolleson), of Portland, Ore., girl, Karalisa Rachelle, Jan. 15, 5:03 p.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

**GOODING**, Dan and Marcia (Griffith), of Toronto, Ont., girl, Marissa Natalia, Jan. 19, 8:15 a.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

**HART**, Matthew and Sarah (Slack), of Pasadena, boy, Cory Alexander, Feb. 8, 12:30 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**HAWKER**, Derek and JoAnn (Peterson), of Jersey City, N.J., boy, Denzel Naem, Feb. 5, 5:21 p.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

**HEWSTON**, Stanley and Ann (McWhorter), of Athens, Ga., boy, William Lee, Feb. 5, 4 a.m., 10 pounds, now 2 boys.

**JONES**, Michael and Sandra (Lorenz), of Grand Junction, Colo., girl, Hillary Melissa, Jan. 30, 3:46 p.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**KALU**, Emele Solomon and Antonia (Ejiogu), of Lagos, Nigeria, boy, John-Matthew Chukwunyerere, Jan. 20, 4:40 p.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

**KEEFER**, Eric and Karla (Barnes), of Salem, Ore., boy, Joshua Bradley, Jan. 2, 6:59 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys.

**KELSEY**, Stephen and Saloma (Swarey), of Angler, N.C., girl, Carolyn Leigh, Feb. 7, 3:40 a.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, now 3 girls.

**KILLMAN**, Stanley and Dawn (Wannmacher), of Phoenix, Ariz., girl, Arielle Rose, Aug. 18, 11:05 a.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

**KNAPP**, Stephen and Brenda (Clutton), of Toronto, Ont., girl, Emily Grace Jacqueline, Aug. 19, 2:21 p.m., 9 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**LIGGET**, Graeme and Ann (McLaren), of Glasgow, Scotland, girl, Susan, Aug. 11, 3:09 a.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 girls.

**MOLINA**, Samuel and Carmen (Atencio), of Godalming, England, girl, Annabelle, Feb. 6, 2:59 p.m., 7 pounds, now 2 girls.

**NWAMARA**, Michael and Okwuchi (Onyemobi), of Owerri, Nigeria, boy, Kingsley Kelechi Chiedozie, Oct. 14, 2 a.m., 2.2 kilograms, now 3 boys, 2 girls.

**O'CONNELL**, William and Laurie (Ware), of Roanoke, Va., boy, Austin Ezra, Nov. 12, 4:35 p.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

**OTIENO**, Steve and Betty (Achieng), of Nairobi, Kenya, boy, Victor, Nov. 30, 6:53 p.m., 3.2 kilograms, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**PIKE**, Jon and Fe Maura (Rimando), of Salem, Ore., girl, Kimi Nadine, Feb. 5, 7 p.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**RICHARD**, Charles and Kimberly (Deloach), of Alexandria, La., boy, Charles Michael, Oct. 21, 5:08 p.m., 6 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

**SWINSON**, Enoch and Gail (Driskell), of Tallahassee, Fla., girl, Ashley Morgan, Jan. 3, 9:11 p.m., 9 pounds 4 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**TANNEHILL**, Tom and Laurie (Carson), of West Monroe, La., boy, Adam Thomas, Jan. 17, 9:08 p.m., 5 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

**VATRY**, Michel and Sabine (Burckel), of Metz, France, girl, Sophie, Feb. 4, 11:15 p.m., 3.2 kilograms, first child.

**VEY**, Scott and Paula (Stewart), of Saint John, N.B., boy, Andrew Scott, Jan. 12, 6:10 a.m., 9 pounds 10 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**WILSON**, Derrick and Annie (Price), of Anderson, Ind., boy, Andrew Derrick, Feb. 13, 1:10 a.m., 10 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**WISDOM**, Robin and Kristine (Riding), of Salt Lake City, Utah, boy, Daniel Richard, Feb. 19, 5:17 p.m., 8 pounds 1/2 ounce, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Biddle of Victoria, Tex., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Christa Lynn to Danton Luhn. A May 6 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Horton of Perth, Australia, are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Liz to Nick Etthivoulos, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Etthivoulos of

Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. A July 1 wedding in Pasadena is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Pius of Melbourne, Australia, are pleased to announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Jenny, to Philip Bonelli, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Bonelli, also of Melbourne. A July 29 wedding is planned.

Margaret Hari of Montpelier, Ohio, is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter Pauline Gale to Stuart Eugene Mahan of Toledo, Ohio, son of Robert and Virginia Mahan of Waco, Tex. A May 27 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Darryl Johnson of Beeler, Kan., are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Justina Joy to Christopher John Majeau, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Majeau of Westlock, Alta. A spring wedding is planned.

## WEDDINGS



**MR. AND MRS. MEINRAD ECKERT**  
Daniela Froehlich of Zwickau, East Germany, and Meinrad Eckert of Bonn, West Germany, are happy to announce their marriage, which took place Jan. 28. The ceremony was performed by Winfried Fritz, Bonn pastor. This was the first East-West wedding to take place since the opening of the East German border in November. All of the brethren from East Germany were able to attend. The couple live in Bonn, where the groom is employed by the German Regional Office.



**MR. AND MRS. IVAN LEASURE**  
Rachel Elizabeth Ridgely, daughter of Bill and Rose Ridgely of Frederick, Md., and Ivan Ross Leasure, son of Melvin and Velma Leasure of Mercersburg, Pa., were united in marriage Sept. 27. The ceremony was performed by Peter Whitting, Frederick and Cumberland, Md., and Front Royal, Va., pastor. Attendants were Tiffany Ridgely, sister of the bride, and Steven Wood, cousin of the bride. The couple live near Mercersburg.



**MR. AND MRS. STUART KELLY**  
Tammy Lynn Smith, daughter of Greg and Sandy Smith of Portland, Ore., and Stuart Kelly, son of Beverly and Ray Morris of Pasadena, were united in marriage June 18. The ceremony was performed by Aaron Dean, a minister in the Pasadena West P.M. church. Diana White, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Matthew Morris, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Pasadena.



**MR. AND MRS. PATRICK FERGEN**  
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Boring of Eugene, Ore., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Anita Caroline to Patrick Jay Fergen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fergen of Rapid City, S.D. The ceremony was performed Dec. 17 by Ernest Hoyt, associate pastor of the Eugene church. Erin Bertuzzi was matron of honor, and Kenneth Fergen, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Spokane, Wash.



**MR. AND MRS. ERIC WRIGHT**  
Sheryl Yvonne Butler and Eric Marc Wright were united in marriage Aug. 26 in Queens, N.Y. The ceremony was performed by Larry Hinkle, Queens (Spanish) associate pastor. Jocelyn D. Smith was matron of honor, and Peter Harewood was best man. The couple live in Spott, Ala.



**MR. AND MRS. JAMES MILLER**  
Melanie Ruth Malone, daughter of Freelean C. Malone, and James Meyer Miller, both of Atlanta, Ga., were united in marriage July 30. The ceremony was performed by Earl Williams, Atlanta East and Northeast pastor. Linda Smith was matron of honor, and Dale Smith was best man. The couple live in Atlanta.



**MR. AND MRS. RONALD HAYMOND**  
Mr. and Mrs. Gaylon Burrill of Mount Vernon, Wash., are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Katherine Lynn to Ronald Lynn Haymond, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Haymond of Tallmadge, Ohio. Glen White, Vancouver, Wash., pastor, performed the ceremony June 18. Tina Bishop was matron of honor, and Tim Rainbolt was best man. The couple live in Mount Vernon.



**MR. AND MRS. LOUIE A. NG**  
Connie O. Go, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bonifacio C. Go of San Isidro, Philippines, and Louie A. Ng, son of Mr. and Mrs. Conrado M. Ng, of Gapan, Philippines, were united in marriage Sept. 10 in Quezon City, Philippines. The ceremony was performed by Jose Raduban, Quezon City pastor. Menchie Castillo was matron of honor, and Willie Castillo was best man. The couple live in Quezon City.



**MR. AND MRS. JOHN MORTIMER**  
John Mortimer and Jacqui Wright are happy to announce their marriage, which took place Oct. 11. The ceremony was performed by Andrew Silcox, Llanelli, Wales, and Gloucester and Birmingham, England, pastor. The couple attend the Reading, England, church.



**MR. AND MRS. GERALD LOO**  
Mr. and Mrs. Brian Liu of Sydney, Australia, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Deborah to Gerald Loo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Loo of Pasadena. The ceremony was performed Sept. 24 by Terence Villiers, Sydney North pastor. Gillian Van der Eyk was matron of honor, and Blaine Turner was best man. The couple live in Sydney.



**MR. AND MRS. GREGG A. GROBE**  
Sarah L. Nicolet, daughter of Frank and Peter Harewood of Las Vegas, Nev., and Gregg A. Grobe, son of Ken and Jean

Grobe of Pueblo, Colo., were united in marriage Nov. 4. Ted Herlotson, Denver, Colo., South pastor, performed the ceremony. Sharon Moore was maid of honor, and David Ewert was best man. The couple live in Denver.



**MR. AND MRS. MARK HARRIS**  
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bacher of Cleveland, Ohio, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Mary Katherine to Mark Harris, son of Gary Harris and Cheryl Wolf of Concord, Ohio. The ceremony was performed Oct. 1 by Lyle Welty, Cleveland East pastor. Nadine Bacher, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and J. Scott Sheel was best man. The couple live in Mentor, Ohio.



**MR. AND MRS. JAMES A. JARVIS**  
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lazor of Youngstown, Ohio, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Michelle Lynn to James Allen Jarvis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Jarvis of Akron, Ohio. The ceremony was performed in Youngstown Nov. 26 by Lloyd Briggie, Youngstown pastor. Danelle Lazor, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Michael Jarvis, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Stow, Ohio.



**MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL AMATO**  
Mr. and Mrs. James Myers of Lumberport, W.Va., are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Karla Jo to Michael Amato, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Amato of Brooklyn, N.Y. The ceremony was performed Aug. 20 in Clarksburg, W.Va., by Michael Horchak, Clarksburg pastor. Mandy Myers, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Vincent Amato, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Brooklyn.



**MR. AND MRS. MARK ANDERSON**  
Mr. and Mrs. Alan J. Bates of Maidstone, England, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Sarah Rebecca to Mark Russell Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Anderson of Hoo, England. The ceremony was performed Sept. 24 in Maidstone by the bride's father, a minister in the Maidstone church. Amanda Gegg, Rachel Bates and Ruth Anderson were bridesmaids, and Michael Murdoch was best man. The couple live in Penenden Heath, England.



**MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM E. FAAST**  
William E. Faast of Pasadena and Lillian J. Krohn of Kernersville, N.C., were married Feb. 4 on the Pasadena Ambassador College campus. James Stokes, assistant pastor in the Pasadena West P.M. church, performed the ceremony. Grace Panzera, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, Donald Faast, son of the groom, was best man, and Larry Faast, son of the groom, was groomsmen. The couple live in Pasadena.



**MR. AND MRS. ELOY VALDES**  
Eloy Valdes and Gladys Nieves were united in marriage April 9 in Miami, Fla. The ceremony was performed by Allan Barr, Miami North and South pastor. Ada Diaz was matron of honor, and Fidel Palermo was best man. The couple live in Coral Gables, Fla.



**MR. AND MRS. GIBSON WILLIAMS**  
Kim Louise Braunskill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold J. Braunskill of Long Island, N.Y., and Gibson Mark Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Williams of Charleston, S.C., were united in marriage Aug. 27. The ceremony was performed by Thaddeus Robinson, a minister in the Suffolk, N.Y., church. Kesha Braunskill, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and John Williams, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Riverhead, N.Y.



**MR. AND MRS. STEVE KIRK**  
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Kirk celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 26. The couple, Church members since 1959, were honored with a reception and dance given by their eight children. Mr. Kirk is a local church elder in the Ada, Okla., church. The couple have 25 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

## ANNIVERSARIES



**MR. AND MRS. JOSE CEDENO**  
Mr. and Mrs. Jose L. Cedeno of Pasadena celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary Feb. 21. The Cedenos, Church members since November 1967, have two sons, Mark Anthony and Joseph Allen.



**MR. AND MRS. FELIX BLASCHKE**  
Mr. and Mrs. Felix Blaschke of Bandera, Tex., celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary Feb. 10. The couple, Church members since 1964, attend the San Antonio, Tex., church.

The children of David and Valerie House are pleased to announce the 30th wedding anniversary of their parents, which took place March 5. Mr. House is pastor of the Bristol, Plymouth and Tiverton, England, and Jersey, Channel Islands, churches. The couple have two daughters, Carolyn and Susan; two sons-in-law, David Brocklehurst and Simon Roberts; and two grandchildren, Rebecca and David Brocklehurst.

## ANNIVERSARIES MADE OF GOLD



**MR. AND MRS. DAN BLY**  
Franklin, Pa., brethren honored Dan and Laura Bly after Sabbath services Feb. 3 with a luncheon buffet to celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary. The Blys were married Feb. 6, 1935. They have two children, 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.



**MR. AND MRS. W. CRAWFORD**  
Erie, Pa., brethren honored Warland and Audrey Crawford after Sabbath services Jan. 27 with a dinner buffet to celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary. The couple were married Jan. 26, 1935, and have been Church members for more than 20 years. The Crawfords have three children, 16 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.



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## OBITUARIES

**CRAIN**, Charlie Weldon, 81, of Big Sandy died Feb. 11. Mr. Crain, a Church member since 1953, is survived by his wife, Lenora; a son, Charles R.; a daughter, Peggy; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; two brothers; and three sisters.

**WATTS**, Steven M., 39, of Valmeyer, Ill., died Dec. 28. Mr. Watts, a Church member since 1969, is survived by his wife, Gerilyn, two daughters, two sons, his parents, one brother and two sisters.

**KOSS**, MaryAnn, 51, of Chippewa Falls, Wis., died Feb. 15 of cancer. Mrs. Koss, a Church member since 1971, is survived by her husband, Karl, four sons, two daughters, three grandchildren, two sisters and her father.

**DORNAN**, Joanne, 54, of Beatrice, Neb., died Dec. 3 after a lengthy illness. Mrs. Dornan, a Church member since 1973, is survived by her husband, four sons, two daughters and two grandsons.



**MINNELL**, Maurice Hugh, 67, a deacon in the Auckland, New Zealand, church died Dec. 17 of a cancerous brain tumor. Mr. Minnell, a Church member since 1964, is survived by his wife, Patricia.

**SEARLS**, Dally Roy, 84, of Canon City, Colo., died Feb. 13. Mr. Searls, a Church member since 1961, is survived by his wife, Eva, one stepson, one stepdaughter and two brothers.

**VOIGT**, Gladys E., 92, of Anchorville, Mich., died Jan. 22. Mrs. Voigt, a Church member since July 1989, is survived by her daughter, Marian Watson, three grandsons and four great-grandchildren.

**SPURGEON**, Thelma H., 80, of Chicago, Ill., died Jan. 31. Mrs. Spurgeon, a Church member since 1974, is survived by four children, 27 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

**MELLOR**, Alexandra Mary, 67, of Stoke-on-Trent, England, died Jan. 11 after a long struggle with cancer. Mrs. Mellor, a Church member since August 1983, is survived by her husband, Jim, two sons, one grandson and one granddaughter.

**WINKLER**, Frankie, 94, of Roswell, N.M., died Jan. 17. Mrs. Winkler, a Church member for more than 30 years, is survived by three sons, one stepdaughter, 17 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren.

**REMINGTON**, Dorsel E., 80, of Dunkirk, N.Y., died Feb. 4 after a brief illness. Mrs. Remington, a Church member since 1970, is survived by two daughters, 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

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

# UPDATE

**BIG SANDY**—Thomas Delamater, director of development and college relations for Ambassador College, was the featured speaker at the Gladewater, Tex., Rotary Club meeting Feb. 22. Gladewater is 10 miles east of Big Sandy.

In his 20-minute address Mr. Delamater presented an overview of the consolidation plans for the Pasadena and Big Sandy campuses, and gave an update on the various construction projects on the Big Sandy campus.

"I was able to conclude with some comments on the overall educational philosophy at Ambassador," said Mr. Delamater. "I mentioned how our students are challenged to develop more than intellect alone, and that the development of character is the fundamental goal."

A question-and-answer session followed the address.

"Those in attendance expressed great interest in, and tremendous enthusiasm for, what is happening at the college," said Mr. Delamater. "It is gratifying to see the level of

support we're receiving from the surrounding communities."

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**BOREHAMWOOD, England**—After a series of storms ravaged England in January and February, Paul Suckling, director of Ministerial Services in the United Kingdom, said: "We are pleased to report no serious injuries in the membership. Many others were not so fortunate."

Some members, especially in the southwestern part of England, endured strong winds for three weeks.

"I have lived here for 26 years and have never been through anything like this," said Margaret Ogden, who lives in Lands End near the southwest coast of England.

Mrs. Ogden and her daughter Janet Peters live in a 400-year-old house.

"When the winds started to really blow hard, Janet tried to place heavy stones on a calf pen roof in an attempt to secure it from blowing away. Then one piece of a tin roof

struck her in the head knocking her to the ground. Except for a soreness and bruising she was all right," Mrs. Ogden said.

She and her daughter looked out their window and saw a roof come off one of their farm buildings and fly away, cutting the telephone lines as it went past. After the storms three small buildings that had stood for centuries were gone. A larger one had a hole blown through it.

Mrs. Ogden said, "It was a very frightening time to go through, but we're still here."

Mr. and Mrs. Lewrie News of St. Cleer had one half of the roof of their home blown away. Mr. News said, "I went outside and watched the roof spraying away into the distance."

He later said, "Gray roof slates, some weighing up to 25 pounds, were carried away by the winds."

Robert Harrison, pastor of the Liverpool, Stoke-on-Trent, England, and Llandudno, Wales, churches said: "Except for one person whose cellar flooded, everyone fared well. For many who witnessed the storms it was an incredible and spectacular experience to go through."

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**PUERTO PRINCESSA, Philippines**—A fire of undetermined origin started Feb. 13 in a crowded residential area several houses away



**YEARS OF SERVICE**—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach presented plaques to three men who have served as auxiliary security patrolmen for 25 years at the annual Security banquet March 11. From left: Dennis Van Deventer, director of Security & Safety; Manfred Fraud and his wife, Janice, Fred Bettes, Gerald Chapman and his wife, Judy, and Mr. Tkach. [Photo by Hal Finch]

from the homes of some members, according to Eleazar Flores, Puerto Princessa assistant pastor.

"A strong wind rapidly fanned the flames toward the area of the members' homes," Mr. Flores said. "The members tried to evacuate their belongings, but it seemed that they would have no time to completely do so."

When the fire was three houses from the members' homes, the wind suddenly changed direction and

pushed the fire in the direction from which it had come. Having nothing more to consume, the fire died.

"It was indeed a great miracle from God," one member said.

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**PASADENA**—Gabriel Nahas, author of *Cocaine: The Great White Plague* and *Keep Off the Grass*, a work about marijuana, addressed the Ambassador College student body here Feb. 13.

Dr. Nahas is a professor of anesthesiology at New York's Columbia University. A former French resistance member, he was decorated by President Harry Truman (Medal of Freedom), King George VI (Order of the British Empire) and President Charles de Gaulle (Legion d'honneur).

After his speech, he was interviewed for *The World Tomorrow*, *The Plain Truth* and *Youth 90*.

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**PASADENA**—The March 5 article "Security Force Serves Campus With Round-the-Clock Effort," incorrectly reported that security patrolmen receive training in firearm safety.

## Lectures

(Continued from page 1)

Hugo in 1989."

Homes have been repaired, but downed trees are still a constant reminder of the devastation.

At 7 p.m. 115 people appeared at Mr. Apartian's first lecture in Pointe-a-Pitre.

Instead of answering questions privately, Mr. Apartian fielded them from the lectern for an hour.

"Usually some people try to monopolize the questions, argue with a set of verses and try to make it difficult for you," he explained.

"But that wasn't at all the case this time."

At a second lecture, Feb. 20, 173 people attended. "They know we are the Church of God. But making changes in life is one of the hardest things to do, including obeying the Sabbath.

One girl said to him: "I understand all you say, but I'm living in sin. Am I committing the unpardonable sin if I continue living as I am?"

Mr. Apartian told her: "If you really had a deep conviction about committing sin, you would walk out of it. The unpardonable sin is not due to sin committed in weakness or ignorance."

After responding to questions from the lectern for 1½ hours, the group had to vacate the hall.

### Radio interview

Radio Caraibes on Guadeloupe aired a 15-minute interview with Mr. Apartian Feb. 20.

"They always ask me how God's Church is different from other churches," he said. "I never want to talk down or criticize other religions. Instead I explain why we follow the teachings of the Bible."

Later the interviewer said, "The islands wake up to your voice." (The 5:25 a.m. broadcast airs Monday through Friday on Martinique, and Monday and Thursday on Guadeloupe.)

"He told me any time I wanted to be interviewed to just call them and added, 'Any time you are here we would like to interview you.'"

Tuesday afternoon brethren took off work to hear Mr. Apartian. "That shows a beautiful attitude."

### On to Haiti

Feb. 21 Mr. Apartian caught the weekly flight to Haiti, landing in Port-au-Prince to meet Mr. Halford.

"Haiti is a beautiful island, but the country needs lots of help," said Mr. Apartian. The troubled economy is "not improving as fast as it should" and makes it difficult for brethren to find regular work.

"We are helping our members make a living," said Mr. Apartian.

Cyrille Richard, an associate pastor in Montreal, Que., who travels regularly to Haiti, takes tools, light fixtures, appliances, wiring supplies and other needed items during his monthly visits.

"They need everything," said Mr. Apartian. "But you should see what they've done to the building.

They made it very nice and put in a ceiling fan."

Blaise Franklin, a local church elder and a baker, employs three brethren in Port-au-Prince.

### Ordination

Mr. Apartian conducted services at 6 p.m., Feb. 21, speaking on the importance of love and encouragement.

"Mr. Halford and I had a surprise for the members," Mr. Apartian related. "We raised Cyrille Richard to a preaching elder," the first ordination of a preaching elder in Haiti.

Mr. Richard not only helps the Church members spiritually, "but



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

**PASADENA**—Mario Seiglie, pastor of the Santiago and Temuco, Chile, churches, wrote this update about Dario Guerrero, a Peruvian member beaten by order of the Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path) guerrillas, last December.

March 2 I visited Mr. Guerrero at a farm where he works.

He left his home in Huaraz, Peru, after the beating and moved to an area closer to Lima, the capital, until the persecutions subside.

To avoid being recruited by terrorists, his oldest son is with him.

Mr. Guerrero has recuperated completely from the beating. His wife still lives with some of the children in Huaraz.

### On army's list

The oldest daughter, who was forcefully recruited by the Shining Path organization, has managed to avoid their meetings.

Unfortunately, she is now on a list of possible guerrilla sympathizers, although she is not an active recruit.

To add to Mr. Guerrero's troubles, a drought plagues the area he works in, so he hopes to return to Huaraz in a few months.

The Church is helping with his needs until weather conditions improve.

Other members in the Huaraz

congregation are moving to Lima because of the terrorist activity.

Two young men are now working in Lima and attend the church of 120 members.

### Peru deteriorating

Peru's monthly inflation rate ranges between 30 and 50 percent.

Annual inflation jumped from 1,700 percent in 1988 to more than 2,700 percent in 1989.

The gross national product of the country has dropped 20 percent in the same period.

Presidential elections April 8 may be the last chance to stem the disastrous economic policies now in force.

Despite such adversity, the church remains faithful and strong. The difficult trials unite the brethren, and God continues to bless and protect them. Membership has increased rapidly.

Mr. Guerrero expressed his deep appreciation for the many letters he has received from around the world. He said they have encouraged him greatly.

Please continue to pray for the safety of the brethren and Wilfredo Saenz, the minister in Peru, who must face increasing dangers.

### Sri Lanka brethren

Mohan Jayasekera, his wife, Ni-

also helps them manually."

On visits he teaches the brethren carpentry and woodworking.

### 'God's people'

The Haitian members show the unity Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach talks about, said Mr. Apartian. "They are truly God's people."

All three islands will serve as 1990 Feast of Tabernacles sites.

*Le Monde a Venir* airs in Les Cayes, a Haitian city of about 100,000, every Sunday.

Life is difficult in Haiti at the moment, but, Mr. Apartian said, "We hope for the best."

hara, and family have returned to Sri Lanka after spending a year in Pasadena for extra ministerial training.

After returning, Mr. Jayasekera made this report to Robert Fahey, regional director in Australia.

The economy of Sri Lanka has been badly affected by the internal problems of the past eight years. The cost of living has skyrocketed.

Yet, despite all these factors, none of our members or prospective members is unemployed, and, except for the widows, we have not had to assist anyone. This has been very encouraging to note.

Because of the political problems in Sri Lanka, about 10 percent [12 people] of the Sri Lankan congregation moved to other areas of the world in the past three years.

Yet the local income has been steadily growing. This is mainly because of the faithfulness and commitment of the membership.

I think that the employment situation I mentioned indicates God is blessing his people and seeing them through some hard times.

We are extremely thankful for the fact that none of our people have been affected by the political violence of the past three years.

We are also thankful that the situation has improved significantly. God has certainly been gracious and merciful to us.

Last year was a trying year for the church here in the light of the difficult political problems resulting in school closures, hospital and transport strikes regularly, and brutal violence in many parts of the island.

### Earthquake relief

After the worst earthquake in Australian history struck Newcastle Dec. 28 (see Jan. 8 *WN*), the Church made a \$25,000 donation to

the Lord Mayor's Relief Appeal Fund.

The fund is "primarily set up to help the elderly and those who have no real means of support," said Mr. Fahey.

"Along with the check, I also sent the Lord Mayor a letter and used a couple of paragraphs in the letter to describe the Church of God.

"It is good that we are able to help in this way. The Lord Mayor sent a warm thank-you letter in return," Mr. Fahey said.

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