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## Church host to Soviet guests: 'a heart-to-heart exchange'

By Kerri Dowd

PASADENA—Three representatives from Radio and Television Leningrad visited Church headquarters here June 5 to 17. They were invited by the Church as a follow-up to their offer to air the *World Tomorrow* on radio or television in Leningrad.

"We cannot accept their offer at this time because we do not have an infrastructure—ministry, literature, an office or a financial base—there to support the response from the broadcast," said Bernard Schnippert, director of Media Operations. "Although we don't have the resources to go through that door at this time, we would like to keep the door open."

According to Victor Kubik, who works in Church Administration and speaks Russian: "The purpose of their visit was to become better acquainted with us. That's the way they do business—by first building friendships and bridges."

The three representatives—Irina Prudnikova, director of the Advertising and Commercial Department for Television Leningrad; Valeri

Kostin, head producer, Youth Broadcasting Division, Radio Leningrad; and Ivan Salmaksov, correspondent and cultural liaison—offered to air the telecast when Mr. Kubik visited the Soviet Union in December.

### Initial contact

Mr. Kubik was accompanied on that trip by his wife, Beverly, and Darlene Reddaway, a Church member and graduate student at Stanford University in California.

Church officials were invited to Leningrad after Miss Reddaway, who studied Russian in 1988 at Leningrad State University, met Mr. Salmaksov.

After learning Miss Reddaway was affiliated with the Church Mr. Salmaksov showed interest in what the Church teaches, according to Mr. Kubik. Mr. Salmaksov passed the information Miss Reddaway gave him on to his superiors, and introduced her to Mr. Kostin and Mrs. Prudnikova, who extended an invitation to Church officials to visit them.

During the December visit Mr.

Kostin "asked many questions about our beliefs and the origins of the Church," Mr. Kubik said.

Mr. Kubik explained the Church's basic doctrines, and "we played parts of two telecasts through a video camera connected to a six-inch color monitor that we brought with us."

"The content of what we teach struck a chord with them," Mr. Kubik said. "They would like to help restore moral values to their young people."

The Kubiks and Miss Reddaway toured the radio and television stations, and Mr. Kubik was interviewed on Radio Leningrad. "They

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ANNUAL GATHERING—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach addresses the Church's regional directors and headquarters personnel at the opening meeting of the regional directors conference June 26. Coverage of the conference will appear in the July 16 *Worldwide News*. [Photo by Warren Watson]

## PERSONAL FROM

*Joseph W. Tkach*

Dear Brethren,

The results of the telecast-response test, which began when we stopped airing the toll-free number Feb. 4, have been quite positive.

As we have reported in *The Worldwide News*, these test results confirmed our belief that removing the number would cut expenses without preventing truly interested viewers from receiving our literature.

Although the test was originally intended to last up to six months, it has already served its purpose. For that reason, I have asked that the Mail Processing Center (MPC) conclude the test period. MPC has already phased out the Pasadena operation of Telephone Response, shifting all responsibility for 800-number response to the Big Sandy operation.

I want to again thank you for your prayers about this decision, and about the Work in general. Sometimes the constant reminders about prayer for the Work may tend to desensitize some to the real power and value of prayer. But let's never forget that nothing of any true value can be done without God. He is ultimately the author and source of all good things.

We owe everything to God, as he is our maker and provider. As his people, we rely on him for our success and give all credit and glory to him for all we are enabled to accomplish. The prayers of the saints are indeed precious to God.

### Walk the walk

We are continuing to review all areas of the Work, streamlining and cost-cutting where we can. We are also continuing to bring our commission into sharper focus, realizing ever more fully that to live Christianity is the only sure foundation of success in preaching Christianity.

Any form of hypocrisy, from lording it over the brethren on one extreme to libertine immorality on the other, cannot ultimately represent Jesus Christ.

To truly live as Christians is only made possible by the Holy Spirit, through which Jesus Christ lives in us. When we really understand that Christ is our Lord and Master, we will recognize that no aspect of our lives can be independent or outside of his dominion and rule.

We cannot be part-time Christians. In this secular world, however, we sometimes permit our calling and lives in Christ to take the backseat to secular pursuits or interests.

We are told in I Peter 1:15 that we cannot separate our lives into spiritual and secular compartments: "But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in

all you do" (New International Version).

All we do is to be done in a way that is consistent with that holy calling. This doesn't mean that everything we do must be "religious." It means that because our lives belong to and are devoted to God, we guard our steps to be sure we are walking in his paths and strive to do nothing to bring shame on his name.

Let's keep ourselves clean from the sexual immorality, the covetous life-styles and the self-centered value systems of the deceived societies out of which God has called us to his new and living way.

### Path of love

Our path is the path of Jesus Christ. His was—and is—the path of love, proven in faithfulness to God unto death. He conquered death by submitting to it in faith toward God. So must we face all our trials in that faith, comforted and confident in the precious knowledge that Christ lives in us through the Holy Spirit.

Let us never lose sight of the meaning of our lives in the midst of our trials and sufferings. Let's pray daily for one another, mindful that God is the source of all comfort, hope and strength to endure in times of trial. We all need the courage God provides to look beyond the suffering of the moment to the glorious day of peace promised to all who live in that hope.

### Help to proclaim the gospel

Regarding the Work itself, as we face rougher economic times, let's ask God to add more co-workers to join with us in helping proclaim God's message of hope and salvation around the world to as many as possible. But above all, let's never cease to pray earnestly for God's kingdom to come.

Let's not close our eyes to the suffering of our fellow human beings, brought on by spiritual deception and blindness. Let's stir up the longing and desire for God's ultimate salvation and deliverance for all mankind and live as true soldiers of Jesus Christ.



VISITORS FROM LENINGRAD—Representatives from Radio and Television Leningrad gather outside Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's Office for a photograph June 7. From left: Victor Kubik, who works in Church Administration; Ivan Salmaksov; Irina Prudnikova; Mr. Tkach; Valeri Kostin; Bernard Schnippert, director of Media Operations; Darlene Reddaway, interpreter; and Mr. Kubik's wife, Beverly. [Photo by Warren Watson]

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A LAUGH IN ANY LANGUAGE—Soviet visitors Irina Prudnikova (left), Ivan Salmaksov and Valeri Kostin share a humorous moment June 8 with Darlene Reddaway, interpreter; Jeff Zhorne, *Worldwide News* news editor; Gene Hogberg, *Plain Truth* world news editor; and others. [Photo by Warren Watson]

# Eastern Europe will never be the same

PASADENA—My wife, Barbara, and I are on a fact-finding trip in Europe. I hope to spend considerable time in Berlin and in East Germany and to visit other parts of Eastern and Central Europe, where I will conduct interviews for the *Plain Truth* magazine and the *World Tomorrow* telecast.

While I am on assignment, *Plain Truth* contributing writer Dan Taylor gives his reflections on a trip he made in May to Eastern Europe.

Accompanied by *Plain Truth* senior writer John R. Schroeder, Mr. Taylor spent time in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria.

Here are Mr. Taylor's comments: Both Mr. Schroeder and myself felt a sense of history-in-the-making while traveling through Eastern Europe. The Berlin Wall had been torn down. The Iron Curtain was being lifted. With these visions still fresh in our minds we had the feeling that the Eastern Europe of the past 45 years will never again be quite the same.

Communist regimes in East Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary have been ousted. They have managed to hold on to power in Bulgaria and Romania—it remains to be seen if former Communists there can change their spots.

Yugoslavia, a leader in the non-aligned movement since it broke with Moscow in 1948, also led with many of the economic reforms now being undertaken by its East Eu-

## WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



ropean neighbors.

However, it is behind in the political reforms taking place to the north in East Germany, Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

Even as it struggles to catch up with the democratic tide and end one-party rule, ethnic strife among its six republics and two autonomous provinces threatens the tenuous union of the South Slavs.

### Time of excitement

Traveling through these nations gives one a good grasp of the excitement, the difficulties and opportunities facing the peoples of this mostly Slavic region.

Having visited Czechoslovakia in 1987, I noticed substantial changes in the people and atmosphere there in 1990. Walking through the streets of Prague or Bratislava, people now make eye contact. Gone were the dour looks that showed the strain of a people worn down by suspicion and fear. Gone too were the trite socialist placards that were displayed in public squares and buildings.

In their place are election posters and historical information unavailable since the war—even white wallboards where people can write anything they wish.

In Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary people seem low-key, but appreciative of their new freedoms. Shops are well stocked. Western goods, previously rare or unavailable, are now displayed.

Other Western influences are also making inroads. English is in. Youths wearing clothing that proclaim English slogans or the name of some rock group are common. So is imported pornography that's displayed at newsstands. It's a rare nation that can guarantee personal rights and still exclude personal vices.

For some, their new governments and liberties add up to instant Western standards of living. Expectations among young people run precariously high and the desires for quick riches add even greater pressure on already hard-pressed governments to meet their citizens' material wants.

Then the inevitable happens. Your pastor is transferred and a new minister comes into the area. No matter how hard you try to convince this new man of your worth and value to him and the congregation, he takes your responsibilities and gives them to someone else. If this has happened to you, you can imagine how Barnabas may have felt.

### Serve the Work

But look at the reaction of Barnabas. Acts 13:46, 52: "Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold," and "the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit." What a reaction. Barnabas continued to serve the Work.

Barnabas now could understand, in a personal way, what Christ meant in Mark 10:42-45. Barnabas knew he was to serve God no matter what his position in the Church. He also knew that he was now called to serve under Paul. Position was not as important as getting the Work done.

Many women understand how

asked that Barnabas and Saul be ordained to do a special work. Hands were laid on them and they were sent out to preach God's word to the gentiles.

Suddenly we find a change in the book of Acts. Saul's name is changed to Paul (Acts 13:9), and there is a change in emphasis. There are no more references to Barnabas and Saul, with Barnabas being the leader. In Acts 13:13 we find reference to Paul and his party. From this point on, Acts mentions either Paul or Paul and Barnabas. Paul was clearly the leader.

**Barnabas' priority was the Work of God. The Work was more important than his personal feelings and position.**

What happened to Barnabas? Did he fall out of grace with God and the elders? Was he no longer useful for the Work? Was he no longer needed? How did he feel about this?

He had been the leader and suddenly he was second fiddle. Paul, the one he had worked with, the one he had helped, defended, loved and trained, was now his boss. He worked under the man he had taught and trained.

How would you have felt under these circumstances? Perhaps someone you have trained has become your supervisor. Someone younger than you is now your superior. For those who serve in the Church, this may be familiar.

You are serving in the congregation. Things are going well, you are respected and admired by many, and you just know you are being considered for ordination to deacon, deaconess or local church elder.

important support is. It is every wife's way of life, or should be. The husband is the head of the family and the wife's responsibility is to support him. When a minister has served 25 years in the ministry, he and his wife are given watches in appreciation. Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach stresses the support of the wife as half of the husband's ministry.

Barnabas served faithfully year after year after year. His priority was the Work of God. The Work was more important than his personal feelings, aspirations and position. Is it more important to you?

People like Barnabas give their lives to something bigger than themselves. They have the potential to forget themselves and to accomplish meaningful feats in the service of others.

We all are under authority to someone. How well are you serving those over you?

Not all are happy with the changes taking place. Some are bewildered by the unfamiliar. Concepts such as capitalism and a market economy are difficult enough to grasp even when one has lived under these systems all one's life. They can be unfathomable when one has no experience with these processes.

Unemployment, factory closings, drives for efficiency and an end to many of the price supports and subsidies that made life under communism bearable—if still frustrating—cloud the future, especially for the elderly.

### Failing infrastructure

Eastern Europe has its work cut out for it. Housing is in short supply. Families crowd together in cramped apartments.

Telecommunication systems de-

signed to make calling across town difficult or close to impossible now frustrate Western businessmen contemplating investing in areas like Poland.

Currencies must be made convertible. Banks must become functional. Transportation infrastructures, while basically sound, need upgraded equipment. Bureaucratic inefficiencies must be reformed to meet present and future needs.

Even buying a train ticket can be a trying experience in an area of the world where providing a job to a worker, not the customer's needs, has been the highest priority.

"This is very difficult. You come back tomorrow, yes!" is an oft-heard maxim throughout the halls of government offices and public service areas. Anything requiring initiative or even a little innovation may be met with a confused look that tells the foreigner to prepare

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## European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



# Prague revisited during trip to Eastern Europe

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia—"Kingly Prague! Indescribable, incomparable is the splendour of thy churches, the beauty of thy palaces." This is how a German novelist described the Czech capital in 1823.

But this was not the Prague I visited several years ago. By that time Prague's glory was a fading flower.

The feeling of oppression was so evident it weighed down heavily upon you. People were looking over their shoulders. You had to stand in line in a bookstore so the clerk could show you one book. You couldn't buy film. Illegal money changers were everywhere.

Much of that has changed in Prague. Good film is for sale. The atmosphere is free and easy. Excellent bookstores can be found. There's no doubt that a real revolution has occurred in Prague.

The thoughts of the Czech premier, Vaclav Havel, have inspired people in the East and West alike to press toward higher values for both their country and the individual.

The new regime has made some serious mistakes. The general amnesty for political prisoners freed at least one criminal who soon committed some horrible atrocities. This is the price of sudden change and inexperienced leadership, but so far, in Czechoslovakia, the good appears to outweigh the bad.

This country is just one fragment of an Eastern European picture now emerging from its own dark ages.

### On to Budapest

Dan Taylor, a *Plain Truth* contributing writer, and I were met at the Budapest railway station by Ferenc Jeszenszky, the only Church member in Hungary.

Being met by a member was encouraging to two travel-weary journalists unaccustomed to the difficulties of day-to-day life in Eastern Europe. Advance hotel reservations were impossible because of a festival in Budapest, but Dr. Jeszenszky found us accommodations.

Dr. Jeszenszky, 58, is a physicist working in the research organization department at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. In 1988 the booklet *The Plain Truth About Christmas* was casually mentioned in a somewhat negative sense in a secular magazine. So he wrote for a copy from the office in Borehamwood, England.

The booklet struck an immediate chord. Dr. Jeszenszky sensed the truth of this teaching and requested the *Plain Truth* magazine, more booklets and eventually the correspondence course.

This experience sparked a thought: The effect of just one booklet is astonishing when the right person with the right spirit and attitude is reading it. Who would have thought that *The Plain Truth About Christmas* booklet would have affected one with a scientific mind in such a manner?

Dr. Jeszenszky was baptized in December 1988. But, as he observed, not in the Danube River. It's much too polluted.

Dr. Jeszenszky has lived in Budapest all of his life, so he kindly conducted a tour of the Hungarian capital for Dan and me.

On this tour we reflected on the city around us, and the calling of this man into the truth. In the unfolding of events in Europe and the great sweep of history, one man of understanding is of great value. This truth is clear from the pages of the Bible, and it is valid today. In a region bruised by its own system, one individual called to a way of enlightenment and reconciliation between man and God is a light on a hill.

### Part of the Body

How does a member like Dr. Jeszenszky function as part of the greater body of the Church? He reads all the booklets in English and he reads *The Plain Truth* in both German and English.

He attends the Feast of Tabernacles in Bonndorf, West Germany. He has several friends in the Vienna and Salzburg, Austria, churches with whom he corresponds, and he has a regular correspondence with Heinz Pistorius, long-time deacon in East Germany.

Within the Body of the Church, we must have links with other members, so Dr. Jeszenszky welcomes member visitors to Budapest.

But people like Dr. Jeszenszky, lone members of the Body of Christ, must also be remembered in our prayers.

Because of a copy editing error the following was left out of my last column: Katowice, Poland, is a more prosperous Silesian city with considerable German influence.



## Just between friends

By Dexter H. Faulkner

# Playing second fiddle

Paul I know and Peter I know, but who was Barnabas? Let me tell you because Barnabas is a man worth knowing.

After the apostle Paul was converted, he went to work with the disciples in Jerusalem, but they were afraid of him (Acts 9:26-30). While they insisted Paul was a spy, Barnabas insisted he was genuine and listed all that Paul had done in Damascus. He was the only one willing to give Paul a chance to prove himself.

Barnabas has been referred to as the son of encouragement. Barnabas was the one willing to take Paul under his wing, so to speak, and train him.

Several years later, when Mark deserted Paul and Barnabas in Pamphylia, Barnabas defended Mark. He truly was a man of encouragement.

### Follow the leader

But there is more to Barnabas than encouragement. When a more qualified man came on the scene, Barnabas humbled himself and took the role of an assistant, rather than the leader. He learned to play second fiddle.

For years Barnabas was a leader in the Church. When the leaders in Jerusalem needed to send a man to Antioch, they sent Barnabas. Acts 11:24 tells us that a good many people were added to the Church because of Barnabas' work. After working there a while, Barnabas sent for Saul (Paul) to assist him (verses 25-26).

When a famine was prophesied for Jerusalem, Barnabas, again assisted by Saul, took food to the brethren in Judea (Acts 11:27-30).

Acts 12:25 mentions that Barnabas and Saul returned to Antioch to resume their ministry. Barnabas now had two assistants, Saul and John Mark. After a while, God

# Mr. Tkach visits Detroit, Mich.



**DETROIT, MICH.**

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach spoke to 3,157 brethren June 23 from Ann Arbor, Cadillac, Coldwater, Detroit East, South and West, Flint, Gaylord, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Midland and Muskegon, Mich., and Toledo and Findlay, Ohio.

Host ministers and their wives were Melvin and Barbara Dahlgren, Detroit West and Ann Arbor; David and Linda Fiedler, Toledo and Findlay; Garvin and Sandee Greene, Cadillac and Midland; Lambert and Nancy Greer, Kalamazoo and Coldwater; George and Merry Kackos, Grand Rapids and Muskegon; Vincent and Carol Szymkowiak, Detroit East; Ronald and Carolyn Washington, Detroit South; Gerald and Cherie Witte, Flint and Lansing; Mark and Debra Mounts, Detroit West and Ann Arbor; Steve and Evelyn Shafer, Flint and Lansing; and Warren and Lorraine Wilson, Toledo and Findlay.

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### Pledges of support

My wife and I both were baptized in God's Church in December 1970. Not exactly old-timers, but we consider ourselves veterans in God's army. Our time in service has seen some upheavals.

Each of these trials presented an opportunity to reexamine our faith and commitment to our Father, his son Jesus Christ and to the only Work on the face of this earth that bears their name.

During one particularly difficult and confusing time we were inspired by a sermon.

Basically, the point of the sermon was this: God has a tree. We are the fruit of his tree. At times God shakes his tree or allows it to be shaken to see how many nuts will fall off. The sermon ended with a question: "You nuts out there—how tight is your grip on God's tree? Because you can bet it will be shaken again."

We are behind you completely.  
Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Your "Personal" in the Worldwide News [May 21] has brought me to realize how easy it is for us to lose track

of our real goal—following Jesus Christ and becoming a daughter in God's family.

Change is very hard for me; but so far, with God's help, I've been able to make the changes—even though not quite understanding. Then God allows me to see the change is right.

I really appreciate your writing about each change so fully, giving the causes and reasons.

I'm always for you because I believe God chose you as our physical leader.  
Moscow, Tex.

Thank you for your articles appearing under "Personal" in The Worldwide News. You are so clear and concise in your statements. This is a must if we are to all speak the same thing. Keep up the good work. We are with you in prayers daily.  
Des Plaines, Ill.

I want to let you know you have support out here in the swamps.

I spent some time away from God's Church, and it all had to do with acknowledging who is in charge. . . .

I don't understand all the decisions that are being made. I agree with all I know about, but I am comforted by the knowledge that I don't need to know all the answers or worry about the effects of the decisions. I don't need to do Christ's job. He won't let me anyway.

I pray that God is helping you make all the best possible decisions as you yield to him, and the rest is not my office.

My office is me, and I pray that I can yield to God so that he will lead me in my personal decisions. It could be that those who are unhappy are needing a spiritual spanking and Jesus has the situation well in hand.

Please accept my support for your leadership in the Work of God. I offer for you support through prayer in the direction God shows you to lead us in today's Church of God.  
Milton, Fla.

I just finished reading your "Personal" in The Worldwide News of May 21. I just wanted to write in my support to you and all at headquarters in charge of God's Work.

It confuses but does not surprise me to hear that some in and some out of the Church spend energy criticizing it and its leaders. I should mention that I have only been attending services since August of last year, so I don't understand all that has happened in the Church this century.

I also don't understand why some would spend their time looking for and pointing out mistakes made by those in charge of God's Work. They must have perfected, already, all of their own faults and wrongs to have the time to find faults in others.

Did not Jesus say, "Why look for the sliver in your brother's eye and not consider the beam in your own?"

God has given you your job, and we all have our jobs to do. We can't do our own

jobs if we worry about what God has given in charge to another.

I know the tone of this letter seems harsh, but I don't mean it to be. I just want to, along with my prayers, offer my support and reasoning in writing.  
Vallejo, Calif.

Thank you for the most encouraging and loving letter to us in the last Worldwide News. Surely we do need to correct ourselves and develop God's character in ourselves, and surely we should accept new truths as they are revealed to us.

Thank you for your leadership and diligent efforts to help us be pleasing to God. We pray God be with you always as you please him.  
Swartz Creek, Mich.

Thank you so much for the article, the "Personal" in the May 21 issue of The Worldwide News. That helped to clear up some things. We do appreciate the work God is doing through you.  
Keene, Calif.

Like you, I also respect Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong as God's apostle, who was powerfully led by God to direct his Church properly, although certainly not infallibly. . . .

Mr. Armstrong taught us that one major requirement of Christianity is conversion, and conversion means changing from sin or error.

Now that God has anointed you, I'm sure he expects you to change Mr. Armstrong's policies, or your own policies, whenever you are led further into the pure light of God's truth. Please

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# Q&A

**The apostle Paul wrote that long hair is a glory to women. How long should a woman's hair be?**

Paul said that "if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her" (I Corinthians 11:15). Because Paul mentioned long hair, some women have been afraid to cut or style their hair at all.

Notice, however, that the text does not read "uncut hair." It reads "long hair." The Bible nowhere prohibits tasteful cutting, curling, styling or setting of a woman's hair.

As long as the hair is long enough to be a covering (same verse), any modest, feminine hairstyle is appropriate.

Obviously, a woman's purpose should not be to look like a man.

Something that is a glory should be given special care and attention. Hair should be groomed and worn in a tasteful and attractive manner.

If not properly cared for, it would soon become very unattractive. But at the same time, hair length and style should not become a matter of vanity.

Paul explained to Timothy that

the hair itself is not as important as the character and attitude of the woman (I Timothy 2:9-10, New King James). Paul told the Corinthians, "Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God" (I Corinthians 10:31, NKJ). And, "For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's" (I Corinthians 6:20, NKJ).

**The Bible seems to include the observance of new moons with the observance of the weekly Sabbath and Feast days (I Chronicles 23:31, II Chronicles 2:4, 8:13, 31:3). Why doesn't the Church celebrate new moons?**

Although scriptures show that the Israelites assembled to observe new moons, the Bible does not command us to assemble to observe new moons today.

Unlike the modern Western calendar, which is based on the movement of the sun, the Hebrew calendar was a lunar calendar, based on the movement of the moon. The length of each of the months on the modern calendar was arbitrarily set at 28, 29, 30 or 31 days. The months of the Hebrew calendar, however, follow

the cycle of the moon.

The knowledge of the calendar and how to calculate the length of the months and years was entrusted to the priesthood. It was the responsibility of the priests to compute the beginning of each month, marked by the new moon.

Since printed calendars were not available to everyone in an-

cient Israel the way they are today, the people relied on the priests for knowledge of the months and new moons.

Israelites assembled for a ceremony on the day of the new moon. In this manner the priesthood kept the people aware of God's calendar, letting them know when the new months began so

they could prepare for any approaching seasons, festivals or annual Sabbaths.

Today it is not necessary to mark the beginning of each month with an assembly. Calendars are widely distributed and anyone can determine the beginning of a new month simply by looking on a calendar.

## BE READY TO GIVE AN ANSWER

### PROPHECY: THE RULING MESSIAH

#### Christ inherits authority to rule.

- "The Lord has said to Me, 'You are My Son. . . Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession'" (Ps. 2:7-8, New King James throughout).
- "He will judge Your people with righteousness, and Your poor with justice" (Ps. 72:2).
- "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth" (Matt. 28:18).
- "He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end" (Luke 1:32-33).
- "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born" (John 18:37).
- "They will see the Son of Man coming. . . with power and great glory. And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect" (Matt. 24:30-31).
- "The trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible" (I Cor. 15:52).
- "The Lord Himself will descend from heaven

with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first" (I Thess. 4:16).

#### ● Christ will triumph.

● "His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, and. . . the Lord shall be King over all the earth" (Zech. 14:4, 9).

● The seventh angel sounded: "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ" (Rev. 11:15).

#### ● Christ will rule.

● "The Lord God shall come with a strong hand, and His arm shall rule for Him" (Isa. 40:10).

● "The God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed" (Dan. 2:44).

● "His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall. . . obey Him" (Dan. 7:27).

● "The Lord will reign over them. . . from now on, even forever" (Mic. 4:7).

● "He who overcomes. . . to him I will give power over the nations. . . as I also have received from My Father" (Rev. 2:26-27).

● "And He shall reign forever" (Rev. 11:15).



## 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)*

## Detroit, Mich., East

By Kerri Dowd

"When I give a sermon, I'm addressing people whose first language may be Italian or maybe Arabic," said Vincent Szymkowiak, Detroit, Mich., East pastor.

"We have people who open up a Slovak Bible, an Arabic Bible, an Italian Bible and a couple of other Bibles as well. It is a highly ethnic area, and a lot of first generation immigrants from all over the world are part of the church."

These immigrants make up about 10 percent of the congregation. They come from Ghana, Lebanon, Czechoslovakia, Italy and other areas. Once in a while Mr. Szymkowiak encounters a language barrier when he counsels prospective members.

Members older than 60 account for about 24 percent of the congregation. Children younger than 12 account for another 25 percent.

Shorty Fuessel, pastor of the Pensacola, Fla., and Geneva, Ala., churches, conducted the first services in Detroit East in 1975. Mr. Szymkowiak has served the area since 1986.

Because there are three other churches in the Detroit area (Detroit South, West and Ann Arbor, Mich.) the church area is geographically small. It is, however, an area of contrast ranging from inner city to farmland.

The area is bordered on the east by Lake St. Clair, "a huge lake, but very few people know about it because it's a dwarf compared to the Great Lakes," Mr. Szymkowiak said.

Water activities are popular in the region, which also features the St. Clair and Detroit rivers.

The Detroit East area lies north of Canada. "We can say on the Holy Days when we combine for services with Windsor, Ont., 'Welcome to our friendly neighbor from the



**WHO SAID THAT?**—Ventriloquist Percy Hart, a retired police officer, uses his dummy, Leroy, to entertain Detroit, Mich., East members. As a police officer he used the dummy to teach traffic safety. [Photo by Charlene Turner]

south," the pastor said.

The weather is temperamental. An area maxim is: "If you don't like the weather, wait a few minutes, and it will change." Generally, however, summers are hot and humid,

and winters are cold and snowy.

#### Economics

Detroit, synonymous in the United States with car manufacturing, lives and breathes with the auto industry.

Some Church members are mechanical and design engineers. Others work in factories or in occupations that serve the industry.

According to Patrick Armstrong, a pipe fitter: "Detroit East is basically blue collar. Financially the area, like the members, spans the scale from poverty to upper middle class.

"The financial condition of the area is good but tenuous. Being tied to General Motors means that we ride the highs and lows of the auto industry."

Mr. Szymkowiak added, "I think that is an excellent summary of the economic condition of the church."

Not all members, however, work in the auto industry. Local church elder Dwight Dean, for example, is a regional director for the U.S. Census Bureau. In conjunction with his job he was interviewed several times on television and radio when the 1990 census was being taken.

One member, James King, is a full-time farmer. He grows beans, wheat and corn.

#### Inventions and pastimes

Detroit East members are a



**13 LITTLE PEPPERS**—The Peppers are the Detroit, Mich., East Youth Educational Services (YES) cheerleading squad. [Photo by Charlene Turner]

group with varied interests.

Thomas Cuthbertson, in his 80s, was featured in newspapers for his experience and skill in building and refinishing Chris Craft wooden boats. "He has the ability and craftsmanship that is almost lost," said member Darlene Meldrum.

Al Downie is an amateur gunsmith and has tried his hand at taxidermy. Percy Hart is a ventriloquist.

John Laing, a certified fluid power specialist and an engineer, has a patent on a vacuum valve used in factory automation systems. He has another patent pending on a lubrication system used in pneumatic cylinders for automotive plants.

John Kuczaj's inventions include an air compressor and a blueberry pruning machine.

Dorothy Reynolds has written a book of poems, and she received the 1989 Golden Poet Award for a poem she submitted in a contest.

Gerald Dunbar and his sons, Jeremy, 12, and Timothy, 9, are beekeepers. Beekeeping has been Mr. Dunbar's hobby for 20 years. The family has two hives, and they eat, give away and sell the honey they produce. Mr. Dunbar's wife, Kathy, gives a slide show on bees to

elementary school students.

#### Work and play

Detroit East members were involved in the *Plain Truth* waiting room program. Members work to raise church activity funds by selling fruit and candy and doing inventories.

Those funds help pay for activities such as the early summer picnic, where barbecued chicken is the traditional entree, and the late summer picnic, where members roast ears of corn.

A popular event is ethnic night featuring international cuisine.

An instrumental youth ensemble periodically backs up song services, and Detroit East also has a choir.

"The brethren are a kind group and diligent in their prayers for those who are sick and needy," Mr. Szymkowiak said.

#### Detroit East

Attendance	300
Local church elders	2
Deacons	6
Deaconesses	3
Teens	45
Singles	54
Children under 12	75
Over 60s	71
Spokesman Clubs	1
Graduate Clubs	1

## WE ARE ONE FAMILY

# Brethren cultivate family ties while working on Ghana farm

By Henry Aikins

ACCRA, Ghana—Low wages forced members here to begin a communal farm project 15 miles northeast of Accra, capital city of Ghana. The project was initiated in 1982 by Melvin Rhodes, then pastor of the Accra, Kumasi and Hohoe, Ghana, churches.

*Henry Aikins is a member in the Accra, Ghana, church.*

Members grow staples such as cassava (a vegetable), corn, beans, yams and rice, as well as paw-paw (papaya), pineapple and palm nuts. These crops were especially critical during the nationwide food shortages in 1983.

"The extra food we had from the farm was a blessing," said former farm manager Seth Sogbo. "And it became easier for us to esteem

farming, which normally is frowned upon by many in this part of the world."

The farm's produce is served during the Feast of Tabernacles as well. Last year the farm was host to about 150 members from Hohoe during the Feast.

The project has continued to develop under Josef Forson, now pastor of the Lagos, Benin City, Enugu, Jos and Owerri, Nigeria, churches. Six traditional African roundhouses were constructed on the 20-acre plot. These accommodate singles on camping trips and, since 1987, teenagers during the Summer Educational Program.

A lake formed by a dam constructed by Church members is used for canoeing and fishing.

The farm program strengthens family ties. As families develop their own plots together, the

younger children learn valuable work ethics from their parents.

Even white collar workers have benefitted from the farming project. The serenity of the country provides sweet contrast to the pulsating bustle of Accra.

"I can't yet think of what will make me go for the city setting in preference to the tranquility here on the farm," said farm caretaker Frank Hiagbe. Mr. Hiagbe lives on the property with his family.

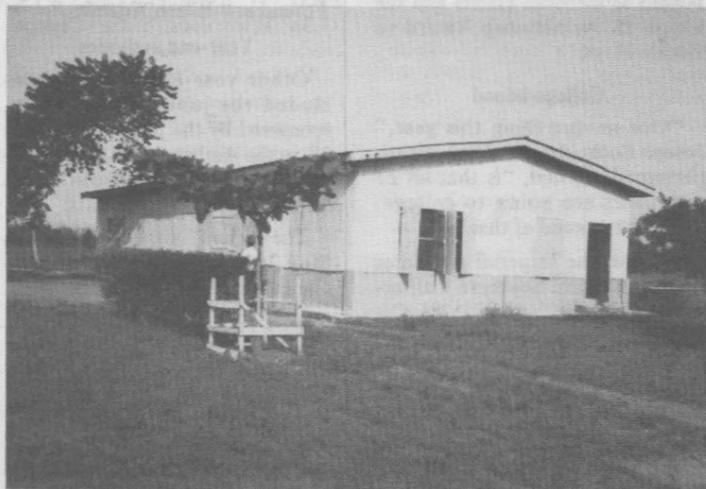
According to Mr. Rhodes, project emphasis has shifted from simply helping members grow their own food to helping members learn new farming techniques. After five years, farm "graduates" can be helped by the Church to establish their own farms elsewhere. The Church also assists financially by providing members with transportation to and from the farm.



**MANMADE LAKE**—Left: Water from a lake created by a dam that members built irrigates crops on the Church's farm in Ghana. Members fish here when stocks of fish are plentiful. Above: Francis Mensah raises yam mounds. Footlong yams in West Africa look like tree bark. Right: Frank Hiagbe, farm caretaker and groundsman, uses a Roto-tiller on the farm.



**ROUNDHOUSE**—Traditional African roundhouses constructed on the Church's farm in Ghana provide accommodations for staff during the Summer Educational Program (SEP) and are also used for storage. The building below serves as a church meeting hall and boys dormitory during the SEP. Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach planted a tree in front of the building when he visited the farm in 1987.



# Ministers, wives meet on South African coast

UVONGO, South Africa—Thirty-six full-time ministers and their wives gathered here for a four-day ministerial conference beginning May 7.

"Evangelist Leslie McCullough presided for the last time as director of the conference," said Peter

opments in the Work in the United States and internationally. He also presented material on acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), which was covered at the United Kingdom conference a few weeks earlier.

Andre van Belkum, the new regional director for southern Africa, reviewed the political changes that have taken place nationwide and throughout the world since the previous conference. Mr. van Belkum also gave details of the visiting speakers for the Feast of Tabernacles.

Bryan Mathie, business manager, reviewed the financial aspects of the Work, and Robert Klynsmith, office manager, described the refurbishing of the church office.

The following day Mr. Klynsmith spoke on stress in the ministry



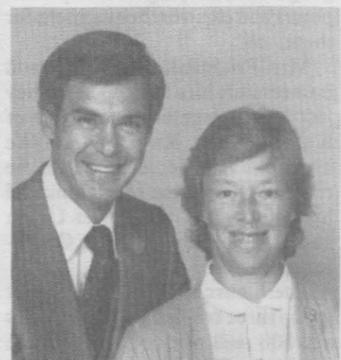
**LESLIE & MARION McCULLOUGH** Hawkins, coordinator of circulation, media and computer services.

"In his opening remarks Mr. McCullough said he wanted the ministry to enjoy the rare opportunity of being together in one place and to feel free to discuss any specific situations or problems they had observed or experienced."

In the evenings the ministry relaxed together taking walks along the Indian Ocean beach and enjoying a braai (barbecue).

The conference was the last opportunity Mr. McCullough and his wife, Marion, had to say farewell. The McCulloughs left May 19 for a new assignment as regional director in the United Kingdom.

On the first day of the conference Mr. McCullough updated the men and their wives on the latest devel-



**ANDRE & ELIZABETH VAN BELKUM**

and Mr. Hawkins spoke about developments and projects for Church publications.

Mr. McCullough brought the conference to a close by fielding a variety of questions from the ministers and their wives.

# Hopes to teach what he has learned Deaf member relates calling

By Florian Asu

**WILWIL WOLKAI**, Papua New Guinea—I was born in 1959. When I was 13 I remember enjoying life in a carefree way like most children. Then, during grade eight holidays, I came down with the mumps. In a matter of days I lost my hearing. I found out from a specialist from Australia that in one of every 100,000 cases of mumps, the nerve endings of the ear are damaged. Nothing can be done to improve my hearing.

*Florian Asu, one of 14 members from Papua New Guinea, is married with three children. Mr. Asu was asked by Timothy Grauel, pastor of the Townsville, Cairns-Malanda and Darwin, Australia, churches, to write his autobiography.*

A Catholic priest taught me Liam Dunn sign language from Ireland. Once back in grade eight I taught many other students to sign with me.

It still was difficult to learn, however. I took many notes and tried to lip-read, but I couldn't do this well enough to know what was being said. A good friend of mine would sit next to me and explain in sign language the important points of

the lessons.

I made it through to grade 10 in my silent world. I was blessed in many ways. I can now speak English, Tok Pisin (Pidgin English) and many other forms of languages.



**FLORIAN ASU**

(Papua New Guinea has more than 700 distinct languages.)

I can also read lips fairly well, but of course noises are hard to distinguish. I often feel them through my body, especially in my belly. I can read and write and play sports. Now, employed as a carpenter, I continue to progress slowly.

Back in 1979 I was searching for any books or magazines published free. I had not heard of the *Plain Truth* magazine nor the *Worldwide*

Church of God until a friend introduced me to the magazine. He helped me, and now I understand that this is how God was drawing me to his Church.

It was not easy to come out from a religion, which all your friends attend, and into God's Church as an isolated member. But once I completed a few lessons of the Bible correspondence course I was thrilled to be learning such amazing and new kinds of knowledge, different from anything I had ever known before.

As I continued to study the Bible and learn more truths, I avoided what I had previously practiced. In 1984 I gave up chewing betel nut and smoking.

In 1985 I learned about how to keep the Sabbath, and in 1986 how to keep the Holy Days. In July 1989 I was baptized by Timothy Grauel. At that time he asked me to write about my deafness and how I came to know the Church of God.

My wisdom and understanding have greatly increased from obeying God and his spiritual laws.

I never forget to remember him, even singing songs of praise in the night for his great love for me and all of you. Some day I hope to teach my people many of the things that God is teaching us today.

## Scholarships awarded to all 27 Imperial grads

By Kerri Dowd

PASADENA—Twenty-seven Imperial High School students received their diplomas during commencement exercises June 6 in the Ambassador Auditorium.

Amberlee Ruggless was valedictorian, and Karissa Reese was salutatorian.

Evangelist Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration International, gave the graduation address, and Greg Achtemichuk, Imperial Schools assistant principal, presented the Pastor General's Award to Amberlee Ruggless, the Herbert W. Armstrong Award to Benjamin Fraund, the Sylvia Van Deventer Award to Deborah Harris and the Loma D. Armstrong Award to Beckie Hoyt.

### College bound

"One unique thing this year," Joseph Locke, Imperial Schools superintendent, said, "is that all 27 graduates are going to college. We're very proud of that."

Most of the Imperial graduates will attend local Southern Califor-

nia colleges.

This year some parents began a scholarship fund to provide a scholarship to every student accepted to any college. The fund provided each graduate with a \$500 scholarship.

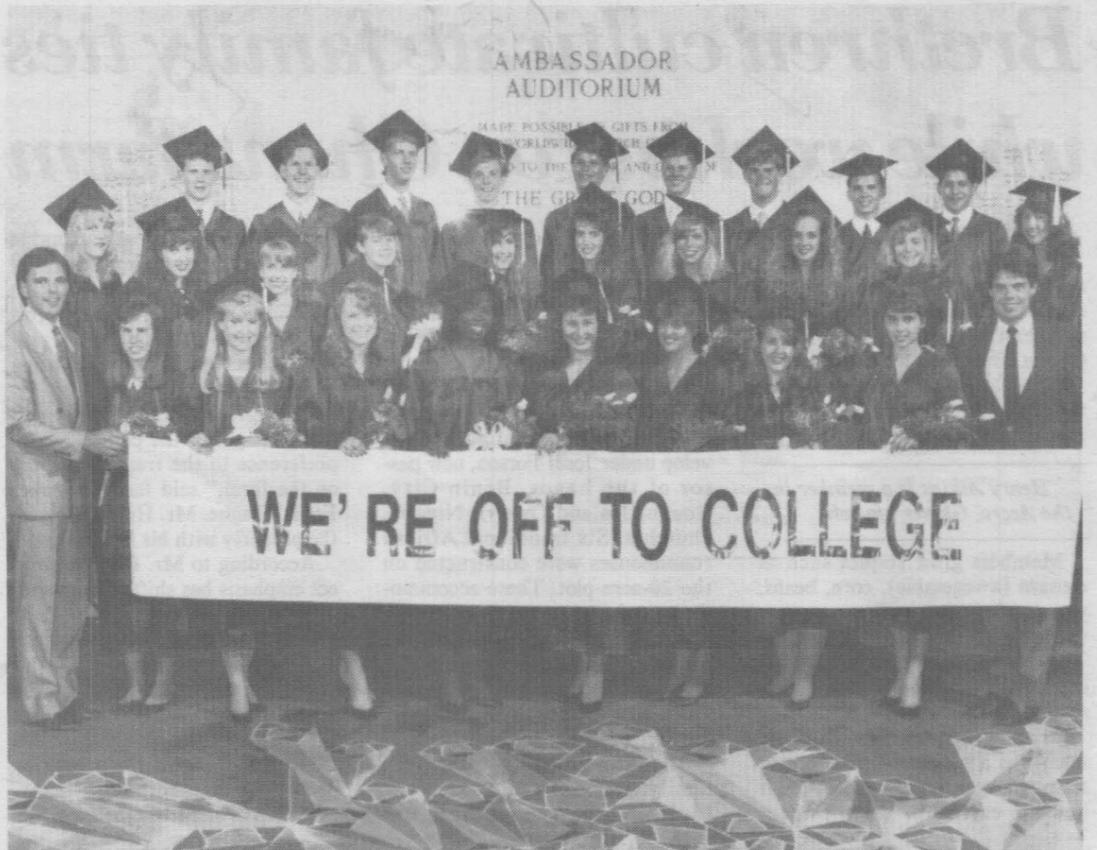
The graduates went to San Diego, Calif., for their class trip May 28 to 31. The trip included a cruise to Ensenada, Mexico.

About 180 students and their families attended the 1990 Imperial Schools sports banquet May 20. Senior Garrett Keller was named Male Athlete of the Year, and senior Lisa Pelley was named Female Athlete of the Year. Sportsmanship awards went to seniors Benjamin Fraund and Eileen Adams.

### Year-end activities

Other year-end activities included the junior-senior prom, sponsored by the junior class, May 27, in the Ambassador College Student Center, and a luncheon June 4 for seniors and their parents.

The seniors finished their classes May 25, and the school year concluded for all other students June 8.



**COLLEGE-BOUND**—Greg Achtemichuk, Imperial Schools assistant principal (far left), and Keith Olson, an Imperial Schools faculty member and senior class adviser (far right), hold the ends of a banner proclaiming that all 27 of the 1990 Imperial High School graduates have been accepted to colleges or universities. [Photo by Hal Finch]

## Soviet

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asked me questions about the Church, our media, how we address social problems, the purpose and goals of our visit. They also asked me how it is that nearly 500 denominations in the U.S.A. can all get along," he said.

"The program was broadcast to a population of 45 million. I was told that 10 million heard it," Mr. Kubik said.

Mrs. Prudnikova, Mr. Kostin and

Mr. Salmaksov met with Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach, who greeted them in Russian, in his office June 7.

They toured the major buildings on campus, including the Television and Editorial Services departments.

A question-and-answer session followed the Editorial tour. After Editorial and Television representatives asked questions for about an hour, the Soviet guests asked questions of their own.

In an interview with evangelist David Hulme, director of Communications & Public Affairs, they

found many of the in-depth, specific answers they sought.

"They want to know more about exactly what we believe," Mr. Kubik said.

Mr. and Mrs. Kubik and Miss Reddaway escorted the group during their stay, which included visits to Solvang, a Danish-style village; area beaches; Disneyland; the Los Angeles garment district; and a Russian immigrants' quarter in Hollywood.

Representatives from Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn (BBDO), an advertising agency re-

tained by the Church, conducted a tour of Financial News Network (FNN) for the group.

The evening before they returned to the Soviet Union, an open house was conducted for the visitors.

The Soviets spent one day videotaping the campus for a television special about Ambassador College and the Worldwide Church of God and their trip. The Church's Television Department provided them with footage of the campus, including aerial views. They also videotaped some of the places they visited in the Los Angeles area.

Mrs. Prudnikova, Mr. Kostin and Mr. Salmaksov were housed on campus in the South Orange Grove apartments during their stay.

enough videotape with which to work."

About the relationship that is developing between the Church and the Soviet media representatives, Mr. Kubik said: "It's a heart-to-heart exchange. They see something in this Church. When I was interviewed there, they told us that we were not self-serving and commented that they could tell we were not there to take anything for ourselves."

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continue to do so with God speed.  
Morristown, N.J.

## Pace quickens despite hot weather

# Big Sandy: building update

By Donald Ward and Rick van Pelt

PASADENA—With construction deadlines approaching at Ambassador College in Big Sandy, the pace of work has quickened, although the area is experiencing high temperatures and humidity.

It will be a tremendous challenge to meet the Aug. 24 completion date. The events of the next few weeks will dictate whether the residences will be close enough to completion for college classes to begin on schedule. It will require an exceptional effort from all workers.

Evangelist Donald Ward is the president of Ambassador College and Rick van Pelt is the director of Facilities Services.

Concrete floors and stairways for the College Administration Building have been poured, and crews are working on interior walls, heating and air conditioning, plumbing and electrical systems. Scaffolding was constructed around the building so exterior walls can be installed. Completion is still set for August.

The library expansion project is on schedule and is close to being finished. All that remains is for the carpet to be laid and completion of the electrical work.

The roof trusses for the student residences arrived and are being set in place. After some initial problems, construction of the roof systems is progressing well.

Now that Residence B (Bluebonnet Manor) has a roof, other parts of it are under construction. Second floor walls, along with all that goes

into the walls and ceilings, are being constructed.

Final details such as shower tiling are also being finished. The exterior stairways are completed, and the exterior walls have received the first coat of cement-like finish over insulation materials.

Construction of the lecture hall, named Ambassador Hall, has progressed dramatically. The structural steel is in place, the mechanical systems are being installed, the floor is being formed and poured and the masonry for the office section is being erected.

Despite the late start on Ambassador Hall, completion is still likely by the end of August.

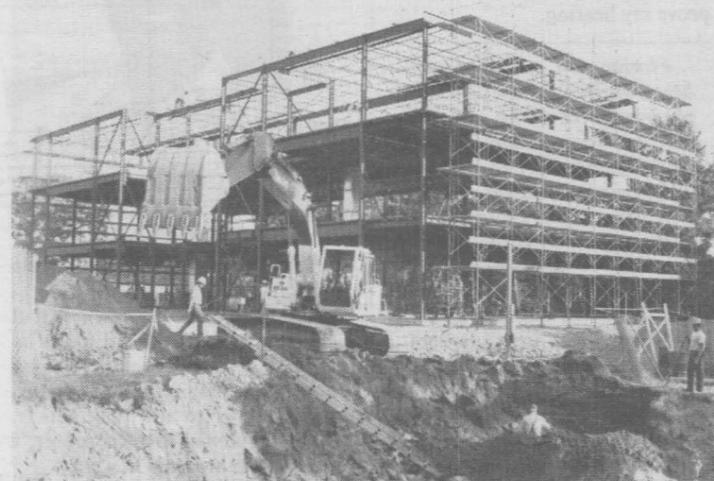
The first contracts for construc-

tion of the Church Language Building and the central plant have been signed and construction has begun. Church employees from Pasadena are in Big Sandy prefabricating as much of the air-conditioning plant as possible, thereby saving time while the building itself is built.

Another Pasadena-based crew is finishing the remodeling of a portion of the field house, which will house the college bookstore.

The asbestos-removal contractor is finishing the final phase of removing asbestos from the dining hall.

A monumental amount of work remains to be completed in the next eight weeks ending Aug 24. With so many people pulling in the same direction, the probability of meeting our schedules is still good.



**STEEL SKELETON**—The Administration Building takes definite shape while crewmen in the foreground work on the utility corridor. [Photo by Nathan Faulkner]

### Possibilities

Although the Soviet representatives understand that the Church cannot accept their offer at this time, "they want to have some exchange with us," Mr. Kubik said.

One of their needs is to introduce computer technology to their television station, which is without a word processing system and virtually without computers or electronic machinery of any kind.

"One of our needs is that we need some people who can speak fluent Russian," Mr. Kubik said. "It is a difficult language to learn from scratch. Even four-year college graduates cannot fluently speak it. They can read it, but they can't speak it."

One way for both groups to help each other would be to send some Church members to work at Television Leningrad and learn the language while helping to set up computers and electronic equipment for them.

Mrs. Prudnikova said she would immediately hire two people, if they just had elementary knowledge of Russian, Mr. Kubik said. She hoped that a decision could be reached by the time Mr. Kubik and his wife visited the Soviet Union June 24 to conduct a Youth Opportunities United tour.

The Church offered the Soviet group three two-inch tape machines and 500 reels of tape to go with the machines. The Television Department here now uses one-inch tape. Their acceptance of the offer will depend on whether the machines are compatible with their existing equipment.

Editorial Services gave them 12 beta videocassettes. "They were so thankful for that," Mr. Kubik said, "because on the job they don't have

## Europe

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himself for the worst. As a press liaison officer in Warsaw put it, "We are initiative impotent."

Changes alone in the upper levels of government and the bureaucracies cannot totally ensure success for the fledgling democracies in Eastern Europe. The people themselves will have much to contribute toward the success of the reforms.

The shifts to market economies, democratic governments and personal freedoms will try the character of East Europeans. Fiscal austerity programs, unemployment, debt burdens, antiquated industry and foreign investment must all be dealt with maturely and patiently.

Unfortunately, most economists indicate that things will probably get worse before they get better. The prospect of paying a cash-strapped Soviet Union for oil in hard currency instead of bartering goods means more inflation. It also means more Western aid is needed.

Contemplating their future, Eastern Europeans face many uncertainties. The only thing certain is change.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTHS

**AVANT**, Tom and Winnie (Windys) of Rock Springs, Wyo., boy, Ross Edward, May 7, 11:52 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**BACHELLER**, Christopher and Cheryl Ann (Spiegelhalter) of Palm Bay, Fla., boy, Christopher Charles II, May 18, 3:47 a.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

**BARNARD**, Rick and Andrea (Mitchell) of Phoenix, Ariz., boy, Richard David, April 27, 10:16 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

**BELVIN**, Mark and Jennifer (Swanson) of Sherman, Tex., boy, Cole Hunter, May 14, 6:56 p.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys.

**BENJAMIN**, Lynn and Susan (McDuffie) of Winston-Salem, N.C., boy, Lynn Wymen II, May 23, 4:10 p.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

**CENTER**, Keith and Darlene (Camper) of Cincinnati, Ohio, girl, Amy Michelle, April 3, 7:15 a.m., 9 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

**CORSIGLIA**, Thomas and Candy (Skipper) of Munster, Ind., boy, Kyle Thomas, April 30, 7:20 a.m., 9 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

**COSTELLO**, Tim and Cynthia (Dykas) of Boca Raton, Fla., girl, Jennifer Lauren, May 12, 5:30 p.m., 6 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

**DEMEESTERE**, Frank and Gretha (Jonker) of Antwerp, Belgium, girl, Hadewich Lydia, April 24, 8 p.m., 3.5 kilograms, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**DIMITROV**, Kiri and Julie (Cole) of San Jose, Calif., girl, Jessica Marie, May 18, 12:22 a.m., 8 pounds 5 1/2 ounces, now 3 girls.

**EDWARDS**, Preston and Anastasia (Harris) of Jonesboro, Ark., boy, Kyle Louis, April 28, 5:16 p.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

**ELLIS**, Dean and Ruth (Lloyd) of Wollongong, N.S.W., girl, Jessica Anne, May 9, 1:05 p.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**GUNDERS**, Russell and Cherry (Scott) of Brisbane, Qld., girl, Rosanna Joy, March 21, 5:20 p.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

**HALL**, Randy and Roberta (Brunz) of Nashville, Tenn., girl, Dawn Marie, May 25, 5:17 p.m., 7 pounds 9 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

**HALVERSON**, Marlin and Cassandra (Thomas) of Highland, Calif., twin girl and boy, Serena Dawn and Swen Odell, Feb. 24, 2:59 and 3:18 a.m., 7 pounds and 6 pounds 12 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

**HERRIMAN**, Lynden and Nancy (Laycraft) of Calgary, Alta., boy, Jeffrey Ross, May 3, 12:01 p.m., 10 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

**HERRIMAN**, Richard and Jo (Raspberry) of Calgary, Alta., boy, Collin Richard, May 30, 10:35 p.m., 9 pounds, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**HOSKINS**, Michael and Leane (Friend) of Flint, Mich., girl, Gina Marie, May 14, 1:30 p.m., 9 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**HUBBELL**, Jesse and Becky (Sutton) of Houston, Tex., girl, Jessica Denise, May 22, 8:36 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

**HULL**, Cordell and Linda (Bakken) of Roseau, Minn., boy, Sydney Luverne, April 29, 4:14 a.m., 5 pounds 4 1/2 ounces, first child.

**JOHNSON**, John R. and Anna (Gallup) of Wilton, N.D., boy, Chad Emery, April 14, 2:02 p.m., 5 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

**KANE**, Mark and Annmarie (Neese) of Tulsa, Okla., boy, Daniel Jeffrey, April 30, 7:56 a.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys.

**KARAS**, Edward and Carol (Prigg) of Gloucester, England, boy, Matthew Alexander, May 10, 4:57 a.m., 7 pounds 1/2 ounce, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

**McKINNEY**, Robert W.T. and Nathania (Curling) of Nassau, Bahamas, boy, Robert W.T. Jr., May 21, 7 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, first child.

**MYERS**, Allan and Dawn (Wells) of Mesa, Ariz., girl, Emerald Celeste, Feb. 14, 5:37 a.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, now 5 boys, 1 girl.

**NULL**, Scott and Sandra (Stuart) of Toledo, Ohio, boy, Meshach Arbor, Feb. 7, 1:07 a.m., 10 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys.

**PERLITZ**, Robert and Lynne (Reeves) of Union, N.J., twin boy and girl, Daniel Anthony and Patricia Ann, May 31, 6:23 and 6:25 a.m., 6 pounds 5 ounces and 4 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**POWERS**, Jack and Denise (Kyseth) of Seattle, Wash., boy, Joshua Joel, June 2, 11:12 p.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

**RAPSON**, Jeremy and Cynthia (Gray) of Manchester, England, boy, Jared Gray, May 16, 8:04 p.m., 4 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

**SCHEMNAUER**, Brian and Amy (Taylor) of Milwaukee, Wis., girl, Amanda Renee, May 15, 10:54 p.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

**SHOCKEY**, Jerry and Lisa (Scardino) of Mays Landing, N.J., girl, Deena Lynn, May 12, 1:03 p.m., 6 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

**SHRUM**, Richard and Francis (Dean) of El Paso, Tex., girl, Danielle Jeane Dean, April 25, 12:06 p.m., 9 pounds, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**SIMMONS**, Len and Tammy (Wampler) of Biloxi, Miss., girl, Megan Danielle, May 11, 4:11 a.m., 6 pounds 11 1/2 ounces, first child.

**STAPLETON**, Andrew and Wendy (Main) of Gold Coast, Qld., boy, Andrew Robin William, May 10, 8:10 p.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

**STEADMAN**, Ronald and Donna (Farnsworth) of Huntsville, Ala., girl, Alecia Fay, May 12, 9:25 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

**STEAGALL**, Philip and Karla (McNair) of Tucson, Ariz., boy, Brendon Blake, May 16, 11:51 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys.

**STURGISS**, Kevin and Leona (Haynes) of Goulburn, N.S.W., boy, David Michael, April

27, 2:27 p.m., 8 pounds 9 1/2 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

**TAILLIER**, John and Lorraine (Jardine) of Perth, W.A., girl, Sarah Elise, March 31, 5:27 a.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

**ULSBERGER**, Steven and Talitha (Harden) of Auburn, Wash., boy, Ryan David, March 9, 8 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

**WALTON**, Mervin and Laura (Pelletier) of Pasadena, boy, Anthony Stephen, April 19, 7:11 p.m., 8 pounds 13 ounces, now 3 boys.

**WEDEKIND**, William and Joan (Figgers) of Marlborough, Conn., boy, Adam Robert, May 7, 9:31 a.m., 6 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 boys.

**WOOD**, David and Deana (Stahl) of Flint, Mich., boy, David Dean, May 20, 5:10 a.m., 6 pounds 13 1/2 ounces, first child.

**YOUMELL**, Daniel and Kimberly (Skapura) of Cleveland, Ohio, girl, Ashley Marie, May 5, 6:48 a.m., 6 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Mason of Perth, W.A., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Denise to Tito Bray Naman, son of Toufic and Heidi Naman of Vancouver, B.C. A September wedding in Vancouver is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McAulay of Loch Lomond, Scotland, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Yvonne to Matthew Philip Foster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Foster of Tauranga, New Zealand. A September wedding is planned.

Joseph L. Wright of Glendora, Calif., is pleased to announce the engagement of his daughter Roxanne to Michael A. Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Parker of Chesapeake, Va. An Aug. 26 wedding in Pasadena is planned.

Roberta Miller of Orlando, Fla., is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter Stefanie Michelle to Christopher Hans Rochelle, son of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Rochelle of Houston, Tex. A Sept. 1 wedding in Orlando is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Bonner of Eugene, Ore., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Floy to Todd Drawbaugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob W. Drawbaugh of Mount Airy, Md. A Sept. 16 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. V.L. Stolley Jr. of Big Sandy are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Vicki Lyn to Clint Courtney Ditto, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Ditto Sr. of Winooski, Vt. A September wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kennedy of Auckland, New Zealand, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Maria Jane to Scott H. Steenport, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Steenport of Appleton, Wis. A Sept. 30 wedding in New Zealand is planned.

Luis A. Gomez and Kathy G. Scott of Fort Wayne, Ind., are happy to announce their engagement. An Aug. 4 wedding is planned.

Frank and Vikki LaRocco and Dennis and Marge Muenster are happy to announce the engagement of their children, Heidi LaRocco and Derek Muenster. An Aug. 5 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dupuis of Zephyrhills, Fla., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Sharon to Jonathan Fike, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fike of Seffner, Fla. A Sept. 22 wedding is planned.

## WEDDINGS

**MR. AND MRS. ROBERT CHAPA**  
Veronica Ann Cano of Corpus Christi, Tex., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Domingo Cano of Victoria, Tex., and Robert Lee Chapa of San Antonio, Tex., son of Maria Chapa and the late Lee Chapa of San Antonio, were united in marriage April 21. The ceremony was performed by John Bald, Corpus Christi pastor. Vivian Cano was maid of honor, and Robert Denny was best man. The couple live in Orlando, Fla.

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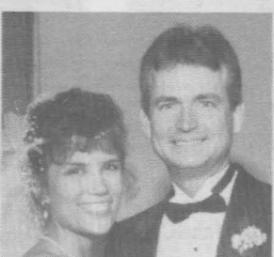
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Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Storozuk are pleased to announce the wedding of their daughter Lisa to Olaf Knutson, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Knutson. The ceremony was performed July 9 by Christopher Starkey, Montreal, Que., English, associate pastor. Suzy Molnar was matron of honor, and Tony Audi was best man. The couple live in Montreal.



**MR. AND MRS. VAN HANSON**  
Polly Royer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Royer of Plymouth, Ill., and Van Hanson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hanson of Fargo, N.D., were united in marriage April 22 in Rushville, Ill. The ceremony was performed by Robert Druien, a minister in the Macomb, Ill., church. Matron of honor was Brenda Greene, sister of the bride, and best man was Dale Wendt. The couple live in Lynchburg, Va.



**MR. AND MRS. ANTON ADCOCK**  
Fred and Marti Wahlen of Bern, Switzerland, are delighted to announce the marriage of their daughter Isabelle to Anton Adcock, son of the late Paul and Charlotte Adcock of Cape Town, South Africa. The ceremony was performed April 29 by Andre van Belkum, South African regional director. Attendees were Martina Wahlen and Charissa, Paul and Edward Adcock. The couple live in Cape Town.



**MR. AND MRS. C. SANDERSON**  
Charles Sanderson and Morgan Ore are pleased to announce their marriage. The ceremony was performed March 25 by Leonard Schreiber, Escondido, Calif., pastor. Martha Gottfried, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Robert Kammler, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Vista, Calif.

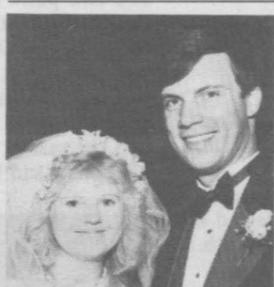


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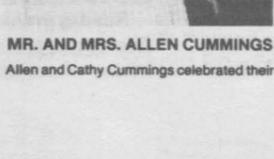
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Our coupon baby this issue is Daryl Glenn Hones II, son of Daryl and Cindy Hones of Phoenix, Ariz.

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25th wedding anniversary May 19. Both have been Church members for 17 years and attend the Franklin, Pa., church. They have two sons and one grandson.



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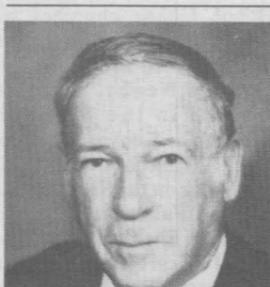
The Ottawa, Ont., congregation will celebrate its 25th anniversary Sept. 1. All those who have attended the Ottawa church through the years are welcome to attend. Please reply to Kevin Armstrong, 600 Falwyn Crescent, Orleans, Ont., K4A 2B4.

## OBITUARIES

**CAMPBELL**, Anna Sophia Christina "Fie," 68, of Truro, N.S., died April 12. Mrs. Campbell, a Church member since 1960, was preceded in death by her husband, Burris. She is survived by three daughters, Rita Ray, Tina Willis and Sandra MacDonald, and four grandchildren.

**CASKEY**, Delsa, 80, of Versailles, Ky., died of a heart attack Dec. 3. Mrs. Caskey, a Church member since 1974, is survived by her husband, Orville; one son, Charles; four daughters-in-law and 12 grandchildren. They attend the Erlanger, Ky., church.

**CHASSON**, Joseph, 79, of New Port Richey, Fla., died Feb. 8. Mr. Chasson, a Church member since 1971, is survived by his wife, Eleanor; a son, Edward; a daughter, Marie Forget; a sister, Cecile Beaulieu; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.



**CALVIN E. DEONIER**  
DEONIER, Calvin E., 66, of Veneta, Ore., died May 6 of a heart attack. Mr. Deonier, a Church member since 1961, is survived by his wife, Rose Marie; two daughters, Arvonia and Ruth; two sons, Nelson and William; a stepson, Tim Sitterley; and 17 grandchildren.

**ENTA**, Isabel, 73, of Halifax, N.S., died March 20. Mrs. Enta, a Church member since 1968, is survived by her husband, King; two sons, Ken and George; a daughter, Lisa Katai; and five grandchildren.

**MacARTHUR**, Raymond D., 93, of Richmond, Kan., died May 15 of cancer. Mr. MacArthur, a Church member since 1974, is survived by his wife, Orma, also a Church member; two sons, Delmar and Larry; a daughter, Dorothy Burgee; five grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

**MUNSON**, Stanley, 82, of Munster, Ind., died April 8. Mr. Munson, a Church member since 1975, is survived by his wife, Katherine, a son, James, and five grandchildren.

**SHAW**, Gerald, 92, of Tucson, Ariz., died April 5 after a long illness. Mr. Shaw, a Church member since 1964, is survived by three sons.

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

# UPDATE

**BIG SANDY**—Ambassador College students surpassed the established norm for the new College Level Examination Program (CLEP) in information systems and computer applications, according to results released by the College Board of the Educational Testing Service (ETS) in Princeton, N.J.

The mean score of the test as set by the College Board is at the 50 percentile level, according to **Thomas Delamater**, director of Development & College Relations for Ambassador College. The mean score of Ambassador students was at the 88 percentile level, and 11 students scored in the 99 percentile, the highest level possible.

The 128 Ambassador College students who participated were enrolled in introduction to computer information systems. They were among the 1,990 students from 26 colleges that took the test.

According to the ETS, the purpose of the exam is to establish a national standard for the grading of future CLEP examinations.

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**PASADENA**—**Joseph W. Tkach Jr.**, director of U.S. Church Administration, presented three 25-year plaques at the Ministerial Refreshing Program banquet June 14.

The plaques went to evangelist **Richard Ames**, a *World Tomorrow* presenter, and his wife, **Kathryn**; **Harold Treybig**, a local church elder in the Houston, Tex., West church and a member of the Ambassador College board of directors, and his wife, **Jeanette**; and **Dennis Stauffer**, budget manager in Financial Affairs.

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**PASADENA**—Church Administration announced the following ordinations.

**James Chapman**, Jacksonville, Fla., pastor, was raised to pastor on Pentecost, June 3.

**Hasadore Hall**, Rome and Marietta, Ga., associate pastor; **Todd Martin**, Digby, Halifax and Sydney, N.S., assistant pastor; **Jack Patterson**, Geneva, Ala., and Pensacola, Fla., associate pastor; and **Kenneth Sparks Jr.**, Boston and Worcester, Mass., associate pastor; were ordained preaching elders on Pentecost.

**Emmanuel Okai**, a ministerial trainee in the Accra, Kumasi and Hohoe, Ghana, churches, was ordained a local elder on the first day of Unleavened Bread, April 10.

**James Newby**, a ministerial trainee in the Nairobi and Kibirichia, Kenya, and Blantyre, Malawi, churches, was ordained a local elder on the Sabbath, May 26.

**Clive Walters**, a deacon in the Brighton, England, church, was ordained a local church elder May 26.

**Kenneth Emerson** of the Everett, Wash., church, was ordained a local church elder on the Sabbath, June 2.

Ordained local church elders June 3 were **William Cagle**, a deacon in the Tulsa, Okla., A.M. church; **James Diehl** and **Jewel Love**, deacons in the San Bernardino, Calif., church; **Thomas Fox**, a deacon in the Lenoir, N.C., church; **Jack Lowe** of the Atlanta, Ga., East church; **Terry Lundberg**, a deacon in the Minneapolis, Minn., South church; **Glen Marshall II**, a deacon in the Fort Collins, Colo., church; **David McCable** and **Ronald McGowan**, deacons in the Houston, Tex., South church; **Terrence Quinn**, a deacon in the Houston West church; **Howard Shadoan**, a deacon in the Atlanta Northeast church; **Dean Smith**, a deacon in the

Banning, Calif., church; and **Tom Zefo Jr.**, a deacon in the Wentzville, Mo., church.

**Richard Deshaies** of the Quebec City, Que., church was ordained a local church elder on the Sabbath, June 9.

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**PASADENA**—The Pasadena chapter of the American Red Cross presented Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach** with a plaque May 31 in recognition of Church and Ambassador Foundation involvement in hurricane and earthquake relief.

In his remarks, Mr. Tkach mentioned the concept of not withholding good when it is your power to accomplish good, according to evangelist **David Hulme**, director of Communications & Public Affairs.

The plaque was presented before a group of about 100 business and civic leaders at the Red Cross' annual community meeting.

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**MICHIGAN CITY, Ind.**—**Barry Craig Dean**, 12, placed fifth in the national Geography Bee in Washington, D.C., May 23 and 24.

As the Indiana finalist, Barry received \$100 and a round-trip ticket to Washington for himself and a teacher escort.

As one of 10 national finalists Barry won \$500 and a train trip for his family on Amtrak, one of the sponsors of the contest. His name appeared in newspapers across the country and he was interviewed on an Indiana television station.

Excerpts of the final Geography Bee aired on national television news, and the bee was featured on *National Geographic Explorer* on TBS cable June 24.

Barry is the son of **Rodney and Vicki Dean**. Mr. Dean is associate pastor of the Michigan City, Elkhart and Plymouth, Ind., churches.

**CAPE TOWN**, South Africa—**Michael Nelte**, 13, received a gold award for his achievement in a regional mathematics competition.

Michael was one of 10 individuals and two pairs who received the award. Students from 92 schools submitted 3,460 entries to the contest, which took place in April.

**Karen**, Michael's sister, received a gold award in the same competition last year.

Michael and Karen are the chil-



MICHAEL NELTE

dren of **Frank and Kathy Nelte**. Mr. Nelte is associate pastor of the Cape Town church.

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**BALTIMORE, Md.**—Baltimore East and West brethren celebrated the 25th anniversary of the church here April 14.

Split sermons were given by **Vincent Panella**, pastor of the Canton, Ohio, church, and **Roy Demarest**, pastor of the Tampa, Fla., church.

Members who attended the first service were honored with corsages and boutonnieres, and each was given a mustard seed lapel pin.

A brochure printed for the occasion featured the letter **Herbert W. Armstrong** wrote to brethren in 1965 to inform them that Sabbath services would begin. The brochure also contained pictures and biographical information about ministers who have served in the area, historical information and a list of the original members.

A dinner and dance took place that evening.

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**PASADENA**—The Festival Office announced that the Feast sites

## 1990 Envoy Available by Mail

By Eric Frantz

**PASADENA**—Brethren in the United States can receive the Ambassador College yearbook, the *Envoy*, by mail in their homes before the Feast of Tabernacles, according to editorial adviser **Norman L. Shoaf**.

*Eric Frantz is editor of the 1990 Envoy.*

Chancellor **Joseph W. Tkach** offered home-delivery service for the 1990 *Envoy* in a June 11 letter to U.S. members. "We feel the 1990 *Envoy*, soon to be published, will be our best book yet!" wrote Mr. Tkach. "In addition to offering the *Envoy* at the Feast, we are now offering it by mail, so you can order it in advance of the Fall Holy Days if you wish."

Members who wish to order the *Envoy* by mail should return the card that accompanies Mr. Tkach's letter no later than July 25. The price of this year's book is \$28, with a \$5 charge for shipping and handling. Because it is published for distribution during the Festival season, second

title may be used to purchase the book.

Production of the 1990 *Envoy* spanned nine months. **Greg S. Smith** was design director. In conjunction with its theme, "Values and Vision for the '90s," this *Envoy* projects Ambassador's commitment to quality education in the decade ahead.

"This year's book is 306 pages long and will have more color than ever before," said Mr. Shoaf. "It includes special sections on the 43rd and final year of Ambassador College Pasadena, a survey of the growth of the Pasadena and Big Sandy campuses, expanded coverage of each academic department, a 'Day in the Life' feature covering a typical day in student life at Pasadena and Big Sandy, and 30 pages of coverage on Ambassador projects in Jordan, Thailand and Sri Lanka."

Limited numbers of *Envoys* are expected to be available for brethren to purchase or order at Fall Festival sites, unless mail orders exceed the supply beforehand.

in Eastbourne and Paignton, England, have reached capacity, and no further transfer applications can be accepted.

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**PASADENA**—Those who have been accepted to the Trabolgan, Ireland, Feast site may want to bring Irish costumes for an Irish cultural evening and evening wear for a formal dance, according to the Festival Office.

The Irish cultural evening will include a buffet dinner and a demonstration of Irish folk dances with instruction.

A children's fancy dress party with a biblical theme is also scheduled. Those wishing to participate should bring costumes for the occasion.

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**PASADENA**—Contrary to

an hour of Mexican songs.

Operations in the Mexico City Office have been scaled down, according to evangelist **Larry Salyer**, director of Church Administration International.

This decision was made after a study initiated by Church Administration.

"Much work being done there can be done just as easily by the Spanish Department in Pasadena," said evangelist **Leon Walker**, regional director for Spanish-speaking areas.

"So the decision was also a cost-effective one," he added.

### Spanish moving to Texas

The Spanish Department is preparing to move to Big Sandy.

Because of the consolidation of the college campuses, the department no longer has access to Spanish student labor.

"We would be short-handed and fall behind very quickly, unless we can go where the students are," said **Alec Surratt**, mail processing supervisor.

To avert a manpower crunch, "we're following our labor, so to speak," he added.

The department will move when the Church Language Building is completed on the Big Sandy campus.

### Venezuela

After a series of Bible lectures in May in Venezuela, **Salvador Barragan**, pastor of the Caracas and Barquisimeto, Venezuela, churches, conducted Bible studies in Barquisimeto for prospective members.

The Bible studies proved fruitful, with 11 baptisms.



## FROM OUR SCATTERED BRETHREN

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

**PASADENA**—How a coup in Lagos, Nigeria, in April affected members was reported by **Josef Forson**, pastor of the Lagos, Benin City, Enugu, Jos and Owerri, Nigeria, churches.

"The dust over last month's abortive coup has not settled to date because some dissidents are reported still at large.

"Just two weeks ago soldiers, acting on a tip-off, surrounded the building that houses the Church's suboffice.

"For nearly one tense hour, a room-by-room search was conducted in the building, leading to the arrest of two suspects on the floor just above the Church office.

"Happily, no staff in the office were harmed by the stern-looking and gun-carrying soldiers.

"Another dimension to the aftermath of the abortive coup is the heightening of tension between the two major religions in the country—Islam and Christianity."

A Christian organization is suspected of complicity in the overthrow attempt.

"Consequently, a noticeable number of their leaders had been ar-

rested and clamped into detention.

"The tension generated by this state of affairs makes it unsafe for ministers to travel around the country if it involves visiting or passing through states that are not predominantly Christian."

### Mexican farewell

Ministers, wives, brethren and office employees in Mexico bade farewell May 11 to 13 to **Thomas Turk**, Mexico City office manager, his wife, **Jody**, and daughter, **Tammy**.

After 13 years in Mexico, the Turks are leaving for Denver, Colo., where Mr. Turk will pastor the Denver South church.

May 12, Mexican brethren heard ministers reminisce about the Turks' years of service.

Mr. and Mrs. Turk were presented with two commemorative plaques.

At a farewell social Sunday, May 13, brethren gave the Turks a crystal stemware set, each piece engraved with *Turk*.

Sunday evening ministers and office employees met in the Turks' home, where mariachis performed

what was listed in the 1990 Festival Planner, the Wisconsin Dells, Wis., Feast site will not have a separate room for environmentally sensitive people, according to the Festival Office.

The sites that will have these rooms are Corpus Christi, Tex.; Norfolk, Va.; Pasadena; Pensacola, Fla.; Spokane, Wash.; and Vail, Colo.

Please see your Festival adviser if you have further questions.

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**PASADENA**—The Television Department needs three people to work as video projector operators at the Feast in Pasadena this year.

Duties will include operating a projector every day during the Feast and working with an engineer from the Television Department if any problems occur. People with experience in video projection or a strong background in engineering and electronics are preferred.

Those interested in serving in this capacity should telephone **Lee Pettijohn** at 1-818-304-6190 or send a letter outlining their qualifications to Ambassador Television, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129. Please note that this request is for video projector operators, not video camera operators.

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