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## Pastor general visits brethren in Africa, Mauritius, England

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—Because of altimeter problems on the BAC 1-11 jet while in Britain July 24 to 30, Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach returned here by commercial jet July 31 after a 23-day trip to South Africa, Mauritius and Malawi.

In South Africa, blacks compose 72 percent of the population. They are divided into nine ethnic groups,

each with a distinct culture, language and national identity.

Sixteen percent of South Africans are white, 9 percent are Coloured (a people of mixed race) and 3 percent are Indian.

### Strike in Johannesburg

In Johannesburg helpful officials speeded customs formalities upon Mr. Tkach's arrival. However, a ho-

tel workers strike hindered food service in the Sandton Sun Hotel.

One restaurant in the hotel complex was open.

"If I've learned one lesson more than any other—perhaps more than at any other time of my life—it is the lesson of uncertainty," Mr.

*Compiled from reports by Andre van Belkum, southern Africa regional director, Bryan Mathie, business manager in South Africa, and Christopher Harmon, British correspondent.*

## Brethren escape harm during Trinidad coup

By Kenneth Barker

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad—The political situation here is rapidly returning to normal after a failed coup by Muslim extremists who arrested government officials July 27.

No brethren were hurt. However, because of the volatile situation that existed, Sabbath services were canceled July 28.

### Feast transfers

Because events are returning to normal the Caribbean Office announced that international transfers

will still be able to attend the Feast in Port-of-Spain.

No lasting ill effect is expected, according to the Caribbean Office. The U.S. ambassador to Trinidad and Tobago said there is "no threat to U.S. citizens, either business or tourist."

*Kenneth Barker is a personal correspondence writer in the Caribbean Office.*

## Church members in Kuwait

BOREHAMWOOD, England—The Church's regional office is unable to contact the Church's three members in Kuwait after Iraq invaded Aug. 2.

"The phone lines are all cut. The cities are surrounded and no letters can get in or out," said Christopher Harmon, British Office correspondent.

Mr. Harmon contacted a *Plain Truth* subscriber in Saudi Arabia. "She seemed quite frightened and unsure of what is to happen," he said. "This is the general feeling of the populace there."

Evangelist Les McCullough, regional director for Britain, the Middle East, Scandinavia and East and West Africa, said: "We need to remember those members affected by this ordeal in our prayers. Like the rest of the world we have no specific information about conditions there."

"The potential for danger is very real. Mr. and Mrs. Cory Erickson, recent graduates of the College, are leaving Jordan."

The Ambassador Foundation projects in Jordan have been delayed for six months to one year, according to Joseph Locke, vice president of Ambassador Foundation International. If the situation in the Middle East clears up, the foundation will send a group in January, Mr. Locke said. The Feast in Jordan has been canceled, and other options are being considered.

The Ministry of Tourism and the Trinidad Hilton indicate that all normal necessities for conventions are available. Conventions to be conducted at the Hilton in September are continuing as planned.

If you have any questions, please contact the Caribbean Festival Office in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., at 1-305-735-6500.

### During the coup

My wife, Lisa, and I arrived in Trinidad July 26 along with volun-

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Tkach said later.

"By that I mean that in the various areas of Mauritius and Malawi—and in South Africa too, (See AFRICA, page 7)

## Mr. Tkach keynotes workshop

# Managers present 5-year plan

By Bill Palmer

PASADENA—"Vision is the art of seeing the invisible," Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach said in his opening address to operation directors and department managers assembled for the five-year plan workshop Aug. 1 and 2.

*Bill Palmer is assistant editor of The Good News.*

In this statement, which set the tone for the workshop, Mr. Tkach summed up his thoughts about the need for Church management to be looking for new ideas and new methods to do the Work.



**FIVE-YEAR PLAN**—Right, Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach delivers the keynote address at the five-year plan workshop Aug. 1. Above, evangelist Leroy Neff, Church treasurer, addresses the group. The two-day workshop was the second stage of a three-stage process in the development of the five-year plan. [Photos by Barry Stahl]



"People don't usually find things they're not looking for," he said. "If you're constantly looking for a better way, you're bound to come across it sooner or later."

This workshop was the second stage of a three-stage process in the development of the 1991-1995 Pastor General's Five-Year Plan. The process began with the kickoff meeting June 5.

In that meeting, Mr. Tkach gave general guidelines for the Work's managers to use in preparing options to be considered in the two-day workshop. Mr. Tkach also set priorities for the Church, explaining which needs must be met first

and which are not as critical.

The purpose of the workshop, Mr. Tkach said, was to give the managers an opportunity "to share with each other their needs, their problems and plans so that we are a team of managers with each concerned about the other man, because whatever we do invariably is going to impact one of the other departments, if not several departments."

For example, decisions made in Media Planning & Promotion directly affect the Publishing Department. Whenever MP&P offers *The Plain Truth* to potential subscribers, Publishing must fulfill subscription requests generated by these offers. As a result, the choices made in MP&P directly affect the Publishing budget.

Another reason the managers met for the planning workshop, Mr. Tkach pointed out, was "to find better ways of doing their jobs."

"If there's a better way," he said, "find it! If we're not going to live by this principle, we're never going to feel the pressure or the challenge to find a better way. But there is always a better way, and I'm sure if we accept the challenge, we can find it."

The 1991-1995 plan is the third five-year plan produced. Bernard Schnippert, director of the five-year plan task force, said this year's meetings reflected growth among Church management.

"I think there's been a transition," he explained. "The first time out we were a bit apprehensive. We weren't sure, as a group, why we needed a five-year plan."

"Last year there was a far different feeling," he continued. "I think we understood by that time that we have a responsibility to God's people, to Christ, to the pastor general and to each other. God has entrusted us with the resources to do his Work. We must use those resources, which include the widow's mite, in the most efficient manner. And that requires planning."

"Now this year I already sense a different atmosphere. From what (See PLAN, page 3)

## PERSONAL FROM

*Joseph W. Tkach*

Dear Brethren,

We have just finished two days of intensive presentations by each of our operation directors.

These were part of the five-year planning process and graphically demonstrated what each area of the Work is accomplishing today and what it hopes to be accomplishing five years from now.

Projections over the next five years were made at three budgetary levels—a modest increase each year, no increase each year and a slight decrease in budget each year.

We saw an exciting and inspiring overview of what is presently being done in the Work—as well as what could be done if the income increased. (Please see accompanying article this page.)

These meetings are only one part of our daily process of surveying ways to expand the reach of the gospel, to improve and in-

crease the education of our young people, to improve the skills of our ministers and to provide greater service in general to the local congregations. But we can only do as much as we have resources to do with.

In addition to helping us recognize opportunities and prepare for potential growth, careful planning enhances our ability to properly examine how to most effectively use the resources we have available, and where cutbacks may need to be made.

As we work together to study potential opportunities and establish plans for how the Work might grow, it is discouraging to have to evaluate what to cut back if inflation continues to outstrip increases in income.

### New and better ways

With income currently at a zero or one percent increase, cutbacks and retrenching *must be done* to meet rising costs. Of course, this is not all bad. It does

force us to find new and better ways to do the job. It also forces us to increase our prayers and reliance on God to guide us and sustain us.

Even with cutbacks, we are reaching *millions* of new people with the gospel every year. Nevertheless, I know we all want to see the Work *increase* rather than continue to be cut back in certain areas.

Brethren, we have a job to do. We continue to explore and implement cost-saving procedures and improve efficiencies as God leads us.

At the same time, we all must remember that God has given his Church a commission. There are people all over the world who *need* to hear the truth of God's Word! God has called us to *meet that need!*

As a result of God's calling, each of us can *rejoice* in the glorious truth of our personal salvation! We now have hope—hope for eternal life in happiness as children of God in his eternal kingdom.

We no longer have to fear the enemy of death or the trials of this life as do those without knowledge of the salvation that is in Jesus Christ. But as Christ's (See PERSONAL, page 10)

# Iraq challenge stirs global reaction

PASADENA—Global peace, some were saying, was just around the corner. Suddenly, on Aug. 2, the world was jolted back to reality.

The age of ambitious dictators pursuing national and personal interests is not over after all. President Saddam Hussein of Iraq—the self-proclaimed “Sword of Islam”—sent elements of his million-man army pouring into neighboring Kuwait, instantly doubling his control of global oil reserves to 20 percent and threatening the industrialized world with economic calamity.

The Western powers were jolted into realizing what a formidable foe they were facing in the determined Iraqi leader, known throughout the Middle East simply as Saddam, and whose name in Arabic means “one who confronts.”

With his attack on Kuwait, reported the Aug. 13 edition of *Time*, Saddam “strengthened his claim to the position he has long coveted: overlord of the Arab world. And he made the entire world quake, weakened, at his raw power. Not since the brilliant military leader Nebuchadnezzar ruled the Babylonian Empire more than two millenniums



ago had Baghdad exercised such sway.”

## North-South struggle

Almost with one stroke, Saddam turned the global political compass 90 degrees. Instead of the East-West conflict dominating world affairs, now we witness a North-South confrontation.

After the initial shock waves subsided, new alliances began to form, especially in the industrialized North.

The United States, the 12-nation European Community, Japan and other countries quickly announced they would no longer purchase any oil from Iraq or Iraqi-occupied Kuwait. This led next to a resolution passed by the United Nations

Security Council to impose a worldwide trade and financial boycott on Iraq and Kuwait.

In a display of the new East-West harmony, the Soviet Union and China both approved the measure, along with the United States, Britain and France. These five nations are the Security Council's permanent members. A veto by at least one of the permanent members has usually stymied U.N. action in the past.

While the world body has little practical means to enforce its decisions, leading Western powers have announced they are determined to prevent, by a naval blockade if necessary, oil from Iraq and Kuwait reaching world markets.

The most critical development

shape, there is barely enough current to turn the engine, and certainly not enough for the spark plugs.

When our spiritual battery is low, there may be just enough of God's spirit to keep us turning over, but we lack the spark to make any real progress. And we know as Christians we must be making progress—also called growth.

Winter is a good test for a battery. The engine and oil are cold and sluggish and it's harder to get the car started. The battery must be at its best.

So we must be at our best spiritually when winter hits us. Our winter consists of trials and tests—things that slow us down—things that make us lethargic or spiritually weak. We must be fully charged with God's spirit to overcome these times.

There are also times when the car just won't start, the battery is dead or nearly dead. When this happens,

**God's spirit is a spirit of power. It is God's spirit that empowers us, that sets us apart as the children of God.**

the battery. Likewise, it is through God that the Holy Spirit comes into our minds. God's spirit is a spirit “of power and of love and of a sound mind” (II Timothy 1:7). A sound mind is positive and balanced.

A car battery cannot just start with a positive lead. The negative lead is necessary. In a car, the negative terminal is usually grounded to the frame of the car, the foundation so to speak. We too must be grounded in God's Word—our foundation—for his spirit to work in us.

Ephesians 3:17 tells us, “That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love.” We needed to be grounded in love.

What is love? God is love. We must be grounded in God and his Word, so that the power of the Spirit can work in us.

How do you become grounded in God's Word? Through studying it. Study about the Holy Days before the Feast. Study about God's plan of salvation, study about the Millennium.

## Power to change

When we start our car we need enough power from the battery to both turn the engine and supply a spark to the plugs. When the battery is run-down or not in the best of

occurred the day after the U.N. vote when U.S. President George Bush ordered American warplanes, along with ground troops to guard them, to air bases in Saudi Arabia, to protect the oil-rich nation most vital to Western interests in the Middle East. The bases were constructed according to U.S. specifications for just such an eventuality.

The Saudis initially resisted the move, fearful of Iraq's military strength as well as the questionable staying power of U.S. commitment, in light of Vietnam. Convinced that they were next on Saddam's hit list they accepted U.S. and other Western help.

Outside military intervention (the British and perhaps others will be involved) will not be universally welcomed in the Arab world. Furthermore, support for Washington will be lukewarm at best since the United States bankrolls Israel, still

seen as the No. 1 adversary of the Arab world.

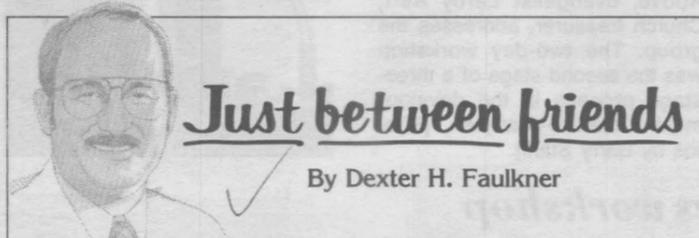
By boldly standing up to both the West and Israel, Saddam Hussein enjoys considerable popular support, and certainly respect, throughout the Middle East.

“He is like your Reagan,” exclaimed one citizen in Jordan, where Saddam's popularity is high. “For us, he is the only strong Arab leader,” added another Jordanian.

## The new Nebuchadnezzar?

By all accounts, Saddam Hussein is cunning and ruthless. For years he has dreamed of filling the vacant shoes of the Arab world's last dynamic leader, Egypt's Gamal Abdel Nasser, who died in 1970.

Saddam also is determined that Iraq will fill the national role that Egypt once played. “For millennia,” wrote Dan Schueftan in the Aug. 4 international edition of *The Jerusalem Post*, “empires based in Mesopotamia competed with those in the Nile Valley for regional hegemony.” (See IRAQ, page 10)



## Check your battery

Feast fever is in the air. Right now we are busy making plans and getting ourselves ready for the 1990 Feast of Tabernacles.

Many feel that preparing for the Feast is almost as fun as being there: making sure everything is ready, clothes packed, tickets purchased and hotel reservations made.

Some of us are quite diligent in physically getting ready for the Feast. If we plan to drive to the Feast, we check the car carefully. We check fluid levels, we check the tires, we get it tuned up and make sure the battery is well charged.

The battery is something we may not think of often, but it is an important part of the car. And it needs to be charged up.

Last year in Ireland, I heard a sermonette about the analogies between a car battery and a Christian. I want to share some of these analogies with you and ask, when was the last time you examined your spiritual battery?

## Spiritual recharge

The Feast of Tabernacles is a foretaste of the glorious world tomorrow. During the eight days of the Feast, we are strengthened spiritually by sermons and sermonettes and by fellowship with fellow children of God. And, we have the opportunity to have our spiritual batteries charged.

The outer casing of a battery protects the battery cells. This is important because the battery's power is stored in these cells. Our outer casing, the skull, protects the mind. The mind is where God's spirit is stored and used.

We know from the Bible that God's spirit is a spirit of power. It is God's spirit that empowers us, that motivates us, that sets us apart as the children of God. The mind is where God's spirit flows in and out. We need to protect the mind.

The best way to protect the mind is by being selective in what we put in it. Do we get wrapped up in physical pursuits and material acquisitions?

Or are we following Paul's admonition in Philippians 4:8 (New King James throughout): “Finally,

## European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



# Europe is in ferment from Atlantic to Urals

BOREHAMWOOD England—The news in Europe is unnerving. Full of paradox. Full of unexpected announcements.

Consider some of the headlines in the last two months: “Soviet Leaders Threatened by Challenge From Russia,” “Russians Throw Down Challenge to Kremlin,” “A World Without the U.S.S.R.?”

A world with no Soviet Union—you must be joking! The previously unthinkable is now a part of day-to-day life. We witness shifts of national and political loyalties on an almost daily basis.

Some have even suggested that the Soviet Union join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). Anomalies and ironies are the order of the day. Europe is in ferment from the Atlantic to the Urals.

Consider another list of newspaper titles: “Russia Agrees to Germany Inside NATO,” “[Russian] Troop Pullout from East Germany Expected Soon,” “NATO to Sheath Sword for Worried Gorbachev,” “Looking Forward to a Secure Life Without the Warsaw Pact,” “Senate Panel Votes to Cut 50,000 [American] Troops in Europe.”

Old security arrangements no longer seem relevant. Two formerly hostile defense organizations—NATO and the Warsaw Pact—are making big noises for cooperation. NATO may be in its last decade.

The world as we knew it is already assigned to the history books. We are in a new era—the era of a swiftly uniting Europe.

And there are still more headlines. “Allies Meet to Reassure Poland,” “Powerless Poles Settle for Bonn Offer on Border.”

This new era is worrying. Suddenly 40-year-old border arrangements have to be secured. The Poles are nervous about German intentions. Poland wants a border treaty in place as soon as possible.

Consider two more headlines. “London Losing Its Position as Focus of Britain,” “Berlin Poised to Be Europe's Most Vibrant Capital.”

It used to be said that all roads lead to London. But in the July 9 *Daily Telegraph*, Wendy Holden

wrote: “London is losing its place as the focus of Britain's economic and cultural activity and faces diminishing global importance. . . . Skill shortages, increasing traffic congestion and disenchantment with the quality of life will continue to undermine confidence in the capital.”

Berlin, however, is back in vogue. It is the city ticketed to be the most vibrant capital in Europe. It is the jewel in a powerful economic crown.

Timothy Garton Ash summed it up in the June 7 *Independent*: “One of the salient features of the new Europe is that things that have seemed unthinkable for at least 30 years now suddenly seem thinkable again.”

New pan-European groupings are just around the corner. Schoolchildren and businessmen are learning other European languages so they are in the best possible position to enjoy the fruits of a European megamarket.

A new order is emerging in Europe. Will Berlin be the new capital of a reunited Germany? Is Vienna, Austria, the true heir of Brussels, Belgium? Only Rome is seemingly stable as the religious capital.

And don't forget 1992-1993—the creation of a single European market and the completion of the Euro Tunnel between France and England.

A fabulous world of choice is envisioned: “The scene is Europe, January, 1993. Enter the new Euro-citizens, a couple dazzled by choice. They are buying their home in Italy with a Dutch mortgage. He works for a Danish company; she is a partner in a Greek firm of architects.”

“They insure their family car in Germany and he buys his shirts from a French mail order catalogue and she her dresses from Brussels. Their daughter studied in Paris and Edinburgh and now works in Luxembourg. Their son is a Euro-apprentice with VW in Spain”—*The European* July 13-15.

Those with an eye for the good life are licking their lips. Europeans, who provided the world with a rich social, economic and artistic culture, feel it is high time that they enjoyed their heritage.

# Commercials air in Canada, give Church positive image

By Thomas Lapacka

PASADENA—Four 30-second commercials will advertise the *World Tomorrow* telecast in Edmonton, Alta., and London, Ont., Aug. 13 to Dec. 26.

Each commercial appeals to a different type of person in hopes of attracting a broader spectrum of viewer to *The World Tomorrow*.

Thomas Lapacka is manager of Media Purchasing.

The commercials, filmed in May by 62nd Street Productions in Atlanta, Ga., "will accomplish several things for the Church in Canada," said Ray Wright, manager of Media Planning & Promotion.

They will create awareness in the public mind of what *The World Tomorrow* offers, make the name of the program more familiar and motivate more people to tune in and watch.

## Every second counts

62nd Street Productions offers the Church professional specialists skilled in 30-second communication.

"There is a difference between having to convey your message in 30 minutes or 30 seconds," said Scott McClintock, BBDO account supervisor. "In 30 seconds every fraction of a second has to count."

Mary Shaner, a producer at Television Production, said: "It's like the difference between sprinters and distance runners. If you tried to keep this pace for a half-hour program, you'd lose your wind."

In the brief time available, the commercials must grab the viewer's attention, compel him or her to watch and clearly communicate our message.

This is no easy task, yet this challenge is understood and met every day by professionals like those at 62nd Street West.

## Conveying the right image

The four commercials portray a positive image of the Church to the public, expressing a relevant style, helpful tone and informative content, according to Mr. Wright.

"We want to avoid giving the impression that the Church is negative and gloom-and-doom, with nothing but hopelessness and condemnation to offer," he said.

The messages are quick, yet interesting, intended to be seen about 18 times in each area over the 20-week test period.

To reach and attract new viewers, the commercials will air in times other than Sunday morning and use language, tone and a look to which they are accustomed.

## Canada a test market

Canada was selected as a test market because of financial and market considerations.

The Church's income in Canada has been relatively good, making it possible to produce the commercials.

From a market view, the Church's ability to secure better time periods and new stations for *The World Tomorrow* is severely limited by the Canadian government, which restricts foreign programming.

Canadian regulations require that 60 percent of television airing time be devoted to Canadian pro-

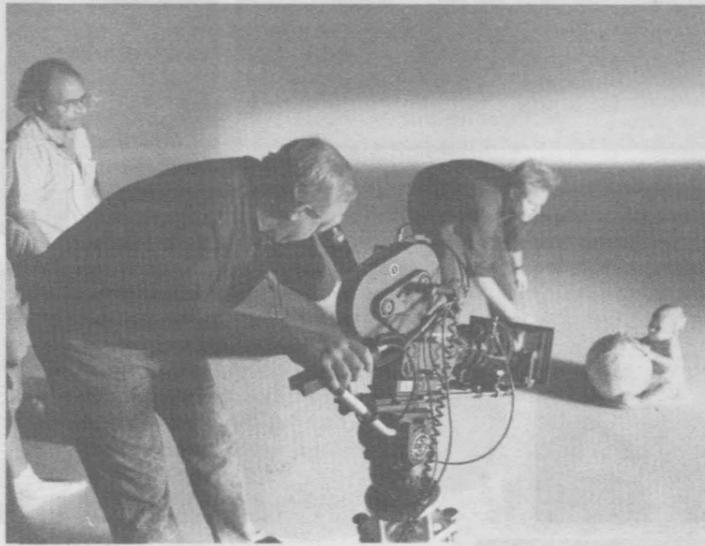
gramming.

## Using media dollars wisely

Under Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's direction, Media Planning & Promotion tries to secure the best possible time periods, using media dollars efficiently.

"It is always our goal to increase viewership wherever possible, but there are limitations," Mr. Wright pointed out.

There are two ways to maximize viewership: 1) buy time on several stations in a market to increase the likelihood of potential viewers finding the telecast when flipping through channels, or 2) after securing a good time on a strong station,



**AN EYE ON THE BALL**—One of four 30-second commercials advertising the *World Tomorrow* telecast in Canada portrays a baby as a future leader, seeking answers to solve global problems.

advertise the program.

Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn (BBDO), the advertising agency retained by the Church, will conduct surveys to determine awareness changes and intent to tune-in among the viewing public before, during and after the commercials run in the two test Canadian cities.

## Commercials approved

June 22 Mr. Wright formally presented the new commercials to Mr. Tkach, who approved them for airing.

Also viewing the commercials were Joseph W. Tkach Jr., director of U.S. Church Administration; Bernard W. Schnippert, Media Operations director; evangelist Leroy Neff, Church treasurer; evangelist Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration International; and staff members from Church Administration, Television and Media Planning & Promotion.

# Plan

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I've seen we now recognize the meetings represent an opportunity—they're an opportunity for us to share our needs, our problems and our answers with each other."

Mr. Schnippert and his staff are preparing printed summaries of the presentations the managers made for Mr. Tkach to review. He will announce his decisions about the options in a conference scheduled for September. That conference is the third and final stage in the planning process.

This year is the first in which the three-stage process has been in effect. Last year there was no kickoff meeting or final meeting, but only the two-day workshop.

According to Mr. Schnippert, the modified planning process has a number of advantages: "First, Mr. Tkach had the opportunity to guide the managers and directors before they began the planning process. Rather than merely choosing planning options, he set the general course for the managers to follow."

"This guidance paid off in the two-day workshop," Mr. Schnippert explained. "It helped the managers produce options consistent with the priorities Mr. Tkach had in mind for the Church. It also helped them develop plans that easily harmonized, rather than plans constructed without careful consideration of other departments and operations."

"A second advantage of the three-stage process," Mr. Schnippert added, "is that it allowed Mr. Tkach to tailor planning to meet the current financial environment. Since income has been lower than anticipated this year, Mr. Tkach asked the managers to present at least one option proposing cutbacks in production."

In addition to Mr. Tkach and Mr. Schnippert, those who attended the workshop included Michael Feazell, executive assistant to Mr. Tkach; David Hulme, director of Communications & Public Affairs; Ronald Kelly, manager of Editorial Services.

Joseph Locke, vice president of Ambassador Foundation International; Leroy Neff, Church treasurer; James Peoples, director of Computer Information Systems; Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration International; Joseph Tkach Jr., director of U.S. Church Administration.

Rick van Pelt, director of Facilities Services; Herb Vierra, manager of Television-Radio Production; Donald Ward, president of Ambassador College; and Ray Wright, manager of Media Planning & Promotion.

An article in a future issue of *The Worldwide News* will discuss the priorities set by Mr. Tkach in the June 5 kickoff meeting as well as details about individual department presentations in the workshop.

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## "Into all the world..."

### Surprise!

The other day I was watching TV and saw a wonderful lesson on how to have a successful marriage. I didn't know before that there were any Christian programs on TV and was glad to find out that there were. The program was very interesting.

At the end of the program, the presenter mentioned a booklet that caught my attention. It was entitled *How to Have a Happy Marriage*. The presenter said it was free! Could that really be true? If so, please send me a copy.

J.N.  
Sweden

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### Literature—changing lives

I have been getting *The Plain Truth* for about four years now. I am so pleased my mother got this magazine and told me to get it, because I can understand it. My mother passed away two years ago. At one time I was going to kill myself, and then I read this magazine. It made me see things that I didn't see before so thanks a lot. I am 16 years old.

Christchurch, New Zealand

I am a high school student in a Christian boarding school and wish to express my thankfulness for sending me *De Echte Waarheid* [Dutch *Plain Truth*]. Through it I have learned that you can change your life if you want to do so.

I have learned to take a stand in giving speeches, doing papers and have enriched my knowledge by reading your interesting articles. They have given more depth to my understanding about how to behave in society and how to make your life happier and more successful. Could you please send me the booklet about happy marriage?

G.J.  
Paramaribo, Suriname

In 1986 I was having problems with my life and was thinking about suicide. I had talked with a friend about it. She gave me one of your magazines that had

an article about suicide. I read the article. It had changed my mind about suicide. That article had saved my life.

In July 1988 I met a man. Our wedding day was Feb. 10, 1990. My life is so great and I am very happy.

Thank you so much for printing that article. It has saved my life. I am not a teenager or a youth, but I would still like to receive your magazines.

D.S.  
West Carrollton, Ohio

I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to see things the way they really are. You've also made my time here in prison go by much faster. I am being released soon and now have a chance to put what I've learned into use. I consider all your booklets priceless. And that's why I want to continue receiving your literature. Thanks to you I now know what God wants from me.

R.T.  
Lincoln, Ill.

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### Correspondence course appreciated

I will be 73 years of age Aug. 18 and I regret that I did not know about all of the information that I could have had.

I had read very little in the Old Testament, but I had read the New Testament through twice and I have it on tape. Nothing—not even Bible summer classes—can equal the correspondence course.

I write down each question asked in the lesson in red ink in my notebook. Then, in black ink, I write down each scripture reading.

J.K.  
Pomeroy, Ohio

I want to thank you. I have never studied anything that is quite as interesting as the materials in the correspondence course. I have two junior and senior high school teachers in my family in a private high honors school. I amaze them at times with the knowledge I have received from you.

Often times subjects come up in the news media after I've brought them to

the attention of my children. When I say children, I mean from 41 to 36, and these are high honors, well-educated teachers. They are amazed with the contents that are being taught. It just makes sense. Religion at its best is a difficult course of events.

M.J.  
Fall River, Mass.

I just finished reading my first *PT*. Wow! What an eye-opener! I've been trying for many years to get committed enough to read my Bible daily. It goes in cycles.

I don't have a Bible study guide, and if I had one I am sure I'd use it. So when I read about your correspondence course, I thought, That would be perfect! Would you please send me a free sample? Is it really true you don't charge?

I would read more "godly" material if I could afford it. My husband complains I spend too much, even though he sees me changing. He can't complain if it is free and it would be an incentive enough for him to start reading himself. That would be a blessing!

K.N.  
Victorville, Calif.

## Report from the Treasurer's Office

Leroy Neff

PASADENA—I am pleased to announce a 10.6 percent increase for the month of July compared to July 1989.

It seems that I have been the bearer of bad news more than good news this year. Thankfully this month was better, at least as far as percentage of change is concerned.

As a result, the year-to-date increase now stands at 0.8 percent more than last year. You may remember that a month ago there was actually a decrease for the year of 0.4 percent. Even though this is far from our budget of 3 percent, we are pleased for the positive turnaround.

In our five-year planning meetings just ended, we were encouraged to come up with ideas on how the income might be stimulated. We will be considering a number of ideas along this line for some time to come. We have considered a number of possibilities in the past. What sometimes appears promising, is not always so when the facts are all carefully considered. Your ideas and prayers will be much appreciated.

# God's Spirit at Work in Southern Africa and Mauritius



**LONGEST TRIP YET**—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's July 8 to 31 trip took him to Johannesburg, Pretoria, Cape Town, East London and Durban, South Africa; Mauritius; Malawi; and London, England. He spoke to 3,889 brethren and visited the regional offices in Cape Town and Borehamwood, England—"an extremely successful and profitable" trip, said Mr. Tkach. [Photo coverage by David Burt, Geoff Fuller, Ian Henderson, Jack Johnson, Robert Klynsmith, Michel Wong Ah Fat, Frank Nelte and Dean Nicolau]



# How to make the Feast positive for everyone you encounter

By John Halford

The plane landed and taxied to a halt. About half the passengers, including myself, did what passengers always do. We stood up and started to open the overhead luggage bins. The hostess sitting opposite me reached for the phone and announced, "Sit down everyone please. We haven't reached the gate yet." I did as she asked.

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"Sir, please fasten your seat belt," the young lady said politely. I was starting to feel annoyed. I had sat down as she had asked, although many others hadn't. The plane was hardly moving. Why did she have to throw her authority around? I grudgingly did as she asked.

She smiled. "Sorry to be so bossy, but those are the regulations." She explained that in an emergency, the pilot can lock the wheels and bring the plane to a sudden stop, even if the plane is moving at more than 100 miles an hour. But anything loose—luggage or passengers—would keep going.

So the Federal Aviation Administration insists everyone remain seated with their seat belts fastened until the aircraft reaches the gate and comes to a complete halt.

"I know it seems a bit picky when

we're going so slowly, but if I don't tell you, I could be in trouble," she said.

"What kind of trouble?" I asked.

"If an inspector was traveling on the plane—we don't know who they are of course—I could be fined up to \$1,000, and I just can't afford that."

I hadn't thought of it that way. The bossy flight attendant suddenly became just another human being, with a job to do, struggling to make both ends meet. My lack of cooperation could have cost her dearly.

So now I stay seated until the plane stops.

As we go to the Feast, we will meet many people with responsibilities—police, parking attendants and ushers. Their jobs demand that they direct us, organize us or in some way control our actions.

There is something about human nature that doesn't like being told what to do, and that often makes these people's jobs harder than they need be. And so sometimes they are not as polite and courteous as they should be.

Try to see the person behind the uniform. Like you, they want to be happy, cheerful and relaxed. But perhaps the policeman is having a bad day, or maybe the flight attendant is worried about things at home. Maybe they are just tired, frustrated and feeling unappreciated. They suspect that you will

probably add to their burdens.

Let's be different. Let's make an effort to make the Feast a positive experience for everyone we meet. The Bible admonishes us to show respect to all those in authority (Romans 13:1-5), but not only because they "bear not the sword in vain" and can make life unpleasant for us if we don't cooperate.

Let's think of them as fellow human beings who often receive little appreciation or understanding from those they serve. A sincere "thank you," a cheerful "certainly," an honest and humble "sorry, I didn't know" can make a lasting impression on someone who expects scowls, rudeness and lack of cooperation.



K.T.

## When your best plans fail

# Crises help spiritual focus

By Jeff E. Zhorne

Have you had things go wrong for you at the Feast? Plans ever go awry? Or ever find yourself up against a seemingly unworkable situation?

I have marveled at how wrong best-laid plans can go for my family and me before, during and after the Feast. Despite preparation and planning, we seem to encounter difficulties each year.

I always wondered if I would write an article about this bevy of mishaps. Let me give you a brief tour of some of these encounters of the strange kind, before offering a few lessons learned and avoidance strategies.

### Missed flight

Two years ago we thought we arrived at the Los Angeles airport in plenty of time to catch our flight to the Hawaii Festival site.

No one was in line at the ticket counter! Great, we thought. What a wonderful beginning to a great Feast.

"I'm sorry, sir, but the flight left two hours ago and there's not another flight until the morning," said the airline attendant.

What! Unfortunately I had read the time for our return flight, not the outgoing one.

After a family huddle, we decided not to let the incident be the perfect start to a lousy trip. With opening services to start in eight hours, we booked a flight on another airline.

Arriving in Hawaii bedraggled

and weary at the car rental counter, a cheerful island girl in a bright muumuu told us they had no more cars.

"Sorry, but we didn't expect all of you attending the convention to show up," she said. "So we overbooked the cars."

Off we went to rent-a-wreck, dragging our 2-year-old son, teddy bears, snorkel gear and 3,000 pounds of bulging luggage.

At least we didn't have to swim to the site.

### A hurricane and poison oak

Three years ago, after the evening of the Last Great Day, we were pummeled by a hurricane on the island of Jersey—the hurricane that destroyed Kew Gardens in London.

Gale-force winds shattered the back window of our rental car, blew the hotel's sign three blocks down the street and threatened to erode our faith and confidence.

Four years ago, I caught a terrible case of poison oak while salmon fishing on the way to Eugene, Ore. It lasted all Feast.

Then last year we thought we'd conquer all problems by attending a site only 90 miles from here, in Palm Springs.

But unusually heavy Friday afternoon traffic almost caused us to be late for the first service. My heart rate still hasn't settled down yet, after being trapped in traffic with our 6-month-old daughter and 3-year-old son.

Now you're ready to read about

the benefits of good planning and preparation, right? That might be a natural resolution.

Really, though, you can only plan so much. Planning is essential, but we can't control everything. Thankfully, God promises to care for us down to the hairs on our head. And he sees how we handle crises.

At some times more than others, we can really take comfort in the scripture about how the eyes of the Eternal go up and down on the face of the earth to show himself strong on behalf of those whose hearts are right toward him (II Chronicles 16:9).

I admit to plenty of times when I didn't cry out to God, and instead tried to solve problems my way, independent of any outside help.

That's not the way to do it. If there's one thing I've learned about traveling to the Feast of Tabernacles and handling plans gone awry, it's not to lean on my own understanding.

We have to think and act, of course. But think and act with God's involvement, trusting him to provide and bless our efforts.

Most problems we encounter at the Feast—and before or after—are not do-or-die situations. In such cases, God says to calmly commit our way to him so he can resolve the problems and steer us through them (Psalm 37:3-5, 7). Anxious thought is not solution-oriented.

Sometimes in the thick of trial, you might need to just sit down and read all of Psalm 37. What tremendous promises and hope it offers.

"Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him" (I John 5:14-15, New King James).

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will, it is easy to become discouraged and depressed—even give up—if we don't know why we encounter difficulties and trials (I Peter 1:6-7 and James 1:2-4).

Remember, the most important component in God's Feast is the spiritual facet. The physical aspects give added pleasures, but if we focus on the physical we're asking for disappointment.

If we all go anticipating the spiritual food and enrichment, we won't be so inclined to let physical difficulties frustrate us.

With life's spiritual goals firmly in mind, we can confidently trust in God who guarantees that with him nothing will be impossible (Luke 1:37).

**"The church is an especially welcome convention because its people represent American family life at its best. Its adherents believe in traditional values and its attendees seek wholesome activities and entertainment." Pensacola, Fla., News Journal, Oct. 14, 1989.**

## International speakers

PASADENA—Church Administration International announced the following guest speakers for the 1990 Feast of Tabernacles.

**Africa:** Frederick Kellers, Ghana; Stanley DeVeaux and Larry Salyer, Kenya; Edward Smith, Mauritius; Willard High, Nigeria; David Hulme, Harold Jackson and Larry Salyer, South Africa; Peter Nathan, Zimbabwe.

**Australia, Asia and South Pacific:** Richard Rice, Randy Duke and Gerald Waterhouse, Australia; Dean Blackwell, Fiji; Greg Albrecht, New Zealand; Gene Hogberg and Leroy Neff, Philippines; Dean Blackwell, Tonga.

**Canada:** Kyriacos Stavrinides, Halifax, N.S.; Keith Stump, Pen-ticton, B.C.; Thomas Lapacka, Regina, Sask.; Arthur Docken and Keith Stump, Victoria, B.C.

**Caribbean:** Steve Andrews and Britton Taylor, Bahamas; James Jenkins, Barbados; Dennis Milner, Dominica; Ronald Lohr, Grenada;

Cyrille Richard and William Bentley, Haiti; Rick Sherrod, Jamaica; William Miller, St. Lucia; Robert Persky, Trinidad.

**Europe:** Victor Root, Bonndorf, West Germany; Victor Kubik, Michael Hanisko and Ronald Kelly, Brno, Czechoslovakia; Gil Norman and Robert Dick, Denmark; David Albert, France; Victor Root and Ronald Kelly, Goslar, West Germany; David Wainwright, Italy; Carn Catherwood, Malta.

Pieter Michielsen, Robert Dick and Gil Norman, Netherlands; Bryan Hoyt, Paignton and Eastbourne, England; Burk McNair, Guernsey and Scarborough, England; Larry Omasta, Trabolgan, Ireland.

**Middle East:** Richard Thompson, Edwin Marrs, Al Mischnick and Leonard Schreiber, Jordan.

**Spanish sites:** Raul Ramos, Costa Rica; Larry Hinkle, Guatemala; Craig Bachellor, Mexico; Ken Smylie, Venezuela.

## Festival speakers list

PASADENA—Church Administration announced the following guest speakers for the 1990 Feast of Tabernacles at U.S. sites.

**Anchorage, Alaska:** Dennis Luker and Steven Botha; **Big Sandy:** Charles Bryce and Herman L. Hoeh; **Biloxi, Miss.:** Russell Duke and Stan Bass; **Chattanooga, Tenn.:** Dean Wilson and Carl McNair.

**Corpus Christi, Tex.:** Mark Kaplan and Charles Bryce; **Dayton, Ohio:** Randal Dick and Richard Ames; **Daytona Beach, Fla.:** Gary Antion; **Eugene, Ore.:** Michael Feazell; **Jekyll Island, Ga.:** Jim Franks and Dean Wilson.

**Kansas City, Mo.:** Herman L. Hoeh and Robert Fahey; **Kona, Hawaii:** Bernard Schnippert and Joseph Tkach Jr.; **Lexington, Ky.:** Carl McNair and Randal Dick.

**Niagara Falls, N.Y.:** Richard

Ames and Donald Ward; **Norfolk, Va.:** Donald Ward and Jim Franks; **Palm Springs, Calif.:** Earl Williams and Ray Wright; **Pasadena:** Joseph W. Tkach Jr. and Earl Williams; **Pensacola, Fla.:** Stan Bass and Russell Duke.

**Rapid City, S.D.:** Norman Smith and Guy Engelbart; **Redding, Calif.:** Don Lawson and James Friddle; **St. Petersburg, Fla.:** Clint Zimmerman; **Saratoga Springs, N.Y.:** Robert Smith.

**Spokane, Wash.:** James Friddle and Don Lawson; **Tucson, Ariz.:** Ray Wright and Norman Smith; **Vail, Colo.:** Michael Swagerty and Kenneth Giese; **Wisconsin Dells, Wis.:** Robert Fahey and Michael Swagerty.

**West Coast cruise:** James Peoples; **Mediterranean cruise:** James Kisse, Ray Wooten and Marc Masterson.

## U.S. Holy Day Envelopes

PASADENA—Holy Day offering envelopes for the Fall Festival season have been mailed to U.S. members. If you have not received your envelopes by Sept. 4, please call the toll-free number (1-800-423-4444) no later than Sept. 12. This is the last date the Mail Processing Center (MPC) can mail personalized envelopes with assurance that they will reach you by the Feast of Trumpets, Sept. 20.

These envelopes are intended solely for Holy Day offerings, to speed the processing of those donations. Please handle changes of address and literature requests through other correspondence.

# Be an ambassador at the Feast by your words and conduct

By Rick L. Shallenberger

When the United States sends an ambassador to the Soviet Union it sends someone who will properly represent the nation.

For many Soviets, the ambassador is the only American they will ever see or know. He is the sole representation of the United States—its culture, its beliefs, its policies, its laws and its character.

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As ambassadors for Christ the same is true of us. We represent God's character, his thoughts, his teachings, his way of life, his law and his love. Being an ambassador for Christ is part of the commitment we made at baptism. You are the closest contact to God's way of life many people will experience in this life.

Many Church members were called to be a part of God's family through the example of other members. Perhaps some have been called through your example.

But God didn't say to you one morning, "Today I'm going to use you to call Sally Smith, so I'd like you to be on your best behavior." No, we don't know when God is going to use us as the instrument to call another person.

## Personal example

An ambassador should be on his or her best behavior at all times.

We must be aware of the example we set. A Festival coordinator wrote: "One older couple had their nonmember daughter with them at the Feast. . . . They were embarrassed by a comment from their daughter about a mother who was next door to them. The daughter mentioned that this mother screamed at her children for the whole eight days. Not one kind word was spoken to [the children] that they heard."

A minister wrote: "Sometimes at the Feast you go into the rest room and it sounds like a war zone, children screaming, parents yelling.

"Or after hearing a sermon on marital relationships or on godly love, you see men yelling at their wives and children.

"If you want to tell the brethren how to set a good example, tell them to be aware of what they say and how they say it. It is so easy to give the Church a bad name by how we talk to our mates and children."

As ambassadors for God we must be aware of how we do things. When you take your children aside to correct them, don't yell and scream at

them. Be calm and in control.

A Festival coordinator wrote about his pet peeve: "People who get up and wander around services for no apparent reason. I know there are many who walk to quiet babies, but it also seems there are far too many walking around disrespectful of services."

Services are a time of worship. We should not show disrespect toward God and the minister speaking by walking around the hall. And it sets a bad example for others, especially nonmembers.

Most halls have custodians, managers, some outside reporters and curious onlookers. Will they see people learning how to better represent God?

## A child's example

Our children are also watched for the example they set.

At one Feast site children rode up and down in the elevator, preventing those who needed the elevator, such as the elderly, from using it. The children pushed all the buttons so the elevator stopped at every floor. Because of this, men had to stand guard at the elevator doors.

God knows where we are at all times, do you know where your children are? A minister wrote: "We do have a lot of great young people who set a fine example, but some parents allow their young people to go unsupervised and they are giving the Church a black eye."

It may be just a few youths who set a bad example but those few count.

## Follow instructions

Concerning housing reservations at the Feast, a Festival coordinator said, "I received a number of reports that our members did not comply with instructions to wait until [the day appointed to make reservations]."

The Festival Office takes great pains to negotiate rates for the brethren and tells the motels and hotels when we will be calling for reservations. When we call early we show that we aren't any different from other organizations.

Some members book more than one room and do not cancel the one they don't use. This sets a bad example to the proprietor of a hotel or motel, who understandably may not be so accommodating the next year.

## Respect others

The Feast is a time to show respect and love toward those we meet in our hotel or in restaurants. Be patient and remember, with hundreds

or thousands of members observing the Feast in any one city, we may strain the facilities and it may take hotel staff and waitresses a little longer to attend to us. A little courtesy goes a long way.

The Feast is a perfect place and time to put into practice being an ambassador. Strive to represent God in every thing you say and do.



## The challenge of small children

# Fathers, help mothers' loads

By Monica Webb

Feast fever strikes all of us in one form or another. Children look forward to new friends, new sites, maybe even some new toys. Parents anticipate the sermons and reunions with family and friends.

*Monica Webb is on the Festival Administration staff.*

Yet, too often, the reality of the Feast, especially for families with young children, becomes frequent trips to the mothers room, missed sermons, fidgeting children full of

unused energy, and restaurant wrestling matches. How can husbands and wives share the responsibilities of their children and make the Feast into all they had anticipated?

Perhaps the biggest challenge of each day is getting everyone ready for services, and still having time for prayer. This is where husbands can be especially helpful. Give your wife time alone in the morning by helping get the children cleaned and dressed. Then your wife can attend to any other needs they have while you have your time alone.

Many mothers of small children miss large portions of the sermons every Feast because of a diaper that needs changing or a child that needs settling. Fathers, offer to help. Many Feast sites have rooms for this purpose that fathers can also use. Help share the load.

A change in schedule can be unsettling to children. In spite of the inevitably busy schedules, try to eat at regular times and not always in restaurants.

You might arrange a barbecue in a park with other families or a meal in your hotel room. And beware of too many late nights. You may be able to handle it but your children will quickly show the effect.

Every Feast site has service needs and it's tempting to volunteer for several service crews. But fathers should be careful that they don't get so involved in serving that their wives are left alone with the children all day, every day.

Children will have brighter memories of a Feast with dad than without.

**"We have all been remarking what a pleasure it has been to assist the delegates in every way possible and how well mannered all the children were!"—  
Director of Tourism, Aviemore & Spey Valley Tourist Board, Scotland, Nov. 18, 1989.**

## Try this: mid-Feast checklist

By Kathy Johnson

PASADENA—While unpacking at the Feast have you ever heard the words: "Oh no! I forgot to [fill in the blank]!"

Maybe, like me, you've said those words yourself. (I'm thinking of the year my family and I went to Hawaii and I forgot my camera.)

*Kathy Johnson is an associate editor of Youth 90.*

Many of us make pre-Feast checklists, but have you ever thought of making a mid-Feast checklist?

Without a pre-Feast checklist we may forget to pack our camera or cancel our newspaper. Similarly, without a mid-Feast checklist we may forget about many of the goals we set out to accomplish during the Feast.

Here are some suggestions. I'm sure you can come up with many of your own.

Have you telephoned or written to someone who wasn't able to attend the Feast?

Have you come early to services or stayed late to fellowship?

Have you taken (or arranged to take) someone to lunch or dinner, or invited a new friend to a get-together?

Have you served when asked to volunteer?

Have you let each family member choose at least one Feast activity?

Have you sincerely thanked God for calling you and for all your other blessings?

Have you responded to prayer requests?

Have you generously tipped

those who have served you?

Have you reviewed your Feast budget to make sure you won't be caught short?

Have you focused on the meaning of the Feast?

Have you reviewed any of your notes from services?

Have you kept prayer and Bible study as high priorities?

Have you helped your children understand the meaning of the Feast?

Have you been cooperative with others (parking attendants, ushers, waiters and hotel staff)?

Have you taken time to meet

new people?

Have you fulfilled the scriptural instructions to help the strangers, widows, fatherless and poor to enjoy the Feast?

Are you thinking and praying about the Holy Day offering for the Last Great Day?

Have you been taking care of your health—getting enough sleep, eating properly and getting some exercise?

Have you made time for your children to do their homework and checked on their progress?

Have you applied the lesson of a sermon or sermonette?

## Here's more for singles

By Rebecca Savoie

I went to a singles function with a friend who felt sorry for herself because she thought she wasn't being noticed.

As we spoke, she decided to reverse her inward thinking and begin to focus on others. She put a welcoming smile on her face and began to serve refreshments to those not dancing. She made an effort to speak to everyone.

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Before long, she found herself being asked to dance. Her service toward others made her more attractive. Others also became more attractive to her as she began to look beyond their physical appearances and started to view the positive side of people.

I included this positive mind-set

during the next singles event I attended. I didn't spend the evening searching for someone I might be attracted to or being continually conscious of the whereabouts of someone I hoped to get to know and someone else I hoped to avoid.

At the conclusion of the evening I found I no longer based my evaluation of the occasion on how much attention I had received; rather, I was left feeling edified and uplifted from the experience.

We shouldn't limit our contacts at the Feast to just those who may be potential romantic interests; on the contrary, we have a chance to expand our activity selection beyond just those involving members we might be interested in meeting.

Think of the Feast as a family reunion. A family reunion includes all generations—all parts of the family—each with its contribution.

## How you drive affects what local people think

By Jon and Lana Helmuth

A car blocks the intersection. On its bumper is a green Feast sticker. A car cuts in line for parking, blocking an entire lane of traffic. A green sticker is on its bumper. A car pulls out in front of you, making you swerve to avoid a collision. Again, on its bumper is a green sticker.

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At any one Feast site hundreds of Church members drive around in the same sections of the city, going to and from services and going to the same activities and attractions. Add the thousands of residents driving in town and it can get

crowded on the road.

Sometimes the city and streets are unfamiliar. Some people aren't used to city driving.

The Feast is a time to be extra concerned about driver safety. Practice caution and be courteous. The way you drive affects how the local people (and other Church members) feel about you.

If you're blocked in traffic and can't make your turn, go around the block. It's better to be slightly inconvenienced than to sit there and cut off several lanes of traffic.

We are noticed for what we do at the Feast. If you're going to be driving, be extra careful. That green sticker sets us apart. Let's be good examples—to the community and to fellow brethren.



# IRON SHARPENS IRON

## Like farmers at harvest, consider fruits of your spiritual growth

By George M. Kackos

Sweet grapes, plump figs and oil rich olives had been harvested in abundance. Throughout the growing season, God had provided ideal conditions, rain in due season and warm weather.

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Now there would be rejoicing among the Israelites at the Feast of Tabernacles. "Seven days you shall keep a sacred feast to the Lord your God in the place which the Lord chooses, because the Lord your God will bless you in all your produce and in all the work of your hands, so that you surely rejoice" (Deuteronomy 16:15, New King James throughout).

Christians can also rejoice at the Feast in what they have produced. We are blessed with an abundant crop of spiritual produce—the fruit of God's Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).

### A spiritual harvest

Throughout the year, God gives us ideal growing conditions. We are nourished by his Word through spoken messages, literature and personal Bible study, led by his Holy Spirit, taught through experiences,

pruned by loving correction and helped by fellowship. This produces fruit that glorifies God: "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples" (John 15:8).

Rejoice in this fruit. Be glad that God has been working in your life and the lives of others (I Corinthians 12:26). What God is producing in us is important (Romans 7:4).

Think about the good that has



come from this spiritual productivity. Consider how much better off we are because we have been living God's way of life. In every area of life we are blessed for obedience (Psalm 1:1-3).

Try to measure what God has been accomplishing in your life. Reflect on lessons learned, habits built and attitudes developed. See the

## Everyone you see will be in the God family one day

By Mike Bennett

On the Last Great Day look around you. Notice the hotel staff, the waiters, the people you pass on the street. Even the person who turned in front of you without signaling. Someday, they will be your brothers and sisters. Someday they'll be members of God's family.

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For me, the meaning of the Last Great Day is the most astounding, loving and satisfying of the truths of God. It is a reminder that everybody—at least the vast majority—will become God one day.

How many religious people through the centuries have struggled with the question: What about those who have never had a chance to be saved?

God's plan involves every human who has ever lived. "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is long-suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance" (II Peter 3:9, New King James throughout).

God wants everyone to come to repentance. He will do everything he can to help people overcome, but the Bible shows that not everyone will repent (Revelation 20:15).

We believe that most will repent when shown their sins and taught about God's great love and mercy—giving his own Son to pay the penalty of those sins (John 3:16).

Think about one of the most evil

positive things that have been happening in your life (Philippians 4:8). Even your trials are blessings (I Peter 1:7).

Don't fall into the trap of dwelling too much on the negative—your failings and weaknesses. Rather, let your productivity and progress inspire you to continue producing and growing.

### Plan for next year

Say to yourself, If I did that much with God's help this year, I can do more next year. Even if it wasn't a

good year you can use it as a prod to do better.

Look to the future with hope and encouragement. See your potential for productivity and progress. As David said, the righteous will be fruitful (Psalm 1:1-3).

Make the Feast a time to plan for next year's harvest. Use the messages and fellowship to prepare for a fruitful year.

Prepare to actively listen to the messages (Ecclesiastes 5:1). Pray for understanding—ask for an open, receptive mind (Matthew 7:7-8). Also ask for God's inspiration on the speaking and concentrate on the messages.

Ask how these messages apply to your life—your circumstances. Take the general principles and apply them to specific situations. Relate what is said to what you need to

do (Acts 2:37-38). Good note taking can help you do this. Review your notes to further increase your understanding and conviction to put your knowledge into action.

Spend time talking with the brethren about the messages. Share thoughts about spiritual development, inspire one another to live God's way of life. This will focus attention on spiritual growth.

Set some goals for next year. Determine where you want to be spiritually at next year's Feast. Set out a plan to achieve your objectives.

As we draw near the Feast, we can already see fruit that has been borne. Like farmers at harvesttime, we can rejoice in what we have produced. We can see the benefits of our crop. We can use it to inspire us to prepare for a bountiful crop next year. Have a joyous Feast!

## Ways to wield power of prayer to accomplish much this Feast

By Jeff E. Zhorne

Even at Feast time, the threat of natural disasters, political turmoil and economic difficulties does not abate.

Much of what occurs at the Feast of Tabernacles is reported in *The Worldwide News*. Since 1986 I have had the opportunity of summarizing these events—many sobering—for our readers. Some of them are still fresh in my mind.

Remember last year? A 7.1-magnitude earthquake struck San Francisco, Calif.; a hurricane jeopardized three sites; the biggest October snowstorm on record struck Dayton, Ohio; a 19-year-old boy drowned in Australia; besides other accidents and illnesses.

In 1987 Britain suffered its worst storm since 1703, torrential rains belted South Africa, a political coup erupted in Fiji, insurgents revolted in Sri Lanka and a bomb exploded outside a hotel in Manila, Philippines.

Add to that a drought in Tonga, and austerity measures and a wage

and price freeze put into effect during the Feast in Argentina.

On Mauritius, if you remember, a hotel manager double-booked accommodations and fled with the deposits.

Evangelist Frank Brown said: "If it is true that Satan expresses his anger in proportion to how well the Feast went, then he was certainly irate!"

### The power of prayer

These are all things to keep in mind when praying this Feast.

Wield power with your prayers! God delights in the prayers of "the upright" (Proverbs 15:8), and the "effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16).

Ask for the safety of the ministers as they travel to expound God's Word.

We need to beseech God to protect brethren during this Feast and on their way to and from the sites around the world.

Pray with confidence for God's angels to rebuke the devourer

(Malachi 3:11) and to put hedges around his people (Job 1:10, Psalm 91:11).

### Listen to announcements

Listen for people having problems—sicknesses, accidents or other difficulties. The announcements often tell of people in need of intercessory prayer.

In the United States more than 1,500 brethren won't be able to attend the Feast for health reasons, and 38 are in prison, according to the Festival Office.

Be warm, service-oriented and concerned for the strangers or new people who will walk among us (Exodus 22:21).

Pray that God will move everyone at the Feast to be living Christian examples. Ask God to pour out his Spirit on all the services and feed his Church with what it needs.

Above all, don't forget to thank God in everything and make the spiritual power of prayer a central focus of the 1990 Feast of Tabernacles.

## Africa

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in Johannesburg and Durban—there were demonstrations of all kinds.

"The food handlers were on strike and there were difficulties in the government that were felt at all levels of life," he explained. "We were extremely affected by it.

"But it served a purpose. The lesson of uncertainty is that there are some areas in life we don't have control over."

July 12 the party took a sight-seeing tour of Johannesburg. Mr. Tkach got a panoramic view of the city and the gold-bearing reef of Witwatersrand.

After lunch the party visited the Gold Reef City Mine, where they watched a gold ingot being poured.

On the Sabbath, July 14, Mr. Tkach spoke to 1,376 brethren in Pretoria. He was host to a banquet for 60 ministers, deacons, deaconesses and their spouses.

The next morning the group left for Cape Town.

An airport flight controller arranged for Captain Ken Hopke to

fly into the city at low altitude for a bird's-eye view of the Cape peninsula and regional office.

Fortunately the strike had not affected service in hotels there.

After a few hours rest, Mr. Tkach spoke to 512 brethren.

"Mr. Tkach delivered an extremely encouraging sermon which sparked the dedication and enthusiasm of the Cape Town church," said Mr. van Belkum.

On behalf of the combined churches, Mr. van Belkum presented Mr. Tkach with a sculpture of a Zulu warrior with raised spear and outstretched shield confronting a snarling leopard about to attack.

Mr. Tkach drew the analogy of good opposing and overcoming evil.

The Cape Town choir, including 40 children, performed "Fill the World With Love."

July 16 the pastor general toured the refurbished regional office at Mouille Point and shared tea and lunch with the staff.

Trailed by the television crew in a helicopter, he and his party toured a portion of the scenic peninsula.

At 7 p.m. Mr. Tkach was host at a dinner for ministers, deacons and

their wives.

### Stopover in East London

The small airport in East London had never landed such a large private jet as the BAC 1-11 when it landed July 17.

Security was loosened to allow ministers onto the tarmac to welcome Mr. Tkach and his party to the Eastern Cape.

That evening 203 people met in the Kennaway Hotel to hear Mr. Tkach speak for two hours.

He explained how members need to be the life-preserving salt of the earth and what part each plays in the Church, according to Ronald Stoddart, East London pastor.

"The Xhosa members sang in a lovely 'clicking' language, and Mr. Tkach led the applause," said Mr. van Belkum.

After meeting brethren, Mr. Tkach shared time with ministers, deacons and their wives over snacks and coffee.

Later that evening the BAC 1-11 left for Durban, with members and the airport staff gathering on the tarmac to wave good-bye.

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# Don't rock the boat (or car): How to calm motion sickness

By Kerri Dowd

It can happen to anyone, and it can happen in the air, at sea or on the road.

"Not to me," you say. "I've been driving and flying for years, and I've never had motion sickness." Maybe not, but if you're going on one of the two cruises, it just might get you at sea.

According to the March 1985 *FDA Consumer*: "No one, no matter how strong their intestinal fortitude, is immune to motion sickness. Surveys have found that about nine out of 10 people have experienced the disorder."

Last year more than half of those keeping the first Feast on board a ship experienced motion sickness. For most the discomfort lasted just one day, as the ship battled enormous waves.

## Mixed messages

Motion sickness, according to John Hammarley, a science editor for the American Medical Association, is "the effect of a constant movement on the balance within your inner ear." It is the result of mixed messages. Your inner ear senses the continual movement, but your mind, reacting to what you see, does not.

Here are some ideas that may help you avoid this unpleasant experience as you travel.

Situate yourself in the part of the car, airplane or ship that will experience the least motion. In a car, the front seat is usually best; in an airplane it's a seat over the wing; and on a boat, choose an inside cabin close to the middle of the ship.

Many people recommend ginger or ginger capsules for prevention of motion sickness. Studies have shown ginger to be effective for some people, but other researchers believe those studies to be inconclusive.

Three common over-the-counter products for motion sickness prevention are Bonine (meclizine hydrochloride), Mareline (cyclizine hydrochloride) and Dramamine (dimenhydrinate). For effectiveness these medications must be taken about an hour before travel

begins. Read package directions carefully.

One of these may work better for you than the others, according to Mr. Hammarley, who recommends that those who are not sure bring two or three kinds on their trip.

Bonine, Dramamine and Mareline are antihistamines, and they can cause drowsiness, although for some, Dramamine is worse than Bonine in this regard, Mr. Hammarley said.

These medications should not be taken by those with asthma, glaucoma or other medical problems without consulting a physician.

The *FDA Consumer* says that children under the age of 2 should not take dimenhydrinate; children under 6 should not take cyclizine; and children under 12 should not take meclizine without a doctor's approval.

Another drug to prevent motion sickness, Scopolamine, is available only by a doctor's prescription. Scopolamine comes in a patch called Transderm-Scop to be worn behind the ear. Scopolamine enters the body through the skin, and one patch can be worn for three days.

There are some questions about the safety of Scopolamine. Some doctors will not prescribe the patches for women in their child-bearing years, children or the elderly. Although it is perhaps the most convenient of the three medications, Scopolamine is also the most controversial. Side effects can include drowsiness, blurred vision, light sensitivity and heartbeat irregularities.

## Stop the motion

Once you feel nauseated the best thing to do is stop the motion. If your children complain of nausea while you are driving, stop the car and let them get out to walk around. Sometimes a child will say he feels nauseated but can wait a little longer before stopping. It is not advisable to take that chance.

Obviously, if you are on an airplane or ship, stopping the motion is not an option. If possible, the affected person should focus on a fixed point on the horizon.

The good news is that most people adapt to the motion that causes this sickness within about two days.

One final caution. If you use any of these medications do not drink alcohol. Any combination of such medications and alcohol can have serious side effects.

## They may feel left out

# Include nonmember mates

By Ruth Muench

Imagine yourself at a business conference of several days duration with your husband or wife. It's your mate's company, your mate's

friends and his or her area of interest.

While your spouse has been completely involved in this conference, you find it impossible to work up the

same enthusiasm. You feel a bit left out, perhaps a bit bored. (Maybe you figured this would happen and you imagined yourself not going in the first place.)

That is how the Feast can be for nonmember mates, but we should strive to make this Festival an enjoyable occasion for them too. It's not so difficult. It just takes some forethought, some inspiration and some effort.

Even if you don't have a non-member spouse, chances are you know someone who does. You can help make that person feel welcome and a part of the Feast by inviting him or her and the family out, or just by including him or her in conversation.

In conversation, use discretion and tact; think of things he or she would be interested in.

If your nonmember spouse has opted to stay home, think of how difficult it is for him or her to be at home alone. Neil Earle, pastor of the Toronto, Ont., West and Central churches, advises: "Appreciate the fact that he or she has allowed you (and the children) to leave for over a week."

Be extra considerate and thoughtful: call, send a postcard, pick up a present or two. Involve the children in this.

Put yourself in the shoes of the nonmember. Think of how you would feel in the same situation, and how you could be made to feel more comfortable.

Don't be defensive or secretive about the Feast and its meaning. Invite your nonmember mate to come. Explain the purpose of the Feast if asked.

"The purpose of the Millennium is to reconcile the world with God," said Mr. Earle. "Don't turn non-member mates off to God's kingdom. Be a good ambassador, a good representative of God."

# 1990 Envoy available at various Feast sites

By Melissa Chalmers

Limited quantities of the 1990 Ambassador College *Envoy* will be available for purchase at the Feast of Tabernacles, because many brethren took advantage of Pastor

"This year's book is 306 pages long and will have more color than ever before," said editorial adviser Norman Shoaf.

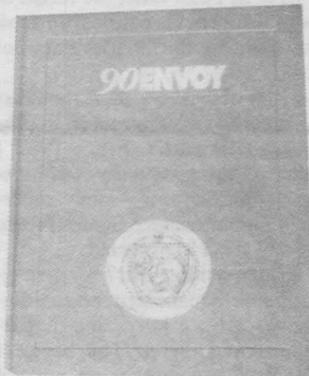
"It includes a special photo section on the final year of Ambassador College Pasadena, a survey of the growth of the Pasadena and Big Sandy campuses, extensive coverage of the academic departments and, for the first time, 30 pages of detailed coverage on Ambassador projects in Jordan, Thailand and Sri Lanka."

Greg S. Smith, *Envoy* art director, said, "A special feature of this *Envoy* is a 'Day in the Life' section covering a typical day in student life at Pasadena and Big Sandy."

"One day during the spring semester more than a dozen photographers converged on the Pasadena and Big Sandy campuses to provide brethren with a realistic picture of what a day at Ambassador is like—classes, student jobs, sports, clubs, social activities, everything."

Eric Frantz, editor of the 1990 *Envoy*, commented: "The production of this book, because of its size and complexity, relied on a large pool of talented people. I think everyone who buys a copy will be pleased with the end result."

Second title may be used to purchase this year's *Envoy*, priced at \$28.



1990 ENVOY

General Joseph W. Tkach's offer to receive the book through the mail.

*Melissa Chalmers, a senior at Ambassador College, is associate editor of the 1990 Envoy.*

Members attending U.S. and Canadian sites can buy the *Envoy* at the Feast, while members at other sites can place orders to have the *Envoy* shipped to their homes.

# Big site or small site: tips for a better Feast

By Mike Bennett

There are two types of Feast sites: big ones and small ones. God places his name at all sites, but there are some differences to prepare for.

*Mike Bennett is managing editor of Youth 90.*

If you're heading for a big site this year, don't be overwhelmed by the large crowd of people—they're all family. You can't meet everyone, but you can be friendly to everyone you meet, those sitting near you and those who stay in the same hotel.

Start meeting people right away. Be more concerned with the quality of friendships you make, not quantity.

Big sites can mean a heavy work load for ushers and other servers. Make it easier on them by being courteous and thanking them. If possible, volunteer to help them out.

Make sure no one feels left out—meet people sitting alone, the elderly, the disabled. You might ask them to join you for a meal or family activities.

Expect heavier traffic, longer waits at restaurants and similar in-

conveniences. Plan for them—arrive earlier, stay longer fellowshiping, bring snacks along to keep children from getting hungry.

Crowded conditions may not seem to mirror the world tomorrow, but our attitudes can. They'll be noticed, especially at sites where we fill the town.

If you're heading for a small site you might be able to meet everyone. Why not make it your goal?

If you transfer to a site smaller than your home church area, song services may seem quiet. Don't be timid—sing out joyfully.

Perhaps there won't be as many activities as you're accustomed to. Organize some small get-togethers yourself.

Even a small Feast requires a lot of work, often handled by a small local congregation. Volunteer to help.

Restaurants and activities may be just as crowded at a small site where they usually don't handle so much business at once.

Your example will be noticed by other members and the public. Here's the chance to practice living the way everyone will in the world tomorrow.

# Kids, what do you want to do?

By Lana Helmuth

It's almost here! Are you excited for the Feast? Have you thought about what you can do in the car on the way to the Feast site? And what you can do during services?

*Lana Helmuth is an associate editor of The Good News.*

Sometimes it seems like you'll never get to the Feast. You proba-

bly ask your mom or dad a million times, "Are we almost there?"

Well, did you know that playing games or playing with toys in the car will help make the trip seem shorter? Think about your favorite toys. Which ones could you take with you in the car? Ask your mom or dad to help you decide.

Do you know the alphabet game? It's easy to play. All you need to do is look for something outside the car

that begins with an *a*, then a *b*, then a *c* and on down the alphabet.

You have to call them out though. Like, "I see an aardvark for *a*! I see a building for *b*!" Once you've called out an object, no one else can use the same one. The first one to the end of the alphabet wins. (You can skip *q*, *x* and *z*.)

Here's another idea. Why don't you ask your friends at services what kind of games they play in the car? They might know some really fun ones.

Now, what can you do during services? One thing you can do is take notes. Ask your parents for some colored paper and make your own notebook to take to the Feast.

You can draw pictures of things the minister is talking about during the sermon. Or you can draw things your mom or dad ask you to. Then you can give your pictures to people you meet at the Feast.

Get ready! Get set! Go!

**"Thank you for your patronage and for the manner in which your group conducted themselves during their stay with us." Resident Managers, Currumbin Palm Resort, Palm Beach, Qld., Oct. 22, 1989.**

# Savor a slice of the future: Rejoice at Feast, despite trials

By Art Docken

The barrack was a long, narrow room with a door at one end and a single window at the other. Bare, unpainted, wooden walls and worn, splintered floorboards.

Old cots—10 to 15 of them—sat perpendicular to the wall. Equally aged pads served for mattresses, and a single, threadbare blanket lay on each bed to ward off the near-freezing night chill. What few belongings the occupants possessed were hung from nails driven into the wall.

*Art Docken pastors the Lafayette, Ind., church. Mr. Docken was regional director in the Philippines from 1965 to 1970.*

The common toilet was in another building down the muddy street. The shower room was in the other direction. The floor and one wall in the shower room were concrete. Out of the wall protruded several pipes from which poured water of one temperature—cold. Of course, there was no heat in any of the rooms.

A young man who lived under these conditions at the first Feast in the Philippines wrote to our office in Manila some years ago and described his feelings during his days at that camp.

"I thank God for making it possible for me to attend the Feast of Tabernacles!" he wrote. This was, he said, the first time he had ever slept on a real bed, the first time he had ever used a shower. It was also the first time he had ever eaten three balanced meals in one day, fellowshiped with God's people, sang psalms, heard a choir singing praises to God or listened to a minister of God preach a sermon.

That young man was describing his first Feast of Tabernacles at Baguio, Philippines. The drab barracks, cold showers, sparse meals, the rather inexperienced choir and even the speakers were all something new and wonderful to him.

"Now," he declared, "I know what the world tomorrow will be like—I can imagine how wonderful it will be."

## Commanded to rejoice

This man truly rejoiced at the Feast in spite of what many would have considered unbearably harsh conditions. For him, perhaps, it was easy to rejoice. So much of what he experienced was new and better than he had ever known before.

God commands his people to rejoice at the Feast no matter what the conditions (Deuteronomy 16:14-15, Leviticus 23:40). And yet we are often beset by problems, both great and small, in preparing for and attending the Feast.

How can we rejoice when our car breaks down or our accommodations are not as nice as we had hoped for? How can we rejoice when a family member becomes ill and misses sermons and other activities? Does God expect us to rejoice if everything seems to go wrong and we are having a terrible time?

Yes, he does. Remember, God does not promise that you will have no problems. He does not command you to "have a great time." He commands you to rejoice, and there is a difference.

Most of us will have a wonderful time at the Feast. It is exciting to gather together with God's people, sing praises to God with one voice, hear inspired sermons. But we will have problems. We all do. But that, too, is part of the Feast.

## In spite of difficulties

The first year the Feast of Taber-

nacles was conducted in Baguio, a typhoon raged through the Philippines. Roads were washed out, airports closed, electrical power was cut. Half of the members were unable even to reach Baguio.

At the opening service a few candles were lit, and some who had flashlights brought them to shine on the minister, Pedro Ortiguero.

As the members sat in the drafty hall, wet and cold, Mr. Ortiguero read from God's Word the instructions concerning the Feast of Tabernacles. When he reached verse 40 of Leviticus 23 he read with special emphasis, "And you shall rejoice before the Lord your God seven days" (New King James throughout).

"Brethren," said Mr. Ortiguero, "God commands us to rejoice, and so we are going to rejoice in spite of everything."

How could they rejoice? Because they understood that the Feast pictures a better world tomorrow. They realized that the Feast looks into the future—that it does not focus on today's problems.

## Resolve to rejoice

We have always encountered problems at the Feast of Tabernacles. Earthquakes, hurricanes, rain and snowstorms have disrupted many Feasts. Did you ever have your tent blow down in one of Big Sandy's famous storms? Remember the wind and rain that hammered our British Feast sites a few years back—the power outages that disrupted services in West Africa?

Does the Feast of Tabernacles come right at harvesttime for you? Do you have trouble getting your

children excused from school?

God's people have faced and either solved or endured, every problem. Some few do complain. They forget the words of the apostle Paul: "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (Romans 8:18).

The young man who rejoiced in spite of the conditions in the Philippines was able to do so because he saw a contrast between what he had always known in this world and the conditions prevailing at God's Feast. He rejoiced because he could see that God's way is best and because he knew that in the Millennium God's influence will permeate the whole earth.

Today, most of our members in the Philippines enjoy better accommodations than were available at that first Feast—and they still rejoice, looking forward to the kingdom of God ruling on this earth.

Each year God's Church grows—in spite of problems. Those problems only strengthen our resolve that God's way certainly is the only way to live.

Jesus Christ "for the joy that was set before Him [the joy of knowing about the kingdom of God] endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such hostility from sinners against himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls" (Hebrews 12:2-3).

How much more should we endure the problems that may come our way during God's feasts and rejoice before our God.

# Your example is applauded!

By Robert C. Jones

I work with civic and business people in the Norfolk area. They speak warmly of our people.

My impression from talking to them is that we stand out in a special and positive way. That is not by chance, of course, but because of the way of life God has called us to.

*Robert Jones coordinates the Norfolk, Va., Feast site.*

Last year I was invited to an awards breakfast put on by the mayor of Norfolk and the Norfolk Convention and Visitors Bureau to honor those who helped bring meetings or conventions to Norfolk.

After breakfast the awards were presented by Bill Lindley, director of the Convention Bureau, to each group's representative. Mr. Lindley presented the awards in alphabeti-

cal order, with one exception.

He sailed right on through the J's. I began to think that the award I was going to receive was the breakfast I had just eaten.

As people walked up to receive their awards, there was no applause. Mr. Lindley worked his way through the last of the alphabet and then said, "Last but not least, the man who brings our largest convention to Norfolk, Mr. Bob Jones."

Mr. Lindley continued, "Mr. Jones represents the Worldwide Church of God [instant, spontaneous applause from the approximately 300 people in the room]."

That gave me goose bumps. I realized instantly that the applause was not for me (only a handful of the people there knew me) but the applause was for you—God's people—because of the positive impact

# A few tips on tipping

By Lana Helmuth

Some people hate to tip. Others love to. Most accept it as a fact of life. No matter what category you fit into, tipping is a social obligation.

Since keeping the Feast gives more chances for tipping, here are some suggestions for times to tip not normally encountered in everyday life.

- Expensive restaurants: Give 15 percent of the total bill, breaking it down to 75 percent for the waiter and 25 percent for the captain of your table. The wine steward gets \$3 to \$5 for each bottle, and as much as 15 percent of the cost in very posh places. Tip valet attendants \$1 to \$2.

- Cruise liners: Tipping for ser-

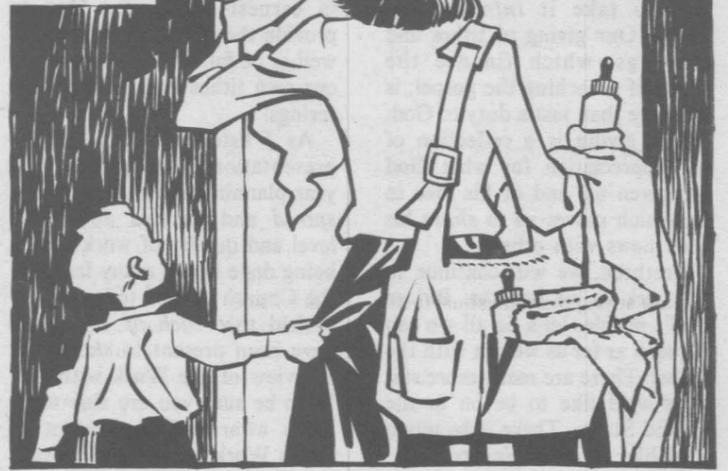
vices while on the two Feast cruises is included in the price.

- Hotels: Give the doorman \$1 for removing luggage from your car, 50 cents for calling a cab. (And you should pay the taxi driver 15 to 20 percent.) Give the bellman \$1 for each piece of luggage. Room-service tips are usually 15 percent. Your maid should receive \$1 each day for her services.

- Travel: Airline porters, \$1 for two or three bags; train porters, 50 cents a bag; dining-car attendant, 15 percent; sleeping car attendant, \$1 for each guest.

These cover most of your needs for tipping during the Feast. Check international travel guides for customary tipping in other countries.

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# Use of mothers room

It can happen during the song service. It can happen during the sermonette or the sermon. Parents don't know when it will happen, only that it will happen. And they are not sure what it will be.

Those who cause it are small and soft. They leak from top to bottom and noisily request food anytime, anywhere. Some won't settle down and play quietly and some won't go to sleep without voicing their irritation.

Babies and toddlers are predictably unpredictable. That is why the Church provides a mothers room at most Feast sites. The mothers room ensures that services will continue in a dignified manner with proper concern for all members.

So if you are a parent here are

some guidelines on the purpose and use of the mothers room.

1) *The mothers room is a quiet area.* It provides mothers with a place to nurse their babies, change their diapers or calm them down if they are upset.

2) *The mothers room is not a playground.* Mothers may bring their older children into the room but they should not be allowed to romp or run around the room.

Parents should not send their older children unsupervised into the mothers room to take care of infants.

3) *The mothers room is not for socializing.* Parents should not mill around outside of services for no good reason. Once the infant is asleep the parent can give full attention to services. Keep conversation to a minimum.

4) *The mothers room is not the place to discipline.* Generally, parents should not discipline their children in the mothers room. This is discourteous to those mothers who are trying to settle an infant down or get them to sleep. Noisy children should be taken outside the room and quieted down. Training and discipline should be done at home.

# 1964: Hurricane Dora

By Mark McCulley

"I still remember the first year you all were here," said the convention center manager during a tour of the Jekyll Island facilities several years ago.

*Mark McCulley is Festival Administration manager.*

"That hurricane stood off the coast for days and just poured rain. The water ran off the road and into the meeting tent. The campers were soaked, and they doubled up in the hotels and motels with other people to stay dry."

The year was 1964. Hurricane Dora had threatened to wreak havoc with the Feast of Tabernacles. The roofs were blown off some motels,

and some of the rooms had ankle-deep water.

But, to the amazement of the area residents, the Feast went on. "Any other group would have packed up and left, but you folks just kept up your meetings," continued the manager. "I was impressed with the dedication you all showed."

So this year, if the food gets burned, or the maid service is slow, or the weather ruins some physical activity you had planned, remember the old days when the Feast was sometimes conducted in spite of the location, the surroundings and the weather. And if the success of your Feast is measured by your spiritual and social growth, the activities and surroundings will be merely window dressing.

**"I would have liked to personally tell you how happy and honored we have been to welcome Le Monde a Venir [World Tomorrow] members. The community of Vieux-Boucau has appreciated your loving attitudes and superb courtesy." Mayor, Vieux Boucau, Port d'Albret, France, Oct. 10, 1987.**

## PERSONAL

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disciples, walking in his love, we must not just keep this precious gift to ourselves.

God has commissioned his people to take this wonderful message of the gospel to others—to take it *into all the world!* Our giving of tithes and offerings, which finance the Work of preaching the gospel, is far more than just a duty to God.

Our giving is a reflection of our appreciation for what God has given us, and of his love in us, which moves us to *share* his good news with others.

Brethren, we will continue to cut back as we have to. But as God's people, let's do all we can to reach as far as we can with the gospel! There are many more stations we'd like to be on in the United States. There is so much we'd like to do in Europe.

Doors are open in the Soviet Union. But we simply cannot take advantage of all these opportunities right now because we lack the necessary increases in income.

The streamlining we have done so far has basically helped us to maintain the Work's current overall impact. But in order to *grow*, the income must increase!

### More laborers

Let's make *extra effort* to

pray earnestly that God will add more laborers to the harvest! Let's pray that the efficiencies we're implementing will help us go *all the further*, and that we will not have to continue making certain cutbacks.

Brethren, if the Work is to grow, *we must all work together* in earnest prayer for God to provide the necessary income, as well as be faithful and diligent in our own tithes and generous offerings!

As I listened to each of the presentations during the five-year-planning meetings, I was *inspired* and *excited* about the level and quality of work that is being done in the many facets of the Church of God today! I only wished that *each of you* could have been present to *share* that overview of the Work with me.

To be sure you are able to be more aware of the extent of God's Work, as well as its needs and goals, we will implement a *new regular feature* in the next issue of *The Worldwide News* to focus on just these kinds of things!

I want each of you to be able to be as excited as I am about the job that is being done! I want you to be aware of the future possibilities, of the goals and projections, as well as the needs and the many ways in which God intervenes to further and to protect his Work!

The work of proclaiming the gospel—both the personal work of letting the light of the Holy Spirit shine in our lives and the collective work of publishing, broadcasting and feeding the flock—is the central mission of our new lives in Christ.

### Growing in knowledge

Meanwhile, let's rejoice that God has granted us important growth in other vital areas.

We have grown in our understanding of Jesus Christ as the central figure of the gospel. Not

only do we continue to strongly proclaim his second coming as King of kings (Matthew 24:14; Acts 28:31), but following Jesus' instruction and the example of the apostles, we have also realized the need to strongly focus our message on the reality of his human life as the incarnate Son of God, his sacrificial death for the sins of mankind, his resurrection to glory, his presence in the lives of true Christians through the Holy Spirit and his present role as intercessor and High Priest for the saints. (See Luke 24:44-49; I Corinthians 15:1-11; Romans 1:1-6; Galatians 1:16; Acts 26:14-18; Hebrews 4:14-16).

We have grown in our attention to the need to be at all times ready for the return of Jesus, not just at times when ominous clouds arise on the political horizon. We have begun to understand that fear of doom is not the reason that true Christians remain faithful to God.

Although fear of doom may cause some people to make serious decisions about their lives, perhaps even to repent, it is not fear of doom that makes them remain faithful to God. Love is not perfected in terror or dread, but in faith. (See I John 4:17-19; 5:4, 9-13; Hebrews 12:1-2; Ephesians 3:14-21 and 6:10-18; Philippians 1:3-11; Colossians 1:3-6; James 5:7-11; I Peter 1:3-9; II Peter 1:3-4.)

We have grown in our attitudes about racial differences. We recognize and teach that interracial marriage is seldom wise. But we have come to realize that to use the Bible as a tool to forbid it is not only a misuse of the Bible, but is, in part, the perpetuation of a cultural fiction designed by so-called Christians long ago to brand blacks as inferior. Racism in any form is contrary to all that Jesus taught.

We have grown in understanding of our personal responsibility

as Christians. We have separated several matters of personal decision-making from matters the Church must rule on. This has allowed us to place clearer emphasis on walking in the Spirit of God and overcoming the works of the flesh as Paul teaches in Galatians 5:13-6:10.

We have widened and deepened in understanding of faith. We have come to see that faith must be greater than relaxing and doing nothing when we face a problem, expecting God to do it all.

We more fully understand that faith works together with action (James 2:14-17). We understand that we must be praying for God's direction and wisdom in our lives all the time, totally trusting him and placing our lives in his hands.

We have seen that we should count the cost of a decision, weighing the pros and cons as best we are able, and act in faith on decisions made through prayer. We have seen how this process applies to medical care as it does to all other areas of life.

And we have emphasized that faith must not be limited only to times of grave crisis, but should pervade a Christian's life, giving him or her assurance of the glorious promises ahead.

Above all, we have grown in our understanding of the importance of Jesus' command that we love one another. We have grown in understanding of the right relationship of the ministry to the brethren—that ministers are to be shepherds, not sheriffs.

That a minister is to be a helper of a member's joy, a teacher, an encouraging and supportive guide. That he is to be a leader who understands the need for positive reinforcement and hope. That he is to be one who is not afraid to give thoughtful correction or exhortation, but one who realizes that correction must be designed to help or to motivate toward godliness

rather than to punish.

We have worked to rid the ministry of the archaic and false idea that a minister is to be a policeman of a member's every move.

### Continue to grow

We are by no means perfect in these things. I am grieved when I hear of someone being offended or hurt by other Christians. We must continue to grow. We must continue to emphasize the true message and teaching of Jesus Christ, and grow in submission to God, following the lead of the Holy Spirit.

And as we grow, we must continue faithfully and steadfastly preaching the gospel to all nations.

There are so many people we have *not yet reached*. Let's reach out to them!

Brethren, let our prayers reach God with our devotion to his calling and our desire to do his Work! Pray for more co-workers, and for God to continue to show us ways to be more efficient, more effective and how we can reach even more with his precious truth.

And let's also give as we are able, not beyond our means or of necessity, but generously, with understanding of the importance of our precious calling.

My love goes out to you. I pray every day for you. I need your prayers also.

## Trinidad

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teers from the United States and other Caribbean islands to assist with the Caribbean Summer Educational Program (SEP).

Yasin Abu Bakr, leader of the Muslim organization Jamaat Al Muslimeen, announced on television at 7 p.m., July 27, that the government of Trinidad and Tobago was under arrest.

In spite of the difficult situation, Trinidad brethren were instrumental in getting the overseas staff out of Trinidad.

Prime Minister A.N.R. Robinson, the deputy president and various other ministers and parliamentary representatives were taken hostage by the Jamaat Al Muslimeen. They also took over television and radio stations.

As night fell over the city we remained tuned to the radio and television to glean any information as to what was happening. Reports of fighting, fires and widespread looting increased.

Shortly thereafter, evangelist Colin Adair, Caribbean regional director, canceled the 1990 Caribbean SEP.

The army was called in to regain control of Port-of-Spain after a car loaded with explosives crashed into police headquarters and the armory was set on fire.

The parliament building and the television station were surrounded by troops and sections of the city were cordoned off. Heavy fighting occurred between the Muslimeens and government forces.

Fire departments could not attend to fires in some parts of the capital, and as a result, the fires spread to adjacent structures until finally burning themselves out.

Despite numerous pleas by public, state and religious leaders, looting, which began in Port-of-Spain, spread to many parts of the island. According to one radio report, in one section of Port-of-Spain every store was plundered.

A state of emergency was declared and a 24-hour curfew was instituted, but this did little to reduce the looting—even after looters were warned that they would be shot on sight.

## Africa

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July 18 Mr. Tkach and his party toured Phe-Zulu village and watched Zulu dancing. They saw how the Zulu live, including the witch doctor's role.

That evening Mr. Tkach was host at a dinner for ministers, deacons, deaconesses and their spouses.

"Mr. Tkach kindly gave a huge arrangement of proteas [a flower common in South Africa] to octogenarian, Mrs. de Vries, a longstanding deacon's wife, and to Mr. and Mrs. George, who were unable to meet Mr. Tkach in person because of age and ill health," said Mr. van Belkum.

Thursday evening, July 19, 411 brethren gathered from all over the Natal province to hear Mr. Tkach.

After a children's choir performed "Welcome to the Family," the pastor general encouraged all to grow in their roles as ambassadors for peace.

The group left for Mauritius July 20.

### 'Transporting truth' to Mauritius

After landing at Quatre Bornes, the group was driven to a hotel at Grand Baie, on the northernmost tip of the island.

Mauritius is exactly opposite Los Angeles on the globe.

Mr. Tkach was to speak to brethren at 1 p.m. on the Sabbath, July 21, in Quatre Bornes. But the hotel manager in Grand Baie offered the use of conference facilities.

"This was nothing short of miraculous intervention, since we had been previously told it was not pos-

sible under any circumstances to hold the service in Grand Baie," said Mr. van Belkum.

The service was delayed so brethren could be taken by bus to Grand Baie.

After speaking, Mr. Tkach was given a model of the *Cutty Sark* sailing vessel, made of Burmese teakwood, a specialty of Mauritius.

Mr. Tkach said a ship is a means of transportation from one area to other areas of the world. "In like manner, the Church is responsible to transport the truth of God around the world," he remarked.

The hotel provided tea and refreshments on the lawn, giving Mr. Tkach the opportunity to circulate among the 92 members.

Mr. Tkach was then host at a dinner for members of his traveling party, Mr. van Belkum and his wife, Elize, and others.

July 22 the pastor general and his party were taken by helicopter to Plaisance airport, where they boarded the BAC 1-11 for Malawi.

### Last-minute permit for Malawi

"It was a tremendous, moving and remarkable day," said Kenneth Buck, associate pastor of the Blantyre, Malawi, church.

Mr. Tkach intended to visit Malawi in April 1987, but could not because of a problem on the Gulfstream III jet.

Since Malawi is a police state, seven permits were required for Mr. Tkach and his party.

"We started the process in March and the last permit was confirmed by word over the telephone two hours before the Sabbath [July 20]," Mr. Buck recounted.

A children's choir, later joined by the entire congregation, sang a welcome song for Mr. Tkach.

"It was one of those impromptu moments which worked out perfectly," said Mr. Buck. "Mr. Tkach was visibly moved."

Mr. Tkach spoke to 195 brethren on Sunday afternoon, before leaving for England.

### Annual meeting in England

After stopovers in Mombasa, Kenya, and Monaco, Mr. Tkach and his party arrived in London July 24 to conduct the Church's annual general meeting two days later.

The purpose of the meeting is to comply with the legal requirements of the United Kingdom, according to evangelist Les McCullough, regional director for Britain, Scandinavia, East and West Africa and the Middle East.

On the Sabbath, July 28, Mr. Tkach addressed 1,100 brethren from 10 churches. The videotaped sermon will be shown in other areas of Britain.

Though scheduled to leave from Luton airport July 29, Mr. Tkach and his party had to remain in England because of a faulty altimeter on the BAC 1-11.

"Unfortunately the aircraft could not be promptly repaired," said Mr. McCullough. So Mr. Tkach and his staff flew home on a commercial flight July 31.

### Longest trip to date

"This has been the longest trip we have undertaken since I've been pastor general," Mr. Tkach said. "I spoke six times in a row. By the time I spoke on the sixth occasion, my voice was starting to go."

"But this trip was an extremely successful and profitable one," he added. "No matter where you go on this earth, God's spirit is at work in God's people."

## Iraq

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mony. In modern times, Egypt and Iraq have pursued the competition."

There is little doubt that, today, the prime focus of the Arab world of the South has shifted from Egypt and North Africa eastward to the area of Mesopotamia and the Persian Gulf.

The military hardware is there. Iraq is said to be only two to five years away from deploying nuclear weapons. Saddam already has used his chemical arsenal against both Iran and dissident elements in his own population.

Should Saudi Arabia's enormous supply of sophisticated American weaponry ever fall into Iraqi hands—look out! Israel has warned for years that these weapons could fall into the wrong hands and become a mortal danger to the Jewish state.

Saddam styles himself in the image of Babylon's fabled ancient king, Nebuchadnezzar. He is rebuilding part of ancient Babylon to link his country and himself to Mesopotamia's past glory.

One poster that *World Tomorrow* researchers saw two years ago in Iraq depicted Saddam shaking hands with Nebuchadnezzar over a picture of Babylon's Ishtar Gate. And *Time* magazine reported Aug. 13 that "Saddam had himself photographed not long ago in a replica of the war chariot of Nebuchadnezzar . . ."

"Despite a bout of insanity, which is recorded in The Book of Daniel, Nebuchadnezzar made his name in history by destroying Jerusalem in 587 B.C. and driving its inhabitants into 70 years of captivity. It is fair warning."

"Like those forebears, Saddam is by no means crazy. Rather, he is a man willing to do almost anything to get what he wants—and he wants to dominate the Middle East much as Nebuchadnezzar once did."

How far will this self-willed leader be permitted to go before he learns the same lesson as Nebuchadnezzar—that "those who walk in pride He [God] is able to abase" (Daniel 4:37, New King James)?

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTHS

**ADAM**, J. Richard and Ileen (Kahle) of Visalia, Calif., girl, Ariel Mechelle, June 27, 7:21 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

**ADOLPHI**, Gregory and Nancy (Merrill) of DeWitt, Iowa, girl, Elizabeth Dora-Frances, March 18, 9:16 a.m., 5 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

**ALLSBROOKS**, Gerald and Paula (Smith) of Clarksville, Tenn., boy, Ethan Tyler, May 30, 12:01 p.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

**ARMSTRONG**, Bruce and Philippa (Moss) of Toronto, Ont., boy, Jordan David Paul, June 29, 3 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**BARMAN**, David and Londa (Stoner) of Dayton, Ohio, girl, Tessa Lee, May 7, 11:15 a.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**BATTY**, Philip and Diane (Armour) of Liverpool, England, boy, Michael David, April 29, 2:20 p.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

**BOOKMAN**, Ronald and Sabrina (Gibson) of Atlanta, Ga., boy, Ronald Wayne II, May 31, 11:57 p.m., now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**BREDLO**, Richard and Cathy (Kutt) of Kitchener, Ont., girl, Julianna Elizabeth, May 16, 8:37 a.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**BROMFIELD**, John and Ida (Ricci) of Bethlehem, Pa., girl, Elizabeth Grace, May 14, 4:50 a.m., 8 pounds, now 2 boys, 4 girls.

**CARL**, Nick and Rachele (Redding) of Mount Clemens, Mich., girl, Alyssa Janine, June 27, 2:40 a.m., 6 pounds 5 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**CARMEAN**, Dale and Arlene (Barnes) of Seattle, Wash., girl, Mariah Olivia, Feb. 24, 11:38 p.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

**DeVORE**, Brett and Diana (Campbell) of Meadville, Pa., girl, Heather Lind, May 28, 11:46 a.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**DUKE**, Ted and Joan (Slaven) of Arlington, Tex., girl, Briana Rachele, June 13, 12:37 a.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**FROST**, Charles and Mary Jo (Loftus) of Cincinnati, Ohio, boy, Joseph Charles, July 17, 11:20 a.m., 5 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**GENS**, Warner and Merri Ellen (Green) of Greenfield, Ohio, girl, Dena Nicole, July 12, 8 p.m., 6 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**GOFF**, Keith and Yolanda (Parker-Long) of Tacoma, Wash., girl, Yokeca Nicole Alexandria, April 5, 7:55 a.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**GOLDEN**, Steven and Lynette (Kesecker) of Frederick, Md., boy, Seth Steven, May 23, 8:41 p.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

**GREEN**, Steve and Lessie (Brown) of Greenwood, Miss., girl, Jennifer Lafern, March 26, 7 a.m., 9 pounds 7 ounces, now 4 girls.

**HARRING**, Tom and Marsha (Roberts) of Lexington, S.C., boy, Cody Andrew, May 3, 3:40 a.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, now 3 boys.

**HASENOEHL**, Kylen and Marjorie (Light) of Phoenix, Ariz., boy, Connor Light, July 7, 7 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys.

**JAYNES**, Randy and Carol (Schmitt) of Fort Smith, Ark., boy, Ryan Andrew, July 12, 5:45 p.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

**KNOWLES**, Steven and Kerri (Soustek) of Escondido, Calif., girl, Samantha Maria, Feb. 20, 12:58 p.m., 6 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

**KRAUTMANN**, Paul and Unita (Joaquin) of Grenada, boy, Paul Joseph, July 4, 8 a.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**KUBIK**, Oleh and Diane (Mallery) of Chicago, Ill., girl, Natasha Helen, July 7, 1:29 p.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**KUHN**, Larry and Mary Rose (Stanco) of Nassau, N.Y., boy, Jonathan, April 14, 9:59 a.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**LAFFERTY**, James and Laura (Hoefker) of Johnson City, Tenn., girl, Elaine Anne, June 5, 7 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

**LANDRETH**, Steven and Kimberly (Wright) of Alton, Ill., boy, Matthew Steven, July 12, 12:22 p.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

**LISTER**, Phillip and Alison (Noyce) of Warwick, Qld., boy, Aren David, June 27, 1:20 a.m., 8 pounds 11 1/2 ounces, first child.

**LOPEZ**, Fred and Renee (Bazan) of Pasadena, girl, Christina Renee, July 11, 3:15 p.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**MAHAN**, Thomas and Elizabeth (Rucker) of Pasadena, girl, Alyssa Marie, May 31, 5:06 p.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

**MANNING**, Ron and Susan (Wilkie) of Vancouver, B.C., boy, Cory William, June 20, 6:57 a.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

**MEREDITH**, James and Susan (Fannin) of Pasadena, boy, Christopher James, July 4, 2:25 a.m., 7 pounds, first child.

**NEAL**, Donald and Jennifer (Blackburn) of Portsmouth, Ohio, girl, Kathryn Renee, July 2, 11:44 a.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

**ONG**, Robert and Elizabeth (Greeley) of Brisbane, Qld., girl, Amber Elizabeth, July 9, 2:26 a.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**ROTZIEN**, Raymond and Rhoda (Carlson) of Minneapolis, Minn., boy, Joshua Mark, May 26, 12:20 a.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

**SHERRROD**, John and Kathryn (Bullock) of Honolulu, Hawaii, boy, 10:31 a.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

**SMITH**, Derrick and Sheila (Price) of York, Pa., girl, Whitney Kathryn, July 1, 1:50 p.m., 7 pounds 11 1/2 ounces, now 2 girls.

**STROUD**, Todd and Debra (Brannon) of Durham, N.C., girl, Alexandra Elyse, June 20, 1:34 p.m., 3 pounds 13 1/2 ounces, now 1

boy, 1 girl.

**SUMMERLIN**, Thomas and Eula (Persons) of Sandy Springs, Ga., boy, Thomas Lydell Jr., May 13, 11:13 a.m., 10 pounds, first child.

**TAMBOER**, John and Elaine (Tsouhnikas) of Lake Hiawatha, N.J., boy, Stephen Joseph, May 17, 12:29 p.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**WALLACE**, Ken and Jane (Gadsdon) of Milton Keynes, England, girl, Rebecca Clare, July 10, 10:15 p.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**WATKINS**, Phillip and Audrey (Taylor) of Little Rock, Ark., boy, Sean Dowd, June 11, 9:55 a.m., 9 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**WELLMAKER**, Jeff and Janea (Fertig) of Jackson Hole, Wyo., boy, Jared Lamar, June 21, 6:49 a.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**WENZEL**, B. Kim and Kathryn (Middleton) of Lloydminster, Alta., girl, Ariel Kimberly Kathryn, June 22, 3:53 p.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 girls.

**WESTERHAUS**, Bill and Terri (Gossage) of Cincinnati, Ohio, girl, Julie Marie, May 20, 12:19 a.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Elton Fawcett of Caboolture, Qld., are happy to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Roxanne, to Geoff Robertson of Brisbane, Qld. A Sept. 23 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Snook of Pasadena are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Dawn Renee to Craig Donald Cutler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Cutler of Cincinnati, Ohio. An Aug. 26 wedding in Pasadena is planned.

Orren and Marmie Fricke of Grandview, Wash., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Angele, to Sean Paul Finnigan, son of Brian and Connie Finnigan of Blackfoot, Idaho. A Sept. 30 wedding in Blackfoot is planned.

Vern Voelker of Lakefield, Minn., is pleased to announce the engagement of his daughter Sarah to Joseph R. Beem, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Beem of Hornick, Iowa. A Sept. 2 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Carswell of Tauranga, New Zealand, are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Tanya Maree to Robert L. Potts of Nashville, Tenn. A September wedding in New Zealand is planned.

Ned and Phyllis Minton of Ft. Wayne, Ind., and Everett and Joleen McDowell of Grand Island, Neb., are happy to announce the engagement of their children, Delonna Jon and Blake McDowell. A Sept. 2 wedding is planned.

## WEDDINGS

Angel Norfleet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benny Norfleet, and Ricky Mars, son of Patricia Mars, were united in marriage Oct. 7. The ceremony was performed by Ken Swisher, Little Rock, Ark., pastor. The couple live in Russellville, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cain of Missoula, Mont., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Pamela to James Blackwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Blackwell of Winona Lake, Ind. The ceremony was performed May 20 in Pasadena by the groom's father, a minister in the Plymouth, Ind., church. Tammy Gressly was maid of honor, and Roy Waterhouse was best man. The couple, both Ambassador College graduates, live in Pasadena.

Teresa Ostrander and John Klusaw were united in marriage April 29. The ceremony was performed by Terry Johnson, Lincoln and Omaha, Neb., and Sioux City, Iowa, pastor. Shannon Starnier was matron of honor, and Herb Welter was best man. The couple live in Greenwood, Neb.

Mr. and Mrs. James T. Wilson of Simi Valley, Calif., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Lisa Marie to Eric Christopher Brannock of Santa Paula, Calif. The ceremony was performed April 22 by the bride's father, a minister in the Reseda, Calif., church. Beth Ritenbaugh was matron of honor, and Shawn Williams was best man. The couple live in Santa Paula.

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**MR. AND MRS. DAVID HALL**  
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew A. Gural of Pittsburgh, Pa., are happy to announce the marriage of her daughter, Tina Marie Suskalo, to David Graham Hall. The ceremony was performed Dec. 17 by Mark Ellis, Melbourne, Vic., North pastor. Jan Hemphill was matron of honor, and Graeme Hemphill was best man. The couple live in Melbourne.

**MR. AND MRS. SHANE BAZER**  
Tomra Leigh Eltrich and Shane Reuben Bazer were united in marriage May 27. The ceremony was performed by Aaron Dean, an Ambassador College faculty member. Sarah Brown was maid of honor, and Brian Foote was best man. The couple live in Pasadena.

**MR. AND MRS. SCOTT MANGELS**  
Diana Lea Benson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Benson of Prescott, Ariz., and Scott Cabot Mangels, son of James H. Mangels of New Canaan, Conn., and Trudy B. Mangels of Carefree, Ariz., were united in marriage Oct. 1. The ceremony was performed by the father of the bride, a minister in the Prescott church. Jenny Sargent was matron of honor, and Ken Block was best man. The couple live in Phoenix, Ariz.

**MR. AND MRS. GEORGE SCHININA**  
Anne Elizabeth Jane Young and George Schinina were united in marriage Sept. 10. The ceremony was performed by Neil Earle, Toronto, Ont., Central and West pastor. Koren Uddenberg-Hay was matron of honor, and Robert Berkowski was best man. The couple live in Toronto.

**MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL MALKIE**  
Kathryn Lee Ann Lowthian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Lowthian of Regina, Sask., and Michael Louis Malkie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Malkie of Pilot Butte, Sask., were united in marriage May 20. The ceremony was performed by Glen Weber, Regina pastor. Rebekah Vailloux was maid of honor, and Sam Hofer was best man. The couple live in Regina.

**MR. AND MRS. BEN ORCHARD**  
Melva Lee of Shepparton, Vic., is delighted to announce the marriage of her daughter Raelene to Ben Orchard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Orchard of Ballarat, Vic. The ceremony was performed Oct. 1 by the groom's father, a minister in the Ballarat church. Jacqui Symonds, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Mark Symonds was best man. The couple live in Ballarat.

**MR. AND MRS. DAN RILEY**  
Dan Riley and Sharon Joyner were united in marriage Nov. 19. The ceremony was performed by Gerald Witte, Houston, Tex., East pastor. The couple live in Flint, Mich.

**MR. AND MRS. EDWARD HEINE**  
The children of Edward and Alice Heine are pleased to announce the 30th anniversary of their parents, which took place June 25. Mr. and Mrs. Heine attend the Rockford, Ill., church. Mrs. Heine was baptized in 1969 and Mr. Heine in 1971. Their children are Tim Heine and his wife, Mary, and Jill Lammers and her husband, Jay.

**MR. AND MRS. MIKE NORRIS**  
Mike and Carol Norris celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Aug. 12. They were baptized in November 1966 and ordained as deacon and deaconess in 1988. They attend the Eureka, Calif., church.

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

# UPDATE

**PASADENA—Wolfgang Thomsen and Kuno Pfeiffer** of the German Office received training July 29 to Aug. 10 to become a remote camera crew in Europe.

"Having a camera crew already stationed in Germany will save money and be quicker in covering events than sending the Pasadena crew over," Mr. Thomsen said.

"The European Community also prefers shows airing in Europe to be produced in Europe. As a German camera crew we will be an advantage," Mr. Thomsen said.

Mr. Pfeiffer's wife, **Annegret**, who works in the Bonn Office, received training in the Mail Processing Center while in Pasadena.

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**PASADENA—The foreign language area of Television** completed 2½ weeks of training for Ambassador College students who will record the Italian voice-overs for *The World Tomorrow* in Big Sandy, when facilities are completed there. **Vincenzo Scannapieco** will be the new Italian narrator, replacing **Carmelo Anastasi**, who returned to Italy to work in the Church's suboffice in Bergamo.

**Joseph Haan**, a student who has worked in Television's audio production area, will audiotape the voice-overs. **Tony DiSanto** will coordinate the recordings.

According to **Glenn Mitchell**, foreign language production supervisor, four new Italian programs have been recorded by Mr. Scannapieco since June.

Future programs will be audiotaped in the KBAC recording booth in Big Sandy, and sent to Pasadena for mixing. Ambassador College students will also do voice-overs for the interview sections of the French and German telecasts.

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

**Paul Kieffer**, regional director for the Philippines, was raised to pastor on the Sabbath, June 30.

**Dean May**, manager of Fleet Administration, was ordained a preaching elder April 21.

**Wilson Otiegede** and **Samuel Dada**, deacons in the Lagos, Nigeria, church, were ordained local church elders on the Sabbath, April 14.

**Sunday George**, a deacon in the Owerri, Nigeria, church, was ordained a local church elder on the Sabbath, April 14.

**William Drawdy**, a deacon in the Columbia, S.C., church; **Franklin Frye**, a deacon in the Charleston, S.C., church; and **Antonio Rosario**, a deacon in the Malolos, Philippines, church; were ordained local church elders on Pentecost, June 3.

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**DAYTON, Ohio—For Feastgoers** attending the Dayton Feast site, the church reserved the La Comedia Dinner Theater Oct. 8 and 9 for a buffet dinner followed by the musical *Fiddler on the Roof*.

The cost is \$22 for each person. For information on ordering tickets contact **Norman Myers Sr.**, 4700 Olive Rd., Trotwood, Ohio, 45426. Or phone at him at 1-513-854-5077.

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**SMYRNA, Tenn.—Centered on a theme of "Putting God First"** and showing service to the employer or customer, more than 230 members from 15 states attended a Success and Job Enrichment Seminar July 8 to 10.

The seminar was sponsored by

the Nashville and Murfreesboro, Tenn., churches.

Evangelist **Ronald Kelly** gave the keynote address encouraging all members to develop their God-given talents and to help their children to excel.

Topics covered areas that will give Church members an edge in the job market of the 1990s, such as interviewing, job hunting, relocating for a better job, things to look for in the new company, negotiating salary and benefits, handling the Sabbath and Holy Days, how to handle setbacks, developing a resume that works, going into business for yourself and positive selling techniques.

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**TULSA, Okla.—Three hundred twenty-five brethren** attended a cookout July 15 to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Tulsa church.

Although Bible studies had been conducted in the Tulsa area since 1957, the first service took place at the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) June 18, 1960, with 104 in attendance.

Several charter members still attend services in Tulsa.

**Don Mason**, pastor of the Raleigh and Rocky Mount, N.C., churches, who pastored the Tulsa churches from 1979 to 1987, and his wife, **Geri**, attended the celebration. Mr. Mason also gave the sermon on the Sabbath.

**Earl Roemer** is pastor of the Tulsa A.M. and P.M. congregations; **Delfino Sandoval** is associate pastor; **Mark Welch** is assistant pastor; and **William Cagle** is a local church elder.

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**OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—Brethren** here celebrated the 30th anniversary of the Oklahoma City church July 7. The church began June 18, 1960, with 140 in attendance.

More than 700 brethren attended anniversary services here, which included a catered meal, a slide presentation of the history of the Oklahoma City church and a family dance.

During the service **Roy Dove**, Oklahoma City associate pastor, was raised to preaching elder.



FROM OUR SCATTERED BRETHREN

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

**PASADENA—Rioting** broke out in Nairobi, Kenya, July 7, making it difficult for brethren returning home after Sabbath services.

"Many families had to walk home avoiding stone-throwing mobs along the way," reported **Owen Willis**, pastor of the Nairobi and Kibirichia, Kenya, and Blantyre, Malawi, churches, by fax message July 31.

For three days Nairobi and nearby areas suffered rioting, looting and violence.

"Along with other offices in the city, on Monday, July 9, we had to shut the office at midday," said Mr. Willis.

### Brethren not hurt

No brethren were injured in the

**WISCONSIN DELLS, Wis.—The Wisconsin Dells church** observed its 25th anniversary June 30. The church began at Richland Center, Wis., Feb. 13, 1965. In 1971 it moved to the Dells area.

Evangelist **Dean Blackwell** and the first pastor of the area, **George Meeker**, were featured speakers. Brethren had a potluck meal after services and an evening of entertainment. ★ ★ ★

**LAFAYETTE, Ind.—Brethren** and guests celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Lafayette church June 30 and July 1. The celebration included Sabbath services, refreshments and a dinner dance with a musical variety show performed by members. ★ ★ ★

**PASADENA—Patricia and Peggy Sue Baldrey**, daughters of **Art and Donna Baldrey**, received Congressional Awards June 4.

The medals were given by the State of Wyoming to youths who have given more than 400 hours to public service and who have accomplished high goals in personal development.

The Baldreys attend the Casper, Wyo., church.

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**WEST UNION, Iowa—Victoria Roys**, 13, was honored for academic achievement May 8 after scoring 25 on the American College



VICTORIA ROYS

Test (ACT), which is normally taken by college-bound high school seniors.

Nominated by the Iowa Talent Search, Victoria's score placed her among the top 120 students in the state.

More than 4,000 seventh and eighth graders took tests normally reserved for 11th and 12th graders.

To recognize Iowa's gifted students, several colleges and universities provided one-year scholarships.

## TELEVISION STATION

## UPDATES

### New Station

Station/Location	Air Time	Contract Period
WCIV Mt. Pleasant, S.C.	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.	July 22, 1990 to July 14, 1991
WSMH Flint, Mich.	Sunday, 10:30 a.m.	Sept. 2, 1990 to Aug. 25, 1991
WIS Columbia, S.C.	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.	Aug. 5, 1990 to July 28, 1991

### Renewals

WHBQ Memphis, Tenn.	Sunday, 9:30 a.m.	Aug. 19, 1990 to Aug. 1, 1991
WFAA Dallas, Tex.	Sunday, noon	Aug. 26, 1990 to Aug. 18, 1991

### Last Telecast

RTL Plus, Luxembourg	Aug. 29
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Victoria received a scholarship to Upper Iowa University.

"We want these talented young students to truly understand what exceptional talents they possess," said **Camilla Benbow**, codirector of the Iowa Talent Search.

Victoria is the daughter of **Tom and Deon Roys**. Mr. Roys is a deacon in the Waterloo, Iowa, church.

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**BOREHAMWOOD, England—Samuel Kneller**, Paris pastor, conducted a historical geography tour of Israel and Egypt for 41 Church members from seven countries April 18 to May 3.

The group, ranging in age from 21 to 83, came from the United States, Britain, Ireland, France, Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

Mr. Kneller provided the group with notebooks and study materials, and he gave lectures on the sites they visited, which included Caesarea, the Golan Heights, Mt. Carmel, Megiddo, Hazor, Capernaum, Tiberias, the Dead Sea, Qumran, Jericho, Masada and Jerusalem.

The group spent the last three days in Cairo, Egypt.

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**WELLINGTON, New Zealand—Erin MacDonald**, 18, won an 18-day trip to Japan and Hong Kong after finishing a letter that began, "Do you want to go to Japan?"

The letter was sent to the 50 writers of the "Youth Focus" column for the capital city's newspaper *The*

*Evening Post*. The contest was sponsored by *Yomiuri Shimbun*, one of the world's largest newspapers.

Erin has written articles for



ERIN MACDONALD

"Youth Focus" for two years. Erin said she was "excited and a bit nervous because I haven't traveled overseas before."

Erin, completing her final year of secondary school, plans a career in journalism. She attends the Wellington church.

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**BIG SANDY—Ambassador College** classes are scheduled to start Sept. 4, according to evangelist **Donald Ward**, college president.

The student leadership conference will take place Aug. 20 to 23. Orientation week is scheduled for the next week, Aug. 27 to 31.

an Indonesian Chinese. We now have four members living in Jakarta and one in Medan.

In Jakarta, I also met a *Plain Truth* reader—a lady who was accompanied by her mother and a brother and sister. They are Indonesian Chinese.

"From Jakarta I flew to Palembang, a town in Sumatra. A *Plain Truth* reader there wanted to pursue baptism but has yet to keep the Sabbath and learn tithing.

"From Palembang I went to Medan, where I met Liaw May, a Church member. She is facing difficulties with her headmaster who told her to leave her school teaching if she does not wish to attend the Methodist school prayer meeting.

"Liaw May went to see the education officer about the matter and was told to carry on her teaching in school as the headmaster cannot sack her without good reason.

"She would take up home tuition if she were dismissed by the school. She has an elderly mother and a 40-year-old, mentally impaired brother to support.

"In Medan, I met a *Plain Truth* reader whose father was a Church member who died about a year or so after baptism in the early 1980s."

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