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## Directors meet in Pasadena; conference theme is Vision

By Jeff Zhorne

PASADENA—Being a pastor to pastors, editing literature, organizing Feast sites, negotiating office contracts, ensuring the Church complies with government regulations—day in and day out, the duties of the Church's regional directors are multifaceted.

Meeting in Pasadena June 20 to 24, regional directors and their wives came from offices in Canada, the Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, Germany, England, the Caribbean, the Netherlands and South Africa.

The French Regional Office is in Pasadena, and the Spanish and Italian departments are in Big Sandy.

The group heard how to use vision to handle the challenges and opportunities of the 1990s. *Vision* was named the conference theme by Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach.

"Great accomplishments are almost always preceded by great vision, and that involves foresight, planning and action," Mr. Tkach said. "Vision without action is merely a dream. Action without vision is exercise."

One place to get vision and wisdom for making decisions, he said, is the book of Proverbs.

"If we want inspiration, the book to read is the book of Psalms. If we want wisdom, the book of Proverbs is the one we should be searching through and gleaning from for everyday responsibilities," Mr. Tkach said.

"If you don't plan ahead and think ahead, you're not proactive, you are more apt to step on a land mine."

### 'Add a flavor to the world'

Mr. Tkach said the Church is not respected in some communities, "because, let's face it, we've been hermits."

"But we are the salt of the earth," he added. "We are the individuals who add a flavor to the world, and people should be enriched by their relationships with us. When people look at us, they should see some reflec-

tion of Jesus Christ.

"There is more we can do. If there is an opportunity to perform a labor of love, the Church should be first on the spot, giving."

The pastor general said headquarters will do its best to communicate and share information with regional areas, "so you know the direction we are going in, why we're going in that direction, so we are not playing a guessing game of 20 Questions."

"It requires faith that Christ is still the head of the Church and we are constantly seeking his direction, not mine. We need God's way of thinking to understand life and circumstances

with God's viewpoint. This is the key in overcoming the resistance to change."

### Opportunities will find you

The regional directors also heard from evangelist Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration International.

He accented Mr. Tkach's emphasis on vision by urging the group to successfully face challenges and take advantage of opportunities.

"Opportunities will find you if you're worthy of them."

Mr. Salyer likened Mr. Tkach's focus on the internal functions of (See DIRECTORS, page 6)



ANNUAL CONFERENCE—Regional directors and their wives from the Church's 12 international regions gather in Pasadena June 20 to 24. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]

## Members rebuild after Philippine eruption

By Ruel Guerrero

MANILA—Continued volcanic eruptions from Mt. Pinatubo forced 65 percent of Filipino members and their families living in the provinces of Zambales, Pampanga and Tarlac to evacuate their homes.

*Ruel Guerrero, a former Worldwide News staff member, is an employee of the Manila, Philippines, Office.*

Evacuated members have left behind electrical appliances, furniture and farm animals, and are concerned these will be stolen, or

destroyed by further volcanic activity.

Five members' homes collapsed under the weight of ash and sand on the roofs, while six members' homes were damaged by either ash or mudflow.

Thirty members have lost their jobs. Others are temporarily without employment until everything returns to normal, which could take several months. Farmers are indefinitely without income since it is uncertain whether their farms can be rehabilitated.

Medardo Maninang, pastor of the Baguio and Mankayan church-

es, drove through the disaster area June 24. He said he had to turn on his headlights at 2 p.m., when the area was covered by a dense ash cloud.

"I could see an oncoming car's headlights only when it came within 10 feet," Mr. Maninang said. "It was very dangerous to make a left turn. Oncoming vehicles could not see you."

### Meeting hall collapses

Sabbath services in Olongapo

have been canceled since the eruptions began. The roof of the meeting hall collapsed under a heavy ashfall June 15. Services in Angeles City have been combined with those of San Fernando.

Members become wary when the sky turns dark and the rain pours.

"During services when it begins to rain the members will look at each other and fearfully whisper, 'It's raining again,'" said Marites (See VOLCANO, page 6)



HOME IN RUINS—The roof of Angie Ramos' home in San Fernando collapsed under the weight of volcanic ash and sand. [Photo by Bill Sidney]

## 1991 quake causes less damage than '87 quake

By Roger Smith

PASADENA—Church property received some cosmetic damage such as broken glass and fallen ceiling tiles in the June 28 earthquake that struck Southern California.

The earthquake measured 6.0 on the Richter scale. (It was later downgraded to 5.8.) The epicenter was about 10 miles northeast of Pasadena and seven miles below ground in the San Gabriel Mountains. The 7:43 a.m. quake struck when many employees were on their way to work.

Pasadena was one of the cities hardest hit. Ambassador Hall, which was purchased by Ambassador College in 1956, incurred some structural damage.

The north side of the building cracked in several places because the building is made of unreinforced masonry.

The building will have to be reinforced to regain the integrity of the structure, according to Rick van Pelt, director of Facilities Services. The cost of the operation is yet undetermined.

Mr. van Pelt said that preventative maintenance over the past three years was in part responsible for the minimal damage to the Church's buildings.

This quake caused only one tenth the damage of the quake in 1987, Mr. van Pelt said.

The Church's buildings have been tested for stress reactions, and maintenance crews have taken steps to ensure that they meet

appropriate codes concerning stress endurance. Those buildings that were improved to withstand an earthquake held up as expected.

"Despite how close this earthquake was, we came out very, very well," Mr. van Pelt added.

Some members are known to have suffered inconvenience from the quake. The apartment building where Ray and Beverly Morris live received major structural damage.

"The foundation was cracked all the way around," said Matthew Morris, who helped his parents move to another location until it could be determined if the building was safe to occupy.



QUAKE DAMAGE—Ambassador Hall received structural damage in the June 28 quake. [Photo by Charles Feldbush]

### PERSONAL

Because of the 5.8 earthquake near Pasadena and preparation for a trip, Mr. Tkach did not have time to prepare a "Personal" for this issue.

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EVACUEES—Philippine members from the province of Zambales leave their homes en route to Manila. At left is Bermevon Dizon, pastor of the Angeles City and San Fernando churches.

# Berlin: capital fits 'Germany's destiny'

PASADENA—"Whoever has learned to dream in European dimensions," said Michael Jurgs, former editor in chief of *Stern* magazine, "must choose Berlin." He was speaking of the "capital debate" in Germany.

The dreamers, so to speak, won. On June 20, the Bundestag, the lower house of parliament, voted to return the seat of government to Berlin, Germany's capital from 1871 to 1945. Moving ministries and other instrumentalities of government will be a cumbersome process, but it will be spread out over a 10 to 12 year period.

## Capital sets tone

The abandonment of Bonn, capital for the past 42 years, did not come easily for many Germans, even though the small Rhineland city was considered a provisional capital, pending unification.

Where the capital is placed sets the tone of the country. Bonn was chosen as the seat of government of the postwar Federal Republic in large part because of its quiet, academic, small town atmosphere. Major cities such as Frankfurt, Hamburg and Munich were deliberately bypassed.

During Bonn's tenure, West Germany grew into an economic giant. Diplomatically, however, the Federal Republic remained, if not quite the "political dwarf" it was often described as being, at least subservient to France in Europe and the United States in the broader Atlantic context.

Located within a short drive of France, Belgium and the Nether-



## WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

lands, Bonn's setting reinforced the country's Western orientation.

In size and character, Berlin fits the role of the country it represents. Berlin is the largest metropolis between Paris and Moscow. Its 3.5 million inhabitants are spread over an area equal to the land mass of Cleveland, Boston, Atlanta and San Francisco combined.

Having the capital once again in Berlin serves the cause both of German and European unification. First, it should give a psychological boost to the fortunes of the former East Germany.

Second, Berlin looks eastward toward Central and Eastern Europe. This point is critical as the unification process shifts eastward to pull in the Poles, Czechs, Slovaks, Hungarians and others.

Supporters of Berlin in the Bundestag argued that Berlin should be viewed in the context of the positive role it can play in Europe's transformation, rather than always seen for its shortcomings under the Kaiser and Hitler.

## Germans 'thinking European'

Leaders of the Federal Republic, aware of latent suspicions their neighbors may have of a too-powerful Germany, repeatedly

stress their commitment to the ideal of a united Europe, transcending any national ambitions.

Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher says that "the Germans have never been as European as they are today." He adds, enthusiastically: "We Germans can be the architects of a united and indivisible Europe."

The foreign minister, who worked tirelessly to bring about his nation's unification, says that, indeed, "Germany's destiny is embedded in Europe. Not only our history but also our geographical position gives us a special responsibility for the future of Europe."

In idealistic terms, Mr. Genscher further exclaims that "our actions, and above all our thinking are of special importance for the fate of the whole continent."

## Earlier calls for unity

John Laughland, a lecturer in politics at the Sorbonne in Paris, points out in the June 22 issue of the British newsweekly, *The Spectator*, that Germans have an easier time than other Europeans in thinking in a continental context. "With her religious and political fragmentation and her unclear borders, he says, "Germany resembles Europe."

The German novelist Thomas Mann, continues Mr. Laughland, "remarked on the Germans' boundlessness, their *Wanderlust*. The most potent political models in Germany, whether the barbarity of racialism, the romantic attachment to the Holy Roman Empire, or the good Europeanism of our own day, have been international."

During World War II, the Nazi government tried, and not all that cynically, to present its aggressive foreign policy as one being carried out on the behalf of European civilization. Newspapers of the period, adds Mr. Laughland, portrayed the struggle in the broader context, with headlines such as "In the Name of Europe," and "The Struggle for a United Europe."

Mr. Laughland recalls that in 1942 "the Berlin Union of Businessmen and Industrialists organized a colloquium entitled 'The European Economic Communi-

ty.'... Reichsminister for Economics, Walter Funk ... emphasized the role economic union would play in consolidating political union in Europe."

## Democracy or dictatorship?

Germans feel more of a mission to make a united Europe work. But uniting Europe, and keeping it that way, won't be easy. Not with segments of Eastern Europe flying apart, even into warfare, such as the struggle between Slovenia and the Yugoslav central government.

One wonders if it will take, once again, the iron will of the German people—operating from the big-power center of Berlin—to try to give order to things.

"The point is not that this [Germany's desire for a greater European role] is necessarily more evil than bids for power by other countries," says Mr. Laughland. "The question is, will it work?"

"'Europe' can be the watchword of dictatorships and democracies alike; it is a dubious candidate as a political principle."

## European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



# Much ado about bard's writings ignored in school

BOREHAMWOOD, England—As an American living in the United States, I had little interest in William Shakespeare. I received virtually no exposure to his works either in high school or at the University of Texas, so his classical writings were an unrealized void in my literary armory.

That changed when I came to Britain in 1976. My appreciation for Shakespeare's contribution to mankind's understanding of his nature has grown by leaps and bounds.

Paradoxically there is serious concern here in the United Kingdom that Shakespeare's words are being neglected in the English literature educational curriculum. Many newspaper articles have voiced concern about the dearth of commitment to teaching Shakespeare.

I share this concern because his writings are vital to the culture of Britain (and the world) for one important reason. His work rests on the great questions of life.

Why are humans the way they are? What is the result of a certain way of life?

Life and time, good and evil—themes so important to the Christian—are found in Shakespeare's writings. These spiritual questions demand answers.

Of course, solutions to these riddles lie in the Bible, but Shakespeare and Scripture tend to go hand in hand. Here in Europe, they are considered the great pillars of a solid education (even though neither is studied as it should be).

On the popular British Broadcasting Corp. (BBC) radio show, "Desert Island Discs," the interviewer asks famous guests to pick a book they would like to have on a deserted island. It is assumed that the Bible and Shakespeare are already there.

## Royal point of view

What brought the subject of Shakespeare in education to the fore here in Britain was Prince Charles entering the discussion.

Over the past few years, the

prince has made his views clear on many aspects of British culture—education, language, architecture, health, the environment.

Of Shakespeare's characters, he said, "Time and again ... we recognize elements of ourselves."

Like the Bible, Shakespeare's writings contain wisdom on the use of power, on ambition and other matters of deep importance to a future king. The themes found in Shakespeare are familiar to anyone who has studied God's word.

Prince Charles is concerned that his people have true quality in their lives. His desire to see Shakespeare (as well as other great writers) become a part of every British child's education is clear evidence of his ardent concern.

## A prince with principles

Prince Charles is a sincere believer in higher values.

In the conclusion to his book on architecture, *A Vision of Britain*, he wrote: "What is the point of being the most technologically advanced society if, at the same time, we lose our soul ... by losing our faith in eternity and by losing that proper sense of humility which enables us to live in gentle harmony with our surroundings and God's creation ... unless we reappraise our basic values and principles, we will all be the poorer."

The prince's words are a carefully phrased call to live a new way of life. Jesus Christ spoke similar words: "One's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses" (Luke 12:15, New King James).

When he becomes king, Charles will take on the title "Defender of the Faith." While this title applies specifically to his relationship to the Church of England, he is already making his stand for the sacred over the secular.

He is worried by the prominence of materialism and the dwindling concern for nature, community and creativity. His stand for Shakespeare is just one example of responsible royal concern for the people whose sovereign he will become.



## Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

# Getting over the hump

Do you feel trapped? Are you resigned to a certain amount of failure and frustration in your life?

Do you always find yourself "not-quite-there" when life's little accolades are being handed out? Have you got problems that have plagued you for a long time?

Are you usually just a little short of getting over the hump? Are you almost there—but somehow nearly always not quite? "Almost you fell in love with me; almost you were my bride to be," goes the old '50s American country and western song.

## What is 'not quite'?

Let's try to describe "not quite." It's like dozens of compromises we've learned to live with over the years. Another of those excuses we offer ourselves for those small disappointments—and even the occasional large failure.

It may be a dashed hope, a broken promise, a canceled trip, a date that didn't quite work out—or much more important—a failed bout with a sin that plagues us. Nothing frustrates a Christian more than failure to overcome.

A "not quite" is like a whole series of little justifications we've offered ourselves for all our personal dissatisfactions in life.

Failure can become a habit. We can learn to accept it almost philosophically. We can simply resign ourselves to our fate. What, me change? What, me succeed? What, me overcome?

Surely this is a dangerous attitude for a Christian. Growth that

is conditioned to failure is unacceptable for a son or daughter of God.

Peter urges us to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (II Peter 3:18, New King James throughout). We must put that into practice as part of a step-by-step process.

*We need God's help to throw off the shackles of sin and improve ourselves. The book of John gives one poignant example of how Jesus Christ helped one poor man get over the hump.*

We have to put one foot in front of the other. And sometimes we get stuck on a stubborn step. It's like having your feet frozen in concrete; or stepping into quicksand.

## Help in getting over the hump

We need God's help to throw off the shackles of sin and improve ourselves.

The book of John gives us a poignant example of how Jesus Christ helped one poor man get over the hump. Jesus had gone up to Jerusalem to observe the Spring Feast.

John describes the background. "Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches" (John 5:2).

An angel periodically stirred up the waters, and the first person into the pool afterward was

healed. One crippled man had lain there for 38 years because someone else, without fail, always beat him to the healing waters.

Jesus took note of this individual. He asked him, "Do you want to be made well?" (verse 6). The man then explained his circumstances to Christ—why he had not been healed of his crippling affliction.

Then Jesus Christ mercifully delivered him from a dreadful disease that had hung over his life for 38 years. Jesus got him over the hump. He was no longer a "not quite." He was all the way there.

Christ is just as concerned about you and me. Your problem may not be the same as this man's was—and even so Christ may not deal with you in the same manner

—but sooner or later he will find a way out for you. He is concerned for every individual.

Christ is concerned for those who suffer year after year.

Remember how he said, "Ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound—think of it—for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" (Luke 13:16). Recall also that Jesus taught that "men always ought to pray and not lose heart" (Luke 18:1).

This crippled man never gave up. He never stopped trying, he just needed that extra bit of help.

You don't ever have to resign yourself to being a "not quite." Jesus Christ said: "I have finished the work which You have given me to do" (John 17:4); and, "He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:6).

# Pastor general visits Brookings, S.D.



## TRIP OVERVIEW

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach traveled to Brookings, S.D., June 29 to speak to 296 brethren from Sioux Falls and Watertown, S.D., Sioux City, Iowa, and Mankato, Minn. Herb Teitgen, pastor of the Sioux Falls and Watertown churches, and his wife, Anne, were hosts for the trip.

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## "Into all the world..."

Your involvement in the Work produces fruit. This column shows how the *World Tomorrow* telecast and the Church's publications change the lives of subscribers, co-workers and prospective members.

### Literature helps explain Bible

How clearly the words of the Bible are explained. I am 76 years old, living alone after my husband's death and spend many hours with my Bible and the Lord. I look forward to the magazine and booklets to read in the hours I spend while I am hampered getting around.

M.K.  
Mountain, Wis.

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### Youth magazine

Let me first greet all the staff that comprises the *Youth* magazine and more power in publishing such a wonderful magazine.

I'm a Filipina and presently working abroad (Saipan). I came to know your magazine through a friend here in our company which he brought with him from the Philippines. He encouraged me to read the magazine and to my surprise I was amazed with its wonderful articles for having such positive impact on my life.

I was so inspired and have found answers for my problems, and I'm really sure that I need such a powerful and life-enhancing magazine during my stay at Saipan, but especially throughout my life.

M.C.  
Saipan

This subscription is not for myself, but for a 14-year-old boy whom I am tutoring, or rather attempting to tutor. At my age, 80 years, I am learning much more from him than he is from me, however, we have good discussions about various subjects as I am a good listener.

Several times I have given him a copy of your magazine, which just happened to

give an insight into a current topic we were discussing. Since he seems to be so open to suggestions I asked him if he would perhaps like a subscription to the magazine. His answer was "yes," which is why I am sending you his name.

J.S.  
Elmira, N.Y.

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### Teen stays green

I really enjoyed "It's Not Easy Being Green" [May-June *Youth 91*]. It ... bothers me to see trees cut down. My neighbors had beautiful trees ... [which] they cut down, and the next day my neighbors were out beside the stumps sunbathing.

E.D.  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

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### Need more magazines

I'm enclosing a renewal coupon for your *Youth 91* magazine. I'm the director of an adolescent group home and find your magazine very supportive of the goals we work toward at Spring Hill.

Usually, when the magazine arrives, it disappears into someone's bedroom and is not shared. Would it be possible for us to receive more than one copy? I'm enclosing a small donation to offset some of the costs.

M.C.  
Detroit Lakes, Mich.

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### Struggled to read Bible

I just finished reading the Bible from cover to cover. It took me five years and gave me a better perspective. Some are not able to read fast, but if they are determined to keep plodding, they will be able to get through the whole Bible. One sees certain matters from another angle and is enriched by just reading as well as studying the Bible.

J.S.  
New Zealand

### Magazine helps face problems

I would like to thank everyone who is connected with the *Plain Truth* magazine, because it is so inspiring to me. I have been helped to face a lot of problems through this magazine, and I just wanted you all to know how much I value it.

A.M.  
Tupelo, Miss.

### History of the Church

We find your new *Plain Truth* most informative. The added "History of the Church of God" series is a great way to educate most of us that find it unusually rare to obtain this information. Thank you for all your issues.

R.R.  
Clearwater, Fla.

## Worldwide News survey results

PASADENA—We are overwhelmed by the response to the *Worldwide News* survey that we published in the May 13 issue. We are in the process of compiling the survey results and hope to share some of your comments in future issues.

## Letters to the Editor

### Solving conflict

I really appreciated Mr. [Bernard] Schnippert's article in the March 25 *Worldwide News* on conflict. I intend to cut it out and have it handy at work. Since I am a court clerk in the parking violations office I confront a lot of people wanting to vent hostility. Many thanks.

S.K.W.  
Duluth, Minn.

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### Recycled paper

I think it's a great idea to use recycled paper for *The Worldwide News*.

R.D.P.  
Bland, Va.

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### Articles on conviction

My favorite articles are the ones about young people who have the conviction and guts to stand out and stand above the crowd to do what is right. Examples are the articles about Chris Collier and the Mitchell boys [March 11 and May 13]. I am always moved by such examples. It is

my opinion that such examples do as much or more to preach the Gospel than anything the Church can do. Keep such articles coming.

B.N.  
Pasadena

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### Unusual names

Just wanted to thank you one more time and tell you how I look forward to *The Worldwide News* and the *Plain Truth* magazine. I read every word. I even go through the "new babies" list to find a new or unusual name.

I.W.  
Cadiz, Ohio

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### Things to pray about

Thank you and all your staff for the hard work you perform. It is so easy for us to forget the complexity of operating the Church. *The Worldwide News* helps us keep track and gives us insight of things to pray about. Thanks!

G.T.  
Hattiesburg, Miss.

# Pasadena churches launch pigeon club for youngsters

By Roger Smith

PASADENA—About 50 parents and children attended the introductory meeting of the



**ENTHUSIAST**—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach discusses the history and care of pigeons at the introductory meeting of the pigeon club June 12. [Photo by Charles Feldbush]

pigeon club June 12. Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach addressed the group on the importance the pigeon has played throughout history and the care and feeding of the birds.

Mr. Tkach has been caring for pigeons for 55 years, since his father gave him a pair at age 10. He has enjoyed this hobby ever since with the only interruption being his term in the Navy during World War II.

Concerning the history of the birds' use, Mr. Tkach referred to individuals such as Julius Caesar, the Rothschild banking family and the Reuter brothers, founders of the news agency, who used the birds to convey messages. Queen Elizabeth of England has birds of her own.

During World War II, birds were used to convey messages of enemy activity. Some

of these birds are preserved in the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.

At age 13, Mr. Tkach entered his birds in a racing club. "I was more concerned about the birds coming back than I was with winning," he told the group. Healthy pigeons can fly 50 to 60 miles an hour for approximately 22 hours with a good tail wind.

Mr. Tkach expressed his concern for the proper feeding and maintenance of the birds. "After all, they are living, breathing creatures."

The meeting also included a 15-minute film about the raising and competition of homing pigeons. After the film, Mr. Tkach answered questions from those interested in raising their own pigeons.

He explained that as soon as anyone had the supplies and the facilities to house the birds, he would give them two birds to start their hobby.

Once those birds had bred, they could then take the offspring and teach them to fly home to their parents.



**PIGEON CLUB**—Parents and children view two white pigeons owned by Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach. [Photo by Charles Feldbush]

Mr. Tkach mentioned how he obtained his white pigeons. Two of them were sitting on the windowsill of his office. He took a bowl and put some twigs in it to encourage the birds to nest. They laid two eggs, and Mr. Tkach raised the young with his other birds.

In reference to those who raise

pigeons, Mr. Tkach mentioned that women "tend to have more patience than men. Because of that, they work better with their birds and devote more time and love and tender care. And that's what the bird wants. That's what makes the bird want to come home faster, the love and tender care he gets."



## PAGES FROM THE FAMILY ALBUM

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

## Long Beach, Calif.

By Becky Sweat

Twenty miles southeast of downtown Los Angeles, Calif., and bordering the Pacific Ocean, is Long Beach, a city of about 380,000 people.

Long Beach is one of 280 communities in greater Los Angeles, the second largest metropolitan area (after New York City) in the United States, with a population more than 12 million.

During the 1980s Los Angeles area population increased by nearly 19 percent. Many of the city's new residents are immigrants, coming primarily from Southeast Asia and Latin America.

The area is one of the most ethnically diverse regions in the country. There are restaurants ranging from Vietnamese and Iranian cuisines, to Indonesian, Brazilian and Russian. Grocery stores specialize in Filipino, Thai, Greek, Indian and Mexican foods. There is a China Town, Korea Town, a Little Tokyo and a Little Saigon.

**A diverse group**

The Long Beach church, like the Los Angeles metropolitan area it is a part of, is rich in cultural diversity.

Out of an attendance of 455 people, around 10 percent are international.

Long Beach has members who've emigrated from the Armenian Soviet Socialist Republic, Israel's West Bank, India, Philippines, Mexico, Netherlands, Trinidad, Barbados and Haiti.

"It is wonderful to see the mix of faces and perspectives from different countries," said Judd Kirk, Long Beach pastor. "We try

to make each of them feel comfortable in expressing their own culture. Too often new immigrants get absorbed by America and forget their own way of life."

One way Long Beach's international members have expressed their cultures is through food. The Filipino and Mexican brethren have each provided food from their native countries at concession stands during Youth Opportunities United activities. Church potlucks offer a variety of cuisines from around the world.

Sam Dass, a member who emigrated from India, gave a "how to make curry" speech at a Spokesman Club ladies night. He made the curry ahead of time, and passed out samples to club members at the end of his speech.

Leon Arzuyan was born in Alexandria, Egypt, in 1912, and in 1948 moved to the Armenian Soviet Socialist Republic, where he lived until 1979.

His first five years in the Soviet Union were during the tail end of the 1924-53 reign of dictator Josef Stalin.

"Most of the people were living in fear," Mr. Arzuyan said. "One day the police put me in a jeep and took me to KGB [secret police and intelligence agency] headquarters to interrogate me. They made me spend one week in jail."

"They were questioning all the people who had emigrated at that time because they were afraid of spies. After they let me out of jail,

they followed me around a lot. I had to report to police headquarters once a month."

Mr. Arzuyan was on a waiting list for eight years until he was finally allowed to immigrate to the United States in 1980 with his family, coming straight to Southern California.

**Seeking a better life**

One of the biggest incentives for those coming to Southern California is economic. Considered by itself, the economy of greater Los Angeles would be the 11th largest in the world, ahead of Australia, India and Switzerland.

Because no single industry dominates, the Los Angeles economy is relatively stable, not dependent on just a few companies. Key industries are electronics, aerospace, clothing, machinery and chemicals.

With the exception of several members being laid off from aircraft plants, unemployment is not a serious problem in the Long Beach church.

"We have a good standard of living here," said Thomas Walters, a local church elder. "Anything you might want to buy is at your fingertips."

Some people move to Southern California for the mild weather. Mountain ranges to the north and east of the Los Angeles basin act as a buffer against extremes of summer heat and winter cold. Even during the hottest months of



**CULTURAL DIVERSITY**—Left: Long Beach member Leon Arzuyan, besides speaking his native Armenian language, knows English, Greek, French, Italian and Arabic. Right: Ben Rimando, a deacon in the Long Beach church, and his wife, Feliciano, came to the United States from Rosales, Philippines, in 1979. [Photos by Judd Kirk]

the summer, the humidity tends to be low during the day and the evenings cool.

Additionally the Los Angeles area offers a multitude of recreational activities, ranging from skiing and hiking in the mountains, to surfing and sailing on the Pacific Ocean. There are also many educational and cultural opportunities in the area.

**Many trade-offs**

For the benefits to Southern California living, there are trade-offs. Like Los Angeles to the north, Long Beach has a serious problem with crime.

"Long Beach has the sad distinction of being the first city in the nation which has a junior high school with a wall around it to protect the children from random gunfire," said Mr. Kirk.

"Some Long Beach members live in the southern part of Los Angeles, where gangs are a very serious problem," he continued. "One member moved to another part of town and casually mentioned how it will be easier to sleep at night because she'll hear less gunshots where she is moving."

Smog is also a major concern, although less so for those living in communities along the coast. Los

Angeles has the most polluted air in the United States. On two out of three days at least part of the metropolitan area violates federal air-quality standards.

Smog has been a problem for decades. "People always talk about the smog problem, but I think it's about the same as it's always been," Mr. Walters said.

"I remember 20 years ago, and the smog was so bad you couldn't see the mountains. Nowadays they're doing a lot with things like smog controls. If anything, the smog problem may have gotten better in recent years."

Other common frustrations for residents are the high cost of housing and freeway congestion. Los Angeles County has four of North America's five busiest freeways, and traffic is likely to get worse as more people move into the area.

Housing costs in Los Angeles are the second highest in the United States, topped only by San Francisco, Calif.

### Long Beach, Calif.

Attendance	455
Local church elders	6
Deacons	10
Deaconesses	4
Teens	41
Children under 12	127
Singles	110
Over 60s	35
Spokesman Clubs	1
Graduate Clubs	1

## WE ARE ONE FAMILY

# British member is the last of the Burmese royal family

By Robert Boraker and Lionel Scott

EYE, England—Here in the county of Suffolk, in a 17th century house built of ship's timber, lath and plaster, lives Rina Bootman, 92, the last of the Burmese royal family.

On a wall decorated with an Oriental print wallpaper, hangs a photograph of her father, Crown Prince John William Maung Lat (also known as Hline Min). Prince John was the cousin of King Thibaw, the last king of Burma, now known as Myanmar. Mrs. Bootman's maiden name was Princess Alexandrina Victoria Maung Lat.

*Robert Boraker is acting pastor of the Norwich and Ipswich, England, churches, and Lionel Scott is a member in the Norwich church.*

"All the others in my family are dead," Mrs. Bootman said. "When Burma was given back to the Burmese in 1947 ... many of the Burmese gathered to my elder brother, Victor Maung, and said ... you are the rightful king.

"But he was 66 years old and about to retire. He told them that he had not been trained to be a king and that he didn't want to be a puppet king. It worried him so much that he left for India."

The Burma government also asked Mrs. Bootman to return and rebuild her house in Syriam, but she refused because she no longer had family living there.

### Born in India

Mrs. Bootman was born in Bangalore, India, Jan. 24, 1899. Her father had moved to India (where the rest of the Burmese royal family was living in exile) after being

exiled to Aden at age 19 by the British.

There he met and married Evelyn Augusta, an Australian, and had three sons and three daughters. Mrs. Bootman was the youngest of the six children. The family lived in luxury on a royal pension from the British government.

"I went to high school and then to college, where I trained to be a teacher. After college I taught in a school in Madras," she said.

In 1928, after 55 years in India, her father was allowed to return to Burma with his family.

### Gave up vices for marriage

It was there that she met Leonard Bootman, an English engineer working for the Docks Authority. "I didn't like him at all," she said on first meeting Mr. Bootman. "He had a glass of whiskey in one hand and a cigarette in the other and I hated all that ... so I didn't get on well with him."

But, a little later, Mr. Bootman told her that he was going to give up drinking, smoking and gambling. "I never realized that he would, or that he was keen on me," Mrs. Bootman said.

Mr. Bootman pursued her in courtship for three years and made regular visits to a missionary school where she was teaching. They were married Aug. 12, 1931.

After the marriage the Bootmans moved to Syriam, across the river from Rangoon, the capital, where Mr. Bootman worked for the Burma Oil Co. They had two daughters, Lilith and Elaine.

Family life for the Bootmans took a turn for the worse Dec. 23, 1941. "We were in Syriam when the Japanese attacked," she said. "Bombs were falling on Rangoon and upon us. Our servants dug a hole in the ground, and we lived in that hole during the air raids.

"We had about six or seven raids during daylight hours and the same number during the night."

Burma quickly fell to the Japanese, who were fast advancing on Rangoon. In January 1942, the Bootmans were told to leave Syriam. "We were given 24 hours to leave. We had a beautiful brick home ... we left our servants, we left everything. We took a few clothes and made a bedroll to take with us, wherever we were going."

While Mr. Bootman stayed behind to direct the demolition of the Burma Oil Co. refinery, Mrs. Bootman, their children and elderly mother fled (her father had died in 1936). They purchased a ticket for a boat that was traveling up

the Irrawaddy River to Mandalay.

"Even when we were on the boat traveling up the Irrawaddy the bombs were falling. The captain would tell us to lie flat on the deck until the bombing stopped."

Mrs. Bootman had only enough money to take the family as far as Pokoku, a village on the way to Mandalay. "Some people leaving the village gave us two big tins of oatmeal ... and some Indians gave us free milk.



RINA BOOTMAN

"We made an open brick fire of twigs and boiled the milk and oatmeal in a tin and made porridge." For shelter "we stayed out in the open and sometimes in a hut."

They survived in this manner for 90 days, then Mrs. Bootman and her family, along with other

evacuees, were rescued by a passing Burmese Christian magistrate. He arranged for a ferry to Mandalay and transportation to the airport there.

"When we got to Mandalay we stayed at a British army barracks for a few days. Then we boarded a train for the airport. As we rode the train, on either side of the tracks we saw endless dead bodies of all nationalities. They were civilian people who had attempted to flee north from the advancing Japanese."

In April 1942 Mrs. Bootman and her family boarded a plane bound for Calcutta, India. While in the air they "were chased by Japanese fighter planes. The captain told us to put on our belts, and then he turned out the lights." This action, coupled with a storm they flew into, enabled them to escape the enemy.

After arriving in Calcutta they traveled south to the Nilgiri Hills region where they were cared for at a YWCA.

"I didn't know where my husband was, and he didn't know where we were. I didn't even know if he was alive, but I had left our address at the refugee camp in Calcutta. And then after six months I received a wire from my husband saying he was coming up the hills."

Mr. Bootman had trekked over the Himalaya Mountains on foot for six months to reach Calcutta. "He had no food ... but in the East, no matter how poor the vil- (See BURMA, page 6)

# Board member challenges grads to greatness

PASADENA—Tonight, I want to ignite a spark in some of you and fan a spark in the rest of you. The subject I will speak about is choosing a career as a youth in the Church of God.

I want you to realize that you can accomplish greater things than I or all the adults who are sitting here tonight.

You may ask, haven't all the great things been done? If you were to look at John 14:12, you will see Jesus' attitude toward those he trained. He told his disciples, "He who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do" [New King James throughout]. Building on a foundation already laid enables one to do even greater works.

*John L. Merritt, a member of the Ambassador College board of regents, delivered the commencement address to Imperial High School graduates June 5. Dr. Merritt's address is excerpted here.*

In spite of blossoming potential, it is sad to note that many youths in the Church of God choose not to go on to higher education.

Why is that sad? Because such a decision sentences one to a life poorly equipped for the present and the future, particularly in the area of employment, a life of sub-standard living, a life of unrewarding days without satisfaction.

Our Church teaches us, and our God commands us, to live up to our fullest potential. Success in a career has three basic components. Like the legs on a stool, it takes all three to stand upright.

### Moral character

The first leg involves character and one's moral or ethical principles. These are things that you have learned at Imperial School and in the Church of God, such as honesty, reliability and a good work ethic.

I will briefly mention these since the Church of God teaches these principles so well. These things keep us balanced in our goals as we follow the way of give above all else. We must learn

to keep things in perspective and to not let our desires get out of control. Good moral character is essential, but in the job market of today it is not enough.

### Marketable skills

The second leg of the career stool is marketable skills and training. One can have great character but will be underemployed or even unemployed if he or she has no marketable skills to offer.

Harvard President Derek Bok said, "If you think education is expensive, try ignorance." Invest in education.

Further schooling helps one gain marketable skills that will be needed in tomorrow's competitive markets. They require advanced training from college, and graduate school or the equivalent.

But many of you probably wonder where the funding for this will come from. Many institutions have work programs. There are also scholarships available.

Next to your investment in the Church of God, a career education is your best investment. A college education should double your income and a graduate degree should triple it.

I am not saying this to compare ourselves to those who make less, but rather to compare our skilled potential to our own unskilled potential. If you don't plan on higher education, then you are planning on living below your potential.

Some parents cut their children off financially when they reach 18 or graduate from high school. I think is a grievous wrong. I would ask these parents, at what age does your Heavenly Father stop supporting you?

Children need to be provided for when they are young, but they may still need support when they have grown older.

Parents should provide for their children what they can afford. They may have to choose to help finance further education rather than buying a car for their son or daughter.

My parents were part of my success even though my father was a teacher and could not afford much. Even with four children in college, they did as much as they could.

Each of us worked, got scholarships and borrowed. And what we couldn't do on our own, our parents helped make up the difference.



JOHN L. MERRITT

It did not matter whether we were 18 or 28, they continued to do that with only one condition: that we do the same for our children.

### Spark of success

The third leg of the stool of success is what I call the spark. You might also call it the dream, the purpose or the yearning or the drive of an individual.

Why do some choose to remain unskilled? They do not have that spark, that personal dream that makes the difference.

Character and technical training without the spark will leave you unable to do your best. To be your best, you need to have the spark. See the first half of Proverbs 2 to read of a man who has the drive of one who is obsessed as with hidden treasure.

Where does one get such a spark? From observing, from studying, but mostly from meditation. From what we would call active thinking. Sometimes, (See GREATNESS, page 6)

## Ambassador College Applications Available

BIG SANDY—Application packets for admission to Ambassador College for the fall of 1992 are now available.

Applicants are encouraged to request their application packets and submit applications early.

The deadline for submitting applications for the fall 1992 semester is March 1, 1992. Applications must be received by the Admissions Office in Big Sandy by that date.

U.S. applicants may obtain application packets by writing the Admissions Office, Ambassador College, Box 111, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755 or by calling 1-903-636-2190. Applicants should not use the toll-free number.

International applicants (except from Canada and the Netherlands) may contact their regional offices with application requests. The requests will be forwarded by electronic mail to the Admissions Office.

**SAT test dates**—The College Board ATP has released test dates for U.S. and international administration of the Scholastic Aptitude Test. (SAT scores are required of prospective students with less than 30 semester hours of college-level course work.)

The following dates are Saturday tests. All Sunday SATs are administered the day after these dates: Oct. 12 (California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Texas), Nov. 2, Dec. 7 and Jan. 25. Other test dates (but considered too late for fall 1992 admission) are scheduled for April 4, May 2 and June 6, 1992.

However, high school juniors and international applicants planning to apply to Ambassador College for the fall 1993 semester may take the SAT in the spring of 1992.

Registration information and forms for the above test dates are available from high school counselor offices or by writing the College Board ATP, Box 6200, Princeton, N.J., 08541-6200; or by calling 1-609-771-7588. Instructions for obtaining a Sunday administration are given in the SAT registration brochure.

International applicants (except from Canada) may obtain SAT registration information and forms from their regional offices after Aug. 15.

The Ambassador College Admissions Committee strongly recommends that Ambassador applicants take the SAT at the earliest possible date. The College Board requires six weeks to process SAT registration for U.S. applicants and longer for international students.

L. E. Torrance  
Director of Admissions

Jnay Buffington  
Associate director

## Volcano

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Santillan, whose parents live in Santo Tomas. Rain can trigger mudflows.

Bermevon Dizon, pastor of the Angeles City and San Fernando churches, is still staying in San Fernando. About 114 people attended Sabbath services June 29. Most of them came from towns just outside the danger area.

"Road signs all over Pampanga warn of lahar-flow [a flowing mass of mingled volcanic debris and water, moving between 35 and 60 miles an hour]," said Mr. Dizon. "I encouraged the remaining brethren to evacuate immediately when heavy rains begin to pour."

Pacifico Magno, pastor of the Tarlac and Cabanatuan churches, moved to Paniqui June 30. Although he pastors an area northeast of the disaster area, he lives in Mabalacat, a town just 10 miles from Mt. Pinatubo. The eruptions and threat of mudflow prompted him to move out.

Crisostomo Mago, pastor of the Olongapo and Balanga churches, is now in Manila. With most of the Olongapo members evacuated to Manila, services for that area are canceled indefinitely. Mr. Mago travels every Sabbath to conduct services in Balanga, which is not affected by the eruptions.



**HOME SPARED**—The nipa hut in which Moises Bangit, a member in San Felipe, Zambales, lives (hut at extreme left) was spared, while other huts collapsed under the weight of ash. [Photo by Conrado Cabrera]

"What used to be a lush tropical land with rich rice fields and farm animals feeding on the meadow turned into a desert overnight," said Mr. Mago.

### A time to rebuild

"Everything is covered with sand and volcanic ash," Mr. Mago said. "The biggest problem of the people now is

rebuilding. Farmlands and fishponds are all buried under the sand. Farm animals will face starvation since grazing lands have been buried under volcanic materials. Some families in the Church are now planning

## World Tomorrow Program

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# UPDATES

### New Stations

Station/Location	Air Time
CFCF Montreal, Que.	Monday, 11:30 a.m.
WMTW Portland, Maine	Sunday, 10 a.m.
WROC Rochester, N.Y.	Sunday, 11:30 p.m.
KSAT San Antonio, Tex.	Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

### Renewals

WBRC Birmingham, Ala.	Sunday, 11 a.m.
WCPX Orlando, Fla.	Sunday, 8 a.m.
WBZ Boston, Mass.	Sunday, 7 a.m.
KSNF Joplin, Mo.	Sunday, 10 a.m.
WCIV Charleston, S.C.	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.

### Last Telecast

WFMY Greensboro, N.C.	July 14
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### Preemptions

KTUL Tulsa, Okla.	July 21
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to relocate to other places."

Whether the Feast of Tabernacles scheduled to be in San Fernando, Pampanga, will go ahead is yet to be decided. Hotels in

Angeles City, which were used during last year's Feast, are now closed. In addition, many homes in San Fernando have been damaged by ash and sand.



**VOLCANIC ASH**—Bus travels through the city of Mabalacat in the province of Pampanga during an afternoon rain of volcanic ash. [Photo by Bermevon Dizon]

## Burma

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lagers are, they ... always save food for any person who may pass by.... So, whenever he went into a village he was given ... rice and curry and buttermilk."

Their reunion was brief as Mr. Bootman was recruited into the navy for the remainder of the war.

After the war Mr. Bootman was "demobilized and we came to England. We didn't want to return to Burma. I had brothers there, and they said the country was in a terrible state. And, after all, you see, the Burmese and the Indians didn't want the white man anymore. So there was no point in going where we were not wanted."

The Bootmans arrived in England in 1946 and came to live with Mr. Bootman's parents in Eye. Mrs. Bootman worked as a schoolteacher here until 1968.

Mr. Bootman first heard the *World Tomorrow* radio broadcast in 1967 and sent for the books being offered. "He wanted me to

read them ... but I wouldn't. Then, one day he said ... read this one article in *The Plain Truth* to please me. So I read that one article ... and then read the whole magazine without stopping and that was it. I never turned back."

The Bootmans were baptized in 1972. Mr. Bootman died in 1978 at the age of 83.

Although Mrs. Bootman has been hospitalized 16 times and has been near death three times, she is determined to trust God to sustain her for the remainder of her life.

Because of her poor health, Mrs. Bootman is no longer able to attend Sabbath services in Norwich, which, she said, she misses very much. However, Church members and youths frequently visit her and find her attitude to be encouraging and uplifting.

Though Mrs. Bootman no longer has the health to do some of the things she once enjoyed, such as gardening, she said she still reads and "hopes to read till the end of my days. I am very happy and very content."

## Directors

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the Work to a farmer fixing his tractor.

"A farmer who is out tilling and sowing the fields all the time must take time to repair the tractor and equipment," he said, "to prepare to do a greater work in the future."

In the Work, "we've been overextended on the front lines without shoring up the supply lines."

Mr. Salyer continued: "There's still planting and harvesting to be done, but you can't do it until the tractor is ready. In the Work, the tractor is undergoing some overhaul. When it's done it will be a better tractor, it will have more compression, more power, be easier to steer, the tires will have better traction and the job will get done."

"The danger for us is to have a lack of vision, to be so busy fixing the tractor that we become mechanics."

Mr. Salyer told the regional directors to keep their vision long-term while making short-term repairs.

### Finance, media, College

Other speakers during the conference were Steven D. Andrews,

director of Finance & Planning; Bernard Schnippert, Media Operations director; Don Ward, Ambassador College president; Ronald Kelly, Editorial Services director; and Greg Albrecht, editor of the correspondence course.

Mr. Andrews said that although overall income was \$3 million below budget projections, the Church has "a good cash flow."

He talked about producing a financial statement spotlighting how contributions have helped change people's lives.

"Because of the efforts of members, co-workers and donors, needs are being met worldwide," Mr. Andrews said.

Slides showed growth or declines in numbers of members, co-workers and donors in several international areas.

He asked the directors for "candid feedback, which makes strategic planning work" and passed out copies of Peter Drucker's book *Managing a Nonprofit Organization*.

Mr. Schnippert rehearsed how Mr. Tkach made the decision to reduce the overall circulation of *The Plain Truth* and give it a more biblical focus.

"Now we look at our jobs in a different way—we went from a quantity to quality list and are seeking to reach a reli-

gious audience first.

"Cutting back is a new beginning," Mr. Schnippert continued, adding that the Church is not in the business of creating a *Time* magazine "and we are not a news agency."

The gospel message is a "patently religious message. We are now being far more thorough and careful about what we put in print and on television. Our correspondence course and booklets are going through a careful review. We want to make sure our reasoning and explanations are bullet-proof."

He said the effect on international areas will be profound. One idea is to give regional areas 15-minute telecasts with "lip sync" instead of voice-over or subtitles.

Lip sync is synchronizing recorded speech with the movement of the speaker's lips.

Other ideas include regional and black-and-white editions of *The Plain Truth*.

"Mr. Tkach's opening remarks and Mr. Salyer's follow-up comments on catching the vision most impressed me," said evangelist Leon Walker, Spanish regional director.

"Vision is a good theme for us to always have—keeping our eyes focused on where we are going and seeing clearly what we're doing."

## Greatness

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from others around us.

### Ponder your paths

I spent my childhood days in the corn and cotton fields of South Carolina. One summer day as I was hoeing cotton, I formed an image of myself as a country doctor like one I knew.

Even though I was only an average student then, I happened to read in Proverbs 4:26, "Ponder the path of your feet, and let all your ways be established." Or as the Soncino translation renders it, "Do not wander aimlessly, but mentally weigh up the alternatives."

I completed medical school and specialty training as a member of the Church. I head the largest rehabilitation hospital in the South, the Charlotte Institute of Rehabilitation, Charlotte, N.C.

I treat paralyzed patients with

spinal cord injuries. Mostly, I help them to stay alive. Some, I help to walk again. Others don't walk again, but I help them to go on for further training to become teachers, accountants or scientists. Some even become lawyers and composers.

I also help people with brain trauma. Some are in a coma. Some are able to awaken, and some are able to talk again. Some need help learning to swallow so we can get the tubes out of their stomachs. Some are able to move again.

I train young doctors to do what I do. I also do research to find new and better ways to help people.

### Choosing a career

Let me say a few words about choosing a career or how to ignite the spark if you do not have one already. Go beyond the job placement services and meet people and find out what they do, what is interesting about their work, what is inspiring about their job.

Study the Dictionary of Occupational Titles with imagery, with meditation. Spend several days browsing through all 12,835 listed in it. It will tell you what they are, how to get there, how much they pay and so forth.

Think and meditate on choosing a field that is productive, that is useful and will likely be in demand. Choose a job that is changing. Choose a job that not many others are going into.

When choosing a career, be as specific as possible, but do not be afraid to grow and develop. I grew from family medicine to internal medicine to rehabilitation medicine.

I still have a dream. I have a dream that the youths of the Church of God will build on the solid moral and ethical foundation that they have been granted and that they will have the character, the skills and the spark to do more than we, their parents have done. You Imperial graduates are a part of my dream.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTHS

**ALTON**, David and Eve (Upchurch) of Oakland, Calif., girl, Chelsey Marie, Jan. 30, 11:11 p.m., 6 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

**BOND**, Mearl and Elizabeth (Nisbett) of Fayetteville, Ark., boy, Kraig Nicholas, June 2, 1:35 p.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**BONELL**, Paul and Carol (Calloway) of Stockton, Calif., girl, Lindsay Meredith, June 6, 8:59 p.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

**CURRY**, Robert and Mary (Marcussen) of Penrose, Colo., girl, Heather Ruth, March 1, 7 pounds, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**DAVEY**, Marty and Yvonne (Verwater) of Springfield, Ind., girl, Michelle Annette, May 14, 5:29 p.m., 7 pounds 12 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**D'COSTA**, Joe and Joanna of Madras, India, boy, Mark Peter Jonathan, April 2, 5:50 p.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**FROM**, Randall and Sigrid (Klefoth) of Ingleside, Ill., boy, Matthew William Milton, March 11, 9:31 a.m., 9 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**FROST**, Gerald and Lynda (Stein) of San Luis Obispo, Calif., boy, Tristan Richard, April 3, 8:45 a.m., 10 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

**HALL**, Warner and Yonah (Alcock) of Tucson, Ariz., boy, Elon Ethan, May 5, 8:50 a.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**HATTER**, Leonard and Kathryn (McAdow) of Madison, Wis., boy, Daniel Jacob, May 22, 9:32 a.m., 9 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**HAWKER**, Derek and JoAnn (Peterson) of Long Island, N.Y., girl, Kala Daviana, May 28, 9:50 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**HEAD**, Terry and Peggy (Brown) of Louisville, Ky., boy, Jacob Martin, March 9, 2:55 a.m., 7 pounds 2 1/4 ounces, first child.

**HOUSTON**, Gregory and Wendy (Axelrod) of Prescott Valley, Ariz., girl, Jessica Danielle, March 8, 3:15 a.m., 8 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, first child.

**KEARNEY**, Joseph and Justine (Ferraro) of New Castle, Pa., girl, Rachel Sinclair, March 18, 2:15 p.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 girls.

**KING**, Stephen and Kathy (Stojanovic) of Newcastle, N.S.W., boy, David Anthony, May 10, 8:10 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 3 boys.

**KOUSAL**, Peter and Moana (Lord) of Basildon, England, girl, Katrina Hine, April 21, 8 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

**LaFRANCE**, Terrence and Sharon (Vought) of Capac, Mich., girl, Marsha Louise, May 20, 4:20 p.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 4 girls.

**LOVE**, David and DeAnna (Calvert) of Pasadena, boy, Ryan David, June 10, 9:15 p.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

**MARTENS**, Tim and Debra (Lang) of Eugene, Ore., twin girls, Eva Ruth and Tia Elaine, April 22, 8:42 and 8:52 p.m., 6 pounds and 5 pounds, now 5 girls.

**McFARLAND**, Michael and Geri (Baker) of Portland, Ore., girl, Melyssa Rose, March 26, 1:20 p.m., 8 pounds, first child.

**MORGAN**, Ron and Anne (Hooper) of Penrith, N.S.W., boy, Mitchell Cameron, May 28, 10:23 p.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**MOSS**, Guy and Darlene (Weppler) of Vancouver, B.C., boy, Stirling Raymond, April 2, 8:15 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**OLSON**, Allen and Lynda (Samson) of Hays, Kan., boy, Ryan Anthony, May 30, 1:30 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**PARNELL**, Carl and Becki (Halford) of Pasadena, boy, Kyle Anthony, May 19, 6:55 p.m., 8 pounds, first child.

**POULIOT**, Mitchell and Gretchen (Schrock) of Kalamazoo, Mich., March 14, 3:52 p.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 boys.

**PRETORIUS**, Jacques and Angela (Horneman) of Ellisras, South Africa, boy, Juan, May 17, 3:45 a.m., 3.5 kilograms, first child.

**STORES**, Benjamin and Andrea (Goen) of Portland, Ore., boy, Hayden Benjamin, April 12, 2:31 a.m., 8 pounds 3 1/2 ounces, first child.

**TAYLOR**, Robert and Brenda (Purkapile) of Olathe, Kan., boy, Eric Ryan, May 22, 4:08 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys.

**TESTER**, David and Susan (Ellis) of Wellington, New Zealand, girl, Sarah Janine Rachel, March 24, 9 pounds 7 ounces.

**THELEN**, Tim and Lynn (Hickman) of Minnesota City, Minn., girl, Kelsey Brianna, April 30, 11:35 p.m., 9 pounds 14 1/4 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**TODD**, Timothy and Bonnie (Pearce) of Fort Worth, Tex., boy, Nathan Timothy, May 16, 8:45 p.m., 6 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Norma Powell is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter Melodie Lynn to Timothy Allen Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith. A Sept. 15 wedding in Pasadena is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hayworth of Albany, Ore., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter James to Martin Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Campbell of Eugene, Ore. A Sept. 8 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Swagerty of Napa, Calif., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Janelle Rosita to Michael Russell Pickett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Pickett of Los Osos, Calif. An Aug. 11 wedding in Napa is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Merritt of San Jose, Calif., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Janelle Rosita to Fleming Larsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johannes Larsen of Copenhagen, Denmark. An Aug. 18 wedding in Denmark is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Hofstetter of Dalton, Ohio, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Bonnie Lou to Scott Edward Widmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nielander of Flora, Ind. A May 23 wedding in Dalton is planned.

Elwood Robinson of Gold Coast, Qld., and Sandra Campbell of Southgate, N.S.W., are happy to announce their engagement. A July 28 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pemberton of Sydney, N.S.W., are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Danielle Jane to David John Hargrove of Columbus, Ohio. A Sept. 19 wedding in Sydney is planned.

## WEDDINGS

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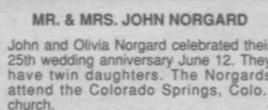
**MR. & MRS. WILLIAM GORDON**

William and Helen Gordon of Cleveland, Tenn., celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary June 28. The Gordons have one son, Jason, and one daughter-in-law, Debby.



**MR. & MRS. JOEL VICE**

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Filicinski of Round Rock, Tex., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Michelle to Joel Vice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Vice of Morse, La. The ceremony was performed April 7 by John Bald, Corpus Christi and Harlingen, Tex., pastor. Marcy Filicinski, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Erik Rosseland was best man. The couple live in Lafayette, La.



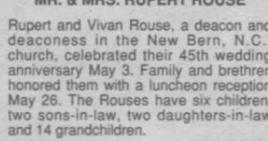
**MR. & MRS. JOHN NORGARD**

John and Olivia Norgard celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary June 12. They have twin daughters. The Norgards attend the Colorado Springs, Colo., church.



**MR. & MRS. LES NELSON**

Mr. and Mrs. John Muir of Penguin, Tas., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Fiona Jane to Les Nelson of Brisbane, Qld. The ceremony was performed Nov. 25 by Ross Beath, Brisbane North, South and East pastor. Attendants to the bride and groom were Rebekah and Ricardo Cicero. The couple live in Brisbane.



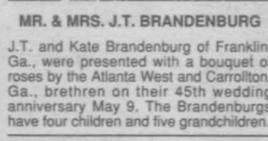
**MR. & MRS. RUPERT ROUSE**

Rupert and Vivian Rouse, a deacon and deaconess in the New Bern, N.C., church, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary May 3. Family and brethren honored them with a luncheon reception May 26. The Rouses have six children, two sons-in-law, two daughters-in-law and 14 grandchildren.



**MR. & MRS. KENNETH HARPER**

Rita Louise Boss and Kenneth William Harper were united in marriage April 28. The ceremony was performed in Westlock, Alta., by Will Wooster, Westlock pastor. Shelly Boss, daughter of the bride, was bridesmaid, and Cecil Blackburn, cousin of the groom, was best man. The couple live in St. Albert, Alta.



**MR. & MRS. J.T. BRANDENBURG**

J.T. and Kate Brandenburg of Franklin, Ga., were presented with a bouquet of roses by the Atlanta West and Carrollton, Ga., brethren on their 45th wedding anniversary May 9. The Brandenburs have four children and five grandchildren.



**MR. & MRS. HUGE SMITH**

Huge and Margret Smith of the Aberdeen, Scotland, church celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary May 11. Aberdeen brethren surprised them with a reception after Sabbath services and honored them with a table lamp and bouquet.



**MR. & MRS. WILLIAM FINNIE**

William and Rose Finnie of Preston, England, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary May 6. They were married in Ayrshire, Scotland, in 1961. The Finnies have one daughter, Janet; two sons, Karl and Terence; one daughter-in-law, Lynn; and three grandchildren, Alistair, Emma and Christopher.



30th wedding anniversary Feb. 25. They have six children and two grandchildren. The Gibbss attend the Birmingham, England, church.

## ANNIVERSARIES MADE OF GOLD



**MR. & MRS. BROWN BELL**

Brown and Sarah Bell of Graceville, Fla., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 8. Geneva, Ala., and Panama City, Fla., brethren honored them with a reception Feb. 16. The Bells have seven children, 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.



**MR. & MRS. GERRIE DeVRIES**

Gerrie and Girlie DeVries celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary June 27 with family and brethren in Durban, South Africa. Mr. and Mrs. DeVries have three children, nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



**MR. & MRS. ALZO HIBBS**

Mr. and Mrs. Alzo Hibbs celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary April 30. The Liberal, Kan., brethren honored them with a reception after Sabbath services May 4. Mr. and Mrs. Hibbs have one son, three daughters, 20 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.



**MR. & BILL SCRAFFORD**

Bill and Della Scrafford were honored by the Erie and Franklin, Pa., brethren for their 60th wedding anniversary May 4. The Scraffords were presented with a brass plate inscribed with their wedding date. They have one son and one grandson.

## NOTICES

The Salt Lake City, Utah, church will be celebrating its 25th anniversary July 27 at Bennion Elementary School. Services will be at 3:30 p.m. with a social to follow. If you are interested in attending contact Neil Hart at 1-801-255-3972.

The Cape Girardeau, Mo., church will celebrate its 25th anniversary Aug. 3. Activities will include Sabbath services at 2:30 p.m., a potluck, slide presentation and a dance. All events will be at the Show Me Center, 1333 N. Sprigg in Cape Girardeau. For further information call Carl Hoffman at 1-314-334-5423, Haydn Fox at 1-314-335-3209 or Arnold Clauson at 1-314-335-7800.

## OBITUARIES



**CHARLES F. NICKEL JR.**

NICKEL, Charles F. Jr., 57, of Hewitt, N.J., died March 26 of an aneurism, just before his 32nd Passover. Mr. Nickel is survived by his wife, Audrey; four children, Charles III, Robert, Donna and Debbie; and six grandchildren, Sarah, Jodi, Laura, Robert, Christopher and Michael.

ABNEY, Winnie Lee Price, 86, of Salt Lake City, Utah, died May 5. She is survived by six daughters, 16 grandchildren, 56 great-grandchildren, one sister and one brother.



**THONER HUBBARD**

HUBBARD, Theron E., 78, of Villa Rica, Ga., died May 11 of cancer. Mr. Hubbard, a deacon in the Carrollton, Ga., church, is survived by his wife of 54 years, Thelma; three daughters, Martha Ann Haley, Carole Reeves and Sandra Nichols; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a sister.

HUMMEL, Ruth, 75, of Elk Point, S.D., died May 17 after a lengthy illness. She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Floyd; two sons, Charles and Myron; and five grandchildren.

OLSON, Jennie A., 94, of Eau Claire, Wis., died May 21. She is survived by one son, Albert C.; two daughters, Ruth Ann Forehand and Irene Steurer; 20 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

CULPEPPER, Clarence Wilson, 85, of Jonesboro, La., died April 8. Mr. Culpepper is survived by his

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

CHICAGO, Ill.—One hundred fifty-two ministers and wives met here June 24 to 28 for the north-central regional conference.

Speakers were evangelist **Joseph Tkach Jr.**, director of Church administration U.S.; **Victor Kubik**, assistant director of Church Administration U.S.; **Randal Dick**, assistant director of Church Administration International; and **Michael Rice**, assistant to Mr. Tkach Jr.

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LONDON, England—Several Church representatives attended a private formal reception at Buckingham Palace May 1 at which Prince Philip was host. The invitation came as a result of Ambassador Foundation's support of the Shakespeare Globe Centre (U.S.A.).

In attendance were **David Hulme**, vice president of Ambassador Foundation, and his wife **Robin**; **Leslie McCullough**, regional director of the British Office, and his wife **Marion**; **Francis Bergin**, business manager for the British Office; and **Jacqui Eve**, secretary to Mr. McCullough.

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VANCOUVER, B.C.—When negotiating contracts with television stations, Baker Lovick, the Church's ad agency in Canada, asks for free 30-second commercials promoting *The World Tomorrow*.

"This is negotiable with some stations," said evangelist **Frank Brown**, Canadian regional director. "However, others with a full order book are reluctant to give away any commercial time."

Along with these promotions, the Canadian Office is working on advertisements to run for six weeks in various television listings.

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PASADENA—The Festival Office announced the following changes in music personnel.

**Roger Bryant** will be the choir director in Pasadena. Those interested in singing in the choir should call Mr. Bryant at 1-903-636-2000, or write to him at Ambassador College, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755.

**Alex Leffek Jr.** will be the choir director and special music coordinator at the site in Vail, Colo. Those interested in performing should call Mr. Leffek at 1-912-354-8155 or write to him at 9002 Ferguson Ave., No. 187, Savannah, Ga., 31406.

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PASADENA—**Tom Lapacka**, assistant director of Media Purchasing, and a representative from Janik & Associates, the Church's media time-buying agency, met with television station managers in Sacramento, Calif., and Seattle, Wash., June 4 and 5 to discuss placement of *The World Tomorrow*.

The Church received offers from several Sacramento stations, including a 9 to 9:30 a.m. slot on Sundays with KOVR, an ABC affiliate, according to Mr. Lapacka.

Janik & Associates is negotiating with the new owners of King Broadcasting, Seattle's top Sunday morning station. King's new management is considering changing its policy on religious programming.

King Broadcasting also owns stations in Spokane, Wash., and Portland, Ore., difficult markets for *The World Tomorrow* to break into, Mr. Lapacka said. The Church secured a time slot on the Portland station.

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LOS ANGELES, Calif.—**Marlin Halverson** of Glendora, Calif., received an award June 3 for Out-

standing Achievement and Service from the Department of Art at California State University Los Angeles.

Mr. Halverson, a graduate art student majoring in woodcarving, showed his sculpture, "The Shared Experience," at the CSULA Fine Arts Gallery June 10 to 13.

The sculpture produces musical sounds when the wheel is turned.

Mr. Halverson said that because he once had a vision disability, he creates art that people must touch, feel, activate and listen to.

"Based on themes of sharing and unity, the visual design of my forms is intended to draw groups of people together," Mr. Halverson said.

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BURLEIGH HEADS, Qld.—The Australian Office awarded nine gold achievement awards at the Youth Opportunities United (YOU) Art and Photography contest June 13.

Winners in the art contest were **Tracey Hagerstrom**, 16, of Ho-

bart, Tas.; **Franziska Schreiber**, 17, of Gold Coast, Qld.; **Louise Kyriakou**, 17, of Melbourne, Vic.; and **Kate Ryall**, 16, of Melbourne, Vic.

Winners in the photography contest were **Brian McKenzie**, 16, of Perth, W.A.; **Debbie John**, 17, of Perth, W.A.; **Julie-Anne Alter**, 14, Geelong, Vic.; **Laura Sandland**, 17, Penrith, N.S.W.; and **Sue Leopold**, Melbourne, Vic.

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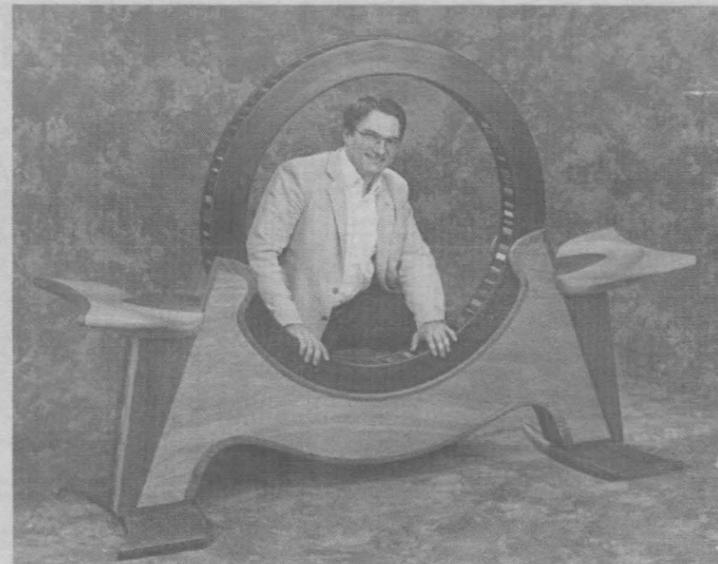
PASADENA—Musicians **Herb Alpert** and **Henry Mancini** received the Ambassador-ISPAA award at the annual awards luncheon for the International Society of Performing Arts Administrators at the Ambassador Auditorium June 21.

The convention brought together 150 performing arts professionals from about 25 countries, according to evangelist **David Hulme**, vice president of Ambassador Foundation.

The award recognizes exemplary service in the performing arts.

The luncheon was organized by **Jan Weiner**, events coordinator, **Kevin Gardner**, Auditorium manager, and the Auditorium staff.

As people arrived for the luncheon, many expressed their admiration for the facility. The inscrip-



**AWARD WINNING SCULPTURE**—Marlin Halverson of Glendora, Calif., shown here with a musical sculpture he made, won an award at California State University Los Angeles. [Photo by Hal Finch]

tion "Dedicated to the Honor and Glory of the Great God" in the Auditorium lobby provoked several questions about the Church.

Mr. Hulme welcomed the guests on behalf of Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach**.

Mr. Alpert accepted his award and dedicated it to his father, whom he said had taught him the

importance of giving.

"Mr. Alpert has dedicated a substantial portion of what he has earned as a performer and record company executive to helping minorities," Mr. Hulme said. "I was impressed with the similarities between his work and the goals of the Ambassador Foundation to improve international understanding."



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

PASADENA—"There is now relative peace in Nigeria since the army moved in," reported **David Stirk**, business manager for East and West Africa, June 25.

The families who sought refuge in the military barracks (May 27 *Worldwide News*) and other members in the area have been moved to the Church farms at Benin and Jos, Nigeria.

### Cholera continues in Peru

All 179 members and their families in Peru are safe from the cholera epidemic spreading through Peru, according to the Spanish Department in Big Sandy.

Cholera is normally spread through drinking water contaminated with bacteria or by eating fish carrying the cholera bacilli.

"The members have been advised of the dangers and how to take appropriate precautions," said evangelist **Leon Walker**, Spanish regional director.

So far, only one member has contracted the disease, but she has been successfully treated.

By the end of March, 107,000 cases, causing 1,000 deaths, had been reported.

The World Health Organization estimates that more than one million cases could occur throughout South America in coming months, and perhaps reach the three million mark before the epidemic is contained.

A Peruvian newspaper columnist said Peru is beset by four plagues: narcotics, terrorism, inflation and cholera.

Peru now cultivates more coca leaves for the production of cocaine than any other country, the article reported.

Inflation caused the inti, the Peruvian currency, to fall from 14 per U.S. dollar in

1985 to 550,000 per dollar last January, when the government introduced a new currency called the sol.

### Violence in Colombia

Drug-cartel-related violence continues to escalate in the Colombian city of Medellin.

Average weekly attendance at Sabbath services in Medellin is 44.

"Violence grips the entire city and many of the members have been affected either directly or indirectly," said Mr. Walker.

In March a longtime member's son (who was not a member) was assassinated.

### First member in Reunion

**Brigitte Lapiere** became the first Church member on the

remote island of Reunion, a French dependency.

**Ron Stoddart**, pastor of the Quatre Bornes, Mauritius, and Port Elizabeth and East London, South Africa, churches, visited the tiny island in the Indian Ocean, 300 kilometers (185 miles) west of Mauritius, May 20.

He was accompanied by **D. Sooknah**, a member in Mauritius.

Mrs. Lapiere had waited three years for a visit.

### Baptisms in Middle East

**Paul Suckling**, director of Ministerial Services in the British Office, who is responsible for English-speaking brethren in the Middle East, visited members and prospective members in the countries of Dubai, Oman and Egypt.

In Oman, Mr. Suckling visited 12 people and baptized **Lourdes Keyes**, the fourth member in Oman. He also visited a prospective member in Dubai and another near Cairo, Egypt.

From Cairo, Mr. Suckling went to Alexandria, where he visited the only two members living in Egypt, Mr. and Mrs. **Rigobert Rafiringason**, and their three children. Both are studying at the University of Senghor, Mr. Rafiringason in nutrition and his wife in agronomy.

Mr. and Mrs. Rafiringason were baptized in Madagascar, where they will return once they have completed their two-year courses.

Mr. Suckling traveled three hours each way to see the Rafiringasons and spent three hours with them, discussing questions on Church teachings.

They hope to attend the Feast of Tabernacles in France and look forward to being with the brethren for eight days.

### African welcome

The following report was filed by **Stephen and Julie Wilson**, staff members in the British Office, who traveled to Ghana, Nigeria and Kenya in April to install new computer equipment in church offices and train the staffs.

"In each country we were greeted with the warm smiles of our African brethren and we were overwhelmed by their friendliness and hospitality.

"Family and village life here is important because, typically, there is no gov-

ernment welfare system. Support is provided by the village, and village life revolves around religion.

"The African brethren form close family relationships among themselves, helping one another and providing the necessary welfare system.

"Such a support system is welcomed because many of our African brethren are not wealthy. They lead a simple life, earning just enough money to feed their families.

"For example, the average wage of a Nigerian is between US\$45 and US\$65 a month. Despite often severe hardships, however, they remain happy and joyful. Their commitment to one another and to the Church is a tremendous example."

### Tithes in Guyana not deductible

Evangelist **Colin Adair**, Caribbean regional director, said that although the Church is now tax exempt in Guyana, members' contributions are not tax deductible. This was incorrectly reported in the May 27 *Worldwide News*.

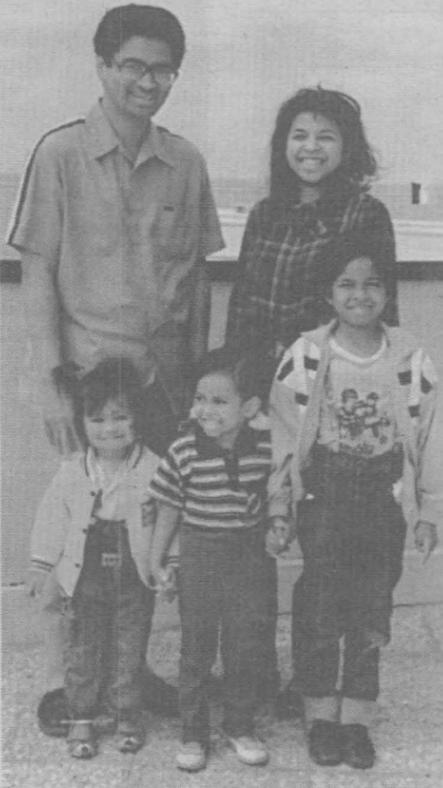


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