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Guyanans linked to ministry mainly by plane and radio

Minister takes to the air to keep in contact with scattered flock

By Becky Sweat

Bicycling 26 miles through jungle, traveling by small planes and riding a speedboat up a river—all to visit brethren—may not be part of the job description for most pastors, but for Wesley Webster it is.

Mr. Webster is pastor of the Georgetown and Awarewaunau, Guyana, churches. Because much of Guyana is jungle, with no roads to many parts of the country, trav-

and make a special trip to come get you when you want to go back. With these costs, it's kind of hard for us to go very often. On average, I'll get to go about once a year."

Staying in touch

On most Sabbaths, Awarewaunau brethren listen to Mr. Webster's Georgetown sermons on tape.

Because mail is so slow—up to six months for a letter from Georgetown to Awarewaunau—a member who does business in the area brings tapes once a month.

The tapes are in English, which most of the Awarewaunau brethren understand to a degree.

When tapes don't come, deacon Laurus Alfred reads Church literature to brethren on the Sabbath, translating it into Wapishiana, their native language.

Awarewaunau brethren can contact Mr. Webster by HF (high frequency) radio. "When I got to Guyana in March 1991, one of the first things I did was set up a radio link with the brethren in Awarewaunau," Mr. Webster explained.

Mr. Webster has a radio in his home in Georgetown, and every

Tuesday and Friday mornings he talks to Mr. Alfred.

"We set up the radio link to serve not only the brethren, but also the village as a whole," said Mr. Webster. There are 500 people in Awarewaunau.

"Any time there's any need for any person in Awarewaunau to get a message to Georgetown, we assist them as best as we can.

"Last summer a flood wiped out everybody's cassava crop, their mainstay. Some of them were going hungry. They radioed me, and I was able to send enough rice, flour and a few other rations to keep them going."

Mr. Webster continued: "Occasionally people will radio me and let me know that somebody died, and then I'll contact their relatives. Once they radioed me to let me know a leopard had eaten one of their cows."

Simple trade, difficult transport

Since most Guyanese are farmers and trade produce with one another, they do not use money.

Living conditions can be quite difficult at times.

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WESLEY AND SHARON WEBSTER

el to remote regions is often by unorthodox means.

More than a third of the 190 Guyanese brethren live in Georgetown, the nation's capital and largest city. So, visiting in Georgetown is simply a matter of getting in the car or riding the bus. (Besides Mr. Webster, only two members in Georgetown have cars.)

But it's a different story visiting the 50 members and families in the remote Amerindian village of Awarewaunau, 300 miles south of Georgetown, or the 70 brethren scattered throughout the interior of Guyana.

Mr. Webster charts a plane to get to Awarewaunau, but the closest airstrip is 26 miles southwest.

The road between it and Awarewaunau "is in extremely bad condition," said Mr. Webster, who either walks, rides a bicycle or, if he is fortunate, shares a ride in one of the two vehicles in the area.

"The airstrip is just an area of land they have flattened and cleared, but it's not anything built up, so only small aircraft can land there," Mr. Webster said.

"There are no regular flights and chartering a plane from Georgetown costs about US\$2,000 round-trip," he added.

"The plane will take you there,



SO FAR, SO CLOSE—Some of the 50 members and families in the remote Amerindian village of Awarewaunau, Guyana, who stay in close radio contact with minister Wesley Webster, 300 miles north in Georgetown. [Photo by Wesley Webster]

Filipino children given CARE

Church Outreach feeds malnourished students

By Nemesio Legayada

MANILA, Philippines—"What is so satisfying is to see those children getting helped. They were really hungry."

Nemesio Legayada is a member who attends the Manila South church.

So said Avelina Beruega, a member and chief cook for the Manila South church's Outreach program, which fed 90 malnourished schoolchildren here Nov. 19 to March 17.

The children, students at Pagkakaisa Elementary School in Bian, Philippines, were chosen from more than 2,000 students as needing supplementary meals

and dietary assistance.

"The main purpose of the program was service," said Reynaldo Taniajura, Manila South pastor. "It is the motivation to serve that caused the church to plunge into this kind of activity."

Manila South members and families sent Outreach volunteers to cook and serve the food and paid for juice and operating expenses. The feeding took place once a week, normally on Tuesdays.

The school provided the cooking and dining facilities and utensils and helped identify the beneficiaries.

CARE International, an organization associated with the United States Agency for International Development (U.S. AID), donated

Humanities building first project in College master plan

LATE BREAKING

Officials at Ambassador College in Big Sandy presented a new campus master plan to Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach. The first project in the master plan is a new Humanities building. Preliminary architectural drawings are being prepared, and construction should begin in a few weeks.

Mr. Tkach has already begun to share his enthusiasm for the new plan on his church visits to Phoenix, Ariz., and Anchorage, Alaska. He said brethren were excited about the opportunity to participate in and watch the development of the campus building program.

Details were announced too late to be included in this issue of *The Worldwide News*, but look for the new campus map and master plan along with further details coming soon.

PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear Brethren,

Since we are Christians, we all know we need to be praying continually. Yet so often, it seems, prayer gets neglected in today's hectic society.

But prayer is so vital to Christian life. It is our lifeline to God, our way of remaining close to him, helping us to remain assured and confident of his love and help in times of stress and need.

What a priceless opportunity is ours through Jesus Christ—to have our thoughts, ideas and requests heard by the Creator and Sustainer of the universe.

As we offer praise and thanksgiving to God, we participate in the most meaningful and important relationship human beings can have.

As we pray for one another, we establish and strengthen the bond of the Spirit by which God has joined us together as the Body of Christ. As we pray for the work of the Church, we participate in the burning drive to

share the joy of God's mercy with others—to fulfill the commission Jesus gave us.

Prayer is one of the key elements of being a Christian. The Holy Spirit in us moves us toward a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and God the Father. We cannot keep that relationship alive and vital without communication, without prayer.

Through prayer, we worship and praise God. We rehearse who God is and what he has done. We give thanks for his actions. We express our love for him. We remember our need for his mercy, confess our sins and ask his forgiveness.

We petition him for our needs, and we intercede on behalf of others. If we are to be real Christians, we must be praying Christians.

As I said, it is so easy to put prayer on the "back burner." If you have been doing that, this Passover season is a good time to get reacquainted with God.

We all need God. We need his guiding hand. We need his encouragement and assurance. We need his mercy and forgiveness. And we need the power of Jesus Christ in us to bear the righteous fruit that glorifies God.

Prayer is a vital means of getting to know God and letting him get to know you. Go to him daily. Tell him your problems. Share with him your joys, your successes, your hopes.

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you," Peter wrote (I Peter 5:7, New International Version throughout). Develop a close, personal relationship with your Source of life and hope.

Praying for others is one of the best ways to forgive, to heal wounds and to cope with emotional scars. When others do us harm, regardless of the depth of the hurt, if we are to heal emotionally and become spiritually strong in Jesus Christ who forgives us, we do need to work toward forgiveness.

There will come a time when all scars will be healed. Peter (See PERSONAL, page 6)

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Big lessons from an unfinished war

A little more than a year ago, the American public rejoiced over the performance of its military in the Persian Gulf War.

In a 100-hour land blitzkrieg, capping a 38-day air war, United States forces, together with those from Britain, France and a handful of Arab nations, liberated Kuwait and inflicted heavy losses on the routed Iraqi army.

But the world has since realized that the war ended too soon. President George Bush's cease-fire order, it turns out, halted the allied offensive just a few miles and a few hours short of its final objective, which was to pin down the remainder of Saddam's elite Republican Guard divisions in the so-called "Basra Pocket" north of Kuwait City.

Desert Storm Commander Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf "definitely wanted a few more hours," confided a Central Command official. Gen. Schwarzkopf's plan called for a 144-hour ground campaign, but the war moved faster than anticipated.

Exactly why the decision was made to stop is only still known to a few. But some insiders say Washington panicked when television pictures showed the havoc wrought on Iraqi forces fleeing Kuwait City along what came to be known as the "Highway of Death."

Remarkably little loss of life was discovered, however; drivers



WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

and passengers had fled on foot into the desert.

Whatever the motive for the cease-fire, it permitted about 60 percent of the about-to-be-trapped Republican Guards to escape with their weapons. These forces keep a defiant Saddam Hussein in power, crushing all internal opposition.

Saddam intends to wear down and outlast his opponents on the U.N. Security Council, principally the United States and President Bush. Perhaps one captured Iraqi general said it best regarding Saddam when he told an American interrogator: "You have destroyed the body of the snake, but you missed the head."

Triumph without victory

Why did the Persian Gulf War turn out the way it did? Many of the answers are in a remarkable new book, appropriately titled, *Triumph Without Victory*, written by staff members of the *U.S. News & World Report* magazine.

The chapters devoted to the ground war are especially rivet-

ing. Principal author Brian Duffy pieced the story together from interviews with more than 600 military personnel in the conflict. The full story of the war had not been reported while it was under way, because of restrictions imposed on the press.

Mr. Duffy and two of his colleagues summarized their findings at a Los Angeles World Affairs Council dinner meeting in March. All three writers praised the professional skill and dedicated devotion of what they called the "cando" soldiers of today's volunteer armed forces.

The weaponry at their disposal, too, turned out to be first rate, superior to that of the enemy. In the book, the authors point out that intelligence photos from satellites and spy planes enabled ground unit commanders to spot exactly "every [enemy] tank reticulation and trench and fighting hole."

The problem with Operation Desert Storm was not with the personnel or the equipment, but with a lack of clarity as to the real

objective of the war, and then, when to stop it.

"There was a failure of conception as to the political objective," said Mr. Duffy, adding: "What was the real objective? Was it just to liberate Kuwait, or was it to protect the oil fields of the Middle East?" The latter would have necessitated a much more decisive victory over Iraq, which presented the greatest threat to Middle East security."

One is reminded of a great truism of warfare, by the war theoretician, the Prussian general Carl Maria von Clausewitz. No one ought to start a war, he said, "without first being clear in his mind what he intends to achieve by that war and how he intends to conduct it."

This lack of clarity at the beginning of the Persian Gulf War was in large part responsible for the "critical failing at the end," Mr. Duffy said in Los Angeles.

What he wrote in the book

was even more poignant:

"For a military operation that had been born of such extraordinary deft and successful diplomacy and then prosecuted with such skill and vision, it was a tragic conclusion.... There could be no doubt that America and its allies had triumphed over Iraq's army on the battlefield. But inasmuch as victory suggests the decisive defeat of an opponent, there was none. This triumph without victory was perhaps the most striking irony of the entire conflict."

Lessons for us

The consequences of the Gulf War contain powerful spiritual lessons and analogies for us.

The Bible reveals the Christian is engaged in spiritual warfare to attain a great and glorious prize (II Timothy 2:3-4; Ephesians 6:10-20). This battle must be seen clearly in all its aspects, from start to finish: What the war is about, who the enemy is and what the objective of the war is.

In their battle, Christians must (See LESSONS, page 6)

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



No Christian leadership

BOREHAMWOOD, England—After weeks of listening to political debate the people of England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland cast their votes April 9. The outcome was a victory for the Conservative Party led by John Major.

During the campaign one vital aspect of life was almost totally ignored by all of the major political contenders, namely the subject of morality and belief. There is no home for the so-called "God vote" in British politics.

The three main candidates were mostly silent on the subject of religion. As Damian Thompson said in *The Spectator*: "This will be the first election in British history in which none of the party leaders is a publicly committed Christian. It is only a footnote, perhaps, in the history of the decline of organized religion in this country, but worth noting all the same."

Discovering what John Major, Neil Kinnock and Paddy Ashdown believe is, in the words of the *Yorkshire Post*, "almost as difficult as passing a camel through the eye of a needle."

The *Yorkshire Post* continues: "In the Britain of the '90s, each would-be Prime Minister finds it as embarrassing openly to talk about God as most of the rest of the population."

Mr. Kinnock, leader of the Labour Party, declared during the 1987 election campaign: "My wife and I do not believe in God," although he later told of being strongly influenced by certain gospel passages.

Mr. Ashdown, leader of the Liberal Democrats, is on record as saying he's an agnostic. Asked whether he was religious he replied, "yes and no" and then went on to explain his manner of belief in the Christian God.

Also Mr. Major, prime minister, said on the subject of faith for the BBC (British Broadcasting Corp.) religious program *Sunday*:

"If you lose faith in your own belief that you're living by, the instincts and values that you think are important, then you should stop doing what you're doing, for you'll have no pleasure in it."

Clarity of belief appears to be lacking in all three major candidates. Britain has come to the point where its leaders govern almost exclusively by party philosophy. Belief is pragmatic.

A moral mist

British politics finds itself in a moral mist. Muslims and Hindus in the community maintain their religious fervor, but Christianity has lost its solid voice. Issues stay unresolved because of no clear leadership based on a firm moral framework.

Whenever people turn from God and the Bible, confusion is bound to occur. Without the basic belief in something more important than human civilization—something infinitely more worthwhile than material or personal success—society spirals downward.

Even those who sense that something is wrong are unsure of how to put things right. As the *Yorkshire Post* so rightly said, the entire population finds talk about God embarrassing. About as welcome at the dinner table as the details of one's latest operation.

It is far easier to talk about sex than belief. Religion has become the great taboo.

People find themselves in the position described by the prophet Isaiah: "We look for light, but there is darkness! For brightness, but we walk in blackness! We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes.... Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands afar off" (Isaiah 59:9-10, 14).

Loss of belief

Religion has been discredited because of its troubled church history and its part in terrible wars on the European continent.

Therefore many in Britain are no longer prepared to hear what the Bible has to say.

Thankfully the people of Britain do have hope. God will intervene and restore clear, righteous government with his law at its heart. A work will be done and a voice will yet be heard in the moral wilderness of British life. This promise never more urgently needs fulfilling than now.



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Pray for the Work

At Sabbath services we often hear the names of people who are ill and we are asked to pray for them.

Sometimes we know these brothers or sisters and sometimes we don't, although we know we have something in common with them. We are co-heirs looking to the future in God's Kingdom.

But there is another dimension of prayer we sometimes neglect. It involves ultimate solutions—not just for brethren—but for people the world over who face illness, hunger, homelessness, pain and confusion. This dimension is praying for the Work.

God's Church has been given a commission to preach the gospel to the world and prepare for the return of Jesus Christ.

Each of us has a responsibility to offer up prayers for the world before God's throne.

But how should we pray for the world? Think! Examples of the need for God's kingdom on earth are all around us. Violence. Rape. Incest. The environmental crisis. Starvation. Economic chaos.

The groans of this age should send us to God in urgent prayer that we would be more effectively doing his Work.

The power of prayer

In early New Testament days the authorities attempted to stop the Work of God by imprisoning Peter.

But the Church acted in prayer: "Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church" (Acts 12:5).

The chains then fell off Peter's hands and an angel delivered him

from prison (verse 7-10). The Work of God continued. Prayer helps! Things happen!

Paul also asked brethren for prayers on behalf of the Work.

He expected brethren to pray for the Work—and he fully expected that God would answer. "Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified" (II Thessalonians 3:1).

Whenever Peter and John reported urgent needs to brethren, they responded.

"When they heard [about threats], they raised their voice

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to God with one accord... And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness" (Acts 4:24, 31). Big things happen when God's people pray in unity of spirit.

Prayer for the Work requires faith. We must ask God for help with a sure confidence, not full of doubt.

"Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6).

Simply put, we trust that God is

listening to our concerned prayers for the world, our desire to see the Work done, and that he will reward our efforts.

Pray for the workers

I have been involved with Church publications for many years. I see the need for God's guidance for those who write, make graphics, research and plan. They need God's help in accomplishing his great Work.

The Church should be ever ready to respond to the needs of the moment in getting the gospel out to the world. Ask God to provide those who speak and write with the help to do so with maximum results.

As always, we take our lead from Jesus Christ.

Look at his desire to do the Work: "Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.... Lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!'" (John 4:34-35).

Matthew tells us that when Christ saw the multitudes, "he was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd."

How did Christ respond? "Then He said to His disciples... pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest" (Matthew 9:36-38).

We are all laborers in this Work together. But we can become so preoccupied with our own needs that we forget the plight of the world.

People need the truth to set them free. We have a responsibility to make sure they hear about it. That is something to pray about.

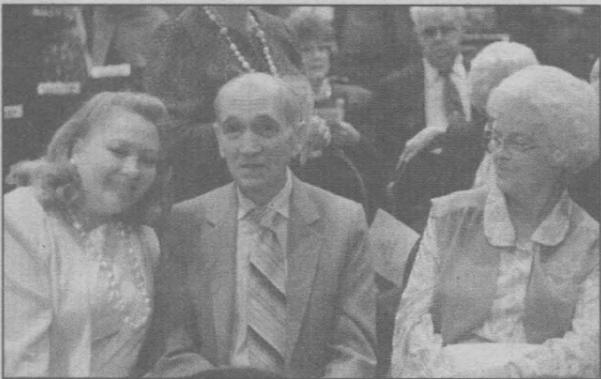
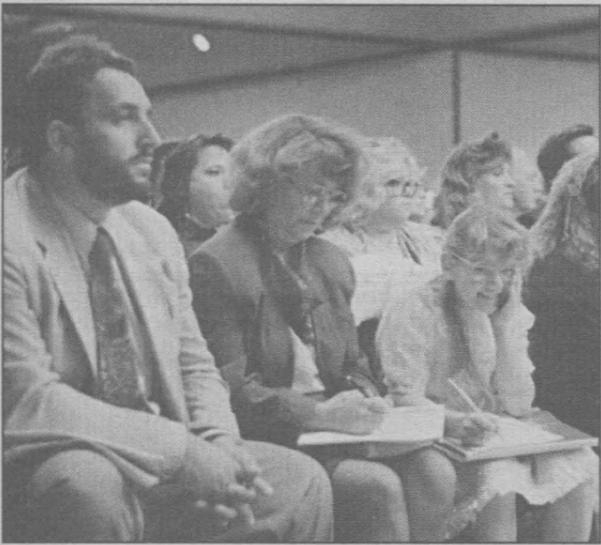
Pastor general visits Phoenix, Ariz.



TRIP OVERVIEW

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach spoke to 1,227 brethren March 21 from the Phoenix East, West and North, Sedona and Prescott Valley, Ariz., churches. Host ministers and wives were Cecil and Karen Maranville from Phoenix North; Leroy and Jean Cole, Phoenix East; Chuck and Joy Zimmerman, Phoenix West; and Randy and Beth Holm, Sedona and Prescott Valley.

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Passover: a victory celebration

My husband and I really enjoyed your [March 3] article by Paul Kroll, "Here's Why the Passover Should Be a Victory Celebration."

When I first came into the Church four years ago it was very exciting anticipating my first Passover, and the meaning of Christ's sacrifice for all sinners.

Then one of the members told me we were to be somber and quiet, observing the Passover with great gravity.

Sermons seemed to emphasize our great unworthiness. How glad I was not to have made a fool of myself and been happy.

Since then as each Passover approached, I would work myself up into a desperate attitude, concentrating so hard on being suitably chastened that I gave myself headaches.

After reading your article over several times, I rejoice in this new understanding to appreciate and accept Christ's sacrifice.

Pasadena

Your article, "Here's Why the Passover Should Be a Victory Celebration," is the most encouraging view of the Passover I have ever heard or read.

You put the accent on what is positive—Christ our Passover is alive—and not on what is negative (sin and sinner).

Preles, Switzerland

Paul Kroll's article on Passover victory was a real shot in the arm. Passover, with all Christ's agonies, has been a difficult time for many of us.

In the old days soldiers saw their leader's standard flying high, in the hottest

part of the fight. It was a rallying point. An inspiration not only to fight hard, but of ultimate victory.

This victory I am sure is the positive thrust forward of the Holy Spirit's teaching for us in these days. So thank you Mr. Kroll and let's all concentrate on victory and how to win it.

Minehead, England

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'Personal' on racism

Mr. Tkach is to be commended for addressing the delicate subject of racism in such a forthright, yet balanced and loving manner [Feb. 17 "Personal"]. That kind of honesty and fairness can only come when one has prayed for, and received, God's guidance.

Racism, prejudice and bigotry are among Satan's most effective tools for keeping people misinformed about each other, suspicious of each other, afraid of each other, and hence, divided.

We African-Americans have certainly felt the sting of racism, more so than any other ethnic group in this country, but being discriminated against is certainly not unique to us.

It is essential for people to comprehend and accept the fact that God created us all and that what matters most is the relationship each person has with him.

Detroit, Mich.

Your "Personal" concerning Dr. Martin Luther King and what he stood for was a great inspiration and encouragement to me. You have really made me and the blacks in the Church feel a part of the Church and God's people.

Muskegon Heights, Mich.

I am a 37-year-old male, Caucasian, baptized in 1984 and was previously unconcerned with Dr. King or his holiday's observance.

Your observations made me realize that I had judged Dr. King based on his flaws rather than on the positive aspects of his life's work.

I was ashamed before God and moved to a completely new attitude toward Dr. King and racial problems in general.

Liverpool, Pa.

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A small error

I thoroughly enjoyed reading the Jan. 20 *Worldwide News*. Aside from Mr. Tkach's "Personal," which was truly outstanding, I should not like to highlight any particular article as all were excellent.

Among these was, of course, the "Iron Sharpens Iron" feature by Alan Dean, and I should not wish in any way to detract from the spiritual point of his article in mentioning one small error.

In paragraph two, Mr. Dean mentions, "A sleuth had found the burial spot of the

English runner Eric Liddell." However, Eric Liddell was not English; British by descent certainly, and Scottish by parentage and inculcation, but not English.

Glasgow, Scotland

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Announcements page

Thanks to all of you who work on the "Announcements" page for *The Worldwide News* for keeping the family of God's Church up to date and involved.

We have submitted two separate announcements and a photo for the coupon baby section in recent months, and the treatment that your department has shown our submissions has been tremendous.

Sherwood Park, Alta.

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Beverly Gott dies at 73

LA CANADA, Calif.—Beverly Lucille Gott, 73, oldest child of former Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong, died in her home here March 21. She had suffered from

son of Alhambra, Calif., Jim Richard Gott of San Jose, Calif., and Tedd Alan Gott of Sierra Madre, Calif.; a sister, Dorothy "Dottie" Mattson of Bend, Ore.; and a brother, Garner Ted Armstrong of Tyler, Tex., who officiated at the funeral.

Services took place at Forest Lawn Memorial in Glendale, Calif., where she was also buried. She was preceded in death by her brother Richard in 1958, her mother, Loma, in 1967 and Mr. Armstrong in 1986.

Mrs. Gott accompanied Mr. Armstrong on many overseas trips, including to Ethiopia and the Orient. Health difficulties eventually forced her to stop the rigorous requirements of overseas travel.

She loved music and sang on the radio and television broadcasts in the 1950s and recorded at Capitol Records. But "her family was her main interest—first and always," said her son, Tedd.



BEVERLY GOTT

cancer since last July.

Mrs. Gott is survived by her former husband, Jim; four children, Larry Dean Gott of Pasadena, Sharon "Sherry" Loma Samp-

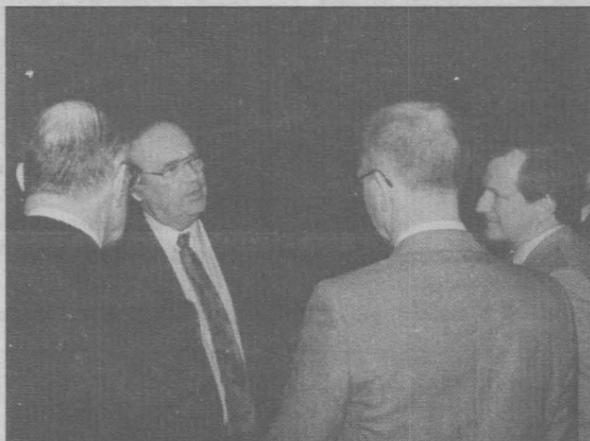
Pastor general visits Anchorage, Alaska



TRIP OVERVIEW

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach spoke to 385 brethren April 4 from Anchorage, Fairbanks, Soldotna and Palmer, Alaska. Another 30 people listened in by telephone in Whitehorse (Yukon) and Fairbanks. Host ministers and wives were James and Diane Turner, and Rex and Patty Sexton.

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Thai, U.S. students learn through letter exchange

By Jerry M. Patton
KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—Tim Stewart, an elementary school principal in Clinton, Tenn., wanted to introduce his fifth- and sixth-grade students to another world, one far removed from the mountains of east Tennessee, to

show them the commonality that unites all peoples.

"An old term—global education—has come back into vogue," he said. "We talked about doing a letter exchange project to show that students are basically the same, no matter what country

they live in. They ask the same questions and share similar aspirations."

Jerry Patton and Tim Stewart are members who attend the Knoxville, Tenn., church.

Mr. Stewart asked Jonathan McNair, Ambassador Foundation project coordinator in Thailand, to help him set up a letter exchange program between his students and students in Bangkok studying English.

Mr. McNair served as a ministerial trainee in Knoxville before transferring to Thailand with his wife, Christy.

Mr. McNair contacted Udomsin Srissomboon, headmistress of Prathamnak Suan Kulab School, Bangkok. This school is one of several in which Ambassador College students, sponsored by Ambassador Foundation, teach Thai students English.

In January 1990, Mr. Stewart wrote to Mrs. Srissomboon to explain how the Thai students could further their understanding of English by corresponding with his students.

He also sent letters his fifth- and sixth-graders had written, a videotape and photographs of his

students and school.

Many teachers and students at South Clinton also sent gifts to their new Thai friends.

Several books about Tennessee and the Great Smoky Mountains were in the mailing along with National Geographic Society books. Area newspapers and brochures about the Clinton-Knoxville area were also enclosed.

The letter exchange program has received favorable comments from parents of the children in the program as well as community leaders in Clinton.

A similar letter exchange is under way with students on the island of Mauritius after Mr. Stewart met a church member from Mauritius at the Feast of Tabernacles in Eastbourne, England in 1990.

Spotlight on Success Seminar at New York Singles Weekend

ELMIRA, N.Y.—Singles here invite singles from Canada and the United States to attend a Memorial Day singles weekend in the Finger Lakes region of upper New York state, May 22 to 25.

Activities are a success seminar, a dinner-dance with a live band on Keuka Lake aboard the *Keuka Maid* with a midnight cruise, tours through the Corning Glass Works (home of Steuben crystal), winery tours and a picnic at Watkins Glen State Park.

Lodging will be at the Watson Homestead with rustic cabins and swimming pool. Sabbath services May 23 will be at the Watson Homestead at 2 p.m. Guest speaker is evangelist Dean Blackwell.

Cost for the weekend is \$150. Package price includes housing for three days and nights, food, entertainment, tours and the boat dinner-dance.

Make checks payable to the Elmira Activity Fund and mail to Cy Coro, Box 1053, Corning, N.Y., 14830.

For further information contact your local singles coordinator or call Mr. Coro at 1-607-962-3806.

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(WITHOUT GIVING ONE DIME MORE)

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The procedure is simple but highly beneficial to God's Work. You need only ask your employer if he has such a gift-matching program. If he does, obtain a gift-matching form and mail it to us.

This form would merely request verification of your contributions. After we return this verification, your company would contribute a matching amount. It's just as simple as that, and yet you have in effect doubled your donations and contributions.

If your company does have such a program, please be certain to write and inform us immediately. To aid in the processing of your letter, please write to Ralph K. Helge, Legal Office, 440 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91105.



IRON SHARPENS IRON

Begin saving early for your children going to college

By Ralph G. Orr

Getting a good education is an excellent investment, but often expensive. Parents and students can succeed in reaching their financial goals with foresight, planning and hard work.

For most parents the years their children attend college will be a time of financial difficulty.

A few parents see the coming difficulties and do nothing. Others

see the difficulties and work diligently to prepare for them, as Joseph did when he prepared Egypt for the seven years of famine.

Ralph G. Orr pastors the Federal Way, Wash., church.

Ambassador College, for example, estimates current costs for one year at \$4,800. To estimate the

cost of a four-year degree, you must do more than simply multiply that figure by four.

College costs will not remain static. In the past decade college expenses have inflated in the United States at 8 percent annually.

Using that as a basis, freshmen entering Ambassador College in the fall of 1992 can estimate their bachelor of arts (BA) degree will cost about \$23,000.

Compared to many other institutions that is remarkably low. Assuming a student lives away from home, the Aug. 7, 1991, *Wall Street Journal* estimates that a four-year private college education in the United States now averages more than \$74,000.

A similar public university degree averages \$34,000.

Community colleges, usually subsidized by city or state governments, are one way to cut costs, especially if students live at home.

At Pasadena City College, for instance, students can complete two years of prerequisite courses for a basic cost of \$6 a semester hour, up to 10 units.

Savings program

Even though most colleges, including Ambassador, provide several forms of financial aid including grants, scholarships and work programs, parents should begin saving for their children's college education when the children are born.

Practical terms

Unless you began saving when your child was born, it is important to explore ways to combine your own savings plan with other means of financial assistance, such as scholarships. Let me show you why.

Let's assume you have two

children and no assets. Your son is in the eighth grade and your daughter is in third.

To assure your children of a college education, you want to save 100 percent of your estimated \$30,000 cost of their BA degrees.

Since your son will enter college in five years, you save for him by putting aside \$505 a month. Your daughter will enter college in 10 years, so you save an additional \$326 for her.

This means you would need to set aside \$831 every month for the next five years! How many parents can afford such a savings program? Obviously, very few.

Expecting most parents to save 100 percent of the cost of their children's education is unrealistic, but for them to do nothing is equally unrealistic.

Every family should have a financial plan that includes some preparation for the children's education. After preparing a family

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Education helps equip your child for success

Loving parents have long recognized that their responsibilities go beyond providing the basics of survival. They do their best to provide their children with tools to live a decent life and to have a successful future. Today that usually requires some form of higher education, either college or trade school.

Young people should seriously consider college or trade school as part of a firm foundation for their future success.

Getting an advanced education is an excellent investment that may require sacrifices. Sacrifices for education are valuable investments in someone's future earning power. Even those with only one or two years of college will usually outearn those with only a high school diploma.

Based on the business field, as of March 1992 the median annual salary for graduates with bachelor of arts degrees was \$24,369; with masters degrees, \$32,672; and with doctorates (engineering), \$56,160. Graduates from trade schools earn more than those with only a high school education.

Whether your child goes to Ambassador College or chooses another college or a trade school, preparation is essential. Take steps now to help ensure that valuable higher education equips your child for success.

Worldwide Church of God Membership

(as of Feb. 13, 1992)

Country	Number of Members				
1. Algeria	1	35. Finland	14	71. The Netherlands	295
2. American Samoa	1	36. France	570	72. New Caledonia	1
3. Antigua & Barbuda	18	37. Germany	560	73. New Zealand	702
4. Argentina	173	38. Ghana	221	74. Nigeria	385
5. Australia	4,098	39. Gibraltar	2	75. Norway	45
6. Austria	61	40. Greece	9	76. Oman	5
7. Bahamas	133	41. Grenada	50	77. Pakistan	1
8. Barbados	288	42. Guadeloupe	114	78. Panama	11
9. Belgium	177	43. Guatemala	138	79. Papua New Guinea	20
10. Belize	7	44. Guyana	115	80. Paraguay	6
11. Benin	17	45. Haiti	45	81. Peru	197
12. Bermuda	93	46. Honduras	29	82. Philippines	3,039
13. Bolivia	25	47. Hong Kong	8	83. Poland	3
14. Bophuthatswana	12	48. Hungary	1	84. Portugal	26
15. Botswana	22	49. India	134	85. Puerto Rico	111
16. Brazil	20	50. Indonesia	8	86. Rwanda	5
17. British Virgin Islands	1	51. Irish Republic	132	87. Saudi Arabia	3
18. Burkina Faso	7	52. Israel	9	88. Seychelles	3
19. Burundi	2	53. Italy	137	89. Singapore	52
20. Cameroon	90	54. Jamaica	343	90. Solomon Islands	23
21. Canada	8,542	55. Japan	13	91. South Africa	1,597
22. Cayman Islands	1	56. Kenya	91	92. Spain	60
23. Chile	202	57. Kiribati	3	93. Sri Lanka	76
24. Ciskei	2	58. Lesotho	11	94. St. Kitts and Nevis	5
25. Colombia	208	59. Luxembourg	4	95. St. Lucia	55
26. Costa Rica	64	60. Madagascar	5	96. St. Vincent and Grenadines	20
27. Denmark	35	61. Malawi	63	97. Suriname	6
28. Dominica	33	62. Malaysia	137	98. Swaziland	19
29. Dominican Republic	4	63. Malta	26	99. Sweden	30
30. Ecuador	10	64. Martinique	188	100. Switzerland	183
31. Egypt	4	65. Mauritius	61	101. Taiwan	1
32. El Salvador	85	66. Mexico	613	102. Tanzania	11
33. Estonia	1	67. Monaco	1	103. Thailand	10
34. Fiji	59	68. Myanmar	51	104. Togo	15
		69. Namibia	6	105. Tonga	12
		70. Nepal	1	106. Transkei	27
				107. Trinidad & Tobago	441
				108. Tuvalu	1
				109. Uganda	19
				110. United Kingdom	2,869
				111. Uruguay	46
				112. U.S. Virgin Islands	19
				113. U.S.A.	69,142
				114. Vanuatu	17
				115. Venda	2
				116. Venezuela	61
				117. Western Samoa	3
				118. Yugoslavia	6
				119. Zaire	83
				120. Zambia	77
				121. Zimbabwe	263
				Total:	98,519

We suggest that you keep this member list in a convenient location. When you hear of news that could affect members, such as military coups and natural disasters, you can check the list and pray for members and all people in that region.

The Worldwide News monitors world news so we can let you know how your brethren around the world are doing. We aren't as fast as the daily news, but with this list you can be praying for brethren until *The Worldwide News* lets you know how they are doing.

If you know of any news we need to cover, please write to us at *The Worldwide News*, Pasadena, Calif., 91129, or call us at 1-818-304-6077.

PERSONAL

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preached on Pentecost: "Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.

"He must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets" (Acts 3:19-21).

At that time, through perfect unity in Christ, perfect relationships will exist between all those whose names are written in the book of life—the immortal children of God. In this life, however, the tragic results of human sin sometimes remain with us till death.

Although the complete restoration of all things will not take place until Christ returns, even now the Spirit of God will bring us emotional healing through forgiveness.

Let's appreciate the priceless opportunity that prayer is. Through daily talks with God, let's get personally and inti-

mately involved in all that God is building through his Church—and in all that God is building in each of our lives individually.

Paul wrote: "Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:1-3).

There is unlimited power in what God can and will do for us and in us. Let's keep our personal relationships with him alive and rich.

I pray that each of you has a meaningful Passover and Holy Day season. Let's use this special time to encourage and strengthen one another as we wait for that glorious day when Christ will return.

Income for the year has again dipped for the time being, primarily because the spring Holy Days fell about a month earlier in 1991.

Please include the Holy Day offerings in your prayers as this period of recession continues.

Lessons from the war

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"endure to the end" (Matthew 10:22), not "come short of it" (Hebrews 4:1). They can never afford to relax against their spiritual arch-foe, Satan the Devil. (On the battlefield, carelessness can lead to death.)

The Christian must not live righteously *almost* to the end, only to turn "away from his righteousness" and commit iniquity, for then "all the righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered" (Ezekiel 18:24).

Like a king going to war, the Christian must count the cost of the impending battle to see "whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes

against him with twenty thousand" (Luke 14:31).

Despite what may seem, at first glance, to be unfavorable odds, this battle can be won, since, as the servant of Elijah discovered (II Kings 6:14-18), additional spiritual forces, unseen by the human eye, stand ready to help us.

Then, relying upon God to supply the weapons and armor (Ephesians 6:13-18), the Christian must commit to battle, never looking back, like Lot's wife (Genesis 19:26), serving "as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" (II Timothy 2:3).

For God's people, there can be triumph *with* victory.

Guyana: Connections slow, sparse

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They don't have a system for containing rainwater, so when it doesn't rain they go searching for water and cart it back to the village. Clean water can be hard to find because malaria has been a persistent problem.

Mr. Webster said he is looking forward to the completion of a road through the Amazon jungle linking Georgetown to northern Brazil. The road is scheduled to be finished by October.

"The road goes by the airstrip, which means I'll no longer have to charter a plane to get to Awarewaunau," he said.

"But it will still take me about two days to drive there in my car because there are several rivers I have to cross, and you have to line up and wait a long time for the ferries to take you across."

Of the scattered brethren, about 30 attend monthly Bible studies in Berbice, 65 miles east of Georgetown, and 12 attend a Bible study every two months in Linden, 60

miles south of Georgetown.

The drive to Berbice can take several hours because cars must cross a river by ferry. The drive to Linden takes about two hours.

Isolated brethren

About 30 Guyanese members live in regions so isolated they cannot attend a church or Bible study.

They are without phones or electricity, and mail is particularly slow outside the major cities.

"Some of the scattered Guyana brethren can't even be reached by mail because they live in areas that are just too remote. We just have to hope they show up for the Feast," Mr. Webster said.

Even brethren in Awarewaunau, because of the distance and cost, are not able to travel to the Feast of Tabernacles.

In Essequibo, an isolated region in northwestern Guyana, live Kennish, Everton and Ann Gibson, two brothers and a sister.

"To reach them you have to ride in a speedboat up a river through

the rain forest, for about an hour," Mr. Webster said.

"Their extended family has lived there for generations, and all the people living in that area are Gibsons. There are about 300 of them.

"It's kind of like a Guyanese Swiss Family Robinson: They built their own community, you don't have to lock any doors or windows, and everybody around you is your family."

Besides being responsible for Guyana, Mr. Webster also travels to neighboring Suriname about once a year to meet with brethren and prospective members.

Although Suriname has no formal church areas, five members live there. Three meet regularly on the Sabbath in one of the member's homes and listen to tapes.

Although living conditions for brethren in isolated regions can be harsh, Mr. Webster said "they are positive, growing spiritually and thankful for the help provided by the Church."



GEORGETOWN FEAST—Guyanese brethren, David Johnson, a visiting minister from the United States, and his wife, Becky, at the Feast of Tabernacles in 1991.

College: Start now

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budget, the parents can estimate what they can afford to set aside for education.

Then, after seeking financial counsel, they can decide where they will invest that money and what reasonable return they can expect from it.

They can then project forward to determine what sums they will probably accumulate.

The difference between their forecast and projected college costs will tell them the amount of

additional financial help they might need.

Work and scholarships

College-bound teens should expect to shoulder as much of the burden as possible.

In some cases, they may need to come up with all or most of the money themselves, through after-school and summer employment.

Even without employment, high school students can take significant steps to supply the needed

funds for their college education.

They can do many things to increase their chances of having the assistance they will need.

Primarily, they should work for good grades and they should apply for numerous scholarships.

They should apply for more scholarships than they think they will need. Use reference books available in libraries and bookstores to aid in your search for available scholarships.

Support your children's extracurricular activities. This will put them well ahead of their peers in getting financial aid.

A history of good citizenship and service can go a long way with committees deciding who gets scholarships.

Prospective college students should pursue activities that develop them socially, morally, spiritually, mentally and physically, not just academically.

This tells donors and lenders that money they give to such a student won't be wasted.

Beginning with the earliest years, involve yourself in your children's education.

Parents who know what their children are studying, who visit the school and meet with the teachers, and see that all homework is successfully completed, greatly increase their children's academic performance.

That may mean money in the bank later in the form of scholarships and grants, if their children grasp opportunities.

LETTERS

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Willingness to change

Rereading through the Feb. 17 *Worldwide News* I came across Mr. Faulkner's article "Willingness to Change." What a thought-provoking article that is, but what a great shame that it had to be written.

Surely when we were baptised we promised to obey God and his laws.

Therefore, when Mr. Tkach makes a statement, a change or whatever, then we should obey.

We are not robots, of course, but we should be studying ... to better understand the change so that we can come to terms with it and get rid of any misunderstanding.

Mr. Tkach has to be so brave in his decision making because often (as is the case in our own lives) we do not see the advantage of change until we carry it through in faith.

London, England

1992 Festival Updates

The following Feast sites have reached capacity and cannot accept transfer requests: Hengelhof, Belgium; Gold Coast, Caloundra and Merimbula, Australia; Phuket Island, Thailand; Christ Church, Barbados; and Roseau, Dominica.

Caribbean sites that are still open are Grand Anse Beach, Grenada (limited space avail-

able); St. Francois, Guadeloupe; Georgetown, Guyana; and Port of Spain, Trinidad.

The Feast in Haiti is tentatively planned to be at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza in Port-au-Prince. The political situation in Haiti is volatile, according to Rick Taylor of the Caribbean Office. At this time it is unsafe for non-Haitians to travel to Haiti.

1992 ENVOY NOT AVAILABLE AT THE FEAST. ORDER NOW!

The 1992 Ambassador College *Envoy* will not be offered for sale at this year's Feast of Tabernacles. Instead, this year's edition will only be available through advance sales at the special price of \$20 (an \$8 savings over last year's price). The 1992 *Envoy* promises to provide an informative pictorial record of the College's students, activities and projects during this 45th anniversary year.

Checks or money orders (payable to Ambassador College) should be sent to 1992 *Envoy*, Box 111, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755. Please add \$3 for shipping and handling. In previous years the *Envoy* was sold at the Feast and could be purchased with second tithe funds. This year it is *not* appropriate to use second tithe for the *Envoy*. The *Envoy* can also be ordered with your Visa or MasterCard by calling 1-800-423-4444.

This offer ends May 31. Expect delivery in the fall. For those in international areas, regional offices will give ordering information to church pastors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

ATTEBERRY, Aaron and Annette (Benningfield) of Murray, Ky., boy, Jess Logan, Feb. 19, 9:07 a.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

BARTA, Robert and Joni (Sipes) of Colorado Springs, Colo., girl, Bobbie Rena, Jan. 22, 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 girls.

BELLAMY, Ken and Natalie (Parncutt) of Gold Coast, Old., girl, Sharon Anne, Feb. 12, 12:52 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BENTON, John and Katherin (Bonsall) of Dodge City, Kan., girl, Sarah Marie, Oct. 11, 9:12 a.m., 7 pounds 14 1/2 ounces, now 4 boys, 2 girls.

BETTENDORF, Ronald and Venezia (Androulakis) of Tupelo, Miss., boy, Jacob Allen, Jan. 16, 7:15 a.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys.

BOLEY, Robert and Tracie (Roberts) of Dallas, Tex., girl, Rebecca Krystine, Oct. 4, 5:58 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

BROMFIELD, John and Ida (Ricci) of Souderton, Pa., girl, Ida Michele, Feb. 14, 5:45 a.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 boys, 5 girls.

BRYANT, John and Lori (Shanahan) of Joplin, Mo., girl, Kayla Corinne, Dec. 17, 8:17 p.m., 7 pounds, first child.

COTTI, Elmar and Karen (Ratigan) of Waco, Tex., girl, Kiera Emese, Feb. 13, 6:41 a.m., 6 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

DAVIS (formerly Buterbaugh), Robert and Teresa (Meisner) of Janesville, Minn., boy, Jonathan Cutler, Jan. 4, 8:17 a.m., 9 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

DAWAL, Florante and Lisa (Acebron) of Bacoor, Philippines, boy, Royden Niel, Jan. 22, 4:55 p.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 4 boys, 1 girl.

DICKEY, Lawrence Jr. and Jennifer (Rogers) of Athens, Ga., boy, Lawrence Robert III, Jan. 26, 9:08 p.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

DIZON, Arnelo and Jane Mary (Boone) of San Fernando, Philippines, girl, Shirleen Grace, Jan. 9, 6 pounds 1 ounce, now 3 girls.

DOUGALL, Neil and Nadine (Arthur) of Edinburgh, Scotland, girl, Isla Leanne, March 1, 1:34 p.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

DOUGLAS, David and Linda (Dantorth) of Houston, Tex., boy, James Elliot, March 15, 8:40 a.m., 10 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

FERRARA, Andrew and Ruth (Hofar) of Calgary, Alta., boy, Stefano Isidoro, Dec. 16, 1:18 p.m., 6 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

GARDNER, Ronald and Liette (Pellerin) of Ottawa, Ont., boy, Jordan Ronald Phillip, Feb. 15, 9:35 a.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

GREAVES, Darin and Katherine (Cadman) of Kelowna, B.C., boy, Joshua James, Jan. 20, 4:16 p.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

HUSE, Stuart and Agnes (Youngblood) of Lawrenceville, Ga., girl, Brittany Kay, Jan. 16, 5:59 p.m., 1 pound 9 1/2 ounces (premature), now 2 girls.

ISLEY, John and Paula (Horner) of Port Orange, Fla., girl, Ginny Marie, Feb. 22, 3:45 a.m., 6 pounds, now 2 girls.

JOHNSON, Lawrence and Minnie (Collins) of Biloxi, Miss., boy, Marcus Cornelius, Feb. 14, 1:31 a.m., 7 pounds 2 1/4 ounces, now 4 boys.

LARKIN, Robert and Angela (Guthrie) of Jasper, Ala., girl, Stephanie Christina, Jan. 31, 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 girls.

LITAVSKY, Mike and Mary (Kalamaroff) of Rochester, N.Y., boy, Steven Joseph, Feb. 29, 11:24 a.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 3 boys.

MARLOW, Chris and Christine (Lockwood) of Dayton, Ohio, boy, Daniel Joseph, Feb. 14, 9:56 a.m., 7 pounds 6 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys.

McNAIR, Jonathan and Christy (Allgeyer) of Bangkok, Thailand, boy, Evan Robert, Dec. 21, 5:35 p.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

McWILLIAMS, Steve and Lisa (Davis) of Escondido, Calif., boy, Ryan Andrew, Feb. 13, 10 a.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

PRESLEY, Christopher and Elma (Herrera) of Midland, Tex., girl, Emily Marie, Dec. 9, 4:19 a.m., 6 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 girls.

ROBINSON, Billy and Karen (Vaughn) of Detroit, Mich., girl, Shanna Renee, Jan. 12, 9:03 p.m., 3 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

SMITH, Frank and Tonya (Crowell) of Portland, Ore., boy, Franklin Edward, March 15, 11:58 a.m., 7 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, first child.

TREMBLE, Steven and Dena (Roller) of Tulsa, Okla., girl, Elizabeth Rachelle, Feb. 24, 10:43 a.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

TRIFARO, Joseph and Kathleen (Darling) of Nassau, N.Y., boy, Logan Adam, Feb. 19, 7:32 a.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

WALKER, Rick and Patti (Briggs) of Grand Rapids, Mich., twin boys, Robert James and Timothy Stephen, Dec. 13, 11:45 p.m. and 11:46 p.m., 6 pounds 10 ounces and 6 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys.

WREN, Michael and Juanita (Brooks) of Atlanta, Ga., boy, Jeremy Ryan, Feb. 10, 11:07 a.m., 10 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

WRIGHT, Randolph and Beth (Miller) of Raleigh, N.C., boy, John Edward Randolph, Feb. 17, 10:03 p.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

ENGAGEMENTS

Troy Todd and Wanda Gilbert are delighted to announce their engagement. A June 28 wedding in Pasadena is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Horton of Boulder, Colo., are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Carol Anne Cady to Stephen Patrick Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Campbell of Hennessey, Okla. A May 25 wedding in Colorado is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Roeth of Arcanum, Ohio, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Jeannie Ann to Gary John Weldon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Walters of Conover, Ohio, and Bill Weldon of Ontario. A July 19 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Knapp of Boise, Idaho, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Shari Lynn to Jeff Mills of Boise. A May 24 wedding in Nampa, Idaho, is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. M.G. McKay of Canterbury, England, are pleased to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Ailsa Mary, to Martin Braun, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.F. Braun of Lewisville, N.C. A May 16 wedding in Big Sandy is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Lasher of Herndon, Va., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Jocelyn Paige to Thomas Anthony Turci, son of Frances Schneider of Youngstown, Ohio, and Anthony Turci of North Bergen, N.J. A Sept. 6 wedding in Virginia is planned.

Don Breidenthal of Pasadena and Sandra Garcia of Rockford, Ill., are happy to announce their engagement. An Oct. 4 wedding in Rockford is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. James Fishbaugh of Rochester, N.Y., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Jennifer Galanti to Timothy Clouthier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Clouthier of Voorheesville, N.Y. An Aug. 2 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Shaw of Pasadena would like to announce the engagement of their daughter Bonnie Lorraine to Jade Witte, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Witte of Houston, Tex. A July wedding in Pasadena is planned.

Kristy Dague and Henry Maez are delighted to announce their engagement. A June 14 wedding in Wagoner, Okla., is planned.

Pamela Jean Jermakowicz and Ronnie R. Gunnoe, both of Pasadena, are happy to announce their engagement. A May 24 wedding in Tennessee is planned.

WEDDINGS

MR. & MRS. MICHAEL BALDREY
Jennifer Lynn Wakeman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wakeman of Roseland, Neb., and Michael Allan Baldrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Baldrey of Northglenn, Colo., were united in marriage Aug. 10. The ceremony was performed by Douglas Horchak, Denver North and Lafayette, Colo., pastor. Laurie Olson was maid of honor, and Pete Falk and Philip Johnsey were best men. The couple live in Aurora, Colo.

MR. & MRS. ANDREW TAYLOR
Gail Singleton and Andrew Taylor were united in marriage Jan. 6. The ceremony was performed by Mark Gully, Waco, Tex., pastor. Sheila Singleton, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Baron Clark was best man. The couple live in College Station, Tex.

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MR. & MRS. RICHARD HOLFORD
Cathy Ann Hall and Richard Holford were united in marriage Sept. 15. The ceremony was performed by George Pinckney, Asheville, N.C., pastor. Rose Cole, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Thomas D. Holford, father of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Greenville, S.C.

MR. & MRS. BRET MCCOY
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Baker of Encinitas, Calif., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Lynai Dawn to Brett Matthew McCoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McCoy of Summerville, Ore. The ceremony was performed Jan. 5 by Selmer Hegvold, director of the Church's deaf program. Renee Fletcher was maid of honor, and Jason McCoy, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Big Sandy.

MR. & MRS. JIM MILLS
Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Winslett of Auburn, Ala., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Priscilla to Jim Mills, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Mills of Birmingham, Ala. The ceremony was performed Jan. 11 by Ray Wooten, Birmingham pastor. Judy McCoy was maid of honor, and Joe Mills, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Birmingham.

MR. & MRS. DENNIS SUSZEK
Sharon Kay Belford and Dennis Alexander Suszek were united in marriage Sept. 1. The ceremony was performed by George Meeker, St. Louis North and Wentzville, Mo., pastor. Lisa Moore was maid of honor, and Daniel Skaggs was best man. The couple live in Des Plaines, Ill.



MR. & MRS. EDGAR M. URREGO
Ana Isabel Velasquez and Edgar Miguel Urrego were united in marriage Dec. 29. The ceremony was performed by Eduardo Hernandez, Bogota and Medellin, Colombia, pastor. The couple live in Bogota.



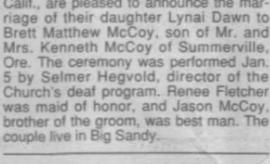
MR. & MRS. L. KIRAMIDJIAN JR.
Lorraine Fakhoury and Ludwig Kiramidjian Jr. were united in marriage Jan. 26. The ceremony was performed by Brian Orchard, Pasadena West A.M. pastor. Florence Matthiessen was maid of honor, and David Mirigian was best man. The couple live in San Francisco, Calif.



MR. & MRS. C.W. DAVIS
Mr. and Mrs. Terry David of Pittsburgh, Pa., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Stacey Lynn to C.W. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis of Richmond, Va. The ceremony was performed July 7 by the bride's father, a minister in the Pittsburgh church. Alyssa Orban was maid of honor, and the groom's father was best man. The couple live in Arcadia, Calif.



MR. & MRS. GEORGE BUFFINGTON
George and Dorothy Buffington of Weeping Water, Neb., celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary March 30. The Buffingtons have four daughters, Jnay, Jackie Fry, Sandy Vernich and Sheila Swarey; three sons-in-law, Bob Fry, Mark Vernich and Henry Swarey; and three grandchildren, Jonathan, Kyle and Sonja.



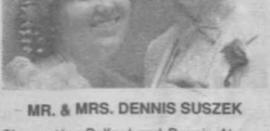
MR. & MRS. THOMAS CONKLIN SR.
Thomas and Zadie Conklin of Indianapolis, Ind., celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary April 7. The Conklins have one son, Tom Jr.; two grandsons; and one granddaughter.



MR. & MRS. JOHN SHOTLIFF
John and Ann Shotliff of Norwich, England, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary March 29. They have one son, Robert; one daughter, Christine; one daughter-in-law, Tracey; and one son-in-law, Gary.



MR. & MRS. CHARLES DEAN
Charles and Shirley Dean of Winter Haven, Fla., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 24. The Deans have one daughter, Marcia; and six grandchildren.



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MR. & MRS. B. SCHWARTZROCK
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Whitley of Conroe, Tex., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Katherine Sue to Brent Gerald Schwartzrock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Schwartzrock of Hawley, Minn. The ceremony was performed Dec. 29 by Jim Franks, Houston, Tex., North A.M. and P.M. pastor. The couple live in Fargo, N.D.



MR. & MRS. DANILLO LAGUERTA
Mr. and Mrs. Pelagio Torio of Binmaley, Philippines, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Zoraida to Danilo Laguerta of Manaoag, Philippines. The ceremony was performed Jan. 26 by Ireneo Marquez, Dagupan and Urdaneta, Philippines, pastor. Lina Quinto was maid of honor, and Jimmy Calauan was best man. The couple live in Manaoag.



MR. & MRS. ALAN GUSTAFSON
Darcy Patricia McClune, daughter of Howard and Theresa Naasz, and Alan Dean Gustafson, of Des Moines, Iowa, were united in marriage Feb. 9. The ceremony was performed by Thomas Turk, Denver, Colo., South pastor. Tami Dittmar was maid of honor, and Brian Gustafson was best man. The couple live in Denver.

ANNIVERSARIES



MR. & MRS. J.M. SPRINKEL
Joseph and Janelle Sprinkel of Columbus, Ga., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary March 1. The Sprinkels have one daughter, Gail Gwin; one son-in-law, Raymond Gwin; and three grandsons, Bruce, Raymond Jr. and Andy.



MR. & MRS. PERMAN GARRISON
Perman and Virginia Garrison of New Freeport, Pa., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 23. Washington, Pa., brethren honored them with cake and refreshments. The Garrisons have three sons, Richard, Gary and Terry; five daughters, Elaine Arnold, Vickie, Marjorie Brumgard, Linda McEvoy and Debbie Gunnoe; two daughters-in-law, Candace and Jeanne; four sons-in-law, Ned Arnold, Bob Brumgard, Bill McEvoy and Dale Gunnoe; six grandsons; and four granddaughters.



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MR. & MRS. JOE LAVERGNE
Joe and Evia Lavergne of La Marque, Tex., celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary Dec. 16. They were honored by their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren at a luncheon.



MR. & MRS. VICTOR MARQUEZ
Victor and Lupe Marquez of Pasadena celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Jan. 21. They have one daughter, Adriana; two sons, Victor Jr. and Jerry; and one daughter-in-law, Christine.



MR. & MRS. BARNEY DOWSON
Barney and Dorothy Dowson of Carcroft, England, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary March 9. They have two sons, two daughters-in-law and four grandchildren. Mr. Dowson is associate pastor of the churches in northeastern England.

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George and Wilma Dixon of Azle, Tex., celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary Jan. 11.

OBITUARIES

SEILER, Anita, 31, of Urdorf, Switzerland, died March 18 of a lengthy illness. She is survived by her husband, James; two children, Priscilla and Jennifer; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Arquist; one sister; and one brother.

PEART, Thomas Edward, 88, of Okanagan Falls, B.C., died March 4. His wife, Evelyn, died in 1987.

VAN LAECKEN, Irvin, 67, of Big Sandy died March 5. He is survived by his wife, Nadine; five daughters, Laurie Fisher, Ardis Nelson, Maria Smith, Holly Hansen and Hilary; one son, Murray; one brother, LeRoy; and 11 grandchildren.



CYNTHIA UDEAGHA
UDEAGHA, Cynthia Nmantu, 3, of Owerri, Nigeria, died Jan. 21 of sickle-cell disease. She is survived by her parents, Eke and Grace Udeagha, Owerri and Enugu, Nigeria, assistant pastor; and her twin sister, Irene.

SEWARD, Allena Celeste, 93, of Temple, Okla., died March 4 of cancer. She is survived by one daughter, Jessie Bell Smith; five sons, J.M., Wade, Wid, Alex and Bill; 30 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

JEANS, R.L. "Bob," 67, of Terral, Okla., died Feb. 6 of cancer. He is survived by his wife, Martha Jane; three daughters, Shirley Ann Moore, Sandra Louise Glenn and Jo Carolyn Walker; three sisters, Annie Lou Souza, Joyce Mitchell and Hazel LaVoyce Auburn; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.



DANIEL MARLOW
MARLOW, Daniel Joseph, three days old, of Dayton, Ohio, died Feb. 17 of heart complications. He is survived by his parents, Chris and Christine; one brother, Anthony; his grandparents, Victor and Susan Lockwood and Kathleen Marlow; his great-grandfather, William Logan; and his great-grandmother, Bertha Grussenmeyer.

CANTRELL, Lois, 80, of Dayton, Ohio, died Jan. 15. She is survived by two daughters, one brother, six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

SMITH, Cary Owen, 80, of Vancouver, Wash., died Feb. 9 of respiratory failure due to emphysema. He is survived by his wife, Ila; two daughters, Carolyn Dustin and Karen Summy; one son, Cary; one brother, Walter; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.



ROWLAND BLAND
BLAND, Rowland John, 20, of Auckland, New Zealand, died June 22 in an auto accident. He is survived by his father, Bobby; his mother, Maria; one sister, Huia; and one brother, Aidan.

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

UPDATE

25 years of service in security recognized

Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach** presented plaques to seven auxiliary security officers in Pasadena March 15 in recognition of 25 years of voluntary security service at headquarters.

Plaques were presented to **Larry Berg, Richard Brewster, Stuart Meier, Henry Miller, Bud Neller, Benton Nesmith** and **Richard Wendling**.

The plaques were presented at the 20th annual auxiliary security ball, in honor of the nearly 200 Church members who volunteer on auxiliary patrol and Sabbath dispatch throughout the year.

Ministers, employees honored for quarter century of service

Two ministers and a Church employee received plaques and watches in Pasadena March 19 for 25 years of service to the Church.

They are **Richard Burky**, a minister and research associate for Church Administration; **James Reyer**, pastor of the Casper and Buffalo, Wyo., and Billings, Mont., churches; and **Pete Arguien**, manager of the Plant Maintenance Department.

Charles Bryce, pastor of the Sherman and Paris, Tex., churches, received his watch and plaque Dec. 14.

Door opens to air World Tomorrow on Australian TV

TOOWOOMBA, Qld.—The *World Tomorrow* telecast began airing on the Australian television station WIN, Feb. 2 at 6:30 a.m.

The WIN network covers the major regional and coastal areas of Queensland and has a potential viewing audience of 1.1 million.

"Last year we received a call from WIN regarding a religious program produced by another organization," explained **Rod Matthews**, Australian regional director.

"The caller had, by mistake, called the wrong church. However, in conversation with him, the *World Tomorrow* program was mentioned and interest in airing the telecast on the WIN network developed from there.

"We now genuinely wonder about that original call," Mr. Matthews added. "A door to preaching the gospel was opened to us and we can take absolutely no credit for making it possible."

Services resume after volcanic eruption in '91

OLONGAPO, Philippines—In January the church here met for the first time since the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo forced the cancellation of services in June.

Pastor **Crisostomo Mago** and his wife, **Beth**, have returned to their home. This will help them better serve brethren in the provinces of Zambales and Bataan.

The Angeles City church, which was also forced to close because of the eruption, has been permanently canceled. Some members now attend in San Fernando, Pampanga, and others have moved out of the area.

Alabamians mark 30th anniversary of church

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—About

800 brethren attended the 30th anniversary celebration of the church here Feb. 22.

Guest speaker at Sabbath services was evangelist **Joseph Tkach Jr.**, director of Church Administration U.S.

Activities that evening were a chili and hot dog supper, a musical variety show performed by brethren and a family square dance.

Ambassador receives award for Envoy

BIG SANDY—Ambassador College received an award Feb. 1 at the annual awards banquet of the East Texas Advertising Federation (ETAF).

The 1991 *Envoy*, Ambassador's yearbook, was honored with an Addy Award. The local Addy, ETAF's highest award, is recognized by the American Advertising Federation and qualifies the entry for regional Addy competition.

Greg S. Smith, associate director of academic publications, was art director for the entry.

Member honored for community service

LA CANADA, Calif.—**Bob Harter**, a member who attends the Pasadena East P.M. church, was awarded a certificate of appreciation at the 1992 La Canada PTA Founders Day Feb. 27.

Mr. Harter was presented with the award in honor of his outstanding voluntary community service.

"Early each morning he can be found sweeping the path between Solliden Lane [the street where he lives] and Palm Crest Elementary, as well as raking the sand from the lower playground and removing trash," according to the La Canada PTA Founders Day committee.

"His neighbors on Solliden Lane love and deeply appreciate him for the soup he brings to those who are sick, the reminders of bikes left on the pathway to school and the taking in of newspapers and trash cans from the street."

College faculty earn economist credentials

BIG SANDY—**Melodie Overton**, a faculty member in the home economics department at Ambassador College, in February earned the Certified Home Economist credential from the American Home Economics Association.

Faculty members **Annabel Johnson** and **Laura Worthen** received theirs last year.



FROM OUR SCATTERED BRETHREN

"That He would gather together in one the children of God who were scattered abroad." (John 11:52)

Serving members in remote Mauritius

QUATRE BORNES, Mauritius—Four hundred fifty miles east of Madagascar, in the Indian Ocean, is the island of Mauritius, home to 62 members of God's Church.

The area is served from South Africa by **Ronald Stoddart**, who also pastors the Port Elizabeth and East London, South Africa, churches.

He visits Mauritius five times a year, usually during the Holy Day seasons, for two consecutive Sabbaths on each visit.

The Mauritian brethren meet together for services every Sabbath and listen to sermon tapes from the French Department or from Mr. Stoddart.

Because Mauritius had been colonized by both France and Great Britain, there are French and English influences on the island.

English is the official language of the country, yet on a daily basis, most Mauritians speak Creole, a French dialect.

In the past, Sabbath services had been conducted in English by English-speaking ministers.

Then, in January, **Yves Nayna**, a native Mauritian, was ordained a local church elder. He gives sermons in French and Creole.

When a sermon is given in English, it is simultaneously translated

ed into Creole for the 10 members who do not understand English.

The Quatre Bornes church meets in a hotel for Sabbath services and pays a high rate for hall rental.

Few Mauritians can afford a car. In the Quatre Bornes church, only



SENIOR MEMBERS—Mr. and Mrs. **Hemraj Doolup**, the oldest members in Mauritius, were baptized in 1963.

five members have cars, so most people travel by bus. This makes it difficult to socialize with one other outside of Sabbath services.

"The island may seem small when you have a car, because you can get from one end of the island to the other in about an hour," said Mr. Stoddart.

"To go the same distance by bus takes about four hours. For some members, it takes three hours to get to Sabbath services."

Finding affordable housing is one of the biggest concerns for the brethren, said Mr. Stoddart.

"Because there is not enough available housing and land is so expensive, when people get married, they often live with their parents."

"Typically they build an extra room onto their parent's house and live there. A lot of the houses

World Tomorrow Program

TELEVISION STATION

UPDATES

New Stations

Station/Location	Air Time	Channel
KRRT San Antonio, Tex.	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.	35
WLNS Lansing, Mich.	Sunday, 8:30 a.m.	6
WTHI Terre Haute, Ind.	Sunday, 9:30 a.m.	10
KCAU Sioux City, Iowa	Sunday, 8 a.m.	9
KIMT Rochester, N.Y.	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.	3
WCAU Philadelphia, Pa.	Sunday, 6 a.m.	10
WEVU Fort Myers, Fla.	Sunday, 10:30 a.m.	26

Renewals

KCAL Los Angeles	Sunday, 8:30 a.m.	9
WITI Milwaukee, Wis.	Sunday, 9:30 a.m.	6
WJBF Augusta, Ga.	Sunday, 10:30 a.m.	6
WSOC Charlotte, N.C.	Sunday, 10:30 a.m.	9
WTXF Philadelphia, Pa.	Sunday, 8:30 a.m.	29
WTVY Dothan, Ala.	Sunday, 7 a.m.	4
KTHI Fargo, N.D.	Sunday, 9 a.m.	11
KTTU Tucson, Ariz.	Sunday, 10 p.m.	18

Preemptions

KCAL Los Angeles	May 31	9
WOTV Grand Rapids, Mich.	July 5, Aug. 2 & 9	8
KTSP Phoenix, Ariz.	May 31	10

Last Telecast

KTZZ Seattle, Wash.	April 22	22
WWCP Johnstown, Pa.	April 22	10



NEW VOICE—**Yves and Lisebie Nayna** and family. Mr. Nayna gives sermons in French and Creole.

in Mauritius are several stories high because when a family needs a place to live, they just build another story on top of their relative's house."

Fiji pastor reports on visit to Micronesia

SUVA, Fiji—**Epeli Kanaimawi**, pastor of the Suva, Nadi and Savu Savu, Fiji, churches, reported on a Feb. 12 to 18 trip to the West Pacific islands of Micronesia.



EPELI KANAIMAWI

"It was inspiring to see the growth brethren have made since my last visit a year ago," Mr. Kanaimawi said.

"The three island countries of Nauru, Kiribati and Tuvalu have been blessed with rain in due season and very pleasant weather conditions," he added.

"God's blessings on these islands are very apparent by the rich and lush vegetation seen all around."

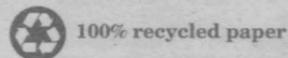
Ten brethren attended Sabbath services Dec. 2 in Tarawa, Kiribati, at Mr. Kanaimawi's hotel room.

This was the second time Sabbath services had been conducted in Tarawa. The first time was during Mr. Kanaimawi's trip to Micronesia a year earlier.

"Members in these remote islands struggle with isolation and a sense of hopelessness from time to time," Mr. Kanaimawi said.

"To help them overcome these feelings, I spoke on the subject of how they must look to Jesus Christ as their best friend and also receive the assurance they will be in his kingdom.

"It is inspiring for me to see how God is starting his Work in a very small way in these scattered islands and how this small flock is responding positively to his calling."



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