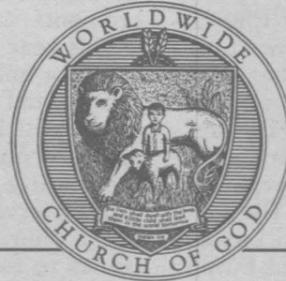


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AU students encouraged to 'go for the gold'

By Reginald Killingley

BIG SANDY—"If you want to go for the gold, you've come to the right place!" said Joseph W. Tkach, Ambassador University chairman of the board of regents, as he welcomed 330 new students—180 women and 150 men—to AU Aug. 19. Mr. Tkach delivered the keynote address during new student week.

Mr. Tkach told the students that AU is "your golden opportunity.... I encourage you to put in a 100 percent effort, because what you get from Ambassador will be directly proportional to what you put into it."

The almost 1,200 students and faculty in the field house auditorium also heard from AU President Donald Ward. "What we want to do at Ambassador," said Dr. Ward, "is to help all our students achieve their God-ordained potential—not for ourselves alone, but to make this world a better place."

After his address, Mr. Tkach presented Dr. Ward and his wife, Wanda, with a plaque and timepieces in recognition of Dr. Ward's 25 years of working for the university and the Church.

Michael Germano, dean of Academic Affairs, told the students that the administration and faculty are seeking to promote a strong sense of community at AU. "In so doing, we



IN THE FAMILY—Sisters Tammy, Virginia and Terri David of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, with currency used at get-acquainted picnic. [Photo by Mike Bedford]

are building a university to honor and glorify God," he said.

He quoted the late Charles H. Malik, former Lebanese ambassador and president of the United Nations General Assembly and a friend of AU founder Herbert W. Armstrong.

Dr. Malik said: "One day, a great university will arise somewhere, I hope in America, to which Christ will return in his full glory and power, a university which will, in promotion of scientific, intellectual and artistic excellence, surpass by far even the best secular universities of the present, but which will at the same time enable Christ to bless it

and act and feel perfectly at home in it."

Freshman Serene Kareh from Amman, Jordan, one of 69 new international students, representing 22 countries, was impressed with her first week on campus. "Every single person I've met at Ambassador is a nice person—it's wonderful that there is a place that upholds values and principles," she said.

The week's activities included a block party for new students and student leaders Aug. 15, freshman reception Aug. 18, and a cookout and '50s dance Aug. 21.

This year freshmen arrived on campus several days before the rest of the student body, so they could get to know each other. Freshman Don Holland, of Pensacola, Florida, was

pleased with "the way the camaraderie was built."

Student leaders, also on campus during freshmen week, attended the student leadership conference and assisted new students in the transition to campus life.

Several students said how much they appreciated Jeb Egbert, dean of Student Affairs, meeting with all the freshmen in small groups.

Stephanie Szymkowiak of Dover, Ohio, said: "I really liked Mr. Egbert's lectures because he was very upbeat and positive, which got the year off to a good start. It made me feel that this is the right place for me."

Jesse Griffin of Little Rock, Arkansas, agreed: "The enthusiasm of orientation week was brought out by Mr. Egbert's inspiration—the way he always had a smile and spoke reassuringly."

AU's fall semester classes began Aug. 22.



Personal from...

JOSEPH W. TKACH

A Feast 'unto the Lord'

The Festival of Tabernacles is a celebration of the great salvation and glory of God. The central theme of this joyous annual Festival is salvation through Jesus Christ.

We celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles "unto the Lord." Jesus Christ is the focus of the Feast. Each day of the Feast we worship him, we rejoice in his goodness toward us and we enjoy Christian fellowship with our brothers and sisters in the faith. It is a time God has given his people for optimism and unity, a time to renew hope and to celebrate godly peace.

The fall festivals are especially important to us because they highlight the hope of all Christians—the resurrection—which will occur at the second coming of Jesus. The Feast is a celebration of the time we long for, when we will have "put on immortality" and received our eternal inheritance with Christ.

As we observe the Feast, we rejoice in the miracle of reconciliation with our heavenly Father, made possible through the sacrifice of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. We celebrate with great anticipation the future time of peace brought about by the sovereign reign of our Savior and King. And we rejoice in the knowledge that God wants everyone to come to salvation through his Son.

While it is understandable for humans to reflect on the physical
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CIRCLE OF FRIENDS—Joe Piotrowski, director of the Ukraine project, strengthens relationships with Children of Chernobyl, who were affected by the nuclear accident in 1986.

Students share in Ukrainian summer

By Joe Piotrowski

This summer six Ambassador students, two graduates and a high school graduate participated in an Ambassador Foundation project in Ukraine. We taught English and developed strong friendships with the Sabbatharians. We served the community with the Sabbatharians, and in doing so we learned much from them.

We met many Sabbatharians who remained faithful despite intense persecution under communism, and the youths who have resisted many of the evils that come with newfound

freedom after the demise of communism. Our minds were opened to how God can work with others in different cultures.

Our primary purpose was to strengthen our relationship with the Sabbatharians in Transcarpathia. We worked closely with Victor Pavlii, head of the Nazareth Mission, which
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Final issue

This is the final issue of *The Worldwide News* before the Feast. Our next issue is Oct. 25.

Filipinos sharpen physical, spiritual skills

By Eleazar V. Flores

MANILA, Philippines—The Church here is actively engaged in preaching the gospel with more emphasis on personal and congregational evangelism, as well as addressing Filipinos' continuing economic hardships.

Many congregations are preparing for the open house program. The congregations in Baguio City in Luzon, Cebu City in the Visayas, and Davao City in Mindanao will have open house services after the Feast of Tabernacles this year. A few *Plain Truth* Bible lectures are also being planned before the end of the year.

Several congregations have ongoing livelihood projects. The one in Kiara, Bukidnon (in Mindanao), has cattle-fattening and biointensive farming projects.

Paper- and card-making seminars are being conducted to help members augment their income by making paper and greeting cards from indigenous or locally available materials. These cards are sold in the United States. We hope to sell more overseas.

Cooperatives have been organized in 15 congregations to help members improve their financial situations. Coopera-

tives make it easier for members to avail themselves of financial incentives or assistance offered by the government.

This year we initiated miniconferences for full-time ministers in Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao. These conferences, which took place in late July and early August, are designed to promote unity and sharpen ministers' skills in serving God's people.

The Church in the Philippines continues to face challenges. The eco-



Philippine churches

economic situation is difficult for a number of our members. In certain areas we face law and order difficulties (such as kidnappings in southern and western Mindanao).

Also, because of the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo in 1992, we face the threat of lahar flowing down the mountain slopes and engulfing townships in Central Luzon during the monsoon season.

With these ongoing activities, plus your prayers and God's help, we are assured that the Church in the Philippines will be vibrant and vigorous in pursuing the great commission.

Jazzy days of summer

By Cindy Gehman

Perfect weather and an all-star lineup of jazz artists and ensembles set the stage for Ambassador Performing Arts' fourth annual summer event, the Pasadena Jazz Festival, Aug. 6 and 7. The festival, which took place on Church grounds, met with rave reviews from the audience and critics alike.

The Saturday night performance opened to a sold-out crowd with Jeannie and Jimmy Cheatham and the Sweet Baby Blues, and Hank Crawford playing a dramatic alto saxophone. The Cheathams and their blues version of jazz were noted as one of the hits of the festival.

Headlining the evening was the Jimmy Smith Quartet with special guest Marlena Shaw. Smith has singlehandedly defined the role of the Hammond B-3 organ in modern jazz, and his almost vocal style of playing confirmed his continuing mastery of blues hits with the instrument. An unexpected cool breeze bathed the Auditorium Mall on Sunday afternoon as Nnenna Freelon's silky swing voice opened Day Two with well-loved jazz standards in classic jazz diva style. The progressive beat of Earl Klugh's guitar finished out the afternoon set.

The evening set of straight-ahead jazz opened with another hit of the festival, the Benny Green Trio, with Green showing incredible virtuosity on the piano. This year's jazz festival came to a satisfying conclusion with the improvisation of the Joe Henderson Trio, with Henderson on tenor saxophone.

During extended lunch and dinner intermissions, Pasadena area restaurants offered outdoor dining. Music on the Mall, an open event featuring the Rickey Woodard Quintet and the Frank Vignola Trio, brought several hundred additional jazz fans to the festival.

Every feature of the Pasadena Jazz Festival—the artists, the restaurants, the outdoor portion and the atmosphere—came together to create a magnificent event. If last year's reviews of the event were complimentary, the reviews this year were practically gushing.

Don Heckman with the *Los Angeles Times* wrote, "The setting very nearly stole the show" and the Pasadena Jazz Festival was "both musically entertaining and creatively challenging."

For those who missed the spectacular weekend in Pasadena, nearly all the performances were videotaped for possible commercial distribution.



Earl Klugh

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Letters to the Editor

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Can't overcome enough

I read your first article "Can You Overcome Enough for God?" and was greatly inspired by such a well-written, excellent article on this subject. I finally understood that only through Christ's precious sacrifice, faith in him and acceptance of him at baptism that I had finally overcome.

I have thought that overcoming meant keeping the law, fasting, praying, etc. But that's spiritual growth, not overcoming. I overcame through Christ, by faith in him, not by works. Your article made that the plain truth!

I was disturbed by the letter you received that was printed in the July 12 issue. The person who wrote the letter missed the mark and failed to understand what you (through God's inspiration) were teaching us.

I applaud and congratulate you in your answer and the manner in which you addressed his concern. Thank you for once again making it clear. As you stated: "We

can fast all we want, pray all we want, build all kinds of character and we will never be perfect in this life. We will never overcome Satan, the world or our sinful nature that way, for overcoming is through the blood of the Lamb and faith." Faith in Jesus the Son of God!

Colonia, New Jersey

Love, the driving principle

I am writing concerning the two articles you have written in *The Worldwide News* and the response the first one engendered. John wrote: "Whoever does not love, does not know God because God is love" (1 John 4:8).

The converse is also true—the more we do love, the more we will know God.

This is obvious, as love has been the driving principle behind Mr. Tkach's leadership of God's Church. Problems arise not out of a lack of understanding, but a lack of harmony with the spiritual direction which God is taking us, i.e., we do not want to "follow the cloud."

When I first came into the Church in 1970, "hellfire and damnation" was the common fare as well as salvation by works. We were told if we could not perfectly adhere to the law, we were "on our way to the lake of fire!"

I was young, I was high strung and I was

devastated week after week. I lived in constant fear. It literally took me years to get over that.

I am so thankful that our God is not like that! I guess this was kind of a long-winded way of saying: "Thanks a lot! You're doing a great job! Keep up the good work!" Please continue confidently in your work—it is a help to us.

Highland Lakes, New Jersey

We must obey Christ

Thanks to Ralph Orr for his articles about overcoming. I learned from them that the Bible doesn't use the term *overcome* in the way I had supposed.

As Mr. Orr pointed out again and again, Christians cannot continue in sin. We must do God's will and obey him, but we should not confuse obedience with overcoming. Our confidence is in Christ, and he lives in us. He's our focus.

Pasadena

Appreciates explanation

The letter showing how Ralph Orr responded to the anonymous letter in the July 12 issue, "How Do We Overcome," was superb. The letter also gave the answer to 1 John 2:13-14.

Wichita, Kansas

Spiritual support

Thank you for all the support you give us spiritually in articles. The article on overcoming by Ralph Orr is good, as is the follow-up article in a later issue.

Brighton, Colorado

Personal: celebrating Festival's spiritual focus

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benefits of a world ruled by Jesus Christ, we should understand that the greatest blessings of the millennial reign of Christ are spiritual. The physical blessings often become the focus of our attention instead of the spiritual blessings that are of far greater importance.

The Old Testament prophets described, in terms of abundant physical blessings, the future day when Israel would be, through God's merciful intervention, reconciled to him.

As a result, many first-century Jews, including the disciples of Jesus, looked for a conquering Messiah who would restore their physical fortunes and bring them physical blessings. They expected the Messiah to overthrow the Romans and lead the Jewish nation to world prominence.

But they did not understand that their greatest enemy wasn't the Romans—it was sin. They didn't understand that their real need wasn't land and international prestige—it was spiritual redemption. Consequently, they completely failed to grasp the true meaning of the Messiah's mission and the true significance of his sacrifice.

They counted Jesus' glorious defeat of sin and death as nothing but weakness and shame. The eternal, transcendent, spiritual value of the Messiah's life and death was lost on them.

The greatest news

Today, too, our greatest enemy is sin, and Jesus the Messiah saves us from our sins, rescues us from the dominion of darkness and brings us into the kingdom of the beloved Son of God (Colossians 1:13). That is the greatest news, the greatest knowledge, the greatest truth there could possibly be!

Jesus may rescue us from our physical enemies, too, but he doesn't always. He promises us eternal life, not a life of physical health, wealth and prestige. Life should not be measured by physical things.

Our greatest need is spiritual, and God's greatest gift to us is spiritual. We are given forgiveness of sins, reconciliation with the Father, new life in Christ through the Holy Spirit, and we yet look forward to immortality in the fullest possible, most intimate relationship with God through Christ.

Humanity's greatest enemy will continue to be sin, even during the Millennium. Satan will be bound. Human governments will be under subjection. The Word of God will be proclaimed. Peer pressure will be much more positive. But sin will remain.

Death is humanity's greatest enemy, and death is the result of sin. To escape the greatest enemy, every human's greatest need is the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. That will be just as true in the Millennium as it is today!

The greatest blessing of the Millennium is not physical—it is spiritual. Even as is true today, the greatest blessing of the Millennium will be the eternal gospel—the promise of salvation, of eternal life by God's grace through faith in the Son of God. Salvation will be given to those who accept not only Jesus' role as King, but also accept him as the Lamb of God sacrificed for their sins.

The same gospel will be preached to all nations that is being preached today—and what gospel will it be? It won't focus on predictions (the second coming will be history), but on salvation. It will be the same good news we preach today. Salvation is the best news possible. It offers the only solution to humanity's greatest problem.

Our greatest enemy has already been conquered by the Lamb of God, and we can take part in his victory through repentance and faith, through forgiveness and reconciliation with our heavenly Father, through the Holy Spirit dwelling in us, giving us new life—eternal life.

That will be the good news preached in the world tomorrow, just as it is in the world today!

Symbolizing spiritual salvation

In ancient Israel, the Feast of Tabernacles was celebrated as a reminder of God's salvation, of the fact that God rescued his people from slavery in Egypt. "Live in booths for seven days: All native-born Israelites are to live in booths so your descendants will know that I had the Israelites live in booths when I brought them out of Egypt" (Leviticus 23:42-43). The booths were to remind them of the Exodus and that God had given them freedom, deliverance from the bondage of Egypt.

For the ancient Israelites, the booths symbolized their physical salvation. But Christians observe the Feast of Tabernacles with new meaning. For us today, our temporary dwellings remind us of our spiritual salvation. God has rescued us from the slavery of sin, and we are on a spiritual journey toward our promised inheritance, made possible by a Savior who is God and is thus infinitely greater than Moses and Aaron combined.

When the Feast of Tabernacles is observed after the second coming, it will continue to commemorate the spiritual deliverance God has given his people through Jesus Christ. And if people will not come to worship Jesus Christ, if they do not accept him as their Savior, as the only way to salvation and the life of the kingdom of God, they will not be given the blessings of his rule (Zechariah 14:16-19).

Anciently, God divorced the Israelites, making them "not my people," because they did not acknowledge God as their benefactor (Hosea 1:6-9; 2:2, 8-9). But Hosea predicted that the Israelites would be restored to a right relationship with God. "In that day," God said, "you will call me 'my husband'; you will no longer call me 'my master'" (verse 16). The relationship will not be based on mere submission to power (even the demons must obey God), but on love.

God will restore the land, and the people of God will respond with songs of hope and joy, just as they did after the Exodus (verse 15), because even the Exodus was a physical shadow of the glorious spiritual deliverance to come in the future. God will give his people righteousness, justice, love, compassion and faithfulness (verses 19-20).

The people will acknowledge the Lord. They will be thankful for his mercy and grace. And God will cause the earth to be productive and fruitful (verses 21-22), and the people who were not his people will become the people of God (verse 23). The physical abundance of the earth accompanies the spiritual transformation brought about by God's work of grace on the people's behalf.

In that day, people will hunger and thirst for righteousness. They will love God and seek him. "Many nations will come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord.... He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths'" (Micah 4:2). "The Lord will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one Lord, and his name the only name" (Zechariah 14:9).

People will worship the Lord and

Update on Rwandan refugees in Zaire

GOMA, Zaire—More than 30 Rwandan members who fled here from violence in their home country are safe and well, according to Bernard Andrist, who visited them in August. None of the members have succumbed to the disease epidemics ravaging refugees. They are living in Goma on property owned by a Rwandan member originally from Zaire, and not in the refugee camps.

Mr. Andrist gave the members medication, clothes, soap, candles and much-needed water purification equipment. Four members were not in Goma. One member and her household stayed in Kigali, Rwanda. The adult children of another member were killed in the massacre. The member remained in Kigali searching for other family members. The Church has received no word from one member.

Mr. Andrist returned to his home in Geneva, Switzerland, Aug. 22.

The Rwandan members plan to return to their homes in Kigali when it is safe to do so, and they hope that God will use them to do a work in Rwanda.

The Church plans to send additional supplies, to help them while in Goma, according to Randal Dick, assistant director of Church Administration International. However, care must be taken not to make the members a target by giving them things that make them appear better off than those around them.

Mr. Dick said that in this part of the world, soldiers and even some officials are forced to seek part of their salary through seeking bribes or through confiscation. As refugees in Zaire, our brethren have no rights and must conduct themselves with care. The prayers of the Church on their behalf are greatly appreciated.

love him; they will love their neighbors and have no enemies. But they will still sin. And as we well know, even 1,000 years of obedience cannot give anyone eternal life. If righteousness could be achieved by law, then Christ died in vain (Galatians 2:21).

One of the commands that everyone will be taught is: Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. Believe that salvation is by grace, through faith in him. This will be taught to the nations who seek the Lord. Everyone will have to accept Jesus Christ not only as Lord and King, but also as personal Savior.

Like us, they will strive to obey God in all things, but they will also fall short of the glory of God. Everyone will have to confess sins and trust in Christ for forgiveness. Everyone will have to be born again. The physical aspects of God's rule will not be enough, just as it was not enough for ancient Israel—all people must yield to the spiritual rule of God, too.

The Festival of Tabernacles was ordained by Israel's God as a harvest festival. It was a time of celebrating after the grapes were gathered and pressed into wine and the olives were gathered and pressed into oil. Spiritual parallels are obvious: All peoples will be gathered to Christ the King, and the Holy Spirit will be "poured out" generously, and the resulting salvation will be cause for tremendous rejoicing. Spiritual blessings will abound.

I find it tremendously exciting to think about these amazing future blessings, and I hope that you share in my enthusiasm. The Feast is a time for celebration and rejoicing in our spiritual blessings, in the joy of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our promised spiritual inheritance, of which we already have a foretaste, is a much greater and glorious blessing than the promised land was to the Israelites—and it is also an infinitely greater blessing than the physical abundance described by the Old Testament prophets. In Jesus the Messiah, all things are fulfilled, and we can certainly say, as well, filled to the fullest and overflowing.

Beyond the Millennium

Notice that the book of Revelation has only a few verses about the Millennium, and there is no description of physical blessings. Far more attention is given to the new heaven and new earth.

Like John, we need to see beyond the Millennium. The physical Millennium will be temporary, but the spiritual kingdom of God lasts forever. As the spiritual people of God, we need to have a spiritual focus. We ought to

let the physical point us to the spiritual and the eternal.

The physical blessings of the millennial rule are wonderful, of course. We rejoice in the promise of peaceful lions, but we should rejoice even more because the Lion of Judah makes it possible for us to have peace with God. We rejoice in the promise of agricultural abundance, but we should rejoice even more because everyone will have access to the Bread of Life.

It is good to rejoice in the promises of physical prosperity, just as it is right to be thankful for physical blessings in this age. But it would be wrong to stop there. Physical prosperity is not enough. We who are led by the Holy Spirit ought to see that the spiritual blessings are of immeasurably greater value.

If we are simply focusing on a physical utopia, our understanding hasn't progressed much further than the first-century Jews. If we focus on peace and prosperity through law and enforcement, and neglect salvation by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, we have a terribly inadequate understanding of who our Lord and Savior is.

Our festival celebrations should always be centered on Jesus Christ—not just on his laws and his power to enforce them (which he certainly has)—but on him—the Lamb "looking as if it had been slain" (Revelation 5:6), the one who is worthy to open the seals because he was "slain, and with [his] blood [he] purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation" (verse 9), the King who is faithful and true and judges in righteousness, and is clothed in a robe dipped in blood (Revelation 19:11-13).

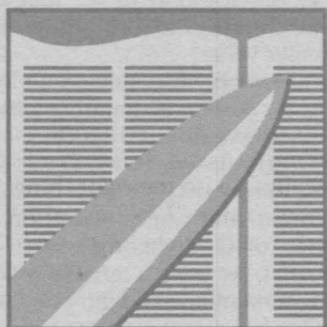
Without Jesus' saving work, the entire Millennium would be meaningless and fruitless.

Our work is not easy. When we first became Christians, we knew we would have trials, but we also had faith that, no matter what sort of trial we might face, Christ would strengthen us throughout the trial. And he has been faithful. We have confidence in him and in his role as Head of the Church. Let's go on together, with optimism for the future, praying for one another, contributing to unity.

"Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess" (Hebrews 3:1). Please join me in praying that this Feast of Tabernacles will prove to be of great spiritual benefit to the Church.

Iron Sharpens Iron

Proverbs 27:17—As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.



Child rearing

Here are books about effective parenting. They are available either in bookstores or from the publishers.

Curran, Dolores: *Traits of a Healthy Family*, HarperSanFrancisco.

Dinkmeyer, Don, and McKay, Gary D.: *Parent's Handbook: Systematic Training for Effective Parenting*, American Guidance Service.

Durfield, Richard C. and Renee: *Raising Them Chaste*, Bethany House Publishers.

Goethals, Gilbert H. (associate pastor of the Bremerton and Tacoma, Washington, churches) and L. Raymond Hayes: *The Joy of Raising Our Kids in the 21st Century*, Brait Publishers.

Price, Alvin, and Parry, Jay A.: *Discipline: 101 Alternatives to Nagging, Yelling, and Spanking*, Brite Music Inc.

Rosemond, John: *Parent Power! A Common-Sense Approach to Parenting in the '90s and Beyond*, Andrews and McMeel.

Rosemond, John: *Six-Point Plan for Raising Happy, Healthy Children*, Andrews and McMeel.

Sears, William: *Christian Parenting and Child Care*, Thomas Nelson.

Smalley, Gary: *The Key to Your Child's Heart*, Word Publishing.

'Why doesn't that child pay attention?'

There's usually more to it than too little parenting or too much sugar

By Joel Rissinger

We've all seen him. You know, the disheveled little boy in the third row who can't sit still, can't be quiet and can't seem to respond to even the simplest direction.

His parents are angry and embarrassed and, we might think, so they should be. Having seen this family struggling at Sabbath services, we might feel we know what the problem is.

Obviously, we might conclude, this boy's parents lack understanding of proper discipline. Just a few short pointers should help them bring this kid into line. Yes, that would do it. Or, they could just stop feeding him so much sugar.

Is it always that simple? I used to think so—until my wife, Karen, and I were blessed with an ADHD child of our own. ADHD stands for Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder. ADHD is a complex variety of ADD (Attention Deficit Disorder).

Our David

Perhaps our personal family experience can help others understand. Seven years ago, David came into our lives. My wife had meticulously guarded her health, state of mind, diet and even her taste in music throughout the pregnancy hoping to produce the "perfect" baby.

During the pregnancy and birth my wife avoided any medications that we felt might harm our child. Nonetheless, almost immediately, we knew something was wrong.

Even during the pregnancy, David was not a normal baby. He was nervous and kicked at the slightest sound or movement. He was acutely aware of what was happening outside the womb, so much so that we sometimes wondered whether we were imagining how sensitive he was.

While being born, David literally panicked. His heart rate was erratic. He inhaled meconium. After delivery, he needed aspiration. For several hours he gasped for breath.

Over the next 16 months, David had colic almost every day. At one point, we had to rush him to the emergency room because of severe dehydration brought on by the colic, combined with a case of stomach flu.

He wouldn't look at our eyes for extended periods of time, and he could never be held without squirming, wrenching and crying. For the next two years, we tried everything from special diets to radical disciplinary tactics to control his erratic behavior and health difficulties.

He seemed unable to make a connection between the punishment and the crime. Thinking he was stubborn, my reaction was to "turn up the heat." Unfortunately, this just made matters worse. ADHD children

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will often become more aggressive and even violent after being spanked.

Were we rotten parents?

Along the way, we received a plethora of suggestions from friends, family and Church members. Desperate to have our child act the way we knew all good kids should, we tried most of them, but to no avail.

We even heard a sermon on child rearing that seemed to have been preached primarily in reaction to our son's behavior. (That is not something any parent wants to experience, especially when the techniques being suggested are ones you've already tried.) There were times after Sabbath services that my wife came home and cried.

Things were hard on David too. Because of constant failure and trouble at school, church and home, he began to say, "I'm a bad kid—huh, Dad" or "I'm stupid."

After a while, Karen and I began believing what many of those around us seemed to have concluded was true: We were just rotten parents.

CHADD

It was at this time we heard of CHADD, which stands for Children with Attention Deficit Disorder. Joining an ADD support group began an education process that has not only helped us deal with our own child, but with the children of several other bewildered parents. After attending CHADD meetings, listening to lectures and reading articles on ADD, we were encouraged to pursue an evaluation.

Shortly before his seventh birthday, David was interviewed by a psychiatrist, a psychologist and a clinical social worker at a medical center. They unanimously diagnosed him as having ADHD.

Even the slightest stimulus distracts an ADD child. We found that the tags on David's shirts make it impossible for him to pay attention, since the tags occasionally touch the back of his neck. Noise, light, color, touch, basically everything can cause an ADD child to lose focus.

ADD kids are always struggling to maintain mental control. Because of this, they will fight anyone who is attempting to control their behavior. Arguing, crying, fighting and screaming are common when Mom and Dad attempt to lay down the law.

After being corrected for an impulsive mistake, David has often said: "Dad, you don't understand, it's too hard for me to remember. It's different."

What makes matters seem worse is the apparent inability of many ADD children to outgrow their condition (although some improvement may occur after puberty).

Adding it all up

Is ADD hopeless? Not at all. There are several helpful things parents, friends and ministers can do for those who struggle with this disorder. Here are some suggestions:

- Read to build understanding of ADD, its symptoms and treatment options. (I have included a suggested reading list at the end of this article.) Understanding can help those close to the family deal with the situation with compassion and love.

- Counsel parents to have their child diagnosed by more than one medical professional. Nothing is more frustrating and depressing for an ADD child than to be misdiagnosed and mistreated as a problem child.

Nonetheless, if a unanimous or nearly unanimous diagnosis is reached between professionals and parents, ADD treatment should be pursued.

- Realize that most severe ADD children can and often must be treated with medication in order to live normal, healthy lives. Many stimulants and even some antidepressant medications have been remarkably successful in eliminating or drastically reducing ADD symptoms.

Some parents, in tears, will note that they feel as if they've finally met their child after years of struggle and estrangement.

The most common and successful medication is Ritalin, a stimulant that has relatively few side effects and yet is remarkably effective. Psychostimulant medications have helped 70 to 80 percent of ADD children.

Attention span, impulsiveness and on-task behavior often improve, as do handwriting and compliance. Dietary modifications can also help, but are usually less successful in helping the brain function normally.

- Encourage the parents. The last thing anyone needs to tell parents of an ADD child is to "spare not the rod."

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What Is ADHD?

Although the name ADHD is relatively new, the medical diagnosis has been accepted and recognized for decades. Formerly called Hyperkinesis and Minimal Brain Disorder, ADHD has been better understood since the early 1980s. Some experts claim it affects 3 to 5 percent of all children, although boys are more commonly affected.

According to CHADD, "ADD is a neurobiological disability that interferes with a person's ability to sustain attention or focus on a task and to delay impulsive behavior."

Using brain imaging, the National Institute for Mental Health has documented neurobiological underpinnings of ADD. They now know that the rate at which the brain uses glucose, especially in the portion of the brain that is responsible for attention, handwriting, motor control and planning, is lower in people with ADD.

If accompanied by hyperactivity, the problem is sometimes more extreme. Causes are less understood, although many doctors believe ADD is hereditary.

ADD characteristics often arise in early childhood. Possible indicators include: fidgeting, difficulty sitting, extreme difficulty following instructions, shifting from one uncompleted task to another, difficulty playing quietly, interrupting, intruding into other children's games, giving the appearance of ignoring verbal commands, taking dangerous action with no thought to consequence and subtle motor skill deficiencies that inhibit writing and other activities.

Another frequent symptom is the inability to see causal relationships. In other words, their minds change gears so frequently they may not remember or fully comprehend why they are being punished, even when the punishment is for something they were told not to do a short time before.

Positive expectation, respect, keys for reaching teens

Teens need to know the Church needs them. That is the simple lesson driven home after talking to 288 teens and ministers at the Summer Educational Program (SEP) in Orr, Minnesota, in July and August.

By Neil Earle

In his book *How To Really Love Your Teenagers*, H. Ross Campbell wrote that while most parents love their teenagers, most teens don't feel loved. We seem to be facing a parallel situation with many teens as far as their relationship to the Church.

Why would so many teens feel ignored or neglected, as so many of them have expressed? Perhaps not a majority feel that way, but an important number do. There are many reasons. One is that there are always new groups of teens with new challenges and questions.

Other reasons are more complex and can include even the natural stress caused by changes that occur in the Church over time.

Most teens we talked to want to include the Worldwide Church of God as part of a well-planned future. But they still possess the power of decision, and there are some things they want ministers, parents and youth leaders to know.

It is common to hear teens speak—in the open and relaxed atmosphere of SEP—about clusters of three, four or five of their friends and peers who have dropped out of the Church, or Church teens who have decided not to attend YOU activities.

The situation may not be at the crisis stage yet, but it is serious. Serious enough to pay attention to their feedback and frustrations. The points below kept coming up at Christian

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living classes at SEP and during many informal chats with them.

● **As expected, teens appreciate activities and adult attention.**

Teens are smart. They know that the congregation cannot become a permanent theme park for youths or serve as an endless source of funding and financing. They appreciate regular sermonettes for their age group or even full sermons during the church calendar year.

As one Christian living class commented: There are 52 weeks in the year. There should be something aimed at us. We are excited by the open house program the Church is conducting, but we ourselves represent the largest single body of future members the Church has.

Good point.

It is easy for us as adults to forget that if our teens are still attending and want to be led God's way in spite of inducements and temptations pulling them the other way, then they should deserve our respect. Some pay a great price just to come to church.

One teenage girl, whose parents have separated, regularly drives her younger siblings to school and to the Feast of Tabernacles. A 17-year-old boy remembers being so scared sitting on a bus all by himself, driving through the rough part of town, determined not to miss services.

And a growing number are facing the unfamiliar stress of seeing one or both of their parents leave the Church for various dissident groups. Teens are feeling the pressure.

Teens appreciate it when their congregation is a caring, nurturing place. Most are aware of the 1,001 demands on their minister's time, but as young Christians they appreciate the feeling that they are worth top billing on occasion.

It is hard to fault them for this feeling, especially since it reflects a real respect for what the Church means to them.

● **Most teens want us to know that respect is a two-way street.**

Our young people feel they are too often told to do the right thing rather than having things fully explained to them. Said one bright young girl, who had won a scholarship to a top U.S. university: "We are halfway toward being adults. We appreciate

being reasoned with and not always lectured."

This is one reason they enjoy interactive or discussion-type Bible studies. *Youth 94* and the *Arrows* newsletter for Church youths are often valuable sources of such interesting, less structured, less hierarchical forms of teen studies.

As developing adults they also appreciate more negotiation from parents and youth leaders, that is, not so much of a "my way or the highway" approach to them from us adults. Our teens have a surprising desire to follow compassionate and lively adult leadership. That is obvious to anyone who has attended one of our SEP camps around the world.

On matters such as music, dating or discipline, they appreciate having things explained to them in their congregations. Deep down, we adults and youth leaders know this. But we tend to forget. And teens can be understanding. They are willing to give us the time to learn some of these things.

● **There is still too much of a negative expectation about teens in many corners of the Church.**

A negative expectation shows up when we, as parents, ministers and youth leaders, let our young people know that we don't trust them. A negative expectation shows up when we reflect an attitude of "as soon as my back is turned you'll be up to something."

It's easy to misjudge teens. And we all do it! But that supposedly rebellious look that sets off our not-so-righteous indignation may be because of a poor night's sleep, a cruel comment in school, a negative home situation or genuine growing pains or health problems.

Negative expectations short-circuit adult-teen relations. Teens can spot dislike and disrespect a mile away. Teen radar picks up negative adult vibes at the speed of light.

Adults: In dealing with teens, practice positive reinforcement and remember the broad-based wisdom of Psalm 25:6-7: "Remember, O Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you are good, O Lord."

Once, a schoolteacher inadvertently confused her pupils' locker numbers with their IQ—138, 142, 153. The principal was astonished with the class performance at the end of the year.

The teacher—equally astonished—thought she had a class of gifted pupils and treated them accordingly. This is a true story. What a lesson in positive, as opposed to negative, expectations!

● **Many teens want to be involved somehow in the local church.**

The youths we talked to for this article expressed a deep-seated need to feel needed. And many pastors, parents and youth leaders do a fine job here. It is always a delight to see their enthusiasm bubbling over when they describe a vibrant YOU activity or service project, and youth leaders who not only care but actively show it with smiles, a friendly spirit and even a hug or pat on the back on occasion.

Church involvement takes many forms. Some congregations schedule a regular time when teens can help run the local church. Teen crews serve on parking, ushering, serving refreshments after services, taking attendance or even sharing some sermonette time explaining their SEP experiences. The teens love it!

They also appreciate the service projects springing up across the Church—the Adopt-a-Highway program, Meals on Wheels, hospital visits, trips to nursing homes or senior citizens lodges as part of a church outreach program. We can't say that in a few short years this will be their church. It already is. They appreciate the fact that we let them know that.

Many ministers who teach Christian living classes at SEP camps around the world take home with them memories of an earnest, vibrant youth group striving despite heavy odds—and sometimes quite heroically—to do the right thing.

Teens say: "I'm so glad the Church will always be there." "The Church gives me a purpose and direction in life" or "The Sabbath is a real break from the world; I can be myself among my friends." These teens deserve the best we can give them.

ADD: Hope, help and success through the years

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If anything, ADD parents often are in danger of using abusive correction because of their exasperation. They may need to know that, for ADD kids, the best form of correction is prevention.

Also effective is discipline in the form of short and well-defined time-outs. (A time-out is a short period, usually one minute for every year of the child's age, of isolation from all stimulation and attention. For example, we usually send David to his room to sit facing the wall.) For ADD kids this is so boring and exasperating that it has a greater effect than corporal punishment. (CHADD and other parent support groups often offer information on discipline).

● Help parents realize ADD is a medical problem and not a reflection on their ability to properly train their children.

David is now doing fine. We've adjusted our expectations and methods of teaching and disciplining him, with great success. He is happier, less emotional and more responsive to direction than ever before.

School is still a challenge, but by working with his teachers to modify teaching methods used at his grade level, we've witnessed improvement. Like most ADHD kids, David is creative, imaginative, loving and energetic. We believe that with treatment and behavior modification, he will lead a happy and successful life.

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Philippine members aid children

MANILA, Philippines—Members here help children in the Reception and Study Center for Children, an orphanage in Quezon City, which houses and feeds orphans and abandoned children.

The members provide used clothing and footwear as well as free hair-care. They also give parties for the children

and teach them Bible stories.

Several in the Manila South church prepared weekly meals of bulgur wheat and green peas for about 300 malnourished children from January to March at Langgam Elementary School in San Pedro, Laguna. The project will be resumed this school year if time and funds permit.

High School Honorees

The Worldwide News congratulates the following youths who were valedictorians or salutatorians (or ranked first or second) in their graduating classes.



Bituin R. Acebron
Valedictorian
Guadalupe Elementary School
Makati, Philippines, church



Meddie Aguilu
Valedictorian
Luzviminda High School
Luzviminda, Philippines, church



Angela Anthony
Class rank No. 1
Sebastopol High School
Meridian, Mississippi, church



Lisa Bickford
Salutatorian
River Glen School
Red Deer, Alberta, church



Leif Bjoraker
Salutatorian
Hawkins High School
Big Sandy P.M. church



Kelly Paige Calfee
Valedictorian
Isabella High School
Birmingham, Alabama, church



Rachel Conway
Valedictorian
Weed High School
Redding, California, church



Nova M. Dupa
Valedictorian
Victoria National High School
Tarlac, Philippines, church



Chad Weston Goodchild
Salutatorian
Birch Run High School
Flint, Michigan, church



Brian Hammer
Salutatorian
Union Grove High School
Big Sandy P.M. church



Leah Nichole Hunter
Valedictorian
Portsmouth East High School
Portsmouth, Ohio, church



April Rose C. Ibarra
Salutatorian
Wesleyan University
Cabanatuan City, Philippines, church



Shyrell Rose C. Ibarra
Valedictorian
Wesleyan University
Cabanatuan City, Philippines, church



Eric Stefan Jackson
Valedictorian
Placer High School
Sacramento, California, church



Laura Laing
Valedictorian
L'Anse Creuse High School
Detroit, Michigan, East church



Katrina Heather Maranville
Valedictorian
Shadow Mountain High School
Phoenix, Arizona, North church



Sarah Elizabeth Parrish
Valedictorian
Bowling Green RI High School
Columbia, Missouri, church



Robin Roxine Randolph
Valedictorian
Amelia County High School
Richmond, Virginia, church



Chip Sloan
Valedictorian
McLoud High School
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, church



A. Beth Schwartzrock
Valedictorian
Hawley High School
Fargo, North Dakota, church



Grace Ann Uy
Salutatorian
Romblon National High School
Marikina, Philippines, church



Darcy Walls
Valedictorian
Gladewater High School
Big Sandy P.M. church



Christopher Sean Williams
Salutatorian
LaVergne High School
Murfreesboro, Tennessee, church



Lisa Williams
Valedictorian
Ezzell Junior High
Victoria, Texas, church

Obituaries

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REINHARDT, Leona Anna Martha, 87, of Centralia, Illinois, died July 25. She is survived by a sister, Bernice Tubbs; and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Alfred; four brothers, William C., Oscar, Louis and Henry W. Niermann Jr.; and three sisters, Johanna Aussieker, Louise Beckmeyer and Delores Haun.

TRAINOR, Mary Jane, 75, of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, died Feb. 22. She is survived by nine children, 23 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband, Loyal.



OLIVE PRICE
PRICE, Olive, 76, of Leeds, England, died July 24 of a lengthy illness. She is survived by her husband, Stan; two daughters, Sylvia and Brenda; and numerous grandchildren.

McPHERSON, Georgie Mae, 76, of West Monroe, Louisiana, died July 6. She is survived by two daughters, Priscilla Frasier and Janis Swenk; a sister, Lessye Robinson; a brother, Perry Crawford; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Crosby.

PERKINS, Evelyn Joyce, 57, of Augusta, Kentucky, died June 24. She is survived by her husband, Robert; a son, Jeff; and a brother, Harold.

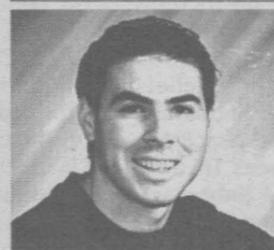


MARY TRONOLONE
TRONOLONE, Mary, 86, of Orchard Park, New York, died July 16 of a lengthy illness. She is survived by her son, Daniel; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

MUSGROVE, Walter E., 84, of Big Sandy, died Aug. 1. He is survived by his wife, Christina; two brothers, Johan and Albert; two stepdaughters, Ellen Edelbach and Margie Nelson; several step-grandchildren; and 20 step-great-grandchildren.

WOLFE, Mary Ruth, 86, of Florence, Kentucky, died July 24. She is survived by nine children, 27 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

MARTIN, Virginia L., 71, of Plattsburgh, New York, died April 2. She is survived by a daughter, Virginia Rock; a grandson, Gregory Rock; three sisters, Eva Barton, Doris Merrifield and Irene LaBombard; and five brothers, William, Sidney, Paul, Carl and Gordon Maicus. She was preceded in death by her husband, William J.; and a grandson, Aaron Rock.



RYAN BIASOTTO
BIASOTTO, Ryan, 17, of Regina, Saskatchewan, died July 11. He is survived by his parents, Linda and Mario; a brother, Dave; and numerous other relatives.

BERNARD, Edith, 79, of Kamiah, Idaho, died Nov. 7 of a heart attack. She is survived by her husband, John, a deacon in the Clarkston, Washington, church.

Ukraine: unity in diverse groups

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serves community needs and the Sabbatharians.

We conducted a seven-week English program for 165 students, ranging from preteen to middle age, most of the students being teens at a beginning level of English.

About 70 were Sabbatharians, the rest a mixture of Christian denominations as well as non-Christians. Two to three times as many students wanted to take part, but we had limited teachers and resources.

While the program helped the students to improve their English, it more importantly created unity among the diverse groups, as well as between the volunteer teachers and the English teachers at the school. Many parents were surprised at how hard the students studied during the summer and at their eagerness to go to class.

In addition to teaching English, we also gave musical performances for the Children of Chernobyl camps, visited a nursing home and spoke at youth conferences of various Christian denominations.

We received much attention, for we were the first Americans most had had contact with. Several times we were on the news or in the newspaper. We also met with community leaders, including the mayor of Khust and the vice president of the region.

The Sabbatharians took excellent care of us during our stay, ensuring we had all we needed. Often we would get together with the Sabbatharians, especially with the young people, for hikes, picnics or sing-alongs. At a Fourth of July picnic, we introduced the Ukrainians to hamburgers and potato salad.

Of course, in a land of bureaucracy and disorganization, more than once See Ukraine, page 8

Update

NEWS OF PEOPLE, PLACES AND EVENTS

Member celebrates 105th birthday

EUGENE, Oregon—**Katie M. Hoyt** celebrated her 105th birthday July 29. Mrs. Hoyt was baptized here in 1963. Her son, **Ernest**, is an elder in the Eugene church, and her grandson, **Bryan**, is director of Student Development at Ambassador University.

Mrs. Hoyt was born in Elgin, Iowa, to **Francis L.**



Katie M. Hoyt

and **Charlotte Foxwell Medberry**. She taught school before she married **Arthur Reuben Hoyt** Feb. 12, 1912. They had two sons, four daughters, 19 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and seven great-great grandchildren. Mr. Hoyt died in 1965.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt lived on a farm in Iowa for 20 years. Mrs. Hoyt drove a sulkey (a riding plow drawn by four horses), shocked grain, stacked hay, husked corn and did many other tasks as a farmer's wife with a growing family.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt moved to Oregon in 1927. They began listening to **Herbert W. Armstrong** on radio between 1933 and 1935. They were co-workers from the 1930s and first received *The Plain Truth* when it was done on a mimeograph. Mr. Armstrong conducted Bible studies in their home around 1937.

During the war years she encouraged others to grow victory gardens and organized a 24-hour watch at a lookout station for enemy planes.

Mrs. Hoyt lives with her daughter, **Shirley Garrett**, in Eugene. Ever active and alert, she crochets, does embroidery, is an avid reader, a great cook and also belongs to a garden club. *Sylvia Berens.*

Young adults events

ORLANDO, Florida—The South Florida singles invite other singles to a singles weekend at the four-star Peabody Hotel here Dec. 24 and 25.

Activities will include a Sabbath morning seminar followed by a dinner dance in the grand ballroom. On Sunday a picnic is scheduled for those who don't wish to visit area attractions. (All attractions, such as Disney World, will be open on Sunday at a cost of \$38.) The cost of the dinner dance is \$35 per person and the picnic is \$10.

Lodging is \$75 per night plus tax for up to four people in a room. For reservations call the Peabody Hotel at 1-800-42-DUCKS and mention that you are with the Worldwide Church of God to receive the discounted rate.

Please make checks payable to the Miami Church Activity Fund indicating the names of those who will attend and send them to **Kenneth Barker**, 7551 NW 21st Ct., Sunrise, Florida, 33313. For more information call Mr. Barker at 1-305-749-5581. *Craig L. Bacheller.*

DENVER, Colorado—Colorado singles invite other singles to a winter weekend Dec. 22 to 26 at the YMCA Snow Mountain Ranch near Winter Park, Colorado, in the Rocky Mountains.

Cost is \$155 per person (excluding transportation)



Meeting the President

KANSAS CITY, Missouri—Kansas City East members Paul and Karen Lucas watch as their daughter Jennifer, 8, gives President Bill Clinton a letter. Jennifer, who was born with a hole in her heart, met the President and his wife, Hillary, July 30 in Kansas City.

(Jennifer had written some time earlier to the President about her health and problems with her medical insurance.) The Lucas family received a telephone call to meet the Clintons just three hours before the President's plane was to land. Jennifer greeted Mr. Clinton with a hug and handed him the letter. "Be strong ... we're working for you," the President said to the family.

Mrs. Clinton read Jennifer's letter to more than 10,000 people attending a health care rally. The letter reads: "My name is Jennifer Lucas. I had to have surgery when I was a baby.... I had to have a pacemaker because I had a whole [sic] in my heart. My parents had insurance but now they don't. Insurance don't want to mess with me because I have a pacemaker. I had to have a new pacemaker July 1, 1994. Please try to help me." She drew a heart below her name and traced an outline of an old pacemaker.

Jennifer referred to the attention as "pretty cool." But the surprise tour of Air Force One, the President's plane, was her favorite event. "It had candy on it," she said. "Tons of candy."

About a week later, Jennifer received a thank-you letter from Mrs. Clinton, saying that she and her family will be in the First Family's thoughts and prayers.

This excerpted article was written by Terry Young. Photo by Scott Weaver, both of the Independence Examiner.

Aug. 19, Sen. Bob Dole sent Jennifer a letter of concern and a donation for her trust fund to help cover her medical expenses.

and includes four nights lodging, eight meals, use of a gymnasium and equipment, indoor swimming pool, sauna, roller-skating rink and outdoor ice-skating. Nordic and downhill skiing and other activities are available at extra cost.

Space is limited. Send a

nonrefundable \$25 deposit to **Gary Flesner**, 8525 Moore Ct., Arvada, Colorado, 80005-4723, telephone 1-303-421-7707 to reserve a spot. Deadline for final payment is Oct. 20.

VANCOUVER, British Columbia—Singles and young adults are invited to the third annual Great Canadian Get Away Weekend here Feb. 18 and 19. Events will include separate Sabbath services, a dance Saturday evening, and on Sunday either volleyball or a visit to the Omnimax Theater.

The cost for the weekend is 33 Canadian dollars or US\$25 if paid before Dec 15. The cost after Dec. 15 will be 43 Canadian dollars or US\$33. All payments must be received by Feb. 1.

Please make checks payable to Vancouver Active Adults and send to **Richard or Virginia Will**, 3049 Charles St., Vancouver, British Columbia, V5K 3B4, Canada, or telephone 1-604-255-4706. Confirmations will be mailed in mid-January. *Celina Letemplier.*

Drawing world attention

ATLANTA, Georgia—**Cecil Rice**, a freelance illustrator who attends the Northwest church here, won the January 1994 People, Plants and Animals category in the annual Corel World Design Contest.

His entry, *The Chief*, was a color computer drawing of a Native American from a photograph, circa 1800.

Mr. Rice received a computer package valued at \$5,000 and attended the Corel Draw awards gala in Ottawa, Ontario, in May.



Cecil Rice

Mr. Rice, a graduate of the Arts Center College of Design in Pasadena, specializes in high contrast black-and-white illustrations. He has worked for Coca-Cola, Georgia Pacific and Kentucky Fried Chicken. *Marie Hardin.*

Professor awarded

SAN ANTONIO, Texas—**Rocky Conrad**, associate professor of computer information systems at San Antonio College, received its Faculty Service Excellence Award for 1993-94. Mr. Conrad is also the college faculty development coordinator.

The award recognizes excellence in service to the college or community by outstanding work and achievements in publications, professional development or teaching.

Mr. Conrad attends the West church with his wife, **Donna**, and children, **Katrina Rose**, **Cathlena Beth** and **Clayton Joseph**. *J.E. Jordan.*

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Ukraine: open to new knowledge

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our plans were completely changed, so we had to be flexible. Accurate information was difficult to obtain, and the language barrier sometimes made communication difficult. The three of us fluent in Russian-Ukrainian provided the necessary translations.

We worshiped with the Sabbatharians on the Sabbath. During the summer we visited four Sabbatharian churches. We were asked to

speak and sing during services, which generally lasted two hours. Several prayers were prayed out loud together, spiritual songs were sung by the whole congregation and the singers, and several speakers gave 15- to 20-minute messages, usually impromptu. Members also gave greetings from others or requested prayers.

After services, members joined each other for meals followed by sing-alongs. We invariably had more than one invitation for each meal. The Sabbatharians gave us the best

they had and set an incredible example of hospitality.

Often we discussed our beliefs. Many of our beliefs are similar to the Sabbatharians, and we could peaceably discuss differences in doctrine. Most of the Sabbatharians are open to new knowledge. They know their Bibles well, and we all greatly benefited from the discussions.

We will never forget the summer we spent with the Sabbatharians and will miss them greatly. We hope God will continue to bless our relationship.