

HWA sends ministers to China; 1984 Feast preparation begins

By John Halford

PASADENA — Madam Fang Fei raised her glass and toasted us. "To new friends now, old friends to be." That was at the end of the third long but successful day of our visit to the People's Republic of China.

Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong asked evangelist Ellis La Ravia and me to go to China with our wives to make preparations for several programs that the Work is about to undertake. We are all experienced travelers, but we were still excited by the opportunity. China, the world's most populous nation, always seemed remote to me.

Evangelist Ellis La Ravia and John Halford, a pastor-rank minister working in Media Services, visited the People's Republic of China on behalf of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong and the Ambassador Foundation Oct. 25 to Nov. 5. They were accompanied by Richard Liu, of Vancouver, B.C., who is helping the Church establish programs in China.

See Mr. Armstrong's Nov. 17 member letter for details of the Feast in Nanjing, China.

We arrived at Shanghai International Airport the evening of Tuesday, Oct. 25, where we were met by representatives of the China Friendship Association. We were introduced to two interpreters who would be with us for the next 10 days, Mr. Bei and Miss Heh. They drove us to a comfortable hotel in Shanghai.

Next morning we woke up early because of the 14-hour time difference between Shanghai and Pasadena.

I could not resist the opportunity for an "advanced look" at the People's Republic, and spent an hour or so walking around the

streets as the city woke up.

The first impression was of hundreds of bicycles and of people sweeping. The Chinese really make an effort to keep their cities clean. Everyone seems to be responsible for keeping a part swept and tidy.

Later in the morning we took a train to Nanjing, which gave us the chance to see the country firsthand. For 4½ hours our train sped through quiet rice fields and villages. I was surprised to see that steam locomotives are still used in China.

Arriving at Nanjing we were taken to the Jing Ling Hotel. It is 37 stories tall, includes a revolving restaurant and is the tallest building in China. It had only been opened a few weeks when we arrived, and many Chinese had just come to look.

This is the hotel where we hope to have the Feast next year, and the management was eager to discuss the arrangements.

The next day, Oct. 27, was spent becoming familiar with Nanjing. It is an interesting city with a fascinating history. After a few hours of sightseeing we were convinced that Nanjing would be an interesting Festival location.

I asked to spend some time at a Chinese school as background for a *Plain Truth* article. This was arranged Friday, Oct. 28.

We were taken to the Xiao-Ying Children's Primary School and spent several hours visiting with the teachers and the children in the classrooms. The school was not plush by Western standards, but I was impressed with the discipline and diligence of the student body.

We also visited with officials of Nanjing Teachers' College to plan for a student and teacher exchange program with Ambassador College. We were impressed to hear that the president of the Teachers' College retired at the age of 90. They were impressed to hear that the president of Ambassador College is 91 and still very much in charge.

A visit to China is not for the unenergetic. The Chinese assume that you want to really learn about their country (which we did) — and they cram every hour of your stay with activity.

However, Dr. Liu arranged that we be left alone for the Sabbath. Dr. Liu also went to great pains to explain that we do not eat pork and certain seafood, and so we were usually able to avoid embarrassing our hosts. (The key is, once you have established that a particular dish is from a clean animal, don't ask what part of the animal it is.)

Sunday, Oct. 30, we flew to China's capital city, Beijing (Peking), where we were to meet officials from the appropriate government agencies in order to officially discuss various pro-

grams. Mr. Armstrong has expressed interest in helping China with its children's organizations.

Monday, Oct. 31, was therefore an important day. After breakfast we were driven to the Great Hall of the People, China's most prestigious meeting place. Here we met with Madam Kang Keqing, chairman of the Soong Ching Ling Foundation and perhaps the second most influential woman in China today.

The foundation was established in honor of the widow of Sun Yat-sen, one of China's greatest statesmen. (China's top leader Deng Xiaoping is the honorary chairman of the foundation.)

Mr. La Ravia expressed to Madam Kang Mr. Armstrong's interest and concern for all children — the leaders of tomorrow.

That afternoon we spent several hours touring the Forbidden City and other famous sites in Beijing.

Next day, Nov. 1, our hosts drove us to visit the Great Wall of China and the Emperor's Summer Palace. Then,



FEAST IN CHINA — Map shows location of Nanjing, People's Republic of China, a scheduled 1984 Feast site for transfers from North America. (Map by Ron Grove)

in the evening, there was a banquet. During the banquet we learned that our visit the previous day with Madam Kang was reported on the national television news.

We left Beijing for Shanghai Wednesday morning, Nov. 2. Shanghai has been called the New

York of China. It is a commercial and manufacturing center with high-rise office buildings dating back to the 1920s.

That evening we watched the Shanghai acrobats. This was a truly incredible selection of acrobatic and (See CHINA, page 3)

Church gears up for PT edition in Scandinavian-language area

By Michael A. Snyder

PASADENA — Plans to begin publication of the first Scandinavian-language edition of *The Plain Truth* in February, 1984, are proceeding on schedule, according to evangelist Frank Brown.

Mr. Brown, regional director for the British Isles, Scandinavia, the Middle East and East and West Africa, said, "Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong approved this language edition of *The Plain Truth* because it is one of the last areas of ancient Israel's descendants that doesn't have its own *PT* edition in its own language." Mr. Brown added, "We are shooting for a circulation of 20,000 by the end of 1984."

The first issue will be the 50th anniversary edition of *The Plain Truth*. Regular production of the magazine begins with the April edition, Mr. Brown said.

Entitled *Den Enkle Sannhet — et tidsskrift til forståelse (The Plain Truth — a magazine of understanding)*, the Scandinavian edition will be published in Norwegian.

"Norwegian is the most widely understood language between Norway, Sweden and Denmark," Mr. Brown said in a Nov. 3 interview

with *The Worldwide News*.

Roy Østensen, the new regional editor for the magazine, explained that while Swedish is spoken fluently by more people (about 10 million), Norwegian is more readily understood by both the people of Denmark and Sweden.

"Danes do not understand Swedish as well as they do Norwegian," he said. About four million non-Norwegian Scandinavians speak Norwegian, he said.

The regional editor was in Pasadena beginning Nov. 4 for meetings with Publishing and Editorial Services departments.

Mr. Østensen, 33, was baptized at the Sanderstølen, Norway, Feast site in 1975. Before becoming regional editor of the Scandinavian *Plain Truth*, he was a mathematician for the government's central bureau of statistics in Oslo, Norway. He also holds a master's degree in statistics from the University of Oslo.

In a Nov. 14 interview with *The Worldwide News*, he admitted that "this is not the typical publishing background," but added that he has edited a bimonthly publication for correspondence chess since 1978.

Diedrik Zernichow, a local church elder in Scandinavia, administered a translation test to individuals considered for the job. Mr. Østensen said, Mr. Zernichow has translated about 10 of the Church's booklets into Norwegian.

"After the test, Mr. [David] Gunn [Plain Truth circulation manager for the British Regional Office] came out and interviewed me," Mr. Østensen was offered the regional editor's post in June, and is planning to move to the Work's Borehamwood, England, Office.

Mr. Østensen said that three professional Norwegian translators will be working under him by correspondence. "While none are Church

members, the one who will be doing most of the translating is also a translator for *Reader's Digest* — he is quite good," he said.



ROY ØSTENSEN

The regional *PT* editor will be checking the translations against article copy from Pasadena for doctrinal and factual accuracy with John Ross Schroeder, *Plain Truth* British regional editor and a *PT* senior writer. He will also coordinate magazine production with Mr. Gunn.

"I am also assigned to answer personal correspondence that the magazine produces, but I will be working closely with Mr. [Robert] Boraker [director of personal correspondence for the regional office] on that," he said.

Mr. Brown said that the major doctrinal Church booklets are already printed and in stock at the British Regional Office, and that the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course has been translated into Norwegian up to lesson 12.

"That should provide sufficient literature backup for the magazine as we get underway," Mr. Brown said.

Regional directors meet

PASADENA — Twelve regional directors, assistants and Church department heads convened at the Loma D. Armstrong Academic Center on the Ambassador College campus here Oct. 30 for nine days of meetings and discussions.

Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong addressed the group on Church doctrine and policy Oct. 31. Regional directors and department heads followed with presentations on their areas. Summaries of the regional directors' reports begin on page 5.



FESTIVAL HOTEL — Above is the Jing Ling Hotel in Nanjing, People's Republic of China. The hotel, China's tallest building at 37 stories, is scheduled as a site for the 1984 Feast of Tabernacles. [Photo by John Halford]

Grenada: blow to Cuban Caribbean plans

PASADENA — In his televised address to the American public Oct. 27, President Ronald Reagan outlined why U.S. troops were sent, two days earlier, into the Caribbean island state of Grenada, twice the size of Washington D.C.

Mr. Reagan said that Grenada "was a Soviet-Cuban colony being readied as a major military bastion to export terror and undermine democracy... We got there just in time."

The President was concerned over the fate of about 1,000 American citizens living on the island. On Oct. 19, Grenada's pro-Castro Prime Minister Maurice Bishop and his top aides had been murdered by more radical leftists. Fear gripped the island, its residents confined by a round-the-clock curfew.

The sudden downturn of events on Grenada provided Mr. Reagan with a golden opportunity. He had long been concerned over the construction, by Cuban engineers, of a 10,000-foot runway on Grenada, an airstrip that could help ferry Cuban proxy soldiers to world trouble spots and to refuel East bloc planes trans-

porting arms to Central America.

Reports also indicated that the Cuban presence on Grenada was being vastly expanded, placing the tiny, vulnerable democracies of the Caribbean in jeopardy.

When the troubled leaders of the six-nation Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (Antigua, Dominica, St. Lucia, St. Kitts-Nevis, Montserrat and St. Vincent), plus nonmembers Barbados and Jamaica, appealed to the United States to act, Mr. Reagan could not say no.

U.S. allies and adversaries were watching to see the U.S. response. Now was obviously the right time and place for America, Mr. Reagan believed, to shed its self-imposed Vietnam-syndrome reluctance to use military power in defense of a clear threat to its national interests.

What the U.S. troops found confirmed the administration's suspicions. As evidenced by uncovered secret documents between the Bishop government and Cuba and the Soviet Union, Grenada was indeed being turned into a new fortress designed to spread Soviet and Cuban influence throughout the Caribbean

island chain. Vast storehouses of East bloc weapons were discovered — 475 tons worth.

Despite the evidence confirming the timeliness of the U.S. action, there was the usual howl of protest both at home and abroad (though privately many nations were happy

whether or not the United States had the "right" to do what it did have been the fruits of the action. Simply put, Grenadians as a whole were greatly relieved to be free of their encroaching Cuban chokehold.

"The relief and joy among Gren-



over the incident).

The British government was embarrassed, first because it had done nothing to reverse the steadily leftward political drift on Grenada (an independent Commonwealth member since 1979), and second, because the United States, without telling the British foreign office ahead of time, did what Britain logically should have done.

Lost in all the legalistic hubbub of

dians," commented *Time* magazine Nov. 14 "belied any glib claim that America had set out with guns to force its will upon a free people."

Just the opposite was true. "God bless America" slogans appeared on walls formerly painted with revolutionary propaganda. Grenadian youths now sport "Thank you America" T-shirts.

Sunday, Nov. 13, was a national day of thanksgiving, observed throughout the churches on the island.

Just how close the people of Grenada and their neighboring island states came to being absorbed



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

The test of love

Husbands, future husbands, in God's Church, this is a test. Or perhaps it would be better thought of as a challenge. A challenge to self-evaluation.

After all, that's the positive purpose of a test, isn't it? Tests help us measure progress and achievement and mirror how close we are to maximum performance. Now men, let's be honest.

Test

Answer yes or no. In the last six months did you:

1. Pray with your wife?
2. Study the Bible with your wife?
3. Compliment your wife in front of the children?
4. Ask your wife for her opinion on a decision you had to make?
5. Open the door for your wife?
6. Give your wife some money and tell her to spend it on herself?
7. Send your wife some flowers?
8. Spend an evening with your wife with the television off?
9. Ask God to guide you as a husband and father?
10. Tell your wife you loved her?

How did you do? Ten points for each yes answer. If you got 100 percent you don't need to read the rest of this article.

The two words that best characterize a man's responsibility to his wife might be: *to care*. Often we idealize and romanticize love to mystical heights. Not so with caring. It brings us down to earth again quickly. It calls for tangible evidence of its presence.

Ask almost any women what she wants from her husband above all else, and you'll more than likely hear, "I just want him to care for me."

Ask her what best communicates a husband's care, and invariably she'll say it's the little things he does for her. It's the small remembrances that say best, "I love you" — that say he cares enough to nourish her physically and spiritually to the core.

The little things

Since little things seldom come naturally to us men, try these for starters:

• **Communication.** Talk to your wife. Share your thoughts with her.

Discuss your problems. Don't keep secrets from her. Keep the lines of communication open.

Try to understand your wife, her needs, her moods, her problems. Try to help her understand yours. Couples who bring each other up-to-date on the events of the day are showing that they like each other and have fun with each other.

Sometime this evening, give your wife your undivided attention and listening ear for 30 minutes. End the time by praying together or studying God's Word together.

• **Teamwork.** Marriage creates a team, with or without children. Work together. Stand together. Present a united front. Don't let other family members, outsiders or Satan divide you.

• **Politeness.** Be polite. Treat your wife with the same courtesy you would a respected friend. Don't do anything to embarrass her, especially in front of others.

Your attitude toward your wife — how you treat her — will influence how others treat her. Your children especially will follow your lead. Treat your wife special and others will also.

• **Help.** Help your wife. Look for ways you can help her with work or problems. Ask her what you can do to help. Surprise her by helping when you are not asked.

• **Activities.** Plan activities you can share together. This does not mean you must share all activities. You need some of your own as does your wife.

Idea: Awaken her for a surprise early morning walk around the block, or even in the backyard. Watch the sun rise. Talk about God's creation and give Him thanks together.

• **Time.** Use it wisely. Save some time when you can be alone together. Don't let anything totally monopolize your time. Take advantage of quiet moments alone. If the kids are down and the moon is up, why not grab a kiss or two under the stars? Watch out though, it can be habit forming.

• **Sharing.** Share and care. Share your good times and your bad. When two share burdens, they are lighter. When two share good times, they are memorable.

• **Money.** Money is a root of a lot of

problems in marriage. Discuss money — where it comes from, how much there is, how it is to be spent or saved, and the responsibility of each spouse in dispensing it. Keep a budget. Each partner should have some money, even if only a small amount, to spend any way he or she pleases.

• **Priorities.** God comes first, but your wife comes second — before all others, before all things. If you show by your actions, by decisions you make daily that you always consider her desires, her feelings, her comfort and protection, you will build long-lasting trust and confidence into your relationship.

• **Faith.** This is the cement that can hold your marriage together when it may seem to be crumbling. Pray daily, often together and for each other. Don't neglect Bible study with your wife even if your children are grown and have left home. Start by reading Psalms 139:13-18.

God reveals the special ways He thinks about each individual. Discuss these verses, then have each person list and share two qualities that are special about each family member. Allow follow-up questions and be prepared for a memorable time.

• **Love.** Hug your wife daily. Hugging does more than demonstrate affection. It actually seems to keep people healthy. It does wonders for my family. Kiss her.

But don't expect actions or gifts alone to show your love. Verbalize it. Say, "I love you." Don't let a day go by without saying, "I love you." Let your last words at night be, "I love you."

Do you remember how you felt the first time you saw your wife by candlelight? The first time you kissed? The first time you said, "I love you so much?" Those firsts cannot be repeated — but the romance they represented glows and should grow forever.

King Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, filled an entire book of the Bible — the Song of Solomon — with the loving compliments he paid his wife and the romantic responses they aroused in her. Though most of us may not write love poetry like his, we can find continually fresh ways to verbalize our appreciation and desire for our wives.

You're not too old, and it's not too late or too soon to do as Paul exhorted. "Husbands love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it" (Ephesians 5:25).

This is a big challenge. You know your strengths and weaknesses. Pick one or two areas to improve and determine a specific plan of action for today or this week.

Men, make the time to do it. You can't afford not to! Your wife will love you for it.

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder

German reunification?

BOREHAMWOOD, England — "Three weeks is a long time in politics" is an oft-quoted cliché used by political commentators in Britain. But six months is an even longer time.

Six months ago in the first "European Diary" I wrote: "And, of course, Germany is really more than one. Paradoxically, prospects for improved relations with East Germany seem better with a rightist

party in power [in West Germany]. The question of German reunification will not stay on the back burner forever" (*Worldwide News*, May 2).

That time has arrived. The issue of German reunification moved up to the front burner. All summer long there was a continuous flow of West German politicians to the East German capital in East Berlin. And some cosmetic progress has been achieved on three fronts — cultural and scientific exchanges; easing of border currency regulations for children under 15; and the apparent removal of automatic-firing shrapnel guns from some areas along the border.

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Letters TO THE EDITOR

Members' examples noticed

Too often in this busy world, people do not take the time to express appreciation or to compliment others for their achievements. We at Pinnacle Peak [restaurant] in Tucson [Ariz.] would like to take this opportunity to extend our appreciation to the Worldwide Church of God members for their continued patronage over the years you have held your annual convention in Tucson.

Your members are a delight to have as guests. They truly exemplify the adage of "living your faith" by their dignity, kindness and obvious deep belief in their religion. They have served as an inspiration to us all, as well as a credit to your organization.

We look forward to seeing all of you next year in Tucson.

Judy Michelet
Regional Manager
Pinnacle Peak
Tucson, Ariz.

Festival comments

I am writing with a word of thanks to all God's people who pay for second title assistance, and to those who are willing to go beyond that.

My husband is unconverted at present, and I asked the Church for assistance to go to the Feast, which was granted. However, after making plans for doing, my situation changed and I

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into the Communist orbit was explained in an article in *The Voice*, a newspaper published in St. Lucia, one of the island nations participating in the Grenada sweep.

In its Aug. 24 issue — well before the intervention — the editors ran an article entitled, "A Well Orchestrated Plan — Caribbean Satellites for Moscow." It was authored by a Trinidadian journalist with the unlikely name of Trevor "Burnt Boots" Smith.

Mr. Smith, after attending an international conference of journalists in North Korea, had this to report: "Having spent three weeks visiting some of the leading socialist/communist countries in the world, and mixing freely with advocates of these ideologies, one frightening fact has been brought home to me in no uncertain manner. And that is: 'Revolution is an exportable commodity' despite what the 'Comrade' Maurice Bishop has been saying. [Mr. Bishop was the Grenadian prime minister murdered by extreme left forces.]

"It is just a matter of time before we see countries in the Caribbean (Dominica, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Trinidad, Tobago and Barbados in that order) coming under the pressure being exerted to bring these countries under Cuba's influence and eventually becoming satellites of the U.S.S.R....

"Those who spoke openly with (See GRENADA, page 3)



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animal training acts, including a performing panda. We asked that this performance be included in the itinerary for Feastgoers next year.

Thursday morning, Nov. 3, we paid a courtesy call to the American consul in Shanghai, Thomas S. Brooks. He met us at the fine old consular building and spent nearly an hour and a half giving us much valuable help.

Later that morning we were asked to pay a courtesy call to the tomb of Madam Soong Ching Ling. We were shown the park that is being erected around her grave.

We also spent some time at the China Arts and Crafts Research Workshop and saw the intricate workmanship of Chinese craftsmen. Although China is struggling to modernize and industrialize, it does not want to lose the ancient handicrafts.

Some of the work is incredible — one man we saw was engraving Chinese poems on a piece of human hair. We asked that a visit to this handicraft center also be included for Feast visitors next year.

The Ambassador Foundation is making arrangements to bring a group of young dancers and musicians from Shanghai for a series of concerts in the United States. Therefore, on Thursday evening, we

went to the Children's Palace to see the children who will be coming to America.

It was an entertaining evening, and Mr. La Ravia gave several tips to make the children's performance more effective for an American audience.

The next day, Nov. 4, we took an intensive tour of the Shanghai Children's Palace facilities. This is an after-school school where children learn handicrafts, dancing, singing and music.

Some of the children reach quite astonishing levels of proficiency at an early age. We saw 5 year olds, whose legs were too short to reach the pedals of the piano, playing the traditional Chinese and Western classical music without missing a note.

Unfortunately the only available flight home left the following afternoon. So after a Friday evening meal and relaxing Sabbath morning we left Shanghai Airport for the long flight back.

In this report, I can only hit the high points of 10 crowded, exhausting, but productive days. But as we flew back we realized that China was no longer so far away. It was just the far side of the earth, with many, many people who seem genuinely interested in being "new friends now, and old friends to be."



CHINESE CHILDREN — Evangelist Ellis La Ravia and his wife, Gwen, and John Halford and his wife, Pat, encountered several groups of children like the ones pictured during their stay in Beijing, the capital of the People's Republic of China. Mrs. La Ravia (left) and Mrs. Halford stand behind the children, above. Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong sent Mr. La Ravia and Mr. Halford to the People's Republic of China to complete plans for a 1984 Feast of Tabernacles in Nanjing, and other Church-sponsored programs there. [Photo by John Halford]

Grenada

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me, made it clear that it was a well orchestrated plan worked out in such a way that within the next ten years there would hardly be a country in the Caribbean which was not a socialist state, linked through Cuba to the U.S.S.R. . . .

"Obviously the Americans are fully aware of what is going on, but they are helpless to stop the march of socialism in your region," boasted another well-informed source to me during my stay in the socialist/communist countries."

To the surprise of both Moscow and Havana, Mr. Reagan did act, decisively, and, as he himself admitted, "just in time."

The Grenada affair puts a new light, at least for the time being, on events in the Caribbean and Central American region. Other nations are taking the cue. Already, the leftist government of Suriname, on South America's northern coast, has expelled the Cuban ambassador there.

Certainly the Grenadian "rescue operation," which it was, more so than an invasion, a word Mr. Reagan detests, is of benefit to members of God's Church throughout the region. The enclosing grip of totalitarianism has been lifted from the 30 members on Grenada. Larger congregations throughout the Caribbean can now breathe easier.

Perhaps *The World Tomorrow*, suspended in 1979 when Radio Grenada became Radio Free Grenada, will once again be heard on Grenada.

What next? What are Soviet leader Yuri Andropov (who may be on his deathbed) and Cuban President Fidel Castro thinking right now?

Surely their timetable for erecting a picket line of Communist states patrolling the entrance into the Caribbean Sea was dealt a severe blow. Mr. Reagan made it abundantly clear that U.S. concerns in the hemisphere are not to be taken lightly any longer.

One possible sour note, however, could occur should the Reagan administration now feel emboldened to get much tougher in Central America against Nicaragua. The Marxist government in Managua is hurting under the increased pressure of CIA-backed counter-revolutionary forces.

A full-fledged war in Central America would be totally different from the neat surgical-strike nature of the Grenada campaign. World reaction and U.S. congressional pressure against the President would be much more intense. It may not be the clearest parallel, but America's long nightmare in Vietnam took place after a successful and quick military venture into the Dominican Republic in 1965.

But, for the moment, the tide has turned. And it should be obvious that much in the immediate future depends upon the personal and political health of Mr. Reagan.

As long as he is at the helm, America's adversaries will likely be held at bay. But after he departs the scene — look out America!

Just scanning the slate of 1984 presidential hopefuls is enough to make one realize that, with a shift in power, America's skid during 1977 to 1980, arrested by Mr. Reagan's resoluteness, might likely resume and worsen.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

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needed higher cost housing so my two small children could attend also.

Our minister told me to contact him at the Feast for extra assistance as my funds would only cover the cost of the room. Well, before we even left for the Feast my brethren began to contribute. Almost every hand I shook of someone who knew our situation had money in it, some a little, several a lot . . .

I know God's way is the giving way, but this Feast I was one of the receivers. It seemed so strange at times to accept such generosity without being able to return their kindness in the same way.

I can only say thank you from the bottom of my heart and pray to God to bless every person who helped a less-fortunate member to truly rejoice in God's wonderful Feast.

Francis Cantrell
Dell City, Tex.

On Sept. 28, 1983, while attending the Feast of Tabernacles at Johnson City, Tenn., I suffered a heart attack. I would like to thank all those who came to my aid at that time, especially the gentleman who worked so hard to keep me breathing.

Also whoever anointed me at that time before the emergency crew came, also Mr. Bobby Whitaker who came to the

German

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Obviously this trend has not occurred in isolation — and apart from the general trend of U.S.-Soviet relations. As the Oct. 1 *Daily Telegraph* of London, England, put it: "As East-West tension mounts in the aftermath of the Korean airliner disaster and the missile controversy, there are increasing signs that East and West German relations are improving."

On the surface these two trends may seem opposed to each other. Said a lead editorial in the Oct. 8 *Guardian*: "For the first time since the division of Germany, relations between the two German states and those between the two superpowers are developing in diametrically opposed directions. Or so, rather curiously, it would appear."

There can be no question that the next few months could be enormously dangerous in Europe. Deployment of 572 American Pershing 2 and cruise

missiles is due to begin toward the end of this year.

Tension increases daily as the deployment deadline nears. The Soviet Union is extremely uneasy. Warned *The Daily Telegraph* Oct. 7: "It is unlikely that the Russians are going to accept this without some counteraction — political or military."

The intriguing question is: Why are relations between Bonn and the German Democratic Republic (East Germany) improving (at least on the surface) in an ever-increasing environment of hostility between East and West? The answer is somewhat complex and multifaceted.

Money is not far off the mark in any international chess game. The continuing controversy surrounding trade union leader Lech Walesa has obscured the sad state of Polish economic affairs.

The Soviet Union has been applying great pressure on the East German state to come to the aid of Poland. But East Germany explained that it can only help Poland if West Germany helps.

Reportedly, East German head of state Erich Honecker asked and received Soviet permission for more flexibility in negotiations with the Bonn government. And the money has come forth from the Federal Republic [West Germany]. The credit to the East German government is to the tune of \$400 million.

But money is not the only force at work here. A Soviet military reassessment may be in the wind: Reported Lajos Lederer from Budapest: "Sources here say that the Russians are now working on a long-range strategic plan which will entail fundamental changes in their policies toward Eastern Europe and the West, including their past opposition to German reunification."

"The reason for this rethink, they say, is the recognition by the Soviet Union that the development of nuclear missiles has destroyed the rationale for maintaining the states of Eastern Europe as a buffer" (*The Observer*, July 31).

Only time will tell if a Soviet rethink is taking place. Perhaps a more likely scenario would be a Soviet and East Berlin effort to use the possibility of more moves toward reunification as a bargaining chip to persuade Bonn to either abandon — or at some point stop — the missile deployment.

The Daily Telegraph picked up this line of thought in one of its lead editorials Oct. 1: "When Herr [Helmut] Kohl [West German chancellor] went to Moscow in July, the Russians made it clear they wanted economic, trade and cultural exchanges to be maintained after the missiles are installed. It is, however, easy to see that Russia hopes that the message will also sink in that the improved contacts between the two German states could be placed at risk by becoming tied to the NATO missile deployment programme."

Chancellor Kohl has made it clear to Soviet leader Yuri Andropov that he is committed to the ultimate reunification of East and West Germany. Ever since Chancellor Kohl's election earlier this year, he has made continuous overtures to East Germany. Against his efforts is the conventional wisdom that the Soviets still have a long memory.

The June 27 *International Business Week* said it well: "The memories of a united Germany are still etched in the psyche of the current generation of Soviet leaders."

Still, East Germany badly needs even more hard currency from the Federal Republic. Reported *The Guardian*, Oct. 8, in a hardheaded verbal analysis: "Bonn should soon discover the true strength of its hand when the next application for credit arrives by the simple expedient of seeking better value for money in the form of some real concessions."

But more is involved than just money, military plans and political maneuvering. An Unseen Hand is fully able to guide men and events in Central Europe. Keep your eyes on Europe.

hospital to anoint me again.

I could feel the improvement from the first anointing and more from the second. The doctors still cannot understand how I improved so fast.

But God's power is great. I want to thank my minister, Mr. Dennis Diehl, who helped me through all this and has continued to be of greatest support and understanding.

Margaret Schuckers
Somerset, Ky.

The film on the history of the Work was so very uplifting and inspiring. I've always enjoyed history and taken pride in our American heritage. But this seemed more like my own roots — my family tree. I felt the same kind of pride one feels at uncovering a royal family in one's own lineage.

It also helps to bind all members together as having not only the same future but the same past — our common heritage.

Nancy Francis
Big Sandy

I just wanted to say how much I appreciated being able to pick up a copy of the *Envoy* at the Feast. The standards of quality and the beauty of the Ambassador College campuses captured in the photographs were quite inspiring. They give us a glimpse into the world tomorrow.

Thank you and those responsible for making the *Envoy* available at the Feast.

Ronald Olson
Cornelius, Ore.

Jerusalem Archaeological Dig

Applications may be requested for participation in the 1984 summer program in Jerusalem to be conducted June 22 to Aug. 2. Applicants should be members or prospective members of the Worldwide Church of God from 18 to 30 years old. Those interested may write to Richard Paige, Program Coordinator, Ambassador College, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

God's Church in Sicily

By John Halford

CATANIA, Sicily — The few members of God's Church who live on this island at the foot of Italy could easily be described as a family, as many of the Sicilian members are related.

John Halford, a pastor-rank minister who works in Media Services in Pasadena, visited members in Sicily after the Feast with his wife, Pat, and daughters, Becky, 16, and Judy, 14.

Carmello Anastasi and his wife, Antonella, heard about the Church after they immigrated to Montreal, Que. Carmello became a member of the Church, and returned to his native country in 1972.

Upon his return, he began to translate articles from *The Plain Truth* for other family members who showed an interest. Today he assists Carn Catherwood, regional director of the Work in Italian-speaking areas, with further translations. The Anastasis have three children, Salvatore, 12, Daisy, 11, and Luca, 8.

New church established in Kentucky

The **PAINTSVILLE, Ky.**, church had its first Sabbath service Sept. 3 at the Carriage House Inn. About 114 brethren were in attendance.

Warren J. Heaton III, pastor of the Paintsville, Pikeville and Hazard, Ky., churches, gave the sermon, and local church elder Orville Bumgardner gave the sermonette.

Since the first meeting attendance has averaged about 100. Most of the brethren live within 30 miles of the new church location. *Christine Griffith.*

Carmello's brother Salvatore, and his wife, Brigida, are also members of the Church. Brigida is the sister of Antonella Anastasi.

Like Carmello, Salvatore heard about the Work in Canada, and was baptized shortly before returning to Sicily. Salvatore and Brigida have two children, Sammy, 12, and Francesca, 19. Francesca is a freshman at Pasadena Ambassador College.

Carmello and Salvatore took me out to see Mt. Etna, one of the world's most-active volcanoes. March 20 Mt. Etna had a major eruption, and it was unnerving to see the piles of lava (still hot after six months) blocking the road in great heaps nearly 30 feet high.

Catania, where most of the members live, has been destroyed by Etna several times. I asked the Anastasis what it was like to live at the foot of such an active volcano, and Salvatore explained, "It gives us one more reason to pray."

Other family members in Sicily are Angelo and Anna Maria Devita. Anna Maria is also a sister of Brigida and Antonella. Angelo and Anna Maria and their two children, Stefano, 7, and Andrea, 5½, live in a charming and tastefully furnished apartment on the outskirts of Catania. Sicilians, although far from wealthy, are exceptionally talented in making their homes pleasant and comfortable. Angelo works as a technician in one of Sicily's oil refineries.

Carmello took me to visit with Nuccio and Caterina Patelmo, and their three children, Michela, 11, Nadia, 8, and Laura, 6. I was by this



SICILIAN BROTHERS — Carmello and Antonella Anastasi are shown at left with children Salvatore, 12, Daisy, 11, and Luca, 8. Salvatore Anastasi (Carmello's brother) and his wife, Brigida (Antonella's sister), are shown with their son, Sammy, 12. [Photo by John Halford]

time surprised to learn that the Patelmos are not relatives of the Anastasis.

However, Mr. Patelmo worked with Carmello repairing instruments in an oil refinery for some time, and as they worked together, they talked.

Later, Mr. Patelmo was transferred to Sardinia and began to read Italian translations of *The Plain Truth*. He came back two years later and told Carmello, "You know, you were right." He was baptized in November, 1979.

Nuccio Patelmo asked me to be sure to visit his mother, Michela, who is also a member of the Church.

She greeted us warmly, and as we talked, her apartment filled with other members of her family.

Strong family ties are a characteristic of the people of Sicily, and the families seem to take genuine pleasure in each other's company.

"You must be sure to meet our prospective members," Carmello said. "It won't take long." Sure enough, Mr. and Mrs. Adorno live in the apartment just across the hall from Carmello and Antonella.

Our last visit was with Antonio and Pinella Cavarra and their five children, Giuseppe, 13, Christina, 12, Simona, 5, Gabriella, 4, and

Massimo, 2½. The Cavarra live in Syracuse, about 40 miles (64 kilometers) south of Catania. Mr. Cavarra is a technician in the oil refineries, and learned about the Church while working with the other members from Sicily. He was baptized in September, 1980.

The church in Sicily gets together on occasion for Sabbath meetings when Mr. Catherwood or other ministers pass through. They are a loyal and strongly knit group. They asked me to extend their greetings to all members, especially those of Italian descent, around the world.

Albany YOU explores cave

Thirty-four **ALBANY, N.Y.**, YOU members and parents attended a cave exploring activity Oct. 16 in Clarksville, N.Y. Radford Arner, a member experienced at exploring caves, made sure all standard safety practices were fol-

lowed, including the use of hardhats and three sources of light for each person.

The group was shown that a wintergreen lifesaver emits sparks when bitten in the total darkness of the cave. *Greg Delly.*



20TH ANNIVERSARY — Five ministers and their wives who formerly served in the West Texas churches were guests at the area's 20th anniversary celebration Oct. 15 in Lubbock, Tex. From left: Mr. and Mrs. Don Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Blackwell, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Smith, Mr. and Mrs. David Albert and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Salyer. [Photo by Ward Shamblin]

West Texas churches reach 20 year mark

Nearly 700 brethren met at the Lubbock, Tex., Memorial Civic Center Oct. 15 to commemorate the 20th anniversary of God's Church in **WEST TEXAS**.

Services were canceled in Amarillo and Midland, Tex., and Roswell and Hobbs, N.M., so brethren could attend the event. Five former ministers in the area returned to speak to the group.

Larry Salyer, dean of students at Big Sandy Ambassador College, led songs and introduced the four speakers: David Albert, a faculty member at Pasadena Ambassador College, Edward Smith, who is serving in the Cincinnati, Ohio, area, Don Lawson, who pastors the Pittsburgh, Beaver Valley and McKeesport, Pa., churches, and evangelist Dean Blackwell, who pastors the Pasadena Audito-

rium P.M. church.

A dance took place at the Civic Center that night. A three-tier anniversary cake was served, and each pastor cut a piece of the cake, passing it on to the man who had served after him, symbolizing responsibility being passed from pastor to pastor.

Many brethren attended a brunch Sunday morning at a cafeteria. *Ward Shamblin.*



KEEPING IN TOUCH — Sicilian members Angelo and Maria Divita and son Stefano read a letter from Francesca Anastasi (inset), a freshman at Pasadena Ambassador College. [Photo by John Halford]



ITALIAN GRANDMOTHER — Church member Michela Patelmo is shown here with her husband and some of their grandchildren. [Photo by John Halford]

Regional directors give reports

The following are from reports given by the regional directors of God's Church during a regional directors' conference in Pasadena Oct. 30 to Nov. 7.

Australia and Asia

The work of the Church in Australia and Southeast Asia is experiencing similar growth rates to those reported in other areas around the world, according to regional director Robert Morton.

The *World Tomorrow* telecast can now be viewed by 95 percent of the population of Australia, and a series of advertisements is being run in television magazines to make the



ROBERT MORTON

public aware that Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's program is available to them. The *Plain Truth* has a larger circulation in Australia than *Time* and *Newsweek* combined.

"Despite the severe recession in Australia with high unemployment, coupled with the worst drought in living memory, the work here has been blessed with a 10.8 percent year-to-date increase in income," said Mr. Morton.

The Australian Office administers an area of Asia from Afghanistan in the west to South Korea in the east. The projected income for 1984 is about \$5.5 million, and almost \$500,000 of this will be used to subsidize the work in Asia.

The *Plain Truth* subscription list in Asia had until 18 months ago been growing at an annual rate of 30 percent, strictly by word of mouth, without any advertising program. This put a severe strain on the Church's finances, forcing cuts in certain areas in Australia. Through the renewal program, the subscription growth rate in Asia has been lowered.

"We are now in a position where the subscription list in Asia can again be increased," reported Mr. Morton, "and we are working with Mr. David Hulme [director of Media Purchasing] to encourage growth in those areas that need it." Advertisements for *The Plain Truth* are soon scheduled to appear in the *Reader's Digest* in Taiwan, Hong Kong, South Korea and later in Malaysia.

Another area of the work in Australia that is expanding is Youth Opportunities United (YOU). Mr. Morton pointed out that "just under 50 percent of those who attend services in Australia are under the age of 19." An active YOU program is being established in Australia, and a 17-acre property was purchased in 1981 for summer and winter educational programs.

British Isles, Scandinavia, the Middle East and East and West Africa

"The work is generally picking up," reported evangelist Frank Brown, the Church's regional director in the British Isles, Scandinavia, the Middle East and East and West Africa.

"The area is very diverse... it goes all the way from the Arctic Circle, where we have a member... down to a little farther south



INTERNATIONAL MEETING — Twelve regional directors, department heads and assistants meet in Pasadena Oct. 31 to Nov. 7 to "conform all international offices under Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong's personal and direct supervision through Ministerial Services," according to evangelist Joseph Tkach Sr., director of Ministerial Services. Regional directors and department heads are from left: (first row) Bram de Bree, Dutch-speaking areas; evangelist Leroy Neff, Church treasurer; Guy Ames, Philippines; Mr. Tkach; (second row) Roy McCarthy, southern Africa; Peter Nathan, New Zealand; Colin Adair, Canada; Stan Bass, English-speaking Caribbean; Cam Catherwood, Italian-speaking areas; (third row) David Hulme, director of Media Purchasing for the Church; evangelist Frank Brown, British Isles, Scandinavia, Middle East, and East and West Africa; Robert Morton, Australia and Asia; Frank Schnee, German-speaking areas; evangelist Dibar Apartian, French-speaking areas; and evangelist Leon Walker, Spanish-speaking areas. [Above photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.; conference photos by Michael Snyder and Jeff Zhorne]

of the equator," he said. "It covers a whole range of languages, cultures and other problems that come with an area that large."

English-language *Plain Truth* circulation tops the 150,000 mark and is expected to reach 250,000 by the end of 1984. The regional office



FRANK BROWN

also coordinates the printing of the Dutch, Italian and German *Plain Truths* at Ambassador Press, a former Church-owned press now owned by Alabaster Passmore Ltd.

Communication and shipping to Africa and Asia from the British Regional Office is aided by ties developed during the time of the British Empire, Mr. Brown said.

While membership continues to grow steadily, Mr. Brown said legal prohibitions prevent airing the *World Tomorrow* radio and television programs in the United Kingdom.

Because of social welfare in the British Isles and Scandinavia, Mr. Brown said, those areas "are very hard areas to work in—they haven't been convinced they need the Kingdom of God... On the other hand, in Africa, they are a very responsive group."

Through a series of charts and graphs, Mr. Brown showed that the British Office serves more than 2,600 brethren with 24 full-time ministers and 30 local church elders.

Canada

"The work in Canada is progressing extremely well at the present time," said Colin Adair, the Church's regional director in English-speaking Canada.

He noted that the *World Tomorrow*

radio and television programs "literally blanket Canada—the Canadian people are certainly receiving a witness." The coverage includes broadcasting *Le Monde a Venir* (French *World Tomorrow*) in the province of Quebec.

A direct mail program beginning in the last week of October brought in more than 16,000 responses, with more coming into the regional office in Vancouver, B.C., daily. The program involves sending a letter from Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong offering a free subscription to *The Plain Truth*.

The regional office also conducts a *Plain Truth* newspaper insert program where cards go into daily or Sunday newspapers offering subscriptions to *The Plain Truth*.

The regional director said that the *Plain Truth* newsstand program produces the largest response.

"Twenty-three percent of all our white mail [personal correspondence, not subscription coupons] comes directly from the Canadian newsstand program," he said.

The Church secured permission to place *Plain Truth* outside newsstand dispensers in downtown Ottawa (Canada's capital), Toronto and Kingston, Ont., and parts of Van-



COLIN ADAIR

couver, Mr. Adair said.

La Pure Verite (French *Plain Truth*) and English-language *Plain Truth* monthly newsstand circulation nationwide now tops the 350,000 mark. *Plain Truth* and *La Pure Verite* subscriptions number 280,000 a month.

Mr. Adair added that there are 73

churches in Canada, with 56 full-time ministers, four ministerial trainees and 30 local church elders serving brethren. Income is up 13.9 percent over 1982, and the Canadian Regional Office sent out more than 350,000 pieces of mail this year.

English-speaking Caribbean

"God's work in the English-speaking Caribbean began as an appendage of the French Department in 1968," said Stan Bass, the Church's regional director in the English-speaking Caribbean.

Pastor General Herbert W. Arm-



STAN BASS

strong conducted the first English-speaking service, attended by 111 brethren, in Bridgetown, Barbados, in February, 1968.

"The history of the work in the Caribbean has been one of continually adding various media outlets," said Mr. Bass. In 1960 the *World Tomorrow* radio broadcast aired for the first time in the Caribbean. In March, 1968, *The World Tomorrow* went on television in Bermuda.

"Since then, the Church has become very well-known, especially on Barbados," said Mr. Bass.

In Jamaica *The World Tomorrow* on television often brings in more than 700 responses a month. Five thousand responses to the program were received there from January to the end of September.

The regional office in San Juan, Puerto Rico, serves 937 baptized members in 13 English-speaking churches and one outlying Bible study. There are eight full-time ministers.

In September, 1982, *Plain Truth*

circulation was 34,580 a month. By September of this year the figure was 43,120. *Good News* circulation increased 70 percent since 1982, with 3,030 copies sent out each month.

Dutch-speaking areas

Seventeen baptized members attended the first Dutch-language church in Bithoven, Netherlands, in 1968, according to Bram de Bree, the Church's regional director in Dutch-speaking areas. Average attendance was 47.

Today 201 baptized members attend four Dutch-speaking



BRAM DE BREE

churches, administered by the office in Utrecht, Netherlands. Total attendance is about 325.

Circulation of *De Echte Waarheid* (Dutch *Plain Truth*) increased 54 percent from 1981 to 1982 and today stands at 52,200. More than 250 are students of the Bible Correspondence Course.

The Church places advertisements in Dutch-language newspapers and magazines such as *de Telegraaf*, *TV Guide*, *Family* and the Belgian Automobile Association's magazine. The door is not open for radio and television.

Despite 17.5 percent unemployment—one of the highest in the European Economic Community—October year-to-date income increased by 6.7 percent, said Mr. de Bree.

"I would say the high point for the Dutch-language churches was when Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong spoke to Dutch- and German-speaking brethren Nov. 20, 1982, in Rotterdam, Netherlands," he said.

French-speaking areas

The French-speaking areas of God's work primarily are on three continents—Europe, North America and Africa, said evangelist Dibar Apartian, regional director. The French Regional Office, in Pasadena, must deal with a wide variety of cultures and backgrounds when preaching Christ's Gospel.

"We endeavor to satisfy them the best we can by including a wide variety of articles in *La Pure Verite* [French *Plain Truth*] to interest



DIBAR APARTIAN

them," the evangelist said. When the first issue of *La Pure Verite* came out in June, 1962, it was sent to 4,258 subscribers. "Today the magazine's circulation is [See REPORTS, page 7]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

BURMAN, Robert and Pauline (Flannery), of Sydney, Australia, girl, Jennifer Elizabeth Jean, Oct. 19, 11:25 p.m., 6 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

CABRAL, Phillip and Arvonia (Deonier), of Richmond, Calif., twin girls, Sharon Rebecca and Pamela Maria, June 19, 10:26 and 10:27 a.m., 4 pounds 2 1/2 ounces and 4 pounds 6 1/2 ounces, now 4 boys, 2 girls.

CROSSBY, Mike and Kathy (Elin), of Longview, Tex., boy, Jeffrey Carl, Oct. 21, 10:30 p.m., 6 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys.

HAENDLER, Dirk and Maja (Traub), of Bonn, West Germany, boy, Jeffrey Carl, Oct. 2, 9:36 a.m., 3.5 kilograms, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

HOPPER, Gerry and Lise (Turcotte), of Calgary, Alta., boy, Aaron Ryan, Aug. 28, 12:12 p.m., 6 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys.

KAPLAN, Mark and Linda (Martin), of Pasadena, boy, Daniel Solomon, Sept. 14, 12:28 a.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

KITT, Ed and Lorraine (Thomas), of Calgary, Alta., boy, Michael Scott, Oct. 11, 12:26 a.m., 7 pounds 11 1/2 ounces, first child.

KOSTER, Thomas and Rosanne (Gable), of Broken Arrow, Okla., girl, Lydia Margarita, Sept. 17, 6:26 p.m., 5 pounds 13 ounces, now 4 boys, 3 girls.

MACHIN, Michael and Debbie (McNeely), of Houston, Tex., boy, Michael Glen Jr., Sept. 18, 12:10 a.m., 5 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

McCREA, Colin and Paula, of Victoria, B.C., girl, Melissa Amber, Sept. 27, 2 p.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

McNIEL, Stan and Carolyn (Egbert), of Brainerd, Minn., boy, David Riley, Sept. 12, 5:19 a.m., 9 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MEARS, Robert and Donna (Pond), of Moline, Calif., boy, Matthew James, Oct. 23, 5:06 a.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, now 3 boys, 2 girls.

O'RIELLY, Paul and Moira (Quigley), of Brisbane, Australia, girl, Michael Grace, Sept. 13, 3:35 a.m., 9 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

PARKS, Dale and Cindy (Massey), of Dallas, Tex., boy, Jason Randall, Sept. 1, 8:19 p.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

PLAGENZA, Sal and Pam (Hau), of Modesto, Calif., girl, Brittany Lee, Sept. 6, 9:45 a.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces, now 8 boys, 3 girls.

REIGNER, Mark and Linda (McConnell), of Marina, Calif., boy, Tai Alan, Oct. 8, 3:27 a.m., 12 pounds 6 ounces, now 3 boys, 3 girls.

ROSS, One and Becky (Rose), of Fort Arthur, Tex., girl, Lauren Haley, Aug. 27, 9:57 a.m., 9 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 girls.

SCHOFIELD, Wesley and Marina (Leask), of Midland, S.D., boy, Shane Wesley, Oct. 15, 3:09 p.m., 9 pounds, first child.

SECVAR, John and Sandie (Wharton), of Hammond, Ind., boy, Eli Trevor, Sept. 30, 4:06 a.m., 9 pounds 5 ounces, now 8 boys, 3 girls.

SORENSEN, Jerry and Stephanie (Rowe), of San Diego, Calif., girl, Gabrielle April Louise, Oct. 8, 11:55 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 4 girls.

STONER, Larry and Joyce (Lewis), of Dayton, Ohio, girl, Jennifer Anne, Oct. 11, 3:05 p.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 5 boys, 1 girl.

WIGNALL, Michael and Debbie (Jones), of Des Moines, Iowa, girl, Ashley Diane, Sept. 22, 7:37 p.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

WILSON, Matt and Terri (Low), of Vancouver, B.C., boy, Christopher Ray, Sept. 3, 9:30 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys.

WOLFE, Dennis and Kathy (Osdres), of St. Louis, Mo., girl, Elizabeth Ann, Oct. 10, 8:40 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 4 girls.

ENGAGEMENTS



COLLEEN GUS AND MARK DIXON

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Gus of Elyria, Ohio, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Colleen Marilyn to Mark Kimberly Dixon, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Dixon of Brisbane, Australia. Both are seniors at Pasadena Ambassador College. A May 27 wedding is planned in Elyria.



ALI RUXTON AND DUANE ABLER

Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Johnson of Waco, Tex., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Alice Lynn Ruxton to Duane Gordon Abler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Eggeboen of Plymouth, Wis. The wedding will take place Jan. 6 in the Pasadena Ambassador College Recital Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Rabe of the Johannesburg, South Africa, church have the pleasure of announcing the

engagement of their daughter Avril to John McCarthy, son of Dr. and Mrs. Roy McCarthy. A January wedding is planned.

Lillian Welch of Gold Coast, Australia, is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter Gherry to Grant Gibson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gibson of Brisbane, Australia. A Dec. 4 wedding is planned.

WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. PAUL HOBBS

Paul Hobbs and Patricia Lucas happily announce their marriage. John Larkin, pastor of the Cairns, Australia, church, performed the ceremony Sept. 3 in Cairns. The couple reside in Cairns, Australia.



MR. AND MRS. BRUCE McNAIR

Judith Leanne Laney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Juddburgh Laney of Corpus Christi, Tex., and Bruce David McNaair were united in marriage by the father of the groom, evangelist Raymond P. McNaair, in Corpus Christi, Sept. 17. The couple reside at 444 N. Euclid No. 18, Pasadena, Calif., 91101.



MR. AND MRS. RICHARD MOUTZ

Richard L. Moutz and Darlene Slegall were married Aug. 28. Larry Neff, pastor of the Tucson and Sierra Vista, Ariz., churches, performed the ceremony. The maid of honor was Beverly Daugherty, and the best man was Richard Talley. The couple reside in Sierra Vista.



MR. AND MRS. DOUGLAS FOSTER

Cindy K. Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Martin, and Douglas L. Foster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry L. Foster, were united in marriage Aug. 13. The ceremony was performed by Donald Mason, pastor of the Tulsa, Okla., church. Matron of honor was Nancy Butler, and best man was David Foster. The couple reside in Tulsa.



MR. AND MRS. GARY RAS

Lorie Cheryl Sadowski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sadowski of Canora, Sask., and Gary Heiko Ras, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ras of Pasadena, were united in marriage by Ben Faulkner, a minister in the Auditorium P.M. church, Sept. 18, in the Pasadena Ambassador College lower gardens. The groom's brother Ronald of Pasadena, was the best man, and the bride's cousin, Enez Holunga of Regina, Sask., was the maid of honor. The couple reside at 335 S. Los Robles Apt. T, Pasadena, Calif., 91101.



MR. AND MRS. CLIFF FARMER

Bonnie L. Yeates, daughter of Vicky Boteler and William L. Yeates Jr., and Clifford C. Farmer, son of Eva Sales and G.L. Farmer, were united in marriage May 14. Robert Peoples, pastor of the Jackson and Greenwood, Miss., churches, performed the ceremony in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D.G. Walter of Jackson. E.B. Cochran was best man, and Briary Yeates was maid of honor. After a honeymoon in Hot Springs, Ark., and Nassau and Freeport, Bahamas, the couple is at home in Smackover, Ark.



MR. AND MRS. DEREK BARR

Julio D. Nakashima, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael G. Nakashima, and Derek S. Barr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon E. Barr, were united in marriage July 31. Terry Mattson, pastor of the Garden Grove and Riverside, Calif., churches, performed the ceremony in the lower gardens of Pasadena Ambassador College. Best man was Gordon E. Barr, and Laura Nakashima was maid of honor. The couple attend the Garden Grove church and reside in Anaheim, Calif.



MR. AND MRS. R. DONAGHEY

Mr. and Mrs. William Donaghey Sr. are pleased to announce the marriage of their son, Raymond Philip, to Denise Ann Woodard of Medina, N.Y. The outdoor wedding took place at Explorer's Point in Mattawa, Ont., July 3 with Leo van Peil, pastor of the North Bay and Sudbury, Ont., churches, officiating. Rudy Eng was best man, and Candy Boyd, daughter of the bride, was matron of honor. The happy couple reside in North Bay.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

We'd like to let the readers of *The Worldwide News* know about your new baby as soon as it arrives. Just fill out this coupon and send it to the address given as soon as possible after the baby is born.

Our coupon baby this issue is Gwendolyn Kristi Jean Wendt, daughter of Philip and Kathleen Wendt of the Pasadena Auditorium P.M. congregation.

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MR. AND MRS. DAVID J. DOUGLAS

Linda D. Danforth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard P. Danforth, and David J. Douglas, son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Douglas, were united in marriage Sept. 18. The ceremony was performed by John Ogden, pastor of the Houston, Tex., North church. Best man was John Douglas, and Lori Schumann was matron of honor. The couple attend the Houston North church and reside at 12115 Westwood, Tomball, Tex., 77375.



MR. AND MRS. TERRY D. BEAM

Sandra Kay Thompson, daughter of Eva Thompson of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., and Terry Dean Beam, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Beam of Belmont, Miss., were united in marriage Aug. 20 at Seascape Resort in Destin, Fla. Rick Beam, brother of groom and pastor of the Tallahassee, Fla., church, performed the ceremony. Patti Beam was matron of honor, and Gary Beam was best man. The couple reside in Belmont, Miss.



MR. AND MRS. DAVID RUPPERT

Charlotte Maybury, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Maybury of Piquette, N.Y., and David Rupert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rupert of Okemos, Mich., were married May 15. The wedding took place at Pasadena Ambassador College, and was officiated

by Greg Albrecht, dean of students. The bride's sister Laura was the maid of honor, and Duane Abler was best man. David, a 1983 graduate, works in the College Communications Department, and Charlotte is an Ambassador College senior.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry R. O'Connor of Altona, Iowa, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Ellen Kay to Andrew Burdette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer F. Burdette of Poca, W. Va. The ceremony was performed Sept. 18 by Robert Cloninger, pastor of the Des Moines and Ottumwa, Iowa, churches, at his home in Bondurant, Iowa. The couple reside in Pasadena.

ANNIVERSARIES

Tom, thank you for 25 wonderful years (Nov. 7) of love, companionship and sticking with me through thick and thin. I love you very much, and you are a very special person. Love always, Bob.

Happy anniversary Nov. 11 to Inez and Alonzo Tabors in Dallas. We miss you in Tennessee! Love from all your friends.

Weddings Made of Gold

BIG SANDY — Mr. and Mrs. Norvel Pyle celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Oct. 11. Thirty-three of those 50 years have been in direct service to God's Work. The Big Sandy church



MR. AND MRS. NORVEL PYLE

gave a surprise reception and presented them with a curio cabinet the following Sabbath, Oct. 15. They received 50 roses from their long-time friend, Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong.



MR. AND MRS. RALEIGH WHITT

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Follow — (See ANNOUNCEMENTS, page 7)

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ing services Oct. 8, the church here gave a reception for Raleigh and Euva Lorene Whitt in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

The Whitts were married in Virginia Sept. 30, 1933. They were baptized June 26, 1960, and were among the original members of the Indianapolis church in 1962.

The Whitts have nine children, four of whom attend Church, 20 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Mr. Whitt is a retired coal miner.

OCALA, Fla. — Russell and Edith Abstein celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 17.



MR. AND MRS. RUSSELL ABSTEIN

Mr. Abstein, born in 1913, was baptized in 1979. He worked as an auto parts distributor for 50 years. Mrs. Abstein was born in 1917 and baptized in 1970. She instructed tap, ballet and modern dance for 16 years. Their interests include golfing, hiking, wine-making and quilting.

The Absteins have six children.

BATON ROUGE, La. — Frank and Edna Frederick of the church here marked their 55th wedding anniversary Oct. 22.

Friends from childhood, they were



TRIPLE ANNIVERSARY — Pictured at an anniversary celebration in Grants Pass, Ore., are Lyle and Irma Taylor (left), married 59 years; George and Beulah Pike (right), married 66 years; and Denver and Winona Perkins, celebrating 29 years of marriage. [Photo by Ruth Acklen of the Grants Pass Courier]

married in 1928 and have three sons, two daughters, 28 grandchildren and 47 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Frederick was baptized into God's Church in 1951, and Mrs. Frederick in 1970.

The Fredericks received a card from the brethren and special honor at Oct. 22 Sabbath services.

GRANTS PASS, Ore. — Three couples celebrating a total of 154 years of marriage were dinner guests of Priscilla C. Belt, a member here, at the Yankee Pot Roast restaurant Aug. 24, the wedding date of two of the couples.

George and Beulah Pike were married Sept. 18, 1917, when Mr. Pike was serving in San Diego, Calif., with the U.S. Navy. They moved to Grants Pass in 1919 and homesteaded in the Stringer

Gap, Ore., area in 1921. After living in Escondido, Calif., for 24 years, they returned to Oregon in 1946. Mrs. Pike was baptized in 1950.

Lyle O. Taylor and Irma Hallock Bond met in Delta, Colo., in 1920, and were married in Los Angeles, Calif., Aug. 24, 1924. They moved to Grants Pass in 1951. Mr. Taylor worked with automotive parts until his retirement; then he and his wife managed motels for eight years.

The Taylors have three children, nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Mrs. Taylor was baptized in 1968.

Denver and Winona Perkins, members since 1978, were married Aug. 24, 1954, in Kansas City, Mo. They have three children living in Jackson County, Ore.

Joe Cheperdak, a minister in the Victoria church, performed the memorial service at the First Memorial Gardens in Victoria.

MONTVALE, N.J. — Stanley Karter, 85, died during the Feast of Tabernacles after a brief illness that prevented his attendance.

Mr. Karter was baptized March, 1983, and is survived by a niece.

PASADENA — McConnell Earl Knight Jr., 32, an Ambassador College security guard, died Nov. 2 from injuries sustained in a fall Oct. 23 at the Church-owned Sturges building here.

A 1974 graduate of Pasadena Ambassador College, Mr. Knight was a ministerial trainee in Oakland, Calif., from 1974 to 1976. He was ordained a deacon in the Glendale, Calif., church in April, 1979, and raised to a local church elder in September, 1981.



EARL KNIGHT JR.

Mr. Knight is survived by his wife, the former Rosemarie Weed, whom he married in March, 1978; two children, Angela, 4, and Geoffrey, 3; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Earl Knight Sr., of Chandler, Ind.; a brother, David R., of La Jolla, Calif.; and a sister, Barbara Creager of Mason, Ohio.

Mr. Knight was born in Evansville, Ind., in 1951. Funeral services were conducted Nov. 7 by Ronald Laughland, pastor of the Glendale and Reseda, Calif., churches at the Pierce Brothers Mortuary in North Hollywood, Calif.

EDMONTON, Alta. — Joan Ann Berendt, 45, died Sept. 28 after a long battle with cancer. She was the wife of Robert H. Berendt, a preaching elder in the Edmonton South church.



JOAN ANN BERENDT

Mrs. Berendt was baptized on a baptizing tour in 1964. In 1968 she and her husband, Bob, moved to Pasadena as married students, with their four children. After Mr. Berendt's graduation he served in the full-time ministry in Calgary, Alta., and Ottawa, Ont., before coming to Edmonton.

Mrs. Berendt is survived by her husband and their four children.

Services were conducted Oct. 3 by Will Wooster, pastor of the Wetaskiwin and Red Deer, Alta., churches.

LADYSMITH, Wis. — Harry Gordon Wheelock, 77, died Oct. 22 of a heart attack. A member since 1974, Mr. Gordon attended the Wausau and Wisconsin Dells, Wis., churches. Since his wife's death in July, 1982, he lived with his daughter's family in Bruce, Wis.

Mr. Wheelock is survived by four children, 20 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Norman T. Strayer, pastor of the Wausau and Wisconsin Dells churches.

VICTORIA, B.C. — Isla Beryl Houghton, 86, a member since 1975, died in her sleep Oct. 2.

Mrs. Houghton was born in Victoria and was preceded in death by her husband, Jack, and son, Raymond. She is survived by two daughters, six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

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150,000, without counting 45,000 newsstand copies," the regional director added. "The magazine goes into 152 countries."

"We added 43,000 new subscribers in 1983 alone. These came primarily from newspaper ads, radio broadcasts, Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong's television program and word of mouth."

Since the first radio broadcast in 1960, "we have never been off the air," Mr. Apartian added. *Le Monde a Venir* (the French-language *World Tomorrow*) is on 25 radio stations.

The international *Good News* began January, 1982, with 3,000 subscribers. "Today we have 10,200," said Mr. Apartian.

More than 1,265 members attend 23 French-speaking churches worldwide. At the five French-speaking 1983 Feast of Tabernacles sites, 2,279 brethren attended.

German-speaking areas

Tracing the history of the work in German-speaking areas, regional director Frank Schnee said doors first began to really open in the late 1960s when more than 70,000 subscribers were added to the German *Plain Truth* list. The German magazine began in 1961.



FRANK SCHNEE

"It really created a momentum, which carried us on" into the 1970s, Mr. Schnee said. After the advertising campaign ended in the German *Reader's Digest* and *Hoerzu*, circulation continued only by word of mouth. Advertising campaigns resumed in the late 1970s, building the present *Klar & Wahr* (German *Plain Truth*) circulation to more than 150,000.

Current *Reader's Digest* and *Der Spiegel* advertising campaigns produced "absolutely unbelievable" circulation growth, he said. He added that the German Office expects the *Klar & Wahr* advertisements to add more than 120,000 new subscribers by year's end.

Exceptionally large Holy Day offerings and donations from members helped finance the huge increase, Mr. Schnee said.

Italian-speaking areas

"Plan to do a short, fast Work," Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong told me in January, 1982," said Carn Catherwood, the Church's regional director for Italian-speaking areas.

July-August, 1982, was the first issue of *La Pura Verita* (Italian *Plain Truth*). It was sent to 600 subscribers, Mr. Catherwood said.

Today the magazine's circulation is 31,000, of which 4,000 go to Rome, Italy's capital. By year's end circulation should reach 40,000. Mr. Catherwood said the circulation goal for the end of 1984 is 80,000 copies.

"Certainly the past year and a half has been a learning experience," said the regional director. With God's intervention the Italian phase of the work has moved ahead.

No official congregations or full-time ministers are in Italy or Sicily, but about 40 brethren attend Sabbath services in Catania, Sicily, when Mr. Catherwood travels

there. Ten have requested to counsel for baptism.



CARN CATHERWOOD

More than 90 percent of *La Pura Verita* subscribers are in Italy, although the magazine is sent to 71 countries.

New Zealand

Although it is "probably the aspect of God's work serving the smallest population at this present time," the area administered by the New Zealand Office "has an incredible amount of diversity in it," said Peter Nathan, regional director there.



PETER NATHAN

The area includes New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Fiji, Tonga, Western and American Samoa, the Society Islands and New Zealand.

"It is quite an incredible experience to go and talk to strangers... they automatically know the *Plain Truth* magazine," said Mr. Nathan. They also know about the radio program, which is aired on Auckland's Radio Pacific and other radio stations throughout New Zealand and Tonga on Sunday evenings.

"The government has committed itself to somewhere along the line provide private television," said Mr. Nathan. The question is whether one of the two government channels will be sold off or a new channel will be started. "If they do sell off one of the government channels and we are able to use it, we will literally have access to 97 percent of the population by that one channel," said Mr. Nathan.

In the area served by the New Zealand Office, the *Plain Truth* magazine, with a circulation of 82,000, reaches one in 51 people, or one in every 15 households.

"New Zealand's economy is in a disastrous state and yet, in a disastrous economy, the Eternal is still doing a very powerful work," said Mr. Nathan. The income in this area for 1983 is expected to be more than 1.3 million New Zealand dollars, representing a 13.5 percent increase over the previous year.

Philippines

Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong visited the Philippines in January and received a merit award from Philippine President Ferdinand E. Marcos.

Responses to Mr. Armstrong's *Plain Truth* Bible lecture were fewer this year than years past, but "I feel as though it was a better quality audience," said Guy Ames, regional director. About 2,800 people attended the lecture.

Mr. Armstrong's lecture was followed by 30 Bible lectures conducted by local ministers in succeeding months. A total of 2,712 new people attended the lectures.

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Obituaries

LAS CRUCES, N.M. — Clemmie Pendergrass, 78, a member since 1965, died at home Sept. 23.

Funeral services were conducted by Keith Walden, pastor of the Hobbs, N.M., and Lubbock and Midland, Tex., churches.

Survivors include sons Pat, Bud of Roswell, N.M., and Milton Watkins of Mexico; brothers Frank Jones of Grants, N.M., and Ernest Jones of Phoenix, Ariz.; sister Florence Clark of Portales, N.M.; four grandsons; four granddaughters; and three great-grandchildren.

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Ellen Ruth Clarke, 46, died Oct. 18 in University Hospital here following an illness of more than a year. She had been hospitalized for five weeks.

Funeral services were conducted Oct. 21 by Norman Smith, pastor of the San Diego church, at the Conrad Mortuary in Lemon Grove, Calif. Interment was at Torreon Mission Cemetery in Cuba, N.M.

Mrs. Clarke is survived by her son, Paul of Imperial Beach, Calif.; daughter Ramona of El Cajon, Calif.; sister Mary Toledo, and brothers Johnson and Norman Chavez, all of New Mexico.

PORTSMOUTH, Ohio — John L. McElwee, 28, a member since 1977, died Sept. 7 after a truck accident on his way to work.

David Treybig, pastor of the Portsmouth church, conducted services at the funeral home and the graveside.

Mr. McElwee is survived by his wife, Ellen; children Laura, 5, and Derek, 2; parents, Don McElwee and Pauline Montgomery; five brothers; and one sister.

MONTVALE, N.J. — Maria Cristina Rodriguez, 55, died Oct. 1 after a long bout with cancer. She was baptized in March, 1980.

Mrs. Rodriguez is survived by her husband, Ben; daughters Abigail and Lillian; sons Joe, a member, and Albert; and a granddaughter, Josie.

Funeral services were conducted in Passaic, N.J., by Montvale pastor Lloyd Briggie.

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EVENTS IN THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

PASADENA — Brethren on the island of Grenada are safe following U.S. military action that began there Oct. 25, according to Rod Matthews of Ministerial Services.

Mr. Matthews said that Victor Simpson, pastor of the Grenada congregation who lives in Trinidad, traveled with his wife to Grenada Nov. 9. Mr. Simpson found all the members safe and in good spirits, but said the property of some Church members was damaged.

"Some of their homes had minimal damage from stray bullets, which had penetrated the walls of the upper sections," said Mr. Matthews. "One member found bullet holes in his car. The apartment the Simpsons use when in Grenada had three windows blown out as a result of a concussion from a nearby bomb blast, and Marines had kicked the door in when securing the area."

Mr. Matthews said Grenadian soldiers set up an anti-aircraft gun in the front yard of a Church member's home, but they abandoned the site.

"The situation is now settling down," said Mr. Matthews. "Everyone is safe, and there is plenty of food for all." He said Sabbath services took place there as scheduled Nov. 12.

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PASADENA — Year-to-date income figures for 1983 show a 13.1 percent increase through October, according to evangelist Leroy Neff, Church treasurer.

"September and October are difficult to compare with the same previous months [of the preceding year], because the festivals do not fall on the same dates according to the Roman calendar," Mr. Neff said Nov. 9.

Continuing, he said, "When you compare months alone, we had a minus 18.3 percent [decrease] for September — but in October, we had a 107.1 percent increase! This sounds like a tremendous increase for October, but when combined with September, we actually ended with a 17.2 increase for the combined months. When we compare this for the year to date, we ended October with a 13.1 percent increase over last year."

The evangelist added that preliminary figures for November indicate a downward trend in income. "In summary," he said, "let me say that even though the general trend is up, with a 12 or 13 percent increase, we do still have periods when the increase is not that great."

The Church's budget team prepared a proposed 1984 budget for Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's review, he said. The Church must plan for several major increases in outlays for media time, publishing costs and payment of the U.S. Social Security tax for non-ordained employees.

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PASADENA — Ray Clore, a local church elder and a 1976 Pasadena Ambassador College graduate, and his wife, Rhonda, will be sent to Jerusalem in January by the U.S. Foreign Service, Mr. Clore told *The Worldwide News* Nov. 14.

"The Foreign Service considers Jerusalem a sensitive area, politically and religiously," said Mr. Clore, "so it will be the most challenging post ever for me."

"I hope to be able to serve the four Church members in Israel, since they have difficulty meeting for Church services," he said.

"I plan to have our house available for Bible studies on the Sabbath," he added. "Any visitors in the area are welcome at the Bible studies."

Mr. Clore will periodically visit the Ambassador College students working at the Bunyat Center for Special Education in Jordan, and have Bible studies there.

Mr. Clore worked for the Foreign Service in Haiti from 1977 to 1979. He was American Citizens Services Officer in Cameroon from 1979 to 1981 and in Vancouver, B.C., from 1981 to 1983.

While serving in Haiti and Cameroon, Mr. Clore pastored churches, gave Bible studies and conducted visits. In Vancouver he led songs and performed special music.

Mr. Clore's duties in the consulate general's office in east Jerusalem will be issuing replacement passports, doing public notary work, determining citizenships and supervising the office for Americans who die overseas without next of kin.

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PASADENA — The Ambassador Concert Choir performed in the Ambassador Auditorium with the Victoria Symphony Orchestra, from Victoria, B.C., Nov. 13 in a program entitled "A Salute to the Americas."

Under the direction of conductor Paul Freeman, the choir sang Earl Robinson's *Ballad for Americans*, narrated by Brock Peters, whose career includes starring or co-starring roles in the films *Porgy and Bess*, *Two Minute Warning* and *Roots II*.

According to John D. Schroeder, director of the concert choir, this was the second time that a Church or college choir had performed for a concert in the Ambassador Founda-

tion series. The choir is composed of members of the Ambassador College Choral and the Pasadena Church Choir.

The concert began with the national anthems of the United States and Canada. Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong attended the concert with his guest, Lucy Martin, Ambassador College professor emeritus of music.

Mr. Peters, Dr. Freeman and a representative from the Canadian consulate in Los Angeles, Calif., were among those who attended a reception that followed in the lower lounge of the Auditorium.

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PASADENA — Two *World Tomorrow* telecasts featuring the Young Ambassadors, a singing group made up of Pasadena Ambassador College students, brought in hundreds of mail and phone comments, according to Richard Rice, director of the Mail Processing Center. The programs were aired Sept. 10 and 11 and Oct. 22 and 23.

"Viewers were impressed with the high quality of the music, the beauty of the Ambassador College campus, and even more so by the bright, happy, smiling faces of the Young Ambassadors," said Mr. Rice. "Many commented that the program was not only entertaining, but also set a standard that is sorely lacking in today's world."

Mr. Rice said that more than 4,000 people became subscribers to *Youth 83* as a result of the telecasts.

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PASADENA — Ministerial Services here released the following itinerary for evangelist Gerald Waterhouse:

Dec. 1, Murphy, N.C.; Dec. 3, Atlanta, Ga.; East and West, combined Sabbath services; Dec. 4, Gainesville and Athens, Ga., combined Bible study; Dec. 5,



CONCERT CHOIR — Bass baritone Brock Peters performs in the Ambassador Auditorium Nov. 13 while Paul Freeman conducts the Victoria (B.C.) Symphony and the Ambassador Concert Choir. (See "Updates," this page.) (Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.)

Columbia, S.C.; Dec. 6, Florence, S.C.; Dec. 7, Charleston, S.C.; Dec. 8, Augusta, Ga.

Dec. 10, Macon and Columbus, Ga., combined Sabbath services; Dec. 11, Montgomery, Ala.; Dec. 12, Columbus, Miss.; Dec. 13, Greenwood, Miss.; Dec. 14, El Dorado, Ark.; Dec. 15, Shreveport, La.; Dec. 17, Big Sandy, Longview and Tyler, Tex., combined Sabbath services; Dec. 18, Lufkin, Tex.

Dec. 19, Alexandria, La.; Dec. 20, Monroe, La.; Dec. 21, Jackson, Miss.; Dec. 24, Meridian and Hattiesburg, Miss., combined Sabbath services; Dec. 27, Tallahassee, Fla.;

Dec. 28, Moultrie, Ga.; Dec. 29, Savannah, Ga.; and Dec. 31, Jacksonville and Gainesville, Fla., combined Sabbath services.

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PASADENA — Ministerial Services here announced that Gary Sefcak, formerly a deacon in the San Bernardino, Calif., congregation, was ordained a local church elder Sept. 8 by Jim Peoples, pastor of the San Bernardino, Banning and Glendora, Calif., churches. Mr. Sefcak, a 1958 graduate of Ambassador College, will continue to serve in San Bernardino.

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September broke all records for responses to *The World Tomorrow*, which is aired on two television stations. More than 600 letters were



GUY AMES

received. In October, God's work in the Philippines received its two millionth letter since the office was opened in 1962.

Subscriptions to *The Plain Truth* increased by 175 percent over the past year, with circulation reaching more than 160,000.

The average income of 90 percent of the Philippine population is less than \$80 a month, but brethren's Holy Day offerings were up 20.9 percent. Income is up 23 percent, while donors' contributions rose 53 percent over 1982.

Church attendance is now about 2,849, representing an 11 percent increase over 1982. There are 36 churches in the Philippines.

Southern Africa

"The No. 1 problem in South Africa is politics," said Roy McCarthy, the Church's regional director in southern Africa.

Each of the areas in southern Africa is different — economically, linguistically, culturally, religiously, educationally and politically, Dr.

McCarthy added.

The major areas administered from the office in Johannesburg, South Africa, are the Republic of South Africa, Zimbabwe, Mauritius and Zambia.

Plain Truth circulation hovers near 175,000, up from 52,000 only five years ago. In the past nine months, 66,000 new subscribers were added. Advertisements in the July, September and November editions of *Reader's Digest* and 14 other publications account for the increase, Dr. McCarthy said.

With successful programs like direct mail, *Plain Truth* blow-in cards, newsstands and waiting rooms, "we could have a *Plain Truth* circulation of 320,000 by the end of 1984," he continued.

Almost 8,000 subscribe to *The Good News*, 1,500 take *Youth 83* and 2,000 are students of the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course, said the regional director.

Fourteen ministers serve the Church membership of 1,463 in 16 churches and seven outlying Bible



ROY MCCARTHY

studies. Airing of *The World Tomorrow* on radio and television is forbidden by the government in South Africa, said Dr. McCarthy.

"The income has grown spectacularly with a 25 percent year-to-date increase in 1983. During the first 10 months of this year, mail received was

up 50.8 percent.

Spanish-speaking areas

"We... in the Spanish-speaking area have had excellent growth during the last four to five years and especial-



LEON WALKER

ly in the last two years," said evangelist Leon Walker, the Church's regional director for Spanish-speaking areas.

He pointed to 1982 as a year of "exceptional growth," noting that *La Pura Verdad* circulation topped the 200,000 mark, a doubling of the 1981 circulation. The magazine is distributed to more than 100 nations.

The Spanish Department, through an active renewal program, allowed the circulation to decline to 185,000. Mr. Walker cited financial reasons for the move. He said that despite the slight circulation decline, more than 80,000 new subscribers are expected to be added by the end of 1983.

"We're not having too much difficulty in maintaining our active circulation," he said, noting a 40 percent renewal rate.

The Spanish Department received a 400 percent increase in subscribers this year to the Spanish edition of the international *Good News* magazine. More than 10,000 people now receive the publication.

The evangelist added that the Spanish Department expects to receive more than 240,000 pieces of mail in 1983, and will have sent out

more than 280,000 pieces of literature — a 36 percent increase over 1982. He said there is thus far a 25 percent increase in co-workers and donors, and that the figure may go as high as 30 percent before the end of the year.

He also described the "enormously successful" *Plain Truth* lectures in Central America (see "Updates," *W/N*, June 27). One lecture in El Salvador was attended by more than 500 people, including a top government official.

The Spanish Department oversees 21 churches and six outlying Bible studies. Twenty ministers, including Mr. Walker, are employed by the department. There is one local church elder in Latin America.

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