



**BRETHREN IN SCANDINAVIA** — This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Church in the Scandinavian and Nordic regions. The first Sabbath service was conducted in Oslo, Norway, in August, 1973. The area is administered by the Borehamwood, England, Office. [Map by Ron Grove]

## Church completes first decade in Scandinavian, Nordic region

By Peter Shenton  
BOREHAMWOOD, England  
— This year saw not only the jubilee celebration of this era of the Church but also the 10th anniversary of the Church in the Scandinavian and Nordic regions. The first Sabbath service was conducted in August, 1973, in Oslo, Norway.

Peter Shenton lives in England and pastors the Ipswich and Norwich, England; Aarhus, Denmark; Oslo, Norway; and Stockholm, Sweden, churches.

Before that a visit by one of God's ministers was rare. For many, the Feast of Tabernacles in England was their only opportunity to attend services. Occasionally a few Danish brethren would travel to attend services in Hamburg, West Germany.

Now there are monthly services in three churches, Bible studies, meetings where sermon tapes are played and Holy Day services.

The Church in the Scandinavian and Nordic region includes Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland

and Iceland. Even though historically they have influenced each other politically and culturally, today these countries remain nationally and linguistically separated.

Geographically, too, each country is different. The rugged majestic mountains of Norway contrast with the low-lying prosperous farmland of Denmark.

Sweden on the other hand, which shares Norway's mountains, is blanketed with forests and boasts some 96,000 lakes. With Finland and Iceland this all adds up to more than a half million square miles of territory with a scattered population of 22 million.

Apart from their historical heritage dating back to the Vikings in the eighth to 10th centuries, the one thing these countries have in common is the use of English as a second language. About half the population speaks it fairly fluently.

This enables the Church to use the English edition of *The Plain Truth* to take its message into this part of modern-day Israel. Circulation stands at about 13,000, and plans are to increase this to 25,000 to 30,000 copies monthly.

The Correspondence Course through lesson 12 and some key booklets are translated into Danish. Back-up literature is being completed for

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## Circulation nears quarter million mark

# Good News distribution expands

By Michael A. Snyder  
PASADENA — Circulation of *The Good News of the World Tomorrow* in English, French, Dutch, German and Spanish is nearing the quarter million mark, according to Dexter H. Faulkner, managing editor of the Church's publications.

More than 207,000 copies of the 32-page, four-color English *Good News* were sent to subscribers in November, said Ray Wright, director of Publishing Services. More than 31,000 copies of the 24-page international *Good News* editions were also mailed that month.

Of the total, more than 186,000 copies went to nonmembers. "Most people probably don't realize that about 75 percent of the people receiving *The Good News* are not baptized members," Mr. Faulkner said.

### Expanded coverage

Since the English magazine returned to a four-color format in January, 1979, circulation has more than doubled.

"Originally, it was considered a magazine solely for Church members," the managing editor continued. "But as the *World Tomorrow* programs began reaching more and more people, and *The Plain Truth* circulation grew we found that thousands of people wanted to know more about how they could apply God's law and way of life in their own personal lives."

The international and English editions of *The Good News* are available to anyone who requests them. "The *Worldwide News* is now the members-only Church publication," Mr. Faulkner said.

The international *Good News* includes articles from *Youth 83* and summaries of Pastor General Her-

bert W. Armstrong's trips and other Church news from *The Worldwide News*. It is printed mostly in black and white at the Church's Publishing Services Department.

### Careful balance

Asked about the primary purpose of the magazine, Mr. Faulkner responded: "The *Good News* emphasizes practical, how-to aspects of Christian living, offering doctrinal instruction and providing a means for Mr. Armstrong to communicate directly with members and supporters of God's Church."

Many writers who contribute to the publication are field ministers or ministers working at the Church's headquarters in Pasadena who formerly pastored churches.

"This gives the magazine a solid spiritual base," Mr. Faulkner said. "These ministers have years of experience and probably multiple thousands of hours in counseling and helping people solve their problems."

"These years of experience, especially the experience of visiting people newly interested in God's truth, help us provide a careful balance in the magazine," he continued.

"Most of our readers, as the circulation statistics show, probably don't have a deep understanding of God's truth. Many are brand-new subscribers. We therefore have to maintain a balance of spiritual milk for newcomers to God's understanding, while not neglecting stronger spiritual matters for Church members."

The title of the magazine was changed from *The Good News of the World Tomorrow* by Mr. Armstrong in March, 1982.

"Mr. Armstrong wanted the

magazine, even in its title, to point readers toward the soon-coming Kingdom of God," the managing editor said. "We don't pretend the Great Tribulation isn't ahead of us, but we focus on the positive — encouraging people to absorb God's way of life and begin living His laws."

"The *Plain Truth* proclaims the great commission — of warning this world of the end result of humanity's folly. *The Good News* explains how God's way of life is the antidote and how individuals wanting to obey God can do so. The magazine gives readers

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**GOOD NEWS** — Circulation of English, German, Spanish, Dutch and French editions of *The Good News of the World Tomorrow* is nearing the quarter million mark. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]

## MPC employees process 10,000 responses a day

By Jeff Zhorne  
PASADENA — The combined amount of mail received during the first four years of the Work now arrives every day, according to Wayne Pyle, an assistant to Richard Rice, director of the Work's Mail Processing Center (MPC).  
Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's first 15-minute radio program Oct. 9, 1933 — which received 14 responses — has in 50 years flourished into a worldwide Work that receives 10,000 letters each day, plus telephone calls, said Mr. Pyle.

Every facet of the Work in those early years was done by Mr. Armstrong and his wife, Loma. Today, however, thousands of employees in various departments work together to back Mr. Armstrong as a support team.

"Mail is sorted into dozens of categories, unlike in the beginning, when mail was received basically from one source: Mr. Herbert Armstrong's radio program," he continued.

People today have access to God's truth from a number of sources such as *Plain Truth* subscriptions and newsstands, direct mailings, advertisements in magazines and newspapers, the waiting room program, television, radio, public Bible lectures and booklets.

"Word of mouth is also a big source for mail from new people," Mr. Pyle remarked. "And in Mail Processing we keep track of every piece of mail."

Mail is processed by more than 600 MPC employees, 240 of whom sort and read mail and work in personal correspondence, international mail, quality control, on computer terminals and in other areas.

Thirty-eight are employed in the Work's postal center, and about 360 work in the telephone response section. Many postal and telephone response employees are on call or work part time.

"Mr. Armstrong was the first statistician," said Mr. Pyle. "He kept records to monitor the growth of the radio audience." Mr. Armstrong used the statistics to encourage and motivate co-workers to keep

up their support for the Work, he added.

MPC continues to compile information and statistics from earlier years, said Mr. Pyle.

Hugh Mauck, who works in MPC's service center, recalled early days of mail handling in the mid-'50s, when MPC was called the Circulation Department. At that time Mr. Mauck helped begin record keeping.

Soon the Circulation Department was keeping track of 14 files, too many for manual record keeping. So the Work purchased an IBM computer in April, 1967, and Mr. Mauck was put in charge of the new data processing center.

Robert Seelig, supervisor of mail reading and MPC's employee with the most years of service, received a plaque March 15 for "30 years of full-time, dedicated and loyal service." (Mr. Seelig began working part time for mail handling as an Ambassador College student in 1951.)

High points for Mr. Seelig were visits by Mr. Armstrong to the mail room, where he would "sit and chat with us for a while. He would tell us about minor problems in the Work and some of his plans."

"Mrs. Armstrong would also come over to read letters with us and comment on certain ones," he continued.

"I can honestly say that in 30 years I've never had a dull day," said Mr. Seelig. "I wouldn't take anything for it."

Claudine Woodie, who received a plaque for 30 years of service to MPC before the Feast, remembers when co-worker and member letters were addressed by a paper stencil machine.

Mrs. Woodie helped change addressing techniques from stencils to metal plates. Now addressing is done by computer.

In January, John Wilson Sr., head of MPC's co-worker section, will reach the 30-year mark, too. When he started working, only nine others were employed in mail handling.

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# Fallout begins from 'The Day After' film

PASADENA — Nov. 22, the West German Bundestag (parliament), by 286 votes to 226, reaffirmed that nation's commitment to deploy NATO's new intermediate-range nuclear weapons, the Pershing 2 and cruise missiles.

Within hours of the decision, components of the first of the Pershing 2 rockets were delivered to U.S. bases in West Germany.

Moscow, to be expected, reacted sharply to the decision in Bonn. For West Germany, it said, "the Rubicon has been crossed," and that it had succumbed to "overseas nuclear fanatics" (the Reagan administration) who only want to turn the country into a launchpad for more missiles targeted on the Soviet Union.

## Movie stirs controversy

Two days earlier, in the United States, the Pershing 2 missile figured, in the background at least, in a highly promoted television movie, *The Day After*, a 2½-hour film about nuclear destruction in Kansas.

In the film, the implication was made, by simulated television and radio news bulletins, that it was the deployment of the U.S.-made Pershing 2 missiles in Europe that began the fateful chain of events.

The producers of the movie had a specific political point to make. They hoped that the audience, scared by the enacted horror of a

nuclear attack, would adopt their view that deterrence is outmoded and that only a nuclear freeze, or something akin to it, offers a solution to the nuclear peril.

Edward Hume, scriptwriter of *The Day After*, was quoted in *The New York Times* as saying, "I would like to see people start to question the value of defending this country with a nuclear arsenal."

In a panel discussion after the movie, former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger called the film "a simpleminded notion" of a complicated question. He added that if the Soviet Union felt that the United States had mentally disarmed itself, "then precisely what we've seen tonight will happen."

## French hold firm

At the same time *The Day After* was shown in the United States and while the real missile issue was leading to the first political split on strategic matters in West Germany, there were no comparable anti-nuclear protests in France.

The French, of course, possess an independent nuclear force, and unlike the West Germans, feel more in control of their own destiny.

The French mood was reflected in an angry book by a young, formerly left-wing philosopher and in a pastoral letter from the French Roman Catholic bishops supporting the principle of nuclear deterrence.

In the book, *The Force of Ver-*

*tigo*, author Andre Glucksmann heaps scorn upon the U.S. Catholic bishops and the pacifist strain in their pastoral letter earlier this year on nuclear war. Scientists such as Albert Einstein, Mr. Glucksmann recalls, took part in developing an atomic bomb out of fear that Adolf Hitler would produce one first.

Mr. Glucksmann pointedly asks

politicians and military officials to defuse the blackmail to which the nation could be subjected."

Thus, on the matter of defense in this world, as on issues of morals and doctrine, the rift between Roman Catholic authorities in Europe and the United States (where the church seems to be in almost open rebellion against Rome on some

## WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



the American bishops, "In confidence, would you have dared to reply to Einstein: Rather Hitler than the nuclear bomb?"

The French bishops issued their pastoral letter just a few days after publication of the Glucksmann book. In it, the bishops said that if a peaceful country gave up its power of nuclear deterrence, it would submit itself to "the permanent blackmail" of an aggressor. "In a world where man is still a wolf to other men," the letter said, "turning oneself into a lamb may perhaps provoke a wolf."

The bishops added that "given the state of violence and sin in which the world exists, it is the duty of

issues) is growing.

The moral groundwork therefore has been reconfirmed for the European nations to possess their own nuclear defense, significant should the United States ever withdraw its nuclear umbrella from the Continent.

## 'Nuclear winter'

All of the above political discussion on the best method to prevent a

nuclear war by no means nullifies the evidence of what a war would produce. In the panel discussion after *The Day After*, astronomer Carl Sagan said that such a full-scale nuclear exchange in the Northern Hemisphere could usher in a long nuclear winter and initiate a series of events that could lead to the extinction of the human species.

The Oct. 31 *New York Times* reported some startling findings by Mr. Sagan and a group of scientists after two years' research.

"The long-term environmental impact of a major nuclear exchange," summarized the *Times*, "would make life tenuous, perhaps impossible, for survivors of the initial blasts because the world's climate would be drastically altered. The climatic and optical aftereffects of a nuclear exchange... [could] produce a cold, dark world in which the production of food may be impossible; surface water supplies would be frozen to a depth of several feet."

"The study selected as the most likely scenario an exchange involving 5,000 megatons, or about one third of existing nuclear weapons. A megaton is the equivalent of a million tons of TNT. Existing estimates, Dr. Sagan said, are that in a nuclear exchange of that magni-

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## Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

## How to destroy unity

Not long ago Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong wrote in *The Good News*: "Perhaps the No. 1 problem — yes, and even the No. 1 and most prevalent sin in God's Church today is careless Gossip and rumor spreading. Whether or not realized, it often becomes accusation and slander..."

"I fully realize that often this is mere carelessness—a sort of thinking through the mouth—with no deliberate intention to harm. But it DOES HARM! And sometimes it is intended to harm!"

No problem does more to destroy unity and trust between brethren than criticizing, condemning and judging in God's Church.

Members who judge and condemn others in God's Church simply do not see that a concerned God is guiding every aspect of His Work today. They look at the way local churches are run or the way people dress or the diets people follow or how a certain minister speaks and decide that that's not the way they think it should be done.

So, apparently assuming that God doesn't know or isn't in control of what is going on, they make it their duty to bring the real or imagined faults to the attention of every poor listener who comes within earshot.

Stop and think. You probably know several chronic complainers—people who always know what's wrong with someone or something and want to make sure you know, too—people who can find a cloud for every silver lining.

How many other members have you turned off by condemning and criticizing?

Before someone gets the wrong idea and begins to condemn, let me say this: I am not talking about constructive criticism. The name of the game in the Christian life is overcoming, and loving guidance from others is

occasionally necessary.

But I'm talking about the destructive verbal rifle shots that only emphasize the negative—that are nothing more than expressions of self-righteousness—barbs launched because we are ignorant of the facts or because we want to defend some pet theory.

Consider the Spokesman Club evaluator who must find something wrong with every speech he critiques. Even if the speaker gets as close to letter perfect as he is going to get in this life—he's got gestures, vocal variety, organization, a fantastic introduction, excellent timing, a good subject, all the facts, plenty of color and enthusiasm, you name it—this type of evaluator will still find something wrong.

If nothing else, he will attack the speaker's tie!

Consider the woman who, for whatever reasons, is working outside the home. Some will criticize her for working. On the other hand, the woman who stays at home and tries to create the best environment for her family will be criticized too!

Ask any nonworking wife—every one of them has heard remarks like "What do you do all day?" or "It must be nice not to have to work!" (as if keeping a good home isn't work!)

Wear your best clothes and jewelry to come before God on the Sabbath, and you'll be criticized for showing off. Dress in something of less quality to avoid these fashion editors and you'll inspire the wrath of those who expect you to already be wearing the fine linen you'll have on when you're married to Jesus Christ (Revelation 19:7-8).

These people need to reread James 2:1-4.

Frankly, balanced Christians probably wouldn't believe some of the criticisms directed at God's publications.

Our severest detractors don't

attack our articles. We wonder sometimes if they even read them. No, they get out their microscopes and write us long theses condemning how white the rolls were in a photograph, or that a woman was standing in a picture while a man was sitting down, or that a woman in a photo was wearing earrings, or how long or short some man or woman's hair was.

It might be funny if it weren't that these critics are developing character traits of negativity, judging and lack of foresight and discernment. I dare say these are not the qualities of which God is made!

But these people must already be perfect themselves—that's why they have the right to cast stones at other brethren. Think about it.

Philippians 4:8 tells us what we as Christians should have our minds on. And in Matthew 24:45-51 Jesus warns that Christians who smite their fellow servants (and the tongue is a deadly club!) have a fearful end awaiting them.

It's all a matter of attitude. Are we positive, encouraging, always searching for the good, cheering each other on, realizing that every member is at a different stage of Christian growth, compassionate of others' problems, hopeful, always thinking the best? That's God's attitude.

This column is a plea for balance. If we approach life from God's viewpoint, we won't be constantly griping about a whole series of real or alleged problems. Instead, we'll be energetic doers in the midst of all things, solving our own problems so we can better serve others, and roaring along the right track toward the Kingdom of God.

Ask yourself: Am I too critical? Pointing out the failings of others to prop up ourselves is an easy habit to acquire but a tough one to shake.

The major stumbling block is our own failure to see how critical we are. Even if you don't think you are too critical, examine yourself anyway. Listen to yourself to hear how often your statements are judgmental—right or wrong, good or bad, and in disagreement with others.

Enlist the help of your wife or husband, or a friend. Most of all ask God for help. If you find you have this problem, you can replace it with positive, uplifting encouragement for your brethren. Let's all work together to stamp out this sin.

## European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



## Norway: favored country

OSLO, Norway—Sometimes it is good to be far off the beaten path. The fortunes of such central European countries as Germany and Poland have been forged by their respective political geographies. Both countries have either been squeezed by some outside force or disturbed by inner turmoil produced by their geologies.

Not so with Norway. It is a geo-

graphically favored land even in comparison with its Scandinavian brother countries. The Danes, for example, by virtue of being astride the top of northern West Germany, are a continental people, with ties to events and happenings in western Europe.

Likewise the Swedes are a Baltic people with a wary eye on the Soviet Union. But the Norwegians are an Atlantic people looking westward to their traditional British brothers across the friendly waters.

Norway is a virtual feast of space, peace, beauty and refreshment. A place to relax and unwind, to find calm and comfort. The pace of life is gentle and natural.

As author Donald S. Connery wrote: "Norway has the clear-eyed" (See NORWAY, page 3)

## Letters TO THE EDITOR

### Geography lesson

I especially value... the articles [Nov. 7] on the Maltese brethren and the new member from Yap.

With my older children we've been using the globe... and the atlas to better acquaint ourselves with the areas. It is a great source of meaningful study into geography and other cultures. And especially exciting to see all kinds of people from all kinds of backgrounds being singled out by our great God for a special calling.

Rod Matthews' "International Desk" column is always very informative in this regard also. Thanks team!

G. Anderson  
Turner, Ore.

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### Vietnamese subscriber

I am a Vietnamese refugee, just arrived in Australia two months ago. Prior, I've known respective magazine *The Plain Truth* when I was being re-educated in concentration camp. Surprised? Of course!

Communist authorities prohibited all Western papers, but taking advantage of Communist safeguards, we used paper slips (from *The Plain Truth*) to cover our food. We transfer from one to another for reading your valuable articles—priceless during confinement. Twice, Communist guards discovered our reading material. We were imprisoned in fetters for this.

Luckily, after seven years of reeducation, I was released. I tried to flee away at once. Once I failed and was imprisoned again. However, I escaped to Saigon (See LETTERS, page 7)

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## Church

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the Norwegian edition of *The Plain Truth*—*Den Enkle Sannhet*—to be launched in February. The work of the Church in the Scandinavian and Nordic regions is administered by the British Office under regional director Frank Brown.

Pastor in the Scandinavian area is Peter Shenton, an English minister, who makes a preaching and visiting circuit on a monthly basis.

The circuit often consists of a Friday evening service in Oslo, Norway; Sabbath services in either Stockholm, Sweden, or Aarhus, Denmark; alternating with a Sunday Bible study. There is a regular Bible study in Copenhagen, Denmark, and occasional studies in Stavanger, Norway, and Helsinki, Finland.

In the three years ending in August, Mr. Shenton has flown about 75,500 miles (120,800 kilometers) on 208 flights, serving the Scandinavian and Nordic areas.

Also assisting in this part of the world is Deidrik Zernichow, a local church elder responsible, with other Church members, for much of the translating into Danish and Norwe-



**NORWEGIAN CHURCH** — Brethren sing hymns during the monthly Sabbath service in Oslo, Norway. Of the 61 baptized members living in the Scandinavian and Nordic regions, 24 live in Norway.

gian. Another Norwegian, Roy Ostensen, was named regional editor of the Norwegian *Plain Truth*.

Sixty-one baptized members live in the Scandinavian and Nordic areas. To attend services some travel great distances. For example, those in Gothenburg must travel 250 miles (400 kilometers) to Stockholm, which is from one side of Sweden to the other. The Feast of Tabernacles

and the Passover are the only services some members are able to attend.

One such person is Olav Johansen, who lives in Tana, Norway, in Lapland, virtually on top of the world. He is, apparently, the northernmost member of the Worldwide Church of God. Attending services in Oslo during the Passover season entails a 2,000-mile (3,200 kilometer) round-trip airplane journey.

In Lieksa and Punkasalmi, Finland, members live just a few kilometers from the border of the Soviet Union.



**ISOLATED MEMBER** — Church member Olav Johansen, shown with his son Roar, lives above the Arctic Circle in Tana, Norway. Mr. Johansen travels 2,000 miles (3,200 kilometers) to observe the Passover with brethren.

## Employees

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Four of those students were Bill Glover, now a member of the Eugene, Ore., church; John Bald, a minister in the Rochester, Minn., church; Dennis Prather, a member of the Vancouver, B.C., church and employed by the Canadian Regional Office; and Leroy Neff, now an evangelist and Church treasurer.

"Up until 1952, Mrs. Armstrong, Freia Friddle [now wife of minister Paul Smith and working in the Big Sandy Church offices] and a few others were opening and reading all

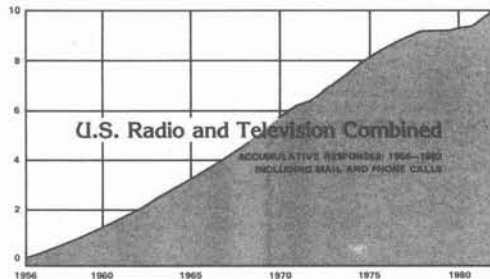
the mail," said Mr. Wilson. Information was handwritten on 3 by 5 cards.

In 1963, while in charge of mail receiving, Mr. Wilson and staff would strive for one-day service.

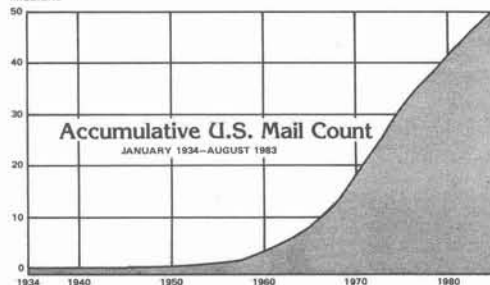
"We would open the mail, read it, write a reply, address an envelope, enclose literature and carry it to the post office in one day," said Mr. Wilson. "We did that for some years. Of course it's impossible to do that now, since the Work is so large."

"The Work is more complex today, but we are spreading the Gospel much more," said Mr. Pyle. "Mr. Armstrong certainly has us on his team."

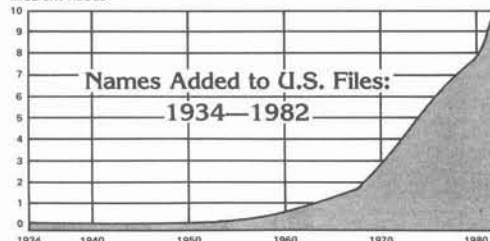
MILLIONS OF RESPONSES



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**HALF CENTURY OF GROWTH** — Graphs show accumulative growth of God's work in the United States during the past 50 years. [Graphs by Ron Grove]



**IN-HOME BIBLE STUDY** — Peter Shenton (far right), pastor for the Scandinavian brethren, conducts an in-home Bible study at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reidar Lie in Stavanger, Norway. From left: Arild Sigmundsen, Mrs. Lie, daughter Karin Lie, Mr. Lie and Mr. Shenton.

## Norway

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appearance of the freshest, cleanest and most natural nation in Europe. It is almost as if the weary and sophisticated Continent had set Norway apart as a national park or royal preserve and had appointed the Norwegians as custodians to keep the waters clear, the mountain snows untouched by industrial soot, and the wonders of nature unspoiled by thoughtless trespassers" (*The Scandinavians*, Simon & Schuster, page 179).

Norway speaks to an age "when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3:19). Often either overlooked or ignored, *Vines Expository Dictionary of New and Old Testament Words* makes this phrase come alive. The New Testament usage of the word *refresh* implies intermission from labor, to give rest, to lie down, to make cool, to receive attention, to enjoy the kind of attention of friends. No healthy and mentally whole person can do without these things.

A businessman's travel magazine pictured Oslo as a puritanical city lacking any "real living." Its words were: "If you are a drinker or are in search of entertainment, don't go to Oslo." Perhaps that is good advice for someone in quest of the empty husks of some of this world's entertainment.

I found a decidedly different kind of entertainment on the main street squares of the town center. Young men and women were literally danc-

ing in the streets. Groups of teenagers were skillfully executing various folk dances from Greece, Germany and other countries.

And where were the adults? Why, gathered around in a circle watching with admiration, of course.

Don't get the wrong impression. Norway is part of this 20th century world — and therefore it shares the problems of this modern age. It's just that a combination of factors, including geography, has so far spared it from the worst of the lot.

Take unemployment as an example. Its 3.4 percent rate is one of the lowest in the Western world and only one third the level of neighboring Denmark.

The same is true of suicide and sex. As Mr. Connery remarked: "They [the Norwegians] have none of the sexual or suicidal notoriety of the Danes and the Swedes" (op. cit.,

page 182).

Foreign diplomats on assignment in Oslo are often overheard to say: "We wish we had your problems."

However, with blessings comes responsibility. Not all is well with the Norwegians. The Dutch beat back the sea, and Norway has struggled with the weather. The average January temperature in one town in northern Norway is 24 degrees Fahrenheit (about minus 4 degrees Celsius).

Norway should not make the mistake of taking its geographical blessings for granted. Nor should she forget their source. Just before the onset of a millennium of prosperity and plenty, there is coming an "hour of trial" to every nation (Revelation 3:10, Revised Authorized Version). Material resources will be of little account then; only spiritual resources will see a people through that great time of unparalleled troubles.

## Distribution

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specific instructions on perfecting character and gets down to the brass tacks of Christian living."

The managing editor added that he expects the magazine's circulation to soon top the quarter million mark.

"Publishing Services, with Mr. Armstrong's approval, is preparing to mail a letter from the pastor general to students of the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course," he said. "In the letter Mr. Armstrong explains the content of *The Good News* and offers them a free one-year subscription.

"When this was last done in 1982,

the magazine's circulation increased by 40,000. It will be interesting to see what our response will be this time," he said.

"We of the GN editorial staff hope that brethren pray that God will continue to use the magazine to deepen the spiritual understanding of those He is calling and those He has begotten as future sons," Mr. Faulkner said. "We have a strongly committed group of headquarters and field ministers and others who write some of the most important articles that this world has the opportunity to read."

"We hope that brethren will ask God to inspire those who have the opportunity to read this important publication to heed what it says."



# ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

## 75 sample wine and cheese

The DALLAS, Tex., young adults had a wine and cheese tasting evening Oct. 29 at an early 20th century Tudor mansion.

Randal Dick, pastor of the Dallas West church, presented selections from eight cheese families, including Bel Paese, Edam, Brie, Gruyere, Port Salut, Cheddar (Canadian), Cheshire and Stilton.

Dallas East associate pastor Wayne Dunlap, who imported and sold wines before becoming a minister, presented eight imported and domestic wines to complement the cheeses. They included: 1982 Bornheimer Adelberg Kabinett, white,

Rheinhessen, West Germany; 1975 Chateau du Clos Renon Portets, red, Bordeaux, France; 1978 Dexheimer Doktor Spätlese, white, Rheinhessen, West Germany; 1982 Mirassou Chardonnay, white, Monterey County, Calif.; 1979 Cote de Beaune Villages, red, Burgundy, France; 1982 Pouilly Fuisse-Thorin, white, Burgundy, France; 1980 Egri Bikaver, red table wine, Hungary; 1980 Parducci Cabernet Sauvignon, red cabernet, Mendocino County, Calif.

Seventy-five brethren attended the activity. Michael Rucker-Wilhelme.



**SERVING SAMPLES** — Earl Thomas serves a 1982 Bornheimer Adelberg Kabinett from Rheinhessen, West Germany, to Susan Dick, wife of Dallas, Tex., West pastor Randal Dick, at an Oct. 29 young adults' evening. [Photo by Jim Ross]

## Singles attend tropical paradise evening

About 215 singles attended a dance Nov. 5, sponsored by the DAYTON, Ohio, singles.

Singles from Florida traveled the farthest. Area brethren provided overnight housing for visitors.

During Sabbath services earlier that day, John Boone welcomed the group and listed three points to making singles' activities success-

ful: Think positively, be friendly and be willing to serve.

Pastor Ray Meyer told the group to place spiritual goals over physical ones. He said that singles can help other members grow by providing Christian fellowship, unity, service and dating opportunities.

The dance took place at Haer's Party House, which was decorated



**EUROPEAN VINEYARDS** — Wayne Dunlap, associate pastor of the Dallas, Tex., East church, points out the locations of French and German vineyards at an Oct. 29 wine and cheese tasting evening. [Photo by Jim Ross]

## Picnic honors Feast choir

Medardo Maninang, pastor of the Daet, Legaspi, Naga City and Sorsogon, Philippines, churches and coordinator of the Feast in NAGA CITY, Philippines, treated choir members and those in charge of Feast activities to a picnic at Pongol Beach, Pasacao, Philippines, Oct. 30.

The group of 30 spent the day fishing, playing darts and chess, swimming in the South China Sea and playing games. Prizes were awarded to winners in the games. Ernesto O. Mistola.

## How to write church news

The *Worldwide News* has given church news a face lift. We will now run fewer, but more in-depth, articles (see box this page and articles published in this section for examples).

We will publish more feature-type articles instead of the straight-news type as we did in the past. In addition to telling readers what happened, tell them why and how. Add descriptions and comments from others, not just your own words.

"Accent on the Local Church" is an idea column for other church areas. Maybe you had an exceptionally enjoyable activity, an activity that other areas might not have thought of. Here's an opportunity for you to let them know about it.

Put yourself in the shoes of a member from another area. If members there wanted to have a similar activity what would they want to know? Go into some detail on the planning stages and

why your area came up with the idea. The list of ideas should be almost endless — fund raisers, Spokesman or Graduate club meetings, various service projects and senior citizens' outings.

Put the most interesting part of your report at the beginning of your article. If the first few paragraphs do not convey something interesting, a reader might spend his time reading something else. Tell your story as simply and plainly as possible.

A few comments on names. Include full names (first and last, no initials for first names, please) of all people mentioned in your articles. Be sure to mention appropriate titles. For example: Everyone in the Peoria, Ill., church knows that Gerald Knoche is a local church elder there, but the brethren in Minot, N.D., may not. If you were to quote Mr. Knoche you would write: Gerald Knoche, a local church elder.

## Philippine singles participate in hike

Two single members from the Tacloban City, Philippines, church, and a woman from the Cebu, Philippines, church were guests of the SOGOD, Philippines, singles for a day of hiking Oct. 30.

The group first stopped at a mineral spring. Later they had breakfast at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Amancio Cuares Sr., who are members and parents of Delio and Jun Cuares, who were hosts to the group.

They then went to Bitu-on (star) Beach, which Delio Cuares, along with a friend, is developing into a tourist attraction. The location boasts white sand, crystal-clear water, colorful fish and coral. The group stayed until 2 p.m. Ernesto S. Zeta Jr.

## Church news format

Articles submitted for "Accent on the Local Church" should be written according to the following guidelines:

- Only special activities in your church area should be featured in this section. Please send in only one article every two months or six articles a year. Include interesting and innovative ideas your church has come up with in organizing and carrying out these activities.

- Think of service to brethren around the world. Does your article include ideas other church areas might want to try or ways problems were overcome or some other helpful hints?

- Deadlines for these feature reports will be extended to three weeks. Any articles postmarked later than three weeks after the event cannot be published. If the date of the activity is omitted, the article will not be printed.

- Consult with your minister and be sure your choice of activities coincides with what he considers to be the most special. All articles submitted should have his signature of approval.

- Articles should be no longer than 1½ typewritten, double-spaced, 8½ by 11 pages. If a typewriter isn't available, please print or write carefully. Names, places and dates should be especially easy to read. See also the guidelines for writing church news articles on this page.

- Reports from different church areas on similar seasonal activities may be combined into one article by W/N editors.

With the cooperation of all you reporters, this new format change, "Accent on the Local Church," will mean better coverage of events in your area and highlight interesting ideas from your churches for brethren around the world.

## Island Bible study begins

Guy Ames, Philippine regional director, spoke to 69 brethren at a Bible study in CATBALOGAN, Philippines, Oct. 22.

Mr. Ames arrived at the Tacloban City airport in the morning, and traveled to Catbalogan with Felipe C. Casing, pastor of the Tacloban City and Sogod, Philippines, churches, and members Arturo Reyes, Leo Negru and Jose Tomada.

The group hired a vehicle to travel the 110 kilometers (about 70

miles), and crossed the San Juanico Bridge, which connects the provinces of Samar and Leyte.

The outlying Bible study in Catbalogan is the third on Samar Island.

Mr. Ames told the audience to ask themselves whether they are converted or simply following, and to prove it with God's help.

Later brethren met at Mr. Casing's home in Tacloban City to ask questions of Mr. Ames. Ernesto S. Zeta Jr.

## Ministry conducts seminar

The ministry in VANCOUVER, B.C., conducted a seminar Oct. 23 for 86 brethren to help them be more effective when applying for employment.

Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's booklet *The Seven Laws of Success* was used as a basis for the seminar. Seven members experienced in business and management spoke.

Topics included: goals and objectives, job search and resumes, the interview, a videotape showing

interviewing techniques, the use of resource materials, attitude to work and employer, changing jobs and being productive.

Thomas Ecker, pastor of the Vancouver church, said that some have gotten jobs by using techniques shown in the seminar. "It seems to have had a good effect here," he said.

The ministry is planning a follow-up seminar. The meeting ended after a question-and-answer period. W. Wilkie.

## Musician's efforts praised

# Member renews music program

*This article is reprinted by permission of the San Manuel, Ariz., Miner. Joseph Rivers, a member of the Tucson, Ariz., church, received his doctorate of philosophy in music theory from the University of Arizona last year. Mr. Rivers was the first to earn such a degree there.*

By Odell Henderson

TUCSON, Ariz. — Remember the legend of the phoenix bird that burned itself to ashes and then rose alive and youthful to live again?

Last Thursday night I witnessed a similar resurrection. I just hope there is enough strength there for life to continue and grow.

I am speaking of the San Manuel High School music program.

As I sat there and listened to a dozen young people perform in the band and the two dozen or so singing in the chorus I was filled with both anger and joy.

Some thought music to be for sissies. Others felt that athletics were more important. Still others felt it was too expensive. Perhaps some who supported the program only did so for their own gain and pleasure, taking from but not really contributing to it.

I was angry with our entire community, myself included, because over the years we let the music program in our school system die. I was hurt as I thought of the talent that has been lost or wasted over the years because seemingly no one cared.

Whatever the reason for the failure of the music program I believe we all must accept some blame.

There is no reason that San Manuel school can't have a great marching band or a chorus that can take honors at state. If we can do it in athletics we can do it in music.

Music is called the universal language. Why not teach our children

to appreciate music and learn to communicate through it?

With joy, my hat goes off to director, Mr. Joseph Rivers, and those young people who performed last Thursday night.

While they may not have sounded like the "pros," they made me proud. I saw some students in that

group who have come a very long way over the years. I can't help but think that the music helped a little.

I say congratulations Mr. Rivers, keep up the good work. This is one person who is behind you all the way!

Now if we could just do something about rude people in the audience...

## Member, 100, recalls trip in horse-drawn wagon

*This article appeared in the Aug. 3 issue of the Del Norte, Colo., Prospector and is reprinted by permission. Luther W. Gross has been a Church member for five years.*

By Ruth Sales

DEL NORTE, Colo. — For men like Luther W. Gross, Covered Wagon Days [are] more than a holiday. [They are] a memory.

Gross, who [was] 100 years old Aug. 8, still remembers riding in covered wagons in Kansas and Oklahoma, when that territory opened up.

"Two horses and a cow were behind [the wagon], and a chicken was in the box in back," he said. Gross said he "always owned a horse or jackass."

Born in Jonesville, N.C., Gross and his family gravitated west when he was still a child. He remembers living in Oklahoma under 116-degree temperatures.

He said, "I haven't ever gone back. When I was coming out here, my mother asked, 'When will you be back?' I said, 'That's a big question.'"

Gross liked Colorado so much when he came here in 1910 that he

married Bessye Blanche Gray in 1913 (she died in 1959); ran a garage in Saguache until 1958 or 1959, fixing "anything that was to be repaired"; and raised three chil-



LUTHER W. GROSS

dren in the valley.

Harold Gross and Marjorie (Clare) still live in Monte Vista. His other child, Jackie, died at the age of 12.

Gross has seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

"There is good climate here, good soil, good people and scenery," Gross said.

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## Fallout

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tude, 1.1 billion people would die immediately and another 1.1 billion would be severely injured.

"Within weeks after such an exchange, according to the report, soot, smoke and dust from nuclear fires and groundbursts could reduce the amount of sunlight at ground level to a few percent of normal. 'An unbroken gloom would persist for weeks over the Northern Hemisphere,' it said [emphasis ours]."

For the next several months, continued the Times summary, "the

light filtering through this pall might not be adequate to sustain photosynthesis, the process by which plants convert sunlight to food. At best, the reduced light could severely limit growth 'and the consequences would cascade through all food chains,' the report said.

"The lack of sunlight could cause a 'harsh nuclear winter' with temperatures dropping as much as 25 degrees centigrade [55 degrees Fahrenheit] in inland areas, the report said, adding that many areas could be subject to continuous snowfall, even in summer."

Newsweek, in its Nov. 7 edition,

added: "Then would come darkness." "Within a week after the war, some 200 million tons of sooty smoke would create what Stephen Schneider of the National Center for Atmospheric Research calls 'a blacktop highway three miles up.'"

"The smoke would absorb so much of the sun's rays that less than 5 percent of the normal amount of light would reach the ground, causing a constant gloom that would choke off even photosynthesis..."

How remarkably close to the description of the Day of the Lord given in Zephaniah 1:14-15: "The great day of the Lord is near... a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness"

### President ponders Armageddon

According to an Oct. 27 Associated Press report, U.S. President Ronald Reagan wondered aloud if the world wasn't approaching Armageddon.

Thomas Dine, executive director of the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee, confirmed that in a telephone conversation with the President, Mr. Reagan said: "You know, I turn back to your ancient prophecies in the Old Testament and the signs foretelling Armageddon, and I find myself wondering if — if we're the generation that is going to see that come about. I don't know if you've noted any of those prophecies lately, but, believe me, they certainly describe the times we're going through."

The President might also note Matthew 24:22 — "And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened" (Revised Authorized Version).

## FOCUS ON YOUTH

### YOUTHS EAT LUNCH WITH VICE PRESIDENT

Courtney and Paul Degenfelder, children of Marilyn Louderback, met U.S. Vice President George Bush, while visiting Glacier National Park in Montana in August.

The children were hiking to Hidden Lake for a day of trout fishing with their parents. When Courtney asked if she could take his picture, Mr. Bush asked Courtney and Paul to share his lunch, and had a park ranger take photos.

Mr. Bush told Harold Louderback of an island he said was great for fishing. Mr. Bush gave each of the children a pocket knife engraved with his name on one side and the seal of the vice president on the other.

Courtney, 12, and Paul, 11, attend church in TACOMA, Wash., with their parents. They are members of the YES program. Marilyn Louderback.

### PIANIST TAKES FIRST IN TALENT CONTEST

Malva Miller, 17, of the Pasadena Imperial church, was awarded first place in the senior division, ages 16 and older, of the Southwest district regional talent contest in PASADENA, Oct. 30. She performed Scott Joplin's "Maple Leaf Rag" on the piano.

Benny Perez, 18, of the Garden Grove, Calif., church, captured second place with his Congo drum solo of "Sounds of the South Sea."



KAREN PELLEY

First place in the junior division, ages 13 to 15, was given to Karen Pelley, 13, of the Pasadena Auditorium P.M. church, for her piano performance of Franz Schubert's "Waltz in A Minor No. 2."

The contest took place in the Fine Arts Recital Hall at Pasadena Ambassador College. Nine contestants from Arizona, California and Nevada were judged on technique and tone, 25 points each, rhythm and interpretation, 20 points each, and deportment,

10 points, for 100 possible points.

Guy Burke was master of ceremonies, and judges were Kathryn Ames, former concertmistress for the East Texas Symphony, and wife of college instructor and minister Richard Ames, Lois Tucker, music instructor for the primary grades at Imperial Schools in Pasadena, and Allen Andrews, accompanist and manager of the Pasadena Church Choir and the Ambassador College Choral.



MALVA MILLER

Curtis May, associate pastor of the Imperial congregation, announced the judges' decision after Private Reserve, a band composed of area church members Mike Hale, Michael Snyder, Al Killebrew, Terry Willhoite and Nathan Braden, entertained the audience. Sandi Borax.

### ZIMBABWE GIRL RECEIVES AWARD

Despite missing school to attend the Feast of Tabernacles, Eugenia Hlazo, 15, of the HARARE, Zimbabwe, church, received a merit certificate for excelling in French and science at the Lord Malvern school in Harare, Oct. 21.

Before the Feast of Tabernacles, the school's headmaster told her that she would not be readmitted if she attended the Feast. Deacon Harris Hlazo, Eugenia's father, spoke with the headmaster as did church pastor Ronald Stoddart, but the headmaster would not relent.

Mr. Stoddart explained the situation to the regional office of education and was told that Eugenia could not miss more than eight days of school. Mr. Hlazo explained to the headmaster that Eugenia would only miss seven days. The headmaster relented.



CHANCE MEETING — While visiting Montana, Courtney and Paul Degenfelder met U.S. Vice President George Bush. (See article, this page.)

## U.S. Tax Tips

With the end of the year approaching, it is time to think about filing U.S. income tax returns. With this in mind, the Mail Processing Center offers the following information for your consideration.

• Donations to the Church must be postmarked by Dec. 31 to be eligible for a 1983 receipt.

• The annual receipts will be mailed out after Jan. 20 and should reach you by the end of January or the first week in February.

• If a husband and wife receive separate annual donation receipts, these may be combined if a joint income tax return is filed.

• Donations credited to a child's record normally cannot be transferred to the parents' record at the end of the year. Also, these items should not be claimed as a deduction on the parents' tax form.

• Keep canceled checks or money order receipts in your personal records, along with your annual donation receipt, to back up your tax returns. It is recommended that you keep this information for five years.

If you have any questions concerning these receipts, please write, or call on the Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) line at 800-423-4444 during normal business hours (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Pacific Standard Time).





## Letters TO THE EDITOR

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(now known as Ho Chi Minh City) to live illegally to the end of 1982. I escaped successfully to Malaysia.  
I now ask to be a subscriber to your magazine.

Hoang Lap Chi  
Cabramatta, Australia  
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### Response to Youth 83

I grew up in the '60s in a very liberal college town in the Northeast. My environment at home was very unstable and by age 16 I was bitter, disillusioned and very rebellious of authority. Most of my friends were all involved with drugs or sex before we graduated from high school. I can honestly say that if a Youth 83 magazine happened to circulate through our peer group at that time, any one of us would have scoffed at it.

Unfortunately, back then we never heard of Youth 83 or the Worldwide Church of God. Like many young people today, a lot of us came from unhappy homes with little or no consistent adult love and supervision — much less an awareness of God or His laws, especially commandment number 5!

That was all over 14 years ago in my life, and I've been so blessed to have been called by God! ... This world is worse today and our young people even more hopeless than my friends and I, back in the '60s.

It has made me realize how I must thank God, great, wonderful, wise, almighty God, every day, to be learning His truth and having time to teach my children before those difficult teen years

come upon our family. Teach them that there is some hope and some real truth in this world, God's Truth!

Name withheld  
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### Festival comments

My wife and I celebrated the Feast in Eugene, Ore. It is indeed a special place in a beautiful part of the country. Of course it was especially exciting to be there for the 50th anniversary. Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's visit was naturally the highlight.

You could feel anticipation as he walked up on stage for that Sabbath's afternoon sermon [Sept. 24]. Three people followed him up on stage, gray-headed and dignified, whom he introduced to us as "kids." They were three of the original members of the Church pictured in *The Worldwide News* [Oct. 24].

Bruce Hard  
Plano, Tex.

Please may I say a very big thank you to all who were involved in granting me assistance to attend the Feast this year. Without your help it is doubtful whether the children and I could have even attended, let alone enjoyed such a wonderful Feast.

I know each year you say this Feast of Tabernacles will be better than the last. This year truly was. I thought the most wonderful thing (apart from Mr. [Dean] Blackwell) was the love and unity displayed between the brethren. Last year it seemed we all knew we should and were trying; this year, we just "did." May God help us to grow even more and become firmly united in His love.

Margaret Comins  
Huntly, New Zealand

I wish to express my belated thanks to all those who have helped to make our Pasadena Feast so successful. Besides the collective service (big things) done by the Festival committee and Mr.

Robin Webber's team of volunteers; we are also thankful to those who have helped us personally (small things) ...

We were grateful to stay in a house given by a family who kept the Feast in Eugene [Ore.]. Even then we (two bachelors) who have come from far away Singapore, would have been stranded inside the house only 4 kilometers from Ambassador Auditorium! Fortunately a few locals helped us to familiarize with American driving and other essentials. All this assistance was much valuable to say the least.

It was a privilege to be inside the wonderful Ambassador Auditorium, which reflects the high quality dedicated to the great God. Also the whole Ambassador College campus shows the results of our collective tithes, offerings and prayers. The Festival choir provided the best music I have ever seen or heard. I have never realized so much power of inspiration in music before.

William Tan Lan Hum  
Singapore

## Member

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"In looking back at the changes he has seen in 100 years, he commented, 'The good Lord gave us the best of everything, and I am afraid we have spoiled the most of it, just by being careless.'"

"Nothing is like it used to be," he added.

For the past eight years Gross has lived in St. Joseph's Nursing Home, where he said he "got along pretty well, until about a year and a half ago."

Then he began having fainting spells, he said. Now he feels "tired all the time."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Carter, 73, a member since 1966, died in her home Oct. 25 following a bout with cancer.

Tom Oakley, a minister in the Baltimore church, conducted the funeral services.

Mrs. Carter is survived by her sister, her son and three grandchildren.

CINCINNATI, Ohio — Sherry Suzanne Tanner, 20, died in an automo-



SHERRY TANNER

bile accident Sept. 4. She had attended God's Church since she was 4 months old.

Sherry was active in YOU and was on a cheerleading squad and the girls' volleyball team. She was chosen as one of the top 21 girls for homecoming queen in

her senior year of high school, 1980.

Sherry is survived by her parents, Robert and Yvonne Tanner, of Hamilton, Ohio, and brothers Robert David and Joel Ray.

Graveside services were conducted Sept. 7 by Robert League, pastor of the Cincinnati North and South churches.

He is survived by his wife, Audrey, a member.

George Kackos, pastor of the Toledo church, conducted funeral services.

TOLEDO, Ohio — Melvin A. Kannemann, 60, died Oct. 6 of leukemia. Mr. Kannemann was not a member but attended services before his death.

He is survived by his wife, Audrey, a member.

The pastor of the Toledo church, George Kackos, conducted the funeral services.

WACO, Tex. — Ruth Gage, 83, a member of God's Church since 1959, died Oct. 20 after a heart attack. She attended the Houston, Tex., church until 1971, and then the Waco church until her death.

Mrs. Gage was born in Taylor, Tex., and resided in Bryan, Tex., since 1946. She is survived by her husband, Oma Virgil; a son, Virgil Eugene of Bryan; a daughter, Ruby Helen Urbanovsky of Caldwell, Tex.; one brother; two sisters; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Walter Johnson, a minister in the Waco and Austin, Tex., churches, conducted the funeral services Oct. 22.

## AMBASSADOR ACTIVITIES

### THANKSGIVING BALL DEPICTS U.S. BLESSINGS

BIG SANDY — "Blessings of Manasseh" was the theme of the 1983 Thanksgiving Ball, Sunday evening, Nov. 20, in the dining hall.

Students built four thematic shells (booths), and served food relating to each shell's theme, according to Dean Newcomb, student body president.

At the first shell, which depicted the blessings of Ephraim and Manasseh, dates, dried fruit, pocket bread and baklava were served.

The second featured an 1800s theme, and meats, cheeses and a custard and fruit dessert were served. Popcorn, ice cream, cookies and punch were served at the third shell, which portrayed the United States at its peak in the 1950s. The fourth shell, which showed end-time destruction fading into a millennial setting, offered fresh fruit and champagne.

Mr. Newcomb added that murals decorated the walls of the Teakwood Rooms, and a backdrop based on page 8 of the September *Good News* was used for photographs of couples.

The dance was presented by the sophomore class under the direction of Brian Gray, class president. "He did a magnificent job," said Mr. Newcomb. "Everyone seemed to be well-pleased."

Dance music was provided by the Ambassador College Dance Band and Jazz Ensemble led by freshman Mike Belloni. Entertainment was organized by sophomore Bob Rodzaj.

"The obvious time and effort put into the thing were really impressive," said freshman Chris Marlow. "My overall impression? Tremendous."

Mr. Marlow mentioned that it would be tough for the freshmen to match the quality of this dance when they set up graduation ball in May. "We've got our work cut out for us," he said.

### STUDENTS TOUR LONG BEACH HARBOR

PASADENA — About 700 students, faculty members and other Church members participated in an educational field day Nov. 9, according to Joe McNair, student body president.

Students traveled by buses, vans and cars to Long Beach, Calif., Harbor where they began the day's activities by touring the late American billionaire, Howard Hughes' Spruce Goose, the largest plane ever built. In the dome that houses the plane displays and films feature the life of Howard Hughes.

After viewing the plane, students browsed through shops in Londontowne, a collection of English-style tourist shops.

Lunch was served at Shoreline Park. Food was provided by the college Food Service Department and organized by senior Donna Ramon. After lunch, the students split into two groups to tour the British ocean liner *Queen Mary*, which is on display, and to take a boat cruise on Long Beach Harbor.

The activities were capped off with a family-style lasagna dinner in the campus student center.

### YOU SELECTS STUDENTS TO SERVE AT SEP

PASADENA — Thirteen Pasadena Ambassador College students were selected to participate in the Church's Summer Educational Programs (SEP) in Moogerah Dam,



INTERNATIONAL SEP — Pasadena students traveling to Summer Educational Programs in Australia and New Zealand are (standing from left): Marjolaine Dubois, Michael Huff, Brad Mann, Raynard Eddings, Scott Lord, Daniel Reyer and (seated): Brenda Peterson, Rose Johnson, Page Coon, Kim Popham and Carrie Oswalt. Not Pictured are Sheldon Monson and Kim Meyerderks. (Photo by Wesley Webster).

Australia, and on Rangitoto Island, New Zealand. Kevin Dean, director of Youth Opportunities United (YOU), announced the names in a student assembly Nov. 10.

Students going to Australia Dec. 20 are seniors Page Coon, Marjolaine Dubois and Kim Meyerderks, juniors Michael Huff, Raynard Eddings, Sheldon Monson, Carrie Oswalt and Daniel Reyer and sophomores Charles Albrecht (Big Sandy) and Rose Johnson.

Leaving for New Zealand Dec. 18 are senior Kim Popham and juniors Scott Lord, Brad Mann and Brenda Peterson.

Both groups will return Jan. 20, said Mr. Dean.

Richard Ames, director of admissions and associate professor of speech and

theology, and his wife, Kathryn, will travel to South Africa to teach education classes at the SEP there. They will leave Dec. 14 and return Jan. 3.

### CHURCH AND COLLEGE JOIN FOR POTLUCK

BIG SANDY — Ambassador College students here joined Church members for a potluck social and talent show Saturday, Nov. 12.

The potluck began about 5 p.m., a half hour after Sabbath services. It was followed by a talent show at 7 p.m.

"A lot of college students served at the potluck, and the majority of the Church members ate there," said Larry Salyer, dean of students.

Mr. Salyer added that the talent show was not intended to be a professional show, but an

evening of family fun. "It was obviously a very enjoyable and profitable evening for all," he said.

### STUDENTS ATTEND LAKESIDE BONFIRE

BIG SANDY — A bonfire and sing-along took place on the shores of Lake Loma Saturday evening, Oct. 29.

Students roasted marshmallows, and hot chocolate and coffee were served.

Musical accompaniment for the sing-along was provided by Randy Duke, student housing officer; Larry Salyer, dean of students; sophomores Brian Davis, Tom Carmichael, Dean Newcomb, Bob Vestal and Aaron Root; and freshmen Rolfe Jones and Mike Peine. The activity ended at 11 p.m.

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

PASADENA — A record number of calls were received on the Church's Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) lines and California lines Nov. 12 and 13 in response to a *World Tomorrow* telecast entitled "Revelation: End-Time Prophecies," according to William Butler, WATS supervisor.

The 11,604 calls represented an increase of 86 percent above the weekend average. Mr. Butler said the increase was due in part to the addition of 20 phone lines, bringing to 95 the number of lines now in service.

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PASADENA — Four *La Pura Verdad* (Spanish Plain Truth) Bible lectures conducted by Reginald Killingley in Lima, Peru, attracted 582 new people, according to Keith Speaks, circulation and promotion director for the magazine. The lectures took place Nov. 19, 20, 26 and 27.

Attendance at the four meetings was 1,366. "That is the highest total attendance we've had for a series of Bible lectures," said Mr. Speaks. "This represents one of the most avid responses to a *PV* lecture series, as nearly 25 percent of those invited attended."

Mr. Killingley said about 150 of those attending indicated they were interested in follow-up Bible studies, which are scheduled to begin in December. At least 15 people requested a personal visit.

Two Spanish-language Bible lectures conducted in New York, N.Y., Nov. 5 and 6 by Larry Hinkle, a minister in the Queens, N.Y., church, attracted 183 new people. About 5 percent of those invited attended the meetings.

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PASADENA — Almost three million books and booklets were distributed by the Church this year in the United States, according to Richard Rice, director of the Mail Processing Center.

The most requested book is *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, with 362,817 requests. *The Book of Revelation Unveiled* at

Last was requested 311,903 times, and *Are We Living in the Last Days? and Never Before Understood: Why Humanity Cannot Solve Its Evils* were requested more than 200,000 times each.

In addition, *Why Were You Born? What Is Faith? and What Do You Mean—Salvation?* each were requested more than 100,000 times.

"These seven publications alone account for 50 percent of all the books and booklets sent out this year," said Mr. Rice.

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PASADENA — Ministerial Services here announced that William Butler and Carol Miller were ordained local elders Nov. 14 by evangelist Herman Hoeh and Richard Rice, director of the Mail Processing Center. Mr. Butler will serve in the Pasadena Auditorium A.M. church, and Mr. Miller will serve in the Pasadena Auditorium P.M. church.



## INTERNATIONAL DESK BY ROD MATTHEWS

PASADENA — Having caught up on the backlog of mail that accumulated during the Feast, many of the Church's international offices are in the midst of advertising campaigns. Here is a survey from the latest monthly reports:

### German-speaking areas

The largest advertising program in the history of the Church in German-speaking Europe began in October. Ads and newspaper inserts were placed in 10 magazines and newspapers in West Germany, Austria and Switzerland. More than 28,000 responses have been received so far.

A glue-on card that appeared



**YOUNG AMBASSADORS TAPE** — Pasadena Ambassador College senior Robert Taylor and junior Lisa Sproutte package Young Ambassador audio cassettes Nov. 6. Volunteers packaged 14,440 tape albums in three sessions, according to Daniel Girouard, student body vice president, who is in charge of the packaging project. Ross Jutsum, director of the Young Ambassadors, said: "We've received so many orders that we had to have an additional 10,000 albums manufactured. Response continues to be very encouraging." [Photo by Ford Burden]

fliers were placed in six regional daily newspapers, concentrating on areas of New Zealand low in *Plain Truth* penetration. It is expected that 2,000 subscribers will be added.

In October, Bill Moreland, a senior vice president of BBDO/West (Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn), and Mr. Hulme had talks with an advertising agency to consider promotional activities for *The Plain Truth* in New Zealand, including television spot ads, the introduction of facilities for telephone responses to the radio broadcast, newspaper and magazine ads and inserts and a direct mail campaign.

### Scandinavia

The launching of the Norwegian *Plain Truth* in February, 1984, is fast approaching. Roy Ostensen, Norwegian regional editor, will move to the British Office at Elstree House, Borehamwood, England, to work. This edition will be printed with the German, Dutch and Italian editions in Britain.

Meanwhile, the inventory of Norwegian booklets is being built up for the increasing demand.

### Caribbean

Now that the situation in Grenada is settling down, Stan Bass, regional director for English-speaking areas of the Caribbean, requested media agents to pursue radio and television outlets in that island nation again. *The*

*World Tomorrow* was aired on Radio Free Grenada before Maurice Bishop came to power. After an absence of four years it is hoped that the program will soon be heard again.

Additional contracts were signed to place Mr. Armstrong's program on Cayman Islands Radio Station (south of Cuba, northwest of Jamaica) and St. Maarten Television (160 miles or 256 kilometers east of Puerto Rico).

September was the first month for the *World Tomorrow* television program on station TIT in Trinidad. Combined radio and television responses in October were up 243 percent over 1982 (when radio alone was available).

In Jamaica, the combined media response from radio and television is up an incredible 1,449 percent over October, 1982. The addition of the telephone number at the end of the television broadcast there greatly increased response, even though the number of telephones in Jamaica is limited.

For the second straight year, the combined income from all English-language islands of the Caribbean region topped the \$1 million figure. The year-to-date income in the region is up 27 percent over the same period last year.

with an ad in the weekly newsmagazine *Der Spiegel* Oct. 24 alone brought nearly 4,500 responses in the last days of October.

Ads in two leading newspapers, *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* and *Die Welt* brought another 12,000 responses to date.

By the end of November, two million newspaper inserts had been distributed, offering *The Plain Truth* in six languages. About 15 percent of responses are for the magazine in languages other than German.

### Australia

A program to increase the number of *Plain Truth* subscribers in Australia started in October. Ads were placed in four leading magazines: *Woman's Day*, *New Idea*, *The Bulletin* and *Newweek*.

Also in October, a series of ads pointing viewers to Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's *World Tomorrow* program on television appeared nationwide in *TV Week* magazine. The ads were designed to make the viewing public more aware of the program and the airing times.

David Hulme, director of Media Purchasing for the Church, visited Australia in October, and with regional director Robert Morton, met with media agents there to discuss plans for advertising in the year ahead.

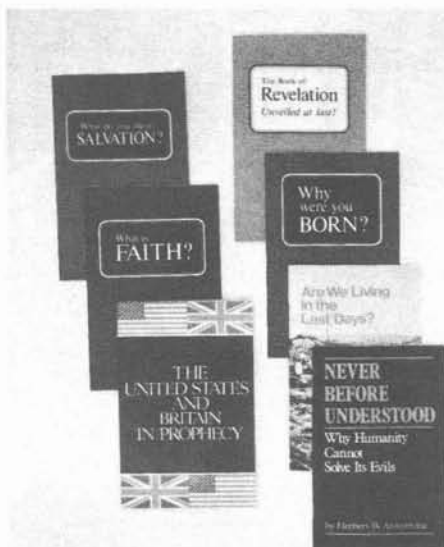
### British Isles

More than 88,000 subscribers now take *The Plain Truth* in the British Isles, but the number is expected to grow because of an advertising campaign started in late November. By January subscriptions are expected to number more than 100,000. The campaign includes three full-page inserts, including postage-paid reply cards, in publications with a combined circulation of more than three million.

The newsstand program in the British Isles is adding up to 2,000 names a month to the subscription list, a 2 to 3 percent response rate, considered good.

### New Zealand

In October, 230,000 full-color



**MOST-REQUESTED BOOKLETS** — More than 1.3 million of the above seven booklets have been sent to requesters since January, according to the Mail Processing Center in Pasadena. (See "Updates," this page.) [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]



**CIRCULATION GROWS** — The above Oct. 24 *Der Spiegel* advertisement brought more than 4,000 new subscribers to *The Plain Truth*. The ad is part of a European advertising campaign that has brought more than 28,000 responses. (See "International Desk," this page.)

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