

An Open Letter to Our Newly Begotten Brethren Recently Baptized

By Herbert W. Armstrong
GREETINGS! newly baptized brethren in Christ Jesus.

This year again there is joy and rejoicing among the angels in heaven over your repentance and having been begotten to a lively hope as *children of God* through Jesus Christ our Lord!

And there is new joy in the hearts of ALL our true brethren and co-workers in Christ over your recent conversion from the desires and will of the flesh and the ways and customs of the world, to the government of God in your life now, that you may have reward in His Kingdom at the coming of Christ, in the world tomorrow!

You will meet trials

You have entered upon a new life — a life of great happiness and joy — a life to continue FOREVER — yet, in this present evil world it will not be an easy life.

As a matter of fact, you have left behind the "easy way" — the popular, broad road that leads to destruction. You have passed the crossroads and turned off onto the narrow, rutty, bumpy, rocky and HARD and DIFFICULT road that very few people in this world ever are willing to enter — but that leads to SUCCESS, to USEFULNESS, to HAPPINESS, JOY and ETERNAL LIFE.

It leads to rewards — not of idleness and ease, but to usefulness and service and accomplishment and success — so great that I know your mind can't possibly grasp it, now, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO PAY THE PRICE!

It won't come easy! All your temptations, trials, persecutions and hardships will come from *other people* — or from the devil — or from the consequences of sin, which means violations of God's laws and ways. You must remember you still have to live in a world organized and living in disregard of God's laws — a world governed by the sway of Satan, and according to the impulses of pride and vanity, the lusts of the flesh and the greed and tempers of human nature.

If you were still OF this world, the world would love its own. But because you have renounced this world and its ways, and are no longer OF it, the world will hate you, persecute you, turn against you, even as it hated and persecuted your Savior before you.

Why you must suffer

"My PEACE I give unto

you... that my JOY might remain in you, and that your joy might be full," said Jesus (John 14:27, 15:11). "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have PEACE. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

You will meet many afflictions — trials, tests, troubles — even more than before. But, if you trust in Him, the Eternal will deliver you out of them ALL (Psalm 34:19). ALL who will live godly in Jesus Christ shall suffer persecution (II Timothy 3:12).

But WHY? Because God has called you to surrender your life to HIM — to GIVE your life into HIS HANDS — that He may transform you into a perfect, holy, righteous CHARACTER. God is CREATOR!

And now, with your consent, according to your own free will, you have placed yourself in His hands to CHANGE you — to CREATE out of you the supreme masterpiece of all His creation!

What is character?

AND CHARACTER MEANS SELF-DIRECTION, WITH GOD'S HELP, INTO GOD'S WAY OF LIFE. You'll find it is a new and different way of life from the way you have lived up to now. It means SELF-DENIAL! It means SELF-DISCIPLINE! It means resisting all that is evil or wrong in your nature. It means breaking up wrong habits — rooting them out of your life — and instilling into your life new habits — and making these newer right ways fixed HABIT.

This is not easy. It takes WILL-POWER. It requires DETERMINATION.

Besides all this, God will permit trials and tests to come upon you — severe problems. He will permit CIRCUMSTANCES to drive you to HIM for HELP — for deliverance! You may soon think no one in the world is troubled like you are. You will begin to won-

der why you have greater trouble to face than anyone else on earth — not realizing that all other real Christians are going through the same tests! Perhaps closest relatives will turn against you, probably because of the Word of God — the TRUTH you have embraced and started to live.

But, if you learn the lesson of FAITH — and if you have PATIENCE — you may KNOW that you will be delivered out of (See LETTER, page 3)

Injured minister making 'rapid progress'

Evangelist visits Latin America

PASADENA — "Mr. [Regional] Killingley's recovery has been excellent," said evangelist Leon Walker, who flew to Lima, Peru, Aug. 25 after Mr. Killingley, pastor of the two churches in Peru, was robbed and shot there (see "Minister Shot in Peru," *WN*, Sept. 2).

Mr. Walker, regional director for Spanish-speaking areas, returned to Pasadena Sept. 3.

"We have to realize that the bullet could have easily killed Mr. Killingley," Mr. Walker said. "The bullet entered his chest about three inches from his heart. It's obvious that God was with him and protected him from fatal injury."

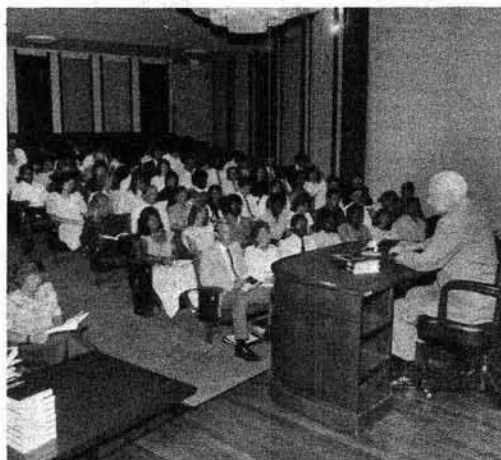
Mr. Killingley was released from the Anglo-American Hospital in Lima Aug. 29.

"Since the Feast site in Peru is about 10,000 feet above sea level, we were concerned that Mr. Killingley might have trouble breathing," the evangelist said. "However, he visited the doctor Sept. 3, and the doctor said he was making such rapid progress that he shouldn't have any problems giving sermons during the Feast."

Summer trip

Mr. Walker and his wife, Reba, spent five weeks visiting ministers and brethren in Latin America July 14 to Aug. 13.

During the trip the Walkers vis-



NEW TEXTBOOK — Chancellor Herbert W. Armstrong presents his book *Mystery of the Ages* to the fundamentals of theology class at Pasadena Ambassador College Sept. 9. During an hour lecture, Mr. Armstrong explained why he had written the book as the textbook for the class. [Photo by Warren Watson]

ited the Mexican Summer Educational Program (SEP) on the Big Sandy Ambassador College campus, and met with ministers and brethren in Venezuela, Colombia, Costa Rica and Guatemala.

"Despite continuing severe economic problems, brethren are doing well spiritually, and in many cases are better off financially than their counterparts," the regional director said.

"I hadn't visited some of these areas for about three or more years," the evangelist said. "My

purpose was to maintain close, intimate contact between the field ministry in Latin America and the Church's headquarters.

"Each time I go to Latin America I discuss what is happening at God's headquarters in Pasadena, what Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong is doing and discuss the plans and goals of the Spanish Department.

"This also gives the ministers an opportunity to ask biblical and administrative questions, and discuss plans for *Pura Verdad* [Spanish] (See EVANGELIST, page 11)

Brethren escape injury from Hurricane Elena

PASADENA — Damage to housing and meeting facilities of three U.S. Feast sites in the path of Hurricane Elena was "remarkably minimal," according to evangelist Ellis La Ravia, a member of the Festival coordinating team under Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong.

The Festival sites hit by the hurricane are Biloxi, Miss., and Pensacola and St. Petersburg, Fla. Evangelist Joseph Tkach Sr.,

who serves on the coordinating team, said, "Although the destruction to communities hit by the storm was in some cases severe, there have been remarkably few problems with the meeting facilities or the housing in any of the three sites."

"Out of about 20,000 brethren attending the sites, about 50 to 100 brethren attending the three sites will have to relocate their Festival housing," said Mark McCulley, Festival planning coordinator.

"We are grateful that the damage was not more severe," he said. The convention hall in Pensacola suffered slight damage, while the centers in St. Petersburg and Biloxi escaped unscathed.

Steven Moody, Festival coordinator for the Biloxi site and pastor of the churches in Mobile, Ala., and Biloxi, said no brethren were harmed, although some suffered damage to their homes.

"One Church member living on the beach in a trailer lost everything," Mr. Moody said. "When she and her husband returned after the storm, they found their truck in the bayou and their trailer shredded." (See HURRICANE, page 11)

Finances down, says treasurer

By Leroy Neff
PASADENA — Two thirds of 1985 is history. Except for unexpected changes, the financial trend

Evangelist Leroy Neff is treasurer of the Worldwide Church of God.

could be set for the year. We pray that is not so, and that the trend will make an upward change for the rest of the year.

August produced an increase of 9.2 percent in income for the Church — in the United States — over last August. As this is lower than the overall average, our year-to-date figure dropped a little during the month to 11.9 percent more than last year.

The expenses for most departments are slightly below budget. The Media Purchasing area is considerably over budget because of new stations. The Mail Processing

Center is on an upward trend that will continue for the rest of the year, requiring an increased number of booklets to be printed. Projections indicate that these two areas will exceed the overall budget for the year by 2 or 3 percent.

Unless there is an upward increase of income during the remainder of the year, the Church will have from 2 to 3 percent less in cash reserves than at the end of last year. (See FINANCES, page 11)

Only Christ can end global power struggle

PASADENA — We are entering once again the Fall Holy Day season. These days portray the triumphant return of Jesus Christ in all power and glory, the removal of Satan and his evil influence and the establishment of the world-ruling government of God over all the nations, to lead the way to international peace and harmony.

Looking at the world today, we should pray more fervently for the fulfillment of what the Holy Days symbolize.

Everywhere we look, nations and conflicting forces within nations are locked in deadly struggles for power. Civil wars rage and governments are overthrown.

The war in Afghanistan will soon enter its sixth year. An estimated one million people in Afghanistan (out of a population of only 14 million) may have already perished fighting Soviet forces.

In Ethiopia, the government places priority on the importation of East bloc weapons in order to continue its battle against secessionist forces. Ships carrying donated food from Western countries for Ethiopia's starving millions often have to wait days at anchor waiting to unload — and then have to pay exorbitant port fees on the free food.

Nigeria, the African continent's most populous country, has undergone yet another governmental overthrow. In the last week of August, the military government of Gen. Mohammed Buhari was toppled in a coup headed by army chief of staff Gen. Ibrahim Babangida.

On the last day of 1983 Gen. Buhari had ousted an elected government, which lasted only four months. He complained of government corruption and weakness. Foreign debts were mounting and oil revenues were dwindling. Someone had to get a grip on things, he said.

Now, editorialized the Sept. 4 *Wall Street Journal*, "a new clutch of army figures is saying about General Buhari the same sorts of things General Buhari said about President [Shehu] Shagari."

In South Africa, so much in the news of late, the power struggle is intense and complicated. The government holding power is determined to proceed with cautious evolutionary changes, considering the

region's violent history.

Some challengers to the government aren't satisfied with anything other than revolution now. A leader in one of the opposition groups shouted in a fiery speech, "We are going to destroy everything in this country, and on the ashes of apartheid, we will build a new South Africa."

In Sri Lanka, negotiations between the government and leaders of a separatist group have broken down. Observers grimly predict an intensified civil war leading to repression, or partition of the state between the minority Tamils and majority Sinhalese, into a type of Asian apartheid or oriental Cyprus.

In the Philippines, the authoritarian government is challenged both by a weak, faction-ridden democratic opposition and a growing Communist guerrilla movement.

Curiously, Filipinos believe and expect that someday the United States will intervene militarily to rescue them, to fight the Communists and restore democracy. Even though the United States operates two critically important military bases in the islands, this expectation is not likely to materialize, given Washington's reluctance to act forcefully overseas.

Then there are the intractable problems of Northern Ireland and the Middle East. Only one with the wisdom of Solomon could solve these dilemmas.

There is simply no way that the Protestants of Northern Ireland would submit to living within the boundaries of a united Ireland — certainly not with the Irish Republican Army (IRA) unchecked. They would rather declare unilateral independence — an act that would deal a crippling blow to the government of the United Kingdom.

In Israel and the West Bank militant Jewish extremism rises steadily, spurred on by a rash of killings of Israelis by Arabs. This threatens any regional accommodation with Arab leaders.

Says a prominent leader of one extreme right-wing movement: "Time is on my side. With every terror attack, I gain votes."

The *Jerusalem Post* warns grimly that "a fateful war is being waged for Israel's soul... The out-

come of this struggle is still in doubt."

Superpower struggle

And then there is perhaps the most intractable large-scale problem of modern times — the ideological struggle between the Soviet Union and the United States.

Some people rather naively believe that the coming summit conference between Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and U.S. President Ronald Reagan may miraculously mitigate some of the entrenched differences between the two superpowers.

Former President Richard M. Nixon, an expert in foreign policy and a veteran of past dealings with Moscow, doused such hopes in the Sept. 20 *National Review*.

Mr. Nixon said that a peaceful relationship between the United States and the Soviet Union will have no chance to survive unless both recognize that most of their profound differences "will never be settled." Survival is their "only major common interest," he said,

adding that "nothing disserves the cause of real peace more than to bury our differences in a blizzard

means of living with conflict."

Mr. Nixon's analysis does reflect the best that can be hoped for in this world. The fact that "living with conflict" is still far from sufficient is seen in the more than 140 wars and conflicts the world has suffered in the past 40 years, since

WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



of warm handshakes, gushy toasts, kisses on the cheek, and convoluted communiques."

Not long ago, Mr. Nixon wrote a book titled *Real Peace: A Strategy for the West*.

In it he said: "Because of the realities of human nature, perfect peace is achieved in two places only: in the grave and at the typewriter. Real peace is a process for managing and containing conflict between competing nations, competing systems, and competing international ambitions. [It] is not an end to a conflict but rather a

the end of World War II.

True peace possible

As the examples show, our world is rife with an endless array of struggles for power among and within nations. It should be obvious that until these struggles are brought to an end, mankind will never experience true peace. But these struggles will be brought to an end — suddenly! And the world will experience a peace far greater than the "real peace" Mr. Nixon says is all we can hope for.

(See STRUGGLE, page 9)

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



In the shadow of a giant

BOREHAMWOOD, England — Finland is a neutral nation — not so much by choice, but by historical and geographical circumstances.

Over the years Finland has honed its diplomatic skills in the face of severe pressure from the Soviet Union, with which it shares a 762-mile border.

Finland has fought 42 wars with Russia — and has lost them all. Ten percent of the land it once owned belongs to the Soviet Union.

Geography and history are primary considerations in the minds of Finnish politicians. Thirty years ago the Swedish daily newspaper *Dagens Nyheter* ran an interview with former Finnish leader J.K.

Paasikivi. Mr. Paasikivi said: "The most important thing for Finland is and always will be the preservation of good relations with Russia. Geography and history dictate that it must be so."

President Mauno Koivisto is constitutionally responsible for Finnish foreign relations. He wrote in his book *Landmarks: Finland in the World*: "... Foreign policy takes precedence over everything else in

[Finnish] national politics. Of foremost importance are our relations with the Soviet Union."

Many in the Western world view the Soviet Union with a great deal of suspicion. The Finns are no stranger to such attitudes. As one Helsinki businessman said, "We used to hate the Russians to the point of absurdity."

Finns possess an abundant share of what is called *sisu* — guts or intestinal fortitude. It could be described like this: "If somebody knocks you down, and you know that if you get up he'll knock you down again, you get up anyway." Time after time, against insurmountable odds, Finland has refused to accept defeat.

After 42 wars the Finns have come to accommodate the Russians.

Finland is not protected like the United States, with two vast oceans, or like England, with the English Channel, which sets it apart from continental Europe.

The people of Finland do not like the term "Finlandization," which means at least partial capitulation of one's national sovereignty to an aggressive neighbor. One big military push from its neighbor on its eastern border and Finland would

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Letters TO THE EDITOR

Teens appreciate Plain Truth

I am 16 and live in Greece. The first time I picked up your magazine was last month when I had a look at the "Letters to the Editor" page. I thought how wonderful it is, that your magazine has such a big circulation, all over the world. This indirect correspondence gives us the chance to discuss about the problems of our epoch, to feel united and to try to find solutions. With your magazine you learn many things that even school doesn't teach.

H. Economopoulou
Athens, Greece

I am a sixteen year old living in London and I recently picked up a copy of your magazine *The Plain Truth* on my way to school. I have always regarded myself and my family as being Christian but reading your magazine I was compelled by the positive Christian outlook you take to almost every aspect of modern life.

I was particularly interested in a couple of articles in your May issue, "The Teen Years" and "For Teen Eyes Only." I showed them to my parents and they also were interested. We discussed your articles and agreed that your open approach was invaluable for adults and children alike. I would like you to send a copy of your publication *Youth 85*. I am only learning about the Worldwide Church of God, but am a keen pupil. I look forward to receiving your publication.

John Gibson
London, England

Accidental reader

When I first got your magazine I just looked through quickly and put it on the

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Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Do you have it made?

I just heard the saddest news a person could hear. Three families my wife and I were very close to have all died.

We labored together, we suffered trials together, we bore children together, we laughed together, for 20 years. We had one thing in common — we were all members of God's Church. But now, they have been disfellowshipped.

I tried to analyze what brought about our friends' tragic demises. Did they underestimate the enemy? Did they not recognize Satan's constant attempts to divide and conquer? Were they unaware of his ongoing efforts to destroy God's fledgling, Spirit-begotten Family? Perhaps they failed to realize that they were facing the greatest battle a human can wage.

Maybe they didn't know where the battle was being fought — that it was right there in their minds. Day after day they should have been fighting and winning those battles

— consistently saying *no* to self, the world and Satan, and *yes* to God.

We receive a small amount of God's Spirit at baptism, but we are supposed to grow in grace and knowledge. We do not have it made. The Holy Spirit must be exercised daily.

Did our friends not understand how God's Spirit works? Were they sitting back, year after year, waiting for some kind of special inspiration, for God's Spirit to move them in some mystical way? Did they not expect to be beset with every kind of physical and spiritual struggle imaginable? Were they not aware of Satan's devices, or of what conversion means — change? Receiving the Holy Spirit at baptism is not the end — it is only the beginning.

When you first plant a seed in your garden, it would be ludicrous to invite friends over to look at beautiful flowers or vegetables — there aren't any yet. The seed must germinate. The first buds must

poke their heads out of the soil. You need to water and fertilize the plant and make sure the dirt around it is loose. In the case of fruit trees or some types of flowers, it may take years before any fruits or blossoms are produced. But only then has the purpose for which you planted the seed been realized.

It is the same way with conversion. God places His Holy Spirit within us to begin the process of our spiritual growth toward His Kingdom. But much must yet happen. We need to be fed with the food of God's Word. We must properly adapt to the hostile environment around us. We must exercise our spiritual muscles and become stronger.

God will chasten and test us — prune us, if you please — to further our spiritual growth until we have the quality of spiritual character He desires. Only when we have attained "the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13) will we have won our struggle to qualify. We can then be spiritually born into God's Family.

Every Christian needs to understand this process of conversion, and that's what it is — a continuing process. We are to stir up the Spirit — use it to grow — exercise godly character. Otherwise we, you and I, are prone to suffer the tragedy that creates for our brethren "the saddest news a person could hear" — the tragedy of spiritual death.

Letter

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 every trouble that comes up. God has PROMISED to deliver you from every trial — if you obey and trust Him. You see, you are now His very own child — actually begotten of Him just as much as you were begotten of your human father.

God gave you the precious gift of His Holy Spirit — placed His Spirit within you to renew your mind, give you a sounder, more understanding mind, fill you with His love, faith, patience, power, goodness — His own character.

In short, you became an actual begotten SON — or daughter — of GOD. Not merely a creature or being He created — but His very own child, actually begotten of Him by His seed, so to speak — His SPIRIT, entering within you. He is now your FATHER! Not figuratively, but actually — REALLY!

Now you can go to Him just as any child can go to his father, for counsel and advice, for wisdom, for direction, for HELP in any time of need. Would a good human father deny his own child any good thing the child might really need? Neither will your heavenly Father deny you anything that is really for your good.

If a human father heard the screams of his child, ran and found his child imprisoned in a burning building, would he break inside and rescue his child from danger? Your heavenly Father has given you His written PROMISE to deliver you from every danger, trouble or trial — if you call on Him, obey Him and RELY on Him!

Since you are now a real begotten child of God — now one of the FAMILY of God, which is His true Church — you are one of His heirs. Angels are not sons, but servants. And a servant is not an heir like a son. You are now a coheir with Christ, to inherit, with Him, ALL THINGS — eternal life, this earth as an everlasting possession, eternal happiness and joy!

Think of what that means! But we are now only heirs — only begotten sons. And just as it was necessary for us to grow physically from the time we were begotten in our mothers' wombs until we developed ready to be born, finally separated from the dependence on the mother for nourishment and sustenance, and coming into individual and separate existence, so the begotten spiritual infant must grow and develop spiritually, being fed the spiritual food, the Word of God, by the mother of us all, the true Church, until, at the coming of Christ, we shall be CHANGED, finally BORN of God, to have eternal life inherent in ourselves, and to be actual INHERITORS and

NEWSPAPER AD — The advertisement to the right promoting Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's book *Mystery of the Ages* will appear in all editions of *The Wall Street Journal* once during the week of Oct. 14 to 18, according to Ray Wright, director of Publishing Services. The full-page ad was prepared by the design graphics area of Publishing Services, with ad copy taken from Mr. Armstrong's book. The toll-free number listed in the ad is for the book order department at the Dodd, Mead publishing house.

POSSESSORS of the wonderful Kingdom of God!

In order to GROW in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord (II Peter 3:18) — in order to develop spiritually and overcome, and have perfected in you the CHARACTER of God ready to be fully BORN of God — you must do two things daily without fail!

You must not only read, but

eagerly, earnestly STUDY the Word of God to learn how to live — you must live according to God's teachings in His Bible — you must make it your guide for everything you do. In this way, God talks to you!

But you must also talk to Him! You must go to a private place, alone with God, and have long talks with Him — yes,

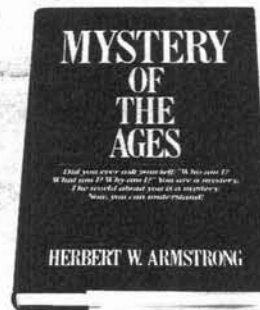
EVERY DAY! Unburden your heart to Him. Take all your problems, your interests, your plans, your troubles to Him. Talk over everything with Him, continually. Then, even when going about your work — when walking down the street — when driving your car, or wherever you are or whatever you do, talk with God as you work, or as you

drive or walk along. Go to a private place, and kneel in prayer (on both knees) as often as you can, and at least once every day. But talk with God often in between. PRAY WITHOUT CEASING!

Keep close to Him. You can't afford to be without the SECURITY of His constant guidance and protection.



“WHY ‘Mystery of the Ages’ could be one of the MOST IMPORTANT books of our day..”



I HAVE lived a long, active, interest-packed life. It has covered all of the 20th century to the present and the last eight and a half years of the 19th century.

I have lived through the horse and buggy age, the automobile and industrial age, the air age, the nuclear age and now into the space age.

I have seen this twentieth century develop into a state of awesome advancement and achievement industrially and technologically. At the same time I have seen alarming escalation of appalling evils.

And now—the crucible of nuclear war threatens the very extinction of the human race within our generation!

Why the Paradox?

The world's great minds—the evolutionists, the educators, scientists and religionists have striven in vain to solve the paradox of great scientific technological accomplishments and appalling human evils.

These conditions and facts are mysteries that have remained

MYSTERY OF THE AGES unlocks the long-hidden mysteries that concern people of all ages, beliefs and backgrounds:

- ▶ Why were you born?
- ▶ Why human suffering?
- ▶ Is there hope for a better world tomorrow?

unsolved. They now need to be explained.

Why the Mystery?

Have you ever asked yourself: "WHO am I? WHAT am I? WHY am I?" I did. And I tried to reason out the answer, but I couldn't. It was a mystery to me and to the

world as a whole. So as a young man, I began an in-depth study and research into the theory of evolution and also into the Bible.

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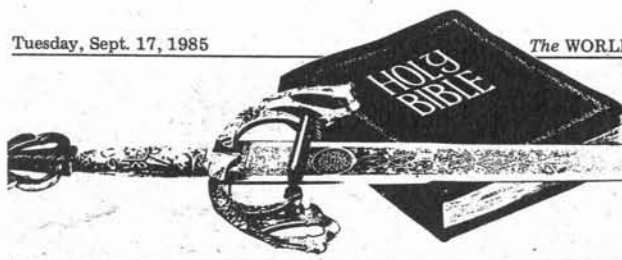


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Observing right laws of health prevents spread of diseases

By Andrew Silcox

During the 14th century, a deadly disease swept across Europe, destroying more than one third of the population. This killer plague, known as the black death because of the black patches on the skin of its victims, struck rich and poor, high and low. The bubonic plague was all the more frightening because of the speed with which it spread.

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Diseases can spread quickly and devastatingly! And we in God's Church, unfortunately, seem to be particularly susceptible to problems caused by various contagions — measles, flu, chicken pox, scabies.

We need to be reminded of the importance of keeping God's hygiene and quarantine laws, so that the Church does not become an automatic breeding ground for every illness that goes around.

Satan would love to use illnesses to disrupt our children's progress in school or to keep us from observing God's feast days.

We need to take every precaution, so that we don't play into his hands. We should do everything we can to prevent the spread of infectious illnesses and diseases. By doing so, we not only help ourselves, but we also set a right example for the world around us.

Why are we susceptible?

Why do Church members seem particularly susceptible to infectious diseases?

For one thing, to a degree, God's people live in a closed community. We socialize with each other, meet each Sabbath and perhaps even work together. We are often in close proximity to each other.

Second, some tend to think that God will automatically take care of us — that this world's scourges can't affect us. But God will only take care of us if we do our part.

Third, there is an attitude in the Western world that sanitary conditions have never been better. Hence we don't take full advantage of the sanitary and hygienic conditions available to us, more often than not, right in our own homes.

Fourth, especially in the case of

our children, we are just too busy to make the diligent effort necessary. But part of doing God's work is setting the right example and striving to keep every one of God's laws.

God's health laws

Every one is at risk unless we diligently follow God's health laws. Two points to especially emphasize are personal hygiene and God's quarantine law.

(1) *Hygiene.* We must be careful personally and in our families and homes. As a school administrator, I have seen children who are not clean and washed. We in the Church should not have to address this problem. Most schools give health education, yet I have known of cases where teachers had to inspect children's hands to see if fingernails were clean.



Artwork by Monte Wolverton

Parents should make sure their children are clean before they go to school. Many times, children are not made aware of the need to keep themselves clean.

Many medical books admit that the health, hygiene and quarantine laws given to Israel are the most authoritative source of precautions available to mankind.

In regard to washing the body, notice Leviticus 14:8, where God explained to the Israelites how they should take care of such diseases as leprosy. We could easily substitute a disease that is more common for our day and time here. "He that is to be cleansed shall wash his clothes, and shave off all his hair, and wash himself in water, that he may be clean." The emphasis is that the person should wash himself in water so he could be clean.

Leviticus 15:5 makes the same point, "And whosoever toucheth his bed [the bed of a person with a conta-

gious illness] shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even."

As for clothing, notice Leviticus 13:6, "And the priest shall look on him again the seventh day: and, behold, if the plague be somewhat dark, and the plague spread not in the skin, the priest shall pronounce him clean: it is but a scab: and he shall wash his clothes, and be clean."

Verse 58 says, "And the garment, either warp, or woof, or whatsoever thing of skin it be, which thou shalt wash, if the plague be departed from them, then it shall be washed the second time, and shall be clean."

What about houses? Leviticus 14:41 records that the priest was to see that the following things were done: "And he shall cause the house to be scraped within round about, and they shall pour out the dust that they shall scrape off without the city into an unclean place."

This is talking about infections being resident in houses, and the need to disinfect those houses after illness and disease. With all our modern aids to disinfecting, we should easily be able to carry out these biblical precepts.

Leviticus 13:52 talks about the

extreme step of burning clothing, and many other scriptures give commands about cleanliness and hygiene. Not only do we need to apply these scriptures personally, but we should also teach them to our children and frequently check on their habits of cleanliness.

Good hygiene, after all, is preventative. It is not something to do only after the fact — after contagion has already struck.

(2) *Quarantine.* Quarantine protects others when we or our children have contracted a contagious illness.

Do we adults go to work or send our children to school with temperatures, infectious colds and coughs? Some of us, in our diligence to get to work and do the job, think: Well, how can I miss work — who will do the job? But we must realize that we need to stay at home when we have an infectious disease.

Parents sometimes say, "I'm not sure if my child was exposed, and I don't want him to miss school." This is an inadequate rationalization.

Numbers 5:2-3 gives us God's commandment in this regard: "Command the children of Israel, that they put out of the camp every leper [or every carrier of an infectious illness], and every one that hath an issue, and whosoever is defiled by the dead: Both male and female shall ye put out, without the camp shall ye put them; that they defile not their camps, in the midst whereof I dwell." They must be kept away from others.

At services and God's feasts, we often see the "living dead" — those who, even though they are suffering from infectious diseases, stagger into Church, spreading their illnesses to others. They should stay away from Church services and call for an elder to come and anoint them.

Principles of quarantine

Here are some points to remember in regard to quarantining:

- Take precaution to quarantine first. Don't wait to have the infection confirmed, because it is too late then. It has already spread.

- Quarantine is not a stigma. It is one of God's health laws. Sometimes we feel that if we separate ourselves, it will somehow make us look bad. There's no reason for this attitude.

- Don't make your own home diagnosis, as some of us sometimes do. Some phone a friend, describe the symptoms and ask what the friend thinks. The friend replies, "It's nothing. Don't worry about it," because he or she wants the caller to feel good. We need to learn exactly what the problem is.

- Keep an eye open for rashes, sores, itches and temperatures, both in yourself and your children.

We, as God's people, should be a model community in terms of cleanliness, hygiene and exercising these quarantine laws. We can practice giving in the right way by not giving our illnesses to others, but instead giving a healthful environment to everyone around us.

Get better mileage from trials

By Cecil J. Green

It was a joyous occasion for my family. My wife and I had just returned from an inspiring Ministerial Refreshing Program. We had gone to the airport and picked up my daughter, who had returned from the Summer Educational Program.

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I was considering the blessings God had given us and how blessed we are to be a part of God's true Church. Then, suddenly, it happened!

Even though the highway was slippery from the rain, I felt I was driving safely. My lane was clear. I didn't remember seeing a car in my lane for the next 100 yards.

However, I saw a truck to my right moving at a normal pace a few yards ahead of me. Suddenly, without warning, the truck turned left in front of me. The turn was illogical, because there was no exit to my left. There was nothing over there but the railings to prevent automobiles from going off the highway!

The truck started to sway, blocking all lanes. I tried to stop, hoping the truck would move ahead with sufficient speed to give me enough stopping distance.

It appeared to all of us that the truck slowed down after it darted in front of us. We could not stop in time. Another car hit the back of our car. Immediately after the accident occurred, the truck sped up, took an exit to the right and left the scene of the accident.

A main cause of trials

I realized that, humanly, there was no logical reason for what happened. But there is an explanation. The answer is in I Corinthians 2:11: Satan, our adversary, uses diabolical

devices to try to harm us physically and spiritually. At the Refreshing Program, we were made more aware of those devices.

We have a deadly enemy. But God is in control. In spite of the accident, our family was tremendously blessed in a number of ways.

God protected us from serious injury. It could have been worse. God did not allow more cars to collide. A number of cars skidded around us, avoiding wrecks.

We had been instructed by God's apostle to wear seat belts. We followed those guidelines and were not propelled into the windshield.

Lessons learned

After thinking about the accident, I prayed, thanking God for His protection, and asked Him to reveal to me any lessons I should learn from the experience. God answered my prayer. Now, I am better

able to understand James 1:2-3.

Even though God is in control, sometimes He allows Satan to be involved in or inspire certain events to occur. Even though the devil intends to harm us, God uses those circumstances to help us qualify to be better servants of His.

God is in charge, and as He molds and shapes us, preparing us for our future roles in His Kingdom, the devil is unwittingly providing the persecution that will help us be better teachers in the world tomorrow.

I hope we are all praying for one another, that God will protect us from severe trials. But we should also pray that, as we experience trials and persecution, we will qualify to later help those humans who are persecuting us, by understanding why God allows those trials (James 1:2-3), learning lessons from them (Hebrews 12:5-6) and enduring to the end (Matthew 24:13).

Milestones in Church's work

Sept. 17, 1954 — As a result of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's evangelistic campaigns in Britain the first British member of the Church in this era is baptized.

September, 1956 — The Church's work begins in Spanish-speaking areas with the late Benjamin Rea as director.

Sept. 8, 1964 — Ambassador College in Big Sandy begins classes.

September, 1968 — *The Plain Truth* appears in Dutch for the first time.

Sept. 20 to 27, 1975 — The 1975 Feast of Tabernacles marks the beginning of Youth Opportunities United.

Sept. 24, 1975 — Tenor Luciano Pavarotti gives a recital in the Ambassador Auditorium for the Ambassador Foundation's inaugural concert season.

Sept. 25 to Oct. 2, 1980 — For the first time, brethren at all Feast of Tabernacles sites in North America and Britain view the same service by microwave and satellite transmission.

September, 1983 — During the Feast of Tabernacles, Mr. Armstrong visits the Feast site in Eugene, Ore., where this era of the Church was raised up, to mark the 50th anniversary of the Philadelphia era.

Test Yourself

Test yourself! Here is a set of questions about information that appeared in the August and September issues of *The Plain Truth* and *The Good News*. See how many you can answer accurately. In parentheses following each question is the page number on which you can find the answer.

(1) True or false: Parents should avoid placing their children in day-care programs, and should stay home with them if at all possible. (September *Plain Truth*, page 28)

(2) When does human life start? (September *Plain Truth*, page 30)

(3) True or false: One in five American adults is functionally illiterate. (September *Plain Truth*, page 35)

(4) Where are we now in the sequence of events Jesus prophesied in Matthew 24? (August *Good News*, page 5)

(5) What is the missing dimension in marital happiness? (August *Good News*, page 6)

(6) According to worldly authorities, what is the solution to the world's ills? (September *Good News*, page 2)

(7) Where will right education in the world tomorrow begin? (September *Good News*, page 20)



BEST HUMAN INTEREST (COLOR):
BEN ORCHARD



BEST GENERAL SUBJECT (COLOR): LARISSA MERKEL



MOST HUMOROUS (COLOR): MICHAEL BRAY

BEST

Australian and U.S

BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia — The regional office here received a record number of entries for the Australian 1985 Youth Opportunities United (YOU) Photography Contest.

Belinda Van Heere, 18, of Mount Hunter, New South Wales, won the award for the best overall color photograph, and Tony Steele, 19, of Mooroolbark, Victoria, shot the best overall black and white photograph.

Judges were Colin Kelly, John Curry and Gary Regazzoli of the Burleigh Heads Office.

The photos were evaluated according to guidelines set in the YOU Manual and in *Youth* magazine articles. These included originality, creativity, focus, exposure, forethought and whether the photo told a story.

The judges noticed a significant improvement in the quality of the photographs over the previous year's entries.

Winning entries received cash awards and a certificate.

The categories and first, second and third places are as follows:

General Subject (color): Larissa Merkel, 16, Gooseberry Hill, Western Australia; Michelle Osborne, 17, Lower Templestowe, Victoria (second and third place).

Nature (color): Matthew Barnett, 14, Melton, Victoria; Michele Flack, 15, Christie Downs, South Australia; Debbie Gordon, 18, Noble Park, Victoria.

Portrait (color): Belinda Van

Heere; Michelle Osborne; Ben Orchard, 18, Ashwood, Victoria.

Human Interest (color): Ben Orchard; Mark Gunders, 16, Caloundra, Queensland; Lisa Watson, 17, Bundoora, Victoria.

Humor (color): Michael Bray, 14, Ryde, New South Wales; Brenda McKavanagh, 17, Petrie, Queensland; Melissa Weir, Normanhurst, New South Wales.

Action (color): Michelle Osborne (first and second place); Margaret Scotland, 14, Tea Tree Gully, South Australia.

Unusual (color): Matthew Barnett; Ben Orchard; Debbie Gordon.

Portrait (black and white): Tony Steele; Ben Orchard.

Nature (black and white): Tony Steele.

General (black and white): Peter Elliston, 19, Creswick, Victoria; Doreen Murray, 14, Bulleen, Victoria; Cathy Tomkins, 14, Herne Hill, Victoria.

Human Interest (black and white): Nicholas Tennant, 13, Ringwood, Victoria; Peter Watt, 14, Kalbar, Queensland.

Humor (black and white): Anne Homan, 18, Toowoomba, Queensland; Donna Falzon, 17, Moe, Victoria; Sharon Thomson, 15, 17 Mile Rocks, Queensland.

Unusual (black and white): Chris Tanner, 17, Carbrook, Queensland.

Action (black and white): Craig Weir, 15, Mont Albert, Victoria; Chris Goodwin, South Grafton, New South Wales; Amanda Weir, 14, Crows Nest, New South Wales.



BEST OVERALL B&W
BEST PORTRAIT (B&W): TONY STEELE



BEST OVERALL COLOR
BEST PORTRAIT (COLOR): BELINDA VAN HEERE



BEST NATURE (COLOR): MATTHEW BARNETT



MOST HUMOROUS (B&W): ANNE HOMAN

MOST



BEST NATURE (COLOR): JULIE GEER



BEST PORTRAIT (COLOR): CONNIE KRAMER

S. Photo Contests

PASADENA — Julie Geer, 18, of Ringgold, Ga., took the best overall black and white photo for the 1985 Youth Opportunities United (YOU) National Photo Contest. Overall winner in the color category was Heidi Topash, 15, of Lutz, Fla.

Judges were Editorial Services staff members. Winners will receive plaques, according to Jeb Egbert, YOU business manager.

"Response to the contest was limited this year," Mr. Egbert said. "I would like to encourage young people to participate in the contest because I feel photography is a skill

they will value for the rest of their lives."

He added that instruction in using a 35-mm. camera is offered at the Summer Educational Program (SEP) in Orr, Minn. Those who take this class can use the skills they learn to record their memories and enter future YOU photo contests.

First-, second- and third-place winners in each category are as follows.

Human Interest (black and white): Julie Geer.

Human Interest (color): Jodie Thomas, 17, Tyler, Tex.; Mike Calhoon, 18, Central Point, Ore.; Con-

nie Kramer, 19, Mandeville, La.

Nature (black and white): Julie Geer; Melissa Seachord, 16, Mesquite, Tex.

Nature (color): Julie Geer; Connie Kramer; Jennifer McClelland, 14, Tampa, Fla.

Humorous (black and white): Melissa Seachord.

Humorous (color): Connie Kramer; Neil Wilson, 13, Tampa, Fla.

Unusual (black and white): Jennifer McClelland; Ruth Kirishian, 16, Puyallup, Wash.; Jennifer McClelland.

Unusual (color): Mike Calhoon;

Connie Kramer and Dean Sargent, 16, San Antonio, Tex. (tied for second); Jennifer McClelland.

Portrait (color): Connie Kramer; Connie Kramer; Elana Sargent, 18, San Antonio, Tex.

Action (black and white): Julie Geer; Melissa Seachord; Melissa Seachord.

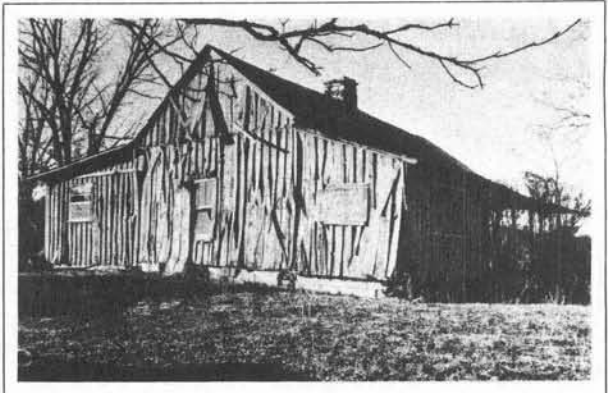
Action (color): Connie Kramer; Mike Calhoon; Mike Calhoon.

General Subject (black and white): Julie Geer; Jennifer McClelland; Melissa Seachord.

General Subject (color): Heidi Topash; Jennifer McClelland; Ruth Kirishian.



BEST OVERALL COLOR; BEST GENERAL SUBJECT (COLOR): HEIDI TOPASH



BEST OVERALL B&W; BEST GENERAL SUBJECT (B&W): JULIE GEER



MOST HUMOROUS (COLOR): CONNIE KRAMER



BEST ACTION (B&W): JULIE GEER

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ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

Brethren share outings, evening events

DAVAO and TAGUM, Philippines, brethren combined for an outing at Starfish Beach Resort on Samal Island Aug. 3 and 4. After the Sabbath, Aug. 3, an advance party consisting primarily of singles, crossed the Davao channel to the island resort in a pump boat (a longboat with an outboard motor).

Once there pastor Victor A. Lim conducted a lecture on love and affection. That evening the group slept under the stars in makeshift tents.

The next day the chartered pump boat made four trips to transport the rest of the brethren to the island. Activities included a volleyball game, archery, boating, darts, table games, children's games and a sing-along.

YOU members took swimming lessons, while others basked under the tropical sun. Prizes were awarded to the children who participated in games later in the afternoon.

The beach resort is owned and maintained by Davao Church member Romeo Ancheta. Mr. Lim initiated and organized the weekend event.

Brethren from LONDON, England, experienced an evening of New Zealand culture based on the Polynesian Maori people Aug. 4.

The evening began with a film of New Zealand and the native Maori, produced by Keith Stevenson. A New Zealand-style barbecue featuring lambburgers, salads and Maori bread was completed with pavlova for dessert and varieties of New Zealand wine.

A live concert of Maori songs and dances was performed by Moana Lord, Jenny Smith, Ingrid Stansfield, Paulette Elliot, Michael Frazer, Peter Kousal, Brian Field and Keith Stevenson.

Miss Lord, a New Zealander living in London, created and directed the event.

Four hundred fifty BALTIMORE, Md., brethren met at Maynard Marvel's farm in Freeland, Md., for a bull roast Aug. 4. Deacon Roger Crawford, his wife, Kay, and assistants prepared the 342 pounds of beef, which were cut into 12-pound roasts, basted with burgundy, sherry, lemon juice and vegetable oil, then wrapped in aluminum foil and roasted over an oak fire.

Twenty-five pounds of hamburgers were barbecued, and 32 dozen ears of corn were cooked in iron kettles. Brethren brought salads and side dishes, and YOU members sold desserts they made. Beer, snow cones and coffee were also sold.

The group participated in volleyball, softball and hayrides. Children played in a sandbox and on swings, a slide and a seesaw. Prizes were awarded for throwing a football through a tire, nail hammering and sailing a Frisbee through a hoop.

ALBURY and WODONGA, Australia, brethren conducted an international night Aug. 3 in their church hall. Kerrin and Warwick Hall organized the evening, and Wayne Moroney supplied background music.

Four decorated tables represented national groups: (1) Spanish, Italian, Greek and Australian; (2) English, Irish, Scottish and Welsh; (3) Dutch, French and South African; and (4) German, Russian and Estonian.

After the meal ethnic garments were judged by Wilma and Max Reid and Jenny and Craig Thomson. The winners of the adult section were John Woloszyn and Ena Thompson. Lauren Klein Boonskate and Seth McGorlick were junior winners.

Ted Ots then organized group games, and Gordon Murison was master of ceremonies for a talent show featuring piano solos, vocal groups and skits.

Kevin Mott announced the winner of the Parable of the Pounds fund-raising effort: Rita Manglesdorf, who raised 203 Australian dollars crocheting hand towels and sewing aprons. The total raised was 1,367 Australian dollars.

Brethren from MANSFIELD, Ohio, assembled for their annual picnic at 6 p.m. Aug. 3 at the Wooster Outdoor Center at Pleasant Hill Lake. A potluck was served at the camp's main lodge.

After the Sabbath, Sam-Tucker, Corinna Scott, David Banks and Pat Tobin provided guitar music for a sing-along. That night some brethren stayed overnight in the center's cabins, while others slept in campers or tents.

(See BRETHREN, page 9)



CHUMS — From left, Ivy Chavez, Marianne Dulguime and Tammy Matas, YOU members from the Davao and Tagum, Philippines, churches, share a moment during an outing to Starfish Beach Resort on Samal Island Aug. 4. [Photo by Norberto A. Mirajes]

Clubs conduct kickoff, dinner meetings

"Spokesman Club counteracts wrong education of Satan's world," said David Magowan, pastor of the Bradford, Hull, Middlesbrough, Newcastle upon Tyne and Sheffield, England, churches, in his final evaluation at the BRADFORD Spokesman Club's final ladies night July 28.

At Bradford's Victoria Hotel Mr. Magowan praised Wilf Burns' tabletopics session, Malcolm Arnold's toastmastership, President David Hacker's reminiscences of earlier club years and the speeches.

"Experienced members must continue serving in club for others' benefit and because God is still completing a work in them," he added.

After 1985-86 club officers were announced, the group shared a meal of roast beef, lamb, turkey and wine.

Members of the NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, England, Spokesman Club entertained their wives and guests at a meeting July 21 in the Tudor Room of the Avon Hotel in Newcastle.

After a three-course dinner, club graduate John Brown led tabletopics. Toastmaster James Stewart introduced speakers Bill Dare, who spoke about spiders; John Blakey, the correct use of the telephone; Alan Facchini, how silk is produced; Jack Smith, the Feast of Tabernacles; and Frank Jones, two childhood characters.

Evaluators were John Chisholm, Steven Jennings, Munir Jamani, Tom Wallace and Ken Kidd. The Most Effective Speech cup went to Mr. Dare; Mr. Blakey was Most Improved Speaker; and Mr. Kidd gave the Most Helpful Evaluation.

Club director David Magowan, pastor of the Bradford, Hull, Middlesbrough, Sheffield and Newcastle upon Tyne, England, churches, gave the overall evaluation, stressing the value of club and how experienced men can help others in the club.

Mr. Magowan thanked outgoing President Jeff Kidd; Mr. Dare, vice president; secretary John Bage; treasurer Tom Seymour; and Mr.

Jamani, sergeant at arms; and introduced new officers: Fred Nixon, president; Bill Harris, vice president; Raymond Hislop, secretary; Mr. Bage, treasurer; and Mr. Chisholm, sergeant at arms. Mr. Blakey received his graduation certificate.

An organizational meeting for the CEBU, Philippines, Spokesman Club took place June 30 at the home of Reynaldo Taniajura, pastor of the Cebu, Dumaguete and Tagbilaran, Philippines, churches.

To the 20 members present Mr. Taniajura expressed hopes that the club could have continuity and produce many graduates. After introducing the club officers, Mr. Taniajura gave a lecture about the importance of club, stressing "Iron Sharpens Iron" as a club motto.

To correct, improve and sharpen members' pronunciation, a taped speech by Joel Meeker, 1984-85 Pasadena Ambassador College student body president, served as a model.

For the speaking session, seven members gave impromptu "This Is

My Life" talks. The speakers were Andrew Teng, Tiburcio Rota, Ranulfo Merida, Laurito Amodia, Terencio Naranjo, Rufino Maguilin and Eldipio Robin. Leoncio Tan was timer.

The Spokesman Clubs of SYDNEY SOUTH, CANBERRA and WOLLONGONG, Australia, participated in a combined dinner meeting July 22, with 58 attending. The country center of Bowral, Australia, served as a convenient location for all three clubs.

Members took part in a tabletopics session, with a summary by Mark Ellis, club director and pastor of the Sydney South church.

Two speakers from each club then spoke on such subjects as improving memory, the reluctant prophet Jonah and motivation.

Peter Whitting, club director and pastor of the Canberra and Wollongong churches, called for award winners and offered congratulations.

Calvert C.W. Howard, John Bage, Salvador Cucharo and Lee Harris.

Youths attend activities

Thirty YOU members from JOPLIN, Mo., INDEPENDENCE, Kan., and TULSA, Okla., served on the Big Sandy Ambassador College campus Aug. 4 to 8 as partial fulfillment of their annually required YOU service project. The volunteers participated in various activities to ready the campus for the school year.

The 7 a.m. to noon workday consisted of weeding, planting flowers, raking and other landscaping chores. Financial aids officer James Kisse and other college personnel expressed appreciation for the service. Afternoons were spent at Lake Loma, and one evening was allotted for a volleyball seminar with coach Larry Haworth.

Evening Bible studies in the Booth City lounge stressed the attitude of service and going above and beyond.

YOU members from the JOHANNESBURG, South Africa,

EAST church went on a 90-kilometer (about 56 miles) sponsored bicycle trip July 21 to raise funds for YOU activities. Companies and the public donated goods and money for each kilometer.

Thirty youths completed the ride within seven hours on a variety of bicycles, including a tandem. The ride was organized by Cliff March and Holger Oosthuizen.

MACOMB, Ill., YOU members and their parents took part in the first cultural activity of the year Aug. 4, under the direction of Ronald Lohr, pastor of the Macomb and Peoria, Ill., churches.

The group saw the play *Fiddler on the Roof* performed by the Summer Music Theater on the campus of Western Illinois University in Macomb.

Before the play the group met at Bob Druen's home for a summary of *Fiddler on the Roof*. After the performance they ate pizza and fellowshiped at an area restaurant.

One hundred five FAYETTEVILLE, N.C., brethren attended a YOU outing at Long Beach, N.C., July 28. The group played volleyball, went on a scavenger hunt and took part in an egg toss, water-balloon toss and tug-of-war.

Lynn and Aaron Simons shared first prize for finding the most items in the scavenger hunt. Second prize went to Michael Moore. Mary Mitchell and Janice Bridges organized the event.

Jeanette Bettes, D. Henderson and R. Stoddart, Mark Scheuermann and Mary Mitchell and Janice Bridges.

Areas reach 20-year mark

MODESTO, Calif., brethren celebrated the church's 20th anniversary Aug. 3 and 4, with Sabbath services conducted in the same hall the Modesto church has used for 20 years. Twelve original members were in attendance.

Guest speaker Glen White, pastor of the Fresno and Visalia, Calif., churches, gave the sermon. For special music, Dave Ball from San Jose, Calif., and Rachel Smith from Stockton, Calif., sang a duet from the *Elijah* by Jakob Mendelssohn.

After services the 358 in attendance were treated to an anniversary cake decorated with red roses by Julie Fultz.

Activities Sunday, Aug. 4, began with a catered meal for 156 people. Then Buck Burchett led the audience in a discussion of topics dealing with the history of the Modesto church and changes over the past 20 years.

After the discussion and dessert, tables were cleared and removed to make room for a dance, with music ranging from big band to rhythms of the '80s.

Bouquets of long-stemmed red roses were provided by Carol Silva. Many women wore formals, and men wore dark suits or tuxedos. David Wendt, a member who attends the Reno, Nev., church, took portraits.

The Carson Fultz family and Bill and Judy Jones set up and decorated the hall, and John Gipson was in charge of videotaping. The event was coordinated by Bill Braswell and his wife, Barbara.

July 27 and 28 marked the 20th anniversary weekend of the CHARLESTON, W.Va., congrega-

tion. Combined Sabbath services July 27 were shared with the sister churches of Logan and Parkersburg, W.Va.

Former associate pastor David Stone, now pastor of the Hattiesburg and Picayune, Miss., churches, returned to give the sermonette.

Guest speaker was James Friddle Jr., pastor of the Nashville and Murfreesboro, Tenn., churches. Mr. Friddle was instrumental in organizing the Bible studies that led to the formation of the Charleston church in 1965.

After services commemorative scrolls were presented to 32 members of the original congregation still living in Charleston.

Attendance at the first Sabbath service in 1965 was 61. Today nine churches with an attendance of 1,800 serve the area.

Evening festivities got under way with a potluck and a slide presentation by Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Tankersley, narrated by Steven Botha, pastor of the Charleston, Logan and Parkersburg churches, portraying the history of the Charleston church.

Live dance music was presented by Harley Cannon and Brian Clark. The dance alternated with talent performances by area members. Todd Carden was master of ceremonies.

July 28 wound up the anniversary weekend with an ox roast prepared by Burdell Buck and his crew. Swimming, horseshoes, a dunk tank, bingo, pony rides and other outdoor sports were available.

Carolyn Burchett and Z. Harlean Botha.

Concession stand wins prize

EDMONTON, Alta., NORTH and SOUTH brethren operated two concession stands during the city's 20th annual Klondike Days Promenade July 21. This year marked the sixth time for the Edmonton churches to participate in the events as a fund raiser.

Edmonton's Klondike Days are reminiscent of the gold rush era of the city's history. The stands' decorations, staff attire and menus reflect the Klondike theme.

Each year the city awards a prize to the nonprofit concession stand that best represents the city's standards for cleanliness, efficiency, good food and appropriate decor. Each year one of the churches' booths has won the award, usually a 50-cup coffee percolator.

The annual fund-raising activity has added to the church's social fund and provided an abundance of fresh coffee. Hubert and Roselene Danuluk and Gordon Graham.

Group hikes to glacier

Glacier National Park was the setting for the **GREAT FALLS, Mont.**, church's summer outing Aug. 4. Fifteen brethren arrived early to take the day hike to Grinnell Glacier.

The hikers left Many Glacier Hotel by boat and arrived at the trail head on the opposite shore of

Singles hosts to socials, carnival

July 6 **ATLANTA, Ga.**, **EAST and WEST** singles were hosts to a dance and social for brethren of the Southeast. Philadelphia, an Atlanta church band, provided music.

Refreshments were served, and a cash bar was available for the 136 in attendance. Seven Southeastern states were represented, with a visitor from Tacoma, Wash., traveling the farthest.

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., singles sponsored a carnival Aug. 11 and invited the Santa Fe, N.M., church to the event. The carnival featured games and prizes and took place in the church hall.

Booths included a cakewalk, a putting green, ring-toss, darts and a kids corner. Prizes were awarded in each booth to winners.

The **COLUMBIA, S.C.**, singles club took part in a social Aug. 4 at the home of Keith Thomas, pastor of the Augusta, Ga., and Columbia churches.

Thirty-six singles joined in games of cards, volleyball and croquet. A cookout followed with chef Mr. Thomas at the grill.

Lisa Vinson, Beverly Reak and Paul Nowlen.

Brethren

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Sunday, Aug. 4, dawned clear and sunny as Mansfield pastor James Haeffele conducted a pre-breakfast Bible study on "Setting Goals for Overcoming." Later in the day brethren swam, fished, hiked and played volleyball and softball. Boat tours of Pleasant Hill Lake founded out the day's activities.

STOCKTON, Calif., brethren were hosts for a picnic and day in the park July 18 at Mickle Grove Park and Zoo in Lodi, Calif. Modesto, Calif., brethren were guests at the event.

Activities included a potluck picnic, softball games, zoo tours, table tennis, horseshoes, egg-toss contests, a watermelon-eating contest (won by J.R. Ragas) and carnival games. Prizes were awarded.

Brethren of the **LIBERAL, Kan.**, church gathered at Beaver State Park in Oklahoma Aug. 4 for their annual picnic. Picnic fare consisted of fried chicken, cold drinks and homegrown watermelons.

Under cloudy skies brethren played table games, lawn darts, horseshoes, volleyball, climbed sand hills or slept in the shade.

More than 230 **GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.**, brethren met at LaMar Park for an annual family picnic Aug. 11. After a men's softball game, the picnic featured children's races and games, organized by Rick Walker and Tom Younts. Prizes and awards were given out.

Children and adults fished for panfish in the park pond, while others swam or played volleyball and table games. A women's softball game concluded the day's activities.

An old-fashioned picnic, coordinated by Ron and Brenda Gus, took place Aug. 4 at Pheasant Run Vil-

lages in La Grange, Ohio, for **CLEVELAND, Ohio, WEST** brethren.

The picnic featured a family style chicken dinner and activities including golf, swimming, horseshoes and adult and children's games.

FLORENCE, S.C., brethren gathered at the Lions Club Park in Lake City, S.C., for a family picnic Aug. 3. Festivities got under way with a softball game.

Children participated in a summer olympics, which included events such as sprinting, jump rope, softball toss, Frisbee throw and whiffleball hit. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cherry designed and coordinated the olympics.

During the morning events deacons prepared barbecued chicken on an open grill for lunch. Brethren brought salads, desserts and drinks for a buffet line.

After the meal brethren played Frisbee golf and softball and ate watermelon. Lawrence Greider Jr., pastor of the Fayetteville, N.C., and Florence churches, directed the outing.

Along the banks of the Sturgeon River, **WOLVERINE, Mich.**, and **SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont.**, brethren had a combined picnic Aug. 4. The day began with a softball game. Children painted pet rocks and played T-ball.

Dean McPherson roasted corn to enhance the picnic lunch. Puzzle games and stunts followed in the afternoon. John and Linda Sack-rider organized cherry spits and shaving and hair-setting contests.

Some brethren went tubing down the river, while others waded in for a swim.

Jing Concepcion, Keith Stevenson, Jon and Ginie Cook, Jan Wyatt, Loretta Hardiman, Carole Beattie and Sandy Bonstein, Ora E. McCulley, Arthea Younts, Renee Williams, Charles B. Edwards and John and Linda Blanchard.



HIKERS — Great Falls, Mont., brethren pause after hiking on Grinnell Glacier in Glacier National Park Aug. 4. A park naturalist led the four-mile hike. (Photo by Thomas Smith)

Youths raft, camp, learn wilderness skills

After eight months of planning and fund raising, 56 **YOU** members and 26 chaperons from the **NASHVILLE and MURFREESBORO, Tenn.**, churches left July 14 on a weeklong camping trip to Evergreen, Colo. A few **YOU** members paid for their own trips with individual fund-raising efforts.

Two buses were chartered to transport the group to and from Colorado. Pastor James Fridde Jr. and his wife, Marjorie, drove their car and met the campers at the campsite, on wooded property owned by a Church member from Denver, Colo.

Twenty-three tents were set up among pine and aspen trees with mountains as a backdrop. The campers were awakened each morning by a cowbell instead of an alarm clock and had breakfast

before each day's activities.

Several Denver brethren volunteered their time and help to make sure the camp ran smoothly. Campers and chaperons were assigned duties during the week.

The first event was a 23-mile raft trip down the Arkansas River, a first for many of the group. While a group shot the rapids, another learned rappelling. The next day the groups switched activities.

The third day was spent hiking on St. Mary's Glacier. Some sledged down the glacier on plastic, while others threw snowballs.

On the last evening before breaking camp the group cheered on contestants in a log-sawing contest. Before saying good night, the campers gathered in the camp kitchen for a sing-along.

The next morning they shopped for souvenirs in Evergreen. They returned to the camp and packed up their belongings just before rain drenched the area.

With the aid of three vans, a cattle trailer and teamwork the 82 group members hauled their gear down the mountain. Denver East brethren provided a potluck before the campers returned to Tennessee.

In a wilderness area beside Gun Lake, **GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.**, **YOU** members learned how to set up tents, cook meals over a gas stove and do without hot and cold running water. The event was a camp-out July 26 to 28, about 35 miles south-east of Grand Rapids.

God's Sabbath was observed July 27 with services conducted by Mark Welch, a local church elder, who spoke on the blessings and problems of growing up in the Church. Later Mr. Welch conducted a question-and-answer session.

YES members visit zoos, park, cottage

Thirty-eight **QUEZON, Philippines**, Youth Educational Services (**YES**) members visited the Manila, Philippines, zoo and took part in a drawing contest July 28. The trip was organized by **YES** evaluators under the direction of Pedro R. Melendez Jr., pastor of the Quezon and Malolos, Philippines, churches.

The party drove to the zoo at 8:30 a.m. under overcast skies. A morning rain cooled the air before the sun came out.

Prizes were awarded in the drawing contest. Winners in age group 5 to 9 were Odessa Pusta, first; Jamie Logrono, second; and Marvin Guevarra, third. In age group 10 to 12, winners were twins, Margaret and Ruby Melendez, first; Kenneth Roy Madrid, second; and Dennis Decano, third.

Prizes were educational supplies. The contest entries were displayed at Sabbath services Aug. 3.

July 14 **KITCHENER, Ont.**,

The group spent the next day at the lake swimming, playing water volleyball and waterskiing behind boats provided by Neal Matz, Simon Wuerfel and Gary Visser. Mr. and Mrs. Visser organized the weekend.

Fifty **HAMILTON, Ont.**, Youth Educational Services (**YES**) members, parents, teachers and guests shared their second annual camp-out July 26 to 28 at the Valens Conservation Area, about 20 miles north of Hamilton.

Participants began arriving Friday afternoon, July 26, to set up tents in a reserved group campsite. After dinner the group relaxed around a camp fire and sipped hot chocolate.

The next day two groups went on a nature trail hike led by deacon Ron Hepworth, played Bible charades and games conducted by Jeanne Gibson and attended a Bible study led by Roland Palmatier, a Hamilton local church elder. In the open air Mr. Palmatier talked about the universe.

After dinner the group gathered for a fireside sing-along led by Mr. Hepworth and his wife, Faye. Assistant pastor Daniel Fuller rolled into the campsite with his "Hilton-on-wheels" — a station wagon decked with a portable bed and bug screens covering the windows.

Activities Sunday, July 28, included Frisbee baseball, tug-of-war, water-balloon tosses and swimming.

The camp-out was organized by **YES** coordinator Bob Bell, under Mr. Fuller's direction. Parents were assigned responsibilities on a rotating basis.

Wilma Vernich, Harvey Wierenga and Edward R. Martin.

Youth Educational Services (**YES**) children, parents and teachers boarded a bus and journeyed to the Toronto, Ont., zoo.

They toured a junglelike setting in glassed-in dome pavilions and viewed a variety of animals housed in areas resembling their natural habitats.

The group saw polar bears, and many rode camels from northern Africa.

About 100 Youth Educational Services (**YES**) and **YOU** members and their parents from **TOPEKA, Kan.**, and **ST. JOSEPH, Mo.**, spent Aug. 13 at Worlds of Fun amusement park in Kansas City, Mo. They were accompanied by pastor Stanley McNeil, his wife, Carolyn, and their two children.

The park features rides, shows and a variety of restaurants and shops reflecting different parts of the world. Some of the most popular were the Scandinavian

Big Sandy bids worker farewell

A going-away party took place on the **BIG SANDY** Ambassador College campus July 19 for James Q. Robertson, who was transferred from Big Sandy to Monroe, La., where he will manage Church-owned property.

The event took place at the Security Department in the field house. Guests included evangelist Leslie McCullough, Ambassador College deputy chancellor, and evangelist Burk McNair, pastor of the Big Sandy and Tyler, Tex., churches, and other friends.

Mr. Robertson began serving on the Ambassador College campus in Pasadena Jan. 1, 1954, where he worked until 1970. He then served in Osage Beach, Mo., as overseer of the Lake of the Ozarks Feast property for two years before transferring to work on the Big Sandy campus July 4, 1972.

Mr. Robertson, his wife, Edna, and his daughter, Summer, will live at the church hall in Monroe. *Burk McNair.*

Struggle

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"And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever" (Revelation 11:15).

A world order with justice is coming — the government of God to be imposed over the nations. The nations that survive will finally be relieved of the burden of politics, of the agonizing search for humanly devised political and economic formulas for peace.

Moreover, true "real peace" results from going the right way: God's way. It is listed as one of the major fruits (meaning products or results) of living according to the influence of the Spirit — the mind and attitude — of God (Galatians 5:22).

When the knowledge of God's way fills the earth as the waters cover the sea (Isaiah 11:9), there will indeed be great peace. And abundant prosperity also, as nations will no longer devote time and money to armaments production and the planning for war (Isaiah 2:4).

When all men and nations are in harmony with God and His spiritual law we will have peace. Simple as that!

Fling the African Fury of the Nile, the European Der Fender Bender, the Orient Express (a roller coaster) and the American Incredimode.

The group met for a picnic lunch in the park and finished off the day with more rides and attractions.

Fifty-eight **REGINA, Sask.**, Youth Educational Services (**YES**) members, their families and young married couples shared a summer event Aug. 4 and 5 at the cottage of Mr. and Mrs. Don Neuls. The cottage is on the tree-covered northwest shore of Crooked Lake in the Qu'Appelle, 90 miles east of Regina.

The group swam, built sand castles and ate. Many water-skied. Gladys "Grandma" Whyte learned to ski and completed her first circuit around the lake.

Nelson Roxas, Marnie Hills, Marie Gifford and Nat and Mary Ross.

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

PASADENA — Telephone response to the *World Tomorrow* program in the United States was 20,445 Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, breaking the old record of 20,064 set July 13 and 14, according to evangelist Richard Rice, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center (MPC).

The program, featuring Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong, was titled: *The Cause of Today's Troubles*.

"This remarkable record was set during the Labor Day weekend," Mr. Rice said. "Normally call volume is below average on summer holiday weekends."

The evangelist added that the record is 55 percent above the 1985 year-to-date average of 13,150 calls a weekend.

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AUCKLAND, New Zealand — Evangelist Dean Blackwell spent several weeks instructing ministers in New Zealand and the Pacific Islands, according to Peter Nathan, regional director here.

Mr. Blackwell and his wife, Maxine, arrived in Tonga July 29 and spent 19 days with Toluta'u Ha'angana and his wife, Sela, according to Rex Morgan, a local elder serving in the New Zealand Regional Office.

Mr. Ha'angana is a local church elder serving in Tonga. During the visit Mr. Blackwell reviewed prophecy, Church doctrines, New Testament epistles and fundamentals of theology with the Ha'anganas.

The Blackwells then flew to Suva, Fiji, for eight days of instruction with local church elder Epeli Kanaimawi and his wife, Sofia, be-

ginning Aug. 17. The evangelist also conducted a homiletics class and gave a Bible study each evening for the Suva church.

The Blackwells then flew to Auckland for a seven-day ministerial conference, Aug. 26 to Sept. 1, where Mr. Blackwell taught classes in fundamentals of theology, Church doctrines and the minor prophets.

The Blackwells flew to Australia Sept. 9, where they will observe the Feast of Tabernacles before flying back to the Philippines Oct. 9 for the next session of the Ministerial Educational Program (MEP), Mr. Morgan said.

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PASADENA — Three new *Plain Truth* newsstand programs in the United States are distributing more than 100,000 magazines a month, according to Ray Wright, director of Publishing Services.

"We are distributing about 60,000 magazines a month through 59 outlets located in the New York subway system," said Boyd Leeson, U.S. *Plain Truth* circulation manager.

"These locations are in very high traffic locations," Mr. Leeson said. "One outlet distributes about 600 to 800 magazines a day," he said.

"When we installed the outlets, people started taking magazines immediately," said John LaBisoniere, *Plain Truth* newsstand manager, who flew to New York Aug. 13. "Some people couldn't even wait until we got the

magazines out of the boxes."

Mr. Leeson said 37 outdoor dispensers were installed in Washington, D.C., Aug. 4.

"Each stand distributes about 1,000 magazines a month, and they're all in prime locations," he continued. "Brethren in the Washington area installed outdoor dispensers next to the FBI [Federal Bureau of Investigation] Building, the Pentagon, the U.S. Capitol, the Federal Triangle and at Foggy Bottom, where the U.S. State Department is located."

Church members in Los Angeles installed outdoor dispensers near city hall, the Los Angeles Times, the World Trade Center and the Federal and State Building Aug. 28, he said.

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PASADENA — A direct-mail campaign to build *Plain Truth* and *Pura Verdad* (French *Plain Truth*) circulation in Canada was conducted Sept. 1 to 7, according to David Hulme, director of Media Purchasing.

Mr. Hulme said about 752,000 letters were mailed to English-speaking people and 234,000 letters were sent to French-speaking individuals.

The campaign is expected to add another 48,000 names to the file. "Response to the February direct-mail effort in Canada ran at about 5.4 percent, with more than 46,000 names added to the subscriber list," Mr. Hulme said.

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PASADENA — Ministerial Services released the following ordinations:

Peter Crompton, a deacon in the Victoria, B.C., church, was ordained a local church elder at Sabbath services Aug. 10.

Steve Pelfrey of the Pasadena

Test Dates Set for SAT

Prospective Ambassador College students should note that the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) has released test dates for United States and international administration of the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).

SAT scores are required of prospective students with less than 30 semester units of college-level course work.

The following dates are Saturday tests. All Sunday SATs are administered the day after the following dates: Oct. 12, Nov. 2, Dec. 7, Jan. 25, March 15, May 3 and June 7. The October test is administered only in California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, North Carolina, South Carolina and Texas.

Registration information for the above dates may be obtained from high school counselor offices; by writing the CEEB, Box 592, Princeton, N.J., 08540, U.S.A.; or phoning CEEB offices at 609-883-8500. Instructions for obtaining a Sunday administration are given in the SAT registration brochure.

The Ambassador College admissions committee recommends that Ambassador applicants take the SAT at the earliest possible date. The CEEB requires six weeks to process SAT registration for U.S. applicants and longer for international students.

Prospective Ambassador students should also note that March 1, 1986, is the deadline for applications.

Richard F. Ames
Director of Admissions
Pasadena Ambassador College

Auditorium P.M. church was ordained a local elder at a Ministerial Refreshing Program dinner Aug. 3.

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

Oct. 12, Spokane, Wash., and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, combined Sabbath services; Oct. 13, Baker and Ontario, Ore., and Boise, Idaho; Oct. 14, Twin Falls, Idaho; Oct. 15, Blackfoot, Idaho; Oct. 16, Salt Lake City and Ogden, Utah.

Oct. 19, Grand Junction, Colo., Sabbath services; Oct. 21, Durango, Colo.; Oct. 22, Santa Fe, N.M.; Oct. 23, Albuquerque, N.M.; Oct. 24, Roswell, N.M.; and Oct. 26,

Midland, Tex., and Hobbs, N.M., combined Sabbath services.

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PASADENA — Imperial High School and Ambassador College students helped the Church's Imperial Graphics Department print 30,000 Youth Educational Services (YES) notebooks the first two weeks of September, according to Kevin Dean, director of Youth Opportunities Unit.

The notebooks, which will be sold at the Feast, can hold one year's lessons and other assignments.

An air-dry ink was used, and the students laid the notebooks on Imperial's playing field to dry. At one time, as many as 3,500 were on the field and adjacent driveway.

The notebooks will be available for \$3 each at all U.S. and Canadian Feast sites. If supplies run out, order forms will be available. Brethren at international sites can order notebooks sometime after the Feast.

Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong approved the use of second title for the notebooks, said Mr. Dean.

WN Publication Dates

This is the final *Worldwide News* before the 1985 Feast of Tabernacles. *The Worldwide News* will resume its two-week publishing schedule with the Nov. 4 issue.

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Plain Truth Exceeds Eight Million

PASADENA — The *Plain Truth* will pass the eight million mark in worldwide circulation with the November-December issue, according to Ray Wright, director of Publishing Services.

The U.S. edition exceeded five million for the first time with the September issue.

Of the 8.1 million circulation for the November-December issue, 3.3 million are scheduled to be distributed on *Plain Truth* newsstands.

Survive

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We had enough equipment," Mr. Matkin said.

Cooperation and unity

While in the shelter, the group talked, prayed and sang. "We tried to keep things upbeat," Mr. Matkin said. "There was a definite spirit of cooperation. I think we realized there had to be oneness."

He added, "We felt that God was supplying our every need, not giving us luxuries, but we reminded ourselves that we did have food... clothing... water, and none of us were dead."

"Even when the lightning had hit me, I was saying, 'Why are we going through this?', but I found out afterwards and thought about it. Look how our prayers were answered. We were almost totally unscathed," Mr. Flaman said.

INTERNATIONAL DESK

A WORLD VIEW
FROM MINISTERIAL SERVICES

PASADENA — The scheduled Feast of Tabernacles site in Uganda will be canceled unless guerrilla activity abates there, according to evangelist Frank Brown, regional director for the British Regional Office.

The British Regional Office administers the work of the Church in East Africa.

Ugandan leader Milton Obote was overthrown in a military coup July 27.

Mr. Brown reported that the members there would be "greatly disappointed" if the Feast was canceled. Uganda has suffered bloodshed and unrest for many years and brethren were eagerly anticipating the first full eight-day Feast of Tabernacles to be conducted there. Brethren there kept four days of the Feast in 1984.

"Please do not forget to pray for all of our brethren in Africa," the evangelist said. "They certainly need to know that they are not alone in a world that can appear very hostile."

Mr. Brown made his report to *The Worldwide News* after returning Sept. 2 from a 17-day trip to Blantyre, Malawi, and Nairobi, Kenya. He was accompanied by his wife, Sharon, and their two daughters, Rachel and Elizabeth.

Mr. Brown conducted all-day services in Blantyre Aug. 24, where 75 brethren attended, the highest number to attend a Sabbath service there. Mrs. Brown fell ill that weekend and was unable to attend services. She has since recovered.

From Malawi the Brown family traveled to Nairobi, where Mr. Brown conducted Sabbath services Aug. 31 for 95 brethren, another

record high. Mr. Brown said that the morale of God's people remains high despite their manifold problems.

Pura Verdad growth

After dipping to 174,000, *La Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*) circulation has topped the 200,000 mark, according to evangelist Leon Walker, regional director for Spanish-speaking areas.

"We had a change in renewal policy implemented in May that dropped the number of subscribers," said Keith Speaks, circulation manager for *La Pura Verdad*.

"We've had steady growth since then and will hit the 202,000 mark on Sept. 17," Mr. Speaks said.

Mr. Speaks attributed the continuing growth to three major sources: *Reader's Digest* advertisements, "blow-in" subscription cards placed in *La Pura Verdad* and the efforts of Church members in distributing subscription cards through the PV card-holder program.

"We have a handful of people — about 20 — who over a three-to-four-year period have been responsible for adding between 50,000 and 60,000 subscribers through their work in the card-holder program," Mr. Speaks said.

"In Chile about 90 percent of new subscribers come in through the card-holder program," he said. "In Argentina, about 85 percent of new subscribers come from that program. This means that brethren provide a very effective service."

Incoming mail record

The Spanish Department is also receiving record amounts of mail,