

Pasadena AC campus displays Chinese 'Secret Army' artifacts

By David H. Evans
PASADENA — "The Secret Army of China's First Emperor," a priceless collection of terra-cotta (baked earth) figures from the burial complex of Qin Shi Huang Ti, went on display here Nov. 3 in the Hall of Administration.

David H. Evans is an assistant to evangelist Ellis La Ravia, a vice president of the Ambassador Foundation.

The exhibit represents one of the most spectacular archaeological discoveries of the 20th century, according to evangelist Ellis La Ravia, a vice president of the Ambassador Foundation. Several thousand people have already viewed the display.

The centerpiece of the exhibit is a figure of a Chinese commanding general, standing more than 6 feet tall. A full-size figure of a horse, a statue of a man kneeling upright and ancient coins and weapons used during the Qin dynasty are also displayed.

Accidental discovery

In March, 1974, farmers trying to sink a well stumbled across this find. Life-size warriors, horses and chariots were buried in a vault to guard the emperor in his afterlife. The first of three vaults measures 230 meters (about 250 yards) from east to west and 72 meters (about 79 yards) from north to south. More than 7,500 terra-cotta figures are believed to be buried there.

It was thought that the figures were made from molds, but after many were uncovered, excavators realized that the figures were hand

sculpted, since no two look alike.

Exhibit arranged

"After the Feast of Tabernacles in 1984, my family and I went to see the exhibit" in Xi'an, China, Mr. La Ravia said. "It was one of the most fascinating things we had ever seen."

Initial discussions for this exhibit were made last spring, when a Chinese delegation was visiting Ambassador College.

The exhibit was displayed at the Minneapolis, Minn., Institute of Art in September. "If it hadn't been, we probably would never have been able to have it here," he said.

"Being en route home to China we were able to display it at very little expense," said Aaron Dean, executive aide to Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong and a vice president of the Ambassador Foundation.

After inquiries were made, backed by Mr. Armstrong's outstanding reputation in the People's Republic of China, Ambassador College received the display, Mr. La Ravia said.

Chinese history

While the Roman Empire was beginning to expand in Europe, China was composed of warring, feudal states. In 221 B.C., King Zheng, leader of the state of Qin (pronounced Chin), conquered his rivals and unified China. King Zheng declared himself Qin Shi Huang Ti, China's first sovereign emperor.

The emperor joined segments of what is now known as the Great Wall, established a common code of law and a unified system of currency

and weights, and standardized China's written language. To further aid trading he planned a canal and road system that is in use today.

After his death in 210 B.C. Emperor Qin was buried in a 15-story mausoleum, which was under construction for 36 years.

The secret army was discovered about a mile from the tomb.

Liu Fu Sheng, a historian and artist from Xi'an who came to Ambassador College to help with the exhibit, said through his translator, Wang Ruiping: "The atmosphere of the exhibit in Xi'an was duplicated here. We hope to take the techniques you have used back to China. Maybe next time you come to visit the excavation you will be able to appreciate them as we have appreciated them here."

Others involved in the exhibit from China are Ma Xiuqing, director of the Cultural Relics Preservation Department, and Zhang Tong, translator.

CHINESE EXHIBIT — Right, a 2,200-year-old terra-cotta figure stands in the Ambassador Foundation's exhibit. Below, miniature replicas of the clay figures. [Photos by Warren Watson]



Bible Called "Mystery Of The Ages"

Why is the world's all-time bestseller—the Bible—a mystery to millions? A leading scholar claims to have "cracked the code" of the basic truths the Bible contains — truths that may be able to help you solve many of the problems in your life.

Millions of Americans are looking for answers to life's perplexing questions: "Why were you born? Why human suffering? Is there hope for a better world tomorrow?" Herbert W. Armstrong explores the answers to these and other questions in his new book, "Mystery of the Ages," published by Dodd, Mead and Company.

Armstrong calls the Bible a "coded" book, with absolute answers to the paramount mysteries confronting all humanity. He says the Bible is like a jigsaw puzzle with thousands of pieces that need putting together — and the pieces will fit together in only one way. In his new book, he tries to put the many pieces of the great Biblical "puzzle" together so they can be clearly understood, so that readers can use these truths and



Biblical scholar Herbert W. Armstrong has written a book that may make the Bible more understandable to many.

apply them to their own lives. He explains the "seven great Biblical mysteries" that concern people of all ages, beliefs and backgrounds.

"Mystery of the Ages" is not a dry, dull academic theological treatise, many readers say. It's written in laymen's language—easy to understand and relevant to people of all faiths, while offering a challenge to even the skeptics. It's available for \$12.95 at bookstores across the country.

Journal reviews book by HWA

PASADENA — *Library Journal* reviewed *Mystery of the Ages* Oct. 15, saying that Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong "presents in a clear and straightforward style" the doctrines of the Church. Calling the 400-page volume "a useful book," the review recommended *Mystery of the Ages* "for public and religion collections."

"*Library Journal* is the leading magazine in the library field serving U.S. and international libraries," said Terry Warren, supervisor of the design graphics area of Publishing Services.

He said that the *Library Journal* review "was an important one, since libraries generally rely heavily upon *Journal* recommendations."

Pointing out that more reviews of the book will be forthcoming, Kay Radtke, publicity director for Dodd, Mead & Co., Inc., said, "Book reviews can lag behind the official introduction of a book by

two to four months, depending on the timeliness of the subject.

"There is often a backlog of books to be reviewed by writers, and priority attention is usually given to newsworthy subjects or best-selling authors," she continued.

Dodd, Mead, Inc., is the publisher for *Mystery of the Ages*.

Consumer advertisements promoting Mr. Armstrong's book have appeared in 27 major newspapers in the United States, according to Rebecca Sweat, an advertising assistant in Publishing Services.

She said that ads for *Mystery of the Ages* appeared in October and November in the *West Coast Review of Books*, *The Saturday Evening Post*, *Saturday Review*, *Newsweek*, *USA Today* and *The Wall Street Journal*.

"This represents a vast potential readership of millions of people who could become aware of Mr. Armstrong as a renowned book

author," said Mr. Warren.

"Industry sources show that about 12 percent of the U.S. public buys books in bookstores," Mr. Warren continued. "This represents a well-educated, affluent group of people who could not be easily reached by the *World Tomorrow* telecast or the *Plain Truth* magazine."

Ray Wright, director of Publishing Services, said, "This group of people tend to be less religious, more materialistic, somewhat more sophisticated and less responsive to the simplicity of God's truth."

"We therefore recognize that the response to Christ's message — as foretold in Scripture — will likely not be overwhelming," he said.

Bill Ashworth, sales manager for Dodd, Mead, described preliminary sales of *Mystery of the Ages* as "reasonably good for a serious hard-back religious book."

Totals are not yet available.

NATIONAL COVERAGE — North American Precip (NAP) distributed the above article to more than 4,000 weekly suburban newspapers as part of a media campaign for *Mystery of the Ages*, according to Ray Wright, director of Publishing Services.

Future of vital Asian sea gate at stake

PASADENA — Add one more worry to foreign policy experts in Washington: the Philippines. Some officials warn of a "gathering storm" in regard to this key Asian ally that threatens U.S. and Western security interests in the Western Pacific.

For the past 20 years, the destiny of the 55 million people in the 7,100-island archipelago has been guided by President Ferdinand Marcos. But the Marcos era may be nearing an end — and if it is, the future appears foreboding.

At stake for the United States is not only the continued allegiance of its former Asian colony, but the further use of two important military bases.

Not far from Manila, the capital, Subic Bay Naval Station and Clark Air Base project American power into the Pacific. Far from being outmoded, the bases are more geographically critical than ever now that the Soviet Union has its

first firm foothold in Southeast Asia, using the U.S.-built facilities at Cam Ranh Bay and Da Nang airfield in Vietnam.

The pressure on President Marcos has increased dramatically since one of his principal political opponents, Benigno S. Aquino, was assassinated at Manila airport in August, 1983, upon his return from self-exile in the United States.

Subsequent investigation has implicated top supporters of the president, who may have acted out of fear that the popular Mr. Aquino presented a threat to their continued influence.

If this be the case their fears materialized. Demands quickly swelled for the ouster of the Marcos government. Demonstrations mounted even in the business community. For more than two years, the economy of the country has been in the doldrums.

Meanwhile, in rural areas, a

Communist insurgency movement — the New People's Army — has steadily gained strength. U.S. military officials estimate that the rebels — still relatively weak — could be on a par with the Philippine army in three to five years.

Marcos, wife of the president, has made several trips to Moscow.

Irreplaceable bases

It is hard to imagine a more important strategic relationship than the United States has today than the

WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



This assertion is denied in Malacanang Palace, the Philippine "White House."

The NPA has no open support from Moscow. Moscow is holding its cards close to the chest. The Soviets are on good terms with the Philippine government. Imelda

one between it and the Philippines. These ties center on the Subic Bay Naval Station and the Clark Air Base. These facilities are the largest and best equipped U.S. military installations outside the American mainland.

The Subic Bay facility is as close to being irreplaceable as one could imagine. It is the forward operating base for the U.S. Seventh Fleet, which is charged with patrolling a swath of ocean from the Bering Sea

man tendencies. That is why each of us must be on guard against our human nature.

We need to keep God's armor in constant use and good working order. See Ephesians 6:12-18. We must work hard to preserve harmony and teamwork in the spirit of godly love.

Are you a good team member of the Church of God? Whether in the home, at Church services or on the job, you and I have an obligation to God to be the best team members.

Here are some ways in which teamwork can best be developed:

• *Know what is to be achieved and completed by the team.* This means we must daily study God's Word and study the work's publications to keep informed of the game plan. Learn to listen closely when God's ministers speak.

Remember: When the mouth is open, the ears are closed. Poor communication is usually the root of all people problems.

Talk about God's plan, His laws and how they apply to us. Be willing to inform other team members of the team's goals if those members are in the dark. Encourage each other.

• *Always keep your eyes on the big goal.* Goals are the internalized drives that make all of us go. Our goal is qualifying for the Kingdom of God. The first step in setting your goals is to take a long look at the whole you. Perform an X-ray scan on your whole self. Look at your image, goals and motivations. Are they in line with God's team?

Take time to write down your spiritual and personal goals in time sequence. List what must be done to achieve them. Then break the list down even further by setting goals for overcoming spiritual and physical problems: family, attitude, education.

Work on your goals every day — actively.

• *Respect your team members.* We must be willing to trust the skill and talent of other team members and to become interdependent, forsaking any unwillingness we may have to do so.

With your example, inspire other team members to work toward our goal. Encourage cooperation with others. Be willing to go to bat for your spiritual brothers and sisters in times of need. Learn to recognize weaknesses and strengths in yourself and others. Turn every situation into a learning experience.

• *Share the glory and success with others on the team.* We make a poor team member if we try to cop all the glory for the ideas that work, and backpedal on the team's failures. A good team player shares the glory and rewards. Think and act like a winner, work at it, help others be winners. We are a winning team — God's team — and we're almost to the top of the mountain. We can make it if we pull together as a team.



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Teamwork that pays off

It was about 11:30 a.m., May 29, 1953. Nearly six miles above sea level, in the remotest reaches of Nepal, two men had done what no human beings had done before. They had climbed to the summit of Mt. Everest, at 29,208 feet the highest mountain peak in the world!

Sir Edmund Hillary, from New Zealand, and Tenzing Norgay, a Sherpa tribesman, had made history, and they had done it as a team.

Norgay described what happened when the two men reached the top of the world's highest mountain: "What we did first was what all climbers do when they reach the top of their mountain. We shook hands. But this was not enough for Mr. Everest. I waved my arms in the air and threw them around Hillary, and we thumped each other on the back until, even with the oxygen systems, we were almost breathless."

Neither man wanted to claim credit for having been the first to set foot on the summit, and for some time both refused to say. It had been a team effort. Tied to each other by a 30-foot rope, they literally had to rely on each other for their lives as they struggled up steep inclines, over icy-slick glaciers, up slippery gaps between walls of rock and ice and through bitter cold and thin air. They helped each other achieve what up until that time was history's greatest mountaineering feat.

Hillary described Norgay in terms one would use to refer to a close friend and ally. Norgay was "always willing to do his share, and more than his share if necessary," said Hillary. Norgay "never let you down." Strong words, when you consider that a false step could have sent both men plunging thousands of feet downward into an icy doom, or started an avalanche that would have buried both forever!

Norgay commented: "When two men are on the same rope they are together, and that is all there is to it. I was not thinking of 'first' and 'second.' I did not say to myself: 'There is a golden apple up there. I will push Hillary aside and run for it.' We went on slowly, steadily. And then we were there. Hillary stepped up first. And I stepped up after him. We were comrades in life and death."

This is the story of two people, bound together not just by rope but by a common purpose, a great goal, expressing unselfishness, consideration for each other, enthusiasm,

willingness to help and sacrifice, enduring to the end. They worked together and achieved ultimate success in the truest sense of the word team.

One of the most important lessons we in God's Church need to learn is the need for teamwork, as this example illustrates. In the world of athletics, even the best players can't win unless the entire team pulls together in perfect harmony and total cooperation. This is why Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong, in his personal letters, always refers to us as members and co-workers.

The apostle Paul also taught the need for teamwork by saying that the Church is one Body although composed of many members. Each of God's begotten, truly converted members has his or her specific function in the Church, just as each part of a human body has its function.

"But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased. And if they were all one member, where would the body be? But now indeed there are many members, yet one body. And the eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you'; nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' " (I Corinthians 12:18-21, Revised Authorized Version).

The Church of God is like a family team or a body. Every member is vital to the success of the team. Perhaps it appears that those who help through prayers, tithes, offerings and letters of encouragement are needed less when compared to those who are preaching or writing. Not true! The work of God cannot function without every necessary part any more than a human body can.

The Gospel of the Kingdom of God by way of the *World Tomorrow* program and the *Plain Truth* and *Good News* magazines would not be encircling the globe today if it were not for the constant prayers and faithful, diligent tithes and offerings of God's people.

"No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary" (verse 22). We must never underestimate the value of each member of God's family team.

Satan knows that one of the easiest methods of breaking up and destroying teamwork in the Church of God is to cause contention, strife, division and disagreement. Rivalries, quarrels and disputes are common hu-

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



Teen moral dilemma

BOREHAMWOOD, England — Late last year a British court ruled that doctors in England and Wales must consult parents before giving contraceptives to girls under age 16. Previously a physician could do so without parental knowledge.

The decision brought mixed reactions. Mary Kenny represented the minority response in *The Sunday Telegraph*: "Surely it is

proper that parents supervise and are responsible for daughters up to age 16? Surely it is wrong for doctors to connive behind the parents' back..." (Dec. 23, 1984).

Trouble is that parent-child communications are in bad shape. Often there is neither communication nor control. Parents don't talk to their children — children don't talk to their parents. Teens don't confide in mother and dad. Often both are nowhere around — maybe the two are at the pub.

Some young people would rather consult physicians. Often there is little choice. The generation gap is widening.

Basic morals are neither taught nor enforced. Result? "Sexual intercourse between the under-16s" (See MORAL, page 4)

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Open letter

I feel compelled to write this letter to thank Mr. Herbert Armstrong and *The Worldwide News* for the pastor general's open letter in the Sept. 17, 1985, issue. Although the letter was directed to the newly baptized brethren, as opposed to those like me who have been in God's Church for a number of years (nine in mine), I found Mr. Armstrong's letter to be refreshing, timely and inspiring.

All of us need to review and renew our perspective periodically, and the letter served so well to outline the key points of that renewal. The letter was succinct yet extremely powerful in describing the vital elements of patience and perseverance. For the new Christians and the not-so-new, the letter was an outstanding boost for each of us in the struggle to please God and fulfill our individual and collective calling.

Joudon M. Ford
Brooklyn, N.Y.

I want to thank you for the very encouraging "An Open Letter to Our Newly Begotten Brethren Recently Baptized" in the Sept. 17, 1985, edition of *The Worldwide News*. Even though I have been a baptized member for about nine years, I found I needed to be reminded of exactly what I had committed my life to and how important daily prayer and study are to remain in a converted state of mind.

I can now see that self-discipline in earnest study is where I have been letting up, and I am determined to see that my Bible study time will now be quality time, not just time passed.

Your fine letter of encouragement showed me how concerned you are with each individual member of God's (See LETTERS, page 3)

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Letter jacket program prompts youths to develop skills, talents

PASADENA — "With the new letter jacket program, youths in God's Church now have a new means to motivate themselves toward greater personal achievement," said Kevin Dean, director of Youth Opportunities United (YOU).

Mr. Dean, a pastor-rank minister, outlined the YOU letter jacket program in an interview with *The Worldwide News* Nov. 4.

"In most American schools, teenagers can qualify for certain letters that recognize achievement in areas of academics, athletics or music," Mr. Dean said. "The YOU letter jacket program provides Church youths with an opportunity to strive for excellence."

Developing skills

"This program will enable YOU members to develop specific skills and areas of interest," said Thomas Mahan, project coordinator.

In a typical letter award program outside of YOU, a student receives a cloth letter by playing in a certain number of games, achieving a set grade point average or by playing in the school band.

"Under our program, a YOU member must complete certain tasks in order to earn the letter Y," Mr. Dean said. "They can then sew the letter to the YOU jacket." Jackets were first sold during the 1985 Feast.

"They can earn the letter in a number of different areas," the YOU director continued. "So far we are developing programs for about two dozen areas such as track and field, home economics, business principles, education, swimming, volleyball, cheerlead-

ing, animal husbandry and travel."

Higher levels

Once the letter is earned, the YOU member can continue to be rewarded for developing skills in the same area.

"We have a pin program to accompany the letter jacket program," he said. "After earning the letter, YOU members can progress through different levels to earn pins that recognize achievement in these areas."

"For example, say a teen wants to earn a letter in track and field. In addition to the athletic part of earning the letter, the teen must also learn how to be a judge, a timer and learn how to organize concession stands at YOU meets," Mr. Dean explained.

"This way he not only develops himself physically, but he learns certain organizational skills that will be very useful in a local church area. A person trained like this would be a real asset to a pastor needing help with organizing a track meet."

Each program points teens to the Church. "Through the program we're trying to create a domino effect that will draw brethren closer together," he said.

"For example, in the home economics area, teens not only have to learn how to cook, they must also prepare and serve a four-course meal. They also must become involved with Church potlucks, and provide meals and services for shut-ins and senior citizens."

"This way," Mr. Dean said, "everybody ends up participating in the program, and everybody gets to know each other better."

Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong "is very enthusiastic about the program," Mr. Dean said. "After he approved the colors and fabric last summer, he wanted to know when he was going to receive his personal jacket."

The letter jackets are available to Church families at \$35 each. "Anyone in the Church is welcome to buy them," Mr. Dean said. "We have five sizes from extra small to extra large."

The silver and blue jackets with a YOU patch on the back can be ordered by using order forms available from Church pastors.



NEW YOU PROGRAM — Youth Opportunities United (YOU) letter jackets are displayed by (from left) Kevin Dean, YOU director, Greg Rothwell, Imperial Schools athletic director, and Imperial Schools students Steve Lippross, Shari Kelly and Stewart Suckling. [Photo by Warren Watson]

Holy Day ordinations take place

PASADENA — Church Administration released the following ordinations.

Lyle Welty Sr., a preaching elder in the Albany, N.Y., church, was raised to the rank of pastor on the Last Great Day, Oct. 7.

Richard Anderson, a deacon in the Waukesha, Wis., church, was ordained a local church elder at Atonement services, Sept. 25.

John Brown, a deacon in the Brooklyn, N.Y., church, was ordained a local church elder on the Feast of Trumpets, Sept. 16.

Lewis Bryant, a deacon in the Cookeville, Tenn., church, was ordained a local church elder on the Feast of Trumpets, Sept. 16.

Eleno Cabahit of the Pagadian, Philippines, church, was ordained a local church elder during the Feast of Tabernacles Oct. 1.

Pedrito Cara of the San Fernando, La Union, Philippines, church was ordained a local church elder on the Feast of Trumpets, Sept. 16.

Augusto Cernol, a deacon in the Ozamiz, Philippines, church, was ordained a local church elder during the Feast of Tabernacles Oct. 1.

Miguel Datu, a deacon in the Tarlac, Philippines, church, was ordained a local church elder on the Feast of Trumpets, Sept. 16.

Jay Deyton, a deacon in the

Asheville, N.C., church, was ordained a local church elder on the Feast of Trumpets, Sept. 16.

Cyrus Ellorin of the Butuan, Philippines, church was ordained a local church elder during the Feast of Tabernacles Oct. 1.

Antonio Espinosa, a deacon in the Cebu, Philippines, church, was ordained a local church elder during the Feast of Tabernacles Oct. 3.

Rodrigo Florencandia, a deacon in the Davao City, Philippines, (See **ORDAIN**, page 12)

Interface produces significant savings

Computers: timesaving linkup

PASADENA — The Church's Editorial and Publishing departments "moved a step closer to the 21st century," according to Dexter H. Faulkner, managing editor of the Church's publications, Nov. 7, with an electronic interface between NCR word-processing units and the Bedford computer-typesetting terminals in Editorial Services.

The Bedford terminals are directly on-line with Publishing's Bedford typesetting computer, which transforms raw copy typed on the NCR terminals into columns and pages.

Before the interface, articles typed on writers' word-processing terminals had to be retyped by Editorial's typesetters, generating many hours of extra work.

"With this interface any material we receive from any of the NCR systems can be directly inputted [by cable] into the Bedford system without the need of retyping," Mr. Faulkner said.

"This interface is the fulfillment of a goal we, with the aid and encouragement of Data Processing, have worked toward for several years now," said the managing editor.

"New technology allows members and co-workers' tithes to be used much more efficiently — and the Gospel is spread more efficiently," he added. "More opportunities are available, and the Church's work is advancing. The future is right there."

"This is also a milestone internationally, because we couldn't do anything with the IBM and Data-Point interface in Germany until the Editorial interface worked," said Roger Lippross, Publishing's production director.

This type of interfacing is not unique to the typesetting industry, but it is a first for the Church's work, Mr. Lippross added.

According to Don Patrick, Publishing's composing manager, entire pages can be formatted on the terminals, which will assist Editorial's artists and make editors' late corrections easier to make.

Mr. Patrick said hundreds of man-hours were required for the project. Steve Doucet and Linda Snuffer from Publishing worked together, aided by Sam Lennon from Data Processing, to program the interface.



EDITORIAL TYPESETTING — Dexter H. Faulkner, managing editor of the Church's publications (center), and Roger Lippross, production director of Publishing Services, discuss Editorial's electronic interface with the Publishing Services typesetting system Nov. 7, while Wendy Styer, editorial assistant, operates a Bedford typesetting terminal. [Photo by Warren Watson]

Letters TO THE EDITOR

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Church and that you certainly practice what you preach. I want my inheritance to be sure, and you have helped me personally to rededicate my life to staying closer to God and relying on Him to determine the outcome of my own trials.

Noriel Waterman
Condord, N.H.

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New co-worker

I am deeply touched to know that I am now considered a co-worker with Christ.

Even while studying the Ambassador Bible Correspondence Course, reading *The Plain Truth* and other literature, my life felt empty. This is really a privilege, and I am very grateful.

Now I know what it is to have a life that is worth living in every sense of the word. It is joy unspeakable and full of glory. I cannot find sufficient words to express my feelings. I look forward to the special letter which I receive every month.

Bruce McIntosh
Freeport, Bahamas

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Moral

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has increased, is increasing..."
(Sunday Telegraph, Dec. 23, 1984).

The London Standard represented the much more popular majority view in its Dec. 23, 1984, editorial. It said: "Removing the option of confidential advice from a concerned professional may mean more chastity... But it could equally mean more young people using no contraception at all and ending up with an abortion, or an unwanted child."

Decision overturned

The majority outcry became so great that the House of Lords reversed the court's decision. Girls under 16 can once again be given the pill without parental consent. The Lords laid down five conditions binding physicians — but they add up to a blank check for the doctors.

Society's conundrum — society's basic dilemma — was aptly summed up by *The Sunday Times* Oct. 20: "Society faces an agonising choice; whether to give extra legal backing to parents who are proving, in a broader sense, broken reeds; or to accept an element of inevitability and concentrate on mitigating the worst consequences, a surge of schoolgirl pregnancies and abortions."

We are back to the principle — the lesser of two evils. But the question remains: Which is the lesser evil? Most authorities have come down on the side of doctor discretion — without parental consent. But have they thoroughly thought the question through? Will the House of Lords' decision be best in the long run? Is contraception the answer?

Consider these points. Contraception encourages more illicit sex — more possibility of catching sexually transmitted diseases — more activity with multiple partners — more promiscuity — more family breakdown. Those hooked on illicit sexual practices don't give it up easily.

The possibility of AIDS making a major breakthrough into the heterosexual world makes any type of illicit sexual activity extremely dangerous. The ante is up. The penalties are increasing.

God's laws ignored

Parents' sin by neglecting to teach their children God's basic sex laws. Teens are left to collect information themselves. They don't consult parents. They do what comes naturally. Alice Thomas Ellis confirmed this view in an article in the Oct. 20 *Sunday Times*: "It is fashionable now to regard sex as a recreation, a means of making friends and gaining popularity. I have heard children saying: 'It's only natural, isn't it?' They can't see any harm in it."

The sad fact is that promiscuous young people don't use contraceptives, so illegitimate children are born or fetuses are aborted. And a 15-year-old girl is by no means properly educated for the responsibility of teaching and training a growing infant. One-parent families are not ideal even under the best of circumstances. Tragically the young girl will miss out on her youth. Great suffering is involved.

This year the English papers have been full of stories about "America's Tragic Baby Boom." For the moment it dwarfs the British problem. Wrote New York correspondent George Gordon in the March 23 *Daily Mail*: "For every 1,000 girls between 15 and 19 in America, 96 of them are pregnant. That is more than double the figure for England and Wales (45), in Canada the rate is 44, in France 43, Sweden 35, and in the Netherlands 14." The arti-

cle was based on a report from the Alan Guttmacher Institute in the United States.

Many observers in the United Kingdom fear that the intensity of the American plight will cross the Atlantic. Those fears are being realized. Illegitimate births have risen to record levels in England and Wales.

Basic causes

Let's get down to basics. What are some of the causes? Start with a permissive society. An editorial in the March 16 and 17 *International Herald Tribune* began: "To sell something you must have a gimmick. In the United States, the tried-and-true gimmick is sex. It sells jeans, cars, perfume, underwear and detergents... It is a staple of many an evening with the VCR and the reason for many a celebrity's celebrity. It is big bucks, the gimmick that makes the merchandise move. The retailers are happy and so are the customers. But what about the children?"

Both the United States and Britain are paying a high price for their sexual permissiveness. Suggestive advertising is only one facet of a monstrous problem. The unwanted spinoff is the intolerable effect on children.

Continued the *Tribune* editorial: "America wallows in the byproducts of sexual liberation — raunchy TV, suggestive advertising and pornographic movies. In theory [not in fact], adults are able to cope. But one can only feel pity for the teenagers..." We are sacrificing our children on the altar of sexual vanity.

Earlier the *Tribune* editorial posed some important questions: "Can America shield its children from the sexual sell? It does not want to try. Then can society teach them how to deal with sex? Yes, but it does not want to try that either."

Society's answers

So how does society deal with the dilemma? Usually the stock answer involves further breaking of God's laws. Continued the *Tribune* editorial: "Teenagers need help to avoid pregnancy and to avoid abortion. That is exactly why France, the Netherlands and Sweden have committed themselves to providing contraceptive services for young people."

Society's proposed solutions are pragmatic. Root causes are virtually ignored. How to either avoid or mitigate immediate suffering is often the sole consideration.

Religious and moral solutions are summarily dismissed as outdated and old-fashioned. Notice what a March 23 *Economist* article said about increased teenage pregnancy in America. "The Guttmacher report... blames what it calls the 'religiosity' of fundamentalist sects, which attach more importance to chastity before marriage than to a solution to the problem." Obviously many no longer view chastity as a practical solution to teen sex problems.

Western culture continues to encourage all types of illicit sex. Court decisions that virtually encourage fornication are thought to be an answer. People in the West are privy to tons of psychological and statistical information about teen sexual behavior, but they lack understanding.

Satan has woven a web of deception over the people. He seeks to divide the children from the parents. He creates a climate in which it is the parents who first neglect their children. Society then sees that parents are a broken reed. Then instead of attacking the problem at its roots by working with, teaching and instructing parents, society proceeds to confer on physicians the authority to give teens permission to continue to sin — and that often without the

knowledge of their parents.

The only answer

Unless and until humanity quits breaking the Seventh Commandment, children will continue to reap the bitter fruits of illegitimacy, abortion and other evils. And not just the letter of the law, but the spirit as it affects Western culture.

It is the *Playboy* society that needs to be halted. Soft-porn video film ads are on sale from almost every news agent in Britain. So are a generous selection of pornographic magazines.

Article after article in magazines and newspapers beat the drum about how complex the problem is. And what they say is true. It is a complex problem. But the question is: What makes this such a complicated problem? What is the basic cause?

The answer in one word is *sin*. Sin is complex. Once a teenage girl is pregnant she and her family are faced with choices — and all of them are bad, apart from the knowledge of the help available from God. The best they can hope for is selecting the lesser of two evils.

But when God's law is kept by the whole society, everything becomes simple. All the evils begin to disappear.

Sea gate

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understood just how enormously important these two facilities are. But a look at a map of the Western Pacific tells the story. The Philippine Islands, with these two bases, could not be more strategically positioned.

Notice this assessment in the Oct. 31 *Christian Science Monitor*: "The Philippines sit at the front gate of sea routes that run through the South China Sea, the Strait of Malacca, and into the Indian Ocean. Control of these routes is vital to protecting oil traffic coming from the Persian Gulf, the defense of Japan, and projection of U.S. power in the western Pacific."

Yes, the Philippines and specifically the U.S. facilities there represent a vital sea gate. The end-time descendants of the children of Israel were promised that they would come into possession of vital gateways that would be instrumental in their prosperity, as well as bottling up and frustrating the intentions of their enemies (Genesis 22:17, 24:60).

Many of these gates have been lost — among them the Suez Canal, Aden, the Panama Canal Zone. The position in the Philippines is one of the few remaining.

The Nov. 4 *Newsweek* showed what impact the loss of these facilities would have: "The loss of the

bases could alter the balance of power in the Pacific, jeopardize billions of dollars of American trade, shake the confidence of China and Japan — and possibly even loosen their ties to the West."

'Fatal flaw' in U.S. policy

President Marcos is under pressure from the United States to introduce far-reaching social reforms and to "open up the political process." Many of his critics would simply like to see him step down from office.

Mr. Marcos, however, surprised everybody by calling, in early November, for a snap election, now scheduled for next year. He hopes to win big and show he has far more popularity than his critics maintain.

But a victory would not calm Mr. Marcos' domestic and foreign enemies. Liberal critics in the U.S. Congress are threatening to cut military aid to the Philippines unless there is substantial progress toward political reforms, which in their minds means the president leaving office, not entering a new six-year term.

These critics overlook just how chaotic the rough-and-tumble democratic process was in the Philippines in the 1960s before Mr. Marcos won office in 1965, and felt compelled, in 1972, to institute martial law, which lasted more than eight years.

Furthermore, cutting military aid would make it more difficult for

the Philippine military to challenge the NPA. Thus, Congress may be replaying the disasters in Vietnam, Iran and Nicaragua, where cutoffs in aid led to the downfall of pro-American governments.

Even a noncommunist post-Marcos period would be full of uncertainties.

The democratic opposition to Mr. Marcos is divided. Some of the foes pitted against Mr. Marcos are highly idealistic nationalists, who feel that the Philippines will never be free until "all forms of foreign domination" — meaning the U.S. bases — are eliminated.

Mr. Marcos knows that such a policy could lead to an eventual communist takeover of the country. He on the other hand realizes that U.S. power is essential to the preservation of peace throughout the Western Pacific.

"Marcos has a good strategic view of the world and the region," said an American official in the Philippines. "He understands the dynamics of the power politics that are now going on."

Thus we may be witnessing the end of an era in the Western Pacific — and the beginning of a new and highly dangerous period.

For the United States to be pushed out of the Philippines would be a disaster. And for the Soviets to take over Subic and Clark as they have Cam Ranh Bay and Da Nang would be a calamity of incalculable proportions.

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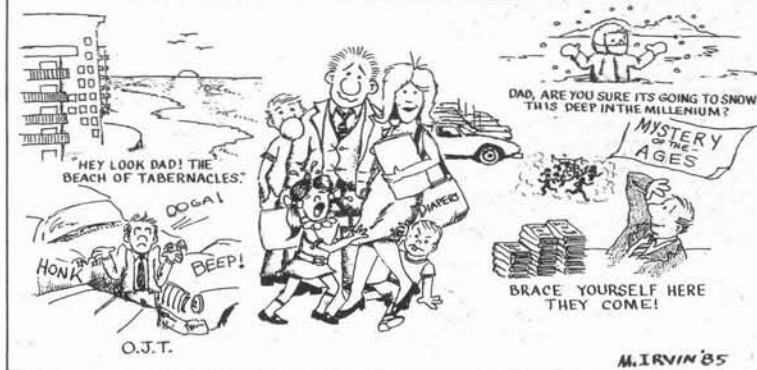
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IRON SHARPENS IRON

Yellowed notes recall memories: How firmly grounded are you?

By Clayton D. Steep

Having opened a little-used desk drawer, I came across an accumulation of sermon and sermonette notes from services I had attended years ago. As I flipped through the yellowed pages, my eyes fell on certain powerful and unforgettable messages. Memories flooded my mind while words came to life once again, after having been preserved for so long on paper...

Your 'sticking point'?

"What is your sticking point?" was the question posed in one sermon more than 20 years ago. Speaking in the then-new tabernacle at Big Sandy, the minister wasn't referring to the sticky Texas humidity. Blurred ink on the perspiration-stained notepaper, however, bears

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witness to just how hot and humid it was that day.

"This life," continued the speaker, "is full of tests, any one of which could be a stumbling block for us if we allow it. This becomes our sticking point."

"Could it be that personal bad habit that it seems so difficult to overcome? Or could it be an unhappy family situation? Is it a job that requires you to work on the Sabbath? Or maybe you are offended at the way Jesus Christ runs His work. Perhaps you are just plain tired of waiting for Christ to return."

"Whatever the test, Satan is trying to get you to 'stick' at some point. He wants to take away your reward. Don't let him be successful. Call on God for more of His Spirit. His Spirit is as lubricating oil that prevents 'sticking points.'"

That certainly is something we all need to think about.

Endure to the end

Some meaningful concepts — as vital today as they ever were — seem to leap off a page of notes from a sermon given in 1961.

"When we become offended or spiritually careless, we not only hurt ourselves, we may hurt others. Our bad example may throw a stumbling block in front of others, causing them to fall."

"We have a responsibility to be concerned about the spiritual welfare of other people. We must endure, persevere and walk uprightly

for their sakes as well as our own.

"Don't be weary of well doing. Hold fast to your crown. Keep wrong attitudes out of your mind. Roots of bitterness are Satan's device. Fill your mind instead with God's law. When you don't understand why things happen as they do, or why certain conditions are allowed to exist, wait on God and be patient. He will work everything out."

Yes, indeed, patient endurance is a real virtue.

Put your confidence in God

In 1974 a sermon was given to exhort us to be prepared for what the minister called "future shock." He warned that we need to be ready and able to cope with certain changes he said he was afraid were coming. He somberly predicted that from then on there would be by some "an accelerated degree of undermining of leadership in the Church." There would be an effort by some to water down the basic truths of the Bible. (As we all know, that is exactly what took place during the rest of the '70s.)

How were we to deal with circumstances like this? Alvin Toffler pointed out in his book *Future Shock* that in order to cope with change and to persevere, a person needs to have something to put his confidence in.

We have God as our confidence. He never changes. Our hope in Him is our anchor. We must look to God and hold on to the basic truths we have been taught (II Timothy 3:14). We must hold fast to our calling and not let anybody lead us astray.

How valuable this advice proved to be during the years that followed, when some voices of "liberalism" spoke so loudly.

Fill your mind with God's Word

It was pouring down rain one Sabbath in Odessa, Tex., more than a quarter of a century ago. The meeting hall was crowded with wet Christians who were on their way to Big Sandy to keep the Feast.

"You must beware of the thoughts that you allow in your mind," the minister declared. "There are forces trying to lead us astray, to get us to sin. They are trying to put doubts in our minds — doubts about God, about His Church and His work."

"We must fill our minds with

God's Word so we can successfully fend off the evil darts of the wicked one."

Because there weren't enough chairs for everyone, the walls of the crowded little hall were lined with people who had to stand for the entire service. The circumstances made it difficult to take complete notes, so the speaker did something to make the point of his sermon unforgettable.



Artwork by Monte Wolverton

To be sure we would get an indelible impression of the point he was making, he placed his Bible in the center and opened it rooflike on the top of his head, in the way one would wear a protective hat. He said he knew he looked ridiculous with an open Bible on top of his head, but he wanted us never to forget that whatever we allow into our minds must first be checked by and filtered through God's Word. Only in that way can we be sure to remain

steadfast unto the end.

What an important concept that was!

Will you miss out?

Several days of the Feast of Tabernacles in gorgeous Squaw Valley, Calif., had passed. It was the early '60s and the mountain scenery, the pristine air, the feasting and fellowshiping among brethren had created in us all a real yearning for the Kingdom to come. No doubt this setting was one factor that made a sermon about the first resurrection so outstanding.

"Are you ready for the resurrection?" was the question posed. We were exhorted to get our spiritual lives in order. Time is running out. We must make each day, each moment count. We must endure to the end. It won't be long now. Our salvation is nearer than ever before.

Being changed from this corruptible, mortal existence into immortal spirit is the greatest attainment any human could ever desire. Freedom at last — freedom from sin and evil pulls, freedom from pain and weakness. All in the twinkling of an eye at the sound of a trumpet.

The drama of the sermon came to a climax when the minister told of a dream he had had the previous night. He was standing with converted Christians as the last trumpet sounded. There were lightnings and thunderings and glory and brilliance. The heavens resounded with shouts of joy and praise uttered by angelic hosts. All around saints began to rise to meet Jesus in the air.

But something was wrong! He, the minister speaking, was not rising with them! He stood on his tiptoes. He tried to jump up. But to no avail. He strained. He desperately flapped his arms as a bird trying to take off. Again and again he leaped

as he watched the saints rise up.

All in vain. His feet would not stay off the ground. He was left behind. Left out of the resurrection. Left out on that day of days. What an incredibly frightening thought!

Take heed

These were all messages full of meaning, as you can see. I should have been as inspired after going over the notes again as when I first heard those words. But I was not. In fact, I was left with an empty feeling, for all these sermons have one thing in common: They were all given by people who in years since have ceased to be part of the work and Church of God.

True to his own words, the first speaker found his "sticking point" — and stuck.

The next one decided he no longer wanted to endure.

Somewhere along the line, the third stopped placing his confidence in God.

Obviously the fourth person ceased properly using God's Word as a shield to protect his mind.

And what about the last sermon — missing out on the resurrection? Will that turn out, after all, to be a sadly accurate prediction? Let's hope not.

How could these things happen? How could those who thought they stood, as they must have, fall? But isn't that what the Bible warns us about in I Corinthians 10:12?

Yes, that's exactly what the Bible warns us about. It could happen to any one of us if we become negligent. Any one of us could take this great salvation for granted and lose out. It has happened before, and it can happen again.

I pondered all that deeply as I put the notes down and, lost in thought, closed the desk drawer once again.

Honoring your commitments

By Rainer Salomaa

Our God is a reliable God! Witness, for instance, God's reliable creation. The seasons come and go, right on schedule. We set our clocks by the movement of the stars. The tides are predictable. The sun sets and rises on time. So does the moon. Snow melts. Rain falls. Flowers blossom. Plants grow, die and bear seed.

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All of this is predictable. God's creation is reliable. And so is God.

God honors His commitments. Whatever He says He will do, He fulfills. His word is binding, as "good as gold" — even more so!

As Numbers 23:19 says, "God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?"

Many humans, on the other hand, don't keep their word. They renege on their promises.

These people don't carry out their word if doing so would inconvenience them. They get hired, make a commitment to produce, but soon begin to goof off. They sign a volunteer list and promise to help, but don't show up. They join a club and then quit halfway through. They promise their children a trip to the beach and then don't take them.

Of such a person, God's Word says, "Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint" (Proverbs 25:19). Unreliable people can make costly errors that hurt a group or an organization.

God is watching

Do you know that God judges you on how you keep your commitments? Notice Psalm 15, which asks, "Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?" (verse 1). In other words, who is going to be in the Kingdom of God?

Notice the last part of verse 4, "He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not." Moffat translates it, "He who keeps to his oath, though he may lose by it."

In other words, this person promises something and, even if it turns out to be inconvenient for him or messes up his plans, he doesn't go back on his word.

Do you have this character trait? Some don't. Lacking it can keep you out of God's Kingdom. A person who doesn't keep his commitments now can't be relied on in the future. If he is unfaithful in the smallest points now, how can God trust him with bigger responsibilities in the future (Luke 16:10)?

God considers going back on our promises as sin. God keeps all His promises! You are better off not to make a promise if you think you might not be able to keep it. Most often those people who are the slow-

est to make promises are the most faithful in keeping them.

Ecclesiastes 5:2, 4-5 advises: "Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few... When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay."

In the next verse God says, "Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin."

Do what you say you will

Christ tells us, in the New Testament, that our word alone should be enough — that we should not make vows by swearing (Matthew 5:33-37). As a Christian, your "Yes, I will" or "No, I will not" should be enough. You don't have to "swear to tell the truth" because you believe in keeping the Ninth Commandment. Your "Yes, I will" is a commitment.

Keep your promises — whether they be the vows you made concerning your marriage, the covenant you made with God at baptism, the statements you make to other people in day-to-day life or any other promises you make.

Be dependable and reliable, like God is. Do what you say you will do, even if it sometimes turns out to be inconvenient. God hears. He judges. Honor your commitments!

Test Yourself

Test yourself! Here is a set of questions about information that appeared in the October *Plain Truth* or the October-November *Good News*. See how many you can answer accurately. In parentheses after each question is the page number on which you can find the answer.

- (1) What arrangement in Europe does Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong feel may start the resurrection of the medieval Holy Roman Empire? (October *Plain Truth*, page 40)
- (2) From its beginning, the United Nations has been dominated by what? (October *Plain Truth*, page 3)
- (3) True or false: Men and women have equal access to God and opportunity for salvation. (October *Plain Truth*, page 28)
- (4) Name history's four world-ruling gentile kingdoms. (October-November *Good News*, page 6)
- (5) What is the definition of real repentance? (October-November *Good News*, page 8)
- (6) True or false: God's calling is an invitation to the grace of Christ. (October-November *Good News*, page 28)

Deaf member tackles disability, completes 12 speeches in club

By Jill Murray

SALEM, Ore. — "You are the only club member I have ever graduated who never spoke a word all through Spokesman Club!" said club director David Mills, then-pastor of the Salem and Albany, Ore., churches, to William James Jackson at the Salem graduation April 20.

Mr. Mills now pastors the Columbus and Macon, Ga., churches.

Jill Murray attends the Pasadena Auditorium P.M. church. Her husband, Jim, is an Ambassador College freshman. The Murrys formerly attended the Salem, Ore., church.

Mr. Jackson, a Church member since 1966, was born deaf. But, with the aid of interpreters Bev Sullivan and Jill Murray, he has been an active participant in the Salem Spokesman Club during the past four years.

During that time Mr. Jackson has served as topicsmaster, toastmaster, timer and evaluator and completed the 12 speech assignments.

Several of Mr. Jackson's speeches revealed the obstacles of one born deaf, compared to one who loses his hearing after acquiring language.

In his final "Heart to Heart" speech, Mr. Jackson explained how he grew up on a farm in New Mexico. For his first five years he shared no communication with anyone.

At age 5 his parents sent him to the New Mexico State School for the Deaf, where he began to learn American Sign Language (ASL)—his first exposure to language of any kind.

While living with other deaf children at the school, he realized he was deaf.

Mr. Jackson's speeches have often been filled with humor and surprise, as he stands at the podium and signs his speech while an interpreter faces him, speaking the words he signs.

During his "Attack!" speech, as his signs became more and more animated, he pounded the podium several times and let out sounds of condemnation, surprising many with a voice they had not heard before.

A skilled carpenter, Mr. Jackson works as a maintenance man at the Oregon State School for the Deaf. He built the podium, songbook holders, sound equipment cabinet and the speaker stands for the Salem church.

In his "Instruct!" speech Mr. Jackson explained how to build a house using two tools, a string for measuring and a square bottle of water as a level.

Mr. Jackson often admonished those he evaluated to work on their volume, because he was having a difficult time "hearing" them.

Salem club members expressed appreciation for having Mr. Jackson in the club. It gave them a chance to come to know and work together with their silent brother.

When asked what he enjoyed most about Spokesman Club, Mr. Jackson replied: "The evaluations, because they pointed out my weaknesses and mistakes and helped me to overcome and grow. Also the successes, discovering I could give speeches and be an active member of the club."



DEAF GRADUATE — David Mills (right), then-Spokesman Club director and pastor of the Salem and Albany, Ore., churches, presents a certificate of merit to William James Jackson, a deaf member who attends the Salem church, at the Salem Spokesman Club graduation April 20. [Photo by Milan Janicich]

Family spared in Mexico quake

By Dixon Cartwright Jr.

ACAPULCO, Mexico — Juan Dela Selva, a resident of the Nuevo Leon apartment complex in Mexico City, Mexico, suddenly felt the floor beneath his feet begin to sway Sept. 19.

What the Los Angeles Times later called the "worst temblor to hit Mexico City in a decade" was under way. The earthquake, centered some 200 miles west of Mexico City, registered 7.8 on the Richter scale.

Mr. Dela Selva, a private tutor who walks with the aid of crutches because of a spinal condition, lived on the eighth floor of the complex with his wife, Mary, his mother and four tenants.

"I was dressing by 7:19 when the

moving started, an oscillatory movement going from right to left," he said. Then Mr. and Mrs. Dela Selva found themselves on the floor. A "roar from upwards" was making a grinding, terrifying noise.

"The roar lasted between 15 and 30 seconds — I don't know," continued Mr. Dela Selva. "At the end of the movement, I had my Bible to my chest. My wife was at my left

Dixon Cartwright Jr., a member who attends the Big Sandy church, interviewed Juan and Mary Dela Selva, survivors of the earthquakes that rocked Mexico City, Mexico, Sept. 19 and 20, at the Feast of Tabernacles in Acapulco, Mexico. Mr. Cartwright is a former senior editor of The Worldwide News.

hand. I prayed to God Almighty: 'We are your begotten sons! Please save us!'

"Then it stopped. They say it lasted two minutes: 7:19 to 7:21. My mother was crying for help in the other room.

It was then that the Dela Selvas and their tenants realized the extent of the damage to the Nuevo Leon building. The roar they had heard was two thirds of the structure crashing to the ground. The Dela Selvas lived in the third part, which was still standing, though just barely, after the quake.

According to the Sept. 21 Los Angeles Times, "Officials said there may have been as many as 1,000 residents crushed in the first quake."

Mr. and Mrs. Dela Selva lost all their possessions, except the clothes they were wearing when they escaped the ruined building. Mr. Dela Selva's library of 1,000 books and some valuable paintings owned by his mother were still inside the part of the building that was — as far as the Dela Selvas knew — still standing.

The Dela Selvas, who attended the Feast in Acapulco, didn't know where they would be living when they returned to Mexico City.

But they were having a "most wonderful Feast," although their unconverted friends and relatives didn't understand why they would leave town for a Church get-together so soon after the earthquake.

Brethren from Mexico City and elsewhere chipped in to help the Dela Selvas in their predicament. One member gave Mr. Dela Selva a pair of glasses since his were lost in the quake. One of his students gave him a set of crutches to replace his lost set.

The developers of the Nuevo Leon complex promised to find residences for the survivors of their destroyed building.

"We fight for things in life — expensive televisions, homes, possessions," said Mr. Dela Selva. "But in a few seconds, in the twinkling of an eye, we have nothing. And so many people can exist one moment and not the next."

"But I still have the love of my wife and I still have my Bible," he said. "I don't know where we're going to be living, but I want to be on the ground floor."

French coal miner dies trying to save colleagues

STIRING WENDEL, France — Serge Philippi, 39, a member since March 20, 1982, who attended the St. Avoird, France, church, died at Simon Pit coal mine here Feb. 25 attempting to rescue fellow miners.

At 3:45 a.m. Mr. Philippi rose as usual and spent an hour praying and studying the Bible before catching the bus to work, according to his wife, Evelyn. At about 6 a.m. he descended to the bottom of Simon Pit, Shaft No. 5. Two weeks earlier he was given the leadership of a crew he would direct on several jobs.

At 7:20 a.m. an explosion occurred about 700 meters (2,310 feet) from his work site. Though far from the disaster, Mr. Philippi realized the danger faced by comrades between him and the explosion.

Immediately he went into the tunnel that gave access to the stricken work area. After going several hundred meters, he discovered workers on the floor, victims of toxic gas.

Mr. Philippi managed to free one of them and bring him back to safety in the fresh air of the main tunnel. The rescued man is alive today, said Mrs. Philippi.

With three others still incapacitated, Mr. Philippi decided to go back and try to free them. During this second rescue attempt he was overcome by toxic gases and found dead on the floor with one of the three on top of him. Evidently, Mr. Philippi had just started to carry him.

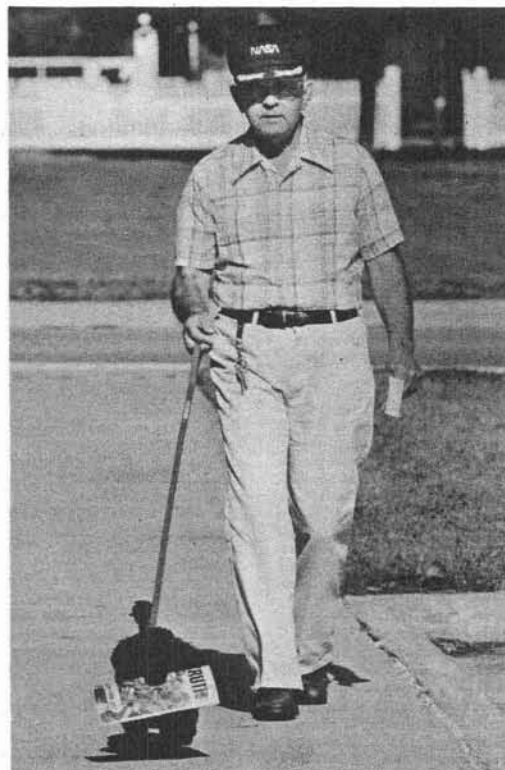
Mrs. Philippi said her husband didn't think of the danger. His mind was on saving his comrades, as many as possible.

Carbon monoxide poisoning is painless, and death comes without warning.

That same morning, before going to work, Mr. Philippi was studying the Ambassador College correspondence lesson on being born again, Mrs. Philippi said. The last verse he wrote in his notebook was Revelation 21:4: "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and

there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying; neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

Mr. Philippi is survived by his wife; two sons, 19 and 4; and a daughter, 1½.



CANINE CARRIER — Herb Green, a member who attends the Iowa City, Iowa, church, usually lets his poodle, Heidi, carry the morning mail — even if it's *The Plain Truth*. [Photo by Vid Johnson, courtesy of the West Branch, Iowa, Times]



QUAKE SURVIVORS — Juan and Mary Dela Selva of the Mexico City, Mexico, church attended the Feast in Acapulco, Mexico, after earthquakes damaged their apartment Sept. 19 and 20. [Photo by Dixon Cartwright Jr.]

Pastor recounts growth, harvest in East Africa in past 10 years

By Jeff Zhorne

PASADENA — God's Church in East Africa "has taken a while to establish, but I think we'll see some pretty good growth in the future," said Owen Willis, pastor of the Nairobi and Kibirichia, Kenya, and Blantyre, Malawi, churches, after the July 31 to Aug. 13 Ministerial Refreshing Program here.

The area is administered by the Borehamwood, England, Regional Office, and evangelist Frank Brown is regional director.

The Church in Kenya traces its origin to 1975, when Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong visited Nairobi and met President Jomo Kenyatta.

"At that time there was one member in Kenya, and one was baptized during Mr. Armstrong's visit," Mr. Willis said.

Mr. Willis regularly crosses the equator to serve Kenyan brethren. The Kibirichia (Meru) church, where about 60 meet for biweekly Sabbath services, is in the Northern Hemisphere, and the Nairobi church, with a weekly attendance of more than 80, is in the Southern Hemisphere. Almost 50 meet for Sabbath services in Malawi, Mr. Willis added.

Three *Behind the Work* films were shown publicly in Nairobi in

February, and more than 400 attended each showing.

Drought in East Africa has taken its toll on Church members in Kenya, most of whom are subsistence farmers. "But the Church was able to help them and acquired about seven tons of maize and wheat, which brethren basically survived on for around nine or 10 months," said Mr. Willis.

"Now the rains have come throughout the area," he continued. "They've had good harvests, so the situation is resolved. We're very grateful for that."

In Nairobi, brethren face typical Third World urban problems in a city of one million. "Crime is a problem; unemployment is a problem," Mr. Willis said. "Not that many are unemployed in the Church, but it's a constant battle."

About 18 members attend the Nairobi Spokesman Club, which completed its first year in June, said Mr. Willis. Last December the first Summer Educational Program (SEP) was conducted in Kenya and Malawi.

A suboffice in Nairobi has been operational for more than a year. "The office is basically a mailing office, and it has had good success" identifying the Church in Kenya, he explained. About 200 letters are

received daily. "We've seen quite a big jump in co-workers."

Booklets and other literature sent by surface mail from the Borehamwood Office took four to six months to arrive. "With the new office, now it takes less than a week," he said. "Rural areas take a little longer."

The Plain Truth, *Good News*, *Worldwide News* and *Youth 85* are still sent from England.

Clement Obuba manages the Nairobi Office. Steve Leblanc, a 1981 Ambassador College graduate and assistant pastor, also serves in the area.

Aug. 14 Mr. Willis was still unable to contact the 11 brethren in Uganda, after a military coup there July 27. "The border has been closed, so we know nothing," he said. "I assume they are safe, because most of them live in rural areas. Life is never easy for the Uganda brethren."

Mr. Willis and Mr. Leblanc conduct monthly Bible studies in Uganda. Said Mr. Willis, "Uganda is one of the most chaotic countries on earth."

Mr. Willis also visits two members in Tanzania; two in the Seychelles, an island group in the Indian Ocean; and a woman member in Madagascar. They attend the Feast of Tabernacles in Kenya or Mauritius.

Last year about 160 brethren attended the Festival site in Naro Moru, Kenya. Fifty-four brethren observed a four-day Feast at Tororo, Uganda.

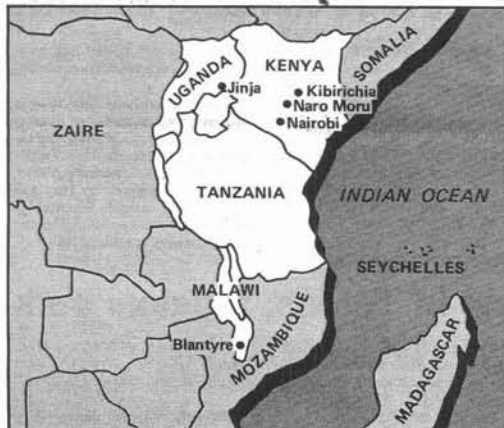
"This year we are hoping to have a full eight-day Feast site in Jinja [Uganda] on the shores of Lake Vic-



FISHING TRIP — African youths display their catch during a Feast of Tabernacles in Cape Maclear, Malawi, where activities center on Lake Malawi. [Photo by Owen Willis]

Kaswaga, who has assisted Mr. Willis in East Africa since last year.

The area in East Africa has just surpassed 100 members for the first time. "It's a good harvest," said Mr. Willis. "I just hope the second 100 comes a lot quicker, and I think it will — God willing."



CHURCH CIRCUIT — Owen Willis pastors the Nairobi and Kibirichia, Kenya, and Blantyre, Malawi, churches. [Map by Ron Grove]

Member recalls baptism in Alabama mill creek

By Terri Phillips

GENEVA, Ala. — One of the oldest Church members in southeastern Alabama is 94-year-old Gracie Pridgen. Still bright and alert, Mrs. Pridgen vividly recalls events from her past.

Terri Phillips is a member who attends the Geneva, Ala., church.

One such event was her baptism more than 25 years ago. "I was baptized in the old mill creek near Marl [a community near her home here] by Mr. Gerald Waterhouse who came through on a baptizing tour."

One of her sons, who was then mayor of Geneva, was concerned about his mother's health when she was baptized in the cold creek water.

Mrs. Pridgen was told years later by the minister who assisted Mr. Waterhouse at her baptism that her son had Mr. Waterhouse police-escorted to the city limits.

The next few months after her baptism Mrs. Pridgen kept the Sabbath and Holy Days alone, since the nearest church was a few hundred miles from her home.

She says her husband, Grady, and nine children (six are living) did not oppose her new beliefs.

The Pridgens were married in 1910, when Gracie was 19 and Grady, 18. They spent more than 60 married years together before her husband's death in the early 1970s. Mrs. Pridgen has lived to see the fifth generation of her family.

Although she is weak and unable to attend Sabbath services, Mrs. Pridgen relishes visits from brethren and listens to sermons and Church literature by cassette tape.

She has a hired companion who lives with her and helps care for her. She also has a dog, Tiger "sometimes forgets he's a dog," she said.

With her cheerful attitude Mrs. Pridgen is a source of encouragement to others.

By Tom Henager

HOUSTON, Tex. — Clara Marshall Albertson may be one of the oldest members of the Philadelphia era of God's Church. Born Jan. 15, 1881, near Taylorsville, N.C., Mrs. Albertson is 104 years old.

Tom Henager is a member who attends the Houston, Tex., West church.

Of English stock, she is from a family of long-lived people and grew up in the green countryside of the New River in North Carolina, where many of English descent settled in the early years of America.

Mrs. Albertson had 11 children, and six are living. She has a son and

three daughters in Houston: John, Thelma Edwards, Margaret Fuller and Lucy Barnes, a member of God's Church. (Mrs. Barnes was an executive secretary in Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's office from 1975 to 1977.)

Another daughter, Mildred Young, lives in Florida, and a son, M.G., is in California. Her children call her a "supermom. She is a devoted mother — has never been heard to say 'I want' or 'I wish I had,' " because she wanted everything for her family.

According to her children, she canned foods and made the family's clothing. After putting the children to bed she would sew long into the night.

Her daughters remember awakening early in the morning to the aroma of breakfast cooking on the wood-burning stove.

Some of Mrs. Albertson's interests have been poetry, which she enjoyed reading and reciting; quilting; making hooked rugs; and having prize-winning flower gardens.

Mrs. Albertson went on a deep-sea fishing trip when she was 85 years old and landed a 7-foot-6-inch sailfish without assistance.

She took her first airline flight at age 80. She was the only woman aboard with a group of U.S. Marines. They adopted her as Mom and had flowers waiting for her when they landed.

She heard Mr. Armstrong on the *World Tomorrow* broadcast in 1966 and was baptized a year later at age 86. Mrs. Albertson attended the Feast of Tabernacles in Big Sandy, but, because of her age, she has not been able to attend the Festivals or Sabbath services in the past few years.

The last services she attended were at the Passover in 1980. She now keeps the Passover at home with her daughter.

Some days she spends time reading her large-print Bible, looking at magazines and walking around the house and yard with the aid of a walker.

Her eyesight is limited so she doesn't watch much television, but she enjoys programs such as baseball games and fishing. She is also interested in scenic documentaries.

Mrs. Albertson's mind is on God's way of life and His principles expounded in the Holy Scriptures. She applies the apostle Paul's exhortation to aged women in Titus 2:3-5.



'SUPERMOM' — Clara Marshall Albertson (left), a 104-year-old member who attends the Houston, Tex., West church, talks with her daughter, Lucy Barnes, also a member in Houston.

Lands 7-foot-6-inch sailfish at age 85

104-year-old focuses on family

ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

Churches sponsor picnics, sale, outings

More than 70 brethren from the EDMONTON, Alta., churches participated in a camp-out Labor Day weekend, Aug. 30 to Sept. 2. Brethren camped on an abandoned airfield on the outskirts of Cadomin, Alta., a coal-mining town in the foothills of the Canadian Rockies.

Gordon Graham and Robert Berendt, associate pastors of the Edmonton North and South churches, gave split sermons to brethren who were seated around a camp fire. Mr. Berendt led sing-alongs around the fire and provided accordion accompaniment.

Sept. 1 most campers hiked up a mountain to the Cadomin caves, a natural formation of caverns. The British army has mapped the caves for about seven miles inside the mountain.

The next day the group hiked up a mountain for a panoramic view of a coal strip-mining operation. Afterward they met at a restaurant in Hinton, Alta., before returning home.

About 70 campers participated in a holiday weekend sponsored by FLINT and LANSING, Mich., singles at Cedar Lake in the Waterloo Recreation Area Aug. 30 to Sept. 2. Guests from other areas also attended.

Activities were sing-alongs, a nature hike, baseball, volleyball, horseshoes, a scavenger and treasure hunt, canoeing and swimming. The campers stayed in cabins, and meals were prepared and served in the main dining hall.

Sabbath services took place outdoors Aug. 31 for about 125 brethren. Darrell West, a Lansing deacon, provided guitar music for special music and a sing-along.

The camp-out ended with a church picnic. The event was coordinated by John Blevins.

The COLUMBUS, Ohio, church sponsored a garage and bake sale on Labor Day, Sept. 2. The combined efforts of the Columbus brethren netted \$6,656.

GREENSBORO, N.C., brethren said farewell to summer with a picnic Sept. 8, although temperatures were in the 90s Fahrenheit (32 to 37 degrees Celsius).

Activities at Hester Park included a men's softball game and a women's and YOUTH girls volleyball game. Others played horseshoes, croquet or family games. Paddleboats were also available.

After a break for lunch, a water-balloon toss took place. Volleyball resumed in the after-

noon, and a tug-of-war took place.

Brunswick stew was then cooked in an iron pot. Deacon James Duncan served as chef, with help from Marshall Dunn. About 10 people contributed ingredients, including beef, chicken, garden vegetables, honey, seasoning and vegetable juice. The pot, which holds 12 to 15 gallons, served about 100.

Brethren from WAUKESHA, KENOSHA, MILWAUKEE, WEST BEND, MADISON, WISCONSIN DELLS and WAUSAU, Wis., and ROCKFORD, Ill., gathered Sept. 8 for a work party at the Wisconsin Dells Feast of Tabernacles site.

Members cleaned the tabernacle and set up thousands of chairs while thunderstorms raged outside.

When the sun came out the party moved outside to fill cracks and repair the parking lots. Brethren, armed with brooms, shovels, wheelbarrows, pokers and asphalt, worked in teams to complete the task.

HARRISON and MOUNTAIN VIEW, Ark., brethren and YOUTH members earned several hundred dollars picking up rocks as a fund raiser Aug. 19.

The next Sunday, Aug. 25, Spokesman Club members sponsored a luau on a tug-driven barge that cruised on Norfolk Lake. The barge was decorated with plants, nets and lanterns and reflected a Hawaiian theme.

Adults and children were served tropical beverages. The main course consisted of chicken, beef, mango, salad and poi. YOUTH boys gave leis to each woman, and the evening was capped off by a sing-along of Hawaiian favorites.

About 100 brethren from the DULUTH and GRAND RAPIDS, Minn., churches gathered at the Summer Educational Program (SEP) camp in Orr, Minn., Aug. 31, Labor Day weekend.

Sabbath services were conducted in the auditorium by pastor William Gordon, with about 250 in attendance. That afternoon Mary Colsen and Ron Johnson were united in marriage. A dance took place that evening.

Sunday, Sept. 1, evangelist Gerald Waterhouse spoke, explaining God's plan for mankind and what must be done now to prepare and qualify. A bull roast supplied enough meat for lunch and dinner Sunday and a pot of stew Monday.

Before departing brethren pitched in and helped close the

camp by cleaning up and winterizing.

Aug. 25 the annual JOPLIN, Mo., church picnic took place at Morris Park in Neosho, Mo. Brethren played volleyball and took part in a turtle race. Tonya Pendergraft's turtle won the first race, and David Ambrose's turtle took second. Some turtles didn't even try.

The group participated in other games sponsored by Vincent Szymkowiak, pastor of the Independence, Kan., and Joplin churches.

KAMLOOPS and SALMON ARM, B.C., brethren conducted (See CHURCHES, page 9)

Graduation takes place aboard ship

The SYDNEY, Australia, SOUTH Spokesman Club met for a graduation dinner aboard the *Matilda* that cruised in Sydney harbor Sept. 10. Members, their wives or dates and guests shared a calm evening on the harbor, sipping champagne and orange juice as the Sydney skyline passed.

A buffet-style meal of roasted rump of beef, chicken, vegetables and salads was served. Graham Miller, club president, introduced the topicsmaster and the toastmaster. Speakers were Geoff Lowe, Arthur Mavros, Bill Russell, Jim Thomas, Brian Tidbury and Adrian Wilson.

As the *Matilda* made its way back to shore, pastor Mark Ellis gave a summation of the evening and introduced 1985 graduates: Michael Enwright, Chris Petropoulos, Mr. Tidbury and Mr. Wilson. Phillip McNamara.

Groups ski, camp in Tetons, national park

Loaded with backpacks, MELBOURNE, Australia, NORTH YOUTH members set out on a three-day cross-country ski tour Aug. 25 to 27. They ventured into Lake Mountain, 120 kilometers (about 72 miles) from Melbourne.

Gavin Cullen, pastor of the Melbourne North and West and Geelong, Australia, churches, shared the snow adventure. Tour organizer Barry Hodgkinson; his wife, Greta; Stan Thomson; and Bruce Weir, all experienced cross-country skiers, also accompanied the group.

The ski party traveled five kilometers (about three miles), mostly uphill, on the first day. They stopped overnight in a hut on a mountaintop.

After lighting two wood-burning stoves, the group shared warmth and shelter with marsupial mice and an opossum. Mr. and Mrs. Hodgkinson cooked meals.

Mr. Cullen, Mr. Thomson and Mr. Weir slept inside, while YOUTH members slept in tents pitched on the snow near the hut.

The Teton Valley Ranch, nestled in the Teton Valley near Kelly, Wyo., and owned by Phil Wilson, was the setting for a family camp-out Aug. 11 to 19 for 48 brethren from the FORT COLLINS, Colo., SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb., and CASPER, Wyo., churches.

The group arrived Aug. 11 to set up campsites and prepare the evening meal. The group took part in work projects such as building decks on the restroom entrances, hanging a tarpaulin over the am-



FIRESIDE MEMORIES — Topeka, Kan., YES members roast hot dogs over a camp fire Sept. 7. [Photo by Condie Erwin]

Youths go camping on farm

About 25 TOPEKA, Kan., Youth Educational Services (YES) campers arrived at the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Delmar MacArthur in Garnett, Kan., Sept. 7. The MacArthurs prepared the campsite and set up tents the day before.

Stanley McNiel, pastor of the St. Joseph, Mo., and Topeka churches, and his family joined the group in the activities. Beef hot dogs and hamburgers were cooked over a wood-burning camp fire, where the

group gathered later for a sing-along, cookies and hot chocolate before retiring.

The next morning they rode to the barn on wagons pulled by tractors to gather eggs. Fishing and canoeing were also available. Duties such as cleanup, washing dishes, gathering firewood, cooking and serving were rotated. Watermelon and cookies were served before the group returned home. Linda Gifford.

phitheater to prepare for Sabbath services and Bible studies and repairing electrical wiring to provide lights.

Activities included a trip to Yellowstone National Park, Old Faithful and the hot pots; a 6.2-mile backpack hike to Hidden Falls, where campers saw a moose, weasels and marmots; and a swim at Firehole Falls.

The greatest challenge came to 23 campers as they backpacked to Amphitheater Lake at the base of the Grand Teton. The hike was 11.2 miles of streams with more than 17 switchbacks requiring steep climbing. Six children also made the climb.

Nine YOUTH members and five

adults of the LAS VEGAS, Nev., church camped in Utah's Zion National Park Aug. 31 and Sept. 1.

Rock formations and scenery along the Virgin River provided a Sabbath setting. After breakfast and a walk, local church elder Cleo Dawson spoke to YOUTH members on the importance of education.

Bernard Schnipert, pastor of the Kingman, Ariz., and Las Vegas churches, encouraged the youths with a talk on learning lessons about life.

The next day brethren explored area sights, and some took a two-mile hike.

Lisa Watson, Roma Tennison and Lyndon B. Graves.

Club conducts ladies night

A ladies dinner meeting was sponsored by the WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Spokesman Club at Burma Motor Lodge Aug. 18, with Peter Nathan, New Zealand regional director, and his wife, Karen, as special guests.

Guest speaker for the evening was Zvi Zimmerman-Boneh, Israeli ambassador to New Zealand and formerly the deputy speaker of the Knesset (parliament). All were introduced to the ambassador and his wife as they entered the room.

Mark Waters was topicsmaster for the evening, and toastmaster was Joop Beets. Speeches were given by Daniel Kurtz, Louis Smith and John Morton. After giving the overall evaluation, Mr. Nathan pre-

sented a certificate of merit to Andre Pittard.

The Israeli ambassador then spoke for 20 minutes on the prospects of peace in the Middle East, and, for an hour, he answered questions covering matters such as terrorism, the European Economic Community (EEC), West Bank settlements and the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem.

Club director Lyla Johnston, pastor of the Wellington, Palmerston North, Nelson and Napier, New Zealand, churches, gave comments later.

The evening concluded when club President Neville Morgan presented a copy of *Ambassador For World Peace* to the Israeli ambassador. Geoff Mills.

Brethren honor ministers

About 95 VICTORIA, Tex., brethren met at Aransas Wildlife Refuge Aug. 10. Kenneth Giese, the new pastor of the Victoria and Houston, Tex., West churches, and his family were welcomed at their first picnic and social with Victoria brethren.

Other guests were associate pastor Warren Heaton Jr. and his wife, Arlene.

Madeline Migl directed the younger children in games, while volleyball was played by teens and adults. Mr. Giese and James Biddle treated the children to a trip to a lookout tower to view migratory birds.

The group shared a meal of smoked fish fresh from the gulf, salads, vegetables, desserts, drinks and watermelons. The fish were provided and prepared by Bud Sanders, aided by Jo Bob Hubbell and others.

Aaron and Marcus Migl, James Maurer and John White provided background music for a sing-along. Table games were also played.

Sept. 21 EUREKA, Calif.,

brethren bade farewell to Warren and Pam Waian. Mr. Waian, formerly a local church elder serving in the Chico, Calif., church, was hired as the assistant pastor of the Lafayette, La., church, under Alton Billingsley, pastor of the Lafayette and Baton Rouge, La., churches.

Mr. Waian and his wife traveled almost 500 miles round trip once a month since May, 1982, to conduct Sabbath services in Eureka.

Mr. Waian gave his last sermon to Eureka brethren Sept. 21. Afterward the Waians were served cake and punch. Brethren presented them with some joke gifts, an engraved silver platter and a handwritten card containing a poem and signed by Eureka Church members.

Eureka YOUTH members gave a California Redwoods T-shirt to the Waians' son, Andy. Later that afternoon brethren met at Dan and Linda Foley's home in Eureka for snacks and drinks and to say final good-byes.

Thaline Bunnell and Kathleen Buck.

Areas mark anniversaries

BIRMINGHAM, England. Brethren celebrated the church's 25th anniversary Sept. 21, after Sabbath services. Evangelist Frank Brown, regional director, cut a cake made by Valda Allen, expressed thanks to God for the past quarter century and proposed a sherry toast to the Kingdom of God.

The usual attendance of about 170 rose to 271 as brethren, who formerly attended in Birmingham, came from southern Britain for the occasion.

Phases of the church's history were reviewed. Afterward Mr. Brown gave the sermon.

The church was raised up after four weeks of campaign meetings by evangelist Roderick Meredith, and 60 attended the first service Aug. 13, 1960.

Photograph displays were prepared by Paul Davis. Activities concluded with a slide show of early Feasts of Tabernacles; the former Brickett Wood, England, Ambassador College campus; and Church members in younger days.

The MANILA, Philippines,

church celebrated its 20th anniversary on the Feast of Trumpets, Sept. 16, at Camp Crame in Metro Manila. Featured were a carry-in buffet, entertainment, dancing and fellowship.

The Manila church was the first raised up in the Philippines. Today there are 35 congregations in the 7,000-island archipelago, which registers the fifth largest number of baptized members in the world.

Arthur Docken, pastor of the Santa Rosa and Fairfield, Calif., churches, established the pioneer church. Today Jose Raduban pastors the Manila brethren.

Photographs were displayed, and brethren provided entertainment. Regional director Guy Ames and Mr. Raduban were presented with gifts of appreciation. Mr. Ames gave an overview of the future of God's work in the Philippines.

Brethren celebrated the 20th anniversary of the OTTAWA, Ont., church Sept. 7. The sermonette was given by Robert Berendt, associate pastor of the Edmonton, Alta., South church, who served in Ottawa from 1971 to 1977. Richard Wilding, pastor of the London and Sarnia, Ont., churches, who served in Ottawa from 1967 to 1972, gave the sermon.

Carn Catherwood, regional director of Italian-speaking areas and the original pastor of the Ottawa church in 1965, was unable to attend.

Dinner was served to 517 brethren, including 217 visitors. Pastor John Adams presented a slide show of the history of the Ottawa church. Photo albums were presented to each minister as souvenirs of the occasion. A variety show then took place.

Sept. 8 an open house with square dancing and musical entertainment took place.

Combined Sabbath services took place Aug. 31 as about 800 brethren converged in WINNIPEG, Man., to



QUARTER CENTURY — Ministers, deacons and wives celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Birmingham, England, church Sept. 21. Evangelist Frank Brown (fifth from right), British regional director, and his wife, Sharon, attended. [Photo by David Harris]

celebrate the church's 20th anniversary. Some attended from California and Hawaii, and many ministers returned for the occasion.

Guests of honor were Glen White, pastor of the Fresno and Visalia, Calif., churches, and his wife, Connie. Aug. 28, 1965, Mr. White conducted the first Sabbath services here.

Mr. White said he was impressed to see "a whole new generation of members. It's unbelievable to see the number of former teenagers

who are now helping to form a stable base of the church here."

Ministers and deacons exchanged memories at a barbecue Aug. 31, played host to by Royston Page, pastor of the Winnipeg East and West churches, and his wife, Sheila.

At Sabbath services Jake Zacharias and his wife, Liz, of the Morden, Man., church were ordained a deacon and deaconess by Mr. Page; Mr. White; David Fraser, pastor of the Honolulu, Hawaii, church; and

Alvin Nordstrom, associate pastor of the Winnipeg East church.

At an anniversary picnic Sept. 1 at Assiniboine Park, 650 brethren reminisced with former ministers, took part in races and ate an anniversary cake made by Luba Goralschuk.

A photographic display depicted the church's early days. Today about 700 attend Winnipeg's two churches.

Ian Martin, Jesus M. Cardona, John Adams and Teri Cathro.

Churches

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their annual beach party Aug. 25 at Scotch Creek Provincial Park on Shuswap Lake. Although the day was sunny, winds created five- to six-foot waves, and threatened to cancel water sports.

By early afternoon, however, the wind died down, and seven YOU members went white-water rafting down Adams River. Others went tubing, waterskiing, boat riding or hiking around Copper Island.

More than 100 MULHOUSE, ST. AVOLD and STRASBOURG, France, brethren gathered for a picnic Sept. 8 in the Friends of Nature Park in Colmar, France. Adults played volleyball and soccer, children enjoyed a playground and some hiked on nature trails before lunch.

After a potluck single men judged entries in a dessert bake-off. A novelty olympics began with a torch-lighting ceremony and featured various events.

Hungry contestants then joined the group for a potluck and a Bible bowl. A camp-fire sing-along topped off the day, which pastor Olivier Carion called "a fine way to end the summer." Children started classes the next day.

The SOWETO, South Africa, church conducted its annual cultural evening Aug. 31 at Dube YMCA in Soweto. The event lasted more than three hours.

Camagu Soga conducted the presentation, which included traditional tribal songs and dances, a poem, film production and weight-lifting skits, a piano solo and duet and modern songs and dances.

The third annual baking contest took place after Sabbath services Aug. 31 for KENOSHA, Wis., brethren. Entries were judged from three categories: women, nutrition and YOU-YES (Youth Educational Services).

Joel Lillengreen, pastor of the Kenosha and Waukesha, Wis., churches, and Michael Greider, Kenosha associate pastor, chose the winners in each division: Aaron Pum, YOU-YES; Ann Sorrentino, women; and Pam Georges, nutrition.

During the event, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Maynard were honored for their longtime service in God's Church. Mr. Maynard has been baptized for 33 years and Mrs. Maynard for 30 years.

Kenneth W. Harper, Joann Whitehead, Steven Westerviller, Larry Penkava, Cathy Folker, Thomas Blackwell, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew L. Freeman Jr., Grace Daniels, Paye Brouse, Joel C. Meeker, Seshudu Phoshoko and Conni McClure.

YOUs take part in events

More than 60 YOU members and brethren from the LOS ANGELES, Calif., church took to the ocean Sept. 8 for a day on Santa Catalina Island. Teens raised funds from car washes and bake sales to pay for the trip.

The group embarked on the Long Beach, Calif., harbor terminal and arrived at Avalon Bay, Catalina. Activities included a glass-bottom boat ride, a tour of the casino ballroom and museum, a Skyline Drive tour, paddle boating, snorkeling, picnicking and shopping.

For some it was the first time to be on a boat in the ocean.

The ROSEBURG and COOS BAY, Ore., YOU groups had a luau Sept. 8 at the home of Richard Rand, associate pastor of the Roseburg, Coos Bay, Bend and Eugene, Ore., churches, and his wife, Judy.

After a kosher luau, the group moved to the neighborhood pool and tennis courts. A sports awards ceremony for YOU members took place that evening. Those receiving awards were Kathy Poland, Tracey Bullock, Rachel Wandell, Julie Rand, Alice Houseman, Cathleen Bonney, Angela Owen, Tina Pulleyblank and Amy Houseman.

YOU members from the CHICAGO, Ill., WEST church conducted a mother-and-daughter English tea in Bolingbrook, Ill., the afternoon of Aug. 25. The girls were involved in planning the event, and they baked the food, which consisted of eclairs, finger sandwiches, scones, shortbread, cream puffs and trifles.

Pastor Timothy Snyder gave the introduction and, with the help of his wife, Mary Ann, and Artis

"South Pacific" was the theme of the NASHVILLE and MURFREESBORO, Tenn., singles annual dance Aug. 31. Those in attendance were welcomed with a Hawaiian lei. About 135 area singles danced to music provided by Easy Touch, a Nashville church band.

Nashville brethren contributed their house plants for the evening to transform the Old Hickory Country Club into a tropical paradise. Decorations included a volcano that threatened to "erupt" at any time.

A waterfall accented Hawaiian decor, and the setting was complete with a mural, painted by

Merry Lee Stokes, that covered an entire wall and depicted blue tropical water flowing around rocks.

The fifth annual singles Labor Day weekend, sponsored by the UNION and MIDDLETOWN, N.J., singles club took place Aug. 31 to Sept. 2. The theme of the event was "Rise to the Occasion."

The event brought together 216 singles from Rhode Island, the District of Columbia, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New York, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Virginia.

Activities got under way with a catered buffet and Bible study after Sabbath services Aug. 31. Associate pastor Henry Sturck spoke on the importance of having a good name. Local church elder Ronald Robinson, singles club coordinator, organized a Bible baseball game.

After the Sabbath singles gathered at a hall for dance lessons provided by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bruggerman from Union.

Sept. 1 a semiformal dance took place at the Coachman Inn in Cranford, N.J. A buffet dinner was served. The City Lights, a band from New York City, N.Y., provided dance music.

After a morning rain the next day, the sun came out and singles attended a picnic at Lewis Morris Park in Morristown, N.J. Events included a cookout, softball, volleyball and an obstacle course. Group pictures were taken later.

SALEM and ALBANY, Ore., singles sponsored a Labor Day weekend camp-out at Beverly Beach on the Oregon coast. Brethren from Oregon, Washington and South Dakota arrived Friday night, Aug. 30.

Sabbath services were conducted the next morning by Rex Sexton, associate pastor. Eric Keefer, a 1985 Ambassador College graduate, gave the sermonette.

After Sabbath services singles and members shared a potluck. Later that evening a hot dog roast and sing-along took place on the beach.

Sunday evening, Sept. 1, Mr. Sexton conducted a Bible study, instructing the singles to use their time wisely to educate and prepare themselves for a profitable career.

Other activities over the four-day weekend included volleyball, baseball and a Bible trivia game.

Ten men and eight women, singles who attend the LEGASPI, Philippines, church, shared a get-

together at the residence of pastor Dionisio Catchillar after sunset Aug. 10.

Boiled bananas, roasted peanuts and lemonade were served during the activity, which included a sing-along, chess games, story telling and fellowship.

Mr. Catchillar conducted a Bible study and discussed the role of the singles as part of the Church, encouraging them to rejoice in their youth and explaining Ecclesiastes 11:9-10 and 12:1-14.

The COLUMBIA, S.C., singles club sponsored a dance Sept. 1, with live music performed by the Persians, a professional area band. Singles from several states attended, and a buffet dinner and beverages were provided.

After Sabbath services Sept. 21 ORLANDO, Fla., singles sponsored their second annual senior citizens luncheon in honor of area seniors.

Fifty-one seniors, along with pastor Robert Bertuzzi, local elders, deacons and their wives, were treated to a dinner of Hungarian beef goulash, rice pilaf, peas and pie, all prepared by Karen Solomon.

The event was funded by a singles car wash and other activities.

Singles from the SOWETO and JOHANNESBURG CENTRAL, South Africa, churches shared an afternoon of soccer and a braai (barbecue) Sept. 8 at Randburg's central sports grounds. Peter Kubheka from Soweto organized the activity.

In the soccer match, Johannesburg Central scored four goals to Soweto's three. Denis Lees from Johannesburg Central was the top scorer with two goals.

Singles from KNOXVILLE and CROSSVILLE, Tenn., were hosts to about 100 singles for a weekend at Pickett State Park near Jamestown, Tenn. Friday evening, Aug. 23, the group ate a potluck and attended an orientation session by pastor John Comino.

Sabbath services the next day were conducted by Mr. Comino, who spoke on marriage relations, and an afternoon Bible study took place. That evening, before a dance, the group ate a Polynesian dinner family style.

Aug. 25 volleyball, hiking, swimming and canoeing were available.

Elise Sutherland and Wilma Vernich, Judy Harris and Dominic Mical, Phil Shuler, Jesus B. Samar, Paul Nowlen, Craig M. Spiegelhalter, Seshudu Phoshoko and Mary A. Carr.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

ASHLEY, Andy and Jean (Pala), of Big Sandy, girl, Victoria Leigh, Aug. 26, 10:23 a.m., 7 pounds, now 2 girls.

BAILEY, Rick and Susan (Lively), of Richmond, Va., boy, Joshua Michael, Sept. 1, 9:32 p.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces, now 3 boys.

BARTON, David and Kaylene (Wright), of South Brisbane, Australia, boy, Joshua David, Sept. 1, 1:43 p.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BAYER, Robert and Cheryl (Lippold), of Buffalo, N.Y., boy, Benjamin Richard, May 4, 9 p.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, now 4 boys, 2 girls.

BELLAMY, Christopher and Rosalind (Adams), of Modesto, Calif., boy, Troy Curtis, Sept. 2, 7:58 p.m., 8 pounds, now 2 boys.

BELTZ, Richard and Eileen (Emerson), of Springfield, Mass., boy, Jonathan, Sept. 7, 1:08 p.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 boys.

BENDALL, Curt and Gayle (Asselstine), of Ottawa, Ont., girl, Candace Margaret Ann, Sept. 18, 11:19 a.m., 5 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

BERENDT, Daniel and Alice (Grider), of Edmonton, Alta., girl, Janella Marie, Sept. 8, 8:43 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 girls.

BERGSTROM, James and Arlene (Perron), of Tulsa, Okla., boy, Sean Joseph, Aug. 2, 12:01 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BOS, Jim and Laura (Thibault), of Edmonton, Alta., girl, Alicia Renee, Aug. 20, 10 a.m., 6 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 girls.

BRANDT, Darwin and Mary (Clem), of Windsor, Ont., boy, Bradley Richard, Aug. 21, 1:07 p.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BROWN, Raymond and Lynne (Rietman), of Grand Rapids, Mich., boy, Scott Michael, Sept. 16, 7:27 p.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BUCKLEY, David and Debbie (Garber), of Houston, Tex., boy, Brian David, Aug. 23, 4:08 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

BUCKMAN, Glenn and Kathy (Witt), of Lexington, Ky., boy, Joseph Eric, Sept. 11, 2:06 p.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 boys.

BUTTS, Gordon and Debra (Davis), of Philadelphia, Pa., girl, Shanellia Nichole, Aug. 20, 3:51 a.m., 5 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

CLAY, Duane and Susan (Martin), of Detroit, Mich., girl, Jennifer Lynn, Sept. 20, 11:44 a.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

CONDE, Bralton and Minerva (Bentematt), of Miami, Fla., boy, Alex Reuben, Sept. 8, 7:48 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

DARROW, Jason and Linda (Perrault), of Concord, N.H., girl, Candace Michelle, Sept. 8, 7:30 p.m., 4 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

DELANEY, Warren and Cynthia (Bell), of Victoria, B.C., boy, Matthew Yale, Aug. 14, 9:40 p.m., 9 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

DEMERS, Pierre and Wendy (Savoy), of Daughin, Man., girl, Nadine Suzanne, July 5, 11:19 p.m., 8 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

DESANTIS, Robert and Karen (Dornaggen), of Buffalo, N.Y., boy, Erwin Joseph, Sept. 21, 1:18 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

DEVILBISS, David and Shelly (Florence), of Dayton, Ohio, boy, Brett Aaron, Sept. 26, 7 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

DITZEL, Peter and Mary Beth (Reynolds), of Pasadena, boy, Benjamin James, Sept. 26, 5:22 a.m., 6 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys.

DI VITA, Angelo and Anna Maria (Anastasi), of Catania, Italy, girl, Loma, Aug. 31, 10:15 a.m., 3:55 kilograms, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

DOUCET, Stephen and Ramona (Stephens), of Pasadena, boy, Matthew Scott, Sept. 8, 2:41 a.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

DUPUIS, Francis and Elaine (Carter), of Meriden, Conn., girl, Olivia-Hannah Elizabeth, Sept. 3, 9:07 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

DUTTERA, Brian and Holly (Leibel), of Mansfield, Ohio, boy, Jared Everett, May 8, 2:52 p.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

EKAMA, Jerrit and Kathleen (Wong), of Paris, Ohio, boy, Peter Joseph, Sept. 25, 8:55 a.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

ELLUL, John and Ina (Attard), of Malta, boy, Steven John, Aug. 29, 5:15 a.m., 3 kilograms, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

ESTON, Edward and Nettie (Van Doorn), of Abbotford, B.C., boy, Jeremy Eddie, Aug. 18, 1:45 a.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

EWING, John and Sharon (Nichol), of Calgary, Alta., boy, Curtis John William, June 24, 6:30 p.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

FARAH, Darrel and Deborah (Souza), of Soldotna, Alaska, girl, Jennifer Nichole, Sept. 15, 3:17 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

FINEMORE, Rick and Pauline (O'Brien), of Toronto, Ont., boy, Mark Edward, Sept. 12, 10:09 a.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys.

FLAUGHER, Mark and Linda (Scheuermann), of Lake of the Ozarks, Mo., girl, Miranda Kaye, Aug. 31, 4:12 p.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

FOX, Bradley and Marybeth (Fairbanks), of Odesa, Tex., girl, Laura Christine, Sept. 5, 4:02 p.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

GARLAND, Dennis and Elaine (Branscome), of Miami, Fla., boy, Douglas Nathaniel, Sept. 5, 4:49 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 3 boys.

GILL, Russay and Robin (Piper), of Chatham, Neb., girl, Kimberly Jean, Aug. 30, 7:07 p.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 girls.

GOODMOTTE, Gordon and Vera (Meers), of Moultrie, Ga., girl, Erin Brooke, Sept. 10, 11:12 a.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 5 girls.

HANLON, John and Gina (Apollo), of St. Louis, Mo., boy, Shawn Michael, March 2, 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HARGARTEN, James and Amy (Carter), of Minneapolis, Minn., girl, Amy Suzanne, Oct. 1, 7:42 a.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HEGVOLD, Jon and Lela (Dinger), of Pasadena, boy, Jared Clayton, Oct. 1, 7:09 p.m., 9 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

HELMUS, Richard and Ann (Lesnick), of Harrison, Ark., girl, Trista Marie, Aug. 25, 12:02 a.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

HICKOK, Daniel and Susan (Rowntree), of Reseda, Calif., girl, Katherine Louise, Sept. 16, 12:45 a.m., 5 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 girls.

HILLME, Mark and Teri (Wilson), of San Antonio, Tex., girl, Christine Elizabeth, Sept. 7, 8:06 a.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

HOCHADEL, John and Mary (Bennett), of Bethlehem, Pa., girl, Katie Louise, Aug. 24, 12:45 p.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

HOLLAND, Blake and Shanta (Hendman), of Abilene, Tex., girl, Shanta Deanna, Sept. 15, 12:51 p.m., 4 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

HOLLANDS, James and Marilyn, of Toronto, Ont., boy, Andrew James, Sept. 24, 5:08 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 6 girls.

JANNISE, Sidney and Lella (Dante), of Beaumont, Tex., girl, Amy Michelle, Sept. 20, 6:55 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

KELSEY, Steve and Saloma (Swartz), of Angier, N.C., girl, Elizabeth Sarah, Aug. 30, 1:57 a.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 girls.

KEMP, Ryan and Jayne (Fraser), of Monroe, La., boy, Timothy Ryan II, Sept. 14, 5:10 a.m., 9 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

KERN, Tim and Tammy (Hosteler), of Columbus, Ohio, girl, Heather Anne, Sept. 20, 8:28 a.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

KIELCZEWSKI, William J. and Audrey (Reck), of Duluth, Minn., girl, Adair Elean, July 28, 3:06 a.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

KIRK, James and Gail (Schm), of Chico, Calif., boy, Christopher Isaac, August, Oct. 2, 9:27 a.m., 6 pounds, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

KRENZ, Alan and Susan (Fortner), of Coon Bay, Ont., girl, Rebecca Christine, July 31, 8:44 p.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 girls.

KROEGER, Eric and Nora (Loewen), of Abbotford, B.C., girl, Daniela Rochelle, Sept. 12, 12 p.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

LEHMANN, Bruce and Zora (Borjakovic), of Melbourne, Australia, girl, Tammie Lisa, Aug. 16, 10:16 a.m., 9 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

LONGWORTH, Michael and Maureen (Woodwind), of Trenton, Ont., girl, Kristen Maria Joan, July 17, 5:53 a.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MACDONALD, John and Lynda (van Reekens), of Bunbury, Australia, boy, Ross John, Aug. 29, 8:30 p.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 4 boys.

MADALLANES, Edgar and Elaine (Macias), of Union, N.J., girl, Sarah Lynn, Aug. 19, 3:43 a.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MAKSHANOFF, Gregory and Venetia (Seelig), of Glendale, Calif., boy, Jacob Gregory, Sept. 9, 10:24 p.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

MARCHBANKS, Howard E. II and Tina (Garcia), of San Bernardino, Calif., twin boys, Miles Aaron and Howard E. IV, Sept. 15, 2:10 and 2:11 a.m., 6 pounds 6 ounces and 6 pounds 7 ounces, first children.

MARETE, James and Janet (Mwan), of Kibichia, Kenya, girl, Charity Gaki, Aug. 27, 3 a.m., 3.5 kilograms, now 3 boys, 3 girls.

MARSHALL, Ernest and Andrea (Smithson), of Edmonton, Alta., girl, Virginia Elizabeth, Sept. 27, 12:26 p.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

MARTIN, Alan and Connie (Kyrus), of Blackfoot, Idaho, boy, Raphael Keith, Aug. 17, 6:40 a.m., 8 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 boys.

MAYES, Rolan and Pamela (Dean), of Rome, Ga., girl, Scarlett Alyssa, Sept. 22, 5:44 a.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 girls.

McGEE, Shane and Debbie (Seal), of Weststock, Alta., boy, Justin Ryan, Sept. 5, 6:34 p.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

McNUTT, John and Linda (Clark), of Warkworth, Ont., girl, Alana Danielle, July 9, 7:53 a.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 boys, 4 girls.

MELTON, John and Patricia (Eakes), of Houston, Tex., boy, Michael Charles, Sept. 27, 8:40 p.m., 9 pounds 1 ounce, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

METZGER, Peter and Elke (Schmiedner), of Hamburg, West Germany, girl, Sarah Luise, Sept. 2, 9:30 a.m., 8 pounds, now 4 girls.

MITCHELL, Jackie and Sharon (Smith), of Little Rock, Ark., girl, Lydia, Sept. 12, 11:08 a.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

MITTEL, Richard and Charlene (Dunay), of Garden Grove, Calif., boy, Christopher Justin, Sept. 10, 8:03 p.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MORGAN, Mark and Angela (Gross), of Grand Island, Neb., boy, Brandon, June 26, 8:15 p.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

MORSE, Kenneth and Patsy (Adams), of Greenville, S.C., girl, Pamela Louise, Sept. 17, 9:28 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

NAPIERKOWSKI, Richard and Diane (Walkons), of Grand Rapids, Mich., twin girls, Andrea Rae and Lisa Jean, Sept. 15, 12:59 and 2:30 p.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce and 8 pounds, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

ORTIZ, Nathan and Cynthia (Barry), of Salt Lake City, Utah, girl, Krystle Dawn, Sept. 17, 7:42 p.m., 6 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

OTT, Dale and Christine (Endries), of Pasadena, girl, Jacqui Denise, Sept. 10, 10:44 p.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 4 girls.

OWENS, Keith and Teresa (Lawler), of Wilmington, N.C., boy, Brandon Paul, Sept. 9, 7:40 a.m., 9 pounds 5 ounces, now 3 boys.

PAIRITZ, Jon and Tammy (Smith), of Plymouth, Ind., boy, Thaddeus Jon, Sept. 11, 8:25 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

PERON, Joseph and Cynthia (Zack), of Long Beach, Calif., girl, Sarah Marie, Aug. 14, 5 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

PLUMLEE, Bradley and Paula (Pierce), of Big Sandy, Tex., girl, Susan Ruth, Sept. 13, 2:59 p.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

POPE, Les and Anita (Wooten), of Dallas, Tex., boy, Daniel, Aug. 13, 1:30 p.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

PRIEBE, Tim and Valerie (Lalake), of Austin, Tex., boy, Nathan Allen, Oct. 13, 4:31 p.m., 6 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

QUINN, Alan and Valerie (Lavender), of Peterborough, England, girl, Eleanor Nicole, July 27, 12:35 a.m., 6 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

RAE, Ian and Cheryl (Witzell), of London, Ont., boy, Sean Andrew Joseph, Aug. 19, 3:40 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

REED, George and Terri (Safreed), of Bolivar, Ohio, girl, Charlotte Marie, Sept. 23, 2:25 p.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 girls.

REID, Garrett and Laura (Nakashima), of Santa Ana, Calif., boy, Brett Michael, Sept. 11, 5:45 a.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

RINKLER, Michael and Sallie (Warner), of Pasadena, girl, Kimberlie Elaine, Sept. 16, 1:05 a.m., 8 pounds 13 ounces, now 4 girls.

ROBERTSON, Jim and Dorothy (Cameron), of Dos Palos, Calif., boy, Cameron Lee, Oct. 2, 10:55 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys.

ROE, John and Kitra (Moxley), of Houston, Tex., boy, Todd Russell, Sept. 4, 3:10 a.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 girl, 4 girls.

ROPER, Randy and Tammy (Morris), of Sacramento, Calif., girl, Amanda Elizabeth, Sept. 19, 5:40 p.m., 6 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

ROTH, Norman and Kathy (Eichenberger), of Ann Arbor, Mich., boy, Sean Livingston, Aug. 20, 6:14 p.m., 6 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

SAULSBERRY, Norman and Susan (Wintrey), of Nashville, Tenn., boy, Nathan Lee, Aug. 21, 8:15 a.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

SELINGER, Robert and Susanna (Klug), of Columbus, Ohio, girl, Darlene Joyce, Aug. 30, 10:41 p.m., 6 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

SHAMUS, Larry and Leslie (Ray), of San Jose, Calif., girl, Erin Michelle, Sept. 21, 6:33 a.m., 9 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 girls.

SICKLER, Robert and Debra (Davison), of Midland, Tex., girl, Debra Jean, June 7, 3:10 p.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 3 girls.

SIMMONS, Michael and Donna (Sklar), of Garden Grove, Calif., girl, Sherri Loraine, Aug. 19, 2:30 a.m., 6 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

SMITHSON, Leigh and Heather (Cockburn), of Calgary, Alta., boy, James Courtland, Sept. 21, 3:50 a.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SUTHERLAND, Dennis and Helen (Lewis), of Deputy, Ind., boy, Roy Quentin, Oct. 1, 4:16 a.m., 9 pounds 6 ounces, now 3 boys, 2 girls.

THAYER, Steve and Carol (Zahradnicki), of San Diego, Calif., girl, Pamela Suzanne, Sept. 18, 12:30 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

THEOBALD, Don and Dianne (Eddy), of Parkersburg, W. Va., girl, Ashley Dawn, Aug. 29, 7:17 a.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

THOMAS, Greg and Betty Jean (Warrick), of Goldsboro, N.C., girl, Kathleen Lynn, Oct. 4, 8:20 a.m., 6 pounds 13 ounces, now 3 girls.

VAN BAUGH, Holly and Phyllis (Krug), of Fairfield, Calif., girl, Abigail Sarah, Sept. 21, 5:01 a.m., 9 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 girls.

VERNON, Robert and Charmaine (Syvett), of Baton Rouge, La., boy, Robert Tel, Aug. 5, 11:46 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

WARD, Bobby and Jan (Steele), of Oklahoma City, Okla., girl, Cassie Janays, Sept. 18, 11:34 p.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

WATTS, Michael and Mary (Miller), of England, Ark., boy, James Joseph, Aug. 8, 10 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

WILSON, Derrick and Annie (Price), of Lexington, Ky., girl, Michelle Hope, Oct. 4, 12:25 a.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

WILSON, Rubin and Ernestine (Ford), of Los Angeles, Calif., girl, Ayana Ayana, Aug. 29, 4:40 a.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 4 girls.

WINSLOW, William and Dorothy (Kirkwood), of Golden-dale, Wash., girl, Rebecca Jean, Sept. 4, 4:42 p.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 4 boys, 1 girl.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Drown of Soldotna, Alaska, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Dorian to David L. Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Haynes J. Baker of Crumpler, N.C. A Dec. 22 wedding is planned on the Pasadena Ambassador College campus.

Mr. and Mrs. David Ortiz of Santa Fe, N.M., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Deborah A. Martinez to David W. Boyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walt Boyd of Grand Island, Neb. A Dec. 29 wedding in the Pasadena Ambassador College Lower Gardens is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. David John Koenig of Salt Lake City, Utah, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Sonya to Tony Campo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Campo of Harper Woods, Mich. A late February wedding is planned on the Pasadena Ambassador College campus.

WEDDINGS

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MR. AND MRS. LEIGHTON LEFAIVRE

Joelle Anne Ritchoux, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John

Ritchoux of North Vancouver, B.C., and Leighton Mark Lefavre of Burnaby, B.C., were united in marriage Aug. 3. The ceremony was performed by Thomas Eckler, pastor of the Vancouver church. The maid of honor was Pat Ireland, sister of the bride, and the best man was David Hansen. The couple reside in Burnaby.



MR. AND MRS. LEIGHTON LEFAIVRE

Elise Verwater, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Verwater of Toowoomba, Australia, and Chris Crawford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Crawford of Melbourne, Australia, were united in marriage June 10. Ragnald Wright, a local elder in the Gold Coast, Australia, church, performed the ceremony in the bride's home. Chris and Elise are 1985 graduates of Pasadena Ambassador College and reside in Melbourne.



MR. AND MRS. CHRIS CRAWFORD

Deborah Lorraine Borker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Borker of Brickwood, England, and Christopher Barry Harmon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Harmon of Deer Park, Tex., were united in marriage Sept. 22. Evangelist Frank Brown, regional director of the Borenwood, England, Office, performed the ceremony at Redbourne, England. The bride's sister Esther was maid of honor. Richard Lemer of Los Alamos, N.M., was best man. The couple reside in Pasadena.



MR. AND MRS. DAN FENSKY

Dan Fensky and Donna Watson, and Ken Armstrong and Joyce Watson were united in marriage May 19 in a double wedding ceremony in Calgary, Alta. The ceremony was performed by Grasmere Marshall, pastor of the Calgary North and South churches. Both couples reside in Calgary.



MR. AND MRS. KEN ARMSTRONG

Christine Diana Culp and Mark Charles Tonjes were united in marriage Aug. 25. The ceremony was performed by Dennis McNelly, pastor of the Fort Wayne, Ind., church. Matron of honor was Judith Bechtold, and best man was Rick Collett.



MR. AND MRS. MARK TONJES

Anita A. Kujanusi and Steve L. Juhasz were united in marriage July 28. The best man was Stephen Prior. The ceremony was performed by Laura E. Nyhus, associate pastor of the Toronto, Ont., East, church

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The marriage of their daughter Lynette Marie to Jeffrey Frank Vilag, son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Kammerick, July 4. The ceremony was performed by John Moskal, pastor of the Lenoir, Boone and Marion, N.C., churches, at the home of the bride's parents. The best man was Robert Gnape, and the maid of honor was Sarah Webb. The bride and groom are 1985 graduates of Big Sandy Ambassador College, and they reside in Chicago, Ill.



MR. AND MRS. LYNN BENJAMIN

Susan Camille McDuffie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McDuffie, and Lynn Wyman Benjamin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Benjamin, were united in marriage July 28 in Athens, Ga. East and West churches, performed the ceremony. Reba M. Leverett, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and John A. Benjamin, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in Winston-Salem, N.C., and attend the Greensboro, N.C., church.



MR. AND MRS. STEVEN PURKAPILE

Mr. and Mrs. John Brantley are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Jean Camille to Steven Scott Purkapile, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Purkapile, Sept. 26. The ceremony was performed by Bruce Gore, pastor of the Kansas City, Kan., South and Kansas City, Mo., North churches. Kathryn Brantley, sister-in-law of the bride, was maid of honor, and Don Purkapile was best man. The couple reside in Olathe, Kan.



MR. AND MRS. DAVID CUVELIER

Melinda Howard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Howard of Shawnee, Kan., and David Cuvelier of Kantoops, B.C., were united in marriage Sept. 27 in Rapid City, S.D. The ceremony was performed by Steve Buchanan, pastor of the Chardon, Neb., and Rapid City churches. Nancy Howard, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor, and Doug McKinney of Pasadena was the best man. The couple reside in the Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, area.



MR. AND MRS. SAL PIROZZOLA

Dolita Macaluso and Sal Pirozzola, both of Staten Island, N.Y., were united in marriage June 23. The ceremony was performed by Henry Slurcke, assistant pastor of the Union, N.J., church. The maid of honor was the bride's cousin, Joann Cargulo, and the best man was the groom's brother Joseph. The couple reside in Staten Island.

MR. AND MRS. RODNEY FORTNER

Joanne Woelfle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Woelfle of Morton, Ill., and Rodney Fortner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Fortner of Quincy, Ill., were united in marriage Aug. 18 in Peoria, Ill. Ronald Lohr, pastor of the Peoria and Macon, Ill., churches, officiated. The bride's twin sister, Joyce Frisken of Winthrop, Mass., was maid of honor. The bride and groom went to Prince Edward Island, Canada, for a wedding trip. The couple reside in Quincy and attend the Macon church.

MR. AND MRS. SARAT MAHARAJ

Aruna Lal and Sarat Chandra Maharaj were married Sept. 22. Peter Whitting, pastor of the Canberra and Wolongong, Australia, churches, performed the ceremony in the gardens of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Orchard. Guests included the Fiji high commissioner and Canberra Church members. Bridesmaid was Ruth Frisley, and best man was Rick Narayan. The couple reside in Canberra.



MR. AND MRS. F. WAYNE WHITE

Jean Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Thomas, and Wayne White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin White, were united in marriage June 22 at the Beckley, W.Va., Women's Club. Marc Masterson, pastor of the Beckley and Summersville, W.Va., churches, performed the ceremony. Somay Fuller was maid of honor, and Mark White was best man. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Fla.

MR. AND MRS. RONALD GARRETT

Danna Lynn Couch of Hazard, Ky., daughter of the late Geneva Denny and topdaughter of Paul Denny, was united in marriage to Ronald Garrett, son of Glenn R. and Elizabeth Garrett of Fayetteville, N.C. The ceremony was performed by Briscoe Eliot II, pastor of the Wilmington and New Bern, N.C., churches. The couple attend the Wilmington church and reside in Burgaw, N.C.

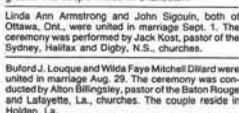


MR. AND MRS. ERNIE DODSON

Elizabeth Goodale and Ernie Dodson were united in marriage in Charleston, S.C., May 9. The ceremony was performed by Keith Thomas, pastor of the Columbia, S.C., and Augusta, Ga., churches. Attendees in the ceremony were the five children of the bride and groom. The couple reside in Charleston.

MR. AND MRS. DONALD BALLO

Camille Renee O'Neal, daughter of Irene O'Neal of Oak Grove, La., and Donald William Ballo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ballo of Elk Grove, Ill., were united in marriage July 7 on the Big Sandy Ambassador College campus. Margo Finelli was the maid of honor, and Trey Hand was the best man. The ceremony was performed by Donald Ward, academic dean of Ambassador College in Big Sandy. The couple reside in Bonita Springs, Fla.



MR. AND MRS. RICHARD WALKER

Patricia Eileen Briggs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Briggs of Atlanta, Ga., and Richard Lee Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Walker of Holland, Mich., were united in marriage July 2. Bonnie Briggs, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Harvey Wieringa was best man. The ceremony, which was performed by George Kachko, pastor of the Grand Rapids, Mich., church, took place in Grandville, Mich. The couple, both Pasadena Ambassador College graduates, reside in Zeeland, Mich.

ANNIVERSARIES

Happy 25th wedding anniversary to Boots and Gary Jaeger. From Scott and Michelle, Michael, JoCarol and granddaughter Stefanie. Thanks for being such great parents.

Dear Dad and Mom (Mr. and Mrs. George A. Meeker): Congratulations on your 25th wedding anniversary, Nov. 15. Thank you very much for your excellent example of marriage and love. We love you very much and wish God's continued blessing on you. The kids: Joel, Julie and Jackie.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN SMART

John and May Smart celebrated their silver (25th) wedding anniversary April 16. Brethren from the Carmarthen, Wales, church provided a cake and presented them a gift to mark the occasion.

Weddings Made of Gold

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. — Mr. and Mrs. James L. Harris celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary Sept. 7.



MR. AND MRS. JAMES HARRIS

The Harrises were baptized in 1968 and attended the Greenville, S.C., church before moving to Florida.

They have five children, 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

EL DORADO SPRINGS, Mo. — Arthur and Mary Jackson celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary Sept. 2. Mr. Jackson was baptized in 1961, and Mrs. Jackson was baptized in 1967. They attend services in Joplin, Mo. The Jacksons have seven children, 20 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

PIERCE CITY, Mo. — Glen and Fayla Clark celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary July 5. They have been Church members since 1958, and they attend the Joplin, Mo., church.

DRASCO, Ark. — Mr. and Mrs. John Miller celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 29.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN MILLER

The Millers were baptized in 1977. They have one daughter and one granddaughter.

The Millers celebrated their anniversary with Mountain View, Ark., brethren.

BICESTER, England — Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Dallison celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sept. 14. Before moving to Bicester 25 years ago, the couple lived on the south coast of England at Worthing in Sussex, where they made their home after their marriage in 1935.

Mr. Dallison was born in Nuneaton, England, and his wife, Margery (nee Robson), in Maxwellton, Scotland. Both moved to London, England, to work as accountants and met there.

The Dallisons first learned of God's work in 1962 when they heard a *World Tomorrow* radio broadcast. They received their first *Plain Truth* in 1966. Mr. Dallison, who was baptized in December, 1983, attributes their happy and successful marriage to each exercising patience and tolerance.

Obituaries

DAYTON, Ohio — Mary K. Boone, 62, died of cancer Aug. 28 at her home in Phoenix, Ariz. She has been a member of God's Church since June, 1962.

Mrs. Boone is survived by her husband, John; three sons, including Dennis and John Jr., members who attend the Dayton church; two daughters, Carolyn Weldon, a member who attends the Dayton church, and Linda Brown, a member who attends the Phoenix church; and 12 grandchildren.

Mrs. Boone was baptized in South Bend, Ind., and attended God's Church in Indianapolis, Ind., Cincinnati, Ohio, and 15 years in Dayton, before moving to Phoenix in 1979.

Funeral services were conducted by Michael Blackwell, assistant pastor of the Dayton A.M. and P.M. churches, Aug. 30.

LIVERPOOL, England — Bert Grierson, 59, died July 19 in Luton and Dunstable Hospital. He suffered from emphysema since 1970.

Mr. Grierson first attended services in Manchester, England, in May, 1963, and was baptized in September, 1963. He attended the Liverpool church from its inception in 1975.

Mr. Grierson is survived by his wife, Vera; daughters Pauline and Mary; and grandchildren Jonathan and Julie.

The funeral service was conducted by James Henderson, a local elder in the St. Albans, England, church.

BALTIMORE, Md. — Mary Campbell Fowler, 85, died Sept. 11. She has been a member of the Church since June, 1971.

Mrs. Fowler is survived by her husband, Milton, who is also a Church member; a son; and numerous grandchildren.

Thomas Oakley, associate pastor of the Baltimore church, conducted the funeral service.

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Mary (Rice) Hockenberry, 81, a member who attended services in Rochester, died April 29 at Highland Hospital here after a short bout with cancer.

Mrs. Hockenberry was baptized Nov. 28, 1982. She is survived by a son Thomas of Albion, N.Y.; a sister Isabel Salzman of Rochester, a Church member; two grandchildren, Eric of California and Candace of Albion; plus several nieces and nephews.

A private graveside service took place at the Monongahela Cemetery in North Braddock, Pa.

MERRITT ISLAND, Fla. — Bertha A. Claggett, 91, a member of God's Church since 1968, died April 5.

Mrs. Claggett was preceded in death by her husband, Fred, one son and two grandsons.

She is survived by nine sons, two daughters and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She is also survived by one brother, Albert Pitts.

Philip Rice, associate pastor of the Tulsa, Okla., church, conducted funeral services at Luginbill Chapel in Vinita, Okla. Burial was at Big Cabin, Okla., Cemetery.

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Violet Bedwell, 86, died Aug. 11.

Mrs. Bedwell was born in Hudson, Wis., Oct. 13, 1898, and has been a member of God's Church since 1974.

She is survived by one son, Wayne, three grandsons and three great-granddaughters.

Funeral services were conducted by Delfino Sandoval, associate pastor of the Sacramento church.

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Marian Dallman, 68, died Aug. 12 from cancer.

Mrs. Dallman was born April 14, 1917, in Fulton, Ore., and has been a member of God's Church since 1960.

She is survived by her husband, Leon, a member who attends the Sacramento church; six children; and 18 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Lawrence D. Neff, pastor of the Sacramento church.

BELLINGHAM, Wash. — Barbara Lunger, 47, died of cancer April 20. She has been a Church member since 1971.

Miss Lunger is survived by several aunts and uncles.

Graveside services were performed by Richard Duncan, pastor of the Sedro-Woolley and Everett, Wash., churches, at Greenacres Memorial Park in Bellingham, Wash.

NEWS OF PEOPLE, PLACES & UPDATE

EVENTS IN THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

PASADENA — More than 1,400 subscribers responded to *Plain Truth* advertisements placed in *The English Journal* and *Ji Ji Eigo*, "two magazines read primarily by Japanese students who are learning English," said David Hulme, director of Media Purchasing (see photo, this page).

The response more than doubled *Plain Truth* circulation in Japan. Circulation before the ads was about 1,200.

The ads, titled "What Next for Japan?", were adapted from an ad Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong wrote for the British edition of *Reader's Digest*. "The ad has been successfully adapted for use in newspapers and magazines in coun-

tries around the world," Mr. Hulme said.

"Just how large the door is that God is opening in Japan remains to be seen," Mr. Hulme said. "Other activity in Japan, in addition to the *Plain Truth* circulation there, includes *The World Tomorrow* telecast over JCTV, a cable network linking 26 of the leading hotels in Tokyo.

"A number of letters have been received in response to the telecast there, most of them coming from business travelers," he continued. Three Church members live in Japan. ☆ ☆ ☆

CLARKSBURG, W.Va. — Flooding from the tail end of Hurricane Juan destroyed the home of one member living in Parsons, W.Va., and "wiped out the first floor" of another member's home, according to Steven Schantz, pastor of the Clarksburg church.

The three-day storm brought the worst flooding in 100 years, according to Associated Press reports. A report in the Nov. 6 *Los Angeles Times* described flood and storm damage as being in the "millions and millions" of dollars.

"The Clarksburg area was without electricity for one day and water for five days after the storm," Mr. Schantz said. "Because of the public health hazard we canceled services Nov. 9, and canceled the Wednesday night Spokesman Club Nov. 6."

Church member Cora Phillips' home "was completely destroyed," Mr. Schantz said. "She's been able to stay with her son, and the Church is prepared to help her with furnishing a new home.

Charles and Doris Brock "had the first floor of their home ruined, but were able to save most of their appliances and furniture by hauling them up to the second floor before the flooding got too high," he continued.

"It's going to take some time for this area to recover," he said. "The West Virginia economy wasn't too good to start with, and this disaster will probably result in the loss of many jobs, since several corporations suffered the loss of their inventories and other damage."



JAPANESE AD — The above *Plain Truth* advertisements in *The English Journal* and *Ji Ji Eigo* brought more than 1,400 responses, according to David Hulme, director of Media Purchasing. The ad response more than doubled *Plain Truth* circulation in Japan. Circulation before the ads was about 1,200, Mr. Hulme said. (See "Update," this page.)

Ordain

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Ernesto Gabriel, a deacon in the Olongapo, Philippines, church, was ordained a local church elder on the Feast of Trumpets, Sept. 16.

Juanito Gapul Sr. of the Valencia, Philippines, church was ordained a local church elder during the Feast of Tabernacles Oct. 1.

Herbert Hinkle, a local elder in the Queens, N.Y., church, was ordained a preaching elder on the Feast of Trumpets, Sept. 16.

Irene Lagarina, a deacon in the Cebu, Philippines, church, was ordained a local church elder during the Feast of Tabernacles Oct. 3.

Lloyd Longley, a local elder in the Perth, Australia, church, was ordained a preaching elder on the Feast of Trumpets, Sept. 16.

Dean May of the Pasadena Auditorium P.M. church was ordained a local elder during the Feast of Tabernacles Oct. 6.

Napoleon Meimban of the Urdaneta, Philippines, church was ordained a local church elder on the Feast of Trumpets, Sept. 16.

Tito Mina, a deacon in the Santiago, Philippines, church, was ordained a local church elder on the Day of Atonement, Sept. 25.

John D. Perry, a deacon in the Champaign, Ill., church, was ordained a local church elder on the Feast of Trumpets, Sept. 16.

James Powell of Bowling Green, Ky., was ordained a local church elder on the Feast of Trumpets, Sept. 16.

Eduardo Rodrigo of the Iloilo, Philippines, church was ordained a local church elder on the Feast of Trumpets, Sept. 16.

Tiburcio Rota, a deacon in the Cebu, Philippines, church, was ordained a local church elder during the Feast of Tabernacles Oct. 3.

Laurencio Sabanal of the Bacolod, Philippines, church was ordained a local church elder on the Day of Atonement, Sept. 25.

Henson Fen Santos, a deacon in the Quezon City, Philippines, church, was ordained a local church elder on the Feast of Trumpets, Sept. 16.

Steven Shafer, a local elder in the Seattle and Bellevue, Wash., churches, was ordained a preaching elder on the Feast of Trumpets, Sept. 16.

Howard Stein, a deacon in the San Diego, Calif., church, was ordained a local church elder Sept. 21.

Harvey Wierenga Sr., a deacon in the Grand Rapids, Mich., church, was ordained a local church elder on the Feast of Trumpets, Sept. 16.

Virgilio Yap, a deacon in the Manila, Philippines, church, was ordained a local church elder on the Feast of Trumpets, Sept. 16.

INTERNATIONAL DESK

A WORLD VIEW FROM CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

PASADENA — Evangelist Joseph Tkach Sr., director of Church Administration, released the following excerpts from Festival reports filed by guest speakers traveling during the 1985 Feast of Tabernacles.

Caribbean trip 'encouraging'

"My wife, Eve, and I were truly encouraged and enlightened by our attendance with God's people in the Caribbean," said evangelist Raymond McNair, deputy chancellor of Ambassador College in Pasadena. The McNairs spent the Festival season in the Bahamas, Jamaica, Barbados, Puerto Rico and Tobago.

"I had an opportunity to give nine sermons, and spoke to two senior citizens groups and to three groups of people interested in learning about Ambassador College," he said. "Besides speaking six times during the Feast of Tabernacles and once on the Day of Atonement, I spoke in Kingston, Jamaica, on the Sabbath before Tabernacles and in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on the Sabbath following the Feast."

"It was encouraging to see all of the ministers following the pattern set by headquarters, and we clearly felt we were experiencing the same warmth, love, brotherly concern and spirit of service which we experience everywhere when keeping God's Feasts with His people."

'Miracle after miracle'

Bob League, pastor of the Cincinnati, Ohio, North and South churches, said that "God performed miracle after miracle so the Feast could be kept" in Penang, Malaysia.

After a prayer request was made Malaysian government authorities granted permission to conduct the Festival only two days before the Feast began. Problems involving speaking permits and visas were resolved after another prayer request was made.

"Several brethren told me how God had intervened in their personal lives so they could go to the Feast," Mr. League said.

Australia impressive

Evangelist Dean Blackwell reported that he and his wife, Maxine,

"had never been in Australia before, but we had always heard of the work and people of God in that country."

After preaching in Wannambool, Perth, Caloundra and West Tweed Heads, Australia, Mr. Blackwell remarked that he and his wife "were much impressed and well pleased."

Mr. Blackwell asked for a show of hands from the people in Perth who traveled across the country to attend the Feast in the early days of the Church there.

"This amounted to 3,600 kilometers [2,232 miles], including 300 kilometers [186 miles] of dirt road," he explained.

"I was shocked at the number of hands: a third or fourth of the entire number... My hat of appreciation and admiration is off to these diligent, consistent and loyal Aussies."

Feast in China

Keeping the Feast in China included the "lifetime blessing of touring several areas of China," reported John Halford, a pastor-rank minister serving in Media Services.

Brethren toured the areas of Beijing, Xi'an, Wuxi, Shanghai and Nanjing. "Near Beijing is the Great Wall, which we were able to climb, walk upon and view the magnificent countryside," Mr. Halford said.

New Zealand unity

Unity was the prevalent theme at the Feast in Rotorua, New Zealand, according to Frederick Kellers, pastor of the Little Rock and Searcy, Ark., churches.

Mr. Kellers related one trial that was overcome with God's help. "New Zealand children take exams for college just once, in their 11th year of school," he said. "This year the exams fell right during the Feast, and several school principals said they would fail students who weren't at school to take them."

"Our young people remained faithful and determined to keep God's Feast," Mr. Kellers continued. "With prayer and God's intervention, every principal relented."

Boy healed of injury

"I can't remember a more uplift-

ing Feast in the past decade," said Arthur Docken, pastor of the Fairfield and Santa Rosa, Calif., churches. Mr. Docken was the guest speaker at the Charlottetown, P.E.I., site in Canada.

"Illness was not a major problem, but one boy badly injured his leg roller skating," Mr. Docken said. "From all appearances it was dislocated."

"He was anointed and taken to the hospital," he continued. "There a doctor could find nothing wrong, and the boy was able to walk normally. Everyone was amazed he had been healed so quickly."

'Unqualified success'

"The 1985 observance of the Feast of Tabernacles in Regina, Sask., was an unqualified success, due to the extremely capable services rendered by the ministers who were assigned to the site and the fine talent and spirit of cooperation of the brethren," said John Bald, pastor of the La Crosse, Wis.; Mason City, Iowa; and Rochester, Minn.; congregations.

Festival in Bonndorf

Different languages proved to be no barrier for brethren attending the Feast in Bonndorf, West Germany, according to George Meeker Jr., pastor of the Springfield, Mo., church.

"Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong's opening message for unity was especially evident in areas of service," Mr. Meeker reported.

"The choir, composed of members from many different countries, did an outstanding job. The song service was also moving as one heard hymns sung in two languages at the same time."

First Feast in Poland

God blessed those who kept the Feast of Tabernacles for the first time in Poland, said Vincent Szymkowiak, pastor of the Joplin, Mo., and Independence, Kan., churches.

Victor Kubik, pastor of the Minneapolis South and Mankato, Minn., churches, said that "ORBIS, the official government tourist agency, did an outstanding job handling all the physical arrangements."

One of the ORBIS guides, Mr. Kubik said, "even sang hymns with us in services and made references to Mr. Armstrong's sermon during the guided tours."

Services in Czechoslovakia

"Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's opening night admonition to the brethren to exemplify unity and

love was underscored in the sermons and sermonettes as well as fully met by all attending" in Brno, Czechoslovakia, said Thomas Root, a local elder and instructor in German at Pasadena Ambassador College.

"Throughout the Feast the brethren learned about Czech folklore, culture and history," reported Mr. Kubik, who also served as a guest speaker for the Brno site.

International Feast in Israel

After beginning the Festival season in Amman, Jordan, brethren toured the ancient fortress of Masada, the Dead Sea area, Jerusalem, the wilderness of Judea and Galilee, according to Richard Frankel, pastor of the Washington, D.C., and Front Royal, Va., churches.

"During the Feast we were unable to take one of the tours to Hebron due to the tension that finally erupted in the killing of four PLO [Palestine Liberation Organization] members," said Glen White, pastor of the Fresno and Visalia, Calif., churches.

"There were several terrorist incidents, an increasingly common sorry happening in certain parts of the globe, but God has placed His name there and gave us His divine protection," said Mr. Frankel.

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