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## Mr. Tkach builds family ties during South American visit

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—The Chilean capital of Santiago was the first stop on Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's June 8 to 15 trip to South America.

Stretched 3,800 miles along the Pacific Ocean and outlining the western side of the South American continent, Chile traces its history to 1520, when Ferdinand Magellan first sighted Chilean shores.

Of the country's 11.9 million people, 95 percent are of European lineage.

Accompanied by evangelist Leon Walker, regional director for Spanish-speaking areas, and his wife, Reba, Mr. Tkach and his traveling party arrived at Santiago's Arturo Merino Benitez Airport aboard the Church's Gulfstream III jet 12 hours after leaving Burbank, Calif., June 8.

Greeting the party were Mario Seiglie, pastor of the Santiago and Temuco, Chile, churches, and his wife, Catalina.

"Mr. Tkach was relaxed, energetic and anxious to visit the brethren in South America," Mr. Walker told *The Worldwide News*.

"He responded in kind to the warmth and genuine love expressed toward him by the members," he added. "It was apparent that he enjoyed meeting them all and graciously spent as much time with them as they requested."

June 9 services for 310 brethren in the Hotel Tupahue were videotaped by the Church's television crew, composed of on-site director John Halford, cameraman Mark Broadwater and remote operations engineer Steve Bergstrom.

(Because of a back injury cameraman Gary Werings was replaced at the last minute by Mr. Broadwater, a freelance cameraman who attends the Pasadena Imperial A.M. church.)

"Mr. Tkach, as a master weaver, presented us with a rich tapestry of vivid biblical themes," said Mr. Seiglie. "He portrayed the way God is carefully putting together His spiritual temple with common material from around the world, but which He has made precious by His Spirit."

"As a final point, Mr. Tkach drew a deep analogy of Rebekah's meek attitude as symbolic of the

Church and assigned the brethren to study it carefully," Mr. Seiglie said.

The pastor general was presented with a five-foot Ambassador College seal made of Bolivian alpaca, and a copper plaque inlaid with indigenous wood and inscribed with "Feed my sheep."

Mr. Tkach then greeted members who lined up to meet him and watched entertainment by brethren. During dinner at the Crown Plaza Hotel, Mr. Tkach "shared his favorable impression about Chile and how distorted are many press stories on Chile," Mr. Seiglie said.

Nieves Bravo, a member who attends the Santiago church, said, "I found Mr. Tkach to be so warm and open he just naturally entered into our hearts."

### Argentina

At noon the next day Mr. Tkach flew to Buenos Aires, Argentina, where he was met by Carlos Espinosa, pastor of the Ezeiza, Argentina, church, his wife, Telma, and Alberto Sousa, Salto, Uruguay, and Buenos Aires pastor.

The eighth largest country in the world, about one third the size of the United States, Argentina encompasses a large plain rising from the Atlantic Ocean in the east to the towering Andes Mountains in the west, along the Chilean border.

Buenos Aires has a population of 10 million, the world's fourth most populated metropolitan area.

Sabbath services June 11 were conducted in the Salon Marco Polo

for 345 brethren from Buenos Aires, Bahia Blanca, Centenario and Ezeiza, Argentina, and Salto, Uruguay. Members from Salto performed special music.

After his sermon Mr. Tkach was introduced to members of Russian descent, who live in Uruguay, according to Mr. Walker. *Abrazos* (bear hugs) were exchanged.

Brethren gave the pastor general a carving of a farmer plowing and seeding a field and a gaucho belt and pen holder. After speaking, Mr. Tkach met and was photographed with brethren and signed autographs.

Evening entertainment featured Argentine and Uruguayan folk dances and songs.

Said Ramon Peralta, "He is clear, practical, to the point and inspires confidence."

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LEADER OF THE GROUP—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach joins Church members from Buenos Aires and Ezeiza, Argentina, who performed a folklorico show June 11 in Buenos Aires. [Photo by Alberto Travieso]

## Experts on AIDS, Europe interviewed

# Trip sharpens media focus

By Kerri Miles

PASADENA—Evangelist David Hulme, director of Communications & Public Affairs; Larry Omasta, manager of Media Services; and Gene Hogberg, world news editor for *The Plain Truth*; traveled to Europe May 19, where they spent two weeks conducting interviews for the *World Tomorrow* telecast and *The Plain Truth*.

A technical crew, including Lee Pettijohn, Tom Ivcevic and Russ Alsobrook, accompanied the group.

"I think it is very important for the *World Tomorrow* program's continued success in identifying trends in world news to make trips of this kind," said Mr. Hulme.

"By doing this on a twice-yearly basis, we are forced to sharpen our own focus of what is going on in the world. Although it is true that we, as an organization, have the frame around the picture prophetically, we certainly don't have the picture itself. That only emerges as time and events go by."

"So in talking to an informed spectrum of opinion, we are forced to modify and redefine our own thinking."

"We were very pleased that we had videotaped over 10 hours worth of interviews and cover footage,"

said Mr. Omasta. "Each of the experts that we interviewed—two on AIDS and six on Europe—offered both interesting and relevant viewpoints."

The two interviews on the AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) crisis—were with Aire J. Zuckermann, director of microbiology at the University of London, and James Chin, a member of the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland.

"This segment will give the fall AIDS telecast an international perspective," said Mr. Omasta.

"Most of the interviews dealt with European unity and the concept of *Mittleuropa*," said Mr. Hogberg.

In London Mr. Hulme interviewed British historian Paul Johnson and Enoch Powell, a former

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## PERSONAL FROM

*Joseph W. Tkach*

Dear brethren:

In the last few letters we have been looking at various misconceptions about the marriage relationship.

One question still needs to be answered: Is there ever a time when a wife should disobey her husband?

There is no question that Genesis 3:16 and I Timothy 2:12-14 show that a husband is to lead and have authority over his wife. But do these scriptures mean that a husband is to have absolute authority?

The truth is, God places no human under the unconditional authority of another human. That principle is made clear in Acts 5:29: "Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men."

Only obedience to God is to be absolute and without conditions. Some husbands, however, have adopted the false impression that the Bible gives them absolute license to rule over their wives however they please, and that their wives are under obligation before God to obey all their or-

ders, regardless of what those orders may be. That is simply not what the Word of God teaches.

On this basis, some husbands expect their wives to sign a fraudulent tax return, or not report child abuse or other criminal behavior. God does not give a husband authority to make his wife sin! Nor does God give a husband authority to do his wife's thinking for her.

There is much we can learn from the example of Abigail, a woman the Bible says was of "good understanding" (I Samuel 25:3). David had protected the flocks of her husband, Nabal, whom the Bible calls "harsh and evil in his doings" (New King James). When David asked Nabal for provisions, Nabal (knowing fully well who David was) responded in an insolent and contemptuous manner.

David angrily determined to attack Nabal and destroy him. But Abigail, knowing what her husband was like, took the provisions David had requested and set out to meet David before he and his men had time to arrive.

When she saw David "she

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## Big Sandy anniversary: 35 event-filled years

By Thomas C. Hanson

PASADENA—More than 1,400 brethren from the Big Sandy and Tyler, Tex., churches, and visitors marked the 35th anniversary of the church in Big Sandy June 18 and 19.

Activities were coordinated by evangelist Burk McNair, Big Sandy and Tyler pastor, who attended the first Feast of Tabernacles in Big Sandy in 1953.

### Headquarters visitor

Michael Fezell, an assistant to Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach, represented Mr. Tkach at the anniversary celebration. Mr. Fezell delivered the Sabbath sermon June 18 in the Ambassador College Field House.

The field house was built in 1958 as a convention center for the Feast

of Tabernacles. It was enlarged by one third the following year to accommodate increased Festival attendance.

After introductory comments that included a chronological history of the church in Big Sandy, Mr. Fezell presented a gold tie pin to Buck Hammer, who in 1952 donated a portion of the land that is now the college campus to the Church.

Mr. Fezell presented the gift on behalf of the congregation to Mr. Hammer as a "small token of appreciation for his part in the beginning of the campus here and his part in the church having been eventually established here."

Where the field house stands was once Mr. Hammer's cow pasture.

After accepting his gift Mr. (See BIG SANDY, page 7)

# As 1992 looms, Britons express doubts

PASADENA—One of the most persistent themes in the European press these days is 1992. On the last day of that year the 12-nation European Community is scheduled to become a true common market with few if any barriers to internal trade.

The year 1992 is such an important milestone that one magazine, the U.S. publication *Adweek*, calls it a "buzzdate" that is acquiring the significance of other benchmark years in history, such as 1066, 1215 and 1588. These refer to the Norman invasion, the signing of the Magna Carta and the defeat of the Spanish armada.

In some countries, most notably France and Italy, awareness of what 1992 entails is high. In others, such as Britain, it is lower. In May and early June several of the *World Tomorrow* staff were in Europe on a fact-finding trip. In London we talked with British journalist and historian Paul Johnson.

With regard to the 1992 deadline, and British perception of it, he told us: "This kind of extended market is something quite new. And certainly in Britain, there is a lack of realization so far as to what it's going to involve... 1992 is not very far off, and a lot of preparation has

to be made by businesses who are going to meet some terrific competition from the Germans, the French and the Italians..."

"On the other hand, the opportunities are enormous, because once this huge market gets going... [it's] going to give a tremendous shot of energy to the European economy."

The British government has undertaken a campaign to educate British industry on how to adjust to the realities of doing business in the post-Dec. 31, 1992, era. It is apparently succeeding. I witnessed this May 23, when I attended a meeting at the European Commission building in London along with John Ross Schroeder, British regional editor of *The Plain Truth*.

An audience representing a cross-section of British manufacturing and financial sectors assembled to hear an address by David Williamson, British secretary general of the European Commission. The questions from this select group centered on how British business should reorient itself for what some have called Europe's Big Bang.

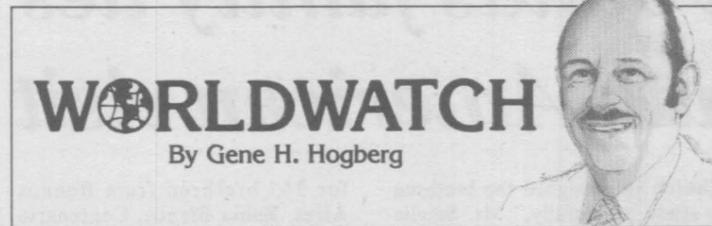
Mr. Williamson chided the businessmen and financiers, however, for looking at the expanded market

of the 1990s solely as a "cash register operation," adding that "it is much more than that." He emphasized that the Europe without frontiers concept also involves a single labor market, standardized social legislation, mutually recognized professional diplomas and licenses and tax standardization.

There is more to 1992 than a sin-

gle commercial market. Nearly everyone we talked to agreed that this is just the beginning.

Beyond 1992, it is believed, there will be pressure to create a common European currency managed by a European central bank; a stronger European Parliament; the election of a "president" for Europe; and lastly, a unified European defense force to defend all the above.



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Britons who see beyond the cash register are not enamored with what

Another indication of official displeasure is the expectation that one of the European Commission's top executives, Britain's Lord Cockfield, will not be reappointed to his post by Mrs. Thatcher.

Lord Cockfield, a driving force in the 1992 program, is too European for most Britons. He proclaims that completing the internal market is not an end in itself. The objective, he says, "is European union and that means union in the political as well as the economic field."

This doesn't square with the official British position. Lord Young, Britain's trade and industry secretary, said: "We're not talking about a United States of Europe. We're talking about a trade association

with some common rules."

In some newspapers the limits-to-Europe attitude comes through quite strongly. In the April 17 *Sunday Telegraph*, columnist Anthony Hartley used such anti-European integration expressions as: "It would not be possible to have European armed forces"; "foreign policy must by definition... be national"; and most bluntly, "the European Parliament is a federalist fifth column."

Traveling around Europe, I must admit to sympathy with these reservations, expressed most eloquently, but not exclusively, by many Britons. At stake is the individualized richness and variety of European culture. If people will be able to live and work wherever they wish, how can the uniqueness of its many societies be maintained?

Already there are reactions to the presence of North African workers in France and Turkish laborers in West Germany. (The Islamic Turks are visibly such different people than Christian Europeans, that Turkey's request for EC membership may be postponed forever.)

Despite all this, the economic imperatives of 1992 are so great that everybody wants to get in on the act. June 14, Austria announced it would seek EC membership in 1989. And, June 25, the EC and Comecon, the Soviet bloc trade group, established official bloc-to-bloc trade relations. Comecon wants to avoid being shut out of the West European market after 1992.

Thus, despite the reservations of some and the foreboding of others, closer European unity is inevitable.



## Just between friends

By Dexter H. Faulkner

### The test of love

Husbands, future husbands, *this is a test*. Or perhaps it would be better thought of as a challenge. A challenge to self-evaluate.

Tests help us measure progress and mirror how close we are to maximum performance. Now men, let's be honest.

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

1. Pray with your wife?
2. Study the Bible with your wife?
3. Compliment your wife in front of the children?
4. Ask your wife for her opinion on a decision you had to make?
5. Open the door for your wife?
6. Give your wife some money and tell her to spend it on herself?
7. Send your wife some flowers? (Customs vary, answer yes if you are West African and have brought your wife some cloth or nice material to make something for herself, if you are Kenyan and brought her special flour, or if you are Filipino and have been affectionate and helped with the chores. If you are a Frenchman and have brought your wife flowers, answer yes, and if you've bought her some perfume add a bonus 10 points. If you can't afford these things—just remember the principle to show outgoing love and concern for your mate.)
8. Spend an evening with your wife with the television off?
9. Ask God to guide you as a husband and father?
10. Tell your wife you loved her?

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

Two words that characterize a man's responsibility to his wife are *to care*. Often we romanticize love to mystical heights. Not so with caring. It brings us down to earth. It calls for tangible evidence of its presence.

Ask a woman what she wants

from her husband and you'll more than likely hear, "I just want him to care for me."

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

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

• **Communication.** Talk to your wife. Share your thoughts with her. Discuss your problems. Don't keep secrets from her. Keep the lines of

communication open.

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

This evening, give your wife your listening ear for 30 minutes. End the time by praying together or studying God's Word together.

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

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

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

• **Help.** Help your wife. Look for ways you can help her with work or problems.

• **Time.** Use it wisely. Save some

time when you can be alone together. Don't let anything totally monopolize your time. If the kids are down and the moon is up, why not grab a kiss or two under the stars? Watch out though, it can be habit forming.

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

• **Money.** Money is a root of a lot of problems in marriage. Discuss money—how much there is, how it is to be spent and the responsibility of each spouse in dispensing it. Keep a budget. Each partner should have some money, even if only a small amount, to spend anyway he or she pleases.

• **Priorities.** God comes first, but your wife comes second—before all others, before all things. If you show by your actions that you always consider her desires you will build trust and confidence into your relationship.

• **Faith.** This is the cement that holds a marriage together when it may be crumbling. Pray often to-

gether and for each other. Don't neglect Bible study with your wife.

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

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

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

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

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

Men, take time to do it. You can't afford not to! She'll love you for it.

## European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



### Victor Hugo foresaw United States of Europe

BOREHAMWOOD, England—Who was Victor Hugo? Probably the most prolific and best French writer of the 19th century. But why would he be of particular interest to our global readership?

For one thing he envisioned the United States of Europe. He was a secular prophet in his own right.

In 1842 Hugo published a book titled *Le Rhin, Lettres, a un Ami*. And though a travel book, it harbored statements of remarkable prophetic significance.

Samuel Edwards recorded Hugo's observation in his book, *Victor Hugo*: "France and the German states... together formed two cores of a central sphere of influence. If they worked together they would be more powerful than the nations on the periphery that forced their separate and joint will on the Continent: Great Britain and Imperial Russia" (pages 124 and 125).

This did not happen in Hugo's time. Only now are France and West Germany getting together. Stories of their cooperative ventures are in the European news.

In 1849 a world peace conference convened in Paris. Victor Hugo was named president of the conference and delivered the keynote speech.

He said, "The day is not far distant when cannon will be exhibited in museums... the day is not far distant when these two immense entities, the United States of America and the United States of Europe, shall be seen placed in the presence of each other, extending the hand of fellowship across the seas, exchanging their produce, their commerce, their industry, their arts, their genius, clearing the earth, peopling the deserts, improving creation un-

der the eyes of the Creator, and uniting, for the good of these two infinite forces, the fraternity of men and the power of God" (page 162).

Hugo saw the destiny of Europe as one entity—not as a hodgepodge of divided states. Notice what William L. Shirer quoted him as saying in *Midcentury Journey*: "A day will come when all of you, nations of the Continent, will, without losing your distinctive qualities and your glorious individuality, be blended into a superior unit and constitute a European fraternity, just as Normandy, Brittany, Burgundy, Lorraine, have been blended into France" (page 239).

Hugo underscored this point later. "No more frontiers! The Rhine for all. Let us be the same, great republic, The United States of Europe" (*Victor Hugo*, page 274).

Victor Hugo's predictions were made in the context of tumultuous times. They were not uttered in a vacuum. Europe was in ferment.

The spirit of revolution filled the air. It was the time of Italy's Giuseppe Garibaldi—the beginning of the weak sixth resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire.

Nevertheless, Hugo's pronouncements went far beyond 19th-century distresses. He saw through a glass darkly. But he did see. Victor Hugo was a man of unusual prophetic vision—undoubtedly based on clear insights into the happenings of history and his own age.

*Writer's note: A clarification on the June 13 "European Diary": The Romans under Emperor Claudius I (not Julius Caesar) completed the conquest of southern Britain in A.D. 43.*

# Newsstand program revised, compensated by direct mail

By Kerri Miles

PASADENA—The *Plain Truth* newsstand program, concentrated in selected cities in the United States, will be revised before the Feast of Tabernacles, according to Boyd Leeson, circulation manager.

"In a landmark decision made by Mr. [Joseph] Tkach as part of his ongoing program of working smarter, not just harder, he decided to curtail the blitz newsstand program in favor of other media opportunities that will yield a strong witness and yet be more cost-effective for the Church overall," said Raymond Wright, director of Publishing Services.

"Mr. Tkach, as we recall, was the founder of the newsstand program many years ago, starting with local widows distributing magazines in the Pasadena area. The program, since that inaugural day, has been extremely successful, and Mr. Tkach extends his sincere appreciation for the many thousands of brethren across the nation who have devoted their time and energy to the

magazine distribution," he said.

Newsstand distribution will decrease from about 900,000 copies a month to about 150,000 copies a month after the program ends in Detroit and Ann Arbor, Mich.; Baltimore, Md.; Boston, Mass.; Brooklyn and Queens, N.Y.; Chicago, Ill.; Cincinnati and Toledo, Ohio; Indianapolis, Ind.; Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn.; and Pittsburgh, Pa.

"Although total newsstand distribution will decrease, it will be offset and compensated by new *PT* subscribers added by the direct-mail program. This is in keeping with Mr. Tkach's overall direction to maintain worldwide *Plain Truth* circulation at approximately seven million," Mr. Wright said.

Distribution will continue at rented outlets in Washington, D.C., New York, N.Y., Philadelphia, Pa., and other major cities. "We are also considering going into a nationwide prestigious newsstand outlet chain in 210 locations," Mr. Leeson said.

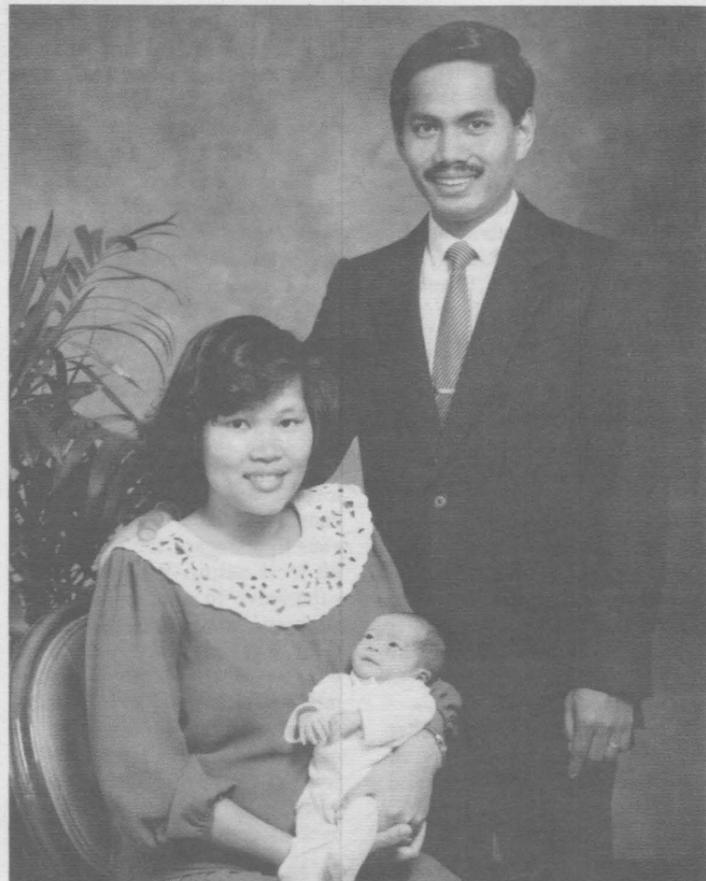
The change in the newsstand program came after constant evalua-

tion and a decline of 20 percent in newsstand sales by other magazines in the United States. "Newsstand sales dropped by 15 million, and subscribers increased by 16 million. Our decision reflects the trend in the U.S. market," said Mr. Leeson.

Equipment from the program, including dispensers, is being liquidated in the local church areas. "We have had several offers to buy the equipment, and it is working out nicely," Mr. Leeson said. "We sent guidelines to the pastors for selling them, and Church members who have distribution businesses have been able to buy some of them."

The card-holder program will continue. "These have proven to be an excellent source of subscribers—among our most cost-effective," Mr. Leeson said.

Church member involvement with the newsstands will decrease significantly, but members will still service and be involved with the card-holder program, waiting rooms, libraries and in-home WATS (Wide Area Telephone Service), Mr. Wright said.



**SURPRISE DELIVERY**—Bermevon Dizon, pastor of the Angeles and San Fernando, Pampanga, Philippines, churches, and his wife, Carmelita, display their daughter, Carmel, who was born unexpectedly in Pasadena June 14. [Photo by Barry Stahl]

## MRP delivers more than expected Baby born on college campus

By Kerri Miles

PASADENA—Carmel Sonja Dizon was born at 12:59 a.m., June 15, to Bermevon Dizon, pastor of the Angeles and San Fernando, Pampanga, Philippines, churches, and his wife, Carmelita. She was delivered by her father on the floor of South Orange Grove Apartment No. 302 on the Ambassador College campus here.

Mr. and Mrs. Dizon were here to attend the third session of Ministerial Refreshing Program V. Before leaving the Philippines Mrs. Dizon visited her doctor, who said the baby was not due until the end of August, so travel would not be a problem.

The Refreshing Program ended June 14, and the Dizons planned to leave Pasadena the next day. Their itinerary was to include a stay in New York, where Mrs. Dizon's sister lives.

"But Tuesday afternoon [June 14] I was having cramps, so I went to the doctor. He said the baby

would come out in July, in five weeks. He said I was safe until the end of June," Mrs. Dizon said.

The couple were all packed up and ready to go, but at 11:34 p.m. the cramps were coming every five minutes. "I did not try to wake my husband until 12:50. When I woke him up, he tried to phone the doctor."

Mr. Dizon also called the campus Security Department.

Mrs. Dizon told her husband, "I don't think I can make it to the hospital." He then hung up the phone and concentrated on helping his wife.

Two campus security guards arrived just after the baby was born at 12:59.

Evangelist Larry Salyer, associate director of Church Administration for international areas, came minutes later.

An Ambassador College senior who is a medical doctor, was contacted and arrived 30 minutes after the birth. He said Carmel Sonja was

small but appeared normal. He returned the next morning with Traule Soetebier, the campus nurse, to measure and weigh Carmel. She was 18½ inches long and weighed 4 pounds 13 ounces.

"I'm just so glad that it did not happen in the airplane on the way to New York," Mrs. Dizon said.

Since no doctor attended the birth, the Dizons needed an affidavit from the Church saying that the Dizons were in the United States when the baby was born and that the Dizons are Carmel's parents. They also need a statement from the doctor who examined Mrs. Dizon and told her the baby wouldn't be born for five weeks.

Mr. Dizon said he appreciates the help and gifts people have offered. They have received blankets, clothes and other items for the baby. Some of the gifts were anonymous, he said.

The Dizons were scheduled to leave Pasadena June 27.

## Letters TO THE EDITOR

WN 15th anniversary

To the staff of *The Worldwide News* from the church in Copenhagen [Denmark]—congratulations on the 15 years of service. You do a job of great importance. We don't have announcements every week as we only have a visit by a minister every month. *The Worldwide News* brings our minds back to focus on the Work and the family. It makes even the scattered feel part of the whole. It gives us a lot to pray about; it helps us watch; it educates and informs us.

Bill Pentecost, Maja Andersen, Lars Kobbroe, Casten M. Larsen, Inger Hasbo, Aase Naula-Ridderstroem, Grethe Tofte Nielsen, Donald Bodder, Ebenezer Tiku and Joseph Wulsur Copenhagen, Denmark

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Healing article

Reading the "Personal" and "Heal-

ing" installment in the March 28 *Worldwide News* encouraged and inspired me. The article on healing was especially encouraging because it explains why every individual's situation is different.

Having known of Church members with chronic health problems who in the past have been criticized for what others thought were causing their maladies—i.e. secret sins—this new understanding is truly uplifting.

Hopefully the comments in the "Personal" about loving each other combined with the new understanding about healing will help us all to give those who suffer with health problems the help and encouragement they need.

Kelly I. Ambrose Pasadena

I am so thankful to God for giving us this new understanding of healing. I have been so perplexed about it before when watching our precious brethren dying—my mind always asked the big question: "Why?" If only God would take us into His confidence and explain why, then we would be able to accept and handle the sickness, pain and even death of the brethren...

But now, God in His infinite mercy and wisdom has explained the why. Thank you for helping us to see it.

Betty Chandler Lafayette, Va.

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South Africa

I have just read the April edition of *The Plain Truth* and was particularly interested in your article on "South Africa Revisited."

The article was very good in explaining much about this complicated country, particularly to an overseas resident who, as you so rightly pointed out, knows little about the complexities of the situation.

R. Howell Cape Town, South Africa

Astonishment and gratefulness are the two emotions still lingering with me after reading the article "South Africa Revisited"... During the past decades South Africa has, almost without exception, been condemned as the "black sheep" of this world—mostly by countries without solutions for their own, even far worse internal problems.

During a recent visit to the United States I stood astonished seeing how distorted facts on South Africa are presented by foreign media and how powerful it can be in that form... During the five weeks abroad I saw more riots and "apartheid" in South Africa than I have come across all my life, living in the country.

Reon van Dyk Potchefstroom, South Africa



**TEXAS CELEBRATION**—Evangelist Burk McNair (right), pastor of the Big Sandy and Tyler, Tex., churches, shares a light moment with evangelist Roderick Meredith, deputy chancellor of the Big Sandy campus of Ambassador College, at a picnic June 19. The event marked the 35th anniversary of the church in Big Sandy (see article page one). [Photo by Mike Bedford]

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## PERSONAL

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hasted, and lighted off the ass, and fell before David on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and fell at his feet, and said, Upon me, my lord, upon me let this iniquity be: and let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak in thine audience, and hear the words of thine handmaid" (I Samuel 25:23).

Abigail displayed heartfelt respect in her efforts to encourage David not to sin by taking Nabal's punishment into his own hands. She was under no delusions about her husband's shortcomings. She recognized that he was a foolhardy scoundrel. Yet she was willing to do what needed to be done to save her husband's life and prevent the whole family from coming to ruin (I Samuel 25:23-31).

Was she disrespectful to her husband because she did not sit still while he caused himself and his family to be destroyed? Hardly. She was *responsible* and *faithful* even though Nabal was a fool and she had to act contrary to his desires.

Abigail waited for the right time to tell Nabal about what she had done. She knew it was sense-

less to tell him while he was drunk. She waited till he was sober and then didn't put it off. And God shows us how He felt about Nabal's actions by the fact that He killed Nabal (verse 38).

Wives are to be submissive to their husbands, and they are to obey them. But if obedience to one's husband means to break God's law, a wife is under no obligation to obey. She should strive to help her husband, but she should do so in a way that is pleasing to God. Like Abigail, she should not be a party to her husband's sin.

The same principle applies in a local congregation. A member cannot use Acts 5:29 as an *excuse* to disregard the teaching of his local pastor. We must all be submissive to and respectful of whatever kinds of government God has placed us under, whether in the Church, on the job, in the home or in the nation or community. But we must in *all due respect* and *without resentment* refuse to disobey God whether or not the government over us demands it.

Husbands and wives are to be "heirs together of the grace of life" (I Peter 3:7). Each should make a personal priority of fulfilling his or her role in the way God intends. The Christian hus-

band is told to love his own wife as himself (Ephesians 5:28). The Christian wife is told to "see that she respects her husband" (verse 33, New King James).

As I wrote in my last letter to you, many of us *need to change!* We need to *repent* of our selfishness, our greed, our self-centeredness, our impatience and our *negligence* about overcoming. We need to *get serious* about putting *EFFORT* into our relationship with our mates.

Some seem to have become *comfortable* with a carnal, ungodly way of life and just don't *care* any more about repairing and restoring their soured marriages.

Well, GOD *DOES CARE!*

If you are one whose marriage is filled with strife and tension, it's high time for you to go before God and *HONESTLY* look for the ways in which you are grieving His Spirit by refusing to allow His love to flow through you into your marriage.

Don't make the typical mistake of waiting for your mate to change first. God's way is for you to change. Jesus died for us while we were yet sinners because He *loved* us! We should follow His example by being the *first* to change, and to *stay changed*, whether or not our mates *ever* do!

God cares for us far more than we are humanly able to imagine. He can and will *heal* damaged relationships if we are willing to honestly repent and strive to live

## Best Feast Suggestions

Do you have a helpful hint or suggestion for making this year's Feast of Tabernacles the best ever? *The Worldwide News* wants your practical ideas and tips on any aspect of keeping the Feast (for example, dining out, family unity, service, note taking). Please send your comments to *The Worldwide News*, Box 111, Pasadena, Calif., 91129, by July 22.

His way. It *can* be done. It *has* been done, in many *thousands* of cases, by those called according to God's purpose who submit their lives to Him.

You can do it too.

Never become complacent with how strong your marriage is. There is always room for growth and improvement. And if we look to God with earnest desire to improve, He will *bless* our effort.

Let's grow closer to God, and remember that without Him we can do nothing; yet we can indeed do all things through Christ, who is our strength.

One final note: It has come to my attention that there is virtually no additional cost to include members in the mailing of the new co-worker publication, *News of the Work*. Therefore, beginning with the June member and co-worker letter, members will also receive *News of the Work* with their letter.

Copies of the first edition, which was mailed only to co-workers in the May letter, will be bulk shipped to church pas-

tors to hand out to heads of households at services.

I was pleased to find that this will not cause additional expense, because even though there is no "new" information in *News of the Work* that has not appeared in *The Worldwide News*, I think you will find it interesting to see what is being sent to co-workers.

In case you are wondering how we can send *News of the Work* to members at no extra cost, let me briefly explain. We found in mailing the first issue to co-workers only that we incurred a slight expense in the process of separating the mailing of the member and co-worker letter into two mailings—one with the new publication, and one without. Also, postage is exactly the same with or without *News of the Work* in the envelope.

Therefore, we found that the cost of separating the mailing basically offsets the cost of printing the additional copies.

Your pastor will receive the bulk shipment of the first issue soon. Thank you again for your prayers and love.

## Media

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member of Parliament, "who has written of his ideas of the resurfacing of the Holy Roman Empire—in a mystical sense—in a number of newspaper articles," Mr. Hogberg said.

Another interview, conducted by Mr. Hogberg, was with Michael Stewart, coauthor of *Apocalypse 2000—Economic Breakdown and The Suicide of Democracy 1989-2000*, which presents a scenario of the breakdown of Western economy leading to a possible dictatorship in Europe.

In Brussels, Belgium, Mr. Hogberg interviewed John Palmer, European editor of *The Guardian* and author of *Europe Without America? The Crisis in Atlantic Relations*, who describes European unification leading to dismissal of American interests and military presence in Europe.

In Vienna, Austria, Mr. Hogberg questioned Erhard Busek, deputy mayor of Vienna and coauthor of *Projekt Mitteleuropa*, on his book and Austria's position in Europe.

In Vienna the technical crew shot stock footage of the Hofburg (Imperial Palace of the House of Habsburg), including the *Schatzkammer* (treasure rooms), which feature the crown jewels of the Holy Roman and Austrian empires and other royal regalia.

The crew also taped other footage in and around Vienna, including the Danube valley from a hill west of the city, according to Mr. Omasta.

They taped the home where Sigmund Freud lived and did the bulk of his work and his psychoanalysis. "There is a small introductory segment in his waiting room, where he discussed with his contemporaries in the field all of his theories," Mr. Hulme said.

In West Berlin, West Germany, Wolfgang Thomsen, regional editor for the German *Plain Truth* (*Klar & Wahr*), conducted an interview with Peter Bender, an exponent of *Mitteleuropa* and author of *The Europeanization of Europe*.

"Dr. Bender hopes to 'end the East-West conflict through a knitting together of the middle,'" said Mr. Omasta.

The group returned to Pasadena June 3. Mr. Hogberg said they would not have accomplished so much without the help of several men in Europe who laid the groundwork for the interviews by making arrangements and handling other advance work.

These men included John Ross Schroeder, British *Plain Truth* regional editor, in England; Bernard Andrist and his son Patrick of the Church's Geneva Office; Mr. Thomsen in West Germany and Vienna; and Olivier Carion, pastor of the Strasbourg, Mulhouse and St. Avold, France, churches, in Brussels.



**MEETING WITH MITTELEUROPA EXPONENT**—Evangelist David Hulme (center), director of Communications & Public Affairs, and Gene Hogberg, *Plain Truth* world news editor (left), meet with Peter Bender, an advocate of a unified central Europe, in West Berlin, West Germany. [Photo by Color Press]

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**CULTIVATING LOVE**—Clockwise from top left: members perform in Santiago, Chile; group photo with families in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; greeting a child in Buenos Aires, Argentina; Mario Seigle (center), Santiago and Temuco, Chile, pastor, and Mr. Tkach converse with Edith Illesca, wife of Filidor Illesca, a local elder who died in 1986; Alberto Sousa, Salto, Uruguay, and Buenos Aires pastor, and Mr. Tkach greet brethren after Sabbath services; evening entertainment features Argentinean and Uruguayan folk music; Mr. Sousa and Mr. Tkach with Moises Bravo from Bahia Blanca, Argentina; and a five-foot Ambassador College seal made of Bolivian alpaca. [Photos by Michael Rasmussen, Carlos Torrealba and Alberto Travieso]



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTHS

BEYER, Mark and Tonya (Elmore), of Albany, Ga., boy, Kenneth Eugene, March 17, 3:35 p.m., 6 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BOSTON, Stephen and Elizabeth (McCracken), of Fort Worth, Tex., girl, Patricia Lorene, Jan. 14, 3:37 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 girls.

CURTIS, Jon and Barb (Lemmon), of Pasadena, boy, William Robert, May 25, 7:30 a.m., 9 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

GALLAGHER, Tony and Malika (Kebaili), of Strasburg, France, girl, Melissa Claire, May 28, 1:15 p.m., 2.9 kilograms, first child.

GRAVES, Terry and Lori (Hazel), of Tacoma, Wash., boy, Bryan Robert, April 27, 6:40 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

GRIGGS, David and Judy (Morris), of Pasadena, Calif., boy, David Arnold Nelson, Feb. 10, 7:32 a.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

GROENHOFF, Douglas and Clara (Wigen), of Watertown, S.D., boy, Jonathan Andrew, Feb. 29, 9 pounds 4 ounces, now 5 boys, 4 girls.

HEAD, Arland and Terry (Webb), of Fort Worth, Tex., boy, Trice Lorenzo, May 5, 7:11 a.m., 10 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

HEINZE, Wayne and Ann (Wainwright), of Buford, Ga., girl, Anna Lauren, May 7, 6:34 a.m., 6 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HERBERT, Jim and Marilyn (McMillan), of Edmonton, Alta., girl, Nicole Jennifer, April 22, 7 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HOPKINS, Duane and Teresa (Shew), of Metropolis, Ill., boy, Brandon Michael, March 8, 9 pounds 4 ounces, now 3 boys.

JOHNSON, Melvin and Geraldine (Simmons), of Washington, D.C., girl, Sherri Danielle, May 12, 1:55 p.m., 8 pounds 2½ ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

KORRELVINK, John and Marie (Spall), of Sydney, Australia, boy, James John, May 19, 9:34 p.m., 5 pounds 9½ ounces, first child.

LAMB, John and Nhora (Guevara), of Crofton, England, girl, Cristina Sofia, May 16, 8:55 a.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 girls.

LINTZ, David and Karen (Deilly), of Toledo, Ohio, girl, Jana Annette, May 18, 12:32 a.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, now 3 girls.

MARGO, Patrick and Mary Jane (Emerson), of Royal Palm Beach, Fla., girl, Rachel Jane, March 20, 4:40 a.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

NEARY, Ken and Lynda (Iwanow), of Brooklyn, N.Y., girl, Lauryn Danielle, March 5, 12:09 p.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

PIPPY, Rick and Linda (Hindmarsh), of Brandon, Man., boy, Richard Joseph Dickson, May 15, 7:52 a.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

PORTER, Bobby and Merry Lee (Stokes), of Nashville, Tenn., girl, Ashley Deanne, April 22, 1:33 p.m., 7 pounds 14½ ounces, first child.

RAMON, Rafael and Treva (Huddleston), of Sarasota, Fla., boy, Rafael IV, May 28, 2:40 p.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

RICHMOND, Wayne and Maryse (Papin), of Providence, R.I., boy, Benjamin Charles, March 14, 4:27 p.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

SHERRILL, Gary and Cynthia (Barlow), of Lafayette, Ind., girl, Rebecca Jane, May 2, 1:51 p.m., 6 pounds 9 ounces, now 3 girls.

SMITH, Michael and Addie (Diamond), of Roanoke, Va., boy, Michael Bradley, May 10, 1:30 a.m., 10 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SOI, Samuel and Ruth (Jepkorir), of Webu, Kenya, girl, Judy Japngotich, April 20, 7:45 a.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 5 girls.

THOMSON, Kenneth and Krissie (Jonas), of Pasadena, girl, Kirsten Nicole, May 7, 3:51 p.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

TORMO, Joaquin and Lea Carmen (Esquerro), of Pasig, Philippines, boy, Jeriel John, May 27, 8:45 a.m., 5 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys.

VARSSELL, Craig and Cindy (Schroeder), of Hartford, Conn., boy, Eric Robert, March 22, 3:45 p.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Roger Miles of Edmonds, Wash., and Beverly Meyer of Seattle, Wash., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Kerri Jean Miles to Jeffrey Scott Dowd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dowd of Hamilton, Ohio. An Aug. 21 wedding in Pasadena is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Schutz of Los Angeles, Calif., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Christina Anne to David G. Patterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Patterson of De Funiak Springs, Fla. An Oct. 30 wedding is planned.

Flossamae Bowleg and Kendrick Curling of the Nassau, Bahamas, church are pleased to announce their engagement. A July 17 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Dayrell Tanner of Brisbane, Australia, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Sally to Norman Crouch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Graham Crouch of Walgett, Australia. An August wedding is planned.

Lonnell Epps and Delia Whitehead of St. Louis, Mo., are happy to announce their engagement. A Sept. 10 wedding is planned.

Ruth Rachel Hofer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hofer of Regina, Sask., and Andrew Antonio Ferrara, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pasquale Ferrara of Calgary, Alta., are pleased to announce their engagement. A July wedding in Calgary is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Crosby of Seminary,

Miss., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Phyllis Aleta to Jeff Howell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Howell of Waynesboro, Tenn. An Aug. 14 wedding in Hattiesburg, Miss., is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Fraser of Brisbane, Australia, are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Leanne to G. Roger Brandon of Pasadena. An October wedding in Brisbane is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Orran Fricke of Grandview, Wash., would like to announce the engagement of their daughter Jeanette Marie to Michael E. Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mel Williams of Long Beach, Calif. A Sept. 5 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Brown of Sudbury, Ont., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Kimberley Dawn of Calgary, Alta., to Richard James Erickson of Kelowna, B.C., son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Erickson of Prince George, B.C. An August wedding is planned.

## WEDDINGS



**MR. AND MRS. GREGORY WHITE**

Sarena Reine Forte, daughter of Lynda Lee of Lake Worth, Fla., and Calvin J. Forte Jr. of Maryland, and Gregory Gene White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Macon M. White of Atlanta, Ga., were united in marriage March 20 in Summerville, S.C. The ceremony was performed by Robert Persky, pastor of the Charleston, S.C., and Savannah, Ga., churches. The bride's mother was matron of honor, and the groom's father was best man. The couple reside in Charleston.



**MR. AND MRS. A. AUERNHEIMER**

Audrey Adams Napier and Anthony Cris Auernheimer exchanged wedding vows Feb. 6 in Salina, Kan. The ceremony was performed by Glenn Doig, pastor of the Salina and Hays, Kan., churches. Penny Borgen was maid of honor, and Jerry Beans was best man.



**MR. AND MRS. JAMES CRAWFORD**

Cathy-lee van der Werf, daughter of Rudy and Janice van der Werf of Queensland, Australia, and James Raymond Crawford, son of Arthur and Hope Crawford of Caloundra, Australia, were united in marriage May 8. William Sidney, pastor of the Brisbane North and Caboolture, Australia, churches, performed the ceremony. Bridesmaids were Julie van der Werf, Penelope Casley and Joyce Higgs. The groom's attendants were Andrew Ricketts, Scott van der Werf and David Black.



**MR. AND MRS. ROBERT HASANEN**

Kimberly Tompsett and Robert Hasanen were united in marriage Aug. 16, 1987. The ceremony was performed by William Rabey, pastor of the Victoria and Courtenay, B.C., churches. Lucienne Michaud was matron of honor, and Don Goddrell Jr. was best man. The couple reside in Victoria.



**MR. AND MRS. EMMANUEL VINTA**

Antoinette G.-Gopez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roberto N. Gopez, and Emmanuel F. Vinta, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernesto L. Vinta of Malolos, Philippines, were united in marriage March 6 in Malolos. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, who pastors the Malolos church. Bernadette Gopez, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Ruben Samson was best man. The couple reside in Malolos.



**MR. AND MRS. DAVID HARDEN**

Lorrye L. Shamblin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Shamblin of Lubbock, Tex., and David E. Harden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Harden of Mountain Home, Idaho, were united in marriage April 9 in Seattle, Wash. The ceremony was performed by Walter Dickinson, pastor of the Seattle and Bellevue, Wash., churches. Greg and J'Non Daugherty were best man and matron of honor. The couple reside in Renton, Wash.



**MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM CARDEN**

Kathy Ann Chapman and William Arthur Carden, both of the Salt Lake City, Utah, church, were united in marriage April 17 in Salt Lake City. The ceremony was performed by Don Lawson, pastor of the Salt Lake City church. Neva Mai, sister-in-law of the bride, was matron of honor, and Guy Hess was best man. The couple reside in the Salt Lake area.



**MR. AND MRS. L. WILLIAMS**

Angela Mckoy, daughter of Gloria Forbes of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Lawrence Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Williams of Paterson, N.J., were united in marriage Sept. 6, 1987. The ceremony was performed by Earl Williams, pastor of the Brooklyn South, New York (Spanish) and Queens, N.Y., churches. Ruth West was maid of honor, and Roy Williams, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in Fords, N.J.



**MR. AND MRS. KENNETH REDMON**

Connie Jean Hillman and Kenneth Charles Redmon were united in marriage Aug. 23, 1987. The ceremony was performed by William Jacobs, pastor of the San Jose and Aptos, Calif., churches. Shelly Hillman, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Bill Henderson was best man. The couple reside in Fremont, Calif.



**MR. AND MRS. LEWIS McCANN**

Mrs. L.H. Holroyd of Milton Keynes, England, is happy to announce the marriage of her daughter Kathleen Mary to Lewis D. McCann, son of Alistair McCann of Bristol, England. The ceremony was performed May 15 by George Delap, pastor of the Borehamwood and Watford, England, churches. Camilla Holroyd was bridesmaid, and Nigel Shaw was best man. The couple reside in Radlett, England.



**MR. AND MRS. TIM HUDSON**

Michelle Quesinberry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Quesinberry of Floyd, Va., and Tim Hudson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hudson of Tyner, Ky., were united in marriage Sept. 20, 1987. Britton Taylor, pastor of the Roanoke, Va., church, performed the ceremony. Angela Quesinberry, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Lerman Hudson, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in Lexington, Ky. Tim is a 1987 Pasadena Ambassador College graduate.

## ANNIVERSARIES

Ralph and Eula Mae Jernigan of TyTy, Ga., celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Pentecost, May 22. They have been Church members since 1986. The Jernigans have two daughters, Tammy Luke and Kim Parker, and two granddaughters.

## ANNIVERSARIES MADE OF GOLD



**MR. AND MRS. EARL MORRISON**

Earl and Hetty Morrison, members who attend the Vancouver, Wash., church, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary May 1 with family members and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Morrison were baptized in 1966. They have one son, six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

## OBITUARIES

HENDERSON, Earley A., 84, of Rosenberg, Tex., died June 2 in an automobile accident. Mr. Henderson has been a Church member since 1985. Funeral services were conducted by Kenneth Giese, pastor of the Houston West and Victoria, Tex., churches.

CAMPBELL, Vernell Adlean, 56, of San Antonio, Tex., died April 22. She has been a Church member since 1970. Mrs. Campbell is survived by her husband of 37 years, Edward, also a Church member, and six children. Two of her children, Edward Jr. and Vanessa, are Church members, and two others, Linda and Charles, attend services. Funeral services were conducted by Gregory Sargent, pastor of the San Antonio East and West and Uvalde, Tex., churches.

SULLIVAN, Inez, 88, of Ventura, Calif., died April 11 after a long illness. She has been a Church member since 1961. Mrs. Sullivan is survived by her husband, Lawrence; a sister, Edna Scovill; a nephew, Jack McDonald; and a niece, Marilyn McDonald; all Church members. Funeral services were conducted by Carlton Smith, pastor of the Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo, Calif., churches.

JOHNSON, Harold E., 73, of Peterson, Iowa, died May 21 of cancer. He has been a Church member since 1971. Mr. Johnson is survived by one son, three daughters, 17 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, one brother and one sister. One daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Foreman, are Church members. Funeral services were conducted by Mark Mickelson, assistant pastor of the Lincoln and Omaha, Neb., and Sioux City, Iowa, churches.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

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BRYANT, Dona Lee, 60, of Vallejo, Calif., died May 16 after a lengthy illness. She has been a Church member since 1972. Mrs. Bryant is survived by her husband of 44 years, Charles, and one daughter, Dona-Bariece, both Church members. Funeral services were conducted by Arthur Docken, pastor of the Santa Rosa and Fairfield, Calif., churches.

VAN ZEE, Ella, 81, of Occidental, Calif., died May 5 from effects of a stroke a year earlier. She has been a Church member since 1982. Mrs. Van Zee is survived by a son, Kenneth; a daughter, Judy Hanson; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Mrs. Hanson and two grandchildren, Todd Hanson and Becki Elam, are Church members. Funeral services were conducted by Emery Dann, a local church elder in the Santa Rosa, Calif., church.

DUNN, Ethel M., 79, of Woodville, England, died May 18 of heart disease. She and her husband, Frank, who died in 1987, were baptized in 1958. Mrs. Dunn is survived by a son, John; four daughters, Sarah, Joan, Mary and Elizabeth; 15 grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. Funeral services were conducted by David Bedford, pastor of the Nottingham, Northampton and Sheffield, England, churches.

CARPENTER, Ethel M., 92, of Casper, Wyo., died May 23. She has been a Church member since 1977. Mrs. Carpenter is survived by two sons and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Thomas Tullis, pastor of the Casper and Buffalo, Wyo., and Billings, Mont., churches, conducted funeral services.

MATTHEW, Leona R., 80, of Casper, Wyo., died May 13 after a monthlong illness. She was baptized only two weeks before her death. Mrs. Matthew is survived by one son, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

CLEMENTE, Mercedes A., 42, of Sabah, Malaysia, died April 26 after a short bout with breast cancer. She has been a Church member since December, 1974. Mrs. Clemente is survived by her husband, Oscar, the first baptized member from Sabah; two children, David, 8, and Daphne, 5; and brothers and sisters; most of whom are Church members. Paul Kieffer, pastor of the Manila, Philippines, church, conducted funeral services.

ESPINOSA, Benjamin, 41, of Marikina, Philippines, died April 28 after a short illness with brain cancer. He has been a Church member since April, 1979. Mr. Espinosa is survived by his wife, Mercedes, and his children, Rowena, 18, Thelma, 16, and Victor, 12. Funeral services were conducted by Maxxiz Fabricante, a minister in the Marikina church.

CHADWICK, Philip, 50, of Honolulu, Hawaii, died Jan. 22 after a nine-month battle with cancer. He has been a Church member since 1969. Mr. Chadwick is survived by his wife, Janice, also a Church member; his father; four brothers; one sister, Irene Hall, a Church member; two sons, Mark and Daren; three stepdaughters; and five step-grandchildren.

RISK, William, 77, of Crofton, B.C., died May 8 of a heart attack. He has been a Church member since 1984. Mr. Risk is survived by

one son, Bryan, and two daughters, Barbara Goetz and Dorothy Cleary. Funeral services were conducted by William Rabey, pastor of the Victoria and Courtenay, B.C., churches.

SURETTE, Amanda, 91, of Victoria, B.C., died May 13. She has been a Church member since 1967. Mrs. Surette is survived by two sons, Paul and John, and two daughters, Delima Bailey and Helen Jewusiak. Funeral services were conducted by William Rabey, pastor of the Victoria and Courtenay, B.C., churches.



**DONY BELLE PACE**

PACE, Dony Belle, 66, of Odessa, Tex., died April 17 of a lengthy illness. She has been a Church member since 1966. Mrs. Pace is survived by a son, Harvey L.; two daughters, Bonnie Brooks and Francine Templeton, both Church members; a brother, Herbert Stone; two sisters, Maxine Wilson and Alta Hargis; and seven grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Alton Billingsley, pastor of the Midland, Tex., and Hobbs, N.M., churches.

REA, Libby Belle, 68, of Houston, Tex., died May 9 of a heart attack. She has been a Church member for 21 years. Funeral services were conducted by Kenneth Giese, pastor of the Houston West and Victoria, Tex., churches.

BREMER, Brian Keith, 20, of Danville, Ind., was killed April 25 when he was struck by a car. Mr. Bremer is survived by his parents, Glen and Linda Bremer, and grandparents Raleigh and Uva Whitt and Hannah Bremer, all of whom are Church members. He is also survived by a brother, Scott, and several uncles, aunts and cousins. Graveside services were conducted by Frank McCrady Jr., pastor of the Indianapolis and Columbus, Ind., churches.

MAXWELL, Bernadetta C. "Bernie," 72, of Bourbonnais, Ill., died May 31 after a year-long illness. She has been a Church member since 1979. Mrs. Maxwell is survived by one son, William; one daughter, Donna Malnar, a Church member; six grandchildren; and one brother. Funeral services were conducted by Ronald Laughland, pastor of the Hammond, Ind., church.

## Announcement Reminders

- Engagement announcements and obituaries require a ministerial signature.
- Announcements must be submitted within six months. The only exceptions are wedding announcements, which must be submitted within a year.
- In obituaries please include the age at the time of death.
- On the "Birth Announcement" form, "Number of children you have" should include the newborn. Under "Time of day," put the time of birth and mark a.m. or p.m.
- Photos will be returned if you include a self-addressed stamped envelope.
- Photos may be color or black and white.
- We no longer publish personal anniversary announcements.

# Mr. Tkach

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June 12 the group toured area sites and bade farewell to Argentina the next day. Mr. Sousa accompanied Mr. Tkach and the traveling party in the G-III to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

## Brazil

Brazil, the world's fifth largest country and composed of 137.5 million people, boasts the largest tropical rain forest on earth—in the Amazon River Basin. Winding almost 4,000 miles, the Amazon carries more water than any other river on earth.

Portuguese is the official language, and more than 90 percent of Brazilians are Roman Catholic. More Catholics live in Brazil than in any other country.

After landing, Mr. Tkach was host to a dinner in the Rio Palace Hotel for the 12 members and their families from Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Mr. Tkach answered questions and briefed brethren on the purpose of his visit to Brazil, "pointing out the need to create peace, harmony and well-being among members," said Mr. Sousa.

The Brazilian members presented the pastor general with a toucan bird made from semiprecious stones.

"The brethren in Rio de Janeiro expressed their surprise that Mr. Tkach would take the time to visit them, as they are so few in number," said Mr. Walker.

Except for visits by Mr. Sousa

four or five times a year, the brethren listen to tapes in members' homes on the Sabbath.

"Mr. Tkach made us feel close together," said Herbert Schmid, the lone member from Sao Paulo. "He speaks with clarity, conviction and enthusiasm and creates confidence and unity."

After touring the city the next morning, June 13, the group left for San Juan, Puerto Rico.

## Puerto Rico

Arriving seven hours later, Mr. Tkach was greeted by evangelist Stan Bass, Caribbean regional director, his wife, Millicent, Pablo Gonzalez, San Juan pastor, and his wife, Aurea.

Puerto Rico, a U.S. possession since 1898, approximates the combined area of Delaware and Rhode Island. Three fourths of the island is mountainous, leaving little land for cultivation.

Eduardo Hernandez, pastor of the Bogota, Colombia, church, flew to Puerto Rico to greet Mr. Tkach on behalf of members in Colombia. Mr. Walker said a visit to Colombia had to be canceled, because of the tense political situation.

Mr. Hernandez presented Mr. Tkach with a cuff link and tie-bar set in 18-carat gold with an emerald in each piece.

After spending the night in San Juan June 13, the pastor general and his party boarded the G-III for home, touching down in Burbank eight hours later.

In addition to Mr. and Mrs. Walker and the television crew, Mr. Tkach was accompanied on the trip

by his assistant Joseph Locke, administrative assistant Ellen Escat, secretary Esther Apperson and executive office aide Michael Rasmussen.

Serving as Mr. Tkach's Gulfstream III crew were Captain Ken Hopke, co-captain Lawrence Dietrich and steward Jay Brothers.

Mr. Walker said: "I think Mr. Tkach and his party were most impressed with seeing how European the cities of Santiago and Buenos Aires are.

"The architecture, streets and people of the area are very much different from the concepts that most Americans have about this part of the world."

# Big Sandy

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Hammer commented to the congregation: "I thank you very much . . . but I think I should be giving you something, because the privilege has been all mine."

"It has been a great privilege," Mr. Hammer continued, "to through the years see the development of the campus here."

Mr. Hammer said: "In the early days, volunteers were so plentiful . . . I remember one person, Dr. [Wilmer] Parrish. You know I thought that was quite unusual for

him being down there in the bottom of that lake clearing with an ax and so forth. He's a doctor, but that's the kind of man he is.

"So, thanks to all of you. Thanks for all the help you've been through the years. Thank you that I could have a part of it."

The first Passover in the area was conducted at the Gladewater, Tex., home of Mr. Hammer's parents, Roy and Pearl Hammer, in 1951 for 89 members.

Honored for being members in Big Sandy for 35 years were Pearl Hammer, Jean Hammer, wife of Buck Hammer, Dorothy Williams, Minnie Humphreys and Pearl McCollum.

# Doctor in India holds to truth despite distress

By Thomas C. Hanson

LONAULI, India—From 1962, when she returned to India from England, until 1973, Dossibai S. Ali, a member in Hyderabad, India, did not see another Church member.

For 11 years she lived and practiced God's way alone. It was not until the first Feast of Tabernacles in India was conducted in Kodaikanal in 1973 that she met Spaulding and Cecilia Kulasingam of Bombay, India, who were baptized in 1966.

Dr. Ali was born March 31, 1928. Her father was a member of the

Zoroastrian religion, a Persian religion founded in the sixth century B.C. by Zoroaster.

One of her great-grandmothers was Dutch of Jewish ancestry. She kept the Sabbath and knew the truth of the modern day descendants of Israel and the throne of David.

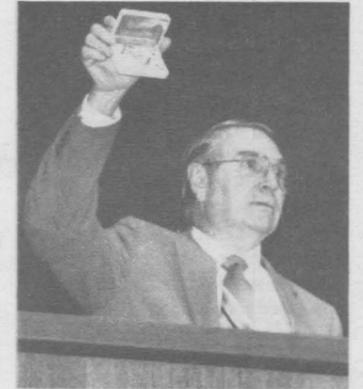
Her grandmother taught some of this to Dr. Ali. "This struck me when I was listening to Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong," Dr. Ali said.

Because her grandmother taught her from the Bible, Dr. Ali did not believe Zoroasterism. She attended an Australian Anglican church school in India and learned the Bible there.

She went to college at Isabella Thoburn College in Lucknow, India, for her undergraduate studies in intermediate science. She then went on to five years of medical school.

Dr. Ali was baptized Aug. 1, 1960, at Stockton-on-Tees, England, by evangelist Raymond McNair, then director of the Work in Britain and Europe. He was assisted by Robin Jones, now pastor of the Reading, Godalming and Southampton, England, churches.

Her three daughters cried when Mr. McNair baptized her, fearing



BUCK HAMMER

Weekend activities included a Sabbath morning kaffeeeklatsch and an all-day picnic Sunday at Lake Loma. About 1,000 were served a meal of hamburgers, lemonade and tea.

## Big Sandy history

The first building, the Redwood Building, was constructed in 1953. About 650 assembled for the eight-day Feast, even though there had not been enough time to install windows or the end walls.

The Redwood Building now houses the Roy Hammer Library.

In the fall of 1964 Big Sandy Ambassador College opened with 100 students. Leroy Neff, now Church treasurer, was acting deputy chancellor. The faculty included evangelist Ronald Kelly, a senior writer for *The Plain Truth*, Kermit Nelson, who coordinates Youth Opportunities United in Church Administration, and Lynn Torrance, Big Sandy registrar.

In January, 1965, evangelist Leslie McCullough was named deputy chancellor. He served in that post until 1973. Construction of the dormitories began in 1965. That year seven students graduated at the college's first commencement.

The first *Worldwide News* was published on the Big Sandy campus April 1, 1973. The paper was produced in Big Sandy until the summer of 1977, when it was moved to Pasadena after the close of the college in Big Sandy.

Evangelist Ronald Kelly was named executive vice president of the Big Sandy campus in 1976.

After the 1977 school year the Big Sandy campus closed. Youth Opportunities United (YOU) national basketball finals took place in Big Sandy in 1978.

In 1979, the only time in the 35-year history, a regular Feast of Tabernacles did not take place in Big Sandy.

The Big Sandy campus reopened in 1981 as a two-year junior college. Leon Walker was deputy chancellor, Donald Ward was dean of faculty and Ronald Kelly was dean of students.

In 1982 Mr. McCullough was again made deputy chancellor. He served in that position until 1986, when evangelist Roderick Meredith was named to the position.

In 1984 the Church's Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS lines) expanded as phone lines were set up in Big Sandy.

"It's a real pleasure," Mr. Feazell said, "to be able to see that kind of commitment and dedication from all these individuals over all these years."

# ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH



ZIMBABWE OUTING—Singles prepare lunch, fish and take boat rides on Lake McIlwaine during a camp-out May 1 and 2. [Photos by Miriam Ranjisi, Upenyu Dzingirayi and Napoleon Mutatiwa]

# Singles in Zimbabwe camp, fish, go boating

Forty-one singles from Zimbabwe set out May 1 for a camp site 35 kilometers (about 20 miles) from Harare. Some came from as far as

430 kilometers (about 265 miles). They were accompanied by Lazarus Chimba, a local church elder, and his wife, Majory.

Mr. Chimba opened the camp-out. He encouraged the group to keep the spirit of unity at the camp. The motto was "Keep smiling, we are many members but we are one" (I Corinthians 12:25-27).

The campers were divided into four groups and participated in volleyball and softball. They stopped for a lunch of *sadza* (a cornmeal dish), stewed beef, soup and vegetables.

Aldrin Mandimika, assistant pastor, and his family joined the group for a sing-along that took place that evening around a fire.

William Bentley, pastor of the Harare and Chegutu, Zimbabwe, and Lusaka, Zambia, churches, and his family arrived Monday morning, May 2. Mr. Bentley gave a lecture on dating, hygiene and telephone manners.

A late brunch was served, and singles took boat rides and fished on Lake McIlwaine before heading home. *Napoleon Mutatiwa* and *Angeline Chichaya*.

# Widows are guests at tea

Atlanta, Ga., church youths sponsored a widows tea April 17 at the Fernbank Science Center in Atlanta. After the tea the group walked through the nature trail and museum at Fernbank.

The activity ended with a presentation in the Fernbank Planetarium called "Celestial Clockwork," which investigated the relationship between man's measurement of time and the natural movement of the universe. The presentation included when constellations can be seen and how they relate to each season. *Rebecca Laughlin*.

# Churches mark 25th year

Celebrating 25 years of growth, the Boise, Idaho, and Baker and Ontario, Ore., churches met on Pentecost, May 22, in Nyssa, Ore.

The Boise church had its first meeting June 8, 1963, with 35 people in attendance. The church then

served members now attending in Baker and Ontario.

A table displayed photos of church activities and families throughout the history of the church. A covered-dish lunch took place between services. Members who were at the first service were photographed, and Mary Smith, 90, one of the original Boise members, was honored with a dozen red roses.

Lawson Tuck, pastor of the three churches, read greetings from Frederick and Lucretia Kellers, Rand and Gloria Millich, Jeffery and Judy McGowan, Ronald and Diane Sower and Mark and Michelle Mickelson, ministers and their wives who have served in the area. *Susan J. Whitlark*.

# 111 attend first service

Sabbath services in Carrollton, Ga., took place for the first time June 4. One hundred eleven attended.

David Rothwell, a ministerial trainee in the Atlanta, Ga., East and West churches, gave the sermonette. Kenneth Martin, pastor of the

Carrollton and Atlanta East and West churches, gave the sermon.

It was a "fine beginning in an excellent atmosphere," Mr. Martin said. "I am joyful that God has placed His name here."

Hors d'oeuvres were served after services. *Paul Kemp*.



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that he was trying to drown her. After the baptism, Mr. McNair conducted the blessing of the little children ceremony.

Two of Dr. Ali's daughters are Church members: Arjumand, 31, who received her Ph.D. in mathematics at Osmania University in Hyderabad in November; and Nargis, 30, who has a masters degree in South Indian history. Both were baptized in 1984 by Mohan Jayasekera, pastor of the Colombo, Sri Lanka, church.

The oldest daughter, Roshan Weir, 33, lives in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Dr. Ali and her husband, now deceased, moved from India to England in 1959 for postgraduate studies. It was there that she came into contact with God's Church, first hearing the *World* (See INDIAN DOCTOR, page 8)

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

# UPDATE

PASADENA—Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach** opened a regional directors conference June 22. Evangelist **Larry Salyer**, associate director of Church Administration for international areas, discussed international strategic planning.

The regional directors were scheduled to attend private workshops June 23 to 28.

Coverage of the conference will appear in the July 11 issue of *The Worldwide News*.

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PASADENA—The postal center mailed 3,451,370 copies of the spring semiannual letter in five weeks. This is the largest mailing the postal center has made.

The letter offers the booklet, *How to Have a Happy Marriage*. The last semiannual letter generated more than 655,000 responses.

"During the 1950s and '60s, virtually everyone at headquarters was keenly aware of the semiannual-letter mailings," said Bernard Schnipert, director of Media Production Services (MPS).

"Large work parties of volunteers often helped mail these letters or helped process responses," he said. "Because of their involvement and subsequent awareness, many volunteers prayed about the success of these letters. God undoubtedly heard these prayers and blessed the results."

To mail this letter postal employees used 200,000 rubber bands and 8,000 mail bags to bundle and sort the letters, 40 gallons of glue to fasten the labels and 2½ quarts of red ink for the postmarks.

The job took 2,000 man-hours, and the staff operated inserting machines 16 hours a day. A dozen temporary employees helped the postal center keep up with regular mailings.

As of June 21 the Mail Processing Center received 342,990 responses.

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PASADENA—**John Prohs**, manager of Technical Operations & Engineering, was made a fellow of the Audio Engineering Society (AES) in recognition for "outstanding contributions in the field of computer-aided sound system design." Mr. Prohs received the honor in March at the 1988 International AES convention in Paris, France.

Mr. Prohs gave a presentation on a sound system design program May 6 at the International AES Sound Reinforcement Conference in Nashville, Tenn.

The software program was developed by Mr. Prohs and **David Harris**, a Church member. It was enhanced by Ambassador College student employee **Garrett Herschleb**. This program, used by sound system designers around the world, was featured in the April issue of *Sound & Communications* magazine.

The updated program is available to those in the audio engineering field who donate more than a fixed amount to the **Richard Heyser** Scholarship Loan Fund, set up to provide money to individuals pursuing graduate studies in audio engineering.

"Heyser freely shared his technical expertise with the college, so I think it is great that the college can help the fund in this way," said Mr. Prohs.

Mr. Prohs and **John Wise**, an employee of Technical Operations & Engineering, traveled to Reno, Nev., to demonstrate the program May 18 to 20 at the National Sound and Contractors Association Expo 88.

The program was developed to improve the sound at Feast sites. A Virginia firm is using the program to update the sound system at Scope Arena in Norfolk, Va., where Festival services will take place.

"Such a situation is ideal," said Mr. Prohs. "We prefer others design and install the systems... this frees us to spend more time on other projects for the Work."

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PASADENA—Church Administration released the following ordinations:

**Jim Franks**, pastor of the Houston, Tex., North church; **Kenneth Giese**, pastor of the Houston West and Victoria, Tex., churches; and **David Johnson**, pastor of the Houston East church; were raised in rank to pastor March 19.

**James Henderson**, associate pastor of the Watford, England, church, was raised in rank to preaching elder on the Sabbath, March 19.

**John Knaack**, associate pastor of the Davenport, Iowa City, Waterloo and Mason City, Iowa, churches, **Stanley De Veaux**, associate pastor of the Long Beach, Calif., East and West churches, and **Warren Waian**, associate pastor of the Garden Grove, Calif., church, were ordained preaching elders on Pentecost, May 22.

**Larry Dinger**, a deacon in the Escondido, Calif., church, and **Robert Gardenhire**, a deacon in the San Diego, Calif., church, were ordained local church elders on the Sabbath, May 21.

**Gary Flesner**, a deacon in the Denver, Colo., North church; **George Harper**, a deacon in the Santa Fe, N.M., church; **Kenneth Harper**, a deacon in the Edmonton,

Alta., North church; **Jeffrey Tymkovich**, a deacon in the Chicago, Ill., Northwest church; **Wilson Wiedenheft**, a deacon in the Chicago, Ill., Northwest church; and **Larry Williams**, a deacon in the Marion, N.C., church; were ordained local church elders on Pentecost, May 22.

**Daniel Zachariah**, a ministerial trainee in the Los Angeles, Calif., church, was ordained a local elder on Pentecost, May 22.

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BOREHAMWOOD, England—Evangelist **Frank Brown**, regional director for the Church in

the United Kingdom, Middle East, Scandinavia and East and West Africa, presented **John Ross Schroeder**, British *Plain Truth* regional editor, with a plaque and watch June 1 for his 25 years of service to the Church.

Mr. Schroeder began working for the Church in 1963 as assistant supervisor of mail reading in Pasadena. In 1968 he became editor of reprint articles, and in 1969, copy editor of *Tomorrow's World* magazine.

He became assistant booklet editor and then served on the *Good News* editorial staff before moving to England in 1978.

## Indian doctor

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*Tomorrow* broadcast on Radio Luxembourg. Her husband, a Muslim, was hostile to her coming into the Church.

After returning to India in 1962, she was unable to work there because of her duties raising the children and problems with keeping the Sabbath. They remained married until 1965.

Mr. Ali told her to become a Muslim, took away her Bible and destroyed all of her literature except for some she had hidden in a trunk. He beat her severely. Once he tried to destroy her medical certificates so she couldn't practice medicine, but he couldn't open the trunk they were in.

She felt her life was in danger, and didn't know where to go, so she went to a hostel, where she lived for one year. Fearing for her safety she took several women from the hostel with her when she visited her daughters.

Divorce proceedings began in Hyderabad, and the court offered her custody of the children if she brought them up as Muslims. She refused, and the children were sent to their father. None of her relatives stood with her at the trial.

Growing up, the children refused to be taught from Muslim books.

While he was alive the daughters lived at their father's house, but spent their days with their mother.

After the divorce Dr. Ali began work as a medical officer in Orissa, Madhya Pradesh and Goa. She always got her Sabbaths off but was threatened many times with disciplinary action for keeping the Feast.

One Sabbath the under secretary was scheduled to visit, and Dr. Ali said she couldn't come. The under secretary and other officials should have arrived by train Saturday morning, but they were delayed at a remote train station until the Sabbath was over. When they arrived on Sunday she was there for the inspection.

Dr. Ali and her two daughters attend services when the resident minister in Bombay visits.

"We are very grateful for God's calling and for all the inspiration and comfort we are getting through all the literature God supplies through His Church," Dr. Ali said. "We deeply appreciate all Mr. [Joseph W.] Tkach's 'Personals' and his letters to the co-workers and brethren."



## FROM OUR SCATTERED BRETHREN

"That also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad." (John 11:52)

PASADENA—The small group of members living in Israel, principally around Jerusalem, will almost disappear by mid-August, according to Ray Clore, a local church elder who worked in the U.S. Consulate in Jerusalem until June.

Job transfers, economic difficulties and changing travel plans account for the moves.

After mid-August there will be only one member living in Israel. Her name is Angela Marin, an 84-year-old Spanish-speaking widow who lives with her family on Kibbutz Bahan, near Netanya, Israel.

"The current Palestinian uprising, or *intefada*, is now into its seventh month," Mr. Clore told *The Worldwide News* June 16. "Violent incidents still occur regularly in all parts of the occupied territories (East Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza Strip), but less frequently."

Mr. Clore and his wife, Rhonda, encountered a roadblock by Palestinian youths June 1.

"We were driving from Jerusalem to our home in the West Bank village of Beit Jalla, when we happened upon a group of young men, faces covered with red kaffiyehs [headaddresses], hastily throwing large stones onto the road at about 9 p.m.

"They stood up in the glare of our headlights with smaller stones in their hands and debated whether or not to throw them at us," he said. "I immediately put the car into reverse and backed away as quickly as possible."

"In the end they did not throw the stones, and we made it home by taking another route."

Mr. Clore said that the unrest will probably continue at about the same level until the November elections in Israel and the United States, "or until an egregious outrage is perpetrated by one side or the other."

### Asian conference

A conference tailored to the Asian ministry was conducted in Bombay, India, April 4 to 6, reported Robert Fahey, Australian and Asian regional director.

In previous years the Asian ministry attended the national ministerial conference in Australia. "I wanted to conduct a conference to deal with aspects of the Work in Asia only," the regional director explained.

Mr. Fahey said he hopes to conduct an Asian conference every second year and bring the Asian ministers to Australia the other year.

Topics covered included a pre-

view of 1989, who should be attending Church, computers and objective-based budgets, mailing and publishing. The group watched a slide show and video presentation of the Work in Asia.

In attendance were Yong Chin Gee, pastor of the Johore Bahru and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, churches, and his wife, Yuet Siam; Mohan Jayasekera, Colombo, Sri Lanka, pastor, and his wife, Nihara; Bharat Naker, from Bombay, and his wife, Urvashi; Manuel Fernandes, a deacon and Bombay Office employee, and his wife, Maureen; Low Mong Chai, a deacon who oversees the Church's mailing operation in Malaysia, and his wife, Susan; Sio Oui Shia, a ministerial trainee in Malaysia who was subsequently transferred to Pasadena; and David Baker, director of the Waterfield Institute, an Ambassador Foundation project in Sri Lanka, and his wife, Dorrie; and personnel from the Australian Regional Office.

### Lectures in Scotland

The first of a series of *Plain Truth* lectures introducing *The World Tomorrow* was conducted April 17 in Glasgow, Scotland, by Colin Wilkins, pastor of the Glasgow, Edinburgh, Aberdeen and Irvine, Scotland, churches.

Mr. Wilkins welcomed 244 new people at the Central Hotel and introduced the telecast titled "The Book of Revelation Unveiled at Last," presented by evangelist David Hulme.

The first night audience of the two-weekend series represented a 10 percent response to the invitation to view *The World Tomorrow*.

Invitations to the telecasts were sent to *Plain Truth* readers of two years or more, *Good News* sub-

PASADENA—*La Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*) lectures took place in Guatemala City, Guatemala, June 11 and 12, and 512 new people attended, according to the Spanish Department.

This number, an 18 percent response, attended although the area had experienced earthquakes of varying magnitudes for several weeks, and the invitation letter was delayed in the mail 2½ weeks.

On the day of the first lecture, the hotel changed the meeting room two times and the 407 people who attended found themselves in an "obscure" room with seating for only 300 and no air conditioning, reported **Herbert Cisneros**, pastor of the San Salvador, El Salvador, and Guatemala City church, who conducted the lectures.

Mr. Cisneros abbreviated his presentation to 40 minutes because of the heat, but the group stayed another hour to ask questions.

Two hundred returned June 12 for the second lecture in spite of torrential rains, Mr. Cisneros said. They were joined by 105 additional people.

Sixty percent of those attending have become *Plain Truth* subscribers in the last two years, Mr. Cisneros said.

He plans to conduct follow-up Bible studies every two weeks for the next three to four months.

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PASADENA—The *Plain Truth* magazine ranked ninth in number of subscriptions among U.S. magazines in the second half of 1987, according to Media Production Services.

*Modern Maturity*, *Reader's Digest* and *National Geographic* held the top three positions.

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PASADENA—The Festival Office announced that the Feast at Victoria Falls in Livingstone, Zambia, is open for 50 international transfers.

Those interested should apply to the Festival Office, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

scribers and Correspondence Course students.

The second weekend 173 new people came to see "Why Does God Allow Suffering?," presented by evangelist Richard Ames.

Mr. Wilkins invited the audience to attend a series of Bible studies in the following weeks.

Similar showings of the telecast were scheduled for Edinburgh, Scotland, June 5 and 12; Croydon, England, June 9 and 15; and Dublin, Ireland, June 19 and 20.

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