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Teamwork is vital for PT cover ideas

PASADENA—First impressions are important. That's why the staff in Editorial Services "is so meticulous when developing ideas for headlines and cover designs on magazines, booklets and brochures," said Bernard Schnippert, director of Media Operations.

"The procedures used by the Editorial Department are good examples of the type of teamwork Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach has been encouraging at headquarters," Mr. Schnippert said.

Before writing article headlines, the staff compiles a list of headlines and titles used in previous Church publications.

A researcher looks into *Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature* to see what headlines other magazines and periodicals have used.

This step helps avoid duplication, ensures that the headlines are original and may also stimulate other ideas, according to Dexter Faulkner, *Plain Truth* executive editor.

Stimulating ideas

Next, the text of booklets or articles scheduled for publication is posted in Editorial. Anyone working in the department may suggest a headline, regardless of his or her principal responsibilities.

The last step in developing headlines is a meeting of key staff members, who discuss the suggestions.

After selecting the best headlines, the staff discusses graphic possibilities and establishes a general approach to the magazine or booklet cover.

Then a researcher examines approaches other publications have used to illustrate the same subject. This background material, like the research into headlines and titles used by other periodicals, helps ensure original choices.

The graphics staff then comes up with many ideas before the cover brainstorm session, the key to selecting the right cover, said Mr. Faulkner.

No idea is wrong

To generate as many ideas as possible, staff members go to the meeting with the attitude that no idea is wrong or silly. They do not criticize or dismiss any idea.

Evaluation is the next step in the process. This is the stage when staff members critique ideas proposed at the brainstorming session.

Once the best ideas have been chosen, an artist, usually Matthew

Faulkner, develops cover layouts on a graphics computer screen.

When he has completed the work, the editors examine the layouts. They discard weaker designs and suggest improvements for better ones, Mr. Wolverton explained.

After receiving input from the editors, the artist returns to the computer to produce the final cover layouts and produces a videotape and color printouts of the cover alternatives.

Once these layouts are ready, Editorial presents them to Mr. Tkach and key executives in the Work. Mr. Tkach reviews the covers and makes the final selection.



COVER MEETING—*Plain Truth* graphic artists show potential covers to Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach and Church executives who advise Mr. Tkach on cover selection. [Photo by Warren Watson]

Church announces spring ordinations

PASADENA—Church Administration announced the following ordinations.

James Turner, pastor of the Anchorage, Fairbanks, Palmer and Soldotna, Alaska, churches, was raised in rank to pastor on the last day of Unleavened Bread, April 26.

Preaching elders

Paul Troike, associate pastor of the Banning and San Bernardino, Calif., churches, was raised in rank to preaching elder, March 18.

Randy Duke, a faculty member at Big Sandy Ambassador College, was raised in rank to preaching elder on the Sabbath, April 8.

Oleh Kubik, assistant pastor of

the Hammond, Ind., church, was raised in rank to preaching elder on the first day of Unleavened Bread, April 20.

Gene Hogberg, *Plain Truth* world news editor, was ordained a preaching elder April 22.

Donald Henson Jr., assistant pastor of the Albany and Salem, Ore., churches; and John Orchard, assistant pastor of the Minneapolis North, St. Cloud and Brainerd, Minn., churches; were raised in rank to preaching elder April 26.

Local elders

Melton McNeely of Big Sandy was ordained a local elder April 8.

Sio Oui Shia, a ministerial

trainee in the Pasadena Imperial P.M., church, was ordained a local elder April 20.

Richard Burky and Gerald Seelig of the Pasadena Auditorium A.M. church; and Glenn Nice, a deacon in the Auditorium P.M., church; were ordained local elders, April 22.

Daniel Bosch, a ministerial trainee in Milan, Italy; and Jonathan McNair, a ministerial trainee in Knoxville, Tenn.; were ordained local elders April 26. Mr. McNair will transfer to Thailand to serve as director for the Ambassador Foundation projects there.

Local church elders

William Hedge of the Mena,

Ark., church, was ordained a local church elder on the Sabbath, March 11.

David Crabtree, a deacon in the Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, church, was ordained a local church elder March 18.

George Sprague, a deacon in the San Juan, Puerto Rico, church, was ordained a local church elder March 28.

David Stairs, a deacon in the Belle Vernon, Pa., church, was ordained a local church elder April 8.

Jackie Pfiester, a deacon in the Fort Wayne, Ind., church, and Willy Frostl, a deacon in the Salzburg, Austria, church, were ordained local church elders on the Sabbath, April 15.

Ordained local church elders April 20 were Daniel Dawson of the Front Royal, Va., church; Borden English of the Regina, Sask., church; George Gailey, a deacon in the Norfolk, Va., church; Vance Gilles Sr., a deacon in the Hobbs, N.M., church.

Kenneth Graham II of the Las Cruces, N.M., church; James Laughlin, a deacon in the Atlanta, Ga., East church; John Lowery, a deacon in the Amarillo, Tex., church; Allyn Lyon, a deacon in the Bonnyville, Alta., church.

Stanley Martin of the Nashville, Tenn., church; Galen Morrison, a deacon in the Rockford, Ill., church; Ronald Poole, a deacon in the Greenville, S.C., church; Floyd Satterwhite, a deacon in the Richmond, Va., church.

Vern Searls, a deacon in the St. Louis, Mo., North church; Harry Travis, a deacon in the Madison, Wis., church; Gary Wrenn, a deacon in the Greenville, S.C., church; and Mark Williams, a deacon in the Asheville, N.C., church.

Ordained local church elders April 22 were Bernard Schnippert and Charles Yeager Sr., deacons in the Beaver Valley, Pa., church.

Ordained local church elders April 26 were David Branecky and Lee Evans, deacons in the Oklahoma City, Okla., church; Stuart Powell, a deacon in the Enid, Okla., church; and Billy Thompson, a deacon in the Jonesboro, Ark., church.

New hires

The following men have been (See ORDINATIONS, page 5)

PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear Brethren,

I wonder if you have ever heard the idea that goes like this: "If a wife is having spiritual problems, this is because her husband is not leading her properly."

This wrong concept of government in the home has a corollary. It could be stated this way: "Wives have to go through their husbands to get to Christ."

If these concepts were true, then the poor woman who has a fool for a husband, like Abigail, for example (I Samuel 25), would be cut off from God.

She would either be prevented from growing spiritually because of her husband's lack of positive leadership, or she could simply blame her lack of spiritual growth on her negligent husband.

But God does not place anyone's spiritual development at the mercy of another human being's leadership or lack of it.

If a good example of leadership by the husband is present, that is good. But a poor example serves as no excuse for a Chris-

tian to live a selfish, carnal life.

Each person stands or falls before God on his or her own, not on the basis of someone else's relationship with God.

Some have said, "Eve sinned because Adam wasn't leading her properly." A woman is perfectly capable of sinning on her own, regardless of what her husband does or does not do.

Her spiritual condition is not

Authority must be used as God uses it—in love, for the good of all. Human authority, though, can be mistaken by the humans using it as equal to God's authority. It is not.

dependent on her husband any more than his is dependent on his wife—though either may make life in general easier or harder for the other. And of course, the good example of either can have a richly positive effect on the other.

Loving leadership

Paul said the wife is to submit to her husband and is to be sub-

ject to him (Ephesians 5:22-24). This is a matter of administration in the home. It is not a matter of human worth, importance, intelligence or maturity and it is certainly not to be a master-slave relationship.

It does not denote superiority or any *inherent* masculine right to give orders or commands, or to force one's will on the other.

Does Jesus force His will on His Church? Does He dish out self-indulgent orders and commands? Does He berate, belittle or put down His Church? He gives one command—to love. The same command He gives

husbands through Paul—"Love your wives" (verses 25-30). Does love push another around? Is love selfish? Does it demand its "rights" without regard for others?

Proper perspective

Some have a completely wrong perspective of what leadership is all about. Jesus, the (See PERSONAL, page 7)

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Just between friends

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Lessons from Jordan

My wife, Shirley, and I just returned from a trip to the Middle East, where we visited the Ambassador Foundation projects in Jordan and spent time with the 11 Ambassador College students serving there.

These students, working under project director Cliff Parks and his wife, Cheryl, are giving a year of their lives and so much more to teach physically and mentally disabled children and young adults. They are sojourners in a foreign land.

I asked them to share with us some of the lessons they have learned during their stay.

Overall, three themes emerged: (1) Serving others in deed and by example requires hard work and patience, but ultimately it is a rewarding experience, (2) Working together in close quarters demands unity among the students and (3) Character and blessings cannot be measured by perfect physical condition and material wealth.

These are lessons all of us should be learning, of course. But, immersed in an atmosphere of intensive training, these students on Ambassador Foundation projects experience these things firsthand. Read on for the valuable insight they have gained from their work with the disabled.

No respecters of persons

"It's one thing to say you're not a respecter of persons and then to live by what you've said when a men-

tally handicapped acquaintance behaves socially out of cue... in full view of the public or, worse still, your friends," said Hans Pedersen of Moe, Australia.

David Covington of Cottontown, Tenn., said: "Crippled, deformed children created uneasiness. Time passed. Disabilities faded. New friends appeared—real people needing our love."

"To love all humanity," added Kathy Brown of Anchorage, Alaska, "you have to feel when others suffer, you have to understand why they suffer and to think about how to end all the suffering. Love wasn't meant to be spent on a few people called in this age... We are part of the plan, but emphasis is on the salvation of all mankind—not just us."

Several students expressed the frustration of teaching skills again and again without any evidence of progress.

Could this be the same frustration that God sometimes experiences with us on a spiritual level? (I

Corinthians 3:3).

"Seven months of seemingly worthless effort exerted in stretching and training uncontrollable hands," said Laura Hirschler of Aurora, Mo. "Today it all became worthwhile when Tareq pushed his own wheelchair for the first time in his life, exclaiming, 'I can drive by myself!'"

Building unity

"The biggest lesson I've learned in Jordan is sacrifice," said Todd Snyder of Rochester, Minn. "Unity is required for success here. That means binding together, giving your personal time to others."

Said Christine Kress of Dubuque, Iowa: "Our example we set individually in our daily lives... silently screams from the rooftops. You can [in] no way hide what you are—your actions give you away. This, of course, applies to our actions in the community, but I am now speaking primarily of how we interact with each other as Christians within our small group."

Greg Long of Orangeburg, N.Y., summed this up succinctly: "I have stood before the mirror and then forgotten what I was like (James 1:23-24). Now I am forced to face that mirror until I learn to love my neighbor as myself."

It is true that when we surround ourselves with others who are living God's way of life, we are also surrounded by that mirror.



SOJOURNERS IN JORDAN—Ambassador College students serving on Ambassador Foundation projects in Jordan gather for the Night to Be Much Observed in Amman during a visit by Dexter and Shirley Faulkner. [Photo by Dexter Faulkner]

Going to work in an unfamiliar land is a challenge, and as Faith Nielander of Columbus, Ind., said: "There are always difficulties adjusting to a new job. I was feeling a bit weary and discouraged about it all when one of my favorite students came rolling by—big smile, eyes sparkling, full of a zest for life. Suddenly I thought to myself, a bad attitude is a far greater handicap than a bad body."

Pamela Henderson of Kispiox Valley, B.C., told of 16 people living in two huts—"cold, empty, pathetically crude huts. And yet [at] every visit that home came alive with Arabic music, laughter, trading stories as we crouched on the dirt floor... Everything they

had they gave to me, their guest."

Said William Bradford of Melbourne, Australia: "Working with the physically and mentally handicapped you have a continual reminder to be thankful for what God has given you. I will never run a 4-minute mile, slam dunk a basketball while doing a 360-degree turn and probably [will] never speak French fluently, but at least I had the satisfaction of giving it a try."

Although they tackle a difficult task, these sojourners are providing vital services to children who would otherwise have no hope.

And they will come home with a storehouse of memories, values and lessons they can share with brethren the world over.

Violent attack shocks American public

PASADENA—The capacity for Americans to be shocked by violent crime is decreasing all the time. The national conscience is becoming hardened to sin.

Still, an incident that occurred in New York City was so exception-

ally vicious that it aroused the public from its stupor, if only temporarily.

Around 9 o'clock on the night of April 19 a rampaging mob of more than 30 youths swept into New York's Central Park from Harlem,

intent on attacking anything human. The youths, ranging in age from only 14 to 17, were on a "wilding" spree, a current term for unbridled mayhem.

The pack split into groups and assaulted an elderly homeless man, robbed a middle-aged man and attacked about half a dozen joggers in the park.

It was what they did to one jogger, a 28-year-old professional woman, that stirred public revulsion.

About a dozen of the youths pounced on the unsuspecting woman and dragged her 200 feet into a darkened area, where at least four of the wilding pack raped her.

To quiet her screams, the attackers repeatedly smashed her face with rocks and a metal pipe. Left for

she committed suicide."

Far worse than these reactions were the pronouncements of sociologists, psychologists and other so-called experts who were asked for their opinions about the incident.

An anthropologist pointed to "the pain of being poor in the richest city of the world," overlooking the fact that the youths did not live in the worst part of New York.

A psychologist intoned that these children are "damaged" and that "they are... acting out their pain on innocent victims."

A psychiatrist at a prominent university chimed in that "they're letting out anger. There's a lot of free-floating anger and rage among the youth."

Yet, when asked by police why he beat the victim with a lead pipe, one

we shall all, philosophers, scientists, and just ordinary people, be able to take part in the discussion of the question of why it is that we and the universe exist. If we find the answer to that, it would be the ultimate triumph of human reason—for then we would know the mind of God" (page 175).

Albert Einstein also wanted to know the mind of God. He was notorious for his habit of bringing God into everything.

But Albert Einstein recognized a problem. Would men ever discern God's thoughts solely by scientific inquiry?

Two centuries ago, in an age that recognized the authority of the Bible, Samuel Johnson wrote in *Johnson's Sermons*: "It is astonishing that any man can forbear enquiring seriously, whether there is a God."

"Whether God is just, whether this life is the only state of existence, whether God has appointed rewards and punishments in a future state; whether he has given any laws for the regulation of our conduct here; whether he has given them by revelation; and whether religion publicly taught carries any mark of divine appointment."

"These are questions which every reasonable being ought undoubtedly to consider with an attention suitable to their importance" (page 136).

Both sets of questions—Dr. Johnson's and Dr. Hawking's—are important. The world today is expressing itself much more in terms of Dr. Hawking's questions.

It is hoped that questions about the universe and man's ultimate role in it will lead to inquiries about God and the Bible. It is fascinating to realize that people reading *A Brief History of Time* may be being prepared to ask questions about mankind's ultimate potential.



European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder

Stephen Hawking asks life's basic questions

BOREHAMWOOD, England—Have you thought about the importance of asking the right questions?

In the Church we learn answers to the big questions of life, such questions as: Does God exist? and why were you born?

Many enlightened thinkers are asking these same basic questions. A prime example is physicist Stephen Hawking.

Life's basic questions

His book *A Brief History of Time* has been on the *Sunday Times* best-seller list for 39 weeks.

Why all this interest in a book on astrophysics? Simply because Dr. Hawking addresses basic questions.

The introduction keynotes the book: "We go about our daily lives understanding almost nothing of the world. We give little thought to the machinery that generates the sunlight that makes life possible, to the gravity that glues us to an earth that would otherwise send us spinning off into space... Few of us spend much time wondering why nature is the way it is; where the cosmos came from, or whether it was always here" (page ix).

This book is a history of man's inquiry into the ultimate questions—his quest to bring unity and wholeness of meaning to his troubled

existence. To find what Albert Einstein called "the Universal Theory"—a simple, beautiful understanding that would explain the questions of life.

As Dr. Hawking wrote in his concluding chapter: "We find ourselves in a bewildering world. We want to make sense of what we see around us and to ask: What is the nature of the universe? What is our place in it and where did it and we come from?" (page 171).

Later in the same chapter, Dr. Hawking observed that "up to now, most scientists have been too occupied with the development of new theories to ask the question why" (page 174).

Why are we here? Why were we born? However we put it, it all adds up to the same basic question that has troubled mankind since his creation.

Dr. Hawking admits that he has come to no final conclusion. "However if we do discover a complete theory, it should in time be understandable in broad principle by everyone, not just a few scientists."

Everyone should know the answer to the most basic questions of life—the mystery of human existence.

The mind of God

Dr. Hawking continued: "Then

WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



dead, she lay undiscovered for hours, losing more than two thirds of her blood.

Remarkably, the battered victim regained consciousness in a hospital 13 days later. But physicians believe she may never regain her full mental and physical capacity.

The attitudes of the youths later that night stunned the police. Some of them sang rap songs in their jail cells. (Rap is a chanting style popular in the inner cities. The term wilding is said to be derived from a rap song called "Wild Thing.") Some of them also whistled at policewomen on duty.

This callousness extended to parts of the community where the youngsters lived. In interviewing young neighbors of the accused, one newspaper found little sympathy for the victim.

One 12-year-old told a *Newsday* reporter: "She had nothing to guard herself; she didn't have no man with her; she didn't have no Mace [a chemical repellent]." Added a sixth grader: "It is like

of the attackers responded: "It was fun."

A noted religious figure blamed society in general and poverty in particular. Another cleric blamed the "examples that our children are faced with. We've had [a president] resign and prime ministers resign in disgrace... And many of our youngsters... see that and then act it out."

Scandals by prominent figures certainly set poor examples for young people. But to say that youths act out their frustrations to them by pummeling and gang-raping a 100-pound woman is a preposterous *non sequitur*.

In his May 1 syndicated column, George Will bristled at the "sophisticated" reasoning of the experts.

"In earlier, simpler—or were they?—days, descriptions of an episode like the one in Central Park would have begun with a judgment that today is never reached at all: The attackers did what they did because they are evil. Today, people (See VIOLENT ATTACK, page 5)

Chorale sings director's music

By Lu Anne Girard

PASADENA—The Ambassador College and Pasadena church chorales united April 16 to perform *Seven Visions of Judea*, music by Michel Michelet and words by John D. Schroeder, Ambassador College chorale and orchestra director.

Lu Anne Girard is an editorial assistant in Editorial Services.

The first half of the concert consisted of an orchestral performance of Symphony No. 9, "From the

New World," by Anton Dvorak, performed by the Ambassador College orchestra.

The Seven Visions of Judea opened the second half of the program, and the evening's performance concluded with "Rivers of Living Waters," written by Ross Jutsum, chairman of the Ambassador College Music Department, and arranged by Michael Harriton.

Soloists were Gerald Bieritz and William Daniels.

Mr. Michelet dedicated *Seven Visions of Judea* to Mr. Schroeder, who commented that "everything

written came from the Bible, not me." Written in seven sections, each describes an aspect of Israel's history.

Mr. Schroeder met Mr. Michelet in 1981 when the combined Ambassador and church chorales performed "By the Waters of Babylon," which Mr. Michelet wrote.

After that performance Mr. Michelet asked Mr. Schroeder what he thought of the music. Mr. Schroeder said he liked it but didn't feel it was long enough. "The Jews are left lamenting in Babylon, in captivity, with their harps in the willow trees . . . We never know what happened to them after that."

Mr. Michelet told Mr. Schroeder that if he would write the words telling the rest of the story that he would put them to music.

Mr. Michelet, of Jewish descent, was born in Russia. The first two movies in the United States for which he wrote the music were nominated for Academy Awards.



SPRING CONCERT—Gerald Bieritz, associate professor of music, performs at a spring concert with the Ambassador College and Pasadena church chorale and orchestra April 16. At left is soloist William Daniels. [Photo by Mike Bedford]

LA County recognizes AC student's service

By Carla Pearson

PASADENA—"Outreach is a service arm that extends out from Ambassador College to the community," said senior Danny Apartian, Pasadena Outreach director.

Outreach is made up of five sections: special projects, youth tutoring, transportation, entertainment and elderly visiting.

This school year 350 students committed an average of one hour a week to one or more of the groups. Some committed much more.

Eric Frantz, a junior, was one of those. Mr. Frantz devoted more than 100 hours as a group leader for the elderly visiting program. In this section students visit elderly

Church members in their homes.

For his service Mr. Frantz was selected by the Volunteer Services of Los Angeles to be a 1988 Volunteer of the Year.

Mr. Frantz was one of 14 youths honored at the seventh annual County of Los Angeles Volunteer of the Year recognition awards ceremonies and luncheon April 10.

Gary Antion, associate professor of theology and Outreach adviser, and Mr. Apartian also attended the ceremonies.

"In a county of eight million, with only 70,000 volunteers, this award was an outstanding tribute to Eric and to Ambassador College," Mr. Antion said.

Texas college chorale tours Alabama, Florida

PASADENA—The Big Sandy Ambassador Chorale under the direction of Roger Bryant, assistant professor of music, toured Alabama and Florida, April 16 to 28.

The concert featured songs such as "It's a Grand Night for Singing," "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "Onward, Ye Peoples," and was performed in Mobile, Ala., and Orlando, Miami and St. Peters-

burg, Fla.

Solos were preformed by Mr. Bryant, a tenor, and freshman Floyd Satterwhite, baritone.

Sophomore Lorelle Demont performed a piano solo, and sophomore Steve Allen, performed a violin solo and duet with freshman Anne Fraund.

"Several very upbeat comments came back from the area ministers where the chorale sang," said evangelist Roderick Meredith, Big Sandy provost.

"A number commented to the effect that the Big Sandy Chorale was a real credit to Ambassador College."

Singers entertain in six cities

PASADENA—The Big Sandy Young Ambassadors under the direction of Russell Duke, assistant professor of speech and theology, performed for congregations in six cities on the east coast April 14 to 29.

Cities visited were Nashville, Tenn., Roanoke, Va., New York, N.Y., Boston, Mass., Newark, N.J., and Washington, D.C.

Evangelist Larry Salyer, associate director of Church Administration for international areas, who was on a church visit to New York with his wife, Judy, said: "Their patriotic and inspirational show moved the audience to thunderous applause, and several told me it was more enjoyable than anything they had ever seen on Broadway."

"These students put a tremendous amount of work into these tours, and I can't say enough about the positive impact they have on the congregations. They can rightly be called ambassadors for God's Work."



AMBASSADORS ON WHEELS—Forty-two Ambassador College students and seven faculty members from Big Sandy toured Austin, the Texas capital, April 23 to 25 on the annual spring cycling trip. Larry Haworth, physical education instructor, coordinates the event. [Photo by Ian Bearman]

Visit churches, make Festival plans

Ministers travel for Holy Days

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—Following are reports on Spring Holy Day trips by evangelist Dibar Apartian, regional director for the Church in French-speaking areas, and Joseph W. Tkach Jr., associate director of Church Administration for the United States.

Europe

Mr. Apartian and his wife, Shirley, flew to Europe so he could conduct Holy Day services, *Plain Truth* Bible lectures and a general meeting in Switzerland.

Mr. Apartian conducted the Passover and spoke at both services on the first day of Unleavened Bread in Strasbourg, France. He spoke at services on the last day in Paris.

"Near-record audiences" attended six *Plain Truth* Bible lectures in Geneva and Neuchatel, Switzerland, and Strasbourg, Angers, Rennes and Rouen, France, he said.

Follow-up Bible studies will serve as indicators of growth in Sabbath service attendance.

Cassette tapes of Mr. Apartian's sermons are usually sent to French-speaking churches worldwide.

"Overall, we're very excited as things develop in Europe," the re-

gional director said.

Greece

After conducting services on the last holy day in Anchorage, Alaska, Mr. Tkach Jr., his wife, Tamara, their two children, Joseph and Stephanie, and his secretary, Deborah Nickel, flew to Athens, Greece, for an inspection tour of the Feast of Tabernacles cruise in the Greek islands.

They were accompanied by Richard Frankel, pastor of the Washington, D.C., churches, his wife, Joyce, and their son, Britton.

They were met by Nihad Safieh, owner of Blue Bell Tours, and his brother, Tewfic, owner of a travel agency in Atlanta, Ga., and their wives, who are arranging the Festival cruise.

Meetings were conducted with the ship's captain, staff and hotel management personnel to determine routes and meeting halls, menus and entertainment on the ship.

May 1 in Pyraeus, Greece, the group boarded the MVS *Oceanus*, a 496-foot, 12,000-ton ship that can carry about 600 passengers.

Operated by Epirotiki Lines in Greece, the ship is the one Feastgoers will use this fall.

"We were told by all the tour guides and shop owners on the different islands that the *Oceanus* is one of the nicest ships, if not the best," said Mr. Tkach Jr.

The group went to the islands of Mykonos, Santorini, Crete, Rhodes and Patmos, and Kusadasi, Turkey.

"In Patmos we saw the cave where John is alleged to have had his vision," said Mr. Tkach Jr.

"Patmos is a tiny island inhabited by only 2,500 people, most of whom are sailors' wives."

Retracing Paul's steps

"It was very exciting and inspirational to think you were retracing some of the footsteps of Paul and others," he added.

In Ephesus (Kusadasi) they toured the remains of the temple of Diana, an ancient priestess.

Mrs. Tkach Jr. said: "The little whitewashed buildings look so picturesque, especially from the water. The people are very friendly too, so I think everyone who goes to the Feast will have a real treat."

No one got seasick on the cruise. The Greek crew told the group that the ones who usually get seasick are Greeks, and that the ones who get seasick the least are Canadians and Americans.

"Since we're limited to only 600 people going on the cruise this year, if all goes well—as we anticipate—we'll have two or three cruises next year. And those turned down this year will have first shot next year."

Israel

The group also made a three-day stop in Israel and toured Jerusalem, Nazareth, Capernaum, the Sea of Galilee, Mount of Olives and Judean wilderness.

"An interesting story is leaving Israel," said Mr. Tkach Jr.

"When you leave the Tel Aviv airport—make that, try to leave the airport—you have to wait in a line with all your luggage for about an hour."

He continued: "Then, one at a time, you approach some benches to wait to be interrogated and inspected."

"We got there an hour early, but ended up missing our flight. There's nothing you can really do about it."

When Mr. Tkach Jr. was questioned, he was asked about his family name *Tkach*.

"I got called over to the bench. The inspector asked what I was doing in Israel and if anyone had given me any letters or gifts to deliver."

"Then, after about 10 minutes of questions, he looked at my passport and asked where I got the name, *Tkach*."

Mr. Tkach Jr. explained how his ancestors came from Galacia, at the eastern base of the Carpathian Mountains.

"Some lived in Poland, some in Czechoslovakia and Hungary, and it was thought that some came from a town named *Tkach* located in the area known as White Russia," Mr. Tkach Jr. continued.

"I explained that the *Tkaches* were one of the noted guilds of Eastern Europe, some of whom were asked to weave garments for the pope and were later killed for refusing to comply with his request."

The inspector then said: "The reason I ask is that my name is *Tkach*, and I've never met a *Tkach* in my whole life—you're the first one. My grandfather changed his name when he came over to Israel."

Mr. Tkach Jr. then asked if he changed the name to Weaver.

"Yes, how did you know?" the inspector asked.

Mr. Tkach Jr. then explained that *Tkach* means *weaver* in Russian.

High school track star strives to win his events for mother

TORRANCE, Calif.—“De Veaux. Sounds like a sports car and runs like one too,” wrote Paul Tyson about Jonathan De Veaux.

Jonathan's goal is to finish first in the 100 and 200 meters at the Los Angeles City finals May 25. He has recorded times of 10.6 in the 100 meters and 21.73 seconds in the 200.

“I'd like to win both for my mom,” Jonathan said in an April 29 San Pedro, Calif., *News-Pilot* article.

“I think she'd be really proud of me if I could do that for her. But I know if I do my best, it'll be fine. I just want to be able to run my best race.”

Jonathan's mother, Grace, died April 10 after a 10-month bout with colon cancer (see article this page).

A 17-year old senior from Los Angeles County's Narbonne High School, Jonathan attends Sabbath services with his father, Stanley,

Long Beach, Calif., East and West associate pastor.

In the May 7 *Torrance Daily Breeze*, Phil Collin wrote: “De Veaux greets each race with the same approach—with a dedication not often shown by people his age . . . Jonathan De Veaux gives us someone to root for. Not only on the track, but off it as well.”

And what about next year? Jonathan plans to study business administration at the University of California at San Diego. He turned down track scholarship offers because of potential conflicts with the Sabbath.

Jonathan “explains his future holds more than ‘a college athlete . . . treated like a piece of meat,’” Abigail Derecho wrote in the May 12 *Green & Gold*. “I'm not a piece of meat. I've got too much up here . . .

“The most important things in

life are happiness and family. If you don't have your family, you don't have anybody,” he said.

In Mr. Tyson's feature article in *The Green & Gold* Jonathan said: “I would like to be thought of as a good student and a good athlete . . . But I know academics is more important because ten years from now this [track] won't help me make money.”

He has learned much from track, though. “I try to do the best I can with what I've been given,” he said. “And I always think I'm going to win because if you don't think you can win, then you're not going to.”



CHAMPION SPRINTER—Jonathan De Veaux (center), son of Stanley De Veaux, associate pastor of the Long Beach, Calif., East and West churches, edges out two runners in a 100-meter race at the Southern Pacific Conference track preliminaries April 27. [Photo courtesy of San Pedro, Calif., *News-Pilot*]

Showed concern for others in trials

Long Beach minister's wife dies

By Roland Clark

LONG BEACH, Calif.—Grace Ann Shelton De Veaux, 48, of Torrance, Calif., died April 10 after a prolonged battle with colon cancer.

Roland Clark is a local church elder in the Long Beach, Calif., West church.

Mrs. De Veaux is survived by her husband, Stanley, a preaching elder and associate pastor of the Long Beach East and West churches; and a son, Jonathan, who is a high school senior.

Mrs. De Veaux was born Sept. 21, 1940, in Kimball, W.Va. She was baptized in March, 1966, and met Mr. De Veaux in Big Sandy later that year at their first Feast of Tabernacles. They were married in 1968.

“Lady Grace,” as her husband called her, displayed courage and set a fine example of Christian living by encouraging and showing concern for others in their trials.

Members who served her during her illness said she was a lesson to them in how to conduct their lives. They quoted her as saying, “If my illness brings the family closer together, it is worth it.”

In a statement written for the Pastor General's Report, Mr. De Veaux said: “We wish to thank our worldwide family for the heartfelt love and concern that was shown for Grace during her illness.

“The knowledge that her family in Christ was praying fervently for her and the receipt of the many, many cards brought Grace tears of joy and the courage she needed to fight valiantly to the very end.”

Mrs. De Veaux is also survived by three sisters, Louise Jackson, Donna Jones and Marie Shelton, a Church member; two brothers, Robert Shelton Jr. and Richard Shelton; and her mother-in-law, Louise De Veaux.

Abner Washington, pastor of the Los Angeles church, officiated at a memorial service.

Jonathan dedicated a song to his mother, “Good-bye Good Friend,” recorded by Howard Hewett. Some of the words are: “Because we have traveled so many roads together . . . it is hard to realize the time has come to say good-bye my good friend.”

Burial was April 17 in Littleburg, W.Va., where Briscoe Ellett II, pastor of the New Bern and Wilmington, N.C., churches, officiated at graveside services.

Choir directors listed for Festival in Canada

PASADENA—Following are the special music coordinators (SMC), Festival choir directors (DIR) and children's choir directors (CCD) for Canadian sites.

Those interested in performing at a Feast site should contact the appropriate person listed below and request copies of music that will be used. List the instrument you play or the voice part you sing and your experience level.

Vocal soloists and instrumentalists should contact the special music coordinator.

Halifax, N.S.: Gary Moore (SMC), 30 Mountainview Drive, Comp. 106 S.S. 1, Fredericton, N.B., E3B 5M7; Lawrence Stanley (DIR), Box 247, Hancock, Maine, 04640; Linda Roth (CCD), 14 Rigolet Crescent, St. John's, Nfld., A1A 3S2.

Penticton, B.C.: Robert Millman

(SMC), 16 Northey Ave., Red Deer, Alta., T4P 1R4; Jim Brandenburg (DIR), 3559 Morley Trail NW, Calgary, Alta., T2M 4H5; Jerry Ozipko (CCD), 12223 87 St., Edmonton, Alta., T5B 3N9.

Regina, Sask.: Glen Weber (SMC), 1442 N. Devonshire Dr., Regina, Sask., S4X 3Z2; Jeff Pilsner (DIR), 926 McNiven Ave., Regina, Sask., S4S 3X3; Jake Friesen (CCD), 17 Tupper Crescent, Saskatoon, Sask., S7L 4N9.

Sherbrooke, Que.: Claude Rochon (SMC), (DIR), 4811 Pierre Lauzon St., Pierrefonds, Que., H8Y 2C4; Daniel Rodrigue (CCD), 1830 Montarville, St. Bruno, Que., J3V 3V4.

Victoria, B.C.: David Cheperdak (SMC), 6284 134 St., Surrey, B.C., V3W 4R8; Guy Moss (DIR), 740 E. 17 St., North Vancouver, B.C., V7L 2W8.

Spring ordinations

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hired into the full-time ministry. They are listed with the area where they will serve.

Kevin Brownlee (ministerial trainee), Norfolk, Va.; Stanton Erickson, Jacksonville, Fla.; Gene Nouhan, Chattanooga, Tenn., and Murphy, N.C.; Wesley Webster, Washington, D.C., North and South; Mark Welch, Tulsa, Okla., A.M. and P.M.; James Valekis, Birmingham and Anniston, Ala.; and Jeffrey Williams, Hartford, Conn., and Springfield, Mass.

Transfers

Church Administration also announced these ministerial transfers.

Randy Bloom will pastor the Somerset and Russell Springs, Ky., churches.

Dwight Viehe will serve as assistant pastor of the San Antonio West and Uvalde, Tex., churches.

Dan Fuller will serve as associate pastor of the Buffalo, N.Y., North church.

Rick Sherrod, associate pastor of the Chattanooga, Tenn., and Murphy, N.C., churches, will transfer to Pasadena to work in the Youth Opportunities United (YOU) office in Church Administration.

Jeff Caudle, director of Amba-

sador Foundation projects in Thailand, will serve as a ministerial trainee in Knoxville, Tenn.

Violent attack

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respond: ‘Evil?’ such a primitive notion . . .

“We have lost the ability to speak the language of emphatic judgment . . . The modern [approach] is to make the reality of evil disappear behind a rhetorical gauze of learned garbage.”

“Until relatively recently . . .” continued Mr. Will, “people who did what the ‘wilding’ boys did would have been punished swiftly and with terrible severity. Punishment in this case will be interminably delayed and ludicrously light . . . A society that flinches from the fact of evil will flinch from the act of punishment. It should not wonder why it does not feel safe.”

If they are convicted, it is doubtful that the attackers, being youths, will be sentenced to more than 10 years in prison. They would likely be released sooner.

Solomon wisely said that “because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore

the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil” (Ecclesiastes 8:11).

The moral void in today's society is not being filled by either the churchmen (Ezekiel 34:4) or the secular apologists for evil. They only compound the problem by failing to differentiate between good and evil (Isaiah 5:20).

“Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes,” God warns, “and prudent in their own sight!” (verse 21).

Meanwhile, God is taking notice of those “who sigh and cry over all the abominations” being committed (Ezekiel 9:4, New King James).

God will spare those who do. But His fury is growing hot against those who commit and condone evil. For “the land is full of bloodshed, and the city full of perversity; for they [the people and their experts] say, ‘The Lord has forsaken the land, and the Lord does not see!’” (verse 9, NKJ).

Attributes longevity to hard work

Member approaches century mark

By Jim Myers

CLARKSBURG, W.Va.—Georgia Nash, 97, is the oldest member of the Church here. Mrs. Nash was born in the Ohio River town of St. Marys, W.Va., Sept. 27, 1891.

As a young woman she was the only member of her family who

could drive their 1919 Willys Overland. She would drive the family car onto a ferry that



GEORGIA NASH

crossed the Ohio River, and they would go dining at the Lafayette Hotel in Marietta, Ohio.

Mrs. Nash began teaching school when she was 18. She taught five years in Pleasants and Marion coun-

Jim Myers is a member who attends the Clarksburg, W.Va., church.

ties in West Virginia, before quitting to be at home with her family.

She has flown across the United States to Southern California many times to visit her family. At 92 she took a cruise from Los Angeles to Mexico.

Mrs. Nash began listening to *The World Tomorrow* in the early 1970s, and she became a Church member in 1978.

She continued to work in her vegetable garden and on her lawn through 1985. She was able to attend services regularly until 1986. Mrs. Nash attributes her longevity to hard work. Her son, Julian, an author and traveler, takes care of her.

ATTENTION CHURCH YOUTHS

The Worldwide News would like to feature Church youths who are 1989 valedictorians and salutatorians. If you are graduating first or second in your class, send us your name, and include a recent photo, the name of your high school, your church area and your church pastor's signature. Please indicate your class ranking. (We will return photos accompanied by a self-addressed envelope.) Mail to *The Worldwide News*, Box 111, Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

PERSONAL

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epitome of leadership, lived His life in love, His words and deeds devoted to the good of others. He gave Himself, in love, both in life and at death. That's how He used His authority. But some husbands seem to think God gives them authority simply to enable them to "have it their way," as the hamburger advertisement goes.

Some women, on the other hand, will cooperate with their husbands in nothing. They refuse to subject themselves to what they see as a very imperfect man.

Either attitude is steeped in selfishness. Jesus taught love, give, selflessness, sacrifice and patience. He lived it. And as we allow Him to live in us, we too will live and teach that way of life.

Husbands, how can you love your wives without, in effect, being subject to their needs and even desires and wishes? Wives, how can you be truly subject to your husbands, even imperfect ones, without the love of Jesus Christ in you?

Do some think that conversion is something that is only for a public show? Conversion is reflected in the home perhaps more than anywhere else. That is because it is at home that we are not putting on a show for any-

one. It is at home, in front of our mates and our children, that we tend to let our true character come out. And it is in the home that authority can be most severely abused.

One of the greatest problems people have is the wrong use of authority. Jesus said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you.

"Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:25-28, New International Version).

Proper use of authority

Authority must be used as God uses it—in love, for the good of all. Human authority, though, can be mistaken by the humans using it, as equal to God's authority. It is not. God did not go away and leave any husband in His place.

You know, Jesus, our Lord and Master, called His disciples friends. Likewise, a wife should be her husband's friend, too. You husbands, would you try to RULE your male friend? Think about that. Then by what authority do some husbands lord it over their wives?

This is not the way of God. God would never condone the

misuse of domestic authority that some people justify by the use of His Word. If God is in our marriages, then love is in our marriages. If we truly appreciate the vast love God has for us, we will unselfishly commit our time and energies to extending His love to others—and that will be-

gin at home.

Income rises slowly

On another subject the income level for the Work has slowly risen to a level of about 1 percent less than last year. Again I thank you for your unceasing earnest prayers and your dedication to

the work God has called His Church to do. Let's pray that the Pentecost offering will help the overall income picture as much as the spring offerings did.

As life in this world grows steadily more unsure, let's keep our eyes on the great future God has prepared for His servants!

China asks for member's programs

Work, determination pay off

By Kerri Dowd

Fred Tracy, 44, a member who attends the Jackson, Miss., church, gives seminars and teaches courses all over the United States in engineering applications and programing.

A paper he wrote will appear in the July issue of a magazine produced by the American Society of Civil Engineers.

He has risen to the top of his profession as a computer programmer. Employed by the Army Corps of Engineers, Mr. Tracy writes engineering programs to help the Corps control and use the Mississippi River.

"In fact, his programs were so revolutionary and so effective," said Marc Segall, Jackson pastor, "that the People's Republic of China requested that his programs be loaned to them to help their engineers develop a system to control waterways and manage their dams."

Each year the Corps of Engineers

gives grants and scholarships to five people from the division in which Mr. Tracy works. This year Mr. Tracy was one of them, and he has been accepted to pursue his doctorate at Mississippi State University.

Last summer Mr. Tracy presented three compositions at a national conference of the Corps of Engineers, which occurs every three years.

A persistent mother

It wasn't the easiest path for Mr. Tracy. His accomplishments have demanded hard work and determination, which began with his mother.

Fred Tracy was born without a right hand and such poor eyesight that he was considered legally blind. When it came time for him to begin school, authorities wanted to place him in a school for the blind.

"But his mother said no," Mr. Segall said. "She recognized that her son had a gift in math and sci-

ence and she was determined that he would have the opportunity to pursue it."

She won that battle, and pursue it he did.

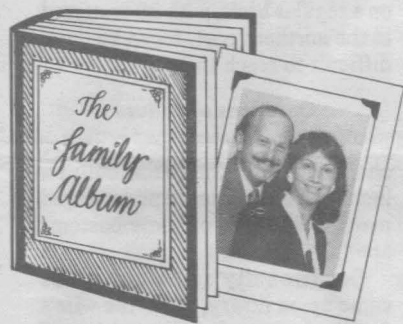
Contact with the Church

Mr. Tracy first heard the *World Tomorrow* telecast and requested literature in 1967, while he was a teenager. He was baptized in 1981.

Mr. Tracy married Barbara Ann Moyer in 1969. They have a daughter Lisa.

A graduate of Spokesman Club, Mr. Tracy is termed "one of the most entertaining speakers in the area. He has been inspirational to a lot of brethren here," said Mr. Segall.

"He is sensitive and aware of the needs of others. He has had to work a little bit harder and rely more on the principle of self application than others, but he says his handicaps are the best things that ever happened to him."



PAGES FROM THE FAMILY ALBUM

"And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit everlasting life." (Matthew 19:29, New King James)

Jackson and Greenwood, Miss.

By Kerri Dowd

"The image the movie *Mississippi Burning* is giving of Mississippi is unfair," said Marc Segall, Jackson and Greenwood, Miss., pastor.

"The Ku Klux Klan are a minuscule minority. Most people are kind and sociable, and many of the people are well-refined and genteel. Mississippi is a well-kept secret."

Mississippi has made progress in terms of social reform, but at times both blacks and whites feel more imposed upon to mix and amalgamate than other areas of the country, Mr. Segall explained. Each group has its culture and community and would like to retain it.

For that reason, "in some of the rural areas, people would still prefer that the races be separated," Mr. Segall said. This is the case in Greenwood, where it is difficult to obtain a privately owned hall that will accept a group where blacks and whites meet together regularly by personal choice.

"Some of the brethren meet with a little persecution from their families or communities," Mr. Segall said.

Mark Mounts is assistant pastor of the two churches, which serve brethren in five of the 10 poorest counties in the United States in terms of per capita income.

"In spite of this statistical fact, the brethren are generally not lacking financially. Some families are economically very well off," said Mr. Segall.

One third of the region is flat, and the rest is rolling forest land with an

abundance of rivers and lakes.

"When you fly into Jackson, all you see is forests and lakes. You can't believe anybody lives there," Mr. Segall said. The state has a population of 2.6 million.

Forestry and agriculture are the major industries in the Jackson and



YEARS IN THE FAITH—Lois Strachan is the longest-time member in the Jackson and Greenwood, Miss., churches. She was baptized in 1951. [Photo by Mark Mounts]

Greenwood area, said Mr. Segall.

Brethren include Kenneth Courtney, a local church elder, who started a business, manufacturing and selling a pine-oil cleaner and disinfectant called Sun Pine.

Another member, James Miller, started a machine shop. "People told him it couldn't be done, but he did it, and now he has more work than he can do," said Mr. Segall.

Herbert Jordan, who has a doctorate in chemical engineering, is part owner of a couple of diversified companies in Jackson.

Johnny Palmer, a member for 23 years, has served as sergeant at arms for the Mississippi State Legislature for about 12 years.

Wayne Nash, a deacon, is a crop duster. He has spent hundreds of hours flying all over the state. As a side job he breaks in horses.

Sue Nolte, a widow who operates a day care center, developed a regular activity session for the children at services. The activity serves as a reward for children who successfully complete each of their YES (Youth Educational Services) lessons.

Truck washers

Teens in the two churches raise money for their activities by washing trucks. One of the deacons worked out an arrangement with a trucking company, and the teens wash the cabs of 18-wheelers.

Two regular YOU activities are attending Bible studies at the Mississippi Museum of Art and visiting a restaurant that serves a dessert named "death by chocolate."

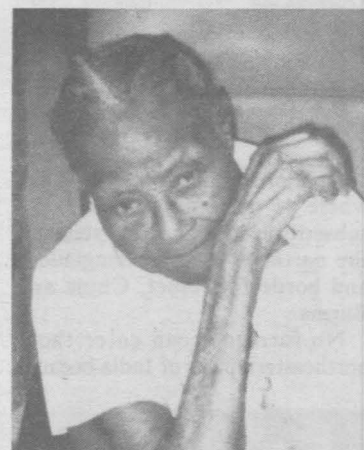
"It's a teenager's dream," said Mr. Segall.

Every year the church sponsors a young adults success seminar for those who are seniors in high school and older. Surrounding church areas are invited to attend.

As for general church activities, brethren "love picnics with homemade ice cream and softball," said Mr. Segall.

Each year the churches raise money with a citrus fruit sale. The event is well organized and teaches organization and public relations skills.

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach visited the area Feb. 24 to 26. Mr. Tkach said, "This is a very respon-



CENTENARIAN—Ida Allen, 100, is the oldest member in the Jackson and Greenwood, Miss., churches. [Photo by Mark Mounts]

sive group," according to Mr. Segall. "This is what has impressed me as pastor. The brethren are appreciative, warm and teachable."

Roads to conversion

Michael Bishop was a pilot for the U.S. Navy. He found a copy of *The Plain Truth* on a naval base, and began to read it.

Jackson member William Penn is a route manager for Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co. Glenn Torres, the person-

nel director, noticed that Mr. Penn would not work on Saturdays and that he always took his vacation in the fall. One day he called him in and asked why.

Mr. Penn explained briefly, and Mr. Torres asked for some literature. He is now a Church member, too. "Now the owner [of the company] is worried that this contagion might spread," Mr. Segall said.

Ida Allen, 100, is the oldest member in the congregations. She is a widow and has more visitors than anyone else in the nursing home where she lives.

"She loves visitors," said Mr. Segall. "And she always perks up when she sees a child. She wants to just hold their hands and look into their faces. It is like therapy to her."

Mrs. Allen and her late husband lived in the country and picked up *The World Tomorrow* from Nashville, Tenn., on an old crystal radio set. When they wrote for a visit, it was a minister from New Orleans, La., that came. They were baptized in 1963.

Clyde Smith, 72 who lives in Clinton, Miss., suffers from Lou Gehrig's disease. He is pretty much paralyzed from the neck down.

"In spite of his condition and with the help of an extremely cooperative wife, who is not a Church member, Mr. Smith still attends services. She helped him to purchase a special van," said Mr. Segall.

"Church members and ministers who visit him all say one thing. When they leave they wonder if they were able to encourage Mr. Smith as much as he inspired them. He is positive, grateful and a tremendous light to the whole congregation."

Statistics

Attendance	430
Local church elders	3
Deacons	9
Deaconesses	5
Teens	40
Children under 12	59
Singles	57
Over 60s	79

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UPDATE

PASADENA—The addition of WNBC to television stations that air *The World Tomorrow* attracted attention from the New York newspaper *Newsday* (daily circulation 600,000) during the Days of Unleavened Bread.

WNBC previously had a strict "no paid religion" policy, which prohibited programs like *The World Tomorrow* from appearing.

"Since the New York station is owned directly by NBC and is considered to be the national flagship of the network, its policy directly affects the policies of other NBC stations," said evangelist **David Hulme**, director of Communications & Public Affairs.

Under the headline "WNBC Gets (Paid) Religion," the article included positive comments from station management. The article said that WNBC considered the possibility of running *The World Tomorrow* for six months before agreeing to a contract.

"He [the WNBC general manager] finally decided to because, he said, 'it does not solicit donations either directly or indirectly from viewers, nor does it attempt to convert viewers.'"

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PASADENA—**Roger Lippross**, assistant director of Computer Information Systems, Purchasing and Travel, was one of four featured speakers April 25 at a business management workshop sponsored by the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce.

The theme of the workshop was Cost-Effective Office Technology, and Mr. Lippross' topic was the office of the 1990s.

"I gave a presentation, using audiovisuals, on how the personal computer is changing office configuration," said Mr. Lippross.

The chamber asked the speakers to give the audience practical information "that they could take home and use," said Mr. Lippross. "So I spoke on how the businessman should be using the personal computer, what it can do to improve cost-efficiency and effectiveness and specific applications tailored to the types of businesses the attendees were in."

Mr. Lippross also discussed what type of computers to choose for the office, gave an overview of other hardware and software that are available and made recommendations on upgradeable technology (what will not have to be replaced in five years).

Mr. Lippross was assisted in preparations for the workshop session by **Colleen Dixon** and **Richard Foster**, an Ambassador College junior, of the information center in CIS.

"This type of activity greatly enhances our visibility in the business community," said Mr. Lippross.

"We have since received two letters of thanks from the chamber's chief executive officer and an officer from Security Pacific Bank."

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PASADENA—**Wayne Shilkret**, performing arts director for the Ambassador Auditorium since 1976, will take up a post as general manager for the Hollywood Bowl beginning with the 1989-90 season, according to evangelist **David Hulme**, vice president of the Ambassador Foundation.

Mr. Shilkret "has done an excellent job over the past 13 years, helping the foundation present the best in the performing arts to Southern California," said Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach**.

"Mr. Shilkret has provided ex-

emplary service to the goals and aims of the foundation, often working 10- to 14-hour days," Mr. Hulme said. "Since coming here in 1976 he has worked tirelessly to build a reputation for the Ambassador Auditorium and foundation, and leaves behind a dedicated and trained staff to carry on."

Mr. Hulme, as Ambassador Foundation vice president, supervises the performing arts and will assume Mr. Shilkret's duties.

"Although we are sad to see him go, we are also pleased that he has this new, expanded opportunity for his talents."

Mr. Shilkret will from time to

time serve as a consultant for the Ambassador Foundation performing arts programs.

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PASADENA—A computer program developed to design sound systems for U.S. Feast sites was presented at an Audio Engineering Society (AES) convention in Hamburg, West Germany, March 9.

John Prohs, manager of Technical Operations & Engineering here, was unable to make the presentation, so he asked **John Karlson**, German regional director, for help.

Mr. Karlson provided the necessary equipment for **Hellmuth Kolbe**, an engineering consultant in Switzerland, to demonstrate the program.

The computer program was developed by Mr. Prohs; **David Harris**, a former Technical Operations employee; and **Garrett Herschleb**, an Ambassador College student.

Said Mr. Karlson, "We all came home [from the convention] with a

deep impression of the contributions the Work can make even in specialized fields such as this."

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PASADENA—Festival Administration announced that the following sites are at capacity: Bredsten, Denmark; Naro Moru, Kenya; and Chiang Mai, Thailand. No further transfer applications can be accepted.

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PASADENA—Evangelist **Larry Salyer**, associate director of Church Administration for international areas, visited New York City during the Spring Holy Days. Mr. Salyer reported the following incident.

"Our Holy Day started with a bang as a truck coming toward us on a crowded expressway flipped over right beside us.

"Mr. [Dale] Schurter [Nassau, N.Y., pastor] reacted very quickly, helping to pull a man through the

upturned door of the passenger side, then lowering himself through the same door to kick out the windshield (windscreen) in order to give others access to the unconscious driver. We certainly appreciated this example of selfless service during the Days of Unleavened Bread."

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AUCKLAND, New Zealand—The following is an addition to the accommodation listing for the Feast in Rotorua, New Zealand.

The Sheraton Rotorua, Fenton Street, Rotorua, New Zealand, telephone: 87-139. The price for a single or double room is \$155 for each night.

The Hyatt Kingsgate Rotorua, Eruera Street, Rotorua, New Zealand, telephone: 477-477. The price of a single or double room is \$115; an additional connecting room is \$79 for each night.

Prices do not include goods and services tax (GST).



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

PASADENA—Asian ministers gave updates at a regional family weekend in Brisbane, Australia, April 1.

Following are reports by **Daniel Zachariah**, pastor of the Madras, India, church, and **Bharat Naker** from Bombay, India.

Madras, southern regions

Madras is a small church area, with 21 brethren attending weekly



DANIEL AND MARY ZACHARIAH Sabbath services, Mr. Zachariah said.

I pastor southern areas in India, where 45 percent of *Plain Truth* subscribers live, and five states in the northeast next to Bangladesh and bordering Tibet, China and Burma.

No foreigner can enter those northeastern parts of India because

the other nations do not want any foreigners entering their countries.

Even I need an inner line permit, and I'm an Indian citizen; it's that sensitive.

And when they know you are involved in religious activities, they are slow to issue such permits. People don't like Christianity in that area of the country.

We have four members there, and I am trying to get a permit to travel there. Seventy-five to 80 percent of the members I serve are scattered in the south and east, and have no quick access to a minister.

Unfortunately, I don't have a telephone in Madras. I was told it will take about five years to get one. So the only way for members to get in touch is by letter.

We do a lot of counseling by letter. But that raises a problem. If a member needs counseling or help right away, there's usually no way to get it.

Ministry on wheels

Traveling is the only way we can see members and prospective members, and handle visit requests. So my wife, Mary, and I become a ministry on wheels.

Sixty-six percent of our members in the southern regions come from a Protestant background and 28 percent were from a Catholic background.



FLEDGLING CHURCH—Four new members who were baptized in the Indian Ocean April 16 double the size of the church in Tanzania. Far left, local elder **Ben Kaswaga**, who conducts weekly Bible studies in Dar-es-Salaam, aided **Owen Willis**, pastor of the Nairobi and Kibirichia, Kenya, and **Blantyre**, Malawi, churches, with the baptisms. [Photo by Owen Willis]

One of the main problems our members face is getting jobs with Sabbaths off.

In India we have either a 5½-day work week, or a six-day work week. To get Sabbaths off is difficult. In fact, the word *sabbath* is unheard of in India.

We have a prospective member who is a production manager in the south. As soon as his employer found out he couldn't work on Saturdays, he let him go.

Another person who works for a bank has been served a notice: unless he comes to work on Saturdays, he needn't return to work. He has a family with three children to support, but he's keeping on in faith.

A member in Madras has a post-graduate degree, but can't find work because of the Sabbath.

Low buying power

Some members earn good salaries comparatively—some earn 25,000 rupees (about US\$1,560) annually—but the money doesn't go far.

That's why the standard of living is so low in the country. That's also why most members need assistance to go to the Feast of Tabernacles.

Since many members can't attend Sabbath services, they are only able to fellowship once a year at the Feast.

We try to send taped sermons, but after a while they miss the services; they want to sing hymns, and hear opening and closing prayers. So they really appreciate the Feast of Tabernacles.

It may be easier to live in Australia and the United States, as far as standard of living is concerned, but perhaps nowhere is it easier to grow in character through trials and tribulations than in India.

Wherever we live, the Christian life is a struggle. We're all in the same battle.

Bombay, northern areas

Mr. Naker said that he and his wife, **Urvashi**, have been in India for 19 months.

The initial nine months were spent strengthening the brethren and handling urgent cases. We were especially busy.

We did a lot of traveling at that time. We flew, walked and traveled by train, taxi, rickshaw, horse-pulled carriage and bus. We visited 75 percent of the Indian brethren in their homes.

India has 10,000 *Plain Truth* subscribers and 2,000 *Good News* subscribers. In the Bombay Office we do mail receiving and processing and mail out 7,000 pieces of mail annually.

Bombay has an attendance of 39 brethren, 26 of whom are members. Twenty attend services in Hyderabad, 20 travel to services in Delhi, and in Goa, on the coast, where the Feast was once conducted, we have 16 brethren who meet.



BHARAT AND URVASHI NAKER

So 95 brethren can be contacted on a regular basis, with 30 scattered in the northern part. It can be quite difficult to reach them.

Questions of culture

Some questions they face are characteristic of the Indian culture, including the matter of prearranged marriages. Some of these customs are 4,000 years old.

Occasionally some questions come up on dowry, when the wife's family has to give something of value to the husband's family.

In southern India couples exchange necklaces, not rings, in wedding ceremonies.

It's sometimes difficult to separate religious customs from culture. Foods offered to idols can also be an issue.

One member lost his job because he keeps the Sabbath. The case went to court, and may go to the nation's supreme court unless a settlement is reached.

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