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## PERSONAL FROM

*Joseph W. Tkach*

Dear Brethren,

As I write, I'm in Catania, Sicily, to visit our brethren here.

Last Sabbath (July 15) I spoke to the church in Brussels, Belgium, and from there traveled to London for the annual general meeting of the church in the United Kingdom.

During the song service here in Catania our song leader, Daniel Boesch, commented about the two different languages that were trying to outdo each other as we were singing the hymns.

I was struck by the fact that our own services are some of the only places in the world where the barriers of differing languages, cultures and races have been broken down—by the power of the Spirit of God working in us.

Most of the brethren in Catania were singing in Italian, with our small traveling party singing in English. But there was no animosity, no attitude of superiority or prejudice. There was only a chorus of voices—differing languages, cultures and backgrounds, yes—but total unity of purpose, cause, spirit and hope. A chorus of voices raised in praise and worship of the great God.

### A unity unknown

The world at large knows no such unity. Prosperous nations and poorer nations alike continually suffer the factional distrust and hatred that so often springs from human differences.

Canada's language differences produce strife and faction. Northern Ireland's political and religious differences produce violence and bloodshed. Sri Lanka, China, the Soviet Union, Panama, Nicaragua—the list goes on and on.

The United States grows ever more splintered, with each interest group focusing upon its own needs and desires at the expense of others. And, of course, differences between nations have throughout history led to warfare and international turbulence.

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Differences are ever present between peoples of varying regions and nations, even between those in the same nation and even the same family! But rather than sources of division and hate as with mankind in general, among God's people those differences should be sources of mutual respect and appreciation, of colorful variety and of tolerance and patience.

### A people without strife

Indeed, as those called of God, we are the salt of the earth. But if we ourselves have no salinity

left, from where will the salt come to salt us?

Wherever strife or faction exists within the Church of God, there salinity is indeed disappearing. Wherever prejudice or racism exists, there salinity is dangerously weak. Wherever superior, judgmental, self-righteous attitudes exist, there too salinity is virtually gone.

The divine nature of God must be growing within each of God's own children. The unity of God

is rooted and grounded in his love. It is not unity set in convenience, or even in common cause alone. Its cause is love, a life selflessly committed—from the heart—to the good and welfare of others.

From here, it's on to visit our office in Bergamo, Italy, and our brethren in northern Italy. We'll be returning to Pasadena after seeing the brethren in Greece.

Income has dropped off slightly to a 3 percent increase for the year. Please continue praying for a steady increase. My prayers and love are with you.

## Sports scholarship awarded for sportsmanlike conduct

PASADENA—Evangelist Donald Ward, president of Ambassador College, presented the first Orel Hershiser Scholarship for Sportsmanlike Conduct to Jeffrey Sorrenson July 18.

Dr. Ward presented the scholarship at a ceremony in the Pasadena City Hall on behalf of Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach, who was in Europe.

The scholarship, sponsored by Ambassador College and Community Bank in Pasadena, is presented "to the Pasadena student who best exemplifies a positive attitude and demonstrates a high caliber of character" (*Worldwide News*, Feb. 6).

Jeffrey, 19, a pitcher for the Pasadena High School baseball team, was at the luncheon on the Ambassador College campus Jan. 25, when the scholarship was announced.

Jeffrey, who is not a member of the Church, said that he set a goal to win it because of the high moral standards that Orel Hershiser stands for.

Mr. Hershiser could not attend because of illness. Mayor William E. Thomson Jr. spoke on Mr. Hershiser's behalf, and congratulated Ambassador College for its constructive leadership in the community.

Officials from Community Bank also commented on Ambassador's

positive role.

"The award helps demonstrate that the college is a good community citizen," said Michael

## Mr. Tkach Visits Belgium, England, Italy, Greece

PASADENA—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach returned here July 26 after a trip to visit brethren in Belgium, Italy and Greece and to conduct the annual general meeting of the church in the United Kingdom.

In addition to speaking to more than 750 brethren and visiting Church offices, Mr. Tkach toured the Breendonck Concentration Camp in Belgium.

Joining Mr. Tkach, the regular traveling party and the television crew were evangelist Dibar Apartian, French regional director, his wife, Shirley, evangelist David Hulme, Ambassador Foundation vice president, and his wife, Robin.

Evangelist Carn Catherwood, regional director for Italian-speaking areas, and his wife, Joyce, met the pastor general in Catania, Sicily.

Detailed coverage of Mr. Tkach's trip is scheduled for the Aug. 14 *Worldwide News*.

## Specialists interviewed for coming programs

PASADENA—Evangelist David Hulme, a *World Tomorrow* presenter, traveled to Washington, D.C., and New York July 6 to 7 to conduct interviews for the program.

Mr. Hulme was accompanied by a television crew of Duane Ablar, Mark Broadwater, Tom Ivcevic and Lee Pettijohn.

The interviews will be used for several programs, including telecasts on stress and mental health, Europe and the Soviet Union, and the environment.

In Washington Mr. Hulme's first interview was with Nina Feldman on stress reduction.

Mr. Hulme said: "Dr. Feldman was recommended by T. George Harris, editor in chief of *Psychology Today*, who was interviewed for two *World Tomorrow* programs last spring."

Mr. Hulme's second interview was with Martin Walker, former Moscow correspondent for *The Guardian*. His book *The Waking Giant* focuses on the reforms Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev has fostered through his new policies of *perestroika* and *glasnost*.

"Mr. Walker has many years of experience as an international correspondent and is on assignment for *The Guardian* in Washington," Mr. Hulme said. "Among his duties, he has served as an adviser to U.S. President George Bush for Soviet matters and accompanies the President to Europe."

"The interview provided insight into the changes taking place in the Soviet Union under Mr. Gorbachev."

Later that same day Mr. Hulme spoke to Jeremy Rifkin, president of the Foundation on Economic Trends, and a specialist on environmental issues.

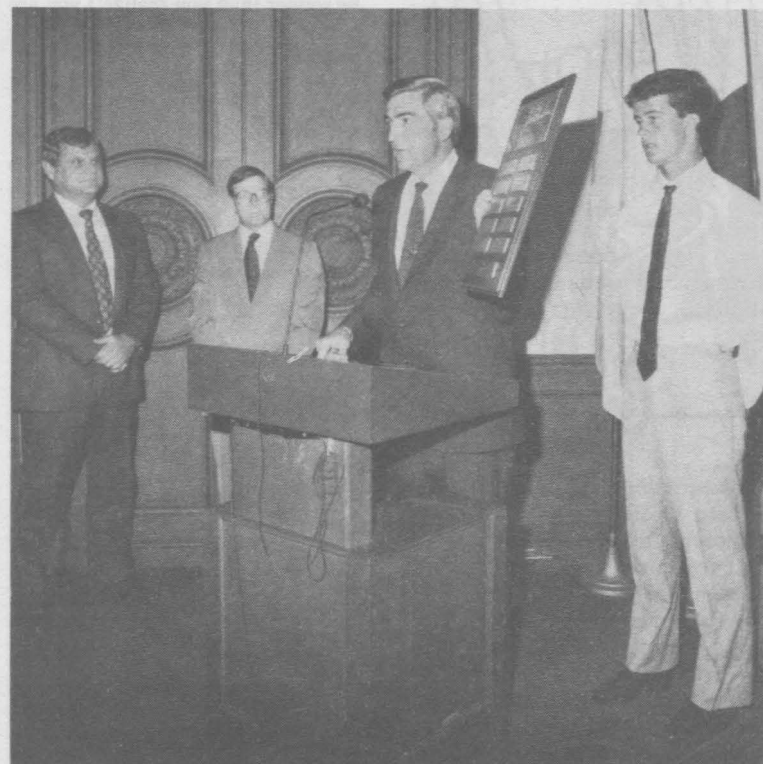
"We first interviewed Mr. Rifkin for the *World Tomorrow* program 'What Price Progress?', which aired last April," Mr. Hulme said. "He was pleased with the program and commented that he wanted to show it to network officials so, in his own words, 'these people could see how to intelligently present critical issues on television.'"

July 7 Mr. Hulme traveled to New York to interview physicians Redford Williams and Reed Moskowitz, who specialize in treating and preventing stress.

Dr. Williams wrote *The Trusting Heart: Great News About Type A Behavior*, which shows how hostility, anger and cynicism can lead to heart attacks.

Dr. Moskowitz is the medical director of Stress Disorders Medical Services at New York University Medical Center.

"He requested a copy of *The World Tomorrow* to review before agreeing to an interview," Mr. Hulme said. "After going through the program, he commented that there appears to be a great similarity between his work and how *The World Tomorrow* is presented."



**SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**—Evangelist Donald Ward, president of Ambassador College, presents the Orel Hershiser Scholarship for Sportsmanlike Conduct to Jeffrey Sorrenson (right) July 18. At left are Jim Meeks, of Community Bank and William E. Thomson Jr., mayor of Pasadena. [G.A. Belluche Jr.]

# Shift in world power evident at summit

PARIS—During the final two stops of this eye-opening, seven-week trip the steadily advancing roles of Western Europe and specifically the European Community are much in evidence.

This was especially the case in the surprise decision reached at the annual summit of the seven major industrial nations.

(Of the seven, four—France, West Germany, Britain and Italy—are Community members. The others are the United States, Japan and Canada. The European Community is also represented on equal basis with the seven. It sends a full delegation, including its head of state, Jacques Delors, president of the EC Commission.)

The leaders, including U.S. President George Bush, asked the EC Commission to coordinate the summit nations' aid to Eastern Europe, specifically Poland and Hungary.

The appointment of the European Community to implement an economic summit directive—the first time this has occurred—represents a milestone in its development.

"By asking the European Community to coordinate Western aid to Poland and Hungary," wrote R.W. Apple in the July 17 *New York*

## WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



*Times*, "the Group of Seven major industrialized countries has acknowledged the organization's growing importance and given it a major new opportunity. It is a development likely to be repeated in other contexts as the process of West European integration accelerates in 1991 and 1992."

### Greater role for West Europeans

To see the U.S. President take a backseat at the summits the United States has dominated in the past came as a surprise to some Europeans.

By agreeing to play second fiddle on this important issue, said author Walter Reed Russell, "something fundamental" in the U.S.-European relationship changed, "something so important that future historians may call it a turning point in world history."

It is known that the Bush admin-

istration originally proposed that it manage the Eastern aid operation. But this is where the real change in transatlantic relations occurred. The Bush plan, said an EC official, "was not acceptable to Europe."

I attended the Commission's end-of-summit press conference with Paris pastor Samuel Kneller. President Delors emphasized why the Community should handle this operation, saying that "Europeans must take care of Europeans."

In a radio interview the next morning, Mr. Delors said that "those are our brothers on the other side" and "we have to draw our peoples and cultures together."

The events in Paris followed by about 10 days Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's appearance at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, France.

The Council, 40 years old this year, is not to be confused with the

European Parliament. It deals with social, environmental and human rights issues in Europe.

The Council has 23 member nations, all of them European democracies. But about a month ago it granted guest observer status to four liberalizing communist countries—Poland, Hungary, Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union.

July 6 Mr. Gorbachev became the first head of state from the East to address the Council. The Soviet leader expanded upon his theme of a "common European home."

Mr. Gorbachev encouraged greater East-West contact at all levels. He outlined proposals for increasing economic interrelationships, such as by developing an East-West high-speed railway network, an all-European satellite television system and engaging in joint atomic energy research.

### Another Tower of Babel?

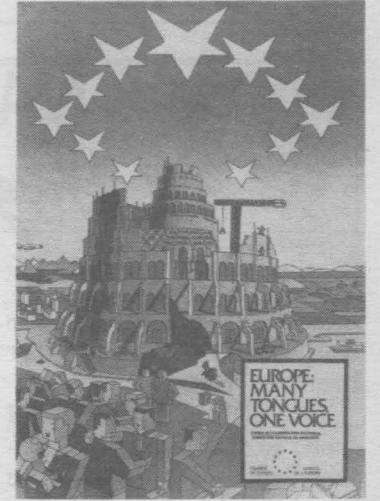
The next day I returned to the Council building with Olivier Carion, pastor in Metz and Colmar, France, to pick up press photos of the Gorbachev visit.

While there we spotted an intriguing poster that illustrates Europe's true historical roots as well as the direction in which it is headed.

The poster shows Europeans busily and happily building what looks to be the Tower of Babel. One official casually referred to it as the Tower of Babel poster.

The title reads, in English, "Europe: Many Languages, One Voice." Of course Europe wants to speak with one voice in world affairs, and is increasingly doing so. Other versions of the poster appear with the same message in French, Italian, Spanish or German.

Genesis 11 shows that the people



**ONE VOICE**—An official called this the Tower of Babel poster. It is printed in English, French, Italian, Spanish and German.

involved in that original unification enterprise "left off to build the city" and its tower after God confused their tongues. This poster gives the impression that Europeans are resuming the effort.

It is not mere coincidence that just as "Babylon" is rising again, for the last time, in our age, Iraq has

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## Just between friends

By Dexter H. Faulkner

### The hardest command

Not just among the Ten Commandments, but among all the commands and instructions in the Bible, which would you say is the most difficult for Christians to observe?

Would you answer "Thou shalt not covet"? Many think that is the most difficult. And indeed, barged as we are with modern advertising and audiovisual techniques designed to stir up lust, it's not easy to be free of covetousness.

Even back in less materialistic times, the apostle Paul called attention in strong terms to his own personal battle against coveting (Romans 7:7-25). It would be interesting to hear what he might have to say in today's world!

Believe it or not, some would say the exhortation to love and respect their mates (Ephesians 5:21-25) is what they find the hardest to put into practice. Their relationships have soured to such a point that it is a severe trial for them to exist together under the same roof, let alone be kind to each other.

Some might say Jesus' instruction about how to be reconciled to someone who has been offended (Matthew 5:23-24) is the most difficult. It takes a real effort to swallow one's pride, to humble oneself, to apologize, to do whatever is needed to make peace.

And, how about controlling the temper? Or mastering the tongue? Those are not easy to do either. When it gets right down to it, there are many aspects of the Christian life that require great effort to put into practice.

### Rejoice—a difficult command

But is there any command so difficult and so often neglected by Christians as the one in James 1:2 to "count it all joy when you fall into various trials" (New King James throughout)? There is nothing more unnatural, more remote from one's normal reflexes than to feel joy while hurting. When a problem suddenly presents itself, who gives

thought to rejoicing? Yet the Bible tells us to rejoice even in the midst of various fiery trials (1 Peter 4:12-13).

What exactly does that mean? It certainly doesn't mean that no matter what comes upon a Christian he or she is to react to the whole ordeal by emitting howls of laughter. The reactions of Jesus Christ to trials included "vehement cries and tears" (Hebrews 5:7). There is, after all, "a time to weep" (Ecclesiastes 3:4). And "no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but grievous" (Hebrews 12:11).

Emotional pain or sorrow may be entirely understandable and even



necessary. But we should not feel it has to be unduly long lasting. "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning" (Psalm 30:5).

We should not be overcome by grief. We may replace it whenever we are ready, with the joy that comes from trust in God and an understanding of His purpose.

Consider what happened to Paul and Silas in the city of Philippi. A mob clubbed them repeatedly—so hard their flesh was broken open in places (Acts 16:22-24, 33). They also suffered the humiliation of hav-

ing their clothes ripped off in public. Then they were chained in a dank prison.

It is doubtful Paul and Silas felt only joy. They were human too. It hurts to be beaten up. To get an idea how much, just recall the last time you banged your head on some solid object. Yet we read that by midnight they were singing aloud (verse 25)!

Yes, we can find reason to rejoice even in severe trials, though they may for a time be grievous. But how often, even in dealing with our day-to-day petty trials, is joy not present?

Examine your life. How many of the problems that weigh you down are really that important? How many are merely what may be termed problems of affluence? You are discouraged because your television set or your clothes washer is giving you trouble. Poor you.

Vast numbers of people on earth don't have those problems. They don't even have electricity! We should not allow unimportant mundane concerns to make us unhappy even briefly. They are just not worth it.

### But, how?

Next time (and it will probably be sooner than you realize!) you are hit with a trial, consider these points:

(1) Realize it could be worse. Sometimes this is small consolation, but it is nevertheless always true. There is really a lot of meaning to the old story about the man who wept because he had no shoes, until he saw a man with no feet.

However bad the situation you are in, it could be worse—much worse. Be thankful it is not. Face, as the apostle Paul wrote, "everything . . . with thanksgiving" (Philippians 4:6). You will be surprised how much better counting your blessings makes you feel.

(2) Realize God is not far away. There is always reason for hope. Nothing is too hard for him. "Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! . . . [Why?] . . . The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing" (Philippians 4:4-6).

(3) Pray for deliverance, but above all pray that God's will be done. Believe that is what will happen. Then rejoice because God's will is what is best for you.

Bearing this in mind can help you greatly rejoice even though you may be "for a little while . . . grieved by various trials" (1 Peter 1:6).



## European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder

### Idyllic Norway needs life's supreme purpose

OSLO, Norway—To take a break from the typewriter I walked down the hill into Pocket Valley (a rough translation from Norwegian).

Children of all ages were playing as I strolled toward the village shops. Mothers were everywhere as well—women with prams (baby buggies) stopping to chat with other women with prams.

A few fathers were around, walking their German shepherds. The hillside was sprinkled with playgrounds.

Bicycles of all types and for all ages were left casually unlocked. Lawn mowers, garden tools, wheelbarrows—all unguarded. No neighborhood watch signs.

Since being here I haven't seen anyone who looks like a policeman except in the city center. We lock our doors, but I get the feeling that nothing would happen if we forgot.

A school interrupted my journey as classes were dismissed for the day. I was struck by the fact that few had gone home. Teenagers gathered in groups talking. There is an obvious absence of anxiety and stress.

Finally I arrived at the shops. They didn't look much different from the houses. The *bokhandel* (bookstore) is the last in the line. The selection is astonishing for a village—with an adequate number of books in English.

I started back home past a pleasantly noisy waterfall. The sounds God created do not disturb the ears. Tables of a cafe overlook the falls. People sit and talk there. No one seems to be in any great hurry.

I stuck my nose into a house with a sign in front. Of all things it was a period restaurant, circa 1640. I looked in the back. Chickens and children were scurrying about. Mothers were watching.

I walked back up the hill, where a man was cutting and stacking logs for next winter.

It seems to me that the whole of Oslo is like a village. Houses seem much the same and incomes are fairly even. Pretty good for a city of some half million.

Village life seems idyllic. The only negative sign I spotted was some graffiti in a tunnel.

Of course it's not enough. As important as their environment is, men and women still need spiritual food in abundance.

Environmentally speaking, this is an ideal way to live. By comparison most of us live in different degrees of hell. We leave nothing unsecured when we go to work.

In the long run the evils that endanger mankind also threaten the future of Norway. The human condition is universal.

Many of the great writings and musical works from Norway in the past 400 years reflect a yearning for something more. Something beyond. For understanding and insight into the mystery of human existence.

But to resolve the great purpose of life, one needs more than pleasant physical surroundings. One needs interaction with the One who placed man here in the first place. That's why Norwegians need the gospel as much as any other nation.



# Water sports, classes accent summer camp in Big Sandy

By Monty Bobo

**BIG SANDY**—One hundred ninety-two campers from three countries and 32 states attended a Summer Educational Program (SEP) June 12 to July 2 on the campus of Ambassador College.

Monty Bobo is editor of the Big Sandy Portfolio.

Four new activities—wind surfing, water polo, canoeing and riflery—were added to the program this year, according to Gilbert Norman, camp director.

"We wanted to make better use of Lake Loma and add more recreational lifetime sports to our program," said David Goethals, assistant camp director. "These are sports you can do all your life."

A typical camper day began around 7:30 with breakfast in the dining hall. Before going to activities, the campers performed dormitory duties such as sweeping, mopping and window washing to prepare the dorm for inspection.

In team sports such as softball, volleyball and basketball, campers learned fundamentals. They sharpened their skills in games against other dorms.

One of the most emphasized classes was Christian living. Biblical principles were applied to situations faced by campers. Topics were

the power of choice; dating and relationships; goals, planning and family; and family finances.

"The Christian living classes really helped me to understand a lot about life and to help me put things in perspective," said Angela Cherry, a camper from Sumter, S.C.

After lunch and a rest period, campers went to afternoon activities. Among the most popular were the wind surfing and canoeing classes at Lake Loma. Both were designed to challenge the campers' abilities and broaden their skills.

About wind surfing, Lori Swihart of West Carrollton, Ohio, said: "I loved it. It's a great feeling being on top of the waves."

Campers looked at career choices in the career exploration class. In the first class a test was given to help students see their interests and aptitudes. Subsequent classes were built on those findings.

Charles Calahan, pastor of Sherman and Paris, Tex., churches, directed the career exploration class. Mr. Calahan stressed planning for the future and reminded campers, "If you don't know where you're going, you'll end up somewhere else."

In the evenings campers participated in the activity of their choice to practice skills learned in the scheduled classes. Later, after fellowship time and dorm meetings

with the counselors, it was off to bed.

Activities were based on teaching spiritual principles through physical games with each activity designed to teach teamwork, encouragement and character, according to Mr. Goethals.

"This allows campers to make the right choices, not only in physical games but in life," he said.

Said Jason Engle of Rochester, Minn., "I learned to encourage people a lot and try to make everybody feel better, and not put them down."

Kermit Nelson, who coordinates YOU in Church Administration, visited the camp June 21 and 22.

Evangelist Larry Salyer, associate director of Church Administration for international areas, visited the camp June 30 and July 2.



**RIDING A BREEZE**—Campers participate in wind surfing, a new activity this year at the Summer Educational Program in Big Sandy. [Photo by Matthew Siebolds]

## Study language, culture

# Students relish taste of Spain

By Janice Garrett

**PASADENA**—"Bienvenidos a Espana," the captain announced as our 747 touched down at the Madrid, Spain, airport.

Our group consisted of Amba-

sador College students Angela Bond, Gina Churchill, Kelly Walker, Karen Williams and myself. Ralph Levy, instructor in Spanish at Ambassador College, was the tour leader.

The purpose of our five-week trip, May 23 to June 27, was to study the language and culture as well as visit the members in Madrid.

Mr. Levy conducted classes for three hours every morning for three weeks. In the afternoons and

Janice Garrett, a 1989 Ambassador College graduate, is a secretary and receptionist in the Spanish Department.

evenings we were free to explore the city and visit such sites as the Prado Museum (which houses works of El Greco, Velazquez, Goya, Rembrandt and Picasso), the Royal Palace, the military museum and many plazas and landscaped parks.

We took a day trip to El Escorial, a palace and mausoleum, church, college and monastery built by Philip II from 1563 to 1584. We also visited Segovia, this year's Feast site, and Toledo.

### Spanish customs

It is not uncommon to see parents and grandparents walking and talking with their children or pushing baby carriages through plazas at 11:30 p.m.

The Spanish people love to eat and drink, although their hours for doing so are different from ours. They aren't in a hurry at the table.

### Spanish brethren

The trip would not have been complete without the brethren. The church in Madrid was warm and friendly. On our first Sabbath the women greeted us with kisses (one on each cheek as the custom goes) and we felt as if we had always known them.

"We are very thankful for this opportunity," said Pedro Rufian, pastor of the congregation. "Having college students here really helped the young people who want to come to Ambassador College understand more about Ambassador College. Especially it was worth it for all the members, because they could see that there are people all over the world who know the same truth and feel the same way."

There are seven members in Madrid with an average weekly attendance of 32.

## Involved with Work since 1982

# Artist's calling 'bit by bit'

By Lana Walker

**PASADENA**—Dan Andreasen has a gift—the ability to draw. His talent landed him a full-time position with *American Greetings*, a greeting card company in Cleveland, Ohio, at 19, with no formal training in art. "I didn't go to school. I'm self-taught."

Lana Walker is an associate editor for *The Good News*.

Mr. Andreasen's involvement with the Work began in 1982 when he subscribed to *The Plain Truth*. He wasn't aware of the Church, though. "I just thought it was a fabulous magazine, not understanding the backing of it. But I liked the magazine and liked what it had to say. I was learning and I was very

excited about it."

His interest in the magazine prompted him to send in samples of his artwork to Editorial Services in Pasadena. A year later he got a call from *Plain Truth* graphic artist Randall Cole asking him to do an illustration—a tombstone shaped like a pack of cigarettes—for a "News Overview" article on the high cost of smoking. From there, he worked for Mr. Cole almost monthly.

"The key thing about Dan is not just that he does good art—that goes without saying," said Mr. Cole. "Generally I avoid working with artists outside of the local area. It is usually just not as convenient to work without personal contact, but Dan has proved to be such a dependable person to work with that there

has been no problem at all."

One would expect his high-quality artwork to come with a high price tag. But, instead, Mr. Andreasen has often expressed his appreciation for the magazine by just leaving payment to the discretion of the designers.

Realizing Mr. Andreasen's talent, L. Greg Smith, art director for *The Good News*, also contracted Dan to do illustrations. The two artists built a long-distance friendship, and Mr. Smith was able to visit Mr. Andreasen at his home in Medina, Ohio, last year.

Mr. Andreasen is originally from Stockbridge, Mich. "It's spelled just like Stockbridge, Mass., where Norman Rockwell is from. Isn't that strange?" Mr. Andreasen said, chuckling.

Some of his most challenging work was the Latin America series in *The Plain Truth*.

"There was a lot of research involved to be able to paint accurately," Mr. Cole explained. "He needed to find fairly obscure details on Latin American costumes, for example."

After several years of reading the Church's literature and working for Editorial, last spring Mr. Andreasen was baptized. "It took a while. It happened bit by bit," he explained.

Mr. Andreasen and his wife, Sharon, went to the same high school in Cleveland and worked together at a shopping mall. "She worked cleaning tables and I worked sweeping floors." They were married in 1983 and have two children, Emily, 3, and Brett, 8 months.

In March, the Andreasens visited headquarters for the first time. During a tour of Editorial Services, young Brett slept in executive editor Dexter Faulkner's office. Asked if he was nervous about leaving his son in a stranger's office, Mr. Andreasen replied, "I think we can trust people around here!"



DAN AND SHARON ANDREASEN



**SOJOURNERS IN SPAIN**—From left: Angela Bond, Karen Williams, Ralph Levy, Janice Garrett, Pedro Rufian and Kelly Walker during this year's Ambassador College summer program in Spain. Mr. Levy, instructor in Spanish at Ambassador College, was the tour leader, and Mr. Rufian pastors the Madrid, Spain, church. [Photo by Gina Churchill]

# War survivor: Member tells of slavery, misery, a new life

MORNINGTON, Ont.—Every year Angela Kschesinski gets together with family and friends who share a common experience. They all survived the conflict in Europe during World War II.

Mrs. Kschesinski and her husband, Herman, and Angelika Fetzer, Mrs. Kschesinski's mother, attend the Kitchener, Ont., church.

Angela and her parents, Adam and Angelika Fetzer, lived in the Danube Swabian province of Yugoslavia before World War II. Mr. Fetzer, with his cabinetmaking business, provided a comfortable living for his family.

Then in 1944, late in the war, during the German occupation of Yugoslavia, Mr. Fetzer disappeared. "The German army needed more men," Angela said. All the men of the town "were notified to appear in the city hall and were drafted into the army." That was the last Angela saw of her father for more than seven years.

Mrs. Fetzer was commandeered to work in a hospital for the wounded while Angela and her grandmother "were forced into a corner section of the town that was surrounded by barbed wire . . . and soldiers," Angela said. More than 40 people lived in each house.

After her hospital service Mrs. Fetzer was reunited with Angela. But they could not go home, because all their property and belongings had been confiscated.

They took "just what [they] could wear and carry," Angela recalled. "We [along with others in the town] lost our home, fields and cattle, everything."

## Sold into slavery

With nothing left and nowhere to go Mrs. Fetzer and Angela were sold as slaves by the authorities to a Hungarian family.

The Hungarian family treated Angela and her mother well, but the farm they lived on was rundown. "Rats were eating holes through the walls where we slept," Angela said. "And there were rats swimming in the well drinking water. Though we didn't know, they were in the well."

When the war came to an end the ordeal for Angela and her mother did not. Russian soldiers rounded the Swabians up. Women and children were sent to a concentration camp.

At the camp the Fetzers and others were put in open cattle cars

bound for Austria. "It was December and bitter cold," Angela said. "Where there should have been a door on the cattle car there was a drafty opening. We tried to close [up the opening] with our baggage.

"Soldiers and guards on the outside would go by, slice open our baggage and take out what they wanted. When we got to Austria half of our belongings, the little we could carry, were missing."

## Exiles in Europe

In Vienna the Fetzers were detained for three weeks because of overcrowding at the refugee camp.

"Nobody wanted us," Angela said. "We sat there for days with nothing to eat . . . children were eating the bark off trees because they were so hungry."

The Fetzers were finally taken by the British Red Cross to a displaced persons camp in lower Austria. There they shared a barrack with 40 other people.

The barrack was bare except for a pot-belly stove. Women gathered fuel for the stove from the surrounding hills. They cut down trees and rolled the logs back to camp.

Blueberries grew in the hills and were a welcome source of food. There was little food in the camp.

Outside the camp a river served as a source of drinking water and a place to wash clothes.

## New life in Canada

They remained in the camp all of 1947. During that time they wrote letters to a relative living in Canada and began the paperwork for emigration.

With permission to emigrate Angela and her mother boarded a train for the German port of Bremerhaven. An old grain freighter in the port was used to carry refugees to Canada.

The 10-day crossing to Halifax, N.S., was rough, and most of the passengers got sick. But, Angela reflected, "when you come from the [concentration] camp, from poverty, it was wonderful, the food and everything was just great to us. It was like going from poverty into paradise."

After living with relatives they moved to Preston, Ont., where Mrs. Fetzer found housing and worked in a factory for 50 cents an hour. For Angela it was back to school.

Then in 1949, after seven years of silence, news arrived that Angela's

father was a prisoner of war in Italy. Immediately, efforts to bring Mr. Fetzer to Canada began and the family was reunited in 1952.

In 1955 Angela married Herman Kschesinski, a refugee from West Prussia. They have three children and live in Mornington, where Mr. Kschesinski works as a stonemason.

Mr. Fetzer died in 1974. Mrs. Kschesinski has not been back to her hometown in Yugoslavia. "There is nothing for us there," she said. "The happy times are here. Life has been wonderful, although we did have a rough start."



**WAR SURVIVORS**—Angela Kschesinski (right) and her mother, Angelika Fetzer (center), emigrated to Canada after losing their home and belongings during World War II. Mrs. Fetzer holds her great-granddaughter, Desiree, while seated next to Desiree's mother, Debbie Kschesinski (left).

## Making program convenient to watch

# Media team promotes telecast

By Thomas C. Hanson

PASADENA—"Our goal is to make the *World Tomorrow* telecast available to as many people as possible," said Thomas Lapacka, manager of Media Purchasing.

Mr. Lapacka coordinates the day-to-day operations of Media Purchasing, a six-person section of Media Planning & Promotion, which is directed by Ray Wright.

Mr. Lapacka is assisted by Edwin Stepp, assistant Media Purchasing manager; executive secretary Paula Costantino; Eileen Wendling, media planner; Mary Hamilton, media traffic coordinator; and Dorcas Taylor, who assists with media traffic and maintains computer files.

*The World Tomorrow* is on 360 television stations around the world. It is rated No. 1 in the United States among religious programs in terms of television households and No. 2 in audience, according to Arbitron, a television rating service.

## Liaison with ad agency

Serving as a liaison with Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn (BBDO), an advertising agency retained by the Church, Mr. Lapacka reviews contracts and makes market trips to visit television stations.

Media Purchasing has as its major goal in buying air time in the United States and other international markets to reach the largest television audience possible.

To accomplish this goal in the

United States the following strategies are used as guidelines: (1) to maintain and increase national cable buys; (2) to move from ultra high frequency (UHF) stations to very high frequency stations (VHF) because they generally are stronger and more popular; and (3) to buy time on network owned-and-operated stations and station ownership groups.

## A time of growth

"The early 1980s was a time of growth in the audience of the telecast," Mr. Wright said. "Simply getting the program into markets across the country was our primary goal."

"We attained virtually 100 percent coverage," Mr. Lapacka said. "Practically anyone who knew about the telecast and wanted to watch it could."

Now that *The World Tomorrow* has market presence the goal is to increase the audience by making the telecast more convenient to watch.

## 'No paid religion'

The Church bought time for the telecast on WNBC, the flagship station of the NBC network, even though WNBC has a strict no-paid religion policy, which applies to the stations the network owns and operates.

"WNBC accepted the program not only because the telecast never solicits money from viewers," Mr. Lapacka said, "but even more im-

portantly, because its high production value fits their standard of quality."

The Church was then able to buy time on WBAL in Baltimore, Md., and has entered negotiations with stations owned and operated by the ABC network and other station groups with no-paid religion policies.

Being able to air the telecast on network owned-and-operated stations "gives the Church clout like no one else in this category has," Mr. Lapacka said.

## Use of ad agency

Why does the Church use an outside advertising agency? "BBDO personnel are experts in the marketplace," Mr. Lapacka said. "They know the best stations, times and price. They are skilled negotiators and save the Church up to \$1 million a year."

"They have clout," Mr. Lapacka said. "When BBDO calls a station they get in. God uses them to open doors."

BBDO promotes the telecast because they feel it is helpful information, according to Mr. Lapacka. We don't proselytize or ask for money. If we did, they wouldn't represent us.

## How time is bought

BBDO calls a television station and sets up an appointment with the general manager, the programing director and the national sales manager.

BBDO shows segments of the telecast and explains why the telecast is different from traditional religious broadcasts. Mention is made of other stations that air the telecast, and then BBDO asks to buy air time.

Station representatives are generally positive, Mr. Lapacka said. They are pleasantly surprised and usually are not familiar with the telecast.

BBDO follows up this visit to secure a broadcast time and price.

## Media Purchasing manager

Mr. Lapacka and his wife, Linda, served the Church 10 years in Europe, when he pastored churches in Switzerland and West Germany. Mr. Lapacka was responsible for promoting *The Plain Truth* in Austria and Switzerland, working with a Zurich, Switzerland, advertising agency.

After graduation from Bricket Wood in 1971 Mr. Lapacka worked for five years in sales, advertising and marketing for Kellogg's International and the commercial division of Johnson Wax.

The Lapackas came to Pasadena in May, 1987, from Switzerland.

# Force of 3,600 preach the gospel, feed flock

By Daniel Vander Poel

PASADENA—The Church employs more than 3,600 people worldwide to perform the many tasks of preaching the gospel and feeding the flock, according to Joe Slevin, employment coordinator for the Church.

*Daniel Vander Poel graduated from Ambassador College in Pasadena in May.*

Mr. Slevin explained how functions of the Work such as the *World Tomorrow* telecast, *The Plain Truth* and Church Administration require a large number of employees. It takes many people to do the work in Personal Correspondence, Accounting, Publishing, Mail Processing, Maintenance, Landscaping, Ambassador College and Imperial Schools. These individuals need to be trained.

Mr. Slevin said that "the Church employs many Ambassador College graduates, since a lot of training has been given to them. They have received training in Church doctrine, leadership, speaking, writing, languages, culture, travel and interpersonal relationships."

Nearly 600 students are employed in Pasadena during the school year, while more than 400 students work in Big Sandy. Students work part time to assist the Work and to earn money for their education.

Most college students work 20 hours a week. Many students answer phones in response to the *World Tomorrow* telecast or usher in the Ambassador Auditorium.

The Church employs more than 700 full-time ministers. More than 400 of those are in the United States. About 230 people are employed full-time in the 12 regional offices and 15 suboffices.



**MEDIA PURCHASERS**—Thomas Lapacka (center), manager of Media Purchasing, is assisted by (from left) Edwin Stepp, assistant Media Purchasing manager; Eileen Wendling, media planner; Mary Hamilton, media traffic coordinator; and Dorcas Taylor, who assists in media traffic and maintains computer files. Not pictured is Paula Costantino, executive secretary. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]



Caribbean region

# Office center of island chain

By Thomas C. Hanson

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico—In the English-speaking Caribbean, God has called one out of every 4,744 people to be members of his Church, according to evangelist Stan Bass, regional director.

Mr. Bass feels that a high percentage are called here because the islands were colonized by Israel and the educational level is higher than many Third World areas.

"You might call the Caribbean the Second World rather than the Third World, because if you divide the world into the haves and the have nots, the Caribbean would be among the haves," Mr. Bass said.

About 31 million people live in the Caribbean. They speak Spanish, French, Dutch and English. The majority speak Spanish, and just less than a third speak English. Twelve countries are members of the Commonwealth.

The Caribbean is a popular area for Festival transfers. Some brethren are second-, third- or fourth-time visitors.

**Caribbean Office**

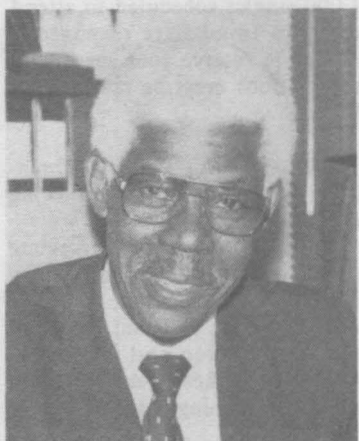
The regional office for the English-speaking Caribbean is in Spanish-speaking Puerto Rico because it is conveniently situated in the midst of the Caribbean. Because it is a United States Commonwealth, U.S. office employees do not need work permits.

The office moved to its current location on the second floor of an office complex in the Rio Hondo shopping center west of San Juan in November, 1986.

Nine people work in the English-language Caribbean Office. Mr.

Bass is assisted by his secretary Audrey Huntley, a native of Guyana. David Laracunte became the business manager in October. Richard Taylor is the Festival and circulation coordinator. His wife, Vicki, is the receptionist and regional media coordinator.

Donald Gardner of Antigua handles mail processing. Kenneth Barker of Trinidad does accounting.



STAN BASS

Milagros Colon works in Festival and circulation. Domingo Negrón is messenger.

Mr. Bass is the region's first and only regional director. He was sent to pastor the Church in Barbados in 1968 after Herbert W. Armstrong visited there. As the Church grew Mr. Bass served members on other islands.

When his application to renew his work permit was denied in 1972 he was sent to Miami, Fla., to serve Caribbean brethren from there. In 1974 he moved to Puerto Rico.

Mr. Bass tries to visit each of the

18 ministers in the Caribbean region at least twice a year. Away from home about 12 days a month he has accumulated more than 330,000 frequent flyer miles with major airlines, not to mention the smaller interisland lines. His wife, Millicent, accompanies him on many church visits.

The northernmost island served by the San Juan Office is Bermuda, which is east of North Carolina. However, since there are no direct flights from Puerto Rico to Bermuda Mr. Bass must fly to New York City and back down to Bermuda.

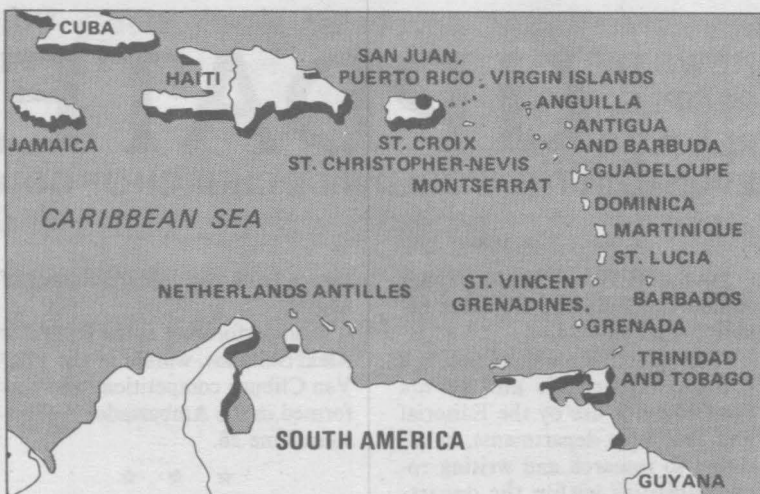
**Island circuits**

Six of the smaller churches share



AUDREY HUNTLEY

ministers. One church will meet the first and third sabbaths of a month and the other church will meet the second and fourth sabbaths. It's impossible for a minister to be in both churches in a circuit each Sabbath since the churches are on different islands.



CARIBBEAN REGION

Mr. Bass and his wife visited the Bible study in Dominica after the island was devastated by Hurricane David in 1979. They couldn't get there for six weeks because the airport was closed and communications were down.

"I didn't know what to expect," Mr. Bass said. "There was no electricity, and the hotels were operat-

ing on generators.

"When we walked into the regularly scheduled Bible study every member was present. Every time I think about it, it makes me choke up. They went through a lot to be there. All were positive even though each lost possessions."

Dominica is now a church with an attendance of about 85.

## Summit

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been reconstructing a small part of ancient Babylon as a tourist attraction. Our television crew has filmed this impressive project.

The nations of Europe today are involved in a parallel, but far more impressive effort to achieve first economic and then, they hope, political unity. Europe is building a common house, though it is not Mr. Gorbachev's hazily defined model.

Moreover, the striving for unity goes beyond Europe. In his press conference President Delors said that because of stagnant growth in

the Third World, "we need a new world economic order."

It's more obvious than ever that with the changes under way, Europe will be the heart of this worldwide enterprise. The prophecy concerning Babylon in Revelation 18 indicates as much.

The lesson of Genesis 11, however, is that humans can be swayed to organize great united efforts on their own ("let us build a city and a tower"—Genesis 11:4) without God's guidance—in fact, excluding God from the process.

"Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it" (Psalm 127:1). Like its predecessor (Daniel 5), this Babylon will also fall (Revelation 18:2).



## 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)

## Manila, Philippines

By Kerri Dowd

In spite of the difficult economic situation, Manila, Philippines, brethren "are willing to face up to their problems," said Jose Raduban, who served the area from 1980 until June, 1989. "They are adaptable to any situation and they are not a complaining people."

Mr. Raduban continued: "They are very supportive of the Church. They basically carry on with their calling and look on difficulties as part of their overall growth and overcoming."

Most of the 310 Manila brethren

rely on buses and jeepneys for transportation. Only 5 percent have their own vehicles.

The church meets in a Girl Scout auditorium in the densely populated heart of Manila.

The climate is humid with temperatures between 90 and 95 degrees Fahrenheit (32 to 35 Celsius) most of the year. May through December is the rainy season, and typically the period between August and December brews up more tropical storms than there are letters in the alphabet.

**Widespread unemployment**

Only about 30 percent of employable brethren are employed, Mr. Raduban said. "Our women are able to find better employment than the men. More of them are employed at better pay, not because men are not qualified, but because of stiff competition for jobs among men."

Mr. Raduban explained that in general few people in Metro Manila have jobs. Many of those who are employable go abroad to find work. Finding a job is doubly hard for

Church members because the Sabbath is a regular work day.

The Sabbath is also a regular school day at colleges. This makes getting an education difficult for members. It can take them seven years to complete a five-year program. College is also expensive.

Companies like to hire employees who have passed board exams and are licensed in their field. Unfortunately, the board exams are also given on the Sabbath.

"Some members work three or four days a week and learn to stretch their money," Mr. Raduban said. "Sometimes a man will have work one month and then nothing for six months."

Some members are self-employed in services such as construction, plumbing, carpentry, hanging wallpaper or in sales of tools, insurance and real estate.

**Large families**

Philippine couples tend to have from five to 10 children. "Somehow we manage," Mr. Raduban said. "Perhaps it's because of close family relationships."



FESTIVAL FUN—Family groups enjoy activities at the 1988 Feast of Tabernacles in Manila, Philippines. [Photo by Lemuel Acebron]

Housing is expensive, and few members own their homes. Most rent rooms or apartments. "Maybe three to five people live in one room, and eight to 10 people and sometimes two families live in an apartment."

Less than 10 percent of the brethren have telephones, and there are few public telephones. Members must be contacted in person in emergencies.

**Faithful brethren**

"They are faithful in tithes and offerings, and we continue to have a good increase. . . . At least since 1979 the income has been good," Mr. Raduban said.

Because Manila is a Feast site, all of the area churches help set up the site. Many are experienced and there is no shortage of manpower.

During the Feast many members stay in their homes and invite others to stay with them. The few who can transfer make their homes available to others.

The Manila churches combine on the first Monday of each month for an evening of sports, including basketball, volleyball, softball, swimming and tennis.

Other activities include potlucks, two annual outings with the Marikina church, a widows luncheon and YOU and YES events.



## WE ARE ONE FAMILY

Manila, Philippines	
Attendance	310
Local church elders	2
Deacons	3
Deaconesses	4
Teens	40
Children under 12	51
Singles	125
Over 60s	20
Spokesman Clubs	0
Graduate Clubs	1

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

PASADENA—David Fraser joined the Editorial Services research staff July 24.

"His job will include developing a bimonthly trends and terms newsletter for use by the Editorial and Television departments, in addition to research and writing responsibilities within the department," said Dan Taylor, supervisor of the research department.

Mr. Fraser was pastor of the Honolulu, Hawaii, church from 1979 to 1989. He has a bachelor of arts degree in theology from Pasadena Ambassador College, a bachelor of arts degree in political science and economics from the University of Melbourne, Australia, and a master of arts degree in human resources management from Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif.

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PASADENA—The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board granted the Big Sandy campus certification to grant bachelor of science degrees in business administration, management information systems and home economics.

The board also gave permission to grant the bachelor of arts degree in theology. In addition, permission was given to grant associate degrees in general studies, theology, business administration, management information systems and home economics.

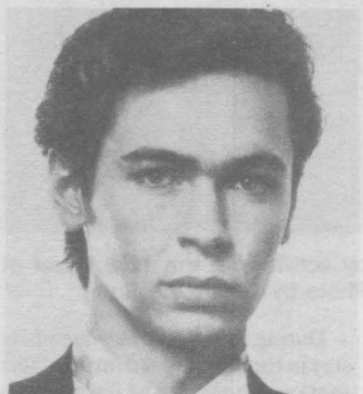
The certificate of authority to grant these degrees extends through July, 1991, according to evangelist Donald Ward, Ambassador College president.

With this certification, the college in Texas can begin the accreditation process, which is expected to take two to four years.

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PASADENA—The Ambassador Foundation will be the sole sponsor of pianist Frederic Chiu at the Ivo Pogorelich summer festival in Bad Woerishofen, West Germany, Aug. 1 to 8.

Evangelist David Hulme, vice president of the Ambassador Founda-



IVO POGORELICH

tion, was in Bad Woerishofen June 18 to make arrangements.

"This represents an excellent opportunity to broaden our contribution to the performing arts and become involved in a major European music presentation during its first year," said Mr. Hulme.

"The Ivo Pogorelich festival will introduce several new performers to the European music scene."

Mr. Hulme described Mr. Pogorelich as "a good friend of the Ambassador Foundation." Mr. Pogorelich, a pianist, has performed several times at the Ambassador Auditorium.

While in Bad Woerishofen, Mr. Hulme spoke about the nature and activities of the Ambassador Foundation.

Mr. Chiu is a graduate of the Indiana University School of Music and has a masters degree in perfor-

mance from the Julliard School of Music.

Also performing at the festival is Alexi Sultanov, winner of the 1989 Van Cliburn competition, who performed in the Ambassador Auditorium June 26.

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PASADENA—Evangelist David Albert, a World Tomorrow presenter, interviewed 16 Ambassador College students July 16 for a program on parenting that will air Nov. 4 and 5.

"The program focuses on the issue of parenting from the teen perspective," Dr. Albert said. "We talked about the problems and needs that teenagers have ... today."

The students were interviewed in two groups of eight. "They were open and candid about their feelings and experiences as teens."

Mark Wine, an Ambassador College senior, said: "We talked about many of the problems that teens face today: drugs, alcohol, premarital sex, family relations, dating ... We tried to focus on what parents and teens can do to make each others' lives easier."

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PASADENA—During a field day sponsored by the American Ra-

dio Relay League (ARRL) June 24 and 25, seven Church members who are amateur radio operators contacted 615 other ham operators within a 16-hour period. One of the contacts was in the Soviet Union.

The field day was a contest to see how many ham operators could be contacted, according to Garland Snuffer, supervisor of Radio Production. It also provided an opportunity for the operators to test their equipment and emergency operations.

The group of Church members set up a temporary transmitting station on the property of Floyd Bunch of the San Diego, Calif., church. They operated with four transmitters from after sunset June 24 until noon the next day.

Mr. Snuffer is coordinator of Alpha Charlie Net, a network of more than 300 amateur radio operators in the Church.

"We would very much like anyone who is presently not a member of the network to join us," Mr. Snuffer said. The network "allows members to call in with information, have a chat and helps build ties among the Family."

The network includes Church members from United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Ireland, Sweden, West Germany, Australia, New Zealand, Guyana and Belize. It operates daily between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. Pacific time, and from 8 to 9 a.m. Sundays.

Any amateur radio operators who would like to join the network can write to Mr. Snuffer at the Worldwide Church of God, Radio Production, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—This year's singles activity at the Feast of Tabernacles here will be a six-hour cruise on Tampa Bay and the Gulf of Mexico.

The cruise, scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 15, will include a full-course dinner; a buffet of cold cuts and finger foods; and entertainment and dancing.

The cost is \$36 for each person. To reserve passage on the boat, please send a check or money order made out to the Church Activity Fund. Mail it to Ken Pearson, 3213 Glenridge Court, Palm Harbor, Fla., 34685.

Space is available for 450 of the 1,000 singles scheduled to attend the site. Immediate response is needed to reserve your space, and reservations must be received by Sept. 15. ★ ★ ★

PASADENA—Church Administration announced the following ordinations.

Randy D'Alessandro, associate pastor of the Raleigh and Rocky Mount, N.C., churches; and Kenneth Peterson, assistant pastor of the New Haven and Hartford, Conn., churches; were raised in rank to preaching elder on Pentecost, June 11.

Earle Reese, a deacon in the Pasadena Imperial A.M. church, and Hugh Mauck and Roger Widmer of the Pasadena Auditorium P.M. church, were ordained local elders on Pentecost.

Ordained local church elders on Pentecost were James Caldwell, a deacon in the London, Ky., church; Franklin Guice and Donald Hall, deacons in the Pasadena Imperial

A.M. church; and David Perino, a deacon in the Casper, Wyo., church.

Alfredo Farraren of the Manila, Philippines, church was ordained a local church elder on the Sabbath, April 29.

Karl Moore, a deacon in the Toronto, Ont., West church, and John McGuigan, a deacon in the Toronto Central church, were ordained local church elders on the last day of Unleavened Bread, April 26.

Dennis Benson, a deacon in the Prescott Valley, Ariz., church, was ordained a local church elder on the first day of Unleavened Bread, April 20. ★ ★ ★

PASADENA—Church Administration announced the following ministerial transfers and men hired into the ministry. These men will serve as pastors except where noted.

Transfers: Kent Fentress, Portland East and Hood River, Ore.; David Fraser, Editorial Services, Pasadena; Bryan Hoyt, Salem and Albany, Ore.; and William Winner, Wheeling, W. Va., and Steubenville, Ohio.

New hires: assistant pastors: Jay Fields, Knoxville A.M. and P.M. and Cookeville, Tenn.; Mark Flynn, Jackson and Greenwood, Miss.; Randolph Hall, Nashville and Murfreesboro, Tenn.; and Robert Miller, Birmingham A.M. and P.M. and Anniston, Ala.

Ministerial trainees: Jeff Caudle, Columbus, Ohio, A.M. and P.M.; and Eugene Kubik, Spokane, Wash., and Lewiston and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.



## FROM OUR SCATTERED BRETHREN

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

BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia—The small-engine plane couldn't stop after landing on a remote island runway in Papua New Guinea.

The pilot spun the plane around into the bush rather than toward the ocean.

Timothy Grauel, pastor of the Cairns, Darwin and Townsville, Australia, churches, made this report about an April 27 to May 7 trip to Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands.

Unrest in Bougainville, Papua New Guinea, caused flight delays, so I took a small plane to the remote island after visiting the brethren in Port Moresby, the capital.

### Papua New Guinea

In Mount Hagen I baptized a man we visited last year.

He is a coffee merchant and businessman. He is better off financially than our other members, and he may be able to attend the Feast of Tabernacles in Australia.

I met two men formerly from a group of more than 300 people who consider themselves members of the Church of God. These two seem to be making good progress.

We now have eight members in Papua New Guinea. I have several requests for baptism from prospective members scattered around the country.

Our members in Papua New Guinea have not attended a Feast, and this has limited their vision and understanding of the Church. Maybe next year some can travel to the Honiara, Solomon Islands,

site.

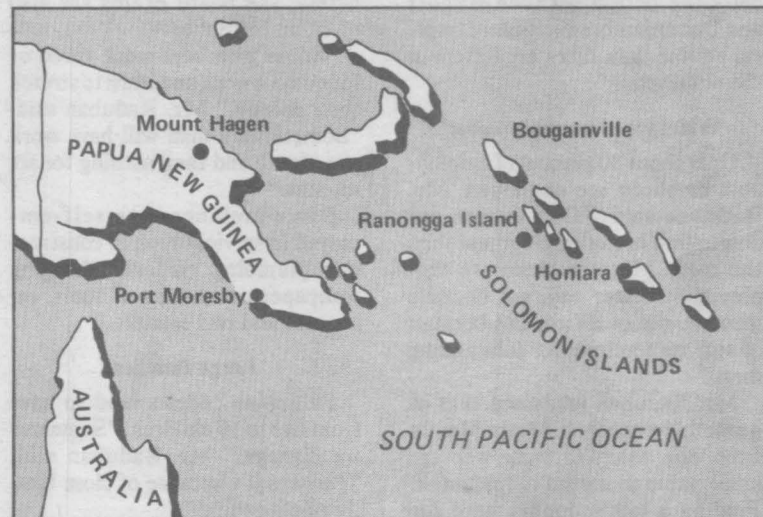
Since my trip, good letters continue to come from members, prospective members and new contacts there.

No new contacts have come from the Solomons in the last year. Most new members have come from the families of members.

Within the year, Papua New Guinea could come close to or even surpass the member total for the Solomons.

### Solomon Islands

Our members in Honiara are doing reasonably well. Since my trip, however, Geoffrey Kuper, 72, a longtime member and patriarch of a large family of members, died of a heart attack June 7.



SOUTH PACIFIC VISIT—Timothy Grauel, pastor of the Cairns, Darwin and Townsville, Australia, churches, visited Church members in Mount Hagen, Port Moresby and Ranongga Island, New Guinea; and Honiara, Solomon Islands; April 27 to May 7. [Map by Ron Grove]

Visiting brethren requires time, and the additional time now spent in the area is valuable in feeding and tending them.

The western provinces are remote and different from Honiara. Our members live on Ranongga Island, about a one-hour motorized canoe ride from Gizo, the regional center.

We have eight Church members there and several who are interested (mainly spouses and children).

Living conditions are primitive but orderly and fairly clean.

The village where Isaac Jiru lived is a model example, much different from other villages I saw on the island. Mr. Jiru died last October.

Only his wife, daughters and their families live there. Two men, both members, are also village chiefs, and they look after the Jirus' village. Their own villages are on either side of the Jirus.

During my two-day visit there, I found that our members are making steady progress. Their grasp of English is generally poor. The best among them understand the language, but are not able to speak it well.

This is why Mr. Jiru was so valuable, because he spoke both the area

language and English quite well, and could translate material for them.

Mr. Jiru's son, Derek, is able to do some of these things, but because he doesn't live on the island (he's taking teacher training courses) his influence is limited.

### Lack of Bibles

The language problem is heightened by a lack of Bibles in the dialect called Roviana.

There are some old copies of the last translation of the New Testament, but only one of our members has a copy.

I spoke with a minister from another denomination overseeing the translation of the Bible into Roviana, and he said it would be three years or so until the New Testament was widely available. No word yet on the Old Testament.

Meanwhile, I'm looking into what copies may be found in Australia.

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