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## Directors travel to Pasadena: attend one-on-one meetings

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—Besides attending an annual conference in June, many regional directors visit Pasadena in the fall and winter to draft long-range goals, revise budgets and forge close communications with headquarters.

These trips offer regional directors one-on-one contact with evangelist Larry Salyer, associate direc-

tor of Church Administration for international areas, personnel in the media areas and others.

"I get so much accomplished in these meetings," said Robert Fahey, Australian and Asian regional director.

"During the conference in June we are totally swamped and don't get a chance to see many other departments," Mr. Fahey said.

Mr. Salyer discusses manpower, church growth and personal needs with each regional director.

"They get a sense of direction for things that are occurring here in the Work," he said.

Not all regional directors are able to visit, but so far this fall four have been to Pasadena: evangelist Stan Bass from the Caribbean Office; Bram de Bree, Dutch Office; evangelist Frank Brown, British Office; and Mr. Fahey.

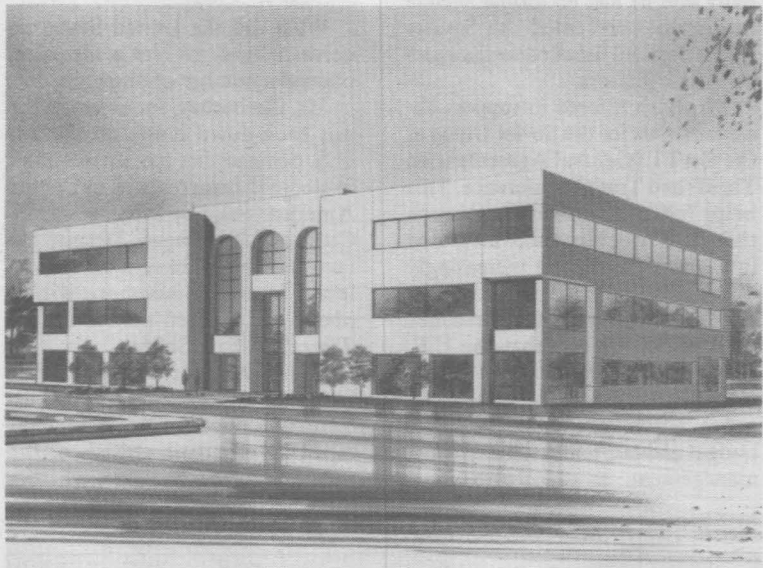
Evangelist Raymond McNair from New Zealand will visit Dec. 23; evangelist Leslie McCullough from Southern Africa is planning a visit in January; and Rodney Matthews from the Philippines, is scheduled for mid-February.

Most trips last from four days to a week.

Mr. Salyer said he sits down with each regional director to analyze media areas and responses received, "and what changes we can anticipate—like Europe right now.

"Of course there's the pleasant social side of it that we try to develop and maintain," Mr. Salyer continued, "which is very important for promoting the idea of we are one family.

"It's nice to pick up the phone, call overseas and feel like you know the person at the other end. It gives us a chance to get reacquainted in a personal sense."



**BIG SANDY CONSTRUCTION**—This artist's rendering pictures the new administration building on the Big Sandy Ambassador College campus. Construction should be completed by late spring 1990.

## PT requests increase from Eastern Europe

By John Ross Schroeder

WEST BERLIN—What do you say about the Berlin Wall that hasn't already been said? No end of stories have been set to type. The media is bursting to overkill.

But, the big story in Berlin has been hidden. For of supreme importance is the new opportunity for preaching the gospel to East Berlin, East Germany and Eastern Europe.

John Ross Schroeder, author of "European Diary," comments on events in Eastern Europe.

A case in point is the West Berlin Zoo railway station. Hundreds of German *Plain Truths* (*Klar & Wahr*) have been picked up by eager East Berliners, placed in shopping bags and taken back through the Wall.

Something like 20,000 Polish citizens are coming to Berlin every day—mainly to buy and sell. On their way, visitors are picking up *Plain Truths* and taking them back to Poland.

Already the Bonn Office has been flooded with subscription requests. Although at this writing, it is still illegal to send *Plain Truths* into East Germany, circumstances could change soon.

The eagerness with which *Plain Truths* were gathered into Eastern bloc hands astonished me. It took only about 20 minutes for 500 copies of the magazine to disappear from the stand in Zoo station.

Later I spotted the last 30 copies of a consignment, and moments later I asked my daughter Stephanie to snap an unobtrusive photo of someone leafing through *Klar & Wahr*. No such luck. They were all gone.

Religious interest in the East is much more intensive than in the West. Secular materialism is domi-

nating Western Europe. Not so in Eastern Europe. The people reading these magazines will in many ways be more receptive to its message than those in the West.

### Mail from Eastern Europe

Eastern European mail in the English language for October was 5,169 letters, an increase of 69.97 percent over the same month in the previous year—not bad for no advertising.

Fifty-four percent of English European mail for October was from Eastern Europe. Workers in the British Office's Mail Processing Department are becoming adept at reading Eastern European addresses.

Almost in spite of where we spend the media budget, more than half of the response is from the East. These people haven't had Western publications to read for nearly 30 years. They are thirsty for information from the West.

English *Plain Truth* subscriptions outside the United Kingdom stand at 51,992. The biggest response by far has been from Poland. The circulation there is 14,266 and growing fast.

Half to three quarters of the Eastern bloc mail is from Poland. Lots of good questions come from our subscribers in Eastern Europe.

They often express their wish to send money to the Work. But East- (See REQUESTS, page 2)

## Church announces list of ministers ordained

PASADENA—Church Administration announced the following ordinations.

Raised in rank to pastor during the Feast of Tabernacles, Oct. 15, were John Comino, pastor of the Nashville A.M. and P.M., Cookeville, Jamestown and Morris-town, Tenn., churches; William Jacobs, pastor of the San Jose and Aptos, Calif., churches; and Edward Mauzey, pastor of the Beaumont, Tex., and Lake Charles, La., churches.

George Escara, pastor of the Legaspi and Sorsogon, Philippines, churches, was raised in rank to preaching elder Sept. 17.

Ronald Dick, associate pastor of the Chicago, Ill., North and Northwest churches, was raised in rank to

preaching elder on the Day of Atonement, Oct. 9.

Crisostomo Mago, pastor of the Olongapo and Balanga, Philippines, churches; and Rodolfo Salisipan, pastor of the San Fernando, La Union, and Laoag, Philippines, churches; were raised in rank to preaching elder during the Feast of Tabernacles, Oct. 14.

Gil Llana, pastor of the Marikina, Philippines, church; Jose Luzuriaga, pastor of the Naga, Daet and Iriga, Philippines, churches; Honesto Rustia Jr., pastor of the Roxas and Santiago, Philippines, churches; and Teodoro Sernal, pastor of the Liloan and Tacloban, Philippines, churches; were raised in rank to preaching elder during (See MINISTERS, page 3)

## Mr. Tkach signs contract for building in Texas

PASADENA—Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach signed a contract Dec. 1 with Rogers-O'Brien Construction Co. of Dallas, Tex., which will serve as contractor to build a new college administration building on the Big Sandy Ambassador College campus.

Mr. Tkach announced plans to construct a new administration building in Big Sandy in the Aug. 25 member letter.

The three-story building, which will be built behind the swan foun-

tain near the main campus entry, will house administrative and faculty offices.

A new campus telecommunications system, mechanical equipment and an emergency shelter will be in the building's partial basement.

The new administration building is scheduled to be completed in late spring 1990.

The new building was designed by Facilities Services staff members in Pasadena.

## PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear Brethren,

Events continue to move forward in Europe at an amazing pace!

Just how far and how rapidly these initial stages of East-West European cooperation will be allowed to pro-

ceed is still uncertain. But eventual unification of all or most of Europe has suddenly become a tangible goal.

Even German reunification has been *openly* called for—and *not only* in the context of an overall European picture. Some observers have even questioned whether German reunification might adversely affect the overall European unification process.

As I mentioned last time I wrote, it is important that we have God's perspective on these events. As human beings, we can so easily get caught up in the emotion of the moment that we lose our spiritual bearings.

When we let that happen, the result can easily be frustration and discouragement. That is because things often don't continue to happen as rapidly as we thought, or hoped, they would.

Constant anxious anticipation that "this is it" is not the approach that Jesus said his servants are to have. "In your patience possess your souls" (Luke 21:19, New King James).

### Where our faith lies

In keeping our spiritual balance, it is important that we face a rather fundamental question. Is our faith founded upon our understanding of the fulfillment of

specific prophecies, or upon the truth of the death, resurrection and promises of Jesus Christ?

The apostles said the hope of a Christian is the resurrection, salvation and eternal life—all made possible by the grace of God through the life, death and resurrection of Christ—to be given at his second coming (Acts 23:6, I Thessalonians 5:8, Titus 2:13, 3:7, I Peter 1:13).

Through all times, in all circumstances, that is where the faith of true Christians lies. When we place our hope and zeal in events, we stand to be disappointed. When we place our hope and zeal in serving God and on his sure foundation of faith, we can never fail.

Let's understand.

### World events in perspective

The events we see unfolding in Europe may well represent the fledgling stages of what will finally be transformed into what the Bible describes as the end-time Beast. Therefore, we should keep our eyes on what is happening and proceed accordingly. But we must not make the mistake of putting all our spiritual eggs in that basket, like some people did concerning 1972.

What if events slow down? What if there are setbacks? What if unification occurs but the world continues in a relatively peaceful state for several years? What if many events yet to happen take place in ways we have not expected? We have no assurance that they won't.

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# Malta and the Vatican: two key summits

PASADENA—In a remarkable back-to-back sequence of events, two significant summits occurred the first three days in December.

Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev was a participant in both conferences. In his meeting with U.S. President George Bush at Malta, the American leader—who originally said he had no formal agenda to discuss—presented the Soviets with a detailed list of concessions on economic matters.

Mr. Bush offered to support observer status for the Soviet Union at the GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) conference. This helps fulfill Mr. Gorbachev's wish that the Soviet Union be integrated into a world economy increasingly dominated by Western Europe.

Mr. Bush offered Mr. Gorbachev a variety of projects that the U.S. government and private sector would undertake in the areas of finance, agriculture, small business, budget and tax, and stock exchange management.

## WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



What did the United States receive in return? Not a lot, complained a number of observers.

Mr. Gorbachev, for example, did not back down much on the key U.S. demand that the Soviets assist in stopping insurrections in Central America fueled by Moscow's allies, Cuba and Nicaragua. Despite the fact that "he could turn off the violence in our hemisphere with a phone call," noted the *New York Times'* William Safire.

As a result, turmoil harmful to U.S. interests will continue to frustrate Washington—while Moscow taps U.S. economic assistance.

It's doubtful, however, whether

Mr. Gorbachev was the principal benefactor in his other summit—the historic meeting with Pope John Paul II at the Vatican the day before the Malta conference began.

In the first meeting between a pope and a Soviet leader—which the Italian press labeled the Summit of the Century—it was Mr. Gorbachev who granted the most significant concessions.

As one Vatican diplomat phrased it, "The lion is lying down with the lamb, but it's hard to tell who's playing which role."

The meeting, reported *Time* magazine, "symbolizes the end of the 20th century's most dramatic

spiritual war, a conflict in which the seemingly irresistible force of Communism battered against the immovable object of Christianity."

It is now apparent that the "irresistible force" of communism is a spent one—not only economically, but ideologically and spiritually.

In a truly remarkable turnabout, Mr. Gorbachev, on the eve of his historic encounter with the pope, said: "We have changed our attitude on some matters, such as religion . . . which admittedly we used to treat in a simplistic manner . . . We also say that the moral values that religion generated and embodied for centuries can help in the work of renewal in our country too."

While Mr. Gorbachev hopes to enlist religion, even Roman Catholicism, in his reform program, especially in battling social vices, it is the pope who stands to gain the most from this diplomatic overture.

In his biggest concession Mr. Gorbachev said the Supreme Soviet soon would pass a law guaranteeing freedom of religious conscience. This will benefit the more than four million members of the Ukrainian Catholic or Uniate church.

This in turn, opens the way for an eventual visit by the pope to the Ukraine, Lithuania and other areas containing Catholic faithful.

In return the pope was said to have promised to cool any ardors for Ukrainian independence. The underground Uniate churches have identified closely with Ukrainian nationalism.

While Mr. Gorbachev has rightly been credited with breaking down the East-West division in Europe, the other Slav—the Polish-born pope—deserves equal billing.

It was John Paul's return to Poland in 1979 that led to the founding of Solidarity. Solidarity, in turn, eventually, was the first to throw off the shackles of a communist Eastern Europe government.

But the pope's vision has long stretched far beyond Poland. "Just before he ascended the throne of Pe-

ter in 1978," reported *Time* Dec. 4, "Karol Wojtyla had confided to some German bishops an astonishing prediction of European Communism's inevitable demise . . ."

"During the Pope's 1979 visit to Orthodoxy's Ecumenical Patriarch in Turkey, a papal adviser told *Time's* Wilton Wynn that John Paul urgently hoped to bring Rome and the Eastern Orthodox Church together. Reason: the Pope was convinced that Communism faced inevitable collapse and that Soviet bloc nations would turn to Christianity to fill the void . . ."

"Through the 1980s his speeches hammered home the concept of a Europe reunited from the Atlantic to the Urals and inspired by Christian faith."

Mr. Gorbachev also talks of a Europe from the Atlantic to the Urals in a "common European home."

The pope uses architectural terminology to define his vision as well. In his official speech to Mr. Gorbachev, John Paul said that "the pope's house has always been a home for the representatives of all the peoples of the earth."

The pope also said that "in a climate of restored freedom, Catholics will thus be able to work together with their brethren of the Orthodox church, who are so dear to us."

As Marxism recedes inside the Soviet Union, religious fervor is sure to rise accordingly as Russians and other Soviet peoples rediscover their religious heritage.

Many observers speculate today about the eventual collapse of the Soviet Union. Such a collapse would ordinarily be catastrophic.

But what if Estonians, Lithuanians?, Latvians, even the Great Russians, assume their own sovereign roles in a re-Christianized Europe, where national borders no longer mean as much as they do today? One Orthodox official predicts a second Christianization of Russia.

Church historians are certain to examine afresh the 1917 Fatima miracles. One of the prophecies of the end time committed to the Portuguese girls was said to involve the eventual conversion of Russia.



## Just between friends

By Dexter H. Faulkner

### Can you spare a dime?

A friend was approached on the sidewalk by a man in a wheelchair. He pleaded: "Can you please give me 90 cents? I need bus fare home."

My friend's first reaction was to shut the man out. But he seemed needy. My friend took a chance and let his compassion flow. He gave the disabled man a dollar, hoping he had a legitimate need. He doesn't know to this day whether the man really lacked bus fare home.

The same friend also told me about a woman who accosted him in a restaurant parking lot. With empty gas can in hand, she begged him for four dollars. Her car had run out of gas, she claimed.

The next night when he went to eat at the same restaurant he saw this woman again. She was waving the same empty gas can begging others in the parking lot for money. It was a scam, pure and simple.

Of course, we know that it's not wise to throw money, goods and time at every panhandler and schemer that comes along. The world is full of deadbeats and swindlers. In some parts of the world, the problem of begging is so rampant that one can literally get mobbed if he or she passes out coins.

We live in a jaded age where selfishness is a way of life. People have no qualms about taking advantage of others. In such a time we need to ask: Should we concern ourselves with helping others at all?

James wrote about this important subject: "If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,' but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?" (James 2:15-16, New King James throughout).

James was writing about a person who shows love with his lips. He speaks kindly but doesn't put real help where his mouth is.

The apostle John wrote about the same problem but with a different point in mind. "Whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?" (1 John 3:17).

In John's exhortation we observe a person who sees a need and has the means to help out. But he stifles the emotion of compassion—shuts up

his heart or feeling. For whatever reason, that person refuses to help someone. He, or she, looks the other way. Perhaps it's inconvenient, or time consuming or expensive.

But, you might say, both these scriptures say we should help our "brother or sister"—that is, someone in the Church.

True. But Paul said we should go beyond just helping brethren. Paul admonished us, "As we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith" (Galatians 6:10).

Yes, Paul did emphasize doing good to brethren—the household of God. But he did say we should also extend help to all humans as we have means and opportunity.

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Jesus chose as his example, a Samaritan—a complete outsider, an enemy—helping someone who lived in "another world," the closed Jewish community of Jesus' day.

The biblical story goes like this. "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead" (Luke 10:30).

A Jewish priest and then a Levite chanced by. But when they spotted the wounded man, they quickly went to the other side of the road. Perhaps they, too, had become cynical in a world of beggars, thieves, con artists and people with their hand out for a handout.

These people furtively looked the other way. They didn't want to be bothered—or taken advantage of. But, then, Jesus didn't really cite anything as an excuse for not help-

ing the injured man.

Jesus continued with his instructions: "But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion on him, and went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him."

"On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you'" (verses 33 to 35).

It cost the Samaritan to help his enemy—time, inconvenience and money. Jesus told those who were listening to "go and do likewise." In other words, he was instructing his listeners—anyone willing to believe what Jesus said—to have compassion on others and help them when the occasion warranted it.

This kind of compassionate assistance was loving your neighbor as yourself, Jesus said. It actually fulfilled the spirit of the last six of the Ten Commandments.

Certainly we need to make all the standard disclaimers about helping others. Yes, you can be besieged by beggars in some parts of the world. Yes, there are con artists out there

who try to take advantage of others and people who lie in wait.

Yes, we must take care of our own needs and that of our family's. Yes, we already give to the Church. No, there isn't much we can do to relieve the world's problems—most of them brought on by man himself.

The world is full of suffering. It's far beyond the ability of the human race to eradicate it. CARE, the humanitarian organization, said of 1988, "Never before in the entire history of CARE have so many people in so many places needed so much help in such a short time."

The poor, the wretched, the oppressed, the downtrodden are everywhere. It will, as we say, take the return of Jesus Christ to this earth to eliminate suffering.

Yet, we will ultimately all be judged by the degree of compassion we have displayed, by the forgiveness we have shown toward others and by the help we have given to those we could assist—and who really needed our help.

## Requests

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ern currencies are not worth much in comparison to Western currencies. The relative value of the West German mark to the East German mark is something like 1 to 20. Even when money is sent, changing it into a useful currency is difficult.

Getting the gospel to Eastern Europe will not be easy. Funds are limited. The prayer of faith is urgently required.

### Our strength not sufficient

To a Christian nothing is more exciting than getting the gospel to fellow human beings who have not heard it before. This is what's happening in Eastern Europe.

Jesus told his disciples: "Do you not say, four more months and the harvest comes? Raise your eyes, I tell you, look at the fields; they are ripe for harvest. Already the reaper is receiving wages and is gathering a crop for eternal life, that sower and reaper may rejoice together" (John 4:35-36, Translator's New Testament throughout).

In the first century Jesus "went round all the towns and villages . . . proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom . . . [and] when he saw the crowds he felt very sorry for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd" (Matthew 9:35-36).

It's the same in Eastern Europe today. The interest is great, but the resources are few.

"Then [Jesus] said to his disciples, the harvest indeed is great, but the workers are few. Pray therefore to the Lord of the harvest to send

workers out into his harvest" (verses 37 and 38).

The solution is the same today. Only God can supply the resources necessary to deliver God's message to Eastern Europe.

### Church in West Berlin

Nov. 18 was an important day for the Rainer Barth family from Dresden, East Germany, as they attended the West Berlin church for the first time. West Berlin is now accessible to our East German brethren.

The Berlin church itself is international. But real unity exists in God's Church, even in diversity.

In the world surrounding the oasis of the Berlin church, politicians are once again talking about the great task of reorganizing the German people. Unification is in the air.

A magazine survey showed that 59 percent of East Germans favor reunification. But unity without the basis of conversion is not true unity.

What is ultimately important is not the reunification of the two German nations, but the spiritual reunification of the human race. We have had terrible divisions since the Garden of Eden.

The true unifying process between man and his Creator is to occur step by step as revealed in God's master plan. It begins with the Church now. The Church is the firstfruits of spiritual unity. We, who were once in bondage to the world, should rejoice over our own liberation far more than the inhabitants of East Berlin.

We should not take spiritual unity for granted. It is unique in a divided world.

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# East German members pay surprise visit to family in West

By Frankie Weinberger

BONN, West Germany—Church member Dietmar Pistorius was on his way to work in Zwickau, East Germany, at 8 a.m., Friday, Nov. 10, when he heard the news that the East German border had just been opened.

As soon as work was over, Mr. Pistorius, his wife, Eva, and children Mandy, 17, and Marco, 14, packed the car to take their first trip together to West Germany and Austria.

Like millions of other East Germans they were elated to exercise their freedom, denied them for 28 years.

After the one-hour trip from Zwickau they arrived at the Hirschberg border-crossing into Bavaria. They listened in disbelief to the news all the way there.

An atmosphere of celebration and euphoria abounded at the border, according to Mr. Pistorius. East Germans radiated with joy and exchanged extreme friendliness with one another—a quality otherwise rarely exhibited.

Mr. Pistorius said that the four-hour wait was filled with excitement as well as anxiety about whether they would be allowed to cross into the West.

Finally it was the Pistoriuses' turn to be checked by the border guards. Simply having their identification cards checked and being waved through the border was almost too good to be true.

West Germans waved enthusiastically to greet us, Mr. Pistorius said. Cars honked their horns everywhere.

Mr. and Mrs. Pistorius traveled to West Germany only once before. Last June they were granted a visa to visit an uncle who celebrated his 65th birthday.

## One family

Friday evening the Pistorius family arrived near Ansbach at the home of Horst Stephan and his family, members in the Nuremberg church. Mr. Pistorius was unable to telephone them before their arrival. Most East

Germans do not own phones.

That evening the Stephans were discussing the border situation and wondered if any brethren would come over from the East. They felt they might have some visitors soon. Five minutes later the doorbell rang, and there were the Pistoriuses.

The next morning the Pistoriuses attended services in Nuremberg.

"It was a great thrill to see the brethren again," Mr. Pistorius said.

Robert Berendt, pastor of the Nuremberg and Munich, West Germany, and Salzburg and Vienna, Austria, churches, said that the Nuremberg members were "naturally delighted to see the family. They fit into the Nuremberg church like a hand in a glove."

"Members swarmed around the Pistorius family for hours wanting to talk to them. It was good for the whole church—it made everyone

feel like they were a part of something really big."

Their next stop was in Austria, where for the first time they visited Mr. Pistorius' sister, Hella Frostl, and her husband Willi, a local church elder in the Salzburg church.

As with all other first-time East German visitors, each member of the Pistorius family received 100 German marks as "welcome money." The sum of 400 marks is a small fortune to them—about four months' wages.

## Miraculous trip

Wednesday, Nov. 15, the Pistoriuses returned home to East Germany. Mr. Pistorius summarized their trip: "It was like watching an

epic movie. A very great miracle has occurred. You just can't imagine how we feel."

Mandy and Marco, along with the other three teenagers in East Germany, plan to attend the Winter Educational Program in Austria this month. It will be their first time to participate in a Youth Opportunities United summer or winter educational program.

All East German members plan to attend the wedding in Bonn of an East German member at the end of January.

The East German brethren rejoice with their fellow citizens that their long isolation is over. They especially look forward to increased direct involvement with God's worldwide Church and Work.

# Young musicians shine in Auditorium

By Pamela Henderson

PASADENA—Beethoven, spotlights and grand pianos are nothing new to Sally Robertson, 8, and her sister Jemima, 6. The Australian girls performed special music at the Feast in Penticton, B.C., and for the Pasadena Auditorium P.M. church Oct. 7.

Tiny fingers moving in unison, the girls swept through Moszkowski's complex duet *Bohlo*, closing in a dramatic crescendo.

"They had control, rhythm," said Nichole Fairweather, an Ambassador College freshman. "They weren't just playing notes—they had feeling."

Although children do not perform special Sabbath music in the Auditorium, except as part of a children's choir, Joseph Tkach Jr. made an exception with these girls. Mr. Tkach Jr. is associate director of Church Administration for the United States and an associate pastor of the Auditorium P.M. church.

Ross Jutum, director of the Music Department, said, "We try to set the right example at the Auditorium, and this was well within the type of quality we desire here."

Sally began learning to play the piano when she was 4, and Jemima began when she was 3½. Their instructor soon discovered that the girls have perfect pitch, an ability to identify notes and groups of notes without viewing the keyboard.

For example, if a chord is sounded the girls can identify every

note in correct keyboard position, sharps and flats included. They tune their own violins, another instrument they are equally proficient at.

In two years, Sally and Jemima finished the six-year Yamaha course and are now privately tutored by Joyce Bennett, concert pianist and senior lecturer at the Bris-



JEMIMA & SALLY ROBERTSON

bane Conservatorium of Music. They practice 30 to 45 minutes a day and have reached a skill level where they could be qualified as music teachers.

When asked how she gets them to practice, Ileana, their mother, responded, "In addition to loving music they are very self-disciplined and see and enjoy the fruits of being that way."

"It's fun learning new pieces," agreed Jemima, eyes creasing shut into a smile.

Both girls are regularly featured

at Brisbane area concerts and participate in the annual Brisbane Eisteddfod, where some of the best musicians from around the state compete. This year Jemima won the junior championship trophy in the 13-and-under category.

"My favorite composer is Mozart," Jemima said. "I don't like Haydn, it's too jazzy. Mozart is flowing—he puts in beautiful runs."

"In the right places," stressed Sally.

Jemima is working on a 44-page orchestra piece, *Kammerkonzert*, by Mozart. "I like it the best," she said.

Sally prefers to compose her own music and is often asked to demonstrate this talent for college music students. One day she hopes to become a piano and cello teacher, but "first of all, a mother."

And what does Jemima want to be?

"I want to be like Mummy," she said.

Both Mrs. Robertson and her husband, Mark, who operates his own computer business, are kept busy not only caring for the girls, but their sons Mitchell, 4, who also has perfect pitch, and Duncan, 1½.

"People often ask me if playing music at that level is stressful for our children," Mrs. Robertson continued. "For them playing Beethoven's *Leichte Sonata* is as easy as skipping rope. It makes for a more enriched, creative and more fun-filled childhood than they otherwise would have."

Part of that fun includes building houses out of Lego sets or playing tag with their cousins.

"I like climbing trees the most," said Sally, her long brown hair swinging past her waist. "We have one out in the back, and I can climb right to the top!"

## Faculty Positions Available Fall Semester 1990

The following positions are available for the fall 1990 semester at Ambassador College.

**Computer Information Systems:** Full-time faculty position to teach undergraduate courses in computer information systems, including courses relating to management information systems and microcomputer applications in business. A doctorate in computer information systems, management information systems or closely related field is required. Applicant must have at least 18 hours of graduate course work in computer information systems or management information systems.

**German:** Full-time faculty position to teach undergraduate courses in German. A master's degree in German is required.

**Mathematics:** Full-time faculty position to teach undergraduate courses in mathematics. A master's degree in mathematics is required.

To apply for one of these positions, send a letter of application, official transcripts and curriculum vitae to President's Office, Ambassador College, Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

## Ministers

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the Feast of Tabernacles, Oct. 17.

Andrew Teng, pastor of the Dumaguete and Tagbilaran, Philippines, churches, was raised in rank to preaching elder during the Feast of Tabernacles, Oct. 18.

Michael Kuykendall, a ministerial trainee in the Orlando, Fla., A.M. and P.M. churches, was ordained a local elder on the Feast of Trumpets, Sept. 30.

Paul Smith, a deacon in the San Diego, Calif., church, was ordained a local church elder on the Sabbath, Sept. 9.

Ordained local church elders Sept. 30 were Robert Albarado, a deacon in the Lafayette, La.,

church; Richard Bydron, a deacon in the Mason City, Iowa, church; Thomas Clark of the Macon, Ga., church; Marvin Craft Jr., a deacon in the Roanoke, Va., church.

Ivo Cuypers of the Antwerp, Belgium, church; William Deets, a deacon in the Franklin, Pa., church; Lynn Hebert, a deacon in the Pasadena Auditorium P.M. church; Douglas Park, a deacon in the Lafayette, La., church; Melvin Scott, a deacon in the Kingsport, Tenn., church; and Louis Slotsve, a deacon in the Saskatoon, Sask., church.

Ordained local church elders on the Day of Atonement, Oct. 9, were Jeffrey Osborn, a deacon in the Chicago, Ill., North church; and Thomas Walters, a deacon in the Long Beach, Calif., West church.

## Job Opening

PASADENA—The Ambassador College Transportation Department is in need of a full-time auto mechanic. The position will involve the maintenance of corporate vehicles, including brake work, four-wheel alignment and transmission overhaul. Applicants should be familiar with fuel-injected engines and be able to perform tune-ups and handle diagnostic work. Requirements for the job are a high school diploma or the equivalent and a minimum of five years experience at journeyman level or the equivalent. Applicants should be baptized members of the Worldwide Church of God. Those interested in applying should write to Ambassador College, Personnel Department, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

## Report from the Treasurer's Office

✓ Jerry Neff

PASADENA—We were encouraged by the November increase of 13.3 percent more than last November. This good increase brought our year-to-date figure to 4.6 percent more than last year. This is not as much as our original income budget of 6 percent for the year, but it is much better than the revised 3 percent budget.

One more month will complete this calendar year. We are anxiously waiting to see what the percentage of increase will be at that time.

The departments are busily preparing final details of their 1990 budgets. This year it will be especially difficult for many departments, considering the small percentage increase available. I would like to call attention to Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's request in the Nov. 22 member letter: "I now ask you to join with us in special and earnest prayer for God's guidance in leading me in the important decisions that will need to be made in the weeks and months ahead." This expresses my sentiments and those of the headquarters team, in making these difficult decisions.

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## Requests

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We human beings are different in many ways—different in age, different in language, different in culture, different in national and ethnic groups, male and female.

But the unifying element of Christ's Spirit ultimately over-

comes all difficulties and divisions in the Church of God. Instead even our diversity becomes a thing of interest and beauty in the Temple of God.

God's Church in Berlin is a remarkable and noteworthy example. The love of God is manifestly present, unifying all the members into one spiritual body.

While I was on the spot in Berlin,

Ruth Devine, in our Borehamwood, England, Office, considered British reaction. The rest of this column is her thoughts and reactions to the historical opening of the borders between East and West Germany.

There was an irony in British minds about the timing of events in Germany. Nov. 9, the 28-year domination of the Berlin Wall was brought to a dramatic end. The

world rejoiced. East and West Berliners danced on the Wall that divided Germany.

### The promise to remember

But memories were aroused across the English Channel here in Britain. The following Sunday, Nov. 12, was Remembrance Sunday, set aside to remember those who fell defending their country in the two World Wars.

Weeks before Remembrance Sunday, people started wearing poppies made by war veterans. The poppy was the flower that grew almost alongside the trenches in Flanders, a major battleground.

Members of the royal family and leading politicians gathered around the Cenotaph memorial in London in the November sunshine, laying wreaths of poppies carrying the message traditionally associated with them, "Lest We Forget."

People in Britain have not forgotten. The wars claimed the lives of people in many families, my own included. We are typical.

But the wars took place generations ago. We are moving toward the era of the young European. To younger people the talk of the war and television documentaries can all seem like a bad, historical dream.

Despite all the talk about a unified Europe, one thing is clear: There are important reasons for Britain's notorious reluctance to lose her sovereignty to the European Council in Brussels.

For these same reasons Britons are not eager for a fast road to German reunification. Something in the subconscious level of our culture warns against it. After the tri-

als of trenches, air raids, injuries and death, the British people are deeply cautious of idealism about a unified Germany.

As Church members in Britain and elsewhere, we are citizens, as Paul put it, of a higher country. Our allegiance first and foremost is to God's kingdom.

We are aware of prophetic trends, but we have Church Family members in Germany. I have a friend near Cologne who is like a sister. Germans are not a faceless mass to members of God's Church.

### Door to the Eastern bloc

What is more, we realize that as the liberalization of legislation in the Eastern bloc grows, a powerful door is opening for the preaching of the gospel in a largely untouched area of the world.

British and European Church members view the events in Germany on many levels. We are caught up in the exhilaration of the East Germans' liberation from their isolated state.

But we are ever conscious that sooner or later a strong Europe will spell great trials for our friends and family. We are aware that the forces of a strong Germany have wreaked havoc in the past. But we have links with individual Germans whom we love and pray for.

Europe is more than just a vehicle for prophecy in our eyes. It is our home. But as our history shows, strength based on anything less than justice, humility and the love of God is a recipe for tyranny. Our deepest desire is for the time when a truly united Europe will walk together, without fear.

# Pioneer woman: Life not dull since she began to seek God

ESCONDIDO, Calif.—Olive "Dollie" Miller, 95, a member who attends the Escondido church, began her journey to the West Coast in 1901 by covered wagon from her home in Michigan.

Seeking a more healthful climate, her father bought a team of horses and a wagon and the family started to travel.

Arriving at a place near Joplin, Mo., he took a temporary job on the railroad. The family stayed in a camp with people traveling in the same fashion.

It was too cold for the family to live in the wagon, so her father sold the horses and wagon and took his family by train to Kansas City, Kan., in early February 1902.

"I recall quite vividly that day for it was a lovely sunny day," Mrs. Miller said, "but outside it was bitterly cold, so my father went to look for living quarters.

"Mom stayed in the railroad station and kept my brother and me relatively warm. Dad did not get

Church in the summer of 1965 through a *Plain Truth* that a neighbor gave her husband. She liked what she read and started listening to the broadcast.

Her first visit was with Thomas Blackwell, now pastor of the Jonesboro, Ark., and Poplar Bluff, Mo., churches. She was baptized in 1970, when she was not quite 77.

"God has been most gracious to me," Mrs. Miller said. "I've never wanted for anything since I learned about tithing and learned God's truth as it is in the Bible.

"My life has never been dull since I began to seek God. I've worked hard. I have enjoyed various hobbies . . . I learned as a young woman to crochet, knit and tat. And in 1984 [at the age of 90] I started to paint in oils."

Mrs. Miller attends services when her health permits. She lis-

tens to sermon and Bible study tapes when she can't. She rides a three-wheel, battery-driven scooter to shop.

Mrs. Miller had seven children, 25 grandchildren, 65 great grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren "that I'm aware of at the moment." Her husband, Arthur, died three years ago.

"Even though I live alone I have God's people around me and that's enough," Mrs. Miller said. "I like to write cards and notes to those who are ill and new members when I get names and addresses. I do this for the Golden Ambassadors, the senior citizens of the church, as well."

"I can no longer help much physically but I am trying to patiently await the Day of the Lord and each day brings that day 24 hours nearer—thankfully."

## PERSONAL

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We should be *excited* on one hand that the world is changing in ways that are leading toward the end of the age. But let's keep our bearings by never forgetting what Jesus told us is the most important thing—to be ready!

He said we do not know when he will return (Acts 1:7, Matthew 24:36, 42, 44). If these events develop into world conflict rapidly, as they well *could*, or if they develop very slowly, can we understand that the most important thing is that we be ready? That means we will be doing his Work in faith and that we will be growing spiritually (Matthew 24:45-46).

When Jesus speaks of separating the sheep from the goats, he describes those who will be chosen for his kingdom and those who will not, beginning in Matthew 25:35. Verse 40 sums it up: "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me'" (New International Version unless noted).

You see, it is important that we take note of what is happening in the world, especially if we let it be a prod to overcoming, as Peter admonished. But unless we are overcoming, unless we are growing in love one toward another, what is the real value of watching world events?

Though we have been growing, we still have a long way to go in coming to have the love for one another that Jesus said would characterize his disciples.

We need to grow in overcoming prejudice, in overcoming self-righteousness, in overcoming marriage problems, in overcoming envying and selfishness, sexual sins, alcohol abuse and all other things that are in conflict with the nature of God. Read again Galatians 5:16-25 and the first three chapters of James.

Some people seem to think

that all there is to God's Work is to cry aloud and tell people that a United Europe led by Germany is going to destroy the United States and various other countries. But is that what the Bible says is the job of God's Church?

Jesus said to the disciples: "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them . . . teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:19-20, NKJ).

"Go into all the world and

to make us confident and bold in the day of distress. In Luke 21:28 Jesus said: "When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

We should not be frightened, but *confident* in the promises of God. Jesus said he is returning to those who love his appearing—not to those who are frightened for their lives.

Make no mistake! Warning people about the potential disasters on the horizon is one important way we can help people *wake up* to realize they have for-

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preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16:15-16, NKJ).

We know that punishment is coming on the people of the United States if they do not repent of their sins. We do not know when that will happen, or exactly how it will happen. We don't have to know that now. We also know that punishment is coming on all people everywhere if they do not repent.

These facts are true whether the Beast is currently developing in Europe or not. You see, our job is the same no matter how or when the Beast will come on the scene and no matter what the Beast is.

We have a work to be doing collectively, and a work to be doing individually. That work is the same regardless of how close we are to the end of the age.

God's steadfast promises serve

saken God and need to turn to him.

However, we must never forget that Jesus told us it is not for us to know when he will return. Even though many kinds of things are prophesied to happen at the time of the end, we should also realize that many such things have been happening all throughout the history of mankind.

Today, though, great global disasters are threatening in ways they could *never* have before! Absolutely *shocking* environmental problems seem virtually impossible to solve. We highlight these things in the magazines and on the telecast in an effort to encourage people to *repent*.

But understand this: God never told us how many world wars would take place before the end. He never told us how many disease epidemics, famines or natural disasters would occur. He never said how many times vast populations would be wiped

out before the end would come.

Think about this: what would you do if there were another world war and Jesus still didn't come? Would you give up the faith?

We have every reason to believe that we are living in the last days of this age. Destruction of the environment, the potential of worldwide nuclear destruction, the climate of "peace, peace, when there is no peace," the Middle Eastern powder keg, the shaky world economic condition, massive erosion of moral and ethical values, especially in the Western world—the list could go on—all point to the last gasps of human civilization, a time that will end in human annihilation if God doesn't intervene to stop it.

Therefore, as true Christians, we should live as though we are in the last days! In fact, Christians should *always* live as though they are living in the last days.

Notice II Peter 3:11: "Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives."

And verses 13 and 14: "But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness. So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him."

### Motivation to change

The knowledge of what the future holds should motivate us to strive all the more to make our calling and election sure! The same knowledge and hope have motivated all true Christians down through the ages.

And if it happens that Jesus does not return in a Christian's lifetime, what does Peter write to that Christian? "The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to

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OLIVE 'DOLLIE' MILLER

back until dark, but he had found temporary lodging for us, and also a job."

After they settled, her father's health improved. They lived in a tent while her father built a house. This was their way of life for some years. Her father would finish a house, sell it and buy a lot, and start over again.

In February 1911 Dollie married Joseph Storba. In November 1913 they had their first child.

In 1914, when the baby was 6 months old, they proceeded west. In Holly, Colo., her husband traded the team and wagon for a feed corral patronized mostly by homesteaders from the surrounding country.

By January 1915 they were back on the road in a covered wagon, headed for Colorado Springs, Colo. They arrived there in March 1915. The first night one of the horses died from poisoned water from a gold mill, so this ended their covered wagon days.

Her father-in-law had a section of land 25 miles south of Colorado Springs, and they went to live there for a number of years.

On the ranch they planted a field of speckled beans, which they threshed, sacked and sold for 10 cents a pound, "which in 1916 was a high price," she said.

In 1924 Dollie and three of their children moved to Los Angeles, where she worked in a soldiers home, sanatorium, shirt factory and did sewing at home.

Dollie married Arthur Miller in 1953 and came in contact with the



# IRON SHARPENS IRON

## Are you really profiting the most from service to the Church?

By Don Davis

We can measure our success as Christians by how much we serve others. But service can be in vain if we do it for the wrong reasons.

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We need to look at our motives for serving. Do we serve to cover our sins? Does service come from genuine love or selfish gain? When we serve, who makes the sacrifice?

### Service is not repentance

Service is not a substitute for

overcoming sin. All our good works will not save us from eternal death if we have not repented of sin.

In Matthew 7:21-23 Jesus said not every one who says "Lord, Lord" will enter the kingdom of heaven, even though they have cast out demons, preached the gospel and done wonders in his name.

Those qualified to enter are those who do the will of his Father in heaven, said Jesus (verse 21).

We might say, "Lord, Lord, haven't we helped members, preached the gospel, been a loyal in-home operator, sat up with the sick, worked on fund raisers and served on feast days?"

But if we haven't done the will of the Father and obeyed his law, Christ will say, "I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!" (verse 23, New King James throughout).

All those hours of service—mountainous sacrifices to be sure—will be of no benefit if sin is still in

offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams" (I Samuel 15:22). God is not fooled by service when we are disobeying him.

And we deceive ourselves if we think good works will cover our sins. Service cannot salve a guilty conscience, nor does it cover up spiritual failings. We do ourselves a disservice when we try to substitute service for overcoming.

### Who makes the sacrifice?

Another pitfall when serving is to neglect the needs of those closest to

Let's make sure we are taking care of the needs at home before we give our time to others.

### Self-service

Another pitfall to avoid is self-service. Our human nature hungers for approval. We want to be thought well of by others. Self-service is done to impress others, to hear compliments such as "well done" or "fine job." When we serve for approval and applause, that is our reward—but to God it is worthless.

Service is not a means to gain office or glory or to put ourselves above others. Such service is the reverse of Christ's teaching. "Whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all" (Mark 10:43-44).

Sometimes, it seems, we have it upside down. We serve to become great or be first, but Christ said it works the other way around. He who wants to be great or first must be servant and slave of all. Service without love for those served is self-service and of no value.

Should we stop serving? Of course not. That would be the ditch on the other side of the road. The Church needs our service, but we must serve with the right attitude and balance.

We must make sure that our service is not a substitute for overcoming sin. When serving we must be sure it's not at our families' expense. And we must serve out of a genuine love for the brethren, not for selfish honor or desire of office.

**Service is not a substitute for overcoming sin. All our good works will not save us from eternal death if we have not repented of sin.**

## Personal

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come to repentance" (II Peter 3:9).

As verse 15 says: "Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him."

So again, let's keep a godly perspective. Momentous events are taking place in this world, many of which may lead directly or indirectly to the very end of the age! Even so, our lives should reflect *all the time* a steadfast readiness for the appearing of our salvation.

Whether events *speed ahead* or *slow down*, our responsibilities remain the same! The gospel must be preached to a world that lies in spiritual darkness, and we must be growing individually in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Let's keep our perspective on the great calling God has given us: on his mercy, love and grace. And in our thankfulness, let's continue to do our part with our *whole hearts* in sharing that great good news with others by doing his Work!

We are reaching about 1.2 million viewers each week with the *World Tomorrow* program and about 13 million readers of *The Plain Truth* each month. In the first 10 months of this year, the Church has sent out more than 78 million magazines, booklets and letters.

Thank God for the blessings he has given us! Not only has he opened his salvation to us, but he has given us the opportunity to express our gratitude and let his Spirit flow through us in love and good works toward others (Colossians 1:3-6)!

We know what our future holds! We know that Jesus Christ is going to return to earth in glory at the last trump with the holy angels and the saints! We know that whatever we may suffer for his sake in this life cannot be compared to the glory we will receive at his return. No one could be more richly blessed than we who share this magnificent hope! Let's devote ourselves to that calling, and let our com-

mitment be without end.

Continue your earnest prayers for God's guidance in the decisions I will need to make about the Work in the near future. Exciting times are ahead!

There is *no end* to what God has given us to do until he knows the time is right for this phase of the Work to end. Let's remain steady and faithful so that we will indeed endure to the end as Jesus commanded!

our lives. Sin will keep us out of the kingdom regardless of our good works.

### What does God want?

Christ said those who do the will of the Father are the ones who will be rewarded. King David also knew that to obey the will of God was better than sacrifice (Psalm 40:6-8, Psalm 51:17).

The prophet Samuel rebuked King Saul for disobedience: "Has the Lord as great delight in burnt

us. In an effort to serve the Church, sometimes we neglect our families.

After God, our first responsibility is to our mates and children. We have a duty to provide for them. "If anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever" (I Timothy 5:8).

If we cannot give our time and service to those of our own families, how can we "take care of the church of God?" (I Timothy 3:5).

## Who was the beggar healed in Acts 3?

By Douglas Peitz

Shortly after Pentecost Peter and John were going up to the Temple to pray. As they entered the Temple gate they came upon a lame man who begged them for money.

In response Peter uttered the statement, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk" (Acts 3:6, New King James throughout).

What can we learn from this story? Is it just about a beggar being healed, or does the lame man at the Temple gate represent something more?

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Who was that beggar? We know that he was lame from his mother's womb and was now more than 40 years old (Acts 4:22).

Unable to work, the man begged daily at the Temple gate. Though he asked for money, what he really needed was to be healed. But that was a blessing he didn't anticipate.

When Peter and John approached the beggar, he didn't know that they were men of God. What he received was beyond his greatest expectations. God's blessings far surpass money.

Peter didn't give him money, but said, "Rise up and walk" (verse 6). God healed him. The man was so overjoyed that "he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God" (verse 8).

### Hope of the gospel

Who was that beggar? He is a type of every Christian. His story illuminates the hope of the

gospel for all people.

Though we may not have been physically sick or disabled when God called us, we were spiritually sick. As David said, "Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me" (Psalm 51:5).

All of humanity is spiritually sick today. People's lives are empty, miserable and spiritually bankrupt. Fulfillment is sought in materialism, but some things money just can't buy.

Before God called us we did not anticipate the blessings God would offer us. We couldn't anticipate these blessings, for "eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him" (I Corinthians 2:9).

God has not offered us a life of wealth and leisure but has healed us spiritually. "By whose stripes you were healed" (I Peter 2:24).

God has given us far more than

we dreamed possible. What deep inner joy this gives us. What a blessing to know the truth, to be cleansed by the blood of Christ, to be led by the Spirit of God and to be a part of the Body of Christ and this great Work.

It is no wonder that Paul told the Philippians: "Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!" (Philippians 4:4).

Like the lame man, God has healed us and our hearts leap for joy.

## BE READY TO GIVE AN ANSWER

### THE SEVENFOLD DIVISION OF THE BIBLE

The Greek word *biblia*, originally used when referring to more than one book, has come to mean the collection of Scriptures recognized as the Bible.

The Scriptures in existence at the time of Christ were divided by Jewish religious authorities into three categories—the Law, the Prophets and the Writings. The Writings usually begin with the Book of Psalms.

Christ referred to this division in Luke 24:44: "These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms [which in Jewish usage could refer to the entire third section], concerning me."

Other references to a division of the Scriptures can be found in Matthew 5:17; 11:13; and Acts 13:15.

Similarly, those books written after Christ lived as a human being can also be divided into four categories: the Gospels (the life and teachings of Jesus), Acts (a historical book), the Epistles (letters to the churches) and Revelation (prophecy).

Listed below is a sevenfold division of the Bible and the books contained in those divisions. The Old Testament books are listed in the order generally preserved in the Masoretic (traditional Hebrew) text.

● **LAW:** Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.

● **PROPHETS:** Former: Joshua, Judges, I & II Samuel and I & II Kings. Latter: (Major Prophets): Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel. (Minor Prophets): Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi.

● **WRITINGS:** Psalms, Proverbs, Job, Song of Solomon, Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes, Esther, Daniel, Ezra, Nehemiah and I & II Chronicles.

● **GOSPELS:** Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

● **ACTS**

● **EPISTLES:** Epistles of Paul: Romans, I & II Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, I & II Thessalonians, I & II Timothy, Titus, Philemon and Hebrews. General Epistles: James, I & II Peter, I, II & III John and Jude.

● **REVELATION**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTHS

**AUSTIN**, David and Karen (Kinder), of Bundaberg, Australia, girl, Catherine Elizabeth, Aug. 29, 6 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**BEAMISH**, David and Carolyn (Storey), of La Crete, Alta., girl, Rebecca Lynn, Nov. 15, 6:20 a.m., 9 pounds, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

**BELLAMY**, Ken and Natalie (Parnutt), of Gold Coast, Australia, boy, Kevin Andrew, Oct. 13, 8 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

**BELLON**, Robert and Jennifer (Milton), of Adelaide, Australia, boy, James, Oct. 23, 5:30 a.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**BERENDT**, Daniel and Alice (Greider), of Edmonton, Alta., boy, Stephen Daniel, Nov. 9, 12:37 a.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**BRASCHAYKO**, John and Linda (Hingst), of Lapeer, Mich., boy, John Andrew, Nov. 5, 4:21 a.m., 10 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 5 girls.

**CASWELL**, Lewis and Nancy (Mansfield), of Rochester, N.Y., boy, Daniel Jeffrey, Sept. 4, 10:28 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**CHORNOMAZ**, David and Donna (Brannan), of New Haven, Conn., girl, Kathryn Mary, Nov. 18, 8:54 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 girls.

**DALE**, Tom and Sharon (Parnell), of San Diego, Calif., boy, Jamie Tyler, Nov. 13, 5:42 p.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

**DYE**, Bill and Kay (Rose), of Aptos, Calif., boy, Joshua Max, Nov. 7, 3:36 p.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys.

**FAULKNER**, Matthew and Ruth (Helmuth), of Pasadena, girl, Ashley Nicole, Oct. 26, 10:59 p.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**GRECH**, Raymond and Anna (Cordina), of Malta, boy, Shannon Ray, Nov. 3, 9:20 a.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 3 boys.

**JENKINS**, Matt and Shelly (West), of Houston, Tex., boy, Travis Lee, Oct. 5, 12:49 p.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys.

**KIEPKE**, Les and Margie (Taylor), of Big Sandy, girl, Katherine Elizabeth, Nov. 2, 5:59 p.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**McCONNELL**, Jackie and Linda (Campbell), of Springfield, Mo., girl, Brittany LeAnn, Oct. 30, 1:05 a.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

**MEREDITH**, Mike and Triessa (Howington), of Birmingham, Ala., girl, Alexandra Elizabeth, Oct. 3, 12:34 p.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

**MOORE**, Charles W. and Rita (Charbonneau), of Ottawa, Ont., girl, Rachel Marguerite, Oct. 23, 8:10 p.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**MORGAN**, Mathew and Pamela (Terry), of Pasadena, boy, Mathew Richard, July 24, 4:22 p.m., 9 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

**NIRITU**, Paul and Lilian (Nkanatha), of Kibirichia, Kenya, girl, Beth Mwari, Sept. 30, 8:30 p.m., 3 kilograms, now 3 girls.

**ODELL**, Stephen and Margaret (Down), of Launceston, Australia, boy, Nathan Jaron, Sept. 3, 12:45 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

**PARMENTER**, Gary and Rhonda (Kuhns), of Mount Vernon, Ill., girl, Jessica Marie, July 5, 1:14 a.m., 7 pounds 7½ ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**PETREK**, Jay and Heather (Balogh), of Escondido, Calif., boy, Aaron John, July 6, 9:47 p.m., 8 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

**PLAGENZA**, Sal and Pam (Hauff), of Modesto, Calif., girl, Victoria Pamela, Nov. 18, 4:10 a.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 9 boys, 4 girls.

**PLUMLEY**, David and Jackie (Johnston), of Brentwood, England, girl, Annabelle Louise, Oct. 15, 7:32 p.m., 6 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

**RAMBOW**, Max and Judi (Bergstrom), of Kalamazoo, Mich., girl, Glenna Renee, Oct. 15, 10:07 p.m., 9 pounds, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

**ROUTH**, Robert and Kim (Moore), of Orlando, Fla., girl, Samantha Danielle, Oct. 9, 11:29 p.m., 8 pounds, now 2 girls.

**SIDARS**, Steve and Marci (Scates), of Pasadena, girl, Janelle Cherie, Oct. 21, 12:57 a.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 girls.

**TWIGG**, Dale and Sherry (Rocheleau), of Phoenix, Ariz., girl, Lacey Cheyanne, Nov. 16, 2:16 a.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**VIERRA**, John and Jeannine (Jones), of Pasadena, boy, Matthew Kyle, Sept. 5, 10:09 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

**WALTERS**, Ed and Tina (Castaneda), of Long Beach, Calif., boy, Clinton Tyler, Sept. 21, 8:12 a.m., 6 pounds 13 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

**WHITFORD**, Kevin and Andrea (Lampley), of Waukesha, Wis., girl, Alissa Marie, Oct. 4, 8:35 a.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**WIESMAN**, Mike and Jane (Miller), of Cincinnati, Ohio, girl, Carrie Lynn, Sept. 11, 10:30 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 girls.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Devine of Chelston, England, are pleased to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Ruth, to James Arnold, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Arnold of Bradford, England. A Sept. 14, 1990, wedding is planned.

Lurlene Manson of Devonport, Australia, is delighted to announce the engagement of her daughter Rebekah Antonette Lonergan to Riccardo Cicero, son of Sam and Margaret Cicero of Beerwah, Australia. A Jan. 28 wedding in Brisbane, Australia, is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Falzon of Moe, Australia, are pleased to announce the en-

gagement of their daughter Donna Lee to Craig William Thomson, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Thomson of Wodonga, Australia. A Jan. 7 wedding is planned.

Debbie Cole Barnett and Donald Williamson, members who attend the Bethlehem, Pa., P.M. church, are happy to announce their engagement. An early February wedding is planned.

David Clark, an Ambassador College graduate, and Valerie Wileman, a senior at Big Sandy Ambassador College, are happy to announce their engagement. A July wedding in Calgary, Alta., is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Anton of Big Sandy are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Janice Marie to Michael Joseph Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cook of Lafayette, Ind. Janice is an Ambassador College senior, and Michael is a 1989 graduate. A May 27 wedding in Pasadena is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry S. Girard are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Lu Anne to Michael D. Warren, son of Terry Warren and Connie Radford. A March wedding in San Antonio, Tex., is planned.

Dr. and Mrs. Paul Schnee of Saskatoon, Sask., are pleased to announce the engagement of their son Marcel Paul to Julia Ariene Fenton of Big Sandy. A Dec. 31 wedding in Big Sandy is planned.

## WEDDINGS



**MR. AND MRS. V. GUEVARRA**

Gloria G. Angel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andres Angel Jr. of Quezon City, Philippines, and Virgilio M. Guevarra, son of Mr. and Mrs. Celestino Guevarra of San Juan, Philippines, were united in marriage Oct. 1 in Quezon City. The ceremony was performed by Rodney Matthews, Philippine regional director. Adora Angel, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Patrick Meila was best man. The bride is a 1985 Pasadena Ambassador College graduate and is employed by the Church's Philippine regional office. The couple live in Makati.



**MR. AND MRS. F. HARRINGTON**

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Sousa are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Joanne to Floyd A. Harrington, son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Harrington of Moine, Kan. The ceremony was performed Sept. 2 by Noel Horner, Portland, Ore., West pastor. The couple live in Beaverton, Ore.



**MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL BENITEZ**

Susan Carol Johnson and Michael LeRoy Benitez were united in marriage Oct. 1. The ceremony was performed by evangelist Dennis Luker, Garden Grove and Santa Ana, Calif., pastor. Linda Johnson, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and David White was best man. The couple live in Huntington Beach, Calif.



**MR. AND MRS. JAMES GLASS JR.**

Ruth Ashfield and James H. Glass Jr. were united in marriage Sept. 10 in Greensboro, N.C. The ceremony was performed by James Haefele, Greensboro pastor. Lesley Ashfield, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and James H. Glass Sr., father of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Greensboro.



**MR. AND MRS. JOHN HANSON**

Katrina Janette Benson, daughter of Gene and Judith Francello of Poway, Calif., and

John Charles Hanson, son of Bud and Flo Chaney of Cincinnati, Ohio, were united in marriage Aug. 13 in Poway. The ceremony was performed by Jerold Aust, San Diego, Calif., and Yuma, Ariz., associate pastor. Kendra Benson, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Tom Hanson, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple, both Ambassador College graduates, live in Escondido, Calif.



**MR. AND MRS. K. MONTGOMERY**

Fawn Lucille Leasure, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Leasure of Merceburg, Pa., and Kevin Blaine Montgomery, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Montgomery of Frederick, Md., were united in marriage Oct. 1. The ceremony was performed by Peter Whitting, Frederick pastor. The couple live in Walkersville, Md.



**MR. AND MRS. ROBIN MCGOUGH**

Julie Maria Holladay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Holladay of Huntsville, Ala., and Robin Boyd McGough of Birmingham, Ala., were united in marriage May 28. The ceremony was performed by George Hart, Bessemer, Ala., pastor. Jan Levy, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Mike Meredith was best man. The couple live in Birmingham.



**MR. AND MRS. R. A. RUCKER**

Beth Ann Underdue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Underdue of Suffolk, N.Y., and Richard A. Rucker were united in marriage Dec. 24, 1988, in Lindenhurst, N.Y. The ceremony was performed by Thomas Fitzpatrick, Providence, R.I., pastor. Joliet Underdue was maid of honor, and Gregory A. Kelly was best man. The couple live in Hempstead, N.Y.



**MR. AND MRS. R. SPELLMAN**

Myra Linette Stonier and Roderick William Spellman were united in marriage Sept. 3 in Kingston, Ont. The ceremony was performed by Kenneth Frank, Kingston, Ont., pastor. Tina Yandit was maid of honor, and Randy Yandit was best man.



**MR. AND MRS. ROBERT MITCHELL**

Margaret Westrich and Robert Mitchell were united in marriage July 9 in St. Louis, Mo. The ceremony was performed by James Lee, St. Louis South pastor. The couple live in St. Louis.



**MR. AND MRS. JAMES REED**

Holly Kirsten Sorenson, daughter of Larry and Diane Sorenson of Anchorage, Alaska, and James Nathaniel Reed, son of Ray and Doris Reed of Palmer, Alaska, were united in marriage June 18. The ceremony was performed by James Turner, Palmer pastor. Heidi Sorenson was maid of honor, and David Dransfield was best man. The couple live in Palmer.



**MR. AND MRS. H. NITZBERG**

Howard Richard Nitzberg and Conietta

Dawn Martin were united in marriage Oct. 5 in Knoxville, Tenn. The ceremony was performed by John Comino, Knoxville pastor. Wayne Graves was best man, and Doris Young was matron of honor. The couple live in Knoxville.



**MR. AND MRS. J. TYNDALL**

Sandra DeAnn Dean and Jonathan David Tyndall were united in marriage March 25 in Scenery Hill, Pa. The ceremony was performed by Tom Smith, Washington and Belle Vernon, Pa., pastor. Lisa White was the bride's attendant, and Eric Jordan was best man. The couple live in Garner, N.C.



**MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL SMITH**

Karen Underwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Underwood of Dyersburg, Tenn., and Michael Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smith of Memphis, Tenn., were united in marriage Dec. 18, 1988, in Dyersburg. The ceremony was performed by Mark Cardona, Memphis pastor. Stephanie Cox was maid of honor, and Bruce Smith was best man. The couple live in Huntsville, Ala.



**MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL GILBERT**

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Justice of Visalia, Calif., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Kimberly Ann to Michael Timothy Gilbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Gilbert of Escondido, Calif. The ceremony was performed by Lester McCoin, Fresno, Calif., pastor. Tracy Guy was maid of honor, and Kenny Miner was best man. The couple live in Visalia.



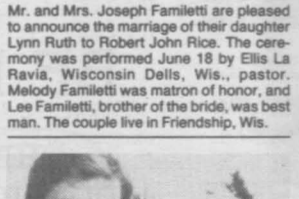
**MR. AND MRS. SHELDON MONSON**

Joette Marie Zehrung, daughter of Warren and Sharon Zehrung, and Sheldon Conrad Monson, son of Eng and Shirley Monson of Regina, Sask., were united in marriage April 9 in Pasadena. The ceremony was performed by evangelist Cam Catherwood, regional director for the Church in Italian-speaking areas. Ruth Ashfield was maid of honor, and Daryl Monson, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Pasadena.



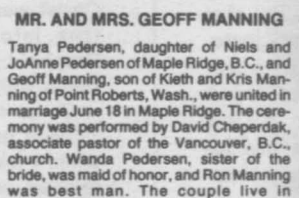
**MR. AND MRS. CHARLTON LESTER**

Carole Denise Clarke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clarke of Chicago, Ill., and Charlton Carlos Lester were united in marriage July 3. The ceremony was performed by Don Mason, Raleigh and Rocky Mount, N.C., pastor. Jackie Hargrove was maid of honor, and Larry Lester, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Durham, N.C.



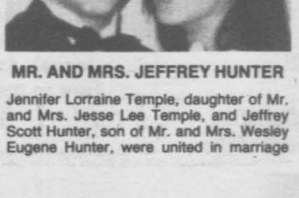
**MR. AND MRS. ROBERT RICE**

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Famietti are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Lynn Ruth to Robert John Rice. The ceremony was performed June 18 by Ellis La Ravia, Wisconsin Delis, Wis., pastor. Melody Famietti was matron of honor, and Lee Famietti, brother of the bride, was best man. The couple live in Friendship, Wis.



**MR. AND MRS. GEOFF MANNING**

Tanya Pedersen, daughter of Niels and JoAnne Pedersen of Maple Ridge, B.C., and Geoff Manning, son of Keith and Kris Manning of Point Roberts, Wash., were united in marriage June 18 in Maple Ridge. The ceremony was performed by David Chesperdak, associate pastor of the Vancouver, B.C., church. Wanda Pedersen, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Ron Manning was best man. The couple live in Tsawwassen, B.C.



**MR. AND MRS. JEFFREY HUNTER**

Jennifer Lorraine Temple, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Lee Temple, and Jeffrey Scott Hunter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Eugene Hunter, were united in marriage

Aug. 20. The ceremony was performed by Jim Franks, Houston, Tex., North pastor. Janice Davis, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Wesley Hunter, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Houston.



**MR. AND MRS. VERNON HARRIS**

Sandra Joyce Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Williams of Atlanta, Ga., and Vernon Arthur Harris, son of Arthur and Vivienne Harris of Barbados, were united in marriage May 14 in South Plainfield, N.J. The ceremony was performed by Arnold Hampton, Chicago, Ill., Southside pastor. Leslie Howard was matron of honor, and Jean Robert Jeanty was best man. The couple live in Bellerose, N.Y.



**MR. AND MRS. MARK LENGWIN JR.**

Mr. and Mrs. John Fenchel of Tacoma, Wash., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Jennifer Jeanne to Mark G. Lengwin Jr. of Pittsburgh, Pa. The ceremony was performed June 4 in Tacoma by Gary Anton, dean of students for Big Sandy Ambassador College. Peggy Benedetti was maid of honor, and Jeff Lengwin, brother of the groom, was best man. The bride is a 1988 Pasadena Ambassador College graduate, and the groom is a senior at Pasadena Ambassador College. The couple live in Pasadena.



**MR. AND MRS. PETER WURSTER**

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wurster of Wodonga, Australia, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Sept. 28. Mr. and Mrs. Wurster were baptized in July 1968, and Mr. Wurster is a local church elder. The couple have two children, David and Elizabeth.



**MR. AND MRS. JAMES SHIMEK**

The family of James and Chris Shimek would like to announce the 35th wedding anniversary of their parents, which took place Dec. 1. The couple have been Church members since 1978. They have two daughters, Mary and Margie, who, along with their husbands, are all Church members. They also have six grandchildren. The Shimeks attend the Cleveland, Ohio, East church.



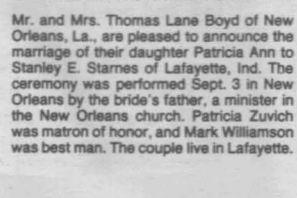
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John and Alicia Davis, who attend the Belfast, Northern Ireland, church, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Dec. 20. The couple have three sons, three daughters and 13 grandchildren.



**MR. AND MRS. JOHN DOLCINI**

The children of John and Jennie Williams of Atlanta, Ga., would like to announce their parents' 34th wedding anniversary, which took place Nov. 20. The couple have two sons, Glenn and Kevin; a daughter, Sandra; a daughter-in-law, Christiane; a son-in-law, Vernon; and one granddaughter, Lanell.



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Mr. and Mrs. Karl Wiggins celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Oct. 17. They were honored by family and friends at a party given by their children. The Wiggins have four daughters, three sons-in-law and two sons. They expect their first grandchild in February. The couple were baptized in 1964, and they attend the Abbotstford, B.C., church.

## ANNIVERSARIES



**MR. AND MRS. B. BRAMAN**

The children of Bernard and Helen Braman would like to announce the 30th wedding anniversary of their parents, which took place Nov. 28. Mr. and Mrs. Braman were baptized together in March 1968. They have four daughters, Bonnie Loisele and Kelly, Susie and Karla Braman; and four grandchildren. The Bramans attend the Flint, Mich., church.

Gert and Dina de Jager celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Nov. 19 at their home in Bellville, South Africa. The couple have two sons and daughters-in-law, Johannes and Corette, and Ignatius and Madeleine; and two daughters and sons-in-law, Catharina and Marthinus, and Elizabeth and Roland; and eight grandchildren. The de Jagers have been Church members since 1969, and they attend the Cape Town, South Africa, church.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Piotrowski celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Nov. 7. Mr. Piotrowski attends the Bethlehem, Pa., P.M., church. The couple have three children, Joseph, Cheryl and Christine.



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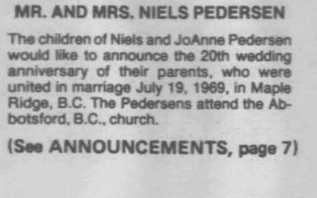
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**MR. AND MRS. NIELS PEDERSEN**

The children of Niels and JoAnne Pedersen would like to announce the 20th wedding anniversary of their parents, who were united in marriage July 19, 1969, in Maple Ridge, B.C. The Pedersens attend the Abbotstford, B.C., church.

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**MR. AND MRS. ROBERT WHEELER**  
Robert and Susan Wheeler celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Nov. 28. Mr. Wheeler serves as a deacon, and Mrs. Wheeler as a deaconess in the Albany, Ore., church. The couple traveled to Maui, Hawaii, to celebrate their anniversary. They have one son, Matthew, and two daughters, Rebecca and Ruth, both of whom are students at Pasadena Ambassador College.



**MR. AND MRS. MARVIN RIDDLE**  
Marvin and Imogene Riddle celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Sept. 18. Mr. Riddle serves as a deacon, and Mrs. Riddle as a deaconess in the Albany, Ore., church. They have two sons, Gary and Richard, three grandsons and one granddaughter.

**ANNIVERSARIES  
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**MR. AND MRS. GEORGE FLOYD**  
George and Annie Floyd, members who

attend the Athens, Ga., church, celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary Nov. 23. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd have been Church members since 1983. They have six children, 17 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.



**MR. AND MRS. R. HOLLADAY**  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holladay of Cleveland, Tenn., were honored by their children with a buffet luncheon for their 50th wedding anniversary. Toasts, cake, gifts and speeches completed the celebration. The Holladays have five children, Roy, pastor of the St. Petersburg, Fla., church; Roberta; Leonard, pastor of the Duluth, Minn., church; Linda; and Charles, pastor of the Cincinnati, Ohio, West church; 17 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. The couple were married Nov. 18, 1939.



**MR. AND MRS. H.D. HAYNES**  
Mr. and Mrs. H.D. Haynes celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Oct. 12. The Anniston, Ala., church surprised them with a reception after services Oct. 7 and presented them with gifts and a four-tier cake.



**MR. AND MRS. ALFRED STROUD**  
Alfred and Elsie Stroud of Pasadena celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Nov. 2. Mr. Stroud, a longtime employee of the Church, and his wife, both Church mem-

bers, were honored at a party in their home given by their son-in-law and daughter, Frank and Esther Schnee, and their grandson, Paul Schnee, and his wife, M'Lissa. The Strouds have four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



**MR. AND MRS. HAROLD ADAMS**



**MR. AND MRS. LEE JOHNSON**



**MR. AND MRS. ED WRIGHT**



**MR. AND MRS. CLARENCE YOUNG**  
Cape Girardeau, Mo., brethren honored four couples Oct. 7 celebrating 50 or more years of marriage. The four couples are Harold and Doris Adams, married 50 years Sept. 25; Lee and Opal Johnson, married 52 years Sept. 25; Ed and Ruby Wright, married 52 years June 5; and Clarence and Jewell Young, married 60 years Oct. 12. Each received a corsage or boutonniere upon arrival at Sabbath services. After services, Arnold Clausen, Cape Girardeau pastor, read a paragraph about each couple. Each couple was presented with an

Anniversary Times, giving portions of news events at the time of their marriage. The celebration ended with cake and punch.



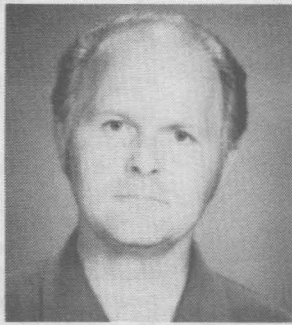
**MR. AND MRS. JACK RAY**

Paducah, Ky., brethren celebrated the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ray, Sept. 30. Mrs. Ray was baptized in June 1961, and Mr. Ray was baptized in December 1964, and ordained a deacon in November 1980. The couple have four children, James Calvin, Myron, Myrna Walden and Shira Hamilton; 11 grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters.

Paducah, Ky., brethren honored several couples who have been married 50 years or more, after Sabbath services Oct. 7. Those honored were Mr. and Mrs. John Dan Bugg, married 59 years; Mr. and Mrs. Guss Deen, married 60 years; Mr. and Mrs. William Frazier, married 63 years; Mr. and Mrs. William Kelley, married 60 years; Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Lyonhurst, married 52 years; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ray, married 50 years; and Mr. and Mrs. Erie Smith, married 60 years. Cake and punch were served after Sabbath services.

**OBITUARIES**

**COUPLAND, William "Bill,"** 53, of Framp-ton, England, died Oct. 28 after a long illness with heart problems. Mr. Coupland, a Church member since 1962, is survived by his wife, Evelyn, also a Church member; a son, Geoffrey; a daughter, Shirley; his father; and one sister, Joy, also a Church member.



**ROYCE LEE EARWOOD**

Royce Lee Earwood, 50, of Ashland, Ala.,

died Nov. 5 in a mid-air collision while acting as a flight instructor. Mr. Earwood, a Church member since 1970, is survived by his wife, Roseanne; a daughter, Alice; a son, Lee; his mother; a brother; and two sisters.

**SKROBAK, Marie,** 82, of Akron, Ohio, died Oct. 7. Miss Skrobak, a Church member for more than 20 years, is survived by her sister Lillian, also a Church member; a sister-in-law, Esteen Skrobak; and a nephew, Davis F. Skrobak.

**SCHMIDT, Bruce F.,** 53, of Siren, Wis., died Oct. 27 of cancer. Mr. Schmidt, a Church member since 1980, is survived by his mother, Jean Schmidt.

**JONES, Havana,** 91, of Baltimore, Md., died Nov. 4. Mrs. Jones, a Church member since November 1971, is survived by a daughter-in-law and grandchildren.

**FERGUSON, Doris,** 74, of Lufkin, Tex., died Oct. 30. Mrs. Ferguson, a Church member since 1984, is survived by a daughter, Sue Clifton, a Church member, and three sons, David, Timothy and Joseph. She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl N., a deacon, and a son, Jonathan.

**HOWEY, Earl,** 85, of Mandan, N.D., died Oct. 30. Mr. Howey, a Church member since April 1968, is survived by two sons, David and Monte; three daughters, Carol Blackwell, Alice Schaffer and Elaine Myers; three brothers; and six sisters. All of Mr. Howey's children are Church members.

**DIMOND, Graeme Bruce,** 19, of Ballarat, Australia, drowned Oct. 16 while attending the Feast of Tabernacles in Ulladulla, Australia. Mr. Dimond is survived by his father, Terry, a Church member; his mother, Jan; and three sisters, Kim, Alisha and Nicole.

**CLARK, Raymond E. Jr.,** 55, of Grand Rapids, Mich., died Oct. 24 of cancer. Mr. Clark, a Church member since 1980, is survived by his mother, Martha; a brother, Frederick; three sisters, Ella, Beverly and Ann; one son, James; and two daughters, Sheryl and Christine.



**CHARLES REID**

**REID, Charles "Charlie,"** 56, of Dublin, Calif., died Sept. 26 of a heart attack. Mr. Reid, a Church member since 1968, is survived by his wife, Lina; a daughter, Tina Beans; and a son, Gary Bryant; all Church members. He is also survived by another son, three sisters and one brother.

**PATTERSON, Tina,** 3, of Beaufort, S.C., drowned July 18 while visiting in Tampa, Fla. Tina is survived by her mother, Elaine, and her grandmother, a Church member, with whom she attended Sabbath services.



**EDWARD 'TED' MANN**

**MANN, Edward "Ted" John,** 45, died Oct. 28 after a lengthy battle with cancer. Mr. Mann, a Church member since 1969, graduated in 1974 from Ambassador College in Bricklet Wood, England. He taught at Imperial Schools in Bricklet Wood from 1971 to 1975 before he went to Perth, Australia, where he continued his teaching career. Mr. Mann was ordained a local church elder in 1979. He is survived by his wife, Carol; three sons, Ben, Charles and Philip; and his father.

**YOUNG, Elsie,** 64, of Compton, Calif., died Nov. 1 after a long battle with cancer. Mrs. Young, a Church member since 1971, is survived by her husband, Joseph, a local church elder in the Long Beach, Calif., West church; two sons, Michael, a Church member, and Stephen; one daughter, Janet, a Church member; and eight grandchildren.

**THOMAS, Ralph E.,** 65, of Port Richey, Fla., died Nov. 3 of a heart attack. Mr. Thomas, a Church member since 1986, is survived by his wife, Doris, a Church member; two sons, Ronald and Roger; and a brother, Gerald.

**NOVAK, Nicole Amber,** 5 weeks, of Agoura Hills, Calif., died Sept. 22 of congenital heart failure. Nicole is survived by her parents, David and Frances Novak; a sister, Danielle; and grandparents, Steve and Svstava Novak and Richard Lonsbury and Janet Franke.

**DILLON, Retha Lee,** 84, of Salem, Ore., died Sept. 25 from complications of an aneurism. Mrs. Dillon, a Church member since 1957, was preceded in death by her husband, Gilbert, who was the brother of Loma Armstrong, wife of Herbert W. Armstrong.

**COLLINS, Raymond,** 57, of Baltimore, Md., died of a heart attack Oct. 18 during the Feast of Tabernacles in Brighton, England. Mr. Collins, a Church member since 1963, is survived by his wife, Cynthia; two sons, Martin and David; a daughter, Rhonda Diggins; and grandchildren.

**PERKINS, Leon,** 71, of Amarillo, Tex., died June 21. Mr. Perkins has been a Church member since 1964.

**JOHNSON, Betty P.,** 69, of Dayton, Ohio, died Oct. 12. Mrs. Johnson, a Church member since 1978, is survived by her husband, a daughter, a son, seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

**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)

**Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**

By Becky Sweat

On the southeastern coast of Brazil, along the Atlantic Ocean, lies Rio de Janeiro, a city known for its spectacular views, tropical weather, sandy beaches and its annual Carnival.

Becky Sweat is a researcher employed by Editorial Services. Mrs. Sweat visited Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, before and after the Feast.

Carnival is a four-day festival of music, parades and dancing, which ends on Ash Wednesday.

Millions of tourists come to Rio every year to see such sights as Sugar Loaf Mountain, a 1,300-foot peak reached by cable car; a monument to Christ the Redeemer atop Mt. Corcovado; and the Botanical Gardens, home to more than 60,000 species of plants.

Rio de Janeiro is a city beset by staggering problems that include an annual inflation rate of about 1,200 percent, traffic congestion, overcrowding, smog and a high crime rate.

Nine people in this city of more than 11 million are baptized members of the Worldwide Church of God. There is no Rio congregation,

but the area is served by Albert Sousa, pastor of the Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Salto, Uruguay, churches.

**Few and far between**

For these nine people the problems of city living are often compounded because they live so far apart.

"Being a Church member in Rio de Janeiro is like living in a desert," said Deborah Rodrigues. "We miss the fellowship and all the contact with other members. We cannot get together very often."

The members in Rio de Janeiro look forward to the Feast of Tabernacles, where they can meet other Church members. The end of the Feast is especially sad for them because it means they must wait another year for more fellowship.

Unlike other Latin American countries, Brazil's language is not Spanish but Portuguese, and there is no Portuguese *Plain Truth*. But Brazil has been reached by other means.

Limited advertising has been done in previous years. Many read the Spanish *Plain Truth* and some the English edition.

**First contacts**

How then did the Brazilian members come into contact with the Church?

Being fluent in English opened the door for Mrs. Rodrigues. She first heard *The World Tomorrow* in 1966 while on a visit to Cleveland, Ohio.

She began to receive *The Plain Truth*, Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course and other Church literature. For eight years she studied by herself.

"In 1974 I began having around five of my friends over for Bible studies," Mrs. Rodrigues said.

"We would get together every Wednesday and Saturday. I would translate Church literature into Portuguese, and give copies of what I had translated to everyone at the study. We even taped the Bible studies we had together. We did this for five years."



**ISOLATED FEW**—Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Church members are (back row from left): Maria do Carmo Fernandes, Aurea del Pilar Siemes Campos, Hellyette Silva Rodrigues, Inah Alvarenga Dutra and Deborah Pereira Rodrigues. Front row from left: Jose Luis Fernandes, David Fernandes and Jose Maria dos Santos Rodrigues. Not pictured: Carime Amiden and Hilda Vergara. [Photo by Becky Sweat]

In 1979 the group requested a ministerial visit and on May 3, 1979, they were visited by Walter Dickinson Jr., now Seattle and Bremerton, Wash., pastor, and Robert Flores, who died in 1984. They baptized four members of the group.

The other members in Rio de Janeiro came in contact with the Church through others who shared copies of *La Pura Verdad* (the Spanish *Plain Truth*).

Besides Rio de Janeiro, two members live in Sao Paulo, one in Belo Horizonte, two in Brasilia and two in Saldanha Marinho, a town in the southernmost state, Rio Grande do Sul.

Although being few in number

is the primary concern for the Brazilian Church members, the problems of big city living can also be discouraging because of increasing crime.

**Flocking to the city**

And as more people move to Rio, the problems are likely only to get worse. Many unskilled and unemployed migrants move to Rio to seek a better life.

Instead they often make their niche in one of Rio de Janeiro's more than 200 *favelas* (shantytowns), which crowd the hillsides above Rio. An estimated one quarter of Rio's population live in the *favelas*.

Even though Rio has many problems typical of a crowded city, residents are known for their sense of humor. They have learned to cope with the problems of a crowded city and look forward to the Holy Days and Feast.

**WE ARE ONE FAMILY**

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

# UPDATE

MANILA, Philippines—An attempted coup here Dec. 1 brought fighting to the Manila area and Cebu.

Rodney Matthews, Philippine regional director, told Church Administration: "Few of the members in the Philippines have had any problems or been threatened during the past two days. At worst one or two have had to leave their homes because of potential difficulty, however they are safe. One woman lives close to fighting in Makati, the financial area of Manila, but she is fine.

"Also, there has been no damage to the office or other Church property."

The regional office was sealed off Dec. 4 because of excessive military movement on the roads. Sabbath services were canceled Dec. 2 in the Metro Manila area and near Clark Air Base.

"Military activity is slowing down, and the coup attempt is drawing to an unsuccessful close," Mr. Matthews said.

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SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador—Sabbath services were canceled here Nov. 18 and 25 and Dec. 2 because of intense fighting between guerrillas and government troops, which began Nov. 11.

Of the 76 Church members in El Salvador, several have suffered minor damage to their homes from stray bullets, but none has been injured. Herbert Cisneros, San Salvador and Guatemala City, Guatemala, pastor, has four holes in his wall from machine gun fire.

According to Mr. Cisneros, member Alejandro Barahona was taken into police custody for investigation. Mr. Barahona is the director of a school where a few students joined the guerrillas. Though Mr. Barahona is not helping the guerrillas he may have been suspected of collaboration. He was later released.

In spite of the stress Mr. Cisneros reported that members remain in good spirits. They thank the brethren around the world who have been praying for them, but they ask for continued prayers as the situation in El Salvador is still critical.

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MANILA, Philippines—Three Church members lost their homes when Typhoon Tasing (Elsie) swept the provinces of Isabela, Quirino and parts of Nueva Vizcaya and Ifuago during the Feast of Tabernacles, Oct. 19. Winds were between 185 and 205 kilometers (115 to 127 miles an hour).

The 7-year-old daughter of one member who lost his home died of whooping cough and pneumonia.

Some other members reported minor damage to their homes.

Banana plantations were devastated and vegetable farms, rice crops and gardens were damaged, causing food prices to soar. Power was to be out in some areas for two months.

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PASADENA—Ross Jutsum, Ambassador College Music Department chairman, broke both of his wrists and sustained a gash to his head Nov. 24 when he fell from the roof of his patio.

Because rain was forecast Mr. Jutsum climbed a ladder to his roof to make sure the drains were clear of leaves and debris. The drains were clear, but when he attempted to remove some leaves from the aluminum patio cover, the metal gave way. Mr. Jutsum fell head first to

the concrete below and used his hands to protect his head.

His glasses shattered, cutting into his head above his left eyebrow. Mr. Jutsum's wife, Tammy, rushed him to a hospital emergency room.

Mr. Jutsum sustained a hairline fracture in his right wrist, but the wrist bone shattered in his left.

Mr. Jutsum said the cuts on his forehead are healing well, and both wrists are in casts, the left one reaching to his elbow. "The X rays are looking very good, and I have control of all my fingers but they are very sore," Mr. Jutsum said. "It will require therapy, but I should be able to play the piano again in two to three months."

Mr. Jutsum said doctors don't think there will be any permanent loss of use. "Their prognosis is that I will be able to use my hands normally, and the One who made our arms is very concerned and I'm sure he's guiding the healing process."

He added that his 2-year-old daughter, Lisa, has been telling him every day, "Daddy, be careful."

"It goes to show how taking your concentration off something for a



ROSS JUTSUM

split second can be catastrophic," Mr. Jutsum said.

A week before the accident he performed a graduate piano recital to fulfill his master's degree requirements at California State University at Los Angeles.

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PASADENA—A limited number of 1989 *Envoys* are available for Church members unable to obtain a copy at the Feast of Tabernacles.

The *Envoy's* 264 pages, more than half of which are in full color, cover Ambassador College student life and Ambassador Foundation

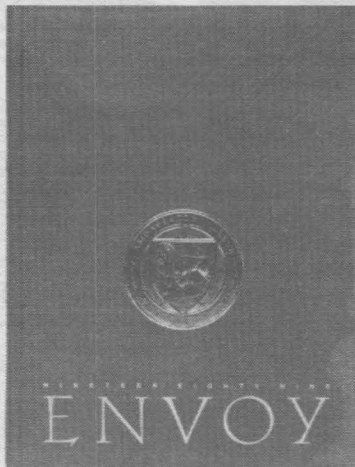
### 1989 Top 10 Stations Average Response for Each Airing

Station	Location	Response/Airing
WGN	Chicago, Ill.	1,423
WTBS	Atlanta, Ga.	1,079
WNYW	New York	1,076
KHJ	Los Angeles	910
WFAA	Dallas, Tex.	703
WNBC	New York	639
LIFETIME	New York	582
WJLA	Washington	521

### 1989 Top 10 Stations Audience Size\*

Station	Location	Audience Size
WNBC	New York	158,000
WNYW	New York	87,000
KTTV	Los Angeles	48,000
KHJ	Los Angeles	45,000
WPIX	New York	43,000
WFAA	Dallas, Tex.	35,000
WGN	Chicago, Ill.	29,000
WJLA	Washington	29,000
WWOR	New York	28,000
KPRC	Houston, Tex.	27,000

\* according to May Arbitron sweep



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NASHVILLE, Tenn.—More than 850 area brethren and out-of-town guests celebrated the 25th anniversary of the church here on the Feast of Trumpets, Sept. 30.

Pastors who have served in the area attended the event. They were James Friddle, pastor of the Reseda, Calif., church; Carl McNair, pastor of the Helena, Great Falls and Butte, Mont., churches; and William Swanson, associate pastor of the Indianapolis, Ind., church.

Guests of honor were Edith "Dee" Kessler, wife of the late William Kessler, who was associate pastor of the Nashville church from 1981 until his death in 1987; and Estelle Steep, wife of the late Robert F. Steep, who was the first Nashville pastor and served from

1964 to 1966.

The first Sabbath service took place in Nashville Oct. 10, 1964, with 147 in attendance.

Anniversary activities included a buffet dinner, a slide presentation and a dance. Frederick Kellers, Nashville and Murfreesboro, Tenn., pastor, presented pastors with commemorative plaques and gave their wives necklaces to remember the occasion.

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SPOKANE, Wash.—Members celebrated the 25th anniversary of the church here at Sabbath services Nov. 11.

Roger Foster, who served as Spokane pastor and now pastors the Boca Raton, Fla., church, gave the sermonette, and evangelist Leroy Neff, Church treasurer, gave the sermon.

More than 800 attended the event, and 25-year members received corsages or boutonnières.

A semiformal dance took place that evening and an invitational volleyball meet was conducted the next day.

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SYRACUSE, N.Y.—"Syracuse Conquers Everest" was the theme of an Oct. 7 celebration marking the establishment of 1,000 active *Plain Truth* card holder or brochure outlets, a goal set one year earlier. The church obtained 1,150 outlets.

The project, organized by Gerald Smith, a deacon, and his assistant, Gary Hussak, covered 16 counties.

Mr. Smith informed members of the program, outlining the areas of service needed.

Mr. Hussak tracked the monthly progress of the program and conducted regular meetings with team leaders to update and evaluate results.

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PASADENA—Dorothy Ehlert, who has served more than 20 years in the Ambassador College library,

retired from her position as supervisor of circulation services Dec. 1.

Mrs. Ehlert, who graduated from Emporia State Teachers College in Kansas with a bachelor's degree and library certificate in 1940, worked at several other libraries before coming to work at Ambassador College in October 1969.

A retirement party for her took place Nov. 15. Family members,



DOROTHY EHLERT

friends and employees attended. During the party she was presented with a plaque and watch on behalf of the library.

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PASADENA—Each year amateur radio operators gather for dinners at various Feast sites. In 1989 21 met in St. Petersburg, Fla.; 19 in Tucson, Ariz.; 10 in Lexington, Ky.; 10 in Norfolk, Va.; 10 in Vail, Colo.; and seven in Wisconsin Dells, Wis. Smaller groups met in other areas.

Church members who are amateur radio operators and would like to join the Alpha Charlie radio net should look for the Alpha Charlie Net on 7228.5 kHz nightly at 0100 UTC.

The Alpha Charlie radio net is coordinated by Garland Snuffer, supervisor of the Church's Radio Production Department. There are more than 275 operators in the Church worldwide.



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

PASADENA—"An unexpected and dramatic rise" in postage rates occurred after the Feast in Italy, reported evangelist Carn Catherwood, regional director for Italian-speaking areas.

Especially affected are magazines, which tripled in cost.

"Although the postage rate for *La Pura Verita* (Italian *Plain Truth*) is still fairly inexpensive when compared to magazine rates in other countries, such a sudden and spectacular increase will seriously impact the Italian Department budget," Mr. Catherwood said.

#### Fires in Philippines

Two members in the Manila,

Philippines, area suffered losses at the close of the Feast when a fire swept through their residential community, destroying hundreds of homes.

One member, a single man, was still at the Tacloban, Philippines, Feast site, when the fire broke out.

He was left with the clothing he had taken with him to the Feast, reported Rodney Matthews, Philippine regional director.

The other member and his family were caught in their home when the fire struck, forcing them to break through a wall at the back of the house to flee from the flames.

#### Evangelist visits

Evangelist Larry Salyer, asso-

ciate director of Church Administration for international areas, his wife, Judy, and children, Jeffrey, Julie and Randal, visited Italy after the Feast.

The Salyers drove from Bonndorf, West Germany, to the Bergamo, Italy, suboffice, where they were met by Mr. Catherwood and his wife, Joyce.

Mr. Salyer was introduced to the office staff and given a tour. Mr. Catherwood gave an update on the history of the Italian Office and Work in Italy.

#### Meeting with parliamentarian

In late October Robert Fahey, Australian and Asian regional director, met with Terry White, a member of the Queensland, Australia, Parliament.

Mr. White has made a number of inaccurate statements about the Church in Parliament and to the media.

Mr. Fahey cleared up the misconceptions Mr. White had about the Church, "and the meeting ended on a very positive note," said the regional director.

Mr. Fahey was accompanied by Aub Warren, who assists him with public affairs.

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