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## Uganda: rampant inflation, struggle to make ends meet

By Owen Willis

NAIROBI, Kenya—During an eight-day tour of Uganda beginning Jan. 25, Daniel Wanjie and I met 55 people, conducted 24 visits and baptized four people. The number of members in Uganda is now 15.

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Our first stop was Tororo, Uganda, a town on the border with Kenya, where we conducted a Bible study for 25 brethren in a school classroom on the Sabbath, Jan. 19.

The members there are well, though life is a constant struggle to make ends meet. Inflation is rampant and severely hits brethren who are subsistence farmers. It is again necessary to carry around "bricks" of money for all but the smallest purchases.

From Tororo we drove 200 kilometers (125 miles) to the Ugandan capital, Kampala. The journey, which in the past took up to five hours because of deep potholes, took us less than three hours on the newly reconstructed road.

In Kampala Mr. Wanjie and I met with 11 people at a member's home. Blandinah Kiwanuka, who is in her last year as a trainee nurse, was baptized. In spite of Sabbath problems and other difficulties, she has been appointed student leader because of her fine example.

### Killing fields

As we traveled from Kampala to Masindi we passed through the area known as the Luwero Triangle—Uganda's killing fields in the days of Idi Amin. The ruined homes covered by bush are still visible, as are the many orphanages, but the displays of human skulls by the roadside are gone.

We spoke with 10 people in Masindi. Among them we found Caroline Kabatonozi and Monica Tibulihwa to be ready for baptism. But the baptisms presented us with a problem because the hotel had no water, and water surrounding the town was either a carrier of disease or inaccessible.

The nearest body of usable water was Lake Mobutu, on the Ugandan-Zaire border, about 50 kilometers (30 miles) away.

The four of us set out at dawn

in a car traveling through some of the most beautiful scenery in Africa. Our arrival in Butiaba caused quite a stir among the villagers, because the children had not seen a *mzungu* (white man) in some time. The lake proved ideal for baptizing the two women.

We said good-bye to Caroline and Monica in Hoima and continued on to Fort Portal, which was a tortuous journey along a rough dirt road through bush and forest.

It is an isolated area with little traffic and had the car broken down or if we had gotten stuck in the mud we might have been delayed for days.



**NEW BEGINNINGS**—Caroline Kabatonozi (left) and Monica Tibulihwa traveled about 30 miles to find sufficient clean water in which to be baptized.

During our ride to Fort Portal we saw four snakes and many birds, but few wild animals. Much of Ugandan wildlife was decimated during the years of trouble here (Uganda has been plagued by civil war on and off since 1981) and is only now beginning to recover. Toward sunset we arrived at our destination tired and dusty.

### A long wait

In Fort Portal we met with a man and his wife who had been waiting for a visit from the Church since the mid 1970s. It had been impossible to meet them before. They were excited to meet a representative from God's Church.

He is the manager of a tea estate in the shadow of the Ruwenzori Mountains—the fabled "Mountains of the Moon."

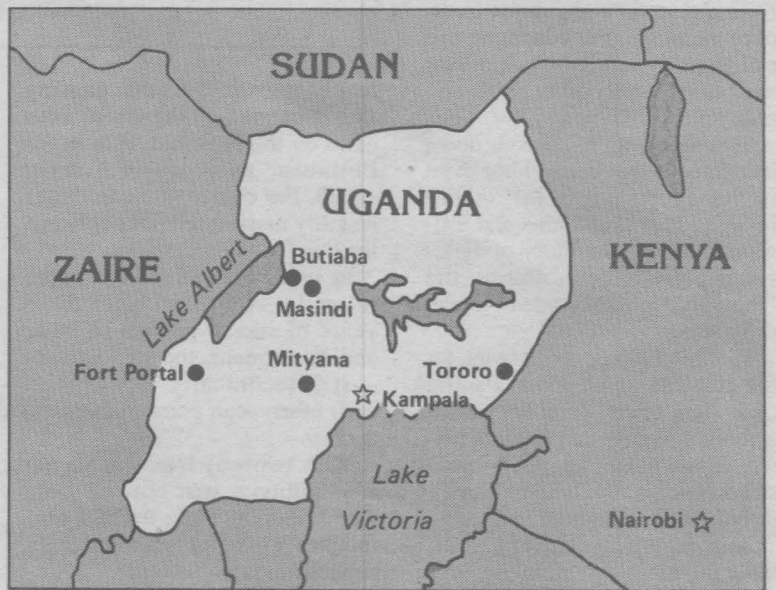
On our return journey across Uganda we visited Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Muwonge, who are members in Mityana.

Mr. Muwonge's situation is typical of much of Uganda's work force. As a civil service clerk he earns 2,000 Ugandan shillings (\$3 to \$4) a month. It is impossible to survive on such a meager salary so Mr. Muwonge earns extra money by repairing typewriters and by growing additional food on a small plot of land.

Others, seeking what they think is an easier solution to survive, turn to crime and corruption.

Before returning to Nairobi we went back to Tororo to baptize Henry Ochwo. Baptisms in Africa have their own challenges. Because water is sometimes scarce, even filling a bathtub can't be taken for granted.

When we began to fill the bath for Mr. Ochwo, water gushed out of the faucet, then the pressure dropped and water only trickled out. There was insufficient water in the bath to conduct a baptism



**MINISTERIAL VISIT**—Owen Willis, pastor of the churches in Kenya, Malawi and Tanzania, and Daniel Wanjie of the Nairobi, Kenya, Office visited brethren in Uganda in January. They baptized four new members. [Map by Ron Grove]

so we prayed for more.

More water came but so did an awful lot of mud. It is probably the first time I've baptized someone in a bath and lost sight of the person.

Mr. Wanjie and I returned to Nairobi happy that the trip had been successful. In the eight days we covered 2,500 kilometers (1,600 miles), which required 44 hours of driving.

## PERSONAL FROM

*Joseph W. Tkach*

Dear Brethren,

A big thank-you to all those who have been praying about the drought in California!

What has been called the miracle of March brought the season's rainfall up to about 90 percent of normal and put a big dent in the five-year drought.

More rain is needed, of course, but last month's sorely needed storms were certainly an answer to prayer.

At the time of writing, the results of the first Holy Day offering show a 0.7 percent increase over last year's offering. This is a definite boost in the year-to-date income, bringing the total to about minus 2.7 percent. I am deeply grateful to all for their generosity in Jesus Christ. Let's thank God for continuing to see his Work through this recession.

### Everyone is necessary

Let's remember that God has not only called all his people to

personal salvation, but also to do a job—to preach and teach the good news of repentance, forgiveness of sins and salvation through Jesus Christ, the gospel of his kingdom—which is here now in part in the Church, but yet to come in fullness at Christ's return (see Luke 24:45-47, Acts 8:12, 28:30-31).

We must all work together for the job to be done. God does not call preachers only. The Church is a Body which, in Christ, is "joined and held together by every supporting ligament." It "grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work" (Ephesians 4:16, New International Version throughout).

In order for a *Plain Truth* to attract a reader or for *The World Tomorrow* to reach a viewer, (See **PERSONAL**, page 4)

## Jordan project reopens in August

**BIG SANDY**—The Ambassador Foundation project to teach disabled children in Amman, Jordan, will reopen in August, according to Joseph Locke, vice president of Ambassador Foundation International.

The project was postponed last August because of tension in the Middle East. The decision to return to Jordan was made after the end of the Persian Gulf War.

Mr. Locke and Cory Erickson, director of the project, will visit Jordan in May to reestablish contacts.

Richard Thompson, dean of Student Affairs at Ambassador College, announced March 26 that the following Ambassador College students will travel to Jordan in August: Valerie Gore, Matt Gus, Pam Henderson, Lori Hoyer, Mike McCord, Sean Skinner, William Stetter, Kathy

Thornton, Lisa Watson, Rob Wilken and Brian Wilson.

### Thailand project

Students who will serve on the Ambassador Foundation project to teach English in Thailand beginning in May are Dean Adams, Lois Botha, JoDee Burbach, Nancy Jones, Marie Moore, Scott Rounds and Ed Scarpari.

### Sri Lanka project

Tony Knudsen, Mike Mieure, John Overton, Ignacio Sanchez, Andy Shamblyn, Richard Taylor and Tom Utaw will travel to Sri Lanka in August to teach at the Ambassador Foundation project there.

Daniel Thompson, a 1988 graduate of Ambassador College, and his wife, Cindi, will also travel to Sri Lanka to replace Dave Clark, project director, and his wife, Valerie.

"Mrs. Clark has been ill, and thus, they will return to Canada, where Dave will be a ministerial trainee," said Mr. Locke.

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## Church announces ordinations

PASADENA—Church Administration announced the following ordinations.

Richard Dunlap, associate pastor of the Fort Smith and Fayetteville, Ark., churches, was ordained a preaching elder Feb. 9.

Kevin Armstrong, associate pastor of the Ottawa, Ont., church, was ordained a preaching elder Dec. 23.

Ordained local church elders Feb. 16 were Harold McKissic and Sidney Smith, deacons in the Geneva, Ala., church; and David Swaim, a deacon in the Lafayette, Ind., church.

Ordained local church elders Jan. 12 were Harold Cheley, a deacon in the Sudbury, Ont., church; and Clarence Pittman, a deacon in the Wilmington,

N.C., church.

Robin Navarro of the Bacolod, Philippines, church, was ordained a local church elder Dec. 29.

Camagu Soga of the Soweto, South Africa, church, was ordained a local church elder Sept. 29.

Carl Falzone of the Rockford, Ill., church, was ordained a local church elder Sept. 20.

# Economics, politics drive Asians together

PASADENA—The eyes of the world remain focused on the Middle East, especially the mounting tragedy of the Kurdish people in Iraq.

Yet, farther east, among the robust societies of the Pacific Rim, a story is begging for front-page attention. The economic and political dynamics of this vast region are undergoing profound changes.

This story can be broken down into three components. First there is the deepening relationship between mainland China and Taiwan. Second is the flurry of diplomatic activity centering on the future of the still-divided Korean peninsula.

Finally, demands are growing for the creation of an Asian Pacific trade bloc, in part to offset similar activity in Europe and North America. Japan would be, not without some concern, the biggest beneficiary of such an arrangement.

A common ingredient to all three factors is a yearning to bury the political hatchets of the past and to forge a more unified Asian world.

## Chinese connection

In 1949 communists took con-



## WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

trol of mainland China, chasing the National government into exile on the island of Taiwan, or Formosa, as it was formerly called. For nearly 40 years bitter hostility marked relations between the two Chinas.

In 1987, however, a thaw began to set in. And now, after three years of steady growth in trade and investment, the two nations—still technically at war with each other—can point to dramatic success.

With two-way trade running at a \$4 billion a year clip, up from \$1.5 billion in 1987, the two Chinas are growing economically dependent on one another.

Taiwanese manufacturers, by relocating to the mainland, profit from cheaper labor and plant site costs. China, in turn, profits from Taiwanese investment. And Taiwan has plenty to invest. Its hefty

foreign exchange reserves stand at \$76 billion, second in magnitude to those of Japan.

"These are dramatic changes," said Chu-yuan Cheng, an economics professor at Ball State University in Indiana. "They are drawing the two parts of China closer to each other and producing a degree of mutual dependency that may someday bond the two economies into a common market."

No one is talking, out loud at least, of a political merger between the two ideological rivals. That's for future generations to wrestle with. For now, both sides are content to enjoy the fruits of increasing economic and human contact.

## Koreans begin talks

In the case of Korea, politics is out in front of economics. Since

kingdom of God. Then your action makes perfect sense. It is an act of faith.

Brethren, we all need to make changes in our lives if we are to grow in faith. Changes can be difficult, and so often we fail because we rely on our own strength.

The life of faith means a life of focusing on God and trusting him, not ourselves. Jesus lived by faith. He said, "The Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do" (John 5:19).

Growing in faith is related to growing in the knowledge of God. The disciples told Jesus, "We have come to believe and know that you are the Christ" (John 6:69).

Jesus prayed to the Father concerning the disciples: "They ... have known surely that I came forth from you and they have believed that you sent me" (John 17:8). Peter talked about growing

of Christ and then living his way of life.

Jesus, speaking about his own sacrifice, said: "Even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:14-15).

## Christian faith

Paul stresses that salvation comes through faith in Christ (Ephesians 2:8).

Christian faith is an unshakable

**Focus and flexibility are two aspects of faith. The way to plan, not only for the 1990s but for eternity, is to grow in faith.**

belief that the kingdom of God is a higher reality than this present world and that Christ's sacrifice has given us the opportunity to enter that kingdom.

But faith is not stationary. Paul talked about those who were weak in faith. He hoped that the Corinthians would grow in faith (II Corinthians 10:15).

An act of faith requires a vision of the future. The vision of those who believe in Christ is to enter the kingdom of God, to become one with God (John 17:20-21). Therefore, an act of faith in Christ is an act that brings us closer to God and his way of life.

The life of faith is to change those areas of our lives that do not conform to God's way. One insurance company uses the motto: "Ready for Change." This motto should describe the way we approach our lives.

Suppose you work somewhere where corruption is common. In this world, striving not to be corrupt may make no sense to others. No one around you may understand why you want to be different. But when you have faith, what matters is being part of the

the end of the Korean War in 1953, the Republic of Korea in the south—now the world's 10th-largest trading nation—and the hardline communist Democratic People's Republic in the north have lived in virtual isolation from each other.

The diplomatic ice jam began to move late last year. In mid-October a 90-member delegation headed by South Korean Prime Minister Kang Young Hoon visited the North Korean capital of Pyongyang. Mr. Kang visited with North Korea's president and long-time dictator, Kim Il Sung.

My wife, Barbara, and I were in Seoul, South Korea, at the time and followed the progress of this precedent-setting trip in the Korean media with great fascination.

The two sides remain far apart in their objectives. The southerners emphasize economic and humanitarian issues (such as visitation rights for separated families); the northerners address

strategic issues, such as reducing the American military presence in the south (still numbering 43,000).

Other nations in the region who have traditionally supported one Korea or the other have also moved on the diplomatic front.

Sept. 30, roughly two weeks before the Kang visit, the Soviet Union, North Korea's major ally, and South Korea announced they had established diplomatic relations. Two days later, North Korea reported that it and Japan would seek to move in the same direction.

Oct. 20 came another dramatic announcement: China and South Korea had agreed to exchange trade representative offices empowered to perform consular duties. In other words, embassies in all but name only.

Implied in all of this maneuvering is that the major powers in northern Asia saw that it was in everybody's self-interest to move away from supporting a permanent state of confrontation in an area that has historically been an

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## European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



# A major turnaround in Anglo-German relations

BONN, Germany—March 11 marked the 21st Anglo-German summit since World War II. It represented a major benchmark in the meeting of minds between Bonn and London.

John Major's approach to Europe is more positive than any British prime minister in memory. A feature in the March 11 *Financial Times* reported that "he sees a powerful alliance between London and Bonn as central to Europe's future."

Almost from the day Mr. Major entered No. 10 Downing Street (residence of the prime minister) in November, he has been building a solid diplomatic relationship (one may even call it a friendship) with German Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

*Newsweek* said March 18 that the two "enjoy good personal chemistry." Mr. Major and Mr. Kohl have been in regular communication for weeks.

John Major knows that if Britain is to play a central role in building Europe, it will have to be in close conjunction with the Federal Republic of Germany.

The media portray Britain's prime minister as softening the edges of Thatcherism. Some observers feel that his public attitudes toward Europe reflect not only a change of tone but also of substance.

Meanwhile, former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher worries about the possible "emergence of a federal European 'super-state,' which inevitably risked being dominated by Germany," according to the March 11 *Financial Times*.

Mrs. Thatcher is unrelenting in her opposition to any European policy that threatens British sovereignty. However, for now hers is the voice of the past.

Mr. Major represents the winds of change in British politics. He clearly articulated the new way of thinking in a speech, "The Evolution of Europe," to a standing-room only audience at the Konrad Adenauer Foundation in Bonn. (Mr.

Adenauer was chancellor of West Germany from 1949 to 1963.)

Mr. Major said: "My aims for Britain in the Community can be simply stated. I want us to be where we belong. At the very heart of Europe. Working with our partners in building the future. That is a challenge we take up with enthusiasm."

Toward the conclusion, he quoted one of Winston Churchill's speeches after World War II. "He [Mr. Churchill] saw our task as 'to recreate the European family, or as much of it as we can, and provide it with a structure under which it can dwell in peace, in safety and in freedom.'"

(In other speeches, the Germans were careful to quote Sir Winston and the British to quote Mr. Adenauer. It was good diplomacy. In fact there was much mutual praise at this Anglo-German summit.)

In response to his speech, the British newspaper *The Guardian*, March 12, ran the headline: "Major Spurns Thatcher's Europe."

The authors wrote that Mr. Major "signalled a decisive break with the Thatcher era, pledging to a delighted German audience that Britain would work 'at the very heart of Europe' with its partners in forging an integrated Community."

*The Guardian* also said that "there are times when a change of style is also a change of substance.... This signalled a fresh beginning for Britain in Europe.... These are not mere words. They are massive shifts, at home as well as abroad."

Comparisons between Mr. Major and Mrs. Thatcher will continue as the future of Europe unfolds. He may not fear a strong Germany, or expect a European superstate to take shape, but then John Major is 47 years old. He grew up after World War II. Mrs. Thatcher is in her mid-60s, she grew up in the shadow of the Third Reich.

In the long run Mrs. Thatcher may be fully vindicated by history, but for now she recedes into the political wilderness.



## Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

# Two words on faith

"How to Plan for 1995" ran a headline in an international business magazine. The article said to remember two words: *focus* and *flexibility*.

As Christians living in a volatile world, we too need focus and flexibility.

Our focus needs to be on the kingdom of God. We need flexibility to be willing to change and to grow in the knowledge of God's way.

For the Christian, focus and flexibility are two aspects of faith. The way to plan, not only for the 1990s but for eternity, is to grow in faith.

I'm encouraged by Paul's words in Ephesians 6:16 to use the shield of faith above all else. We are not to retreat, but to go forward in faith. Faith is not dormant or drifting, but active. It lets go of the past and moves with a quiet confidence into the future.

## A focus on faith

In the Greek New Testament, the word for *faith* is directly related to the verb *believe*. "Believe in me" means the same as "have faith in me."

The starting point for faith is given in Hebrews 11:6, which says: "He who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him" (New King James throughout).

Faith involves focusing on the assurance of God's promises of eternal life in his kingdom and on the means by which we attain those promises.

The definition of faith reads: "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). Our minds should dwell not just on things we can see, but on God's kingdom.

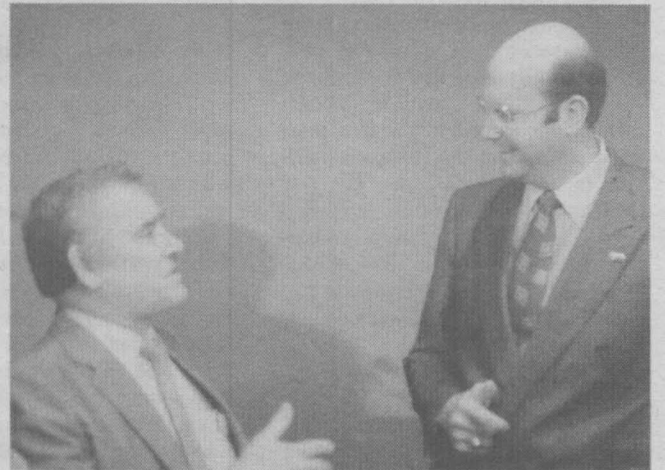
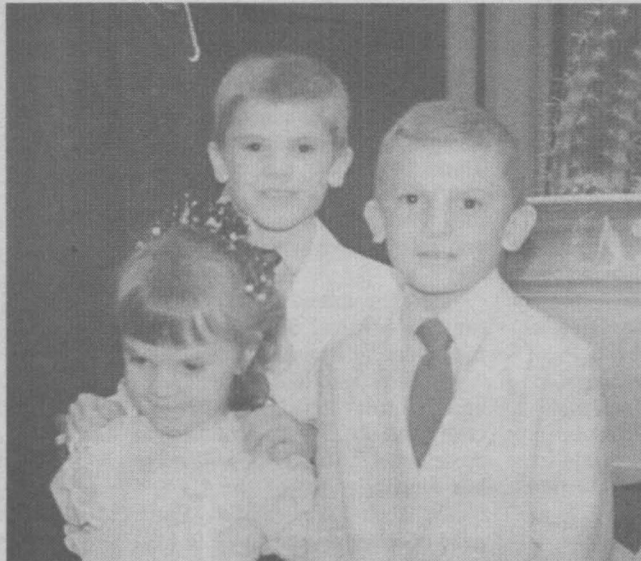
The means by which we enter eternal life is through having our sins forgiven through the sacrifice

# Pastor general visits Las Vegas, Nev.



**TRIP OVERVIEW**  
 Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach spoke to 271 brethren March 23 from Las Vegas, Nev., and Kingman, Ariz.  
 Host ministers and wives were Bill and Lois Quillen; Cleo and Mary Dawson; and Bill and Ruth Weed.

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## Asia: politics, economics

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 Asian flashpoint.

### Asian common market?

Regarding the third important trend under way in Asia, a number of nations are considering the formation of an Asian Pacific trade bloc to counter what they fear is increasing protectionism from free trade zones being created or proposed by the European Community and the governments of North America.

A prime mover in this concept is Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohammed.

The general idea seems to be to link more closely the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)—Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand, the Philippines and Brunei—with the economies of Japan, China, South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos.

### Biggest beneficiary

Nearly all experts agree that the biggest beneficiary of such an arrangement would be Japan.

For its part, Tokyo is being cautious about speculation concerning what some are already calling

a yen bloc. It was only 50 years ago, this year, that the armies of Imperial Japan overran much of this same region.

Nevertheless, Japan's industrial expertise is much in demand throughout the developing nations of Asia.

### Commanding position

Japan has moved unobtrusively into a commanding trading position in the smaller Asian markets, ones that "America decides ... are not worth the trouble," according to one Japanese executive, adding: "That's how you missed Thailand. And 10 years from now, there will be more Thailands."

This industrial tie-in between Tokyo and the rest of Asia could be the first step, suggested the March 6 *New York Times*, "to a de facto trade grouping, in which different Southeast Asian nations specialize in technologies that will feed Japan's biggest industrial giants."

In sum, the populous nations of Asia are steadily combining their efforts. Today it is primarily in the economic arena. In the future, there could be far more significant political coordination.

## Special Section on Personal Finances

PASADENA—The *Worldwide News* plans to publish a special section with tips on how to cope with difficult financial times. We welcome your input. Please send us any ideas you have for cutting costs and making your money stretch further. The deadline for submission is May 31.

## "Into all the world..."

Your involvement in the Work produces fruit. This column shows how the *World Tomorrow* telecast and the Church's publications change the lives of subscribers, co-workers and prospective members.

### Elderly abuse

I just finished reading the March issue of the *Plain Truth* magazine and as always I truly enjoyed it. I would like to comment on your article "The Abuse of the Elderly."

For the past two and one half years I have worked with elderly people.... I did everything from personal care to laundry and light housekeeping for these people....

The people I worked for liked me and a lot of times I was the only person they would see that day or that week. Their own families wouldn't even come around ... and to me, that is abuse.

Part of my home-care work deals with respite cases where I go in and relieve family members for a few hours or even a whole day so they can get out and get away. There is help for both families and the elderly.... Please don't abuse.

Owenton, Ky.

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### Learned to read Bible

I am a woman almost middle-aged, a mother of two. I am a reader of yours and I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I receive your magazine punctually every month and I love reading and find it to be very interesting also because I have learned to read the Bible. Being a practicing Catholic, up until now no one has ever taught it to me. After this discovery, I feel the need to deeply examine and to understand more about this very interesting book.

E.M.  
 Udine, Italy

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### Changing lives

Thank you *Youth* magazine for supplying me with such wonderful maga-

zines for the past months (January to June).

Even though I am a new subscriber, or shall I say was, during these months *Youth* magazine has helped me through my problems at home and school.

I tried to commit suicide once and was unsuccessful. I was about to do it again when I received your magazine. I began to read it page by page, over and over. It has given me answers to questions no one ever took the time to answer. It has given me strength, courage, peace within myself and faith in God.

Thank you again, and God bless you and your staff for producing a free educational magazine for distribution to teenagers like myself all over the world.

Trinidad and Tobago

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### Understanding the Bible

I have finished your Bible lesson course. It has really helped me understand the Bible. I have learned more about the Bible than I even thought possible and I have really enjoyed this course. God has truly blessed me and my family for it. Thank you ... for the opportunity to take this Bible course. I would like to become a co-worker to help in the support of the Church.

G.L.  
 Palmetto, Ga.

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### Life study

I want to thank you for offering this course free of charge. I will be 70 on Jan. 30. My mother gave me my first Bible when I was 8 years old. It has been my guidebook through the years. No matter what problem I had, the answer was in the Bible. Prayer is a great power, with faith in God.

Just the other day I mentioned to a woman in her 70s that I was taking a Bible course. Her answer was, "At your age?" My answer to her was, "I shall not stop studying the Bible as long as I live."

H.P.  
 Marlborough, Mass.

## Church Administration International New assistant director named

By Kerri Dowd

PASADENA—Randal Dick came from Texas in March to assist evangelist Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration International.

This Mr. Dick is not to be confused with his brother, Robert, Seattle and Bremerton, Wash., pastor; his brother, Ronald, Chicago, Ill., North and Northwest associate pastor; or his father, Raymond, who has served the Church in various capacities since the 1960s.

This Mr. Dick graduated from Ambassador College in 1973, ending a family Ambassador College career that began with his father, who came as one of the first married students to the Pasadena campus in 1957.

Randal Dick's nephew Philip began a second Dick family Ambassador College line in 1984, which may continue with a one-year gap until 2006, when Mr. Dick's daughter, Tevis, would graduate.

### On the job

According to Mr. Salyer, Randal Dick's responsibilities as assistant director of Church Administration International will include coordinating communication between the regional offices and headquarters.

"Essentially I expect him to extend my effectiveness in all aspects of my responsibilities," Mr. Salyer said. "He is an outstanding organizer, which I am not, and brings a wide range ministerial experience to the office.

"I am hopeful that he will be where I can't be and do what I can't do, so that we can keep up with the ever-increasing work load of serving the churches worldwide.

"I have great confidence in his capacity to do this."

Mr. Dick came to Pasadena from Big Sandy where he was pastor of the Big Sandy A.M. church. On other ministerial assignments Mr. Dick served in Chicago; Jacksonville, Gainesville and Orlando, Fla.; Washington, D.C.; and Dallas, Tex.

It was as associate pastor in Washington, D.C., that Mr. Dick first worked with Mr. Salyer, who pastored the church there from 1974 to 1980.

Born in Montpelier, Idaho, Mr. Dick's introduction to the Worldwide Church of God and to Pasadena came at the age of 5, when his parents came to Ambassador College. The family lived in a home called Murphy House, which was where the Grove Terrace dormitory now stands.

After graduation Mr. Dick's father worked for the Mail Processing area and was transferred to Big Sandy in 1965. Mr. Dick transferred from Imperial Schools in Pasadena to Imperial Schools in Big Sandy, and "it was in seventh grade there that I fell madly in love with Susie," Mr. Dick said.

Susan Wilson became his wife years later, but before then the Dicks were transferred again in 1967, this time to Cyprus and then to Israel.

In Cyprus Mr. Dick attended a British school; in Jerusalem, he attended a Hebrew school and took a correspondence course. When that did not work out, he transferred to an Anglican School, where he still holds a distinction in religious studies.

After one year at Ambassador College in Bricket Wood, England, Mr. Dick finished his Ambassador education in Pasadena, where he was student body

president his senior year. Susan graduated in 1973 from the Big Sandy campus. The couple were married that fall. They have three children, Christopher, 12, Nathan, 9, and Tevis, 7.

### Adapting to a new home

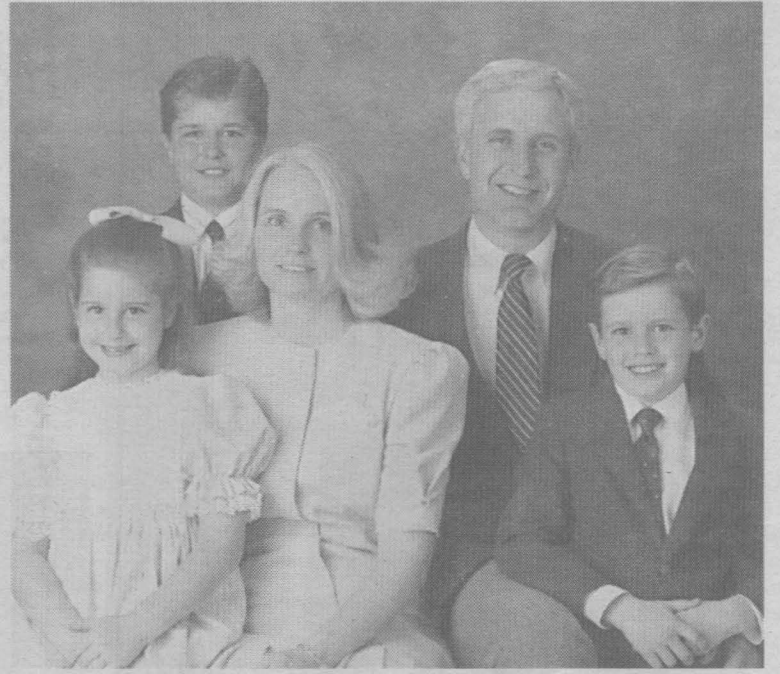
Mr. Dick said that he and his family like "doing and seeing—trying a new dish, looking for a new place to see, finding a new mountain to climb."

"When we arrive somewhere new, we look to see what makes it special, how we can blend in." In Texas the family played softball and hunted for rocks. In Florida they tried cast-netting, surf fishing and fell in love with the Florida Keys.

"Here we intend to take advantage of cultural outlets and the mountains," he said.

Mr. Dick said that his wife also enjoys quilt-making and needlecraft "and she is very proficient in those areas." Mrs. Dick will make her first trip out of the United States when she attends the European ministerial conference in Colmar, France, this month.

Mrs. Dick is one of seven children, five of whom are Church members. One of her brothers, Don Engle, is also in the ministry. He is pastor of the Beaumont, Tex., and Lake Charles, La., churches.



**NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR**—Randal Dick and his family moved to Pasadena when Mr. Dick was named assistant director of Church Administration International. From left: Tevis, Christopher, Susan, Mr. Dick and Nathaniel. [Photo by Hal Finch]

Mr. Dick loves to speak, "and I am a field minister at heart. I hope I don't lose my roots in the field."

He added, "I think the experience of not just touring but living in an international setting as a minority has given me a greater appreciation for the uniqueness of each culture."

This along with his interest in geography and history helped to prepare him for his new position.

Having worked in Pasadena and with Mr. Salyer in past assign-

ments, Mr. Dick said, "I am coming back to something familiar and to a job that I am excited about."

But this move, like the many others Mr. Dick has been through, carries with it adjustments and stresses. He talked about his wife's contributions: "In a move like this you can't make it without the support and labor that your partner provides. It cannot be said enough how important the wife's role is. She's the anchor. I greatly appreciate her input and perspective."

## Black History Month

# Member wins talent contest

MIAMI, Fla.—Keysha Monet Edwards, 20, was crowned Miss Black University of Miami at the Seventeenth Annual Scholarship Pageant on the campus. The eight contestants also voted Miss Edwards as Miss Congeniality—the most friendly participant of the pageant.

February was observed throughout the United States as Black History Month. Many cultural activities were conducted on the Miami campus, with the main event being the scholarship pageant.

The pageant is a talent and intelligence competition that gives each participant the opportunity to display her creativity and leadership potentials as well as to qualify for a scholarship at the university.

Miss Edwards, a sophomore piano major, performed her instrumental composition titled "Serenity."

Miss Edwards is the daughter of Church members Desmond and Kayla Edwards of Nassau, Bahamas. Miss Edwards has attended the Worldwide Church of

God all of her life and presently attends the Miami South church.

In addition to the scholarship

Miss Edwards was awarded a trip for two to a Caribbean country, and dinner for two at a Miami restaurant. During her one-year reign she will work with the Black Students Union and university faculty in organizing cultural events on campus and in the Miami community.



**KEYSHA MONET EDWARDS**



**MUSIC SPECTACULAR**—The five Pasadena churches combined for their annual spring concert March 24 in the Auditorium. The concert featured the Pasadena Church Choir, the men's and women's choruses, the Pasadena Orchestra and a women's ensemble. [Photo by Hal Finch]

## PERSONAL

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every member of the Body of Christ has his or her part to play.

From the prayers of every member right down to the finished product, the magazine and the television program could not exist without the faith and work of all the Church.

Not only does the Body, through prayer, tithes and offerings, spiritually and financially support the work God has given it to do, but the Church must also provide for the spiritual nurturing of its members, old and new alike, through the effectual working of the love of Christ in each of us.

When a new babe in Christ is added to the Church, it is up to the whole congregation of believers to encourage, strengthen, help and support that new brother or sister. And not only the new converts, but every member of the household of faith.

Everyone is aware that the ministry plays a vital role in the nurturing of those God calls (Ephesians 4:11-15). But in addition, each Christian also has a vital part in that work. Jesus commands us to love one another.

James wrote: "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world" (James 1:27).

### Love one another

The work of the Church of God is much more than just

putting out the message. It is also backing up that message with true Christian living—nourishing, caring for and sustaining those God calls into the fellowship of his body.

This involves all of us, for whom Christ gave himself "to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good" (Titus 2:14).

As Paul instructs in Romans 12:10: "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves." The entire chapter of Romans 12 is meaty with instruction about strengthening and nurturing one another in the love of Christ. I encourage all of us to read it again, especially in view of the Passover we have just observed.

If your congregation is not as nurturing as it should be, is there anything you can do to help? Can you begin to show more forgiveness, more kindness, more gentleness, more love? Can you be more hospitable?

Can you be more careful about your comments to others? Can you be more considerate, understanding, merciful, patient? Can you grow in humility?

The Christian life is a life that reaches out to help others. As the Holy Spirit works in us, we are moved to action, right action toward others and toward God.

Let's continue to work together in the bond of Christian love and unity, praying for one another and for the work God has called us to do. My prayers are always with you.

# Canadian Office

Vancouver, B.C.

## Regional office serves Church in vast land of many cultures

By Frank Brown  
Regional director

VANCOUVER, B.C.—Although Canada is second only to the Soviet Union in terms of land mass, much of it remains uninhabited.

Canada's vastness can be understood by traveling across the country and seeing firsthand its huge areas of outstanding natural beauty and ruggedness.

Canada is a mosaic of many national cultures ranging from Asia and the Orient, to Europe, South America and the Caribbean. Canada has two national official languages, English and French.

Its 26 million population is concentrated along its border with the United States—the world's longest undefended border. Canada is home to such world-class cities as Montreal and Toronto.

Canadians are known for their warmth, friendliness and generosity. Here it is still possible to find the genuine frontier spirit of people who live their lives battling nature and exacting a livelihood from a demanding environment.

At the same time, part of being Canadian is relating to the gener-

ous, protective, but dominating American economic and cultural presence.

These attributes make Canada a desirable place to live and raise a family, but along with much of



FRANK & SHARON BROWN

the developed world, Canada is facing its share of problems.

### Church office

When the Church opened the Vancouver Office in 1961 it was the second international office after London, England.

Immediately the Work began to grow. Now, 30 years later, the

Church is solidly based with a membership in excess of 8,500, with more than 12,000 attending Sabbath services.

Members are served by 66 full-time ministers and 71 local church elders in 82 congregations. Included are 10 French-speaking congregations served by nine bilingual ministers.

*Plain Truth* circulation is 220,000 in English and French with almost 30 percent of the old *Plain Truth* list responding to the offer of the newly formatted publication.

Radio and television have played a major role in Church growth in Canada. The listening

and viewing market is structured along American lines with freedom of the airwaves for religious programming.

The Church changed in 1981 from massive radio coverage to an equally great television presence, and penetration is high.

This coverage is expected to continue into the 1990s, with stations being chosen to capitalize on specialized marketing strategies used by modern broadcasting, such as cable and satellite technology.

Keeping the gospel in the forefront of people's minds is both challenging and exciting.

### Problems Canada faces

Despite this generally bright picture for the Work, Canada is facing the same problems as other developed countries.

Environmental, economic and political problems promise to loom large in the future. A maturing social welfare system is begin-

ning to feel the pressure of a population whose productive work force is not growing quickly enough, while more demands are being put on it. To meet these demands the government continues to raise taxes.

A glutted world wheat market is putting pressure on farmers with mid-sized farms. Environmental concerns hamper the logging and fishing industries.

On the political front the Indian nations are pushing for more independence, as is the French-speaking population of Quebec.

Despite these problems, God's Church continues to grow, both spiritually and numerically, and has a positive outlook toward the future. Much still needs to be done, and there is no doubt God's people will rise to the challenge.

Compared to some parts of the world, Canada's problems are small, and its citizens are aware of that.

## INTERNATIONAL DESK

FROM OUR CANADIAN OFFICE

### Meech Lake Accord

By Neil Earle

TORONTO, Ont.—The debate over the Meech Lake Accord, a federal attempt to reconcile the primarily French-speaking province of Quebec to the Constitutional Act of 1982, exposed Canada's weaknesses to the world.

*Neil Earle pastors the Toronto, Ont., West church and is a contributing writer for The Plain Truth.*

Meech Lake (named after the prime minister's summer retreat where the constitutional amendment was drafted in 1987) proposed to give Quebec more control over its cultural and immigration policies (vital for preserving its distinctive heritage).

In exchange Quebec would accept the 1982 Constitution. The problem was that the accord also delegated more authority to the other provinces, a proposal many felt was too stiff a price to pay for national unity.

The battle lines were drawn, and after a long war of emotions, the accord expired. What happened?

Though it can be argued many ways, in essence millions felt that

the federal government was practicing selective reconciliation. The smaller "have not" provinces felt that the more powerful provinces would become more dominant.

Many of Canada's minorities (Native people, some women's groups, residents of the two northern territories) preferred the old situation where Ottawa, the capital, posed as the theoretical arbiter between the various governments and regions.

Perhaps most importantly, millions of Canadians were offended at being left out of the process. They didn't like the closed-door nature of the accord.

Unfortunately the Meech Lake debate exposed Canada's Achilles' heel—the French-English antagonism.

Many Quebecers (citizens of Quebec) came to interpret Meech Lake as a gesture of respect and reconciliation, while many Anglophones conversely saw it as a sell-out.

The Meech Lake debate was an act in the essential Canadian dilemma: the stresses of preserving this experiment in multiculturalism in a land where geography divides and subdivides, where regionalism and individu-

alism are cherished.

In March Premier Robert Bourassa of Quebec, under pressure at home, said his party would propose a referendum on sovereignty in the fall of 1992.

### Aftermath of failed accord

The constitutional crisis may force Canadians to deal more realistically with the disparities and tensions bedeviling their vast land.

Peter C. Newman wrote in the March 25 issue of *Maclean's*: "We have roughly 20 months [until the fall of 1992] to reinvent the country. It will be a much tougher task than watching it dissolve, but it can be done."

### Historical challenge

In 1867 the four founding provinces united as one entity. The Canadian nation-state had no choice but to opt for a challenging concept: not nationalism, but nationalities; not an imposed uniformity, but a mosaic, a community of communities.

A dual culture—one French-speaking, one English-speaking and surviving Native and black cultures—makes the Canadian agenda somewhat more modest than that of its neighbor to the south.

"Not life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, but peace, order and good government are what the national government of Canada guarantees," said historian W.L. Morton.

The stage is being set for a new constitutional realignment. There is a danger of Canada splitting, but forces are mobilizing to stop it.

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## Canadian man survives when gas oven explodes

By Debbie Minke

VANCOUVER, B.C.—Steven Clark, 33, of the Brampton, Ont., church, experienced God's protection in an industrial accident March 30, 1990, that should have taken his life.

A gas fitter by trade, Mr. Clark was sent by his company to work on an industrial gas-fired oven in a large plant.

There he found three such ovens side by side. Each was about 12 feet wide, 20 feet deep and 15 feet high, including the combustion or burner section.

The electrical control panels from which the ovens were started were on a block wall about five feet away from the back of the ovens.

Mr. Clark was facing the electrical control panel with his back to one of the ovens when the oven exploded.

"The next thing I remember," Mr. Clark recounted, "was look-

ing up at office lights and people hovering around me as I lay flat on the floor. Everyone was staring at me and asking me how I was. They told me that there was an explosion."

Mr. Clark was rushed to the hospital in an ambulance.

"When I was admitted to the hospital the personnel suspected damage to my collarbone and neck. I had a large gash on my left eyebrow and one about the same length on the back of my head. My hair was singed and matted with blood. My eyebrows, eyelashes and mustache were burnt. My elbow and neck were sore and I could hardly speak."

Mr. Clark's wife, Susan, who was working in the hospital at the time, was shocked when she saw her husband's condition. She called Bert Burbach, a local church elder, to anoint him.

Three days later Mr. Clark was (See GAS OVEN, page 6)



# Mother and daughter keep Sabbath alone in the Azores

By Marie Hardin

ATLANTA, Ga.—When Ana Maria Furtado, 30, received a torn envelope through the mail in 1982 correctly addressed to her father, she couldn't resist looking inside. The envelope contained literature from the Church.

"I started to read," said Mrs. Furtado, one of two Church members on the Azores islands in the Atlantic. Through this literature "God opened my eyes. My life changed completely."

*Marie Hardin, a former Worldwide News staff writer, attends the Atlanta, Ga., Northwest church.*

After reading the literature, Mrs. Furtado wrote the Church's regional office in Britain and requested more literature. Two years later, after reading more booklets and the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course, she requested a ministerial visit.

Mrs. Furtado was baptized at her first Feast of Tabernacles in 1986, becoming the first Church member in the Azores, a Portuguese-speaking cluster of islands about 700 miles west of Lisbon, Portugal.

Mrs. Furtado said she found it difficult to keep from teaching others what she learned. Although none of her family became interested, a fellow worker, Jose Manuel Furtado, did. Mr. Furtado was baptized in May 1989.

Mr. Furtado lives on the opposite end of Ilha de Sao Miguel (island) from Mrs. Furtado, but the two talk over the company telephone at work occasionally. Another family of prospective members also lives in the Azores.

The Furtados maintain contact with Portuguese brethren through the mail and by telephone. Per-

sonal contact with other Church members is rare.

"Normally I'm able to see a minister twice a year," said Mrs. Furtado, "usually in the spring, after Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and again during the Feast of Tabernacles."

She can speak and read English fluently and receives all Church literature. She also assists the Spanish Office in translating some articles from English to Portuguese. She receives sermon tapes for the Sabbath and Holy Days.

Because her family does not observe the Sabbath, Mrs. Furtado takes her daughter, Sabrina, 10, with her to a scenic lagoon to read and listen to sermon and Sabbath music tapes.

"The Holy Days are much like the Sabbaths. Being alone means that only I know it is a day set apart, a Feast to be observed and to learn.

"Sometimes I make a better and different type of dinner with flowers on the table and good wine to make it special," she added.

Mrs. Furtado visits with Church members during the Feast of Tabernacles. Because she works for an airline, she uses free passes for her and her daughter to fly to either the United States or Spain to attend the Feast.

Being isolated from other Church members during the rest of the year is a challenge, especially in a country submerged in religious holidays and festivals, said Mrs. Furtado.

"There is always some kind of religious practice at all times," she said.

And there are other challenges: most employers require work on the Sabbath, and upper grade levels in her daughter's school system also require class attendance on the Sabbath.

However, Mrs. Furtado obtained

a job that does not require work on Saturdays, and her daughter has not yet been required to attend classes on the Sabbath.

Mrs. Furtado said that reading encouraging words in Church literature or correspondence with brethren is encouraging.

"Sometimes what happens when I'm feeling down or things are very stressful is that I receive something from the Church—publications, letters from brethren or even a phone call. That is what keeps me going," she said.

"I always try to be a light, to be focusing on good ways and ideas as much as possible. In short, I try to be an ambassador of Christ."



SABRINA AND ANA MARIA FURTADO

## Women in Media departments receive training Participants improve skills

By Bill Palmer

PASADENA—"It has been a longtime goal of mine," Bernard Schnippert, director of Media Operations, said about the Business Communications Workshops established for women in the Media departments.

*Bill Palmer edits the Biblical Workshop section of The Plain Truth.*

According to Mr. Schnippert, this program, which began Nov. 13, "emphasizes professional development and training for women in the workplace."

The meetings are more than lectures, he said. They are interactive workshops designed to help the participants improve their skills in public speaking and business communications.

Twice a month 26 Media Operations women who deal with the public or who work as administrative assistants, staff assistants or supervisors attend the hour-and-a-half workshops directed by Mr. Schnippert.

### Flexible format

The program format is flexible and can include an open discussion session, assigned speeches and evaluations, role-playing and question-and-answer sessions, and a lecture and evaluation by Mr. Schnippert.

From time to time, there are also written assignments. In addition, future workshops will include professional videotapes and special presentations by guest speakers.

### Continuing education vital

Mr. Schnippert, who said "continuing education is vital to Media Operations," believed it was important to create a workshop specifically for women in the Work.

"Several years ago I began to realize that a number of women working for the Church are in roles that give them quite a bit of contact with the public—often more so than men," Mr. Schnippert said.

"I realized that these women would benefit from a series of workshops that focus on interpersonal relations."

### Better communicators

Eileen Wendling, training coordinator in Media Operations, said the workshop "is helping all of us to become better communicators; to respond appropriately to the day-to-day challenges we're faced with—in the workplace and in our lives."

Debbie Andrews, a staff assistant in Media Operations, agrees. "Because of this workshop, I feel more comfortable dealing with difficult circumstances,"

she said.

"We have learned to deal with difficult situations diplomatically, yet firmly."

### Like Spokesman Club

These workshops are similar to Spokesman Club in several ways, but there are significant differences. Mr. Schnippert pointed out that each workshop has a theme. Some of the themes covered so far include "Your Communication Profile," "Business Etiquette" and "Handling Confrontation."

Two important aspects of these workshops are the role-playing sessions and the question-and-answer sessions.

"Role playing gives the women a chance to put some of the principles they're learning into practice almost immediately," Mr. Schnippert said.

This "impresses the principles into their minds more effectively than a lecture could."

"Question-and-answer sessions allow the women to steer a meeting toward difficulties they've experienced," he added.

### More to come

Because the workshops are a pilot program, only 26 women now attend them. But Mr. Schnippert noted that he'd like to include more women in the Work in future workshops.

## Gas-oven explosion

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released from the hospital after being closely examined and x-rayed. Doctors found no broken bones no signs of concussion.

"A few months later, after being anointed again and many prayers from the brethren, I regained my voice," Mr. Clark commented. "There are no effects of the accident except some numbness on the left temple where the cut above the eye must have severed a nerve."

The explosion of the oven was so loud that it burst a blood vessel in Mr. Clark's ear. A member of the maintenance crew later told him that he thought a jet had crashed on top of the factory, which is near an airport.

No one else was injured, as most of the 500 employees were eating lunch. A co-worker who saw Mr. Clark after the accident said he must have had an angel sitting on his shoulders to have survived the explosion.

The oven wall where Mr. Clark was standing at the time of the accident was bent over, touching the panel he had been facing. Mr. Clark's cloth baseball cap was stuck between those two pieces of metal. His head should have been crushed.

"The panel was mangled with a huge dent where my body should have hit it," Mr. Clark said. "I don't think I could have put a dent like that in that panel with a sledgehammer, it was so thick. I don't believe my body

could have made that dent in that panel."

During the government safety investigation many other facts came to light that confirmed God's intervention.

Apparently the ovens had a history of explosions, but the company wasn't aware of this because they had purchased the ovens secondhand. A release panel that was intended to give way in case of an explosion had been covered over with metal when the rest of the oven was recovered.

Had the panel worked the way it was designed to, it probably would have knocked out the control panel and block wall, with Mr. Clark in the middle. Instead the explosion blew off the oven's doors and peeled most of the sides like a banana.

"I give glory to the great God above who continues to protect us even when we don't know it," Mr. Clark said.

## Accord

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Look for things to change in Canada; perhaps to become more complex, less uniform and more regionalized. Readjustments will be difficult until the new realities set in.

This constitutional issue, however, is forcing citizens of Canada to think more seriously about the big questions of life.

## Vancouver Office opened in 1961 Canada marks 30th anniversary

By Debbie Minke

VANCOUVER, B.C.—Twenty-nine full-time employees of the Canadian Office commemorated the office's 30th anniversary with an afternoon tea Feb. 14.

Evangelist Frank Brown, regional director, presented Dennis E. Prather with an engraved gold marble desk set for his 30 years of service, along with letters of congratulations from Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach and evangelist Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration International.

### Office opens

Mr. Prather, 55, and his wife, Barbara, were sent from Pasadena to open the Canadian Office Feb. 12, 1961.

The modern phase of God's Work in Canada began as far back as the 1930s, when a few Canadians could listen to the broadcast

by Herbert W. Armstrong from the one radio station in Eugene, Ore.

In 1957 the *World Tomorrow* program began to be broadcast in Canada.

In February, 1961, the Canadian Office was opened by Mr. and Mrs. Prather in the United Kingdom Building in downtown Vancouver.

Later that year Richard Pinelli, now pastor of the Indianapolis North and Terre Haute, Ind., churches, and his wife, Mary, were added to the office staff to assist in the growing work.

### First services

James Friddle, then pastor of the Seattle, Wash., congregation, conducted the first Bible study in the area in February 1961, with 39 in attendance. Mr. Friddle now pastors the Reseda, Calif., church.

Evangelist Dean Wilson was sent to Vancouver in June 1962 to direct the office and become pastor of the first Church of God in Canada.

The Vancouver church was started June 18, 1962, by evangelist Roderick C. Meredith, who was visiting the Pacific Northwest at the time.

In 1969 the office moved to its present location at 1365 Boundary Road.

Those who have served as regional directors are Mr. Wilson, now pastor of the San Diego, Calif., and Yuma, Ariz., churches; evangelist Leslie McCullough, now regional director for the United Kingdom; Robert Fahey, pastor of the Chicago, Ill., West church; and evangelist Colin Adair, now regional director of the Church in the Caribbean.

Mr. Brown became Canadian regional director in June 1990.



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

## UPDATE

PASADENA—The Festival Office announced that the following Feast sites have reached capacity and can no longer accept transfer applications: in Europe, Bonndorf, Germany; Hengelhof, Belgium; Les Sables d'Olonne, France; and Paignton, England. In the Caribbean, Christ Church, Barbados; Georgetown, Guyana; Nassau, Bahamas; Ocho Rios, Jamaica; and Reduit Beach, St. Lucia.

These Australian sites are full: Caloundra, Gold Coast, Port Macquarie, Ulladulla and Perth, as well as the site in Malaysia. The Australian Office is accepting applications for Hobart and Canberra.

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PASADENA—The Feast Office announced that Jordan will be a Feast site in 1991 if there is sufficient interest. Jordan is no longer listed as a restricted travel country by the U.S. State Department.

If you are interested in attending the Feast in Jordan please request an international Feast application from your minister or Festival adviser, fill it out and have your minister return it to the Festival Office in Pasadena as soon as possible.

The cost of the Feast will be \$1,650 for each person, including airfare from New York, hotels and daily breakfast, dinner and most lunches and tips. The expected departure from New York will be Sept. 19 with a return Oct. 2.

Those attending the Feast in Jordan will visit the Ambassador Foundation project and other sites of interest.

Two add-on packages are planned. Both will be seven days and six nights, leaving Amman, Jordan, Oct. 2 and returning Oct. 7.

The Israel extension will cost \$562, with tours of Tiberias, Capernaum, Nazareth, Caesarea and Jerusalem. Travel to Israel will be by bus.

The Egypt extension will cost \$885 for each person, with tours of the Giza pyramids, the Egyptian National Museum at Cairo, the temples of Luxor and Karnak and the Valley of the Kings and Queens. Travel to Egypt will be by plane to Cairo and Luxor.

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MANILA, Philippines—The Philippine Office announced that Bacolod will be a Feast site.

Bacolod is in the central part of the Visayan Islands about 515 kilometers (319 miles) southeast of Manila. Philippine Airlines has daily flights to Bacolod from Manila. Flight time is about one hour.

The Bacolod area is a rugged land of extensive plateaus and vast lowland plains, white-sand beaches and resorts. It is also the center of the Philippines' sugar industry.

Temperatures during the Feast should range from 23 to 35 degrees Celsius (73 to 95 degrees Fahrenheit).

The city is serviced by jeepneys and taxis. Buses and rental cars are also available. Accommodations range from first class hotels to economical pension houses.

Services will be at a new convention hall, with about 800 people expected in attendance.

Those wishing to transfer to Bacolod should submit an international Festival application to their pastor.

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BIG SANDY—Fifteen hundred eighty-nine people attended Passover services here, March 28, near-

ly a 50 percent increase over last year's attendance of 1,024.

About 750 of those taking the Passover this year were students of Ambassador College, which is more than half of the student body.

The services were conducted on campus in the Convention Center. "Without the large expanse of the Convention Center, we would not have been able to hold the single large service," said **Kenneth Giese**, pastor of the Big Sandy P.M. church.

Evangelist **Stan Bass**, an instructor in English at Ambassador College, and Mr. Giese conducted the service.

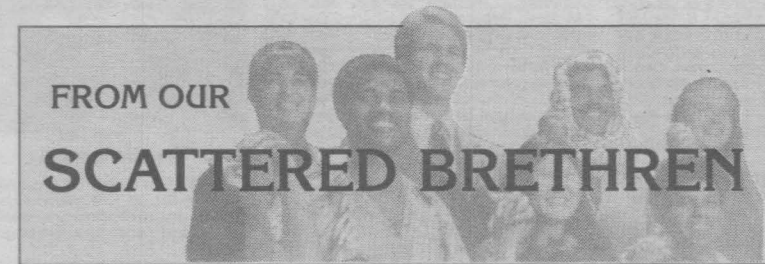
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CAPE TOWN, South Africa—**Bryan and Ina Mathie** received a 25-year plaque and watches from regional **Andre van Belkum** at Sabbath services Feb. 2. Mr. Mathie has been business manager for the South African Office since February 1966. He is the second Church employee in South Africa to attain 25 years of service.

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SEATTLE, Wash.—**Walter and Joanne Dickinson and Robert and Dyanne Dick** received 25-year plaques and watches from evangelist **Dean Blackwell** Feb. 9 at combined Sabbath services for the Seattle and Bellevue churches.

Mr. Dickinson is recovering from cancer and will be transferred to Everett, Wash., to become associate pastor. Mr. Dick is pastor of the Seattle and Bremerton, Wash., congregations.



### FROM OUR SCATTERED BRETHREN

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

PASADENA—Rex Morgan, pastor of the Whangarei, New Zealand, church, visited brethren in Vanuatu, a group of islands in the southwest Pacific Ocean, during the last week of February.

Mr. Morgan conducted a Sabbath service in Port Vila, for 40 people, including a family of four who traveled two hours by taxi from the other side of the island.

Emori Toloi, a deacon in Fiji, has applied for a work permit so he can live in Vanuatu. "Mr. Toloi would be a great asset in serving the brethren there, so we are praying that his work permit will soon be granted," said Mr. Morgan.

#### British conference

A conference for full-time ministry and wives in the British Isles took place at the British Regional Office March 10 and 11.

Speakers were evangelist **Leslie McCullough**, regional director; **Paul Suckling**, director of Ministerial Services; **Francis Bergin**, business manager for the British Office; and **James Henderson**, manager of mail processing and computer information services, and pastor of Borehamwood and Watford churches.

During the conference five men were ordained. Ordained pastors were **Robert Boraker**, manager of personal correspondence and associate pastor of the Borehamwood church; **Barry Bourne**, pas-

PETERBOROUGH, Ont.—**Jeb Egbert**, assistant to evangelist **Don Ward**, president of Ambassador College, conducted a career testing session here March 24.

The test consisted of two parts, the Structure of Intellect test and the Strong Interest Inventory, and was given to show participants where their job strengths lie.

After the return of the tests to Ambassador College, the Career Services Department will analyze the results, suggesting two or three top career choices for each participant.

So far the tests have been given to about 500 Ambassador College students and in several church areas.

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CAMDEN, Del.—**Daniel Pershing** competed in the Delaware Mathcounts competition March 18. From almost 30 students qualifying from local chapter competitions, Daniel placed sixth in the state.

Because Daniel took sixth place in the state competition, he will be the second alternate representing Delaware in the national competition in Washington, D.C., May 3. National competition winners will consist of the top 10 individuals and the top three teams.

Daniel attends the Seaford, Del., church with his mother, **Vicki Triplett**.

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PASADENA—The Youth Opportunities United Office announced that a Summer Educational Program (SEP) camp will take place in Wasilla, Alaska, 40 miles north of Anchorage.

The arrival date is June 21 and the departure date is July 8. The camp has openings for about 40 youths from the lower 48 states.

The program will include white-water rafting on the Kenai River, overnight canoeing and backpacking, beach volleyball, swimming,

**TELEVISION STATION**

# UPDATES

Station/Location	Air Time	Contract Period
WNBC New York, N.Y.	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.	April 28, 1991 to April 19, 1992
WPXI Pittsburgh, Pa.	Sunday, 7 a.m.	March 17, 1991 to March 8, 1992
KGFF Coffeyville, Kan. (Radio)	Sunday, 7:05 p.m.	March 17, 1991 to March 8, 1992
<b>Additional Time</b>		
WPGH Pittsburgh, Pa.	Wednesday 11 a.m.	April 3, 1991, to June 26, 1991

mountain biking, riflery, softball and possibly basketball.

Tuition is \$200 for each camper. Campers will need to make their own travel arrangements. There are a limited number of openings for high school workers.

Application forms can be obtained by calling the YOU Office in Pasadena at 1-818-304-6138.

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PASADENA—Howard Johnson's Resort Hotel in Orlando, Fla., offers a special room rate for members who visit Disney World or the other Disney theme parks in the area before or after the Feast.

The hotel is an official Disney hotel in Walt Disney World Village. The rate before the Feast (Sept. 13 to 21) is \$75 a night and after the Feast (Sept. 30 to Oct. 6) is \$85 a night for up to four people, excluding tax. This includes round-trip transportation from the hotel to Disney attractions.

Those interested should call 1-800-223-9930, mention that they are with the Worldwide Church of

God and guarantee their reservations with a major credit card. Reservations can be canceled up to 45 days before the date of the first night's lodging.

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WELLINGTON, New Zealand—**Joanne Marshall**, a Church youth here, helped paint and clean the school in the village of Samatau in the Samoan Islands Dec. 28 to Jan. 18.

Joanne and 14 other New Zealand youths joined the "Friends of the Pacific" program, which Joanne's parents, **Pamela Andrew** and **David Marshall**, thought up 11 years ago.

The purpose of the program is to build intercultural understanding between the peoples of the Pacific nations.

Each participant in the program is encouraged to seek corporate sponsorship, which helps to educate the community about the activities and purpose of the program.

During her stay in Samoa, Joanne stayed with a Samoan family.

Tonga met March 12 and 13 in the Auckland, New Zealand, Regional Office for the annual regional ministerial conference.

Evangelist **Raymond McNair**, regional director for New Zealand and the South Pacific, gave addresses on loyalty, prophecy, aiding the disabled and various aspects of counseling.

Other speakers were **Bill Hutchison**, business manager; **Rex Morgan**, Ministerial Services supervisor; **Joe McNair**, Auckland assistant pastor; **Epeli Kanaimawi**, pastor of the churches in Fiji; **Lyall Johnston**, pastor of the Christchurch and Dunedin, New Zealand, churches; and **Rick Stafford**, a minister in the Auckland church.

#### Requests for new Plain Truth

About 21,000 Australian *Plain Truth* subscribers responded to Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach's** letter that offered them the new *Plain Truth*.

Together with former *Good News* subscribers who were not

required to renew their subscriptions, and library-waiting room subscribers, the Australian *Plain Truth* circulation now stands at about 55,000.

In late February a second letter was mailed to Australian subscribers who did not reply to the first offer.

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**BRITISH ORDINATIONS**—Ordained at the ministerial conference March 10 and 11 in Britain were from left **John Andrews**, **Edward Smith**, **Robert Boraker**, **Barry Bourne** and **David House**.