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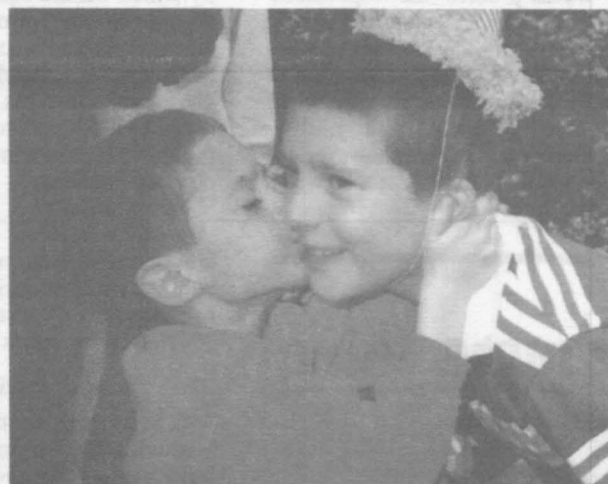
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Feast '91 Theme: Reconciliation



By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—Setting the theme for the 1991 Feast of Tabernacles, Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach spoke in Pasadena on the first Holy Day, Sept. 23, about the need for reconciliation with God and one another.

Mr. Tkach reminded members and their families that the Feast is a time to look forward to becoming one with our Creator and "restored to our original position God intended from the very beginning."

He added: "Reconciliation with our God is what modern civilization, and especially America, is seriously in need of today."

Mr. Tkach's Feast message was transmitted by satellite to 42 sites in nine countries. Forty sites received his message later on videotape.

Despite a few technical problems, the satellite transmission was called "a record setter" by Ron Todd, president of Ron Todd Productions, who has been present during the transmission for several years.

Mr. Todd said the normal rate of success in such a worldwide transmission is 85 to 95 percent.

"He and all the television crew were ecstatic with the results of the transmission," said evangelist Bernard Schnippert, Media Operations director, "and look forward to equal success next year."

Mr. Tkach concluded his message by sending greetings to more than a dozen Ukrainian brethren keeping the Feast in Florida.

Mr. Tkach's message was also broadcast to the entire island of Grenada, including the 295 Feast-goers. "There is one government-controlled television station on the island, so whatever is on the television is seen by everybody," said Unita Krautmann, wife of Paul Krautmann, Grenada coordinator.

Assistance for needy brethren

Those who could not attend the Feast because of health reasons were sent cassette tapes of sermons given by ministers Joseph Tkach Jr., Mike Swagerty and Mr. Schnippert.

An accompanying letter said: "We're sorry you could not attend the Feast. Please be sure you'll be in our thoughts and prayers."

Laura Reimann of the Festival Office said, "This service was primarily designed for people not able to attend because they are shut-ins and cannot attend services on a regular basis."

The Church spent more than \$980,000 in the United States alone to help about 5,200 needy members and their families attend the Feast. "That represents 5 percent of the Church membership," said Glenn Nice, member assistance administrator for Church Administration.

These funds are available from excess Festival tithe (second tithe) and tithe of the tithe funds. These (See FEAST, page 10)

PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear Brethren,

What a wonderful and joyous Feast of Tabernacles has been reported from 110 Festival sites around the world!

The fall Holy Days, like

each of the other two Holy Day seasons, are special and exciting times of worship and instruction during which the whole Church is galvanized and unified in the glorious gospel of the grace of God

through Jesus Christ (Acts 20:24).

Attendance at the Feast this year was 146,802, with some 4,000 attending their very first Feast. Many brethren have told me that this was the most meaningful Feast they have ever attended. Of course, that's said every year, but the reason many gave this year was, I believe, a significant one.

Many brethren felt that a general theme of reconciliation (see II Corinthians 5:18-19) seemed

to develop during the Feast, moving them to strive to forgive old hurts and to heal old wounds, knowing that God, for the sake of Jesus Christ, has forgiven them.

This was definitely encouraging to me, because it means that God's people are indeed growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ. Such growth bears fruit, and the fruit it bears is the fruit of love.

God does not ask us to make (See PERSONAL, page 10)

FEAST PHOTOS—(Clockwise from top left) Near Daytona Beach, Fla., photo by Susan Braman; Pasadena, Audrey Webb; Sables d'Olonne, John Kennedy; Caloundra, Qld., Michael Alter and Brian Hise; Port Dickson, Malaysia, Kerri Dowd; and Durban, South Africa, J.M. Johnson.

'Do not make me a ruler of the people'

PASADENA—Opinion polls show that public confidence in government at all levels—federal, state and local—is dropping sharply in the United States. And with understandable reason.

On Capitol Hill, five U.S. senators have been implicated in the financially devastating savings-and-loan scandal. In the House of Representatives, nearly one fourth of the membership has been charged with writing hot checks on the House bank.

Throughout the nation, public resentment is growing against the combination of rising taxes and reductions in services in the wake of a ballooning governmental debt.

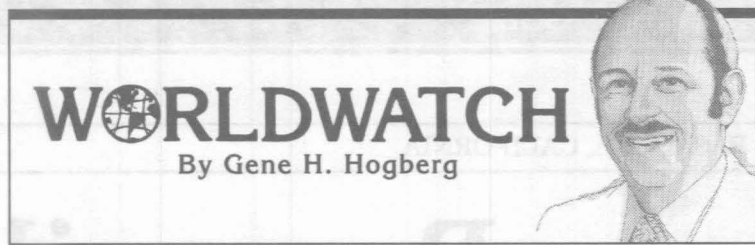
Given the deteriorating climate of confidence, the sordid spectacle surrounding the Senate confirmation hearings of Judge Clarence Thomas for a seat on the U.S. Supreme Court could not have occurred at a more inopportune time.

"The Thomas affair is not just the story of one woman's testimony," summarized the Oct. 21 *U.S. News & World Report*, "it is the story of a system degraded by all its participants."

The embarrassing escapade—televised over four days—revealed, according to the *U.S. News* account, that no hands were clean in the drive to secure political advantage at all costs: "White House handlers trying to mute any discussion of the nominee's judicial philosophy, the congressional staffers searching for dirt [and] special interests looking to defeat the nomination to further their own causes."

Especially troubling was the underhanded manner in which charges of sexual misconduct were brought against the nominee at the last minute, designed for maximum shock value.

A former female colleague of Judge Thomas, Anita Hill, had complained of sexual harassment



WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

by Mr. Thomas while he was her superior at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Washington, D.C., in the early 1980s.

This information was divulged to staff members of two senators leading the opposition to the nomination.

After several days of telephone conversations, according to background accounts of this story, Miss Hill was persuaded to tell her story. But she wanted her charges kept confidential.

Miss Hill was told that this could be done, and that Senate Judiciary members would use her unsworn testimony to pressure Judge Thomas to withdraw his nomination. This ploy failed, and things quickly careened out of control.

A subsequent Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) investigation was leaked to sympathetic members of the news media—a criminal offense that will probably never be successfully investigated.

Almost before she knew it, Miss Hill was forced, against her original intentions, to air some very dirty linen. Yet she admitted, according to the *U.S. News* account, that she would not have come forth in the first place had she not been approached by Senate staffers.

In the process, the responsibility of the U.S. Senate to "advise and consent" the President on key appointments had, in the words of one observer, been changed to the right to "search and destroy."

Once set in motion, however, the destruction derby, as it were,

switched to the other side of the aisle. Their nominee seriously damaged, it became the policy of Judge Thomas' supporters to destroy the credibility of Miss Hill's testimony and to, in the words of a *New York Times* reporter, "rip at her character with a thousand cuts."

Miss Hill was depicted as either a scorned suitor or a ruthless careerist. As she said later: "It was suggested that I had fantasies, I was a spurned woman and that I had a martyr complex.... Every moment there was a new theory."

The affair was driven from the outset by politics, not by a sincere attempt to arrive at truth. Making matters worse, it took on the air of a criminal trial, though it was not, since there was no judge or jury.

Had it been, 10-year-old claims of sexual harassment could not have been brought forward, since there is a strict 180-day federal statute of limitations for filing such charges, because of their subjective nature.

With the fiasco in Washington, America's failings were reflected in a giant mirror to the world.

"The drama," said the London *Sunday Telegraph*, "has ... highlighted many of the country's sorest points: cynicism and hypocrisy in government circles ... the sliminess by which Senate staffers wormed the allegations out of Hill ... the intrusiveness and sanctimoniousness of the media ... that neurotic mangle of racial bitterness ... the alleged insensitivity of men to women; and the fanaticism—in male eyes—of outraged feminists."

are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise" (Galatians 3:28-29, New King James throughout).

Christ's attitude

When a Roman centurion wanted a member of his household healed, he showed understanding in Christ's power to heal.

And Christ said he had not seen such faith even in Israel (Luke 7:1-10). Christ did not concentrate on the man's uniform or his nationality. He was interested in his mind.

That is how we in God's Church should live—completely free from racial prejudice.

Consider your own conversation. Is it above reproach? Have you used terms of disrespect about

I hope no one in God's Church harbors such attitudes. But we are not immune from prejudice. For this reason, we as members of God's Church should carefully evaluate the ways we think and talk to see if they are in line with God's law of honoring him and loving our neighbor as ourself. Negative comments about differ-

Our attitude toward those who are different, who are thought of even as enemies, must be one of active love.

ent races come into this category. The Bible teaches that God made men and women in his image—all men and women—of all races and languages.

The potential for all is eternal life. This is true whether you are English, Canadian, Australian, American, Chinese, Indian, Polish or any other nationality you would care to mention.

Paul said there should be no barriers among God's people. His perspective on ethnic, social or gender differences is that "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you

people of other cultures, countries or races? If so, you need to change.

It is not enough to be simply neutral. We must actively love and respect others. Christ said: "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies" (Matthew 5:43).

Why should we have this type of love? "That you may be sons of your Father in heaven" (verse 45).

Our attitude toward those who are different, who are thought of even as enemies, must be one of active love. Nothing less is acceptable.

process. At the same time, political analysts were pessimistic of change, since the nation appears hopelessly divided in areas of political philosophy, race, sexual orientation (gaylesbian rights) and gender politics (feminism and abortion).

And while the genuine issue of sexual harassment has dramatically been brought into the open, political pundits stress that it could be only a temporary phenomenon.

The problem actually lies much deeper than harassment. Little can fundamentally change as long as, for example, the entertainment industry, a driving force in society, continues to exploit improper relations between the sexes.

R-rated films revel in themes of seduction, not just by men of women, but also by women of men, as exemplified by the movie *Fatal Attraction*.

As long as these trends continue, no amount of superficial reforms will have lasting value.

Because of the bitter affair, it will be even more difficult in our sin-laden society to find qualified individuals for high office.

"No job is worth what I have been through," commented Judge Thomas. His chief supporter on the Hill, Sen. John Danforth of Missouri, said he would never again advise anybody to take a job that requires Senate confirmation.

One is reminded of the passage in Isaiah 3:6-7 in which a person is implored: "You be our ruler, and let these ruins be under your hand." To which the candidate protests: "I cannot cure your ills...; do not make me a ruler of the people" (New King James).

Senators on the Judiciary Committee conceded that there must be a better way to run the confirmation

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



Europe's spiritual need

BOREHAMWOOD, England—In the European Community, 12 nations are determined to achieve economic and political unity.

In Eastern Europe, countries are trying to build effective economies—having just thrown off communism.

The Soviet Union has fallen apart and is attempting to hold itself together as a community. There is trouble in the Balkans. Refugees are on the move throughout Southern and Eastern Europe.

The Catholic Church hopes that the spiritual resources of the Europeans will carry them through all the present crises.

Some observers believe that the pope had a hand in precipitating the vast changes in Eastern Europe—and as a spin-off effect, the Soviet Union. The Roman church has its own goals for Europe—a sort of quasi political-spiritual European home from the Atlantic to the Urals.

God's Church is to preach and publish the gospel. We are to fill the spiritual hunger. We have to bridge diverse cultures and languages with the gospel message.

Europe in particular is a continent in quest of identity, meaning and purpose. This is apparent in its art, architecture and conversation. And both halves of the Euro-

pean family are suffering, for different reasons, an inner emptiness and loss of spiritual vitality.

Western Europe has been trapped by secularism and is virtually soulless, with little knowledge of the Bible. It trusts in the machinations of man for truth—even though it doubts that answers will be forthcoming.

Eastern Europe has labored under religious suppression for 40 years and in some countries longer. It wants spiritual truth.

The commission to the Church is to convict people not only of their national and personal sins, but also to convince them of their dignity and destiny as children of God, made in his image, and called in Christ to receive forgiveness and obtain salvation.

People will not be motivated to change unless they realize the transcendent purpose for doing so. It is this magnificent reality that is at the heart of a true understanding of God's purpose for men and women.

The people of Europe desperately need spiritual ideals. They need to understand what is truth, and what is not. They need the gospel of the kingdom of God. They need to understand not only where they have gone wrong, but how they can capture the values of the kingdom of God.



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Attitudes of racism

What do you do if you are standing with a group of people and one of them makes a comment with racist overtones? Do you ignore it?

What if the person made the comment as a joke? What if that person is a friend? A person in a position of seniority to you? What if that person is a member of God's Church?

In our world, nationalism and racism are common. A journalist in the Croatian region of Yugoslavia told how his 14-year-old daughter had said she hated Serbs. She wished all Serbs were dead.

How had she gotten such an idea, he asked? More importantly, how would he tell her that his family was a Serbian minority? That she herself was a Serb?

Are you racist?

Somewhere in the back of our minds, and sadly in some cases at the front, there is the idea that people different from ourselves are less important.

What is the effect of an attitude that sees other peoples of less worth? World history speaks for itself. If people are starving in Africa—well, they are only Africans. If there is a bloodbath in Tiennemann Square—well, they are only Chinese.

What do Europeans feel attachment to?



Family: 88 percent

Freedom: 86 percent

The rights of man: 82 percent

Equality: 75 percent

Democracy: 72 percent

Work: 69 percent

Culture: 69 percent

Solidarity: 66 percent

Marriage: 64 percent

The nation: 56 percent

Free enterprise: 54 percent

Europe: 48 percent

Money: 43 percent

Religion: 38 percent

When the *European* asked citizens of Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy and Spain (which together represent 85 percent of the EC population) to list in order their attachment to 14 values, the combined results were:

1991 Feast of Tabernacles

Members gather at 110 sites

PASADENA—Smoggy weather cleared away and “the beautiful San Gabriel Mountains provided a majestic backdrop for the Pasadena site,” said Festival coordinator Brian Orchard.

The YOU took advantage of the indoor swimming pool at Church headquarters, while the singles and family day participants used the pool and the south lawn area for a relaxing setting.

Big Sandy coordinator Dave Havir said the spirit of togetherness could be seen in the campground, where senior citizens and children played in the streets and where many brethren gathered in groups for meals.

Members toured the Ambassador College grounds and expressed their pleasure in meeting the students.

Tennessee: ‘delightful group’

For the sixth year the Convention and Trade Center staff at the Chattanooga, Tenn., site, provided a dinner for pastors and department heads and their wives, said coordinator Harold Rhodes.

“City officials and merchants, impressed with members and their children, cited our group as being the most courteous, patient and delightful group the city has hosted.”

In Pensacola, Fla., brethren were welcomed by Joe Ragland, executive vice president of the Chamber of Commerce.

After his speech, Mr. Ragland, Sheila Bowman, director of Tourism and Convention Development,

along with two children from the congregation turned a switch that lit up a giant world map showing all the Feast sites, said coordinator Shorty Fuessel.

The Church’s assistance was also enlisted in selecting the best waiters, waitresses and the most helpful individuals in service-related fields.

Kona, Hawaii, coordinator, Richard Parker, said members enjoyed three buffets plus a Hawaiian luau. Many took part in snorkel cruises, submarine rides, helicopter excursions and a bus trip to a volcano.

Members were also entertained by porpoises and manta rays, which appeared in the ocean by the Kona Surf Convention Center.

Temperatures were above 100 degrees Fahrenheit (38 Celsius) at the Palm Springs, Calif., site, said coordinator Dennis Wheatcroft. “However, by mid-Feast unusual cloud cover and thunder storms mellowed the high temperature.”

On family day members had exclusive use of the Oasis Water Park. Other activities included a singles poolside barbecue, YOU bowling party and seniors banquet.

First-time Colorado site

“For the first time, nestled 9,300 feet high in the Rocky Mountains, Feastgoers enjoyed the Keystone Resort and Conference Center,” in Keystone, Colo., said coordinator Thomas Turk.

“The Keystone personnel commented that the members were the best group they had hosted and that the employees enjoyed having us there.”

Activities included hayrides, horseback riding, fishing, biking, hiking, sailing, rafting, golfing and historical tours of the gold rush and mining areas.

Almeda C. Dake, mayor of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., welcomed the Church to the area, said coordinator Walter Neufeld. The Church presented the mayor with a dozen long-stemmed roses and she gave each head of household a souvenir decorative map of Saratoga Springs.

Joe Dalton, chairman of the Saratoga Springs Chamber of Commerce, supplied Feast parking attendants with umbrellas during a rainy spell and was also seen on



Keystone, Colo.

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Rapid City, S.D.

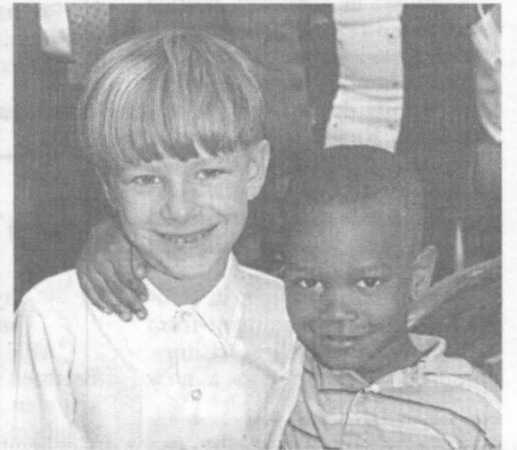


Photo by Hal Finch Norfolk, Va.

Photo by Keith D. Speaks

the sidewalks near the city center handing out umbrellas to those in need.

Feast housing for some at the Redding, Calif., site, included houseboats on Lake Shasta, said Festival coordinator Ross Flynn.

Church youths, their families and other brethren spent youth

day at Whiskeytown Lake water-skiing, ski-bobbing, boating, picnicking and playing volleyball. Preteens enjoyed a pizza party at Chuck E Cheese, which opened exclusively for the Church.

Other activities included a trip to Lake Shasta Caverns, trout fishing, a dinner on a patio boat,

scenic drives and trips to a volcano and historical sights.

The highpoint of family day at the Niagara Falls, N.Y., site, was seeing visiting speaker Ken Giese kissed by a killer whale at Marineland Canada, said coordinator Mike Booze.

About 400 singles enjoyed a dinner on the *Niagara Clipper*, which cruised Lake Ontario. Members also traveled to Toronto, Ont., to see the musicals *Phantom of the Opera* and *Les Miserables*.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gift from car thief?

I am a member of the St. Louis, Mo., North church. I am writing to share an experience with the brethren.

Due to our financial situation my wife and I did not have the means to put our car into a shop for repairs before the Feast of Tabernacles. The car would often stutter, and the engine

would quit at a stoplight.

On Sept. 15 our car was stolen between 4 and 8 p.m. The police said it would be a couple of days before the car would be found and that we would likely get it back in pieces. You can imagine the feelings my wife and I had—why did this have to happen before the Feast?

I called two members and asked them to pray about the situation. They called others and asked them to pray as well.

The next day the phone rang at 4 p.m. A police officer identified himself and told me that my car could be picked up.

When I arrived to pick up my car I did not believe it was mine. It was clean! The hubcaps were shining like new. The white-wall tires were white. Later, we noticed the car ran smoothly. There was no more stuttering or engine trouble.

Our stolen car was returned to us shortly after 24 hours and was still in one piece. Not only that, but there was a 12-ounce bottle of power steering fluid and a 20-ounce bottle of vinyl protectant.

I am convinced that God was moved by the prayers of the brethren. Our love and concern for others moves God and he responds to it.

Anthony Curry
St. Louis, Mo.

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New member

I will soon be a member of God’s Church a year and ponder how I ever lived or survived all these years until God called and baptized me. It is my life now and I couldn’t imagine life without it.

I am 77 years of age and, of course, have trials. But don’t we all have them, and shouldn’t we expect them?... Paul suffered many things and stated, “If we endure, we shall also reign with Him.”

Virginia Hundley
Atlanta, Ga.

Dells: largest site

The largest U.S. site was Wisconsin Dells, Wis., with 8,405 in attendance. This was also the 20th anniversary of keeping the Feast here, said coordinator Ray Meyer.

Members traveled from Australia (See SITES, page 9)

Anchorage, Alaska	836
Big Sandy	3,876
Biloxi, Miss.	3,533
Chattanooga, Tenn.	3,830
Corpus Christi, Tex.	4,676
Dayton, Ohio	3,185
Daytona Beach, Fla.	6,168
Eugene, Ore.	2,226
Hot Springs, Ark.	4,088
Jekyll Island, Ga.	2,717
Keystone, Colo.	1,657
Kona, Hawaii	1,120
Lexington, Ky.	5,005
Niagara Falls, N.Y.	5,049
Norfolk, Va.	7,049
Palm Springs, Calif.	3,931
Pasadena	2,340
Pensacola, Fla.	6,154
Rapid City, S.D.	4,811
Redding, Calif.	2,316
St. Petersburg, Fla.	5,105
Saratoga Springs, N.Y.	2,032
Spokane, Wash.	2,610
Tucson, Ariz.	4,369
Vail, Colo.	1,990
Wisconsin Dells, Wis.	8,405
Cruise	941

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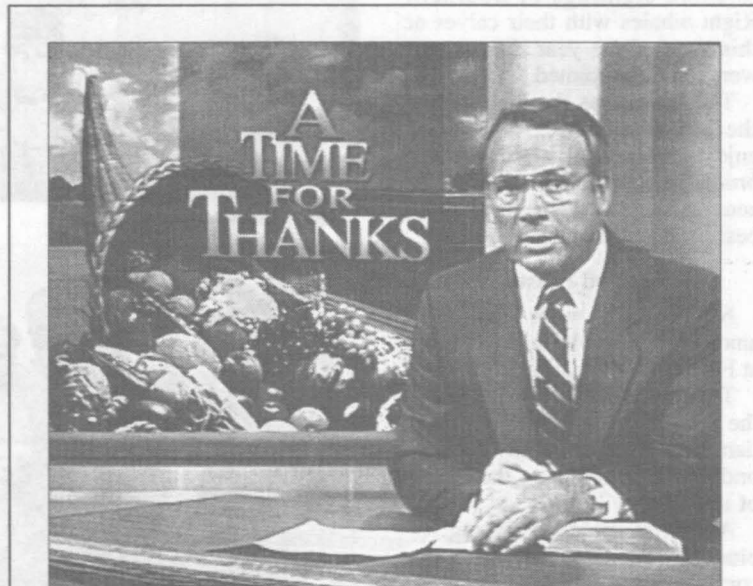
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NEW SEASON—One of the new telecasts in the 1991-92 *World Tomorrow* season is David Albert’s presentation of “A Time for Thanks,” scheduled to air Nov. 23 and 24. Herb Vierra, manager of Television Production, said 120 days are spent on each program—from the time writing begins to the air date. The new season began Oct. 12. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]

1991 Feast of Tabernacles

Unity evident among Canadian Feastgoers

By Debbie Minke

VANCOUVER, B.C.—From picturesque Victoria, B.C., on Canada's west coast, to the Maritime center of Halifax, N.S., on the east coast, the spirit of unity, warmth and cooperation prevailed at the five Canadian Feast sites.

Regional director Frank Brown and his wife, Sharon, started the Feast in Penticton, B.C., then traveled on to Regina, Sask., and concluded in the French site at Sherbrooke, Que.

Free dental work

A Penticton dentist replaced a temporary crown for a member and refused payment for his services. He said that each year his clinic helps members with unexpected dental needs.

Activities in Penticton, nestled in the mountains of interior British Columbia, included *Fintry Queen* boat cruises on Okanagan Lake, family day at Apex Mountain Guest Ranch and the family dance, attended by 1,400 brethren.

Many farmers came to the Feast in Regina with their crops still in the field, showing their faith and commitment to God's way.

Festival Variety Night in Halifax featured entertainment from area brethren as well as visitors. Deep-sea fishing was a new

activity offered this year.

French Canada

French-speaking brethren from areas as distant as Scotland and the French Caribbean gathered in the quiet university town of Sherbrooke for the Feast. Many commented on the harmonious and warm atmosphere.

Headphone translations were provided for about 60 English-speaking brethren.

Activities included a singles boat cruise, a winery visit, YOU bowling and broomball ice hockey.

Brethren enjoyed an enthusiastic display of the Quebeckers' spon-

Halifax, N.S.	1,436
Penticton, B.C.	2,550
Regina, Sask.	1,063
Victoria, B.C.	2,394
Sherbrooke, Que.	1,460



Victoria, B.C.

Photo by Mike Bedford



Sherbrooke, Que.

Photo by Georges Pilon

taneity, *joie-de-vivre* (joy of life) and talent as members produced a variety show dubbed *Une Soiree Quebecoise* (a Quebec evening).

Media coverage began before opening night, and by the end of the Feast included radio and television interviews of Festival coordinator Colin Wilkins.

At a time of uncertainty in Canada over the future of the con-

stitution, Mr. Brown's sermon on the Last Great Day was particularly appropriate.

Mr. Brown spoke about unity and the need for God's people, especially in the troubled province of Quebec, to remember that we are all "one in Christ."

'Carefully kept secret'

Members at the Feast in Victo-

ria flocked to attractions such as Butchart Gardens and the luxurious Empress Hotel.

Others took advantage of the many deep-sea fishing charters, reeling in some prize British Columbia salmon. Many members agreed that the Victoria Feast site was the most beautiful one they had ever attended and called it a "carefully kept secret."

Southern Africa: Feasting in four countries

By Peter Hawkins and Bryan Mathie

CAPE TOWN, South Africa—Brethren gathered at seven Feast sites in four countries in the Southern Africa region.

Vintage train ride

A popular activity at the Feast in Durban, South Africa, was a vintage steam train ride along the Natal coast to Scottburgh, where the Feast was conducted from 1964 to 1968.

Youths served ice cream, snacks and drinks on the train, and treated senior citizens to tea and scones at Scottburgh station.

Singles organized a harbor cruise, and there was a fine turnout at a dinner dance. The YOU enjoyed an afternoon of tenpin bowling.

Weather cools

The temperature on the first day in Uvongo, South Africa, was an unbearable 33 degrees Celsius (92

Fahrenheit) in a hall without air conditioning. The weather changed the next day and averaged 23 degrees Celsius (74 Fahrenheit) for the rest of the Feast.

The YOU outing included a lamb-on-the-spit. The senior citizens enjoyed a luncheon at a bistro on the coast.

Family day in George

Family day was undoubtedly the activity highlight of the Feast in George, South Africa, this year. All ages participated—from senior citizens to toddlers.

A finger lunch was served in the Sports Club hall centrally located to all activities. These included card games, chess, tennis, volleyball and a singles vs. marrieds soccer game (won convincingly by the marrieds).

Whale of a Feast

The majority of brethren keeping the Feast at the Sonesta Holiday Resort in Hawston (near Hermanus) stayed in bungalows and rondavels (round huts) on the Cape south coast.

Hermanus is known for close-to-shore sightings of Southern Right whales with their calves at this time of the year. Feastgoers were not disappointed.

The dance was the highlight of the social activities. The YOU enjoyed volleyball, softball and a *braai* (barbecue). The senior citizens appreciated a fine meal at the best hotel in Hermanus.

Island Feast

Nine countries were represented among brethren who kept the Feast at Flic-en-Flac, Mauritius.

Two members were baptized in the Indian Ocean. One is Mauritian, and the other is only the second member living on the island of Reunion.

Activities included fishing for blue marlin, scuba diving on the coral reefs and taking tours of the island.

Eastern highlands

Mutare, Zimbabwe, provincial capital of Manicaland, is about halfway along the mountain chain in the eastern highlands of Zimbabwe near the Mozambique border.

Six countries (Botswana, Canada, South Africa, the United States, Zambia and Zimbabwe) were represented at the Feast site. The offering was up 19 percent on the first Holy Day.

Brethren visited the botanical gardens in the Bvumba Mountains. The steep green mountains are forested, have natural streams, majestic views and abundant bird and wild life.

Brethren staying at the municipal campsite once again were hosts for a hospitality afternoon for visitors. The event fosters unity among the brethren regardless of cultural background.

Close-knit group

A number of members from outlying areas stayed at one com-

plex at the Feast in Lusaka, Zambia, which made fellowship easier than in previous years when most members were scattered throughout Lusaka.

Accommodations and meals were an exceptionally good value, according to a member. This is unusual since Zambia has an extremely high inflation rate.

Durban, South Africa	1,346
George, South Africa	690
Hawston, South Africa	283
Uvongo, South Africa	546
Flic-en-Flac, Mauritius	129
Lusaka, Zambia	104
Mutare, Zimbabwe	484



Halifax, N.S. Photo by Philip Ewer

Netherlands: 'Relaxing Feast of cooperation'

By Richard Steinfort

HOOGEVEEN, Netherlands—Brethren here enjoyed a "well organized and relaxing Feast of cooperation," according to Gerard Evers, a local church elder in the Zwolle, Netherlands, church.

Activities included a square dance, formal dance, family afternoon, soccer, an evening of classical music and a recital on the pipe organ of the Grote Kerk (a church building built in 1650).

Brethren viewed a video of Canadian acrobats and a live performance by a juggler. Families took part in a treasure hunt.

The senior citizens visited the

Hortus Botanicus of the University of Groningen and were treated to a four-course meal.

Hoogeveen, Netherlands 579



Hoogeveen, Netherlands

Photo by Gert Kanis



Durban, South Africa



George, South Africa Photo by Jose Couto



Flic-en-Flac, Mauritius

Photo by Wong Ah Fat J. Michel

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Spiritually uplifting in Australia and Asia

By Aub Warren
BURLEIGH HEADS, Qld.—More than 7,000 people gathered at 14 sites in Australia and Asia. Reports indicated brethren enjoyed relaxing and spiritually uplifting Festivals in all locations.

First time in Papua New Guinea

It was a particularly exciting year for the members in Papua New Guinea, who gathered in Port Moresby for their first Festival. Forty-seven people wished each other "Hamamas wantaim long bikpela!" (in Tok Pisin—Papua New Guinea Pidgin English—this means "Happy Feast!").

This was also the first time brethren attended services and their first time to meet one another.

Members and families experienced the rich and exotic tribal cultures found in Papua New Guinea, said coordinator Tim Grauel.

Solomons and Malaysia

In Honiara, Solomon Islands, many of the 72 brethren attending traveled by ship to the main island of Guadalcanal.

A group from the island of Ranongga performed special music from the Church hymnal in their dialect, accompanied on bamboo instruments.

In Port Dickson, Malaysia, government authorities refused speaking permits for visiting speakers Andrew Teng from the Philippines and Earl Roemer from Tulsa, Okla. Their messages were recorded and played back on tape.

At home in India, Sri Lanka

A first-time international visitor to Bangalore, India, remarked that although he was a stranger he felt right at home in India among God's people assembled there.

Brethren visited a technological museum, historic Cubbon Park and Lalbagh botanical gardens, which features the Glass House, similar to London's Victorian Crystal Palace.

At the seaside resort town of Beruwala, Sri Lanka, 209 people from nine countries enjoyed a talent night featuring Sri Lankan folk songs and dances, and family day with elephant rides, according to coordinator Mohan Jayasekera.

Twelve people were baptized during the Feast.

Australian sites

In Caloundra, Qld., family day took place in one of Caloundra's

main parks, where members of the community joined in many of the organized activities.

Other activities were a hike and touch football game for singles and a bus trip for the over 60s.

Feastgoers in Australia's capital, Canberra, enjoyed clear weather complemented by snowcapped mountain peaks on the horizon.

Brethren could view the spectacular annual flower festival, Floriade, with more than five acres of flowers in Commonwealth Park.

Australia's tourist capital, Gold Coast, Qld., played host to 1,045 brethren who visited Dreamworld, Sea World and Movie World.

Tasmania, Australia's beautiful island state, welcomed back a number of old friends to Hobart.

Feature activities included boat cruises on the picturesque Derwent River and a dinner dance.

Near-perfect weather brought high levels of participation from brethren in Perth, W.A., in activities such as family day at the Zoological Gardens, a youth activity at Adventure World and a scenic bus trip and afternoon tea in the Darling Ranges for the over 60s.

Family day featured a foot rally (a sort of walking car rally). Groups of eight to 10 were given sets of questions and challenges that took them around the facility and stimulated interaction with nearly everyone else participating.

The scenic seaside resort town of Port Macquarie, N.S.W., came alive with 968 Festival participants, who enjoyed organized activities and attractions such as beaches and nature parks.

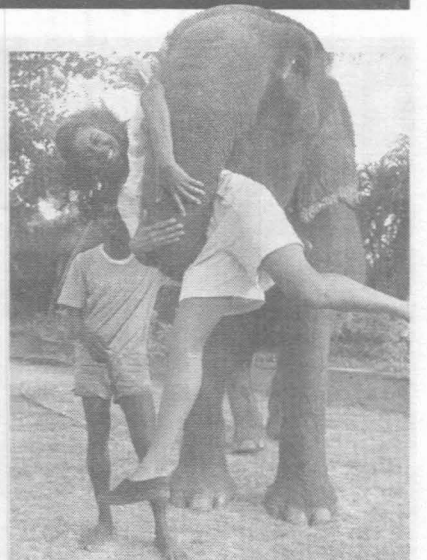
Family activities were featured in Ulladulla, N.S.W. They included a get-acquainted night, family dance and beach party. Members at the site sent flowers to elderly members unable to attend.

Caloundra, Qld.	927
Canberra, A.C.T.	1,247
Gold Coast, Qld.	1,045
Hobart, Tas.	482
Perth, W.A.	756
Port Macquarie, N.S.W.	968
Ulladulla, N.S.W.	764
Bangalore, India	270
Port Dickson, Malaysia	396
Sa Khan Gyi, Myanmar	33
Kya In, Myanmar	32
Papua New Guinea	47
Honiara, Solomon Islands	72
Beruwala, Sri Lanka	209



Near Ulladulla, N.S.W.

Photo by Tom Hanson



Beruwala, Sri Lanka Photo by Arthur Allender



Bangalore, India
 Photo by Prince Azariah



Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

Photo by Tim Grauel

Feastgoers welcomed at German sites

By Henry Sturcke and Winfried Fritz

BONN, Germany—One thousand four hundred fifty-eight brethren kept the Feast in Bonndorf and Goslar, Germany.

Bonndorf, Germany

Bonndorf, the Sun Bowl of the Black Forest in southern Germany, was host to the Feast for the 15th consecutive year.

Henry Sturcke was the Bonndorf, Germany, Feast coordinator, and Winfried Fritz was the Goslar, Germany, coordinator.

Feastgoers from 19 countries worshiped and fellowshiped together. About one third were overseas guests.

Erhard Strittmatter, deputy mayor of Bonndorf, welcomed Feastgoers, and in honor of the 100th anniversary of Bonndorf receiving its city rights, the Church presented 5,000 German marks (about US\$2,950) to the city to assist in purchasing a triptych (a picture with three panels side by side).

Activities included a senior cit-

izens luncheon (with entertainment by a children's choir and others), a dance with a big band from Zurich, and a bus trip to Switzerland (with a tour of the Lake Constance area and a meal in a castle).

The unusually warm summer in Central Europe continued right up through the first half of the Feast, forcing a change in the YOU activity from ice-skating to swimming.

A changeover halfway through the Feast to rainy, cold weather meant that family day had to be moved indoors to the Festival hall.

The hall crew and volunteers rearranged the hall and put it back in order at the end of the activity for services the next day.

For the ninth straight year, the Southwest German Philharmonic presented a concert in the Festival hall. This year pianist Elisabeth Leonskaya performed a Schumann piano concerto. Beethoven's Fifth Symphony was also on the program, as well as Strauss waltzes.

Brethren felt special concern for brethren living in Yugoslavia, most of whom were scheduled to

attend in Bonndorf. With the exception of two young men who attended in Italy as planned, and one young girl who attended in Bonndorf, none were able to leave Yugoslavia because of the combined effects of old age and the political unrest.

Goslar, Germany

For the second year the Rome of the North—the 1,000-year-old emperor's city of Goslar—was a Festival site.

Twenty-one countries were represented with 150 brethren coming from overseas.

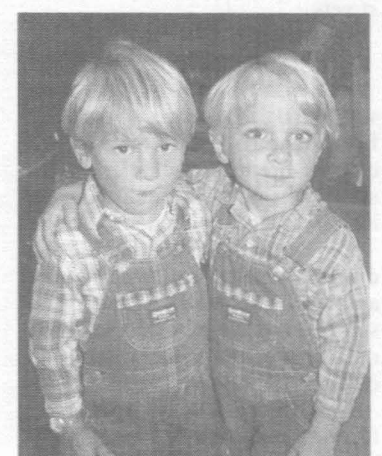
Sunny Indian summer weather during the first half of the Feast lured many out to view the beautiful Harz Mountain scenery.

The reception in the Kaiserpfalz, where the emperors held court and imperial assemblies, was again the setting for a special beginning to the Feast.

Juergen Paul, mayor of Goslar, greeted Feast visitors in the name of the city and extended a welcome for the coming years.

Family day took place at Vienenburg Lake, and one of the city's chief officials, Christian Schlieben, also welcomed Feastgoers.

Bonndorf, Germany	891
Goslar, Germany	567



Bonndorf, Germany Photo by Jeff Zhorne

Australia: Brethren rejoice after lost boy found

By Graeme B. Henderson

Ulladulla, N.S.W.—The Last Great Day here was especially joyous with the finding of Timothy Parkes, 9, who had been missing overnight.

Graeme B. Henderson is a member who attends the Wollongong, N.S.W., church.

God's care and protection were confirmed when Timothy was found unharmed on the steep slopes of Pigeon House Mountain by his father after the boy had been missing more than 18 hours.

Timothy and his parents, Alistair and Heather Parkes of the Wodonga, Vic., church, were among about 40 members on a

2.5-kilometer (1.5 miles) hike to a mountain summit when he disappeared sometime after 3 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 29.

After reaching the top, the family was on its way down with Timothy racing ahead to the bottom.

A short distance from the summit the boy missed the clearly defined trail where it took a sharp turn to the left, and instead he scrambled down a false track.

Mr. and Mrs. Parkes became concerned when they could not overtake Timothy. Church brethren, still climbing, told them they had not seen him on the trail.

At the car park another member alerted police that a boy was missing on the mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. Parkes and sever-

al teenagers and singles went up the mountain to look for Timothy.

By the time searchers returned to the area where Timothy was last seen, more than two hours had elapsed, and a cold, almost gale-force wind had blown up to drown out all cries for help.

With the sun setting and the sky growing dark, Mr. and Mrs. Parkes and other brethren, without torches (flashlights) or suitable clothing to guard against the night cold, had to call off their search and return to the base car park.

They gathered around a camp fire until other brethren returned from Ulladulla with supplies.

Police and State Emergency Service (SES) personnel, aided by a tracker dog, searched until after

midnight without success. More brethren, police and SES personnel arrived at first light to search.

Finally Mr. Parkes heard his son responding to his calls from down the mountain. But it took about 20 minutes before he could reach Timothy down the steep slope with rocky drop-offs.

Later, Timothy and his dad were picked up by a helicopter and taken to Milton Hospital.

After treatment for scratches and cuts on his legs and a check-up, he was allowed to return with his father to Ulladulla.

Mr. Dean announced the good news to anxious brethren at the morning service, where thanks were offered to God for Timothy's safe return.

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Caribbean: Feast in the islands

By Rick Taylor

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.— Eight islands, from the Bahamas in the Atlantic to Trinidad in the Caribbean, and Guyana on the South American continent, were hosts to more than 3,000 members this Feast.

Rick Taylor works in the Caribbean Office in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Two mini-Feasts were conducted for members unable to travel to one of the sites administered by the Caribbean Office.

Bahamas

About 240 international transfers joined almost 100 Bahamians at the Wyndham Ambassador Beach Hotel in Nassau to celebrate the Feast, said Festival coordinator Charles Fleming.

Feastgoers enjoyed an evening boat cruise and dinner on an island, and the YOU had a beach picnic.

Barbados

"Exciting, with a very high level of participation!" is how Barbados coordinator Victor Simpson described this year's Feast in Christ Church.

Activities included a family day centered on Bajan culture and cuisine, and a Festival ball.

Dominica

Roseau was the setting for the Feast on the Nature Island of the Caribbean.

On family day members and their families toured the west coast, had a picnic and visited a waterfall where hot and cold water run side by side. Dominica

night featured Dominican culture.

Grenada

Two hundred ninety-five brethren enjoyed warm Caribbean weather and island hospitality at Grenada's Grand Anse Beach.

Activities included Grenada night, which featured a welcome address by Grenada's minister of tourism, and a cultural presentation by a team of singers and dancers. At family day brethren played cricket and soccer.

St. Vincent

For the last two days of the Feast, Grenada Festival coordinator Paul Krautmann traveled to the island of St. Vincent to conduct a mini-Feast for about 20 brethren unable to attend in Grenada. Activities included a barbecue and a bus tour.

Georgetown, Guyana

More than 100 international transfers, some from as far away as France, made this the largest Feast ever conducted in Georgetown.

Activities included a trip to the Church's 2 1/2-acre farm in Linden, a singles tour of a sugar manufacturing plant and a cultural presentation.

International guests flew by light aircraft to view Kaieteur Falls. After circling the falls, the planes landed at Orinduik, a smaller waterfall, where members swam.

Aishalton, Guyana

About 50 Church members from Awarewaunau, a remote Amerindian village in the interior of Guyana, walked 26 miles through the jungle in the rain and at night to meet in Aishalton for

a one-day service of the Feast.

Guyana pastor Wesley Webster and David Johnson, guest speaker in Georgetown, conducted services and the blessing of little children ceremony since there would be no further visits by the ministry this year because of the difficulties of traveling to the remote interior.

After services clothing and gifts from U.S. and Canadian members were distributed.

Mr. Webster and Mr. Johnson baptized six people in a stream before returning to Georgetown.

Jamaica

International guests and Jamaican members met at the Americana Beach Resort in Ocho Rios on the island's north coast.

Jamaica was an official site for deaf members. Selmer Hegvold,



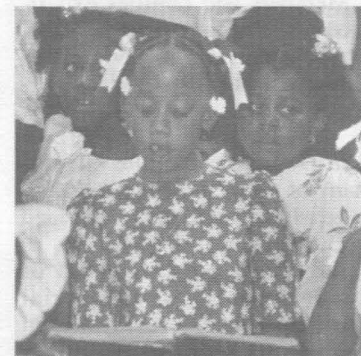
Port-of-Spain, Trinidad

Photo by Max Lai Leung



Aishalton, Guyana

Photo by Wesley Webster



Christ Church, Barbados
Photo by Paul Knapp

manager of the Church's Deaf Program, was guest speaker, and his assistant, David Barnett, coordinated the deaf group and their interpreters.

Activities included a children's party, a singles beach party, a YOU hike and climb up Dunn's River Falls, a seniors afternoon tea, as well as family day on the beach.

St. Lucia

Despite an island-wide water shortage and difficulties at the hotel housing international transfers, an atmosphere of love, cooperation and unity prevailed at the Feast in Reduit Beach, said coordinator Ed Straughan.

Overseas brethren got acquainted with St. Lucians at a getting-to-know-you activity. Other activities included a cultural presentation by the YOU and a family boat cruise. Several international members noted that the small size of the site allowed for more meaningful fellowship.

Trinidad

Nine hundred fifty-four Feastgoers from nine countries kept the Feast in the capital city, Port-of-Spain.

Activities included Tobago day, during which many transfer brethren traveled to Trinidad's sister isle of Tobago to swim, snorkel, tour or just relax on the white sandy beaches.

At the Grand Festival Ball, members danced to the Samaroo Jets, a steel pan ensemble.

French brethren celebrate in Europe, Caribbean

PASADENA—"Just like an Ambassador College campus" was an impression expressed by some of the 721 brethren attending the Hengelhof, Belgium, site.

This report was compiled by Kurt Hoyer, assistant to the office manager in the French Office in Pasadena.

A number of improvements were made to the facilities since the last time the Church conducted a Feast here, such as the addition of a tropical center consisting of swimming pools, water rides, games for the children and other attractions.

Activities included excursions to historical sites. The senior citizens enjoyed an evening of crepes, coffee and entertainment. The city of Bruges, dubbed the Venice of the North, enthralled many with its canals and medieval streets.

France: History comes alive

Sables d'Olonne, on the southwest coast of France and only a few hours from the Loire Valley, offered brethren a chance to see some of the most beautiful and historical areas in France.

Dances, luncheons, barbecues, dinners and a family fair were among the activities offered. The singles participated in a re-creation of a turn-of-the-century wedding ceremony.

Newspaper articles were positive, and the Church was well-

received by the communities.

Tropical sun in Martinique

Feastgoers were welcomed by warm sun and tropical greenery on the Caribbean island of Martinique.

Feastgoers enjoyed a barbecue, sing-along and exposition of native culture. Other activities included a visit to the birthplace of Josephine, wife of Napoleon Bonaparte.

Violent coup in Haiti

The beauty of the Jacmel, Haiti, site, with its palm trees and warm Caribbean waters, was in clear contrast to the overpopulation of Port-au-Prince, the capital city. Sixty Haitian members were

joined by 18 brethren from Canada, the United States and Guadeloupe.

Some members' Festival trips were unexpectedly prolonged for five days in Haiti when, on the morning of the Last Great Day, the army led a coup against President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. Roads were blocked and travel was restricted in the violent overthrow.

During this time, conditions at Jacmel were tranquil by comparison. Most brethren spent the Sabbath, Oct. 5, in the La Jacmelienne Hotel before being able to leave when the barricades were cleared.

The Haitian brethren returned to their homes and relatives while the visitors spent one night in

Petionville, 20 minutes from the airport. They left on the few departing planes less than two hours before the delegation of the Organization of American States (OAS) was ejected from the island by angry soldiers.

God's protection, the prayers of the brethren and the cooperation and assistance of the embassies contributed to make the Feast in Haiti most meaningful.

Hengelhof, Belgium	721
Sables d'Olonne, France	900
St. Francois, Guadeloupe	161
Jacmel, Haiti	78
Ste. Luce, Martinique	326



Hengelhof, Belgium

Photo by Becky Sweat



Jacmel, Haiti

Photo by Ulrick Colaso

Nassau, Bahamas	328
Christ Church, Barbados	562
Roseau, Dominica	115
Grand Anse Beach, Grenada	295
Georgetown, Guyana	219
Aishalton, Guyana	59
Ocho Rios, Jamaica	740
Reduit Beach, St. Lucia	190
Port of Spain, Trinidad	954
St. Vincent	26

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Peace and harmony in Britain, Africa

By Irene Wilson

BOREHAMWOOD, England—Feastgoers met at 12 sites in the United Kingdom, Ireland, Scandinavia and East and West Africa.

The sites covered by the British Office had many qualities in common, but two that stand out are peace and harmony.

A tour of London by Gerhard Marx was arranged for American members. The itinerary gave them a flavor of British history and culture from visits to Warwick Castle, the Thames River, an Elizabethan banquet, dinner on an evening cruise and a theater evening.

Friendly start in Bournemouth

In Bournemouth, a southern seaside resort, regional director Les McCullough got the Feast off to a friendly start by asking everyone to stand up and shake hands with those sitting next to them.

Youths took advantage of the coastal setting in their activities, and singles organized games on the beach. Coach trips included visits to stately homes, craft centers, bird gardens and ancient monuments.

Sunny Jersey

Jersey, a verdant island in the English Channel and a British crown dependency, was host to brethren from the Philippines, Namibia, North America, Europe and the United Kingdom.

Sunny weather helped young and old to enjoy family-oriented activities including go-carting, a singles buffet, an afternoon tea dance, five-a-side football and sand-castle-building competitions.

Seaside in Paignton

England's southern coast is known as the English Riviera because of its mild climate and sandy beaches.

In the town of Paignton the mayor gave a formal reception to welcome the Church.

The Ambassador Band played at an afternoon tea dance, which 300 members attended. Youths enjoyed tenpin bowling and an

afternoon at a swimming pool.

Five hundred members attended a show titled "The Great Musicals" featuring many of Andrew Lloyd Webber's hits.

Scenic Yorkshire site

With the picturesque Yorkshire Dales as a backdrop, members and families assembled in Scarborough in northeast England.

The town was a Victorian spa, and the main meeting hall reflects the era in its architecture.

Trips were offered to several



Mombasa, Kenya Photo by Jim Watters

places including the city of York. Youths visited a theme park (with white-knuckle rides), and senior citizens had a more leisurely tea dance.

Trabolgan: Emerald Isle

Activities in Trabolgan, Irish Republic, ranged from a talent show and barn dance to a fishing trip and harbor cruise.

Fewer anointings took place this year than previously.

Denmark host to Scandinavians

Brethren from all over Scandinavia and the United Kingdom met in Vingsted, Denmark.

In a badminton match a Swedish member snapped his Achilles tendon and needed surgery.

On the sixth day many people were struck by a stomach virus. The virus was short-lived, howev-

er, and the majority of members were well enough to travel home after the Feast.

Ghana: crowned with success

Feastgoers in Ghana gathered in a trade fair center just outside the Church-owned farm. Four times services were conducted in the Ewe language.

Activities included a beach party, a buffet with games and a dance. Fine weather crowned this site with success.

Uganda: most organized group

Activities at the Feast at the Tororo District Farm were football, frisbee, a novelty olympics, talent show, Bible quiz, barbecue and hill climbing.

A mix of videotapes and audio tapes, and sermons by Joseph Wainaina, a deacon, provided the spiritual diet for the brethren.

The principal of the institute where services took place, said, "This is the most organized and orderly group that I have ever had in the institute."

This was the first time that a full eight-day Festival was conducted in Uganda.

Together in Mombasa, Kenya

Feastgoers returned to the Kana-mai Conference and Holiday Centre after an absence of four years.

Brethren liked staying together at one site. During the Feast they took a bus trip to Malindi and ate at a cave restaurant.

En route to the site two members were involved in a road accident when their minibus rolled three times. Both escaped unhurt.

14th year at Naro Moru

For the 14th year Naro Moru



Jersey, Channel Islands

Photo by Joseph Jacoby Sr.

was host to the Feast. Visitors came from the United States, Canada, Britain and Madagascar. Many took a day trip to Mt. Kenya.

For the second year, Ezekiel Ngubia won the seven-kilometer run (4.3 miles) in a record time of 21 minutes and 46 seconds.

Many commented on the tranquility of this garden site under the shadow of snowcapped Mt. Kenya.

Jos, Nigeria: living waters

Set in the Plateau State, this site is surrounded by hills, valleys, waterfalls and freshwater springs.

These, along with the museum, zoo and wildlife park, were places of interest for Feastgoers.

Two primary events were a barbecue and games afternoon on youth day, and a talent show.

A 2-year-old boy who swallowed rat poison made a miraculous recovery. The boy was anointed, and vomiting was induced before he slipped into a coma. Two days later he recovered.

Bournemouth, England	1,200
Paignton, England	1,250
Scarborough, England	1,200
Jersey, Channel Islands	400
Vingsted, Denmark	255
Trabolgan, Irish Republic	315
Accra, Ghana	556
Mombasa, Kenya	137
Naro Moru, Kenya	186
Jos, Nigeria	782
Tororo, Uganda	70
Blantyre, Malawi	208

Taste of culture in Italy and Malta

RICCIONE, Italy—Brethren gathered at the seaside resort of Riccione on the Adriatic coast for the Feast here.

Church members from around the world joined with more than 200 Italian brethren.

Feastgoers toured the tiny mountaintop republic of San Marino and viewed the Byzantine-Roman mosaics in Ravenna, and attended a family dance in the grandeur and elegance of Riccione's Grand Hotel.

Despite unrest in Yugoslavia, two Yugoslavian members made their way across the border into Italy.

Another highlight was a pre-Feast tour of Venice, which included visiting historical sites such as Piazza di San Marco and enjoying Venetian cuisine. Some

members toured Venice by moonlight in a gondola down the Canale Grande.

On the Last Great Day regional director Carn Catherwood announced that four people, including one man from Yugoslavia, had been baptized.

Three hundred forty international transfers met with Maltese brethren in the New Dolmen convention center at Qawra. The Feast is a rewarding time of the year for the 65 Maltese brethren, who are hosts for and serve visiting members.

The convention center overlooks St. Paul's Bay, the traditional site where Paul was shipwrecked on his journey to Rome.

At Maltese Night, Feastgoers enjoyed a seaside barbecue featuring traditional dishes, while

being entertained by a brass band and dancers in Maltese costumes.

Other activities included tours of sites and activities around Malta.

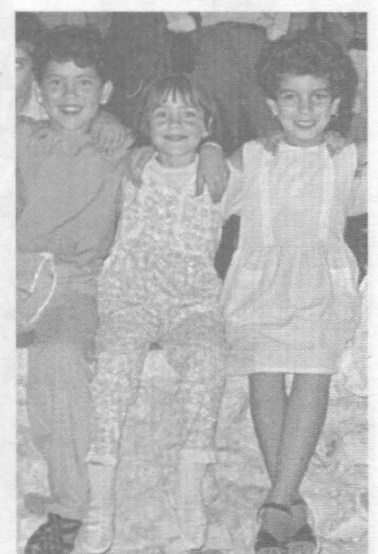
Guest speaker Al Kersha said: "The Feast atmosphere was warm and enthusiastic and the local Maltese brethren were great contributors in making it that way. The small size of the group along with its multinational composition made the Feast colorful and stimulating."

Riccione, Italy	573
Qawra, Malta	405



Riccione, Italy

Photo by Patrick Bloise



Qawra, Malta

Photo by Christel Wilson

A Feast in Thailand

By John Halford

CHIANG MAI, Thailand—Brethren from the United States, Canada, Australia, Britain and France joined about 30 members living in Thailand to keep the Feast here.

The Feast was conducted in the new luxurious Empress Hotel. Activities included elephant riding, visiting a hill-tribe village and, of course, shopping.

John Halford, a senior writer for The Plain Truth, was Festival coordinator in Thailand.

A special treat was a talent show put on by the children of the Thai members.

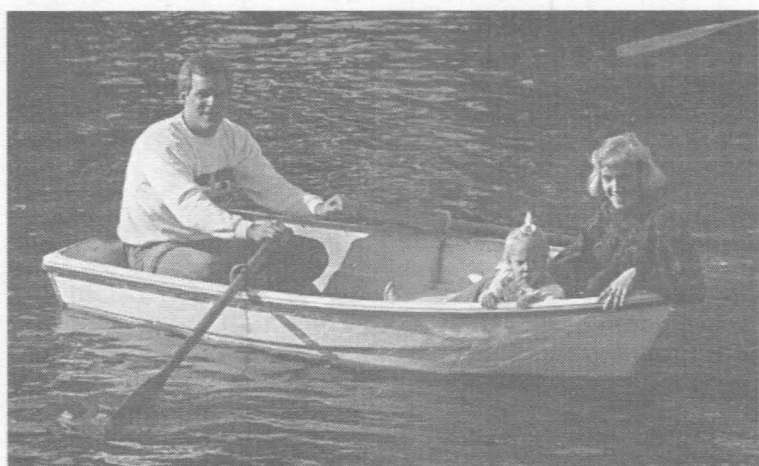
During the Feast, the emperor and empress of Japan paid a State visit to Chiang Mai, highlighting the significant changes in this part of the world.

Chiang Mai, Thailand	276
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Chiang Mai, Thailand Photo by Raynard Eddings

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Napier, New Zealand

Photo by Eric D. Miller



Vava'u, Tonga

Photo by Chuck E. Houseman

Uplifting Feast in South Pacific

By Rex Morgan

AUCKLAND, New Zealand—All five Feast sites in New Zealand and the South Pacific reported an inspiring, problem-free Feast this year.

Summarizing the Festival, regional director Raymond McNair said: "The weather was fine at all of the sites, and we had far less illness reported this year. Despite continuing economic problems in New Zealand, the brethren really enjoyed and were uplifted by the Feast."

Dunedin: 'Edinburgh of the South'

In Dunedin, New Zealand, the southernmost Feast site in the world, "temperatures were cool, but the fellowship and unity was hot," said coordinator Lyall Johnston.

A Festival ball had a decidedly Scottish flavor, with Highland dancing, bagpipes, a grand march and the master of ceremonies dressed in a kilt. Dunedin is known as the "Edinburgh of the South."

Napier's native bush

Luxuriant native bush provided an attractive setting for YOU

and singles activities at the Napier, New Zealand, site, according to coordinator Jack Croucher. Brethren shared in bushwalks, an evening barbecue and a square dance.

Bert Dagg and his senior citizen Dixielanders provided toe-tapping music for the Napier Festival Ball, where seven high school graduates received gold pens.

New Fiji site

The Mocambo Hotel in Nadi proved a great success as Fiji's new Feast site. As the hotel is only two miles away from Fiji's international airport, visitors appreciated the "one stop" destination in Nadi.

Coordinator Epeli Kanaimawi said Feastgoers enjoyed a millennial setting at the hotel, and God provided glorious weather with 10 to 12 hours of daily sunshine.

The managing director of the Tokatoka Resort, site of the Festival dance, said: "In all my hotel experience I have not seen such a happy and disciplined group of people as yours. It is such a plea-

sure to have you here."

Rising attendance in Vanuatu

This was the fourth observance of the Feast in Port Vila, Vanuatu. In 1988, attendance was 50. This rose to 100 in 1989, 140 in 1990, and 188 this year.

The Radisson Hotel manager in Vanuatu noted the beautiful floral arrangements prepared by Church members and asked Diane Preston, a New Zealand member, to teach flower arranging to the hotel staff one afternoon.

Holy Day offerings in Vanuatu were exceptional—up 92.6 percent on the first Holy Day and 116.6 percent on the Last Great Day.

Vanuatu coordinator Rex Morgan observed that an unusual feature of the Feast was so many brethren named John. A group photo was taken of at least 20 brethren with John as part of their names.

Royally entertained in Tonga

Feastgoers in Vava'u, Tonga, basked in tropical sunshine with gentle breezes, swaying palms, inspiring ocean views and lavish Holy Day group meals featuring three 15-pound red snapper fish.

At a cultural evening, Tongan brethren royally entertained visitors from six nations.

Six months of preparing floral costumes and rehearsals concluded in a splendid concert with Polynesian songs and dances. Visitors were given fragrant leis and joined by a member of the Tongan parliament who wanted to see the show.

Tonga's crown prince had a stopover at the hotel that evening, adding extra excitement to the occasion.

Feastgoers in Jordan meet queen

By William L. and Annabel M. Johnson

AMMAN, Jordan—Inspiring sermons, beautiful weather, wonderful people, historical sites and a gracious royal family were the fare for 107 Feastgoers here.

William Johnson is dean of faculty at Ambassador College, and Annabel Johnson is a professor of home economics.

In addition to visiting historical areas such as Pella, Jerash and Mt. Nebo, brethren also took a day tour to Petra. The group visited the special education project schools in Amman where Ambassador College students are assigned.

Joseph W. Locke, Amman Festival coordinator and vice president of Ambassador Foundation International, and his staff, the ministry and their wives, and Ambassador College faculty attending the site and their wives, were invited to the home of Prince Ra'ad and Princess Majda for an evening social.

Prince Ra'ad is chief chamberlain to King Hussein. Princess Majda is patron of the Al Hussein Society for the Physically Handicapped.

Mr. Locke and some others visited the American Center for Oriental Research (ACOR), an international research institute in Amman. ACOR provides a base for archaeologists with field projects east of the Jordan River.

The group met with the director of ACOR, Pierre Bikai, and his wife, Patricia, to consider the future involvement of Ambassador Foundation and Ambassador College in various Middle Eastern archaeological projects, including the Petra dig.

Mr. Locke, Cory Erickson and his wife, Colleen (Ambassador Foundation representatives in Jordan), and College faculty members John Good and my wife and I, were received by Princess Sarvath, crown princess and patron of the Young Muslim Women's Association.

The discussions concerned Ambassador Foundation projects

in Jordan and the educational support services provided by College students.

Toward the end of the Feast, Queen Noor's office called Mr. Locke to say that the queen wanted to meet with the Feast group, and on Sunday, Sept. 29, the group traveled to the royal palace in Amman.

After refreshments the queen addressed the group for about 45 minutes. She then personally greeted and visited with each member of the group. Members were impressed by the queen's graciousness, beauty and genuine concern for the Jordanian people.

At the end of the Feast, many went on tours to either Israel or Egypt. Mr. Locke noted that the Feast in Jordan worked out well and continues to provide a chance for the Church to develop its relationship with the government and the Jordanian royal family.

Amman, Jordan 107



Amman, Jordan



Dunedin, New Zealand

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Nadi, Fiji

Photo by David Wilson



Port Vila, Vanuatu

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1991 Feast of Tabernacles

Camaraderie prevails at 14 Spanish sites

By Leon Walker

BIG SANDY—The 1991 Feast of Tabernacles was observed at 14 sites in 12 Spanish-speaking areas. The total attendance was 4,208. All sites reported good weather, warm camaraderie among members and uplifting sermons.

The Spanish Office in Big Sandy administers the Spanish-speaking Feast sites. Evangelist Leon Walker is regional director.

Since most Feast sites had an attendance of fewer than 400, a family atmosphere prevailed. Most sites reported group activities, such as picnics, sporting activities, talent shows, excursions to places of interest and, in general, opportunities for fellowship.

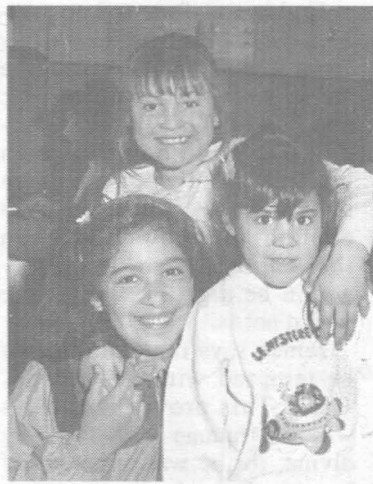
I found it interesting that several sites mentioned the fine spirit of service by Church youths. This included helping the elderly, serving at meals and assisting in all the activities.

They were not asked to perform this service, but they saw a need

and voluntarily helped in so many ways. Their smiling and friendly attitude of serving was a fine example for all.

All areas reported that the messages emphasized the hope that we all have in the coming kingdom of God. Messages were timely and inspiring and many members commented on how helpful they were.

Monte Hermosa, Argentina	235
Maitencillo, Chile	414
Santa Marta, Colombia	348
San Isidro, Costa Rica	152
San Salvador, El Salvador	204
Quetzaltenango, Guatemala	330
Ensenada, Mexico	197
Mazatlan, Mexico	763
Veracruz, Mexico	420
Trujillo, Peru	291
Humacao, Puerto Rico	290
Talavera de la Reina, Spain	173
Punta del Este, Uruguay	186
Puerto La Cruz, Venezuela	205



Argentina Photo by Roberto M. Canclini



San Salvador, El Salvador Photo by Roberto A. Arquello



Ensenada, Mexico

Photo by Ramico Rosas Armenta



Humacao, Puerto Rico

Photo by Carlos Garcia

Filipinos keep Feast away from volcanic destruction

By Ruel Guerrero

MANILA, Philippines—This year's Feast focused on "family unity and successful planning with the cooperation of the members," said Paul Kieffer, Philippine regional director.

Ruel Guerrero works in the Ministerial Services Department in the Philippine Office.

The five Philippine sites were hosts to 5,647 brethren, including about 150 overseas guests.

Feast in the highlands

With Central Luzon overwhelmed by the continuing onslaught of mudflow after the eruption of Mt. Pinatubo, brethren from the area, along with brethren from Metro Manila and Northern Luzon, kept God's Feast in the highlands of Baguio.

Last year the Baguio Feast site was canceled because of a devastating earthquake and transferred to San Fernando, Pampanga. This year the Pampanga site was planned as another Feast site besides Baguio, but because of the Mt. Pinatubo eruption the Pampanga site was transferred to Baguio.

Hence, this year there were two simultaneous services in Baguio—one at the Baguio Convention Center and the other at Benitez Hall. However, all socials were combined.

"Coming here is a big relief for all the members from the calamity areas," said Bermevon Dizon, Benitez coordinator.

Many of the brethren traveling up to Baguio were worried about passing through the mudflow areas in Central Luzon and going up precipitous Kennon Road, which had sometimes been closed because of landslides. But God blessed the days of travel before and after the Feast with fine weather.

Baguio Mayor Jaime Bugnosen

welcomed brethren in a speech in both halls before the opening night services. Radio programs also announced the Church's convention.

An elderly man from the Roxas church, Maximo Tecne, suffered a heart attack in the early part of the Feast, paralyzing one side of his body. However, toward the end of the Feast he was feeling better and was able to move his right hand.

Brethren made financial contributions to Mr. Tecne, and to Rufina Damasco, who had to undergo an emergency operation during the Feast.

During a ministerial dinner Festival coordinator Medardo Maninang and his wife, Henrietta, were both presented a gold watch by Guy Ames, one of the guest speakers



Bacolod, Philippines Photo by Willy M. Millamena

and a former regional director here, for 25 years of service in the Work.

New site in Bacolod

Bacolod was a new site this year with brethren meeting at the new Convention Plaza Hotel. Bacolod Mayor Alfredo Montelibano Jr. welcomed the brethren at the opening night service.

Two newspapers carried articles on the convention, while a radio station featured an interview with William Sidney, director of Philippine Ministerial Services, and Edmond Macaraeg, Festival coordinator.

Unscheduled Feast site

Brethren from the Puerto Princesa church who were scheduled to travel by boat to Bacolod were not able to leave their city when the national Coast Guard declared their chartered boat unsafe for sea travel.

This prompted the regional office to set up an emergency Feast site there for 87 brethren.

Their pastor, Jeremiah Ortiguero, coordinated the Feast along with the church's two local church elders and Eleazar Flores, Personal Correspondence Department writer, who arrived from Baguio for the second half of the Feast.

Cebuano brethren

In Cagayan de Oro, about 150 Cebuano-speaking brethren listened to the messages through a simultaneous translation.

The meeting hall management praised the Church for cleaning and beautifying the gymnasium and requested the use of the Church's name as an example for those who use the gymnasium.

Beach resort

The Feast in Tacloban was conducted for the fourth time at Dio Island Resort. Most of the socials



Cagayan de Oro, Philippines Photo by Jerome V. Manriquez

took place on the beach.

All five sites had family day, a family dance, singles and seniors activities and teen day.

Bacolod, Philippines	741
Baguio, Philippines	2,727
Cagayan de Oro, Philippines	1,338
Puerto Princesa, Philippines	87
Tacloban, Philippines	754

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tralia, Canada, England, Germany, Guatemala, Honduras, Ireland, Jamaica, New Zealand, Peru and the Philippines. Two senior citizens luncheons were necessary to cater to about 990 members.

By the banks of the Spokane River, 2,610 brethren enjoyed the natural setting for the Festival in Spokane, Wash., said coordinator Ted Herlofson.

Many enjoyed a cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, considered one of the world's seven most beautiful lakes.

Patrick Duncan, manager of the Jekyll convention bureau, presented a plaque to the Church in appreciation of the 25 years the Feast has been on Jekyll Island, Ga., said Festival coordinator Jim Chapman.

During the YOU beach party, dolphins followed a school of fish close to the shore and threw the fish into the air as if to entertain

us, said Mr. Chapman.

"Because of the massive indoor facilities of the Lexington Center we were able to organize a Family Fun Fair featuring games, contests, music and prizes for all ages without the threat of inclement weather," said Lexington, Ky., Festival coordinator Ron Dick.

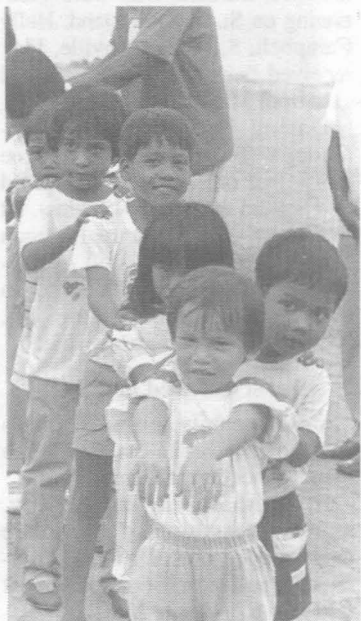
Brethren also visited the Appalachian festival featuring family quilting bees, folk music, clogging and sing-alongs to computer-synchronized presentations.

"Truly an outstanding Feast," said St. Petersburg, Fla., coordinator Roy Holladay. More than 1,000 attended the YOU activity at Adventure Island.

During the Feast the home of Keith and Marian Brittain burned down and they lost everything in the fire. Mr. Brittain is pastor of the New Bern and Wilmington, N.C., churches.

Ukrainian at Daytona Beach

In Daytona Beach, Fla., Canadian (See U.S. SITES, page 12)



Tacloban, Philippines Photo by Rafael Uy

PERSONAL

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every person our closest friend, or even to spend most of our time with those with whom we don't relate well. But he *does* require us to "be kind and compassionate [or "tenderhearted" in the King James Version] to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you" (Ephesians 4:32, New International Version, unless noted).

Jesus said: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another" (John 13:34). This is *good fruit*, and it comes as a result of Christ living in us through the Holy Spirit.

Jesus and temptation

I also want to say more about another subject that came up earlier this year, revolving around the concept of Jesus being "at risk" of sinning during his human lifetime.

Since Jesus was truly God and truly man, tempted by Satan and the world around him as a human is tempted, yet absolutely sinless, a natural question arises: Was Jesus at risk of sinning? If he was not at least at risk of sinning, it may seem, then, that his temptations cannot be considered true temptations, for what is the point of a temptation if it is impossible to sin?

Let's take time to look again at this question, because some may be stumbling over it.

First, it is important for us to understand that Jesus Christ was fully God and yet was also fully a human being. His life was a normal human life: He was born in the normal way, grew through the same stages of human development that we do, from childhood to adulthood.

Jesus was subject to the normal limitations of human life—he experienced hunger and thirst (Matthew 21:18, John 19:28), weariness (John 4:6) and normal human emotions. Like all people, sometimes he was joyful (John 15:11) and sometimes he was sorrowful (Matthew 26:37). He experienced love (Mark 10:21), compassion (Matthew 9:36), astonishment (Luke 7:9), indignation (Mark 10:14), anger and grief (Mark 3:5).

Sometimes Jesus felt troubled (John 11:33, 35, 12:27). At Gethsemane, he felt alone and wanted companionship (Matthew 26:37). He experienced the agony of desolation both at the prospect and in the reality of his final ordeal (Luke 22:44, Mark 15:34).

Jesus lived in every way as a human being. He was in subjection to his parents (Luke 2:51). He paid taxes (Matthew 17:24). He enjoyed eating and drinking (Matthew 11:19). When he wanted more information, he asked questions (Mark 9:21).

He regularly attended services at the synagogue (Luke 4:16). As a human being in need of maintaining his personal relationship with the Father, he communed with God in prayer (Mark 1:35), even praying all night on occasion (Luke 6:12).

Jesus, the Son of God, was a true man in the fullest sense. The Bible is absolutely plain that Jesus was the fully divine Son of God and yet was a human being as fully as you and I. The Bible does not explain to us the precise mechanics of how such a thing is possible. Nor

does the Bible ask us to explain how it is that God can take on humanity, but we do need to believe it.

The certainty of victory

Jesus indeed felt the real pull of temptation, but his nature was such that he resisted it. It was true effort, true victory, over true temptation. But it was not a matter of chance. God had decreed the certainty of Jesus' victory from the beginning. He faced the true reality of human temptation and defeated it because he was the Son of God. He was fully committed, moment by moment, to the will of his Father.

This should help us to even more fully understand the breadth and depth of God's love for us. What God has done for us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is such profound proof of his love for us, and such a profound example of love for us to follow, that all we can do is bow in grateful awe before his glory and grace.

God went through this human life, in all its limitations, suffering and temptations, that we might have everlasting life in glory.

His struggle was difficult and real. But his success was not a matter of chance. Some say that a person who succumbs to temptation never really knows the full extent and difficulty of the temptation, because he or she gives in before the temptation becomes strongest. If that is true, imagine the intensity and difficulty of temptation faced by Jesus, who never gave in.

(On the other hand, Jesus did remain continually close to his Father, so temptation to sin would not have "turned his head" in the way it so easily turns ours, who are comparatively far from God.)

The very fact of being human means that we will face temptation. The fact that we get hungry means that we have the potential to abuse food and drink. The fact that we get tired means that the potential to become lazy is present within us.

Physical limitations and frustrations can tempt one to mistreat those around him or her. Sexual feelings can tempt one to commit fornication or adultery. Success can tempt one to be proud or vain. Variety in talents, skills, appearance, education, possessions, culture, heritage, etc., can tempt people to hate, look down on, disrespect, mistreat, belittle or despise others.

Yet hunger, weariness, limitations, frustrations, sexual feelings, success and variety as described above are not sin in themselves—they are simply part and parcel with being human. Jesus experienced all of these, just as we do. Yet he never allowed any temptation or any suffering to develop into sin. Nor was there any risk or gamble that he would. He was totally committed to his Father.

His will was to do the will of his Father who sent him. He had to fight the battles, real battles, with the gamut of human temptation. He had to gain the victory, and his victory was no mere effortless or automatic victory. He was truly man and was truly tempted by the devil and the world around him.

Fully committed to God

It was impossible that Jesus would sin, but not because Jesus could just sail through life with-

out a ripple of temptation. It was impossible because he was fully committed to his Father's will. He continuously maintained his personal relationship with the Father.

God is no failure and no gambler. God purposed to do this from the foundation of the world, and his prophecies prove that he knew he would be successful. God knows his own love and his own commitment to his mortal children well enough to know that even though taking on humanity would be a great struggle, he would not fail.

James says that God cannot be tempted with evil (James 1:13). This proves that Jesus was fully human as well as fully divine, for he was tempted. (If he were divine but just "appearing" as a man, as some of the ancient heretics taught, he would not have been tempted.)

Some may wonder why we had to address this question. This question had to be addressed because some were saying that Jesus "risked everything." We cannot let that belief stand because it would mean that God's own prophecies, which take Jesus' success as absolute, would have been "at risk" of being false prophecies.

Let me make it even more plain. The Bible says, for example: "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Ever-

lasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this" (Isaiah 9:6-7, New King James).

If there were a "risk" that Jesus might fail, this prophecy and the dozens and dozens of others like it or that rest on its fulfillment would also be "at risk" of not being true. God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all (1 John 1:5). Jesus is the truth (John 14:6).

There was no risk that God's promises might not happen or come true. There was no risk that Jesus would sin.

At the same time, Jesus was truly and really tested as a human being and had to defeat every temptation. He remained continually close to his Father and never sinned.

There was no risk that he would not do all that it took to be victorious, but the real battle with temptation still had to be fought and won. Jesus suffered as a human being suffers, but did not sin.

Faith in the Scriptures

While some may not fully understand how such a thing can be true, I hope they can understand that the idea of "risk" cannot square with true faith in the veracity of the Scriptures.

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funds are in addition to assistance offered by regional offices to needy non-U.S. members.

Positive media coverage

"Media coverage thus far looks like this may be our most successful year yet in terms of quality," said evangelist David Hulme, director of Communications & Public Affairs.

The Pensacola (Fla.) *News Herald* sent a reporter to the site every day of the Feast, and explained in articles why the Church observes the Sabbath and other beliefs.

In an article titled "A Blessing for the Economy," the *News Herald* quoted one restaurant manager, who said, "They [Church members] are some of the nicest people to wait on. They are very polite. They tip well. And our staff enjoys it every time they come into town."

Mike Snyder, Public Affairs assistant director, said many media outlets continue to use the Church's press release and press kit information almost verbatim. Among other things, the press release explains that Jesus kept the Feast of Tabernacles and that the Church focuses on family unity.

A notable example appeared in the *Saratoga Springs (Fla.) Saratogan*. The lead read: "For many members, the Worldwide Church of God and family are synonymous."

Reports from international areas have also been excellent. Aub Warren from the Australian Office reported that coverage was high in quality, and television coverage improved for some sites.

A newspaper in Port Macquarie, N.S.W., printed the Church's press release on the front page. "This coverage is particularly important to us, since Australian media treatment of the Church in the past has not always been so kind," said Mr. Hulme.

Representatives of Destination

Daytona (Fla.), a tourist association, were so impressed with the Festival special music that they requested a video to show the community and other visiting groups the high quality of the Church, said coordinator Rob Elliott.

Near drowning, lost boy found

The Biloxi (Miss.) *Sun-Herald* printed an article on how Beth Anderson, a Church member, and her son, John Cabaniss, 12, saved a teenage boy and girl from drowning Sept. 25, when they pulled the unconscious pair from the bottom of a motel swimming pool.

The Parkes family, members from Wodonga, Vic., were grateful when their 9-year-old son, Timothy, was found after being missing overnight while hiking on Pigeon House Mountain.

More than 50 members joined State Emergency Service volunteers in searching for Timothy, who was found safe and well just before services on the Last Great Day (see article, page 5).

Presidential hugs, bungee jump

Some members in Jekyll Island, Ga., saw President George Bush and his wife, Barbara, who were vacationing on St. Simons Island. Holly Campbell, 8, of Jacksonville, Fla., received hugs and an autographed card from Mr. and Mrs. Bush.

Daring Feastgoers in Chattanooga, Tenn., tried the bungee jump (free fall with an elastic cord tied around the waist or ankles). "It was a new addition at the Raccoon Mountain complex," said coordinator Harold Rhodes. "You go up to a certain height and jump out. I'm sure it was completely safe."

Feast canceled in Zaire

Unfortunately, political crises and violence broke out during the Feast, canceling the site in Zaire.

In Kinshasa, the capital city, almost everything of any value was stripped out of all the buildings, coordinator Bernard Andrist told *The Worldwide News*.

"During the first few days of this upheaval, some brethren were

When we affirm that it was "impossible" for Jesus to sin, we do not mean that the temptations put before him were not real or that he did not have to defeat them. We mean that there was no "risk" or "gamble" that he would not win those very real battles.

Again, this question had to be addressed because the "risk" theory challenges the validity of the promises of Scripture. I hope all can now more clearly see why we cannot let this idea continue to be circulated.

We do need to understand that the Church of God must strive always to teach the truth of the Bible, whether that truth is absolutely understandable in every detail to our finite human minds or not. God has called us to believe him in faith, and he does not attempt to explain in the Bible all the details of exactly how he has done everything he has done. We must believe, and we must be thankful that he is the great God of love and mercy that he is.

The way was hard for Jesus, and every struggle had to be fought and won, but it was something that God did because of his love for us. And what the God of love purposes to do, he does, regardless of how hard it may be. That is why we can rejoice in inexpressible joy and in the glorious hope of our salvation that our Redeemer lives. His love and his commitment to us cannot be taken away. If God be for us, who can be against us?

reduced to eating what little was growing in their small garden plots, or what edible plants they could find, basically leaves and grass."

Mr. Andrist continued: "After this, food began to be delivered again, mostly beans. Corn is extremely expensive, as is rice. It costs more than one million zaires for a 10-pound sack of rice. One U.S. dollar is about 20,000 zaires, which means the bag of rice costs more than US\$50."

With brethren still being affected by the violence, Mr. Andrist said, "anything we send, be it food or money, may likely never reach them."

(*The Worldwide News* will update readers as news about the Zaire brethren becomes available.)

Yugoslavians and Estonians

Yugoslavian brethren in Zagreb who couldn't attend the Feast sent greetings to brethren at the site in Bonndorf, Germany, by telegram Sept. 27. With the exception of two young men who were able to attend in Italy and one young girl attending in Bonndorf, none were able to leave Yugoslavia because of the combined effects of political unrest and advanced ages.

Seven Estonians—one member and six prospective members—attended the Vingsted, Denmark, site. Four of them received their visas only 20 hours before the opening night service, Sept. 22. The other two got their visas just before their flight left that day.

Surprise coup in Haiti

Some members' Festival trips were prolonged for five days in Haiti when, on the morning of the Last Great Day, the army led a coup against newly elected president (see article, page 6).

'Greater growth toward unity'

"I'm very encouraged by what I've read so far," said evangelist Joseph Tkach Jr., director of Church Administration U.S. "Many of the Feast reports indicate greater fellowship and warmth, and greater growth toward unity."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

BEANS, Aaron and Tina (Lord) of Salina, Kan., girl, Sierra LeAnn, Aug. 29, 10 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 girls.

BERKELEY, Simon and Karen (Walz) of Caboolture, Qld., boy, Luke Miles, Aug. 14, 6 pounds 15 1/2 ounces, first child.

BLEVINS, A. Denzil and Angela (Rawlings) of Lexington, Ky., boy, Andrew Denzil, Aug. 9, 10:25 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

BRANTLEY, David and Kathryn (Austin) of Raleigh, N.C., girl, Elizabeth Jeanell, July 29, 4:52 p.m., 8 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BROWNING, Mark and Cynthia (Slocum) of Vancouver, Wash., girl, Jennifer Tia, July 18, 7:18 p.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 3 girls.

BURNES, Robert and Lisa (Matoba) of Auburn, Wash., boy, Connor Andrew, May 31, 2:21 p.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

BYRUM, David and Candy (Webb) of Cincinnati, Ohio, boy, Stephen Christian, July 29, 11:36 a.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

CICERO, Peter and Maria (Bearman) of Croydon, England, girl, Anamaria Katrina, July 1, 10:50 a.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

DEKU, John and Jacqueline (Amarteifio) of Montreal, Que., boy, Steve Edwin, June 15, 1:39 a.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys.

DELAFUENTE, Dominic and Heather (Patterson) of Phoenix, Ariz., boy, Cody James, May 6, 9:32 p.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

EISLER, Patrick and Pamela (Fullford) of Alexandria, La., girl, Ariel Elizabeth, Aug. 22, 8:16 p.m., 9 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

GERARDY, Mike and Darlene (Hrycyk) of Kelowna, B.C., girl, Bethany Jade, Aug. 18, 12:53 a.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

HEGLUND, Paul and Teresa (Pettyjohn) of Maple Creek, Sask., boy, Weishtyn Luke, Aug. 14, 5:30 p.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

HERROLD, Richard and Kathy (Conklin) of Washington, Pa., boy, Joshua David, July 9, 1:02 a.m., 10 pounds, first child.

HOWSE, David and Jennifer (Brown) of Sacramento, Calif., boy, Aaron Matthew, Aug. 18, 4:41 p.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 boys.

JOHNSON, Mark and Susan (Jalas) of West Bend, Wis., girl, Rachel Michelle, July 25, 7:50 p.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

KALLHOFF, Jerald and Betty (Johnson) of Elgin, Neb., girl, Bethany Rose, Aug. 3, 11:55 p.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

KINSELLA, Carl and Kathy (Henion) of Albany, Ore., boy, Kody Devin, Aug. 31, 9:04 a.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

KUSHNIRUK, Patrick and Carol (Bennett) of Regina, Sask., girl, Joelle Dawn, Aug. 1, 7:03 a.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 girls.

LAMB, Michael and Susan (Baker) of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., girl, Naomi Rose, Aug. 20, 1:26 a.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

LARSON, David and Deborah (Wilson) of Tampa, Fla., boy, Maxwell David, Aug. 16, 12:18 a.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

LOWE, Geoffrey and Louise (Hose) of Sydney, N.S.W., girl, Stephanie Amanda, Aug. 30, 1:26 a.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

McNAIR, Joe and Susie (Sutter) of Auckland, New Zealand, boy, Donald Jonathan, Aug. 14, 5:45 p.m., 10 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys.

MELOCHE, Michel and Lynn (Istead) of Montreal, Que., girl, Catherine, July 3, 12:09 p.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 3 girls.

MORRIS, John and Pauline (Ridland) of Auckland, New Zealand, girl, Callie Anne, May 24, 10:42 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

NEAL, Edward and Mary (Williams) of Baltimore, Md., girl, Erin Elizabeth, July 18, 10:55 p.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 girls.

ODLE, Daniel and Beverly (Honaker) of Montcalm, W.Va., girl, Rebekah Katherine, July 23, 6:15 p.m., 6 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 girls.

PATE, Lynn and Michelle (Novak) of Reseda, Calif., boy, Zachary Thaddeus, Aug. 6, 6 a.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 4 boys.

POITRAS, Donn and Sandra (Hofer) of Winnipeg, Man., twin boys, Cameron Donavin Kenneth and Shane Edward Roland, July 16, 6 pounds 7 ounces and 6 pounds 5 ounces, first children.

RICHEY, Mark and Doris (Coffman) of Orlando, Fla., girl, Victoria Ashley, June 23, 12:02 p.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 girls.

RIDDLE, Travis and Chloe (Overton) of Pasadena, girl, Hannah Ariel, July 13, 6:56 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

ROOP, Daniel and Mary Grace (Johnston) of Nashville, Tenn., boy, Justin Paul, June 6, 1:37 p.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

ROWLAND, Charlie and Julie (Fultz) of Ada, Okla., girl, Kelsey Rae, June 28, 9:33 p.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 girls.

RUFFA, Anthony and Geraldine (Skuches) of Norwich, Conn., girl, Elizabeth Carmela, June 9, 8:03 a.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

SMITH, Peter and Maria (Nel) of Kadooma, Zimbabwe, boy, Hennie Jhon, July

28, 3.22 kilograms, first child.

SMOTHERS, David and Reta (Biellier) of West Plains, Mo., boy, Caleb Allen, June 17, 7 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

SOLTYSIAK, Marek and Sallie (Lawton) of Middletown, N.Y., girl, Aggie Mae, Aug. 21, 7:30 p.m., 8 pounds 1.9 ounces, first child.

SORENSEN, Philip and Tina (Buntain) of Barrie, Ont., boy, Jason Philip, June 30, 2:56 a.m., 6 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys.

STECKEY, Donald and Julie (Towkan) of Bethlehem, Pa., girl, Sharon Elizabeth, Aug. 10, 8:30 a.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

STEINBRENNER, Alan and Debbie of Chicago, Ill., boy, Mitchell Ryan, April 13, 12:15 a.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

STEPHENS, Robert and Tina (Rodberg) of Deerfield Beach, Fla., girl, Adrian Lynn, Sept. 1, 5:15 a.m., 6 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

SUTHERLAND, Charles and Cathy (Woods) of Nashville, Tenn., boy, Cody Andrew, July 10, 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys.

SYLVESTER, Donald and Linda (Farmer) of Wixom, Mich., boy, Christopher Ryan, Aug. 4, 7:59 p.m., 6 pounds, first child.

TAN, Roger and Lesley (Tay) of Johore Bahru, Malaysia, boy, Derek Yongwei, Aug. 11, 6:10 a.m., 6 pounds 9 ounces, now 3 boys.

TOOMBS, Colin and Dorothy (Schultz) of Toowoomba, Qld., boy, Sebastian, Aug. 16, 6:44 p.m., 7 pounds, now 5 boys.

TURNER, Dan and Connie (Newcomb) of Columbus, Ind., boy, July 5, 11:28 a.m., 11 pounds 4 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

TYLER, Joe and Susie (Hensley) of Clermont, Qld., girl, Alyce Mary, July 27, 10 a.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

WARD, Bobby and Jan (Steele) of Lawton, Okla., boy, Caleb David, Aug. 17, 11:07 a.m., 9 pounds, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

WEEKLY, Wade and Chanise (Mitchell) of Portland, Ore., boy, Denzel Rashad, June 15, 6:43 p.m., 7 pounds 13 1/2 ounces, first child.

WELLS, Rayfield and Mary (Gleason) of St. John's, Nfld., boy, Jake Raymond Cecil, Aug. 1, 2:10 p.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

WILCOX, David and Cynthia (Rhyne) of Garden Grove, Calif., boy, Kevin Scott, Aug. 12, 10:07 a.m., 10 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

XAVIER, Varkey and Susan of Mangalore, India, girl, Smitha Jane, Aug. 2, 2.5 kilograms, first child.

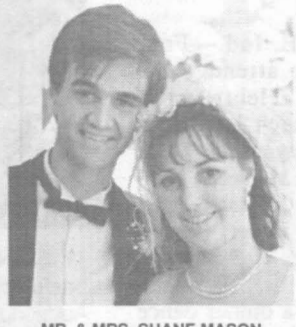
ZAGIEL, Larry and Daniella (Daniels) of Tisdale, Sask., girl, Terrilyn Simone Mari-on, Aug. 4, 6:19 a.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

Peter Mey were united in marriage Jan. 13. The ceremony was performed by Bharat Naker, Sydney, N.S.W., South, associate pastor. Sharon Quest and Melissa Willard were bridesmaids, and Bosco Bosanac and Eden Willard were groomsmen. The couple live in Sydney.



MR. & MRS. RICHARD STANTON

Mr. and Mrs. Ronny Armstrong of Muleshoe, Tex., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Cyndi Lavonne to Richard Stanton of Lubbock, Tex. The ceremony was performed March 9 by David Dobson, Mojave and Bakersfield, Calif., pastor. Pamela Armstrong, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Mike Stanton, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Lubbock.



MR. & MRS. ROBERT STURKOL

Robert and Linda Sturkol of Wisconsin Dells, Wis., celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Aug. 26. The Sturkols have four children and five grandchildren.

ANNIVERSARIES



MR. & MRS. FRITZ ZIEGLER

Fritz and Penny Ziegler of Denver, Colo., celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Sept. 16. The Zieglers have two sons, Andy and Jon; two daughters, Jenny Cameron and Patti Landis; two sons-in-law, David Cameron and Steve Landis; two daughters-in-law, Kim and Stephanie; and 10 grandchildren.



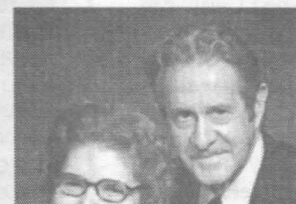
MR. & MRS. BILL WARNER

Bill and Linda Warner of Big Spring, Tex., celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary May 22. The Warners have one son, Billy; two daughters, Cindy and Michelle; and one son-in-law, Robert Floyd.



MR. & MRS. BILLY BROWN

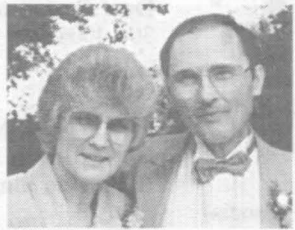
Billy and Beth Brown of Midland, Tex., celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary May 9. The Browns have five sons, Jason, James, George, Jeff (deceased) and Kim; one daughter-in-law, Rhonda; and one grandson, Clint.



MR. & MRS. MATT MATHESON

Millard "Matt" and Margaret Matheson of

Hiddenite, N.C., celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary July 5.



MR. & MRS. BILL VERNICH

The children of Bill and Carol Vernich wish to congratulate them on their 35th wedding anniversary Sept. 15. Mr. Vernich is a local church elder and Mrs. Vernich is a deaconess in the Nashville, Tenn., church. The Vernichs have three sons, Bill, David and Mark; two daughters, Patti Hoag and Lyn Benedetto; two sons-in-law, Perry Hoag and Andrew Benedetto; three daughters-in-law, Wilma, Connie and Sandy; and two grandchildren, Paul and Michael.



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MR. & MRS. LAMBERT GREER

The children of Lambert and Nancy Greer would like to congratulate their parents on their 25th wedding anniversary Sept. 3. The Greers have three children, Todd, Laura and Scott. Mr. Greer is pastor of the Louisville, Ky., church.



MR. & MRS. DAVID ROENSPIES

David and Artis Roenspies celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary June 1. Mr. Roenspies is an associate pastor of the Union North and South and Jersey City, N.J., churches.



MR. & MRS. LYNN NEWSOM

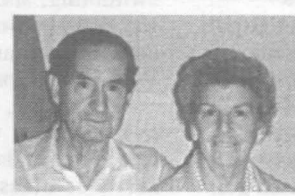
The children of Lynn and Ruby Newsom would like to congratulate their parents on their 25th wedding anniversary July 2. The Newsoms have two children, James and Thelma; and one daughter-in-law, Tonya. They attend the Houston, Tex., North P.M. church.



MR. & MRS. WALTER JOHNSON

The children of Walter and Carol Johnson would like to congratulate their parents on their 25th wedding anniversary Sept. 27. The Johnsons have three sons, Douglas and David Johnson and Gary Ruxton; one daughter, Alice Abler; two daughters-in-law, Janel Johnson and Lynn Ruxton; one son-in-law, Duane Abler; and seven grandchildren. Mr. Johnson is a minister in the Redding, Calif., church.

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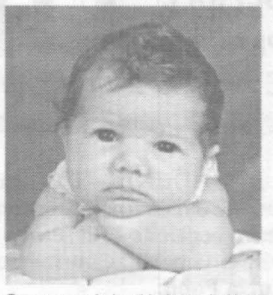


MR. & MRS. GEORGE RINGROSE

George and Connie Ringrose of Cape Town, South Africa, celebrated their 50th

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wedding anniversary Sept. 27 with family and friends at the Feast of Tabernacles in Uvongo, South Africa. They have two children and three grandchildren.



MR. & MRS. RAY HUDSON

Ray and Dorothy Hudson of Detroit, Mich., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Oct. 10. They have two daughters, three granddaughters and two great-grandchildren.



MR. & MRS. R.H. ROENSPIES

The family of Raymond and Beatrice Roenspies congratulate them on their 50th wedding anniversary June 7. Mr. Roenspies is a minister in the Chicago, Ill., Northwest church and a member of the board of regents of Ambassador College. They have two sons, David and Robert; and four grandchildren, Matthew, Jill, Thomas and Marsha. The senior Roenspies joined their son David and daughter-in-law Artis, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary June 1, on a trip to Bermuda to mark these two events.



MR. & MRS. FRANK McALLISTER

Frank and Edna McAllister of McFarland, Calif., celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary April 17. Family and friends honored them with an anniversary celebration April 21. The McAllisters have one son, two daughters, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



MR. & MRS. GEORGE LEACH

George and Grace Leach of Midland, Tex., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 19. Midland brethren honored them with cake, punch and an engraved photo album. The Leaches have one daughter, Shandra Hatch; and five grandchildren.

NOTICES

The Macon, Ga., church will celebrate its 25th anniversary Nov. 23 with a special Sabbath service and a dinner celebration. Those who have attended the congregation over the years are invited to come. For further information write Tom Riner, 3698 Holley Rd., Lizella, Ga., 31052, or call him at 1-912-935-2930.

OBITUARIES



MARGARET SALAZAR

SALAZAR, Margaret, 75, of Albuquerque, N.M., died Aug. 13. She is survived by three brothers, one sister and several nieces and nephews.

BROWN, Elizabeth, 86, of the Glasgow and Edinburgh, Scotland, churches, died July 1 after a long illness.

WOOD, Harold, 70, of Manchester, England, died Aug. 9 after a long illness. Mr. Wood was a deacon in the Manchester church. He is survived by his wife, Pat, a deaconess.

DORAN, Harry, 74, of Winterhaven, Calif., died July 8 of cancer. He is survived by two sons, one grandson, one sister and one brother.

BIDDLE, Georgia Florence, 100, of Gadsden, Ala., died Aug. 23. She is survived by three daughters, Jewell Jenkins, Ruby Dawson and Ora Mae Hales; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

NELSON, Anna, 95, of Erie, Pa., died Aug. 1. She is survived by one brother.



CHERYL CENTER

CENTER, Cheryl M., 44, of Reno, Nev., died June 22 after a 16-year battle with brain cancer. She is survived by her husband, Jerry K., a local church elder in the Reno church; and one daughter, Michelle.

WALKER, Lucille, 87, of Shreveport, La., died July 24 after a lengthy illness. She is survived by one sister, Caroline Reed; and a step-grandson, Leon Walker.

MEZUPE, Ella, 77, of Saugatuck, Mich., died Aug. 29 of an aneurism. She is survived by two daughters and one brother.

VINCENT, Kathryn L., 68, of Peoria, Ill., died Aug. 23 of complications from heart surgery. She is survived by two sons and two daughters. Her husband, George, preceded her in death.

BOWDEN, William, 84, of Bricket Wood, England, died Aug. 8 after a long illness. Mr. Bowden was the head of the Buildings & Grounds Department at Ambassador College in Bricket Wood.



MAYME SCOTT

SCOTT, Mayme, 79, of Renfrew, Scotland, died Aug. 10. She was the private secretary to Francis Bergin, business manager for the British Office, from 1969 to 1984.

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

PASADENA—The Ambassador Foundation performing arts series began its 17th season Oct. 6 with a concert featuring soprano **Lucia Popp**.

Scheduled for the 1991-92 season are **Sir Neville Marriner** and the Academy of St. Martin in the Fields; pianist **Andre Watts**; opera star **Marilyn Horne**; the classical comedy of **Victor Borge**; jazz legend **George Shearing**; pianist **Ivo Pogorelich**; soprano **Aprile Mollo**; and the debut of Shakespearean actor **Patrick Stewart**, television's captain of the starship *Enterprise*.

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BIG SANDY—Homecoming 1991, the major alumni reunion of the year, will take place on the Ambassador College campus Dec. 26 to 29.

"Homecoming events are open to all alumni, so they can choose to attend any year they wish, even if their graduating class is not being honored that year," said **Thomas Delamater**, director of Development & College Relations. "In addition, this opens the events to alumni who did not complete a degree program."

This year's event will recognize the classes of 1951, 1961, 1971 and 1981. Activities will include class receptions, a banquet, an alumni seminar, a hospitality hour with the Big Sandy churches, an intercollegiate basketball game and a Sunday brunch.

Cost for Homecoming 1991 is

\$30 a person for alumni association members and \$40 a person for non-association member alumni or spouses.

Additional information may be obtained by writing to Ambassador College Alumni Association, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755, or by calling 1-903-636-2040.

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BIG SANDY—Ambassador College announced the following additions to the faculty for the fall 1991 semester, according to evangelist **Donald L. Ward**, president.

New full-time faculty are **Dixon Cartwright**, mass communications; **Roger C. Chaney**, physical education; **William P. Riemen**, mathematics; **Steven Richards**, computer information systems; and **Howard Woodard**, computer information systems.

New part-time faculty are **Renate de Koster**, German; **Kathleen Mohr**, English; and **Isabelle Seeger**, French and Spanish.

Reassigned from other positions with the College or Church are full-time faculty members **Albert Bruhn**, speech communications; **Johnny Good**, education; and **Byron Griffin**, financial aid director; and part-time speech instructor **Zoell Colburn**.

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PASADENA—The date of the deaf awareness workshop in Dallas-Fort Worth, Tex., has been changed from Nov. 23 and

24 to Nov. 16 and 17.

For more information call the Deaf Program Office at 1-818-304-4004.

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QUEENS, N.Y.—The Queens singles invite all singles to their Big Apple Singles Dinner Dance Dec. 28.

The evening will include a deluxe cocktail hour followed by a prime rib dinner and more than four hours of dancing.

Additional weekend activities include a singles seminar, a sports day and a tour of New York City.

For more information write **Walter Dolengo**, 157-29 11th Ave., Whitestone, N.Y., 11357-1918.

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SALT LAKE CITY, Utah—The church here celebrated its 25th anniversary July 27.

Activities were a potluck buffet, talent show, a performance from the church choir and a salute to pioneer members and ministers who have served in the area.

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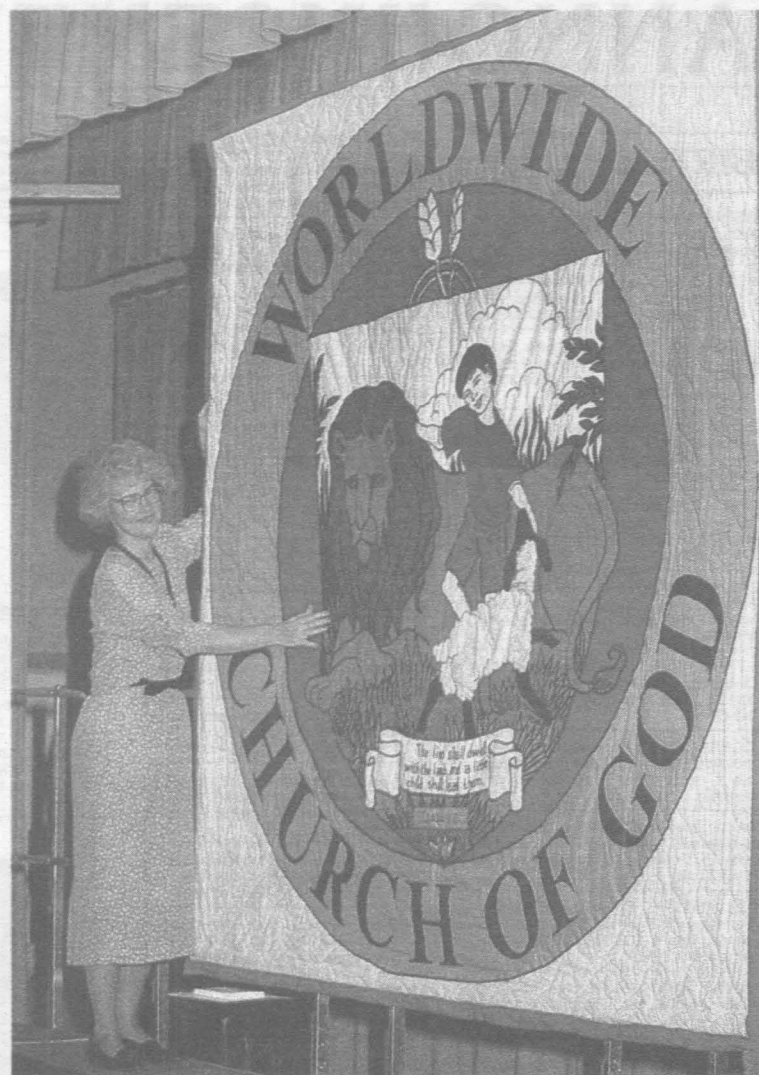
FORT WAYNE, Ind.—Four hundred brethren attended the 25th anniversary celebration of the Fort Wayne church Aug. 24.

Guests included evangelist **Dean Blackwell**; **Darris McNeely**, Indianapolis South and Columbus, Ind., pastor; and **James Reyer**, Casper, Wyo., and Billings and Buffalo, Mont., pastor.

Activities were a dinner dance Saturday night and a slide presentation of the history of the Fort Wayne church.

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CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo.—The Cape Girardeau church celebrated its 25th anniversary Aug. 3. Guest speakers were **John**



AMBIANCE OF HOT SPRINGS—A quilt of the Church's seal serves as a backdrop on the stage of the Hot Springs, Ark., Convention Center Auditorium. Barbara Crockett (shown), a member from Little Rock, Ark., applied the design; her daughter Jennifer did the artwork; and Joyce Jordan did the quilting. The quilt was designed to reflect the ambiance of Hot Springs and Arkansas. [Photo by David Vann, reprinted courtesy of the Hot Springs *Sentinel-Record*]

Ogwyn, Baton Rouge and Lafayette, La., pastor; **John Cafourek**, Tupelo and Columbus, Miss., pastor; and **Earl Roemer**, Tulsa, Okla., pastor.

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PASADENA—Church members who are amateur radio operators and would like to join the Alpha Charlie 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 Cassette Services Department. There are about 300 ham radio operators

in the group worldwide.

Each year amateur radio operators gather at various Feast sites. Twenty hams and their families met at the site in Vail, Colo., this year.

"We had a number of volunteer examiners attending at Vail, so we were able to give amateur license exams there," Mr. Snuffer said. "We had three people pass the exam for the technician class license."

"There were groups of hams able to get together at several other sites as well. It is quite enjoyable to see eye to eye those we have been talking with by radio through the past year."

Those interested in joining the Alpha Charlie Net can write to Mr. Snuffer at 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

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an and U.S. members with Slavic backgrounds translated services for Mikhail Yurkiv, a Ukrainian who immigrated to the United States, said coordinator Rob Elliott.

This is the 19th year that Tucson, Ariz., has been host for the Feast of Tabernacles, said coordinator Steve Buchanan.

Feastgoers visited Biosphere II, a three-acre glass enclosed structure designed to test man's ability to maintain his environment.

Other activities included a luncheon for about 600 senior citizens, a golf tournament, a children's carnival and trips to historic sites and the Sonora Desert Museum.

About 300 Feastgoers at the Corpus Christi, Tex., site, visited Kingsville, a 825,000-acre working cattle ranch, said coordinator Jim Franks.

Another popular tour was King Ranch, which offered an all-you-can-eat barbecue. At the YOU beach party teens participated in volleyball, swimming and sandcastle building.

Alaska: panning for gold

Brethren in Anchorage, Alaska, panned for gold, took float-plane rides and enjoyed a feast of native meats such as moose, caribou, salmon and halibut, said coordinator Jim Turner.

Members took a train ride into the Chugach Mountains to view moose, bald eagles and beluga whales.

Rodeos and rides on historic trains from the 1880s were enjoyed by members at the Feast in Rapid City, S.D.

Evangelist David Albert and his wife, Simone, were presented with "grump buster" T-shirts for the theme of rejoicing they

encouraged at the Feast.

"The U.S. National Park Service and the Church cooperated to produce a special program at Mt. Rushmore national monument that included a special appearance by 'Teddy Roosevelt' (portrayed by Phil Kappen, a Sioux Falls, S.D., actor)," said coordinator Daniel Bierer.

Cradle of history at Norfolk

In the cradle of American history, brethren at the Norfolk, Va., site toured the Jamestown colony and the colonial town of Williamsburg.

Norfolk, at the confluence of the James and Elizabeth rivers and the Chesapeake Bay, provided the opportunity for many kinds of water activities, said coordinator Robert C. Jones.

"ABC and NBC affiliates gave good television coverage with carefulness to accuracy," said Dayton, Ohio, coordinator Dale Schurter.

Before the Feast the management of Dayton Hara Arena repainted and wallpapered walls and carpeted the arena floor. More than 1,200 brethren attended the LaComedia Dinner Theater, which presented *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*.

Despite no snow, which many had hoped for in Vail, Colo., brethren took jeep and bike tours, and went whitewater rafting and hot-air ballooning, said coordinator David Carley.

Health spas in Hot Springs, Ark.

In Hot Springs, Ark., Feastgoers were refreshed in the rejuvenating health spas, which receive invigorating 142-degree Fahrenheit (61 Celsius) mineral water filtered through rock formations.

The YOU played miniature golf and tested their skills at go-cart driving.

On family day, more than

2,000 ate a buffet while listening to bluegrass and country music provided by members, said Festival coordinator Kenneth Swisher.

Church members in Biloxi, Miss., chose between the luxury ship *Southern Elegance*, which provided a meal and live music, or a Dixieland band and cajun food aboard a paddle wheeler, said Festival coordinator Jim O'Brien.

There were tours of Ft. Massachusetts (one of the oldest forts in America) and a \$40 million aquarium.

Those who preferred to get away from the crowd went deep-sea fishing in the Gulf of Mexico or horseback riding.

At the Eugene, Ore., Festival site, brethren from the Medford and Klamath Falls, Ore., churches, were hosts for a luncheon for 41 disabled members, said coordinator Robert Bertuzzi.

More than 1,000 members attended family day by the swift flowing McKenzie River.

Festival cruise

Four nights in Miami, Fla., and six nights on board the *SS Emerald Seas* were enjoyed by brethren during this year's Festival cruise.

Activities in Miami included an afternoon at Key Biscayne beach, a city tour and deep-sea fishing.

During the cruise, the ship visited the privately owned Caribbean island of Cococay, where brethren enjoyed a barbecue and went swimming, snorkeling, kayaking and wind surfing. They also visited a Bahamian island and Key West in the Florida Keys.

On the ship, Feastgoers danced to live music, watched entertainment spectacles and took part in aerobics classes, ice-sculpting demonstrations, table tennis, skeet shooting and activities for children.

Church Anniversaries

The Garden Grove and Santa Ana, Calif. (Orange County), congregations will celebrate their 25th anniversary Dec. 7. Services will be at 10 a.m. at the Inn in the Park, 1855 S. Harbor Blvd., Anaheim, Calif. A musical and audiovisual history of the churches will be presented in the afternoon.

Members and their families who have attended the Orange County churches (Norwalk, Anaheim, Garden Grove or Santa Ana) are invited to attend. For further information call **Dennis Luker** at 1-714-559-9165 or **Jerold Aust** at 1-714-993-0277.

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The Louisville, Ky., church will celebrate its 25th anniversary Nov. 23. The festivities will include Sabbath services at 2 p.m. and a dinner and family dance that evening at the Lakeview Hotel, 505 Marriott Dr., Clarksville, Ind.

If you would like to join the Louisville brethren in celebrating this occasion write **Merle Mullins**, 145 Dean St., Shepherdsville, Ky., 40165 or call him at 1-502-957-5890.

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