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## World Tomorrow telecast now airing in Britain and Ireland

**By David Gunn**  
BOREHAMWOOD, England—The first *World Tomorrow* telecast aired March 1 on a station directly targeting the British and Irish audiences.

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The program appeared at 11:30 a.m. on Sky One, which is part of the Sky TV network, an entertainment channel broadcast by satellite into people's homes.

To make the event even more significant, the program was a special production of the Television Department in Pasadena.

The introduction, taped in London with presenter David Hulme, explained the purpose behind *The World Tomorrow* and introduced clips from five programs covering topics such as AIDS, the apostle Paul's travels in Asia Minor and the purpose of life.

In light of the cynical attitude toward U.S. televangelism in the United Kingdom, this special was chosen to explain why the Church presents such programming.

Sky Channel made a wide survey of U.S. religious television programming and believes that *The World Tomorrow* stands in a class by itself. What makes it unusual is that virtually no religious programming exists in Europe as in the United States.

### Tailored to Britain, Europe

Small adjustments were made to anglicize the program, to begin adjusting to European regulations that will affect future programming.

British voices will be used at the beginning and end of each program to ensure the impact is British, rather than American.

The Church will examine the possibility of introducing elements of programming from the United Kingdom or Europe to give the program a more interna-

tionally flavored and to ensure it fits in with European legislation.



**BRITISH AIR**—Commercials for the telecast in Britain, featuring the voice of Tim Finlay from Editorial Services in Pasadena, will direct people to *The World Tomorrow*. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]

national flavor and to ensure it fits in with European legislation.

In the first program no booklets were offered or mailing address given. Beginning March 8, however, with the program titled *The Hostile Heart*, booklets were offered as normal.

In addition, the Church is taking advantage of Sky text—an information service available to about half of Britain's television viewers.

The service displays on view-

ers' television screens a wide range of information. The Church is testing the service for three months, using two "pages" every week. One page gives a brief background of the program, and the other describes the booklet offer of the week.

### Commercials

Program-specific commercials with a British voice (that of Tim Finlay, who works in Editorial Services in Pasadena) will be aired several times a week on Sky Channel to direct people to the program.

George Pincus, account director for the Church at Interpartners, the Church's European advertising agency in London, arranged the purchase of the air time.

The contract was finalized when Tom Lapacka, Media Purchasing manager in Pasadena, was in Britain attending a European cable and satellite conference.

### Significant step forward

Broadcasting the program on Sky One is a significant step forward for the Church.

*The World Tomorrow* is an effective advertisement for the Church in Europe since the telecast's style, quality, relevance and approach clearly show the Church has a meaningful message for today.

## 1992 U.S. Ministerial Transfers

Name	Transferred to
John Adams	Union, N.J., South
Mike Booze	Shreveport, La., and Texarkana, Tex.
Tony Bosserman	Sacramento, Calif., North and South (associate)
Steve Brown	St. Petersburg, Fla. (associate)
John Cafourek	Olympia, Wash.
Don Contardi	Jersey City and Union, N.J., North and South (associate)
Al Dennis	Chicago, Ill., North
Glenn Doig	Texarkana, Tex. (associate)
Wayne Dunlap	Eureka, Redding and Chico, Calif. (associate)
Gary Endres	Pasadena West A.M. and Norte (associate)
Hasadore Hall	Pikeville and Hazard, Ky.
George Hart	Buffalo South and Olean, N.Y.
Lynn Hebert	Atlanta Northwest and Rome, Ga. (associate)
Ron Jameson	Kansas City North and St. Joseph, Mo. (associate)
Robert Kendall	Mountain Home and Batesville, Ark.
Dan King	Joplin, Mo., and Independence, Kan. (associate)
Charles Knowlton	Marietta and Athens, Ohio
Bob League	Charlotte, N.C.
Harold Lester	Seattle and Everett, Wash. (associate)
Roger Ludwig	Casper and Wheatland, Wyo., and Scottsbluff, Neb.
Boyd Mansanarez	Tupelo and Columbus, Miss.
Ed Mauzey	Ambassador College faculty
Joseph McNair	Atlanta, Ga., East and Northeast (associate)
Paul Meyer	Pueblo, Alamosa and Colorado Springs, Colo. (trainee)
Steve Myers	New Orleans and Raceland, La. (assistant)
Jim O'Brien	Cincinnati, Ohio, North
Doug Peitz	Rockford, Ill.
Joel Rissinger	Hartford, Conn., and Springfield, Mass. (assistant)
David Roenspies	Philadelphia, Pa., and Vineland, N.J. (associate)
Doug Ruml	Washington, D.C., South and Central (associate)
Dick Webber	Murfreesboro, Tenn.
Don Wendt	Huntsville and Florence, Ala. (associate)
Jeff Williams	Lexington and Mount Sterling, Ky. (associate)

All positions are pastor unless noted otherwise.

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**Klar & Wahr-Titelgeschichten setzen neue Akzente**

Von Bernard W. Schnippert

PASADENA — Die Titelgeschichten und Beiträge für die Zeitschrift *The Plain Truth* lange vor der Veröffentlichung geplant werden, arbeiten Autoren schon heute an Artikeln, die erst in einem Jahr erscheinen sollen.

Ich möchte Ihnen hier einen Überblick über die Themen geben, die als Titelgeschichten für *Klar & Wahr*-Ausgaben des ersten Halbjahres 1992 geplant sind. Da die Beiträge erst in der Entwicklung sind, kann es allerdings sein, daß hier und da die Schwerpunkte verlagert werden. Nach der Zum Auftakt des Jahres 1992 stellt unsere Titelgeschichte die Frage, ob der Leser den beständigen Besteller, die Bibel, die in 1.500 Sprachen vorliegt, bereits gelesen hat.

Der Beitrag teilt dem Leser mit, wieviel mehr die Bibel aussagt, als er sich wahrscheinlich vorstellt. Wir erklären ihm, daß die Bibel zur inneren Zufriedenheit und zur Lösung vieler Probleme beitragen und sogar dem Leben schlechthin eine neue Richtung und einen tieferen Sinn verleihen kann.

In der Titelgeschichte der Februar-Ausgabe fragen wir, was aus dem Christentum des Neuen Testaments geworden ist. In diesem Artikel arbeiten wir grundlegende Merkmale der christlichen Lebensweise heraus, wie sie im Neuen Testament offenbart wird, und zeigen, daß viele, die sich Christen nennen, nur Lippenbekennnisse zu ihrem Glauben ablegen. Nach der Lektüre dieses Beitrags sollte dem Leser klarer sein, was die Nachfolge Christi in der Praxis bedeutet.

Die Titelgeschichte der März-Ausgabe von *Klar & Wahr* wendet sich dem Thema „Sünde“ zu. Im Bereich des Glaubens erfährt der Durchschnittsbürger heutzutage vielleicht, daß er ein „Sünder“ ist, daß er „be-reuen“ soll und daß er „errettet“ oder „erlöst“ werden muß. Häufig sind sol-

che Begriffe jedoch nur noch religiöse leere Worte, ohne Sinn und Bedeutung für den heutigen Menschen. Ohne sich in leeren Redensarten zu verfangen, erklärt dieser Beitrag klipp und klar, was Sünde ist, was schlecht daran ist, was uns erwartet, wenn wir sie nicht bereuen, und was geschehen sollte, wenn wir uns von ihr abwenden.

Die April-Ausgabe enthält einen Artikel über Paulus und befaßt sich mit der Botschaft, die er um die Mitte des ersten Jahrhunderts unserer Zeitrechnung nach Europa brachte. In diesem Artikel wird erklärt, daß die Heilbotschaft, die Paulus vor beinahe 2000 Jahren den Griechen überbrachte, auch der heutigen Welt neue Hoffnung für die Zukunft bietet.

Der Leitartikel der Mai/Juni-Ausgabe von *Klar & Wahr* widmet sich der Frage: „Was ist der Mensch?“ Er geht auf den Ursprung des menschlichen Lebens ein, untersucht den Unterschied zwischen Mensch und Tier, Geist und Gehirn und erklärt den Sinn des Lebens anhand mehrerer Bibelstellen, welche die Bestimmung des Menschen offenbaren.

Ich freue mich sehr über diese Titelgeschichten, die wichtige Fragen stellen und beantworten. Sie entsprechen unserer Absicht, der Zeitschrift eine betont biblische Note zu geben. Hoffentlich habe ich auch Ihren Lesappetit angeregt. Bitte beten Sie weiterhin für die Redaktion von *Klar & Wahr* und alle anderen Mitarbeiter in den Medienabteilungen, damit wir die Aufgaben erfüllen können, die Gott uns aufgetragen hat. — (Aus *The Worldwide News* v. 25. 11. 1991)

**AUS DER FEDER**  
Von Joseph W. Shach

Liebe Geschwister, wir kommen bei der Akkreditierung des Ambassadors College weiterhin gut voran.

Der angekündigte Besuch von Mitgliedern der Southern Association of Colleges and Schools fand vom 21. bis 24. Oktober auf dem Campus in Big Sandy statt.

Der Besuch verlief sehr positiv und das Collegepersonal erarbeitet bereits unsere Antwort auf die Empfehlungen der Southern Association.

Ich bedanke mich bei allen für die Gebete in dieser Sache und danke auch schon im voraus für die ständigen Gebete, die Sie dem Collegepersonal und unseren Studenten widmen.

Die erforderlichen Schritte zur vollen Akkreditierung gehen weiter, doch wir sind jetzt schon mit der bisherigen Entwicklung sehr zufrieden.

Eingedenk der Anweisung von Paulus in 1. Timotheus 2:1-4 hoffe ich, daß wir alle für einen guten Ausgang der Nahost-Friedenskonferenz in Madrid gebetet haben.

Als Menschen, die den Frieden lieben, sollten wir für den Erfolg solcher Treffen beten und dafür, daß der Verkündigung des Evangeliums neue Türen aufgetan werden, auch wenn uns bewußt ist, daß menschliches Bemühen den endgültigen Frieden allein nicht zustande bringen wird.

In einer Welt, die seit jeher unvermögend war, von sich aus Frieden zu

**GERMAN WN**—The first issue of *Auszuwege aus The Worldwide News* (Excerpts from *The Worldwide News*) rolled off the press in January. The 12-page monthly publication will contain portions of the "Personal," "Iron Sharpens Iron," "Just One More Thing" and other articles.

## PERSONAL FROM Joseph W. Shach

Dear Brethren,  
Passover season is indeed a time of heartfelt thanksgiving to God for his unsearchable mercies and blessings! Our prayers of thanks and joy for his love toward us are like sweet incense to God.  
And how thankful we can be that God never ceases to bless and nurture his Church with necessary growth in spiritual understanding.  
Paul's inspiring words to the church at Ephesus are rich in meaning for each of us: "I pray that out of his glorious riches he

may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.  
"And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God" (Ephesians 3:16-19, New International Version).  
There is so much that God has for us, yet now we only see "but a poor reflection as in a mirror" (I Corinthians 13:12). We long  
(See PERSONAL, page 4)

# Value-free education reaps bitter harvest

America is in the midst of a profound moral crisis. A root cause is that schools and other civic institutions are progressively rejecting God and the Bible.

"Character education," writes Haven Bradford Gow of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, "is essential to the survival of civilized society. Historically, three social institutions have shared the duty to transmit moral education: the home, the church and the school."

Much of this burden, too much in fact, has fallen upon schools lately. This partly stems from the tragedy of broken or one-parent families, as well as the declining moral force of mainstream Christian churches.

At the same time, schools suffer their own moral crisis. This is a principal theme of the new book, *The De-Valuing of America*, by William J. Bennett.

The author, a former U.S. secretary of education, traces the history of the nation's public schools and notes that the upholding of individual morality and respect for religion were traditionally foundational anchors for good citizenship.

But a marked departure from this philosophy has culminated in promoting value-free education.

"Starting in the early '70s, 'values clarification' programs started



## WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

turning up at schools all over America," continues Mr. Bennett.

"According to this philosophy, the schools were not to take part in their time-honored task of transmitting sound moral values; rather, they were to allow the child to 'clarify' his own values (which adults, including parents, had no 'right' to criticize)...."

"This form of moral relativism said, in effect, that no set of values was right or wrong; everybody had an equal right to his own values; and all values were subjective, relative, personal. This destructive view took hold with a vengeance."

### Fallout of value-free approach

Cover stories in newsweeklies highlight how destructive the value-free approach has been.

The March 9 issue of *Newsweek* reported that "gun violence is on the rise in schools all over America, and the nation's children are trapped in its path.... Schools are struggling to protect their children

from the violence around them. Metal detectors, locker shake-downs and armed police patrols are now taken for granted."

Not all of this mayhem springs from value-free education alone; the schools suffer a trickle-down effect from all the ills prevalent in society. And educators, shorn of traditional moral moorings in their field, find the situation difficult to cope with.

Now the pendulum, to some degree, is swinging in the opposite direction.

Many schools are once again stressing values such as courtesy, kindness, honesty, integrity, fair play, a basic sense of right and wrong, and respect for the lives and property of others—the time-honored qualities of good citizenship. This is good, but something is still missing.

How much better it would be to base these values on a rock-solid foundation, one which will never shift according to human reinter-

pretation—the laws of God.

For every value listed above, the Bible gives support and definition in both the Old Testament (especially the book of Proverbs) and New Testament, in the teachings and examples of Jesus and the apostles.

The tragedy is that schools and other areas of public discourse have thrown God and the Bible out, even though the country's founders considered religion an important part of civic life and duty, and were careful not to establish any one particular church.

### Striking out God

The cover story in the Dec. 9 issue of *Time* illustrates to what ridiculous lengths the principle of separation of church and state has been carried.

For example, it reports that "a primary-school teacher [in Decatur, Ill.] discovered the word *God* in a phonics text-book and ordered her class of seven-year-olds to strike it out, saying it is against the law to mention God in a public school."

This kind of thinking could not be more foreign to the nation's founders' original thoughts about God, the Bible and religion.

"From Sam Adams to Patrick Henry to Benjamin Franklin to Alexander Hamilton," observes Mr. Bennett in his book, "all of the Founders intended religion to provide a moral anchor for our liberty in democracy. And all would be puzzled were they to return to modern-day America...."

"The real danger, then and now, is an impoverishment of our public life by a disdain for religion.... Neutrality to religion turns out to bring with it neutrality to those values that issue from religion."

*Time* gave a chilling description of America's moral impoverishment: "In this nation of spiritual paradoxes, it is legal to hang a picture in a public exhibit of a crucifix submerged in urine, or to utter virtually any conceivable blasphemy in a public place; it is not legal, the federal courts have ruled, to mention God reverently in a classroom... or at a commencement ceremony as part of a public prayer."

The prophet Hosea warned what can happen to a nation when it (See EDUCATION, page 4)



## Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

### 'Go and sin no more'

● By the year 2000, some 30 to 40 million people will be infected by HIV, and another 12 to 18 million by active AIDS.

● Despite the risk of AIDS, 67 percent of men and 81 percent of women have not changed, or even thought of changing, their sexual behavior.

● 48 percent of 16-year-olds are sexually active, of whom 31 percent have had intercourse.

● In 1988, 21 percent of all U.S. births were to unmarried mothers. In the United Kingdom the figure was 19.2 percent, Sweden 46.4 percent, New Zealand 24.9 percent, and France 19.6 percent.

● 31 percent of young people attending mainstream churches think sex outside marriage is "always" or "sometimes" acceptable. Another 43 percent of unmarried churchgoers between 19 and 20 have had sexual intercourse.

Society is paying a heavy price for breaking God's law with regard to sex. Confusion, pain, illegitimacy and disease abound.

Yet in all the discussion about sexual infidelity, mistrust, sexually transmitted diseases and social breakdown, we can easily forget something.

How do those who have gone off the track, who have burned their fingers on the flame of illicit relationships, turn their lives around? How do people who know what it is like to be rejected, to have their intimate personal life become a common thing, regain a healthy approach?

Is there hope for sinners, for the hurt, for the prodigal son (or daughter)?

#### Christ and the adulteress

The Bible shares Christ's response to a woman caught in the act of adultery—something punishable by death in that day. Out-

raged men of the community brought the woman to Christ.

She was humiliated, her infidelity held up for public condemnation. How would the God who created sex as sacred within marriage respond to one who had fallen short of that command?

Christ did not respond with indignation. He was aware of the hypocrisy and sins of the woman's condemners. Rather, he took pity on her.

Here was a frail human being who had made a mistake. She now

*Whatever mistakes we have made, God can work with us if we are truly repentant and "restore the joy of salvation."*

faced a series of painful consequences and needed to make a change in her life. This was Christ's approach.

But first he addressed the people who accused her: "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first" (John 8:7).

Interesting. None of us is without sin. None of us can look at others enmeshed in their own weaknesses, failings, selfishness, and say there is no area of weakness in ourselves.

One by one, the woman's accusers recognized they were not flawless either. Each disappeared. Only the woman and the perfect Son of God remained. What would he say?

God is so much more concerned about our potential than our past that Christ pointed the woman forward.

He didn't condemn her, but showed her how to rebuild her life. "Go," he said, "and sin no more" (John 8:11).

Those words apply to us today. Christ voluntarily gave up his life so we could "go and sin no more."

He died so we could have a new start and promised he would not leave us helpless. He would send the Spirit of God to help heal our wounds.

#### God's rescue plan

Certainly, God condemns sexual immorality strongly throughout the Bible. He demands that we keep sex sacred, within marriage as it was intended.

But God also has a rescue plan. He can lift up those who fall short as they see their mistakes and determine to change with his help. As the apostle Paul later recognized, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13). So can you.

Paul spoke of some in the Corinthian church who had indulged in many types of sexual sin (including homosexuality), but who now were living a new, clean

way of life with Christ's help (I Corinthians 6:11).

In the Church today there are people from every sort of background imaginable. Whatever mistakes we have made, God can work with us if we are truly repentant and restore the joy of salvation (Psalm 51).

#### Future for ex-sinners

No, adulterers and sexual perverts will not inherit the kingdom of God (I Corinthians 6:9). Neither will those who are gluttons, drunkards or slanderers.

But thankfully for each one of us, the kingdom of God will be full of ex-sinners—men and women who have put their pasts behind them—who through God's grace are mercifully delivered from their own worst faults.

Whatever our past, we can rebuild our lives. It isn't easy, but with God's help, sin of any nature can be put behind us. We can be overcomers. We can "go and sin no more."

## European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



### Making the right choice?

BOREHAMWOOD, England—In Ireland a 14-year-old girl was raped by an older acquaintance. She became pregnant. In these harrowing circumstances, both she and her family desperately wanted an abortion.

Abortion, however, is against Irish law. Initially, the state would not allow the girl to travel to England for an abortion.

Pro-choice groups demonstrated in the streets. Albert Reynolds, Irish prime minister, took further advice on the subject. Some Irish politicians called for a voter referendum to decide the question. A new amendment to the Irish constitution is also being considered.

Sympathy for the plight of the young girl ran high. So it should have. She is a victim of the rape culture our Western world has suffered from for at least a generation—a culture that has hardened the hearts of some in society, making possible the sexual victimization of women.

#### No easy way out

We can imagine God the Father and Jesus Christ looking on in horror at that girl pregnant by rape. For her there is no easy way out, the damage is done. She will be emotionally scarred for life.

The title of a 1987 popular movie was *No Way Out*—meaning no way out without suffering penalties. "The way of transgressors is hard" (Proverbs 13:15, King James Version). And paradoxically the innocent sometimes suffer most.

If the girl has the abortion, a potential human life (the other innocent victim in this tragic affair) will be destroyed. If she has the child she may be unable to finish her education and may face a life of financial hardship. Not to mention the emotional trauma of bearing the rapist's child.

Abortion or birth—either way it's a no-win situation for this teenager. Both she and her family must feel anger and despair. There appears to be no positive ending to this situation.

The Irish court did finally rule in the girl's favor and she traveled to England for an abortion.

Many consider the case closed, but it is never that simple when the law of our Creator is transgressed; it always produces a no-win situation.

#### God offers mercy and healing

Few things are more unpleasant than facing the consequences of broken law—whether God's, man's or both. But for the repentant who seek God there is mercy, hope and healing.

When King David unwisely numbered his military strength, God confronted him with three punishments. Two of the punishments would stem directly from man. One came from God.

"I am in great distress," said David. "Please let us fall into the hand of the Lord, for His mercies are great; but do not let me fall into the hand of man" (II Samuel 24:14).

David chose to be punished by God because he knew of God's mercy. And God stayed the hand of the avenging angel before the punishment was complete.

Psalm 118 tells us over and over again, "His mercy endures forever." The answer to sin is always the infinite mercy of our Creator.

We all have had to suffer the consequences of our sins, and sometimes those of others.

Perhaps years later we are still paying a heavy price for someone else's sin—beatings as a child, abuse, incest. Such things cannot help but carry ripples of pain into later years.

But Christ's great sacrifice not only annuls the death penalty, it can also mitigate even the physical and mental scarring that would otherwise continue.

Thankfully, the time is coming when God will wipe every tear from every eye and gently heal the pain, guilt, sorrow and emotional scarring of our past. How much this girl in Ireland and people the world over need this time!

# Pack passes up points by sticking to beliefs

"As much as I love basketball, my religion will always come first," says high school player in Ohio.

**By Christopher Broussard**  
WADSWORTH, Ohio—Rob Pack is probably one of the best basketball players in the Suburban League. At 6-6, he's a powerful rebounder and a skillful outside shooter at Wadsworth High [School].

*This article appeared in the Dec. 26 issue of the Cleveland, Ohio, Plain Dealer and is reprinted by permission. As of March 10 the Grizzlies were 20-1, which is the school's best record ever. Rob's father, David Pack, pastors the Akron, Ohio, congregation.*

Nevertheless, when conference opponents Revere, Highland, Green, Hudson and Norton play the Grizzlies, Pack will be the least of their worries. For those clubs, the best defense against Pack is their schedules.

They play three-time defending [Suburban League] champion Wadsworth on Friday nights, meaning coach Dave Sladky's guard in a forward's body won't be there.

Pack, a senior, belongs to the Worldwide Church of God, which recognizes the Sabbath from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday. That means no work or play during that time for Pack whose

father, David, is pastor of a church in Akron.

"Obviously, it's tough sitting at home Fridays when the team is playing without me, because I want to be out there with the guys," said Rob Pack, whose family moved from Pleasantville, N.Y., to Wadsworth near the end of his sophomore year.

"But as much as I love basketball, my religion will always come first."

### 'The lucky five'

Pack played in eight of the Grizzlies' 20 games last season, and will be available for nine of 20 games this season. Of those nine games, three are against Suburban League opponents.

On Dec. 11, Tallmadge got a taste of what "the lucky five" of Revere, Highland, Green, Hudson and Norton won't have to contend with.

Coming off the bench in his only game so far Pack had 17 points and five rebounds in the Grizzlies' 72-56 victory.

Wadsworth was trailing, 48-47, with 5:20 left before outscoring Tallmadge, 25-8. It was Pack who began the charge.

Pack, Jeff Csatos (6-6) and Joe Turner (6-3) caused matchup problems for the Blue Devils. Pack put the Grizzlies ahead, 50-48, by hitting his third 3 pointer with a little more than five minutes left. Moments later he sank a jump shot and a free throw to give Wadsworth a 53-48 lead with 3:45 left.

After the game, Tallmadge coach Jim Maddox said Pack's outside shooting was the difference.

Maddox and his Blue Devils haven't seen the last of Pack. Tallmadge play[ed] host to Wadsworth on Jan. 29, a Wednesday. Copley, which play[ed] host to the Grizzlies on Jan. 8, is the only other conference team that Pack will play against.

Pack, who will play in his second game Saturday at Cloverleaf, said he doesn't think his absence on Fridays hurts the Grizzlies, who usually play 11 or 12 people anyway.

"People think I make a big difference when I'm there," Pack said, "but this year we have so many guys who can contribute that I don't think they miss much when I'm not there."

Csatos, the Grizzlies' leading scorer and Pack's closest friend on the team, disagreed.

"It would really help us a lot if he could play every game," he said. "He's got a great outside shot and most teams don't expect a 6-6 guy to be able to shoot from the outside. We miss that, and also his rebounding when he's not there."

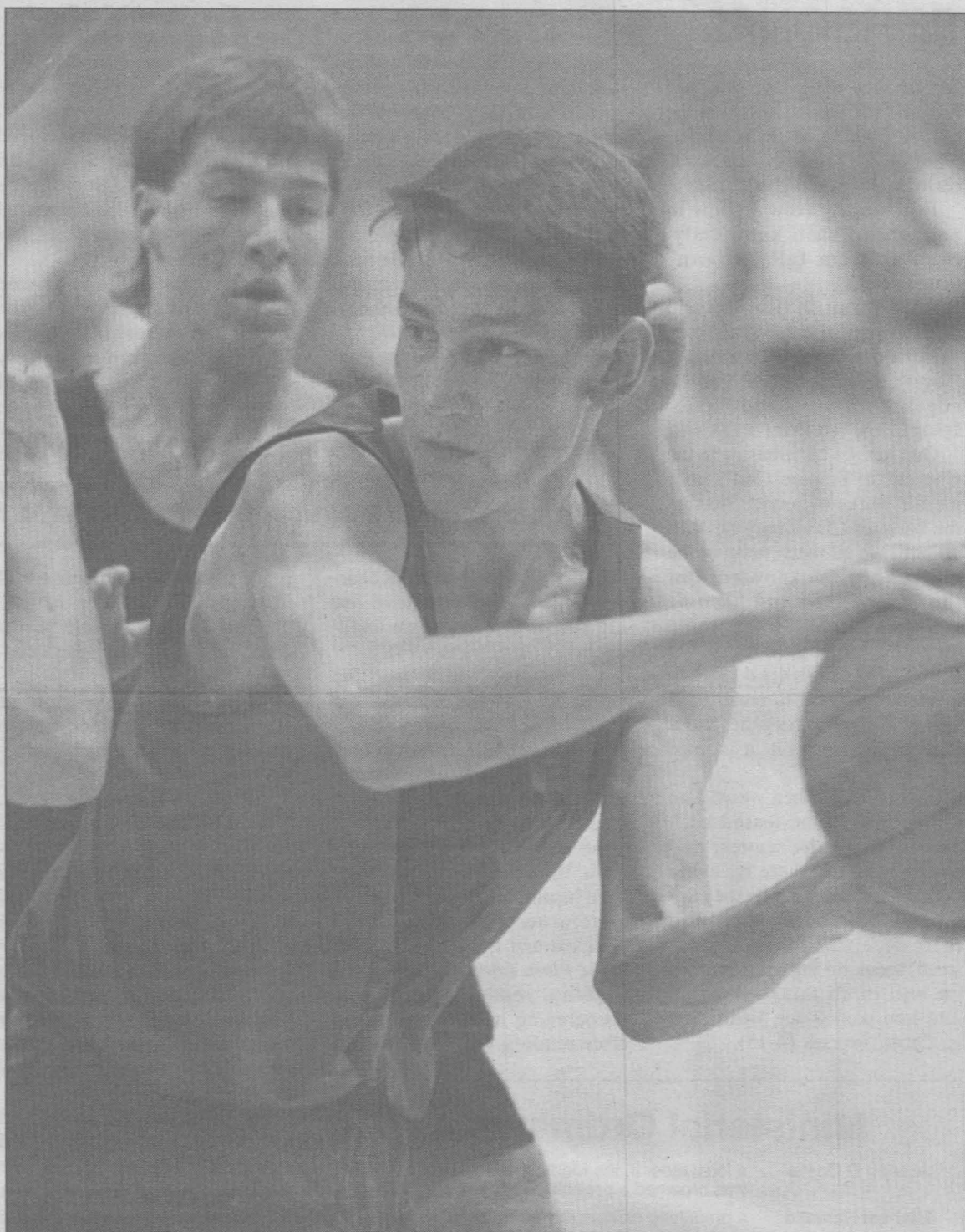
### All in the family

Pack grew up recognizing the Sabbath on Friday, and said that makes it easier to deal with. He's also benefited from the examples and advice of his father, and older brother, Randy.

Randy Pack, two years older than Rob, faced the same situation at Pleasantville (N.Y.) High School.

David Pack said local newspapers referred to Randy, who earned a number of postseason honors, as the "Sundown Kid." Randy (6-6) plays at church-affiliated Ambassador College in Big Sandy, Texas.

Rob's father grew up in Lima, Ohio, and joined the Worldwide Church of God just before his senior year at Lima Senior High School in 1966.



**A PACK TO FOLLOW**—Rob Pack, who attends the Akron, Ohio, congregation, impresses his school by putting basketball after his beliefs. [Photo by Bill Kennedy, courtesy of *The Plain Dealer*]

A three-time All-American swimmer, he said he was offered athletic scholarships.

Swimming at the collegiate level, however, would have meant Saturday morning meets, so David Pack gave up competitive swimming and attended Ambassador.

"I caught a little heat because a lot of people didn't understand my decision," David Pack said.

"But because I went through it myself, it's made it a little easier to tell the children that they'll live through it and things will work out fine."

Sladky said he understands and respects Pack's decision.

"His commitment to religion and to his family is more important than to us and that's how it should be," Sladky said. "I respect his values and I respect him for

sticking to his values.

"I do wish he could play all the time, though. It would make us really tough."

Pack has been contacted by several college coaches, and while he said he'll keep his options open, he's "90 percent sure" he'll attend Ambassador.

"They obviously have the upper hand," he said. "They don't play on Fridays."

## "Into all the world..."

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

### History of the Church

Article 12 in your *Plain Truth* series on the Church of God has me interested in learning more about your specific beliefs. Please send me more information about the Worldwide Church of God? *The Plain Truth* is truly my favorite magazine.

West Point, N.Y.

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### One of the lucky ones

I'm a 15-year-old female. *Youth 92* is a useful and wonderful magazine. There are few magazines that give good advice and include God in it. Many problems teenagers have, *Youth 92* has the answer. It's a miracle on paper.

My most recent thoughts have been about death. *Youth 92* included an answer to a question about the subject. An 18-year-old girl had the same feeling I did, and the answer that Victor Kubik gave helped me a lot.

I feel that I am blessed. I live with my natural parents, sister and brother. My family and I have a good communication, a nice home and drug-free minds.

My dad doesn't come home drunk or abuse me. My mom doesn't talk nega-

tively to me or my sister and brother. My dad doesn't go out late at night to be with another woman. I'm one of the lucky ones. I wish every teenager could be as lucky.

Virginia

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### Moral obligation

Your magazine is awesome and it teaches a lot. I was thinking of having pre-marital sex, but after reading the article on sex I realized that my morals are very important and I have a lot more respect for myself than to have sex before marriage.

Utah

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### Seeing God through *Youth 92*

I find *Youth 92* interesting, enlightening and amusing as well. Some of its articles make me smile/laugh and most of them make me reflect.

And unlike other magazines, this one gives hope, strength, courage, care and love. It understands, it helps, and for these reasons, I see God through it. For me, all the things I get and learn from this magazine are so valuable that it cannot be bought by all the money in this world.

Daraga, Albay, Philippines

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### Nightmare over

I really enjoy reading *Youth 92* articles about drugs and alcohol. You see, my father is an alcoholic. I never thought that I'd ever forgive him for the things

that he put me and my family through.

For two years we all lived in a horrific nightmare, but that's over now. I just want to let all young people like me, who have gone and who are going through life with an alcoholic, know that the best thing to do is not turn to drugs or alcohol themselves.

Your magazine makes a clear show that, if in doubt, God is always there. There were many times that was the only thing I knew.

Ohio

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### Help for a single parent

You have a fabulous magazine. I enjoy reading *Youth 92* articles so that I can discuss anything with my son.

We've always had open conversations, and as I am a single parent, your magazine offers me the absent parent to reinforce whatever I say. Now he seems to understand what I have been telling him in a way I never could.

Illinois

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### Class publication

Your most recent issue of *Youth 92* came to my home today and as usual, I love it! As a teacher of seventh and eighth graders, I appreciate the subjects with which you deal and the sensitivity that you show. Of course, I am well aware of the Christian standpoint that you take with all issues.

Thank you for including all of my last year's Sunday school class on your mailing list. If it would be acceptable, I would like to add this year's students to the list.

Butler, Pa.

## The Worldwide News

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for the time when "we shall see face to face" (same verse) at the second coming of Jesus Christ, when all the saints will be resurrected to immortal glory.

Paul wrote, "Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known" (same verse).

As we wait in devoted and faithful patience for that wonderful time to come, we are to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (II Peter 3:18).

God has set his ministry in the Church "to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:12-13).

We are to grow to maturity in Christ. Growth takes time, and it may not be easy, but it is most necessary.

Paul added: "Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ" (verses 14-15).

Why is growing up into Jesus Christ so vital to the Church of God? Because, as Paul continued, "From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work" (verse 16).

We are called to put off our old selves, and to be made new, to put on the new self, "created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness" (verses 20-24).

In the rest of the letter, Paul goes on to describe the kind of

*Why You Should Be Baptized* and the updated booklet *Why Were You Born?*

One man, an elder in the Church, wrote:

"I have just received and read the new booklet *Why You Should Be Baptized*. It is so slim that I must admit that I expected little from its content. Was I surprised!!...

"I found the text to be concise and razor sharp, yet the approach refreshingly new. Designed to be read in one easy sitting.... I think that it will

well! It's part of the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ to all nations. If you have not yet sat down and read and studied this important new piece of literature, I again encourage you to do so.

Some may have overlooked another important new vehicle of instruction on the Church's teachings and beliefs. That is the revised Bible Correspondence Course.

As you know, the Bible Correspondence Course has long served to educate members and nonmembers alike about founda-

such a short space. Even if you completed previous editions of the course, I encourage you to read this newest edition.

By the way, since the question sometimes arises, it is actually less expensive for members to make their own individual requests than it would be for the Church to send copies in bulk to each congregation.

So all who would like their own set of lessons simply need to write or call. We won't be sending the tests with these full sets of lessons, so members who request a set may ignore the instructions on page 7 of Lesson One.

Members may simply use the course as a guide and stimulus to renewed Bible study. Members who are already enrolled in the course and wish to receive a certificate of completion will continue to receive the lessons monthly and take the tests.

I hope you will get out the Statement of Beliefs and study it, as well as the revised Bible Correspondence Course. As God's people, we must never cease to study the Bible prayerfully and honestly.

Our publications, likewise, must always strive to aid and inspire readers in their study of God's Word. God's Church is deeply committed to and thankful for the awesome truths God has revealed in the Bible.

I hope each of us thanks God daily for all he has given his people!

*I encourage you to read the entire letter to the Ephesians if you have not done so recently. It is a truly inspiring and encouraging letter, full of vital instruction and admonition for God's Church.*

holy living that should be characteristic of all who "love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love" (Ephesians 6:24).

I encourage you to read the entire letter to the Ephesians if you have not done so recently. It is a truly inspiring and encouraging letter, full of vital instruction and admonition for God's Church.

As the Church continues to grow in understanding, I have been inspired by the positive and grateful response to the latest booklets and the new emphasis in the *Plain Truth* magazine.

Many readers have sent encouraging letters of gratitude after reading the new booklet

prove to be a very effective tool in many conversions.

"This kind of vehicle is just what the Church has long needed.

"Please let us have more of this kind of thing which can do nothing but help in the revitalizing of this Work of God."

As the old saying goes, "Good things come in small packages." Many have also written to share similar sentiments about our new *Statement of Beliefs of the Worldwide Church of God*. I have heard comments from several members who appreciated this brief but potent package summarizing many basic areas of the Church's teaching, complete with scriptural support.

By the way, I have heard recently that a few ministers and members may have thought that the Statement of Beliefs is not for members, but is only for use in public relations efforts to people outside the Church.

That is absolutely untrue! This new booklet captures the core beliefs of God's Church and constitutes our official statement on most of our major doctrines such as God, baptism, repentance, salvation, the kingdom of God and other vital teachings.

It is most certainly for members, and is for nonmembers as

tional doctrines such as salvation, repentance, the Sabbath, Holy Days and the purpose and role of the Church itself.

Editorial Services recently edited the Correspondence Course into a concise, 12-lesson course containing thorough explanations of the teachings listed above as well as many others.

These lessons have been made available to Church libraries, but I want to also make a full set of the lessons available upon request to any member who would like to be refreshed by the precious truth of God the lessons convey.

Probably no other piece of our literature captures so much in

### Ministerial Ordinations

**Joseph D'Costa** a local elder in the Madras, India, church, was ordained a **preaching elder** Dec. 10.

**Michael Hanisko** a preaching elder in the St. Paul, Minn., church, was ordained a **pastor** Jan. 18.

### Top 10 Booklet Requests for 1991

In 1991 the Postal Center completed 4,424 mailings totaling 11,426,085 pieces and including more than 2.5 million booklets. The following top 10 titles accounted for 40 percent of the booklet total:

Staying Sane	153,482
The Book Almost Nobody Knows	145,288
Introduction to Prophecy	130,144
The Spirit World	101,677
Will Christ Return?	87,737
Is There Life After Death?	87,465
Christmas—The Untold Story	86,977
The Middle East in Prophecy	79,255
Why Does God Allow Suffering?	69,863
How to Have a Happy Marriage	65,347

### World Tomorrow Program

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#### Renewals

Station/Location	Air Time	Channel
WJXT Jacksonville, Fla.	Sunday, 8 a.m.	4
WPXI Pittsburgh, Pa.	Sunday, 7 a.m.	11
KLFY Lafayette, La.	Sunday, 9:30 a.m.	10
WMUR Manchester, N.H.	Sunday, 9:30 a.m.	9

#### New Station

CHEK Vancouver, B.C.	Sunday, 11:30 a.m.	6
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## Education

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throws overboard the knowledge of God it once possessed, even incompletely, when a solid value system no longer acts as a brake or regulator to human conduct.

The result is "swearing and lying, killing and stealing and committing adultery, they break all restraint, with bloodshed after bloodshed. Therefore the land will mourn" (Hosea 4:2).

There is a tragic penalty to be paid whenever people decide not to "retain God in their knowledge."

This passage in Romans 1:28 proceeds to list the fruits of this rejection in the succeeding three verses, among them, murder and strife, violence, pride and "being filled with all unrighteousness... unloving... unmerciful"—a sad description of too many American cities and schools today.

Values are indeed more critical than ever before—but not just any values.

And it's more important than ever for parents to instill godly values in their children (Deuteronomy 6:7), since schools and other public institutions cannot be counted on to contribute as positively as before.

## 1992 Festival Updates

**BIG SANDY**—The Spanish Department here announced that the Feast site in Veracruz, Mexico, has reached capacity and no further transfer applications can be accepted.

Following are updates to the *Festival Planning Guide*.

#### Ensenada, Mexico

Ensenada will be a Feast site for about 400 brethren. English translations will be provided. Sabbath services will be conducted in Ensenada Oct. 10, the Sabbath before the Feast.

Ensenada is on the Pacific Coast 75 miles from Tijuana and the U.S.-Mexican border. After crossing the border Feastgoers should follow the sign that reads "Rosarito Ensenada."

Housing costs are \$38 a night including tax for four people, children or adults. Rooms have two double beds. An average breakfast will be about \$5 a person. Lunch or dinner will be from \$6 to \$10 a person.

Housing reservations will be made on a first come, first served basis.

#### Guadalajara, Mexico

Guadalajara, capital of the state of Jalisco, will be host to 900 Feastgoers (including 300 transfers). The city is 5,000 feet above sea level and has a springlike climate year-round. English translations will be provided.

With a cultural legacy of four and a half centuries

enriched by colonial architecture and the work of its citizens, Guadalajara is a modern city with a traditional flavor.

Guadalajara offers Mexican and international restaurants, shopping, museums, colorful folkloric and musical spectacles, many other attractions and the warm hospitality of the Mexican people.

Housing and services will be in the four-star Aranzazu Hotel. The room cost will be \$49 a night for a double room with two children younger than 12 years free. Extra nights before or after the Feast will be at the same cost.

A variety of restaurants offer meals at a wide range of prices. Transportation around the city is inexpensive and readily available.

Guadalajara is serviced by its own international airport with direct flights from several American cities.

#### Talavera de la Reina, Spain

The Feast in Spain will again be conducted at Talavera de la Reina. Housing and services will be in the Hotel Beatriz. English translations will be provided.

Temperatures are expected to range from 65 to 80 degrees Fahrenheit (18 to 26 degrees Celsius). A day trip to the historic city of Toledo is planned.

Housing at the Hotel Beatriz includes breakfast and lunch. The cost of housing per person is, single occupancy, \$72 a day; double occupancy, \$55 a day; triple occupancy, \$52 a day; and children younger than 5, \$25 a day.



# IRON SHARPENS IRON

## Help your child sow seeds for an abundant lifetime

By Joan C. Bogdanchik

I have worked with children for decades. It's been a wonderful vantage point. I have observed that from their earliest years children find pleasure in responsibility. That is if they are taught right principles, moral codes and a work ethic.

*Joan C. Bogdanchik teaches second grade at Imperial Schools.*

I see children who thoroughly enjoy the work they are given—their responsibility.

Sad to say, though, I also see others who seemingly do not. They are slow to start, easily distracted and rarely finish on time—if at all—if not steadily checked on.

Responsibility—doing what you are expected to—begins with parents. Even before our parents began to instruct us, we carefully watched their actions. We observed how they did things. We watched them start, progress through and finish tasks.

As we grew we watched how Father and Mother did their jobs. We watched how Mother cleaned and organized the house, and how consistently both Mother and Father did yard work. We saw Daddy's pride in his landscaping, his neatness in the garage and his caring for his tools.

We saw how he did and finished each job. How he cleared away each pile of leaves and cleaned and put away the paint brushes. How he kept the car clean and in good repair, mowed the grass and weeded the garden.

As produce grew in our garden, we began to help pick it systematically. After the family's work was done, we all got to play. We went to beaches, amusement parks, fairs, parades, museums, playgrounds—ever so many places.

No wonder we incorporated these traits and ways in our lives.

We knew no other way. Besides, it all worked so well!

It was no surprise, then—in fact, it was expected—that we'd go to school and pay attention, do our tasks, take care of our pencils and other supplies, do the best we could, keep our desks organized and play well at recess.

Parents didn't have to be called to school to answer why we weren't working.

Where would we have learned to do it any other way? Parents who place a high priority on education invariably have children who do, also.

So let's look at how you can have dependable and responsible children who take care of possessions, finish tasks (even less desirable tasks) and come through with purpose.

Teachers are overjoyed with such students. Later, employers look for such reliable employees. But this kind of success, like all successes, has humble beginnings.

### Initial action

After observing his parents' ways of doing things, the child begins to do the same.

Start small. Give your child opportunities to pick up toys and put them in the proper storage places as soon as he's able. Already he is learning a simple but foundational responsibility.

Then, as he grows, let him continue putting away all toys, blocks and books, and begin to empty the wastepaper basket into your larger trash receptacle. Let him learn to pull his sheet and blanket over his bed (a first step in bed making).

Have him keep his room in order. Let there be a place for everything and show him how to keep things in their places. A sense of order and responsibility will develop.

Praise with hugs, kisses and kind words upon his initial successes. Remind him frequently of

the pleasure you have in his performance.

Your child will soon be helping you wipe pots and pans and put items away. Let him know how you appreciate his help and how everyone in the family does his or her part to keep the home running smoothly.

Don't present it as drudgery, but as a necessity for the smooth functioning of the home and family. Do it all in a spirit of warmth and fun.

Habits of orderliness and cleanliness will begin to form. Show the advantages of order: how quickly you can find things when you need them, and how lovely things look.

Teach your child that cleanliness and orderliness reflect God. God learns a lot about us by how we order our lives.

Even though initially it will be much quicker for you to do things yourself, resist the thought and have your child learn. Then, when he can do things for himself, don't do them for him, as a general rule. He will grow in responsibility. You will sow seeds for an abundant lifetime.

Train your child consistently. Do the same with all tasks you give. See that he brings each job to conclusion, even if it gives him minor difficulties. Show him how to master it, especially at first, but be sure it's completed. (Be sure yourself that it's within his realm of ability. Use wisdom and common sense.)

But remember, too, he should be growing, learning and stretching his abilities. Be watchful. Know your child. Spend time with him. Success cannot come with only occasional interaction.

### Your child needs attention

If you speak to your child only in occasional, quick conversations, you limit his listening and concentration skills because you're not having him think for longer, extended periods. He will not be accustomed to listening and interacting for more than a few seconds or minutes.

Keep conversation, thoughts and ideas flowing. Besides lengthening his attention span, you will build ties of love and loyalty.

When playing a game, finish it (even if you have to remove some pieces). Teach your child how to lose gracefully. Explain that he will not always win. Show how to behave and respond when he wins or loses.

Later, when he's in school, explain that he will make mistakes and how to learn from them. Do not expect your child never to make errors. It's unrealistic.

Parents who expect this create tense, rigid children who fear to be wrong because Daddy and Mommy will be displeased. School and learning then become frightening. Don't make your child carry this burden.

Explain, though, that he is to do

his best. He needs to pay attention and follow directions.

Teach him to faithfully tell you about homework, watch him do it (from a distance) and praise good work. Show him how this is part of going to school, and what a wonderful privilege learning is. Of course, as he sees you reading and studying each day, he will accept it as part of life.

If you discover he has not told the truth about an assignment, deal with it as with any other act of untruthfulness. Get to the bottom of it before it becomes an ingrained habit.



Artwork by Ken Tunell

Also, do not be quick to accept the "I don't remember what to do" excuse. Step up your work on teaching listening skills. Speak to your child's teacher about homework assignments to see what they are, and let your child take it from there. Children often use the "I forget" excuse to shirk responsibility—frequently caused by casual parenting.

Be sure they're putting their own books into their school bags once they know how. Don't allow them to place blame on others when they forget needed items.

Be on top of things in your child's schooling. It should be a most pleasant experience. In most situations, children should understand what is to be done and do it without prodding.

The school years should not be years of "pulling teeth" to get work done. Your child should be taught that school is his day's work just as adults go to work each day. He should be learning to experience definite pleasure in his work.

### Teaching the work ethic

Although it is not inappropriate, you don't need to pay or reward every good grade at school. To do one's best is just part of life. The child is just doing what he has learned to do.

Children can learn to do their best for reasons other than just to get something in return. (Remember, though, some children can be doing their best and still not make the very highest grades. Know your child's ability. Ask only that he do his best.)

Parents who must promise a certain toy or money to a child to induce good work may not have taught the concept of responsibility.

Of course, payments will have to be bigger as the child grows (are you prepared?), and the child

who initially may work eagerly for a reward may soon do no more than required. The reward of learning and the inherent joy of accomplishment are lost.

Often such children don't experience the inward joy of mastering work—a treasure much greater than a soon-to-be-broken or forgotten, rusted toy!

Teaching children right work habits from the preschool years will give you pleasure of all kinds! It may be more work initially, but your family will be well ahead in the long run.

Children's success should be rewarded by parents' praise, pleasure and happiness, as well as by special dinners, surprise gifts and other blessings. No good parent withholds good gifts from a child, and knows when and how to present them—never as bribery.

A bribed or paid child may only work until the reward is in hand. Then the former approach returns. The process starts again, with no rest in sight.

But the child with good work habits will often do more than required, for he grows to love the feeling of accomplishment and success. He learns to find pleasure in work.

Such children know their parents love them, not just the grade on the report card. They know they are loved and they also know the importance of education and knowledge.

### What a winning combination!

At times children will find themselves in classes with less capable or disinterested teachers. But a responsible child, with your help, will rise above this temporary challenge. It's good training for life itself.

Learn lessons from this type of situation and master, with your child, the character traits of patience and personal initiative.

Ask your children what they did at school. Be interested. This is a wonderful way to show the importance of what they're learning.

Expect your child to follow the rules—all of them. Sometimes parents let children fall short. It is astounding what standards can really be reached.

If homework runs over the usual time, let your child finish it. This teaches valuable lessons in responsibility and in not shirking duties.

Let him, too, experience the consequences of unfinished assignments if he lets that take place. He needs to feel the uncomfortable results and be motivated not to let such things happen again.

### How not to go wrong

Teaching children how to be self-disciplined and responsible is best done by parents in love with each other and who have God at the helm of their union.

Because of this love, they complement and respect each other. Their home is stable and strong before children arrive. They know a warm, loving environment lends itself to learning and creativity.

The children then come as a special gift of love to husband and wife. These children, conceived in love, should have no difficulty being educated with love. They are loving extensions of the love and stability that permeate the home.

## Responsibility Displays Inner Character

Just what is *responsibility*? Where does it come from? Is it something you're born with—or is it something that has to be taught? Almost certainly you recognize and appreciate responsibility in others.

How our parents and grandparents valued this word left its mark upon us. The rest of its meaning we fill in ourselves.

Responsibility usually conjures up images of work—hard work! This makes some people consider responsibility something to avoid. But properly understood, responsibility brings pleasure and, with it, satisfaction.

Responsibility outwardly displays our inner character. It means keeping our word and doing what we said we would do. Responsibility means following through on instructions without having to be constantly checked on or reminded.

Responsibility is reliability, making your "yes" mean yes and your "no" mean no. Responsibility includes remembering what you brought with you and not adding to the collection at Lost and Found.

Responsibility is accountability. Self-discipline is at the core of responsibility.

As your child becomes self-disciplined, he will not need constant pulling and prodding. What a joy this will be!

Experience has shown that parents who stress the work ethic have children who carry out responsibilities almost automatically.



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**MR. & MRS. JIM WAIT**

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wait of Ipswich, Qld., celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Dec. 20. They have one son, Charles.



**MR. & MRS. RICHARD GRAY**

Richard and Bonnie Gray of Grand Junction, Colo., celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary March 8. They have five children.

anniversary Jan. 14.



**MR. & MRS. GEORGE DONALD**

George and Eloise Donald of Saucier, Miss., celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary Dec. 28. Biloxi, Miss., brethren honored them with a luncheon and gave them a silver tea service.

Alene, Idaho, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Jan. 14. Coeur d'Alene brethren honored them with cake and a video card. They have two sons, one daughter, eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

**OBITUARIES**



**JOHN RICE**

RICE, John Fleming Jr., 60, of Dallas, Tex., died Jan. 25. He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Estefana; one sister, Kathy McAdoo; one brother, Robert; and six grandchildren, Olga, Abram, Rosario, Candy, Cynthia and Carlos. He was a deacon in the Dallas South church.

PHILLIPS, Garland E., 47, of Millersville, Mo., died Dec. 31 of cancer. She is survived by her mother, two brothers, two sisters, eight daughters and two sons. Her husband, Glen, died in January 1991.

lived by his wife, Julia; one son; and one daughter.

CANTRELL, Lois A., 80, of Dayton, Ohio, died Jan. 15. She is survived by two daughters, Erma Jean Jones and Janice Mack; one brother, Henry; one sister-in-law, Odessa; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

McALLISTER, Frank L., 88, of McFarland, Calif., died Dec. 26. He is survived by his wife, Edna; one daughter, Shirley Brown; one son, William; three grandsons; and three great-grandchildren.

FIKE, Lester, 64, of Coleman, Mich., died Jan. 4. He is survived by his wife, Eleanor; four sons, Scott, Mark, Tim and Paul; two daughters-in-law, Janelle and Kristi; and four grandchildren.



**GUS LANEY**

LANEY, V.W. "Gus," 75, of Prescott Valley, Ariz., died Feb. 1 of Parkinson's disease. He is survived by his wife, Lottie; one brother, Lindy; one sister, Gertrude Gee; and several nieces and nephews.

SCHOLTZ, Helen, two weeks old, died Feb. 6. She is survived by her parents, Richard and Becky; and one sister, Rachel.

BLOEDEL, Beryl B., 80, of Janesville, Wis., died Jan. 26. She is survived by one daughter, one son, eight grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and two sisters. Her husband, Victor, preceded her in death.

BARTOK, Joseph, 59, of Belleville, Ont., died Jan. 4. He is survived by his wife, Gizella; four children, Joseph Jr., Laszlo, Elizabeth and Ildiko; and four grandchildren.

ISAAC, Glen C., 95, of Shawnee, Kan., died Jan. 22. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Thelma; two sons; two daughters; 12 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

SIMPSON, John V., 68, of Zachary, La., died Jan. 10 of a heart attack. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Maxine;

and three sons, Terry, John and Ricky.

KING, Mary, 89, of Oxford, Miss., died Jan. 14. She is survived by five sons, 34 grandchildren and 43 great-grandchildren.



**MARY CUMBEST**

CUMBEST, Mary, 89, of Biloxi, Miss., died Oct. 16. She is survived by one son, S.E.; five daughters, Sarah Barnes, Evelyn Ussey, Gladys Tompkins, Elsie Goff and Cathryn Johnson; 11 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband, Stewart Eugene.



**CAROLYN WARNER**

WARNER, Carolyn J., 56, of Lake Quivira, Kan., died Jan. 17 after a long battle with cancer. She is survived by her husband, Charles; one son; and one daughter-in-law.

LIVENGOOD, Edna, 79, of Fort Hill, Pa., died Dec. 26. She is survived by two sons, Dale and Gene; three daughters, Fernie Conn, Nancy Beachy and Linda Rager; one brother, Merle Sipe; one sister, Beryl Rugg; 15 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.



**MR. & MRS. DON TRAYNOR**

Don and Joyce Traynor of Philadelphia, Pa., celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary Jan. 10. The Traynors have one daughter, Ruth; two sons, Ken and Don; one son-in-law, Ian; one daughter-in-law, Linda; and one grandson, Collin.

**ANNIVERSARIES MADE OF GOLD**



**MR. & MRS. BILL KOSS**

Bill and Verna Koss of Winnipeg, Man., celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary Sept. 19. They have two sons, five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.



**MR. & MRS. ISAAC YODER**

Isaac and Minerva Yoder of Columbus, Ohio, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Oct. 11. The Yoders have five sons, six daughters and 17 grandchildren.



**MR. & MRS. ROBERT G. HORNE**

Robert and Elnora Horne of Houston, Tex., celebrated their 50th wedding



**MR. & MRS. JAMES McDOWELL**

James and Gladys McDowell of Poway, Calif., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 5. The McDowells have four children, Glenna Parker, Judy Francello, Jim and Gary.

Delphos and Pauline Marshall of Stoutland, Mo., celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary Dec. 9. They have four children, Kenneth, Charlene Kresse, Wayne and Beverly Kamradt; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.



**MR. & MRS. WALTER POTRATZ**

Walter and Violet Potratz of Coeur d'



**COOK ISLANDS VISIT**—Rex Morgan (left), New Zealand circulation manager, visits prospective members in the Cook Islands, Jan. 18 to 20. Tangua Kureta (far right), who was baptized by Mr. Morgan, is shown with (from left) his parents, Bure and Nei Baa Kureta, his wife, Tireta, and their two children, Teriki and Tekururu, outside a building on the Kuretas' property on the island of Aitutaki. [Photo by Davina Morgan]

**Ministers gather for international conferences**

GOLD COAST, Qld.—Ministers and wives from India, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Thailand and Australia met here for a conference Feb. 25 to 27.

In the opening address, Rod Matthews, Australian and Asian regional director, presented a summary of 1991 activities and plans for 1992.

"The Church is living in unique times—times when people are living with a great deal of instability, socially, politically and economically," Mr. Matthews said.

He urged the ministry to "direct the brethren to the fact that the foundation of their faith has not been changed."

Other speakers were Jonathan McNair, Ambassador Foundation project director in Thailand; Robert Regazzoli, Sydney, N.S.W., South pastor; member Mark Siddle; and Mark Ellis, Brisbane, Qld., South and East pastor.

PIETERMARITZBURG, South Africa—The first all-Africa ministerial conference since 1977 took place here Feb. 24 to 27.

Sixty-one people were in attendance, including ministers and wives from East, West, Central and Southern Africa, and office personnel from Borehamwood, England; Cape Town, South Africa; and Nairobi, Kenya.

Speakers were evangelist Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration International; evangelist Les McCullough, British regional director; Andre van Belkum, regional director for Southern Africa; Owen Willis, pastor of the churches in East Africa; and David Stirk, business manager for East and West Africa.

**Dutch member volunteers for work in Ghana**

After reading an article about volunteers in a developing country, Tineke Belo volunteered to work in Wenchi, Ghana, as a nutritionist. Mr. Belo, a 24-year-old dietitian, is a member who attends the Doorn, Netherlands, congregation.

"The story impressed me immensely," Mr. Belo said. "I immediately got in touch with the Horizon foundation mentioned in the article."

Horizon Holland loans out medical and agricultural help to Third World countries. The foundation supports projects with personnel, material and financial help. Together with other foundations they work at improving people's health. In Wenchi the foundation was desperate for a nutritionist.

"It will be my job to give the mothers with small children a nutritional education. To set up a course in the Horizon Holland center for mother and child care.

"The question is often asked of me, 'What are you going to do as a dietitian in a country that suffers from famine?'

"The job of a nutritionist in the Netherlands is thought of in terms of diet clubs and losing weight. In Ghana the problem is that people eat too many of the same types of food," which leads to nutritional problems. Small children especially become victim to this way of eating because they are no longer breast fed because of a newborn baby in the family, he said.

"Usually the diet consists of cassava, filling but not very nutritional. The small ones can't eat a lot yet and do not get enough nutrients. Consequently they suffer from diarrhea and dehydration. The rate of child deaths is high."



**MOUNTAINS OF THE MOON**—Four Church members stand on the Uganda-Zaire border at 13,000 feet up the Ruwenzori Mountains during an expedition there Feb. 2 to 6. From left, Owen Willis, pastor of churches in East Africa; Daniel Wanjie, a deacon in the Nairobi, Kenya, congregation; Gabriel Muwonge from Mityana, Uganda; and Wainaina Ndung'u, a local church elder from Nairobi.

**Spotlight on Success Seminar at New York Singles Weekend**

ELMIRA, N.Y.—Singles here invite singles from Canada and the United States to attend a Memorial Day singles weekend in the Finger Lakes and wine country region of upper New York state, May 22 to 25.

Activities are a success seminar, a guest speaker from headquarters, a dinner-dance with a live band on Keuka Lake aboard the *Keuka Maid* with a midnight cruise, tours through the Corning Glass Works (home of Steuben crystal), winery tours and a picnic at Watkins Glen State Park.

Lodging will be at the Watson Homestead with rustic cabins and swimming pool. Sabbath services May 23 will be at the Watson Homestead at 2 p.m.

Cost for the weekend is \$150. Package price includes housing for three days and nights, food, entertainment, tours and the boat dinner-dance.

Make checks payable to the Elmira Activity Fund and mail to Cy Coro, Box 1053, Corning, N.Y., 14830.

For further information contact your local singles coordinator or call Mr. Coro at 1-607-962-3806.

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

# UPDATE

### Singles invited to weekend in Wisconsin

APPLETON, Wis.—The Appleton and Green Bay, Wis., singles invite other singles to Spring Break 92, May 22 to 25, at the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, campus.

Daily Bible studies will be conducted on this year's theme, "Relationships: Building Bridges to the Kingdom."

Other activities are a formal dinner and dance, a speech banquet, tennis, softball, volleyball, games, a square dance and museum tours.

Cost for the weekend, including lodging on campus, is \$50. For registration forms, maps and further information, write Michael Kinjerski at W5556 Country Rd. O, Appleton, Wis., 54915, or call him at 1-414-832-8187.

### Polynesian brethren share umu dinner

AUCKLAND, New Zealand—At least 350 brethren abandoned Western culture for the day and participated in "Pasifika Extravaganza" Feb. 16, when brethren experienced traditional Polynesian food and entertainment.

Maori, Fijian, Tongan and Samoan brethren, hosts at the event, provided traditional Polynesian music, games and food.

Dinner was cooked in an underground oven (known as an *umu* or *lovo* in the Pacific Islands, or *hangi* in Maori).

Large stones are heated over the fire pit, then the fire is put out and meat and vegetables are placed on the stones.

The food is covered with leaves and wet fabric, and the pit covered with soil. Then the food cooks for several hours.

The meal featured Polynesian dishes such as *palusami* (taro leaves cooked in coconut cream), marinated raw fish and *kava*, a ceremonial drink made from the root of a pepper plant.

### Going to Spain? Make plans plain

BIG SANDY—The Spanish Department advises those visiting Spain for the Summer Olympic games in Barcelona July 25 to Aug. 9, or attending the World Expo in Seville April 20 to Oct. 12, to make and confirm complete travel arrangements in their home country before leaving.

Otherwise it may be difficult finding a hotel room after arrival.

Weekly Sabbath services are conducted only in Madrid, in Spanish with no English translation.

Brethren who plan to visit Spain and wish to attend Sabbath services should write Pedro Rufian, Madrid pastor, at Apartado Postal 1230, 28080 Madrid, Spain.

### Slavic evening features history and folk music

BIG SANDY—About 200 students and guests attended a Slavic evening Feb. 20 on the Ambassador College campus.

Hosts for the event were David Maas, associate professor of English, and John Vitale, a freshman from Pierrefonds, Que.

The event featured a historical presentation of the Slavic peoples, folk music, dancing, food and cultural artifacts of the Slavic countries.

Three students gave presentations on their Slavic heritage.

Aldo Antolli, a junior from Canberra, A.C.T., told of how his

Croatian grandfather rescued his family from execution by Nazis during World War II.

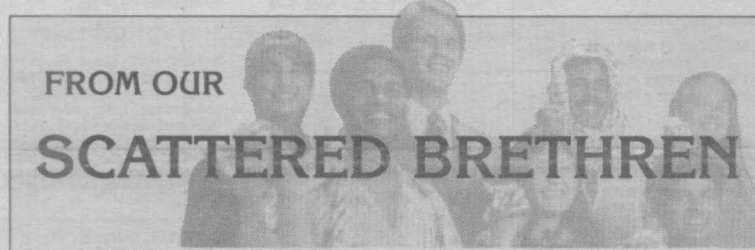
Sophomore Mariusz Kuska from Zory, Poland, encouraged the group to explore Poland, and Marta Vajsablova, a sophomore from Smolenice, Czechoslovakia, explained how her homeland has had a difficult time adjusting to democracy since the overthrow of communism in 1989.

Victor Kubik, assistant director of Church Administration

U.S., was the guest speaker. The Slavic peoples, now numbering 350 million, have never been unified, said Mr. Kubik, whose parents emigrated to the United States from the Ukraine after World War II.

Mr. Kubik said more people at Ambassador College have Slavic backgrounds than he realized. "I was overwhelmed by the enthusiasm and the different stories."

**PRINT CHECK**—Officials from R.R. Donnelley & Sons Co. meet in Pasadena Feb. 20 to sign a new *Plain Truth* printing agreement with Barry Gridley (left), Publishing manager; Bernie Schnippert (center), Media Operations director; and Skip Dunn (far right), publications production manager. [Photo by Barry Stahl]



## FROM OUR SCATTERED BRETHREN

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

### Ghana: confronting poverty, traditions

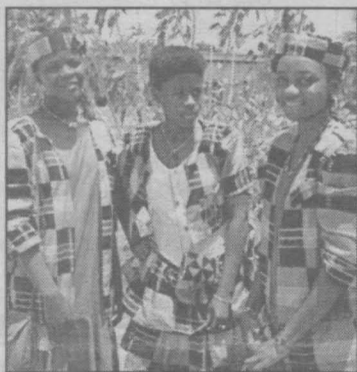
By Alan Tattersall

ACCRA, Ghana—Ghana, a West African country about the size of the United Kingdom, is a few hundred miles north of the equator.

A hot, humid climate prevails year-round except for a few weeks each year when the cool, dry winds blow off the Sahara.

*Alan Tattersall pastors the Accra, Kumasi and Hohoe, Ghana, churches.*

The country is home to just more than 500 of God's people who are served by two full-time ministers, four local church elders



**TRADITIONAL TRIO**—Women in Ghana wear dresses made from traditional cloth. [Photo by Alan Tattersall]

and five deacons. There are three churches in Ghana, all in the southern part of the country.

Accra has around 300 in attendance and is by far the biggest of the churches. Other brethren attend congregations in Kumasi and Hohoe.

Services are conducted in English in all three churches, but are translated into the Ewe language in Hohoe. Monthly Bible studies are given in local languages to aid those not fluent in English.

### Farm project

Although the first members in Ghana were baptized in the early 1970s, the country did not have a resident pastor until 1978 when Abner Washington arrived.

In the early 1980s conditions were quite difficult, and it was at that time the Church farm project began under the direction of then-pastor Melvin Rhodes.

Twenty-seven acres of land were leased from a landowner a

few miles north of Accra.

Initially, this land was used for subsistence farming. Now that conditions in Ghana have improved, this land has assumed equal or even greater importance as an educational and recreational facility to the church.

The farm is used for summer camps, youth activities, Church socials and women's training club.

About six acres are dedicated to soccer and softball fields, volleyball and basketball courts, and dormitory, dining hall and classroom buildings.

But the original purpose of growing food is not forgotten. Many brethren still benefit from being able to grow Ghanaian staples such as yams, cassavas, beans and other vegetables.

### Challenges and difficulties

The tropical climate combined with a lack of modern sanitation systems provide a breeding ground for disease and disease-carrying insects.

Malaria, which kills hundreds of thousands of people each year in Africa, is endemic. Most who live there will suffer from it at one time or other.

Cholera has simmered at sub-epidemic levels in Accra for around two years. Typhoid too is an ever-present threat.

Ghanaian people generally have a lower standard of living than most Western nations. Things considered essential in the



**SETTLING IN**—Members and families use land leased by the Church not only for farming but for socials, summer camps and women's clubs. [Photo by Alan Tattersall]

West are luxury items here.

Only a handful of brethren own or have access to a car. Even fewer have a telephone.

The average salary for a working man is around US\$50 a month, and the cost of housing, vehicles, gasoline and other consumer goods is high.

By applying what they are taught and being thrifty, members in Ghana manage to make ends meet but not without difficulty and sacrifice. Economically, things have gotten better in the past decade, but there is still a lot of room for improvement.

### Culture crises

Conflicts with culture and traditions are a challenge for brethren. At question and answer sessions during Bible studies, the majority of questions are on this topic.

Many Western countries found their traditions on the Bible. In West Africa this is not true. Although traditional Christianity has a big following here, most who follow it have not relinquished ancient practices, including ancestor worship.

Members whose extended families are not in the Church often face terrific pressure to conform to the old ways. For example, a business deal may be sealed by the "pouring of libation" to some god.

### Model of stability

Ghana is ruled by a military council headed by J.J. Rawlings, who came to power in 1981 following a successful military coup.

Over the past decade, Ghana has been a model of stability and progress in West Africa.

Because the West is making the change to democracy a precondition for further financial aid to developing nations, Ghana is converting to democratic rule. If all goes as planned, this should be accomplished by the end of 1992.

A new constitution and a differ-

ent form of government has the potential for triumph or disaster.

It is possible that all the benefits and achievements of the previous administration (such as a low crime rate) will be added to the benefits and freedom of democracy.

We could see the reverse effect, however, and since quality of life is closely linked to the quality of national government, this is something to be praying about.

Through their difficulties the brethren remain cheerful, friendly and always willing to help the Work of God in any way they can.

Much of what has been achieved in the Church here has been through members' voluntary service.



**HOLDING CLOSE**—Ghanaian women typically carry their babies and small children on their backs.



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