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Alumni gather at college for Homecoming, reunion

"There was genuine excitement in the air throughout the weekend"

BIG SANDY—More than 260 alumni and faculty attended a banquet here Dec. 24 that ushered in Homecoming 1992, Ambassador College's annual alumni weekend. The reunion lasted four days.

About 150 former students from the United States and Canada attended the weekend's activities.

"That represented an increase of about 25 percent over last year," said Thomas Delamater, executive

director of the alumni association. "This was our third homecoming weekend, and each one has been a little bigger and better than the last."

Homecoming weekends are open to all alumni, but each year reunions take place for specific graduating classes. This year the classes of 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982 and 1987 were represented.

"Getting together with people we knew from the years we attended Ambassador was the most enjoyable aspect of Homecoming '92," said Ron Wroblewski (class of '77) from Canton, Illinois.

On Thursday, Dec. 24, evening receptions for class members took place in faculty homes on campus.

Afterward, college administration and faculty members joined the alumni for a banquet in the dining hall and to hear Mr. Delamater and Donald Ward, college president, speak. The evening closed with a performance by The Young Ambassadors.

Friday morning, at an alumni seminar, Mr. Delamater discussed the alumni association and showed video clips of television news coverage about the Ambassador Royals basketball team.

The group then viewed the 1992 Ambassador College video produced by the Development & College Relations Office and shown at Feast of Tabernacles sites in the United States, Canada and various other countries.

Dr. Ward then spoke to the alumni about the college and its programs, and updated them on (See **HOMECOMING**, page 3)



REUNITED—Also attending the college Homecoming were (from left) evangelist Herman Hoeh, who graduated in 1951; alumna Greg Gaetzman from Wausau, Wisconsin; and Elise and Kenneth Herrmann, a former registrar at Ambassador College. [Photo by Mike Bedford]

PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear Brethren,

Last time, I wrote about our responsibility to "always be ready to give a reason of the hope that lies within us" and about the opportunities for doing so that are presented by our personal conduct and collective Church projects, such as the public service program.

This time, I want to write more about what the Bible tells us about good works.

Over the years, sad to say, some have tended to ridicule the traditional Christian responsibility of doing good works.

Some made fun of those they called "do-gooders" and took the position that people, after all, "deserved the consequences of their sins." "Why should we waste time trying to help people who are suffering? We can't put a dent in it anyway," some reasoned.

"Our commission is to warn people to stop sinning, not to try to change the world," went the excuse. "We are waiting for Jesus to return to straighten out this mess."

These people spoke of "doing the Work" as though the Work consisted only of a warning message, devoid of active participation in the life of service and love that Jesus lived and taught.

Others saw doing the Work as telling people that Jesus will return to straighten out humanity's problems, but again, without any corresponding involvement or participation in Jesus'

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Jackson Hall dedicated

College Chancellor Joseph Tkach, on stage with Helen Jackson (widow of evangelist Harold Jackson) Dec. 28, displays a plaque to be mounted on the Hall of Humanities in Big Sandy. Building costs for Jackson Hall were about \$1.6 million. [Photo by Mike Bedford]

Telecast crew unearths history of gospels on shoot in England

Future telecast will demonstrate how New Testament books were faithfully copied and preserved

By Keith W. Stump

LONDON—The original manuscripts of all the New Testament books have been lost. So how can we know that the New Testament we have today truly reflects what was originally written nearly 2,000 years ago?

Evangelist Richard Ames and a television crew visited England Dec. 11 to 18 to tape on-location segments for a *World Tomorrow* program titled "How We Got the New Testament."

Keith Stump is a scriptwriter for the Television Department.

An airing date for the program has not been determined.

"Our purpose in this program is to demonstrate that the books of the New Testament were faithfully copied, transmitted and pre-

served from the first century to the 20th," Mr. Ames observed.

"We will also challenge viewers to study and apply those scriptures to their own lives, and open their eyes to the message that Jesus Christ has for them individually."

Using early New Testament manuscripts in the British Museum and elsewhere for visual emphasis, the program will show that there is more support for the New Testament than for any other body of ancient literature.

"All told, there are more than 5,000 manuscripts of all or part of the New Testament," Mr. Ames noted.

"Other Greek writings of the classical world do not begin to compare with this wealth of manuscript material. Fewer than a dozen manuscript copies of Julius Caesar's *Gallic Wars* exist today. And the oldest one was copied 900 years after Caesar's death."

The British Museum let us videotape two of the oldest and most complete Bible manuscripts in existence. One is the *Codex Sinaiticus*, a fourth-century manuscript of the Greek Bible discovered in the Monastery of

St. Catherine at Mt. Sinai in the mid-19th century. (*Codex* means "leaf-book," as contrasted to a scroll.)

It consists of 199 leaves of the Old Testament and the entire New Testament on 148 leaves. It is the only ancient manuscript that contains the complete New Testament as we know it today.

The other manuscript is the *Codex Alexandrinus*. It is an early fifth-century manuscript of the Greek Bible made at Alexandria in Egypt, and contains the Old Testament and most of the New Testament.

The crew (producer Joe Costantino, cameraman Mark Broadwater and audio engineer Don Conard) employed special lighting techniques to prevent damage to the ancient vellum (parchment) pages of these important documents.

Also at the British Museum we taped the illuminated Lindisfarne Gospels (seventh century), John Wycliffe's English Bible (1382), Gutenberg's printed Bible (1456), William Tyndale's English translation of the New Testament (1525), a King James Bible (1611) and papyrus fragments of spurious gospels dating from the second and third centuries.

For other telecasts we taped standups (on-location commentary) in the British Museum, including the Assyrian Black Obelisk, the Egyptian Rosetta Stone and the Assyrian bas-reliefs of Sennacherib's assault against the Judean city of Lachish in 701 B.C.

"It's always inspiring for me, personally, to share with the world in a visual and graphic way the archaeological and historic evidence of biblically significant issues and events," Mr. Ames commented.

Mr. Ames also taped standups at Hampton Court Palace near (See **ENGLAND**, page 3)



CASE HISTORY—Presenter Richard Ames inspects fragments of spurious gospels encased in the British Library, Dec. 14.

Trade issues loom large in 1993

The arrival of the new year is generating mixed feelings and considerable apprehension for many in the Western world.

In Europe, Jan. 1 was both a day of sadness and a day of muted hope. There was little rejoicing in the streets of Prague, for example, as the 74-year old Czechoslovak federation passed peacefully, unlike Yugoslavia, into history.

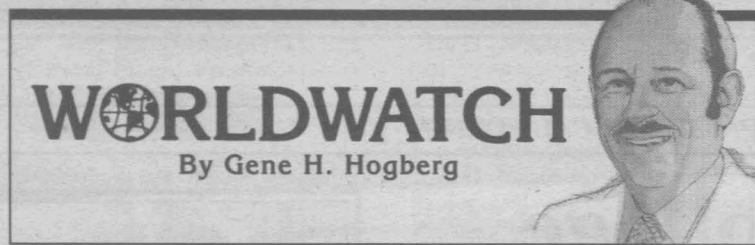
Irreconcilable political differences led to Czechoslovakia's demise. Surveys in both successor states, the Czech Republic and Slovakia, reveal that public opinion was, for the most part, against the breakup. Yet the politicians would not submit their plans to the Czech and Slovak peoples in a referendum.

On the same day, the European Community's (EC) long-awaited single market was born. Even though some difficulties remain, the 340 million people of the 12-nation bloc will benefit from an essentially unrestricted flow of goods, services, labor and capital. This will accelerate commerce and decrease operating expenses.

History evoked by fire

A Communitywide celebration called Beacon Europe, an observance steeped in Continental history, marked the birth of the world's largest frontier-free market.

At midnight on New Year's Eve, the prime minister of Greece, Constantinos Mitsotakis, lit a flame in Athens, setting off a chain of 1,000



WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

beacons across the Community. The fires spanned four time zones, reaching as far as Portugal's mid-Azores Islands, 3,000 miles (4,800 kilometers) to the west.

In most capitals, following the Greek lead, the heads of government lit the main beacon. "As the torch symbolizes the Olympic ideal, so Beacon Europe symbolizes the European ideal," reported an article in *The European*, an English-language weekly.

The history of beacons, or torches, to dramatize significant happenings, said *The European*, "mirrors the tumultuous sweep of events in Europe over 3,500 years."

For example, beacons spread the news across Greece reporting the fall of Troy in the 13th century B.C. In 1588 a string of beacons ignited along the southern coast of England signaled the invasion of the Spanish Armada.

Bringing this ancient ritual into the context of today, Danish Prime Minister Poul Schluter said that "the signal fires of peace and friendship are a proper demonstration of clos-

er cooperation in Europe."

Enlargement virtually assured

The Community's political agenda promises to be even more acute in 1993 than in the previous year.

Perhaps by mid-year, the EC and the seven-nation European Free Trade Association (EFTA) will agree to create a single free trade zone, to be known as the European Economic Area (EEA).

This economic (not political) merger, also slated for Jan. 1, was delayed when voters in EFTA-member Switzerland rejected their country's entry.

The EEA is only a halfway house to full EC membership, most analysts believe. Early in the year, Brussels will begin negotiations with Austria, Finland, Sweden and Norway—all EFTA members—concerning their already submitted applications. New members could be installed as early as 1995.

Also by mid-year, Community leaders will know, after votes by Denmark (a second time) and Britain, whether they can proceed with the terms of the controversial Maastricht Treaty, providing for a

common currency and common foreign and defense policies by the end of the decade.

Setting rules for world trade

With regard to external trade, events in the last two months of 1992 showed the potential for a more strained transatlantic relationship.

First, the election of a new administration and a new Congress in the United States will, in the words of *Europe* magazine (December-January 1992-93), "likely reflect the increasingly inward perspective of the public."

The second event was when Washington imposed duties on selected European agricultural products, specifically white wines. Even though this dispute was settled at the last hour, the larger issue of agricultural subsidies threatens to unravel the worldwide GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) conference.

A Dec. 27 *New York Times* story revealed deep divisions within President-elect Bill Clinton's incoming administration over trade.

Disputes between free traders

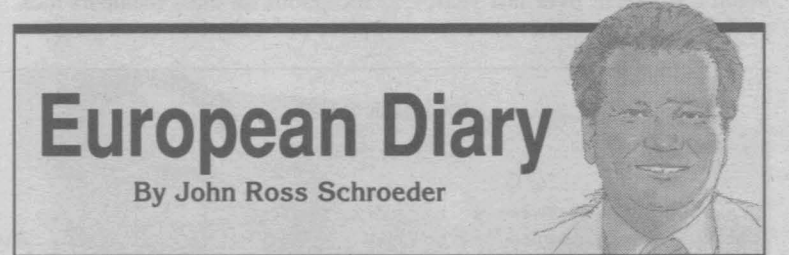
and protectionists are so pronounced that Mr. Clinton was forced to nominate for U.S. trade representative his campaign manager, Mickey Kantor, "a neutral choice who has no clearly defined views on trade."

Many have noted international trade squabbles moving to center stage in the post-Cold War world. And Europe is slowly assuming a commanding position.

This point is emphasized in the 1992 book by MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) economist Lester Thurow, titled *Head to Head—The Coming Economic Battle Among Japan, Europe, and America*.

"It is an old axiom of history," writes Mr. Thurow, "that the rules of trade are written by those who control access to the world's largest market.... It was always thus. Britain wrote the rules of world trade in the nineteenth century. The United States did it in the twentieth century."

"As the world's largest market, the House of Europe will be writing the rules of world trade in the twenty-first century," he added, "and the rest of the world will simply have to learn to play their economic game."



European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder

Crossing the boundaries

BOREHAMWOOD, England—To the representative of the *Plain Truth* magazine: The keeper of the Department of Oriental Antiquities requests the pleasure of your company at the British Museum."

The invitation was to commemorate the centenary of Baha'u-Ulah's death (1817-1892). He is the founder of the Bahai faith.

For those unacquainted with the Bahai religion, their adherents describe themselves as "originating within an Islamic setting [yet it is] ... a new and separate religion having the same relationship to Islam that Christianity had to Judaism."

A journalist had organized the exhibit. He was familiar with *The Plain Truth* and commented favorably about it. (Another man I met that evening had served as a diplomat for the Indian government in Washington, D.C., and had been a subscriber.)

But why should I, a *Plain Truth* representative and Church member, attend such a gathering?

What could the Church possibly have in common with these people? What purpose was there in attending?

Ambassador for a belief

Upon entering the museum for the commemoration a small brochure was given to me that explained: "Among the principle teachings [of the Bahai faith is] that the time has now come for the unity of mankind. For this to come about a number of other teachings will have to be implemented: the elimination of prejudice, whether racial, ethnic, nationalistic or religious; equality of rights and opportunities for women and men; abolition of extremes of wealth and poverty."

The world needs peace, prosperity and harmony among peoples. Bahai followers may not understand all the truths of the Bible—such as the return of Christ and the Messianic Age—but they understand the need for global change.

And they ask some important

questions about life. Questions we are blessed to be able to answer in *The Plain Truth*.

A diverse readership

In Britain many people of other cultures and faiths know of the *Plain Truth* magazine. Many of our subscribers are in the multiracial inner cities.

Just as the gospel was preached to Jews and Gentiles without differentiation, we reach out to people from a variety of backgrounds with the truth. There are Hindus, Bahais and Muslims on our mailing list in Europe.

Certain elements in our teachings attract members of other religions. God calls people without prejudice. Some are co-workers, and a few have become members.

Understanding the goals and purposes of other faiths is productive. Don't forget what the apostle Paul wrote: "To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews.... To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some" (1 Corinthians 9:20-22).

Paul spoke to people of other faiths from their point of view showing sympathy and understanding with regard to their backgrounds. The Gospel of John also begins by describing Jesus Christ as the Logos (the Word), a term a Hellenistic audience would know and appreciate.

He didn't change the gospel! But he gave it from the listener's perspective!

Of course, there is no point forcing our beliefs on people. But when someone, from whatever background, wishes to understand, we need to respond to their needs with love, empathy and patient understanding.

This is one of our goals in each facet of the Work—whether in the ministry, the telecast, the personal example of members, the anglicization of *The Plain Truth* for British readers, or in whatever activity God leads us in order to fulfill his commission.

Letters to the Editor

Letters for this section should be addressed to "Letters to the Editor." The editor reserves the right to use letters so addressed in whole or in part, and to include your name and edit the letter for clarity or space. We welcome your comments.

Visit the sick

I am an elderly widow without family. I previously have managed to get along well on my own until I had a serious operation.

Several of the brethren were good to me. One married mother stayed two nights with me when I returned from the hospital. But I think more of the brethren could have helped out, like going for groceries, for instance.

A friend of mine, who is now deceased and was in the Church, had Alzheimer's disease. He was in a nursing home for about three years and over four years in hospital.

While he was there, very few brethren came to visit him. In fact, I could count on my fingers all those who came.

Have they not read Matthew 25:35-46, where we are admonished to visit the sick? Different brethren used to say to me, "I would go to see him, but he wouldn't know me."

Have they not read Matthew 10:42: "And whoever gives one of these little ones"—Alzheimer patients are like little children—"only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward?"

I was so surprised, while I was at the hospital visiting my friend, that the Catholic Church sent in teens to give drinks and cookies to the disabled elderly. I thought that was admirable, why cannot the Church of God do likewise? We are all admonished by Mr. Joseph Tkach to love one another, and to serve one another.

I know it is impossible for everyone to visit personally someone who is sick. Some do at least send cards. As Mr. Tkach has said, "We are to walk the walk, and not just talk the talk."

My heart goes out to those elderly infirm who have no one to visit them. Let us show our love.

Ontario

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We need each other

I was deeply touched by some of the letters written by single parents [Aug.

25 issue]. I too am a single parent. I know others were reached by what these people shared.

Fellowship is one way we can serve God. I believe many are satisfied with their existing ring of fellowship. They don't think about those who have not.

Sometimes I feel like nobody even cares I'm here. I know many do, but we need to make the effort and include brethren that desperately need fellowship.

We have been hearing a lot about being a light. The local congregation should be a positive reinforcement to all. I have felt like not going to services because I have become disheartened from trying to make friendships and making so little progress.

I have talked with other members about this and it was suggested that maybe we feel uncomfortable with those at church, partly because we are uncomfortable with ourselves.

"Into all the world..."

Your involvement in the Work produces fruit. In this column prospective members, co-workers, subscribers to the Work's publications and viewers of the *World Tomorrow* telecast express their views and opinions.

When Mom can't answer

I ask my mom everything, and when she can't answer, she tells me to write to you. Then I always find my answers!

Every time I go to the mailbox and get something, she asks if she got *The Plain Truth*. When I hand it to her, her face lights up with so much joy she looks like a little child when its parents bring it a new toy.

She lives for God. She tells me this often. Her goal is to please God in every way.

M.H.

Charleston, West Virginia

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You've seen me through

May I write and thank you for the great guidance your articles have given me through my life. They have so much common sense. They have given me answers to many distressing situations I have had to handle on my own.

I believe this. My minister pointed out that our hearts condemn us (1 John 3:19-22), when we are falling short. He also pointed out that God is greater than our hearts (verse 20).

I see people avoid those they know are having spiritual problems. We, as brethren in Christ, should be like God and not condemn but encourage one another.

It is hard to believe you can overcome something when it seems other members have given up on you.

Fortunately for us, God doesn't give up on us. It is not our place to judge. God called each and every one of us and he doesn't make mistakes. So let's show compassion to one another.

Let's love each other in spite of our weaknesses.

We are all in this together. The support we can give each other can make a tremendous difference in our spiritual growth.

We can try to be more sensitive to others' needs. It may be you who are in need tomorrow. Let's be there for each other! We desperately need each other's support and love.

Texas

At 53, my husband just walked out with no explanation, after 20 years of marriage, for a very much younger woman.

I had children aged 14 and 16. The youngest, with a high IQ and a brilliant future, went on drugs.

All the responsibilities of the family in every respect were left to me.

Your articles, which covered most of my problems, have seen me through. I thank you greatly for the support and guidance I have received.

L.G.

England

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Couldn't help but look

I recently came across your *Youth* magazine while I was in the waiting room at our daughter's orthodontist. I couldn't help but look for the address to reach you.

As a parent, I am thankful and grateful when someone other than myself can stress the importance of Christian values to our children. In a constantly changing world, we can be certain of one thing not changing, our faith.

Karin Lewis

Montour, Iowa

England

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London. There, in 1604, a conference presided over by King James I ordered a new translation of the Bible into English. Completed seven years later, it was the Authorized Version of the Bible, known popularly as the King James Version.

We taped on-location segments about the life of John Wycliffe at Queen's College, Oxford, and at Lutterworth village, 80 miles north of London, where Wycliffe was rector from 1374 to 1384. Wycliffe produced the first English translation of the Bible.

Oldest Bible manuscript

A high point of the trip was taping the earliest-known manuscript of the New Testament in the world, in the collection of Greek papyri at the John Rylands Library in Manchester. "The curator told me we were the first television crew to videotape this old-

est fragment of New Testament scripture," Mr. Ames said.

It is a tiny scrap of papyrus measuring only 3 1/2 by 2 1/2 inches. Discovered in Egypt in 1920 the papyrus contains portions of John's gospel (John 18:31-33; 37-38), and dates to about 125 to 130 A.D.—meaning it was written within just 30 to 50 years of the Gospel.

"Its discovery gives proof that the Gospel of John was in wide circulation in the years immediately following his death," Mr. Ames noted. By contrast, the earliest papyrus fragments of Homer's epic Greek poems *The Iliad* and *The Odyssey* date from nearly 500 years after they were originally written.

Reflecting on the trip, Mr. Ames commented: "Understanding that many dedicated men sacrificed their lives for the preservation, publishing and distribution of the Bible should motivate us as God's people to daily feed upon the spiritual food so freely available to us."

Homecoming events

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progress toward accreditation. On Dec. 26 Joseph W. Tkach, chancellor and chairman of the board of regents, spoke to more than 2,500 brethren at a combined Sabbath service here.

When services ended, David Havir, pastor of the Big Sandy A.M. congregation, and Kenneth Giese, Big Sandy P.M. pastor, presented Mr. Tkach with a \$3,500 donation from the two congregations for the Jackson Hall building fund.

That night the Ambassador Royals took on the Pilots of Louisiana State University, Shreveport, in the annual home-

coming basketball game.

Before a packed house of more than 2,000 enthusiastic fans, the Royals jumped out to an early 20-5 lead and never looked back, winning by a final score of 88-73.

Juniors Randy Pack of Pleasantville, New York, and Shawn Peterson of Central Square, New York, each scored 16 points to lead the Royals.

The weekend drew to a close with a family brunch on Sunday morning, with Mr. Tkach the host.

In addition to a door prize, gifts were presented to alumni who had traveled the farthest, had the most children, had the youngest child and had been married the longest.

After the brunch, alumni joined administrators, faculty, students and college employees at the dedication ceremony for the Harold L. Jackson Hall of Humanities.

"It's always great to have our alumni on campus," said Mr. Delamater. "This year, especially, it seemed that there was genuine excitement in the air throughout the weekend. We're looking forward to doing it again next year."



STANDUPS TAPED—From left, Mark Broadwater, Richard Ames, Don Conard, Keith Stump and Joe Costantino in England.



ROYAL WIN—Senior Daren Clayton scores for Ambassador in the Homecoming basketball game. [Photo by Elizabeth Miller]



TAKE IT FROM THE TOP—Joseph Tkach and Joseph Tkach Jr. join the action at a college basketball game Dec. 26. [Photo by Mike Bedford]



REUNION—Alumni and faculty share a Homecoming dinner on the college campus. [Photo by Elizabeth Miller]

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Canada: 'Challenges spell opportunity'

Office developing media and publishing strategy to reach needs of changing society

By Neil Earle

VANCOUVER, British Columbia—What is our main source of new baptisms for the Church in Canada?

How many copies of *The Plain Truth* should requesters receive after a literature promotion—one issue, or a year's subscription?

How will the objective "to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to all Canadians until every individual is presented perfect in Christ" be accomplished with the resources available?

Neil Earle is *Plain Truth* regional editor in the Canadian Office.

Tom Lapacka, international media coordinator, and Randal Dick, assistant director of Church Administration for international areas, addressed these and other questions in the Vancouver Office Dec. 7.



POINTING THE WAY—Canadian regional director Frank Brown updates Randal Dick (far left), assistant director of Church Administration for international areas; Tom Lapacka (second from right), international media coordinator; and Canadian Office personnel at a meeting in Vancouver Dec. 7. [Photo by Tito Naman]

"Challenges spell opportunity," said Mr. Lapacka after regional director Frank Brown's audiovisual summary of the state of the Work in Canada.

To develop a media and publishing strategy the Church monitors societal trends because they reflect the needs of the audience.

One staff member observed after the presentation: "We must be students of the society as well as students of the Bible."

For instance, a report by Statistics Canada showed that since 1986 divorce has jumped a staggering 38 percent.

"The Church is seen as the last bastion for the biblical ideal of marriage," said Mr. Lapacka. "Perhaps there is a way to address the subject of marriage with more specific reference to the Canadian situation in the future."

Employment, population shifts

A slide show produced by office employees Neil and Russell Hunter and Guy Moss gave an overview of the Canadian area.

They illustrated trends such as employment shifts from the eastern to the western provinces; 30 percent of most Canadians live in the major metropolitan areas of Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver; and the graying of Canada, with the retired population increasing 33 percent in the past decade.

This type of information affects factors such as where we should place our evangelistic efforts and how we can more effectively tailor our message to the changing needs of our audience.

Certainly, a long-term view bodes well for the future of the Canadian region.

"People tend to turn to religion much more in harder times," commented Mr. Brown.

However, the severe economic headwinds in Canada—which affect member contributions—do not mean any foreseeable reduction in *Plain Truth* circulation.

Most notably, there has been a slow but steady rise in the number of members in Canada over the past 10 years. "That never seems to change," Mr. Brown said.

Three-pronged strategy

The next day, Mr. Brown gave the same presentation to the Vancouver office staff and explained a three-pronged strategy for 1993.

This involves, first, exploring new ways to work with *Plain Truth* subscribers more on a personal level, through "Canada-izing" such promotional brochures as *News of the Work* as well as holding our circulation on course.

Second, experimenting with something different in the way of Canadian-produced television specials that could be marketed to the prime time audience.

Third, focusing on working with Church youths, symbolized by the construction of a multipurpose building at the Canadian summer camp in Vendee, Quebec, and switching to two full summer camp sessions.

Plans are also under way to develop leadership capabilities among our teens at leadership conferences.

Habitat: Volunteers build 21 homes for low-income families

By Dorothy Webb

EVANSVILLE, Indiana—The concept is simple—a decent house in a decent neighborhood to meet a basic human need. Affordable, modest, quality homes with costs kept to a minimum are built by using volunteer labor and donated or discounted materials.

Habitat of Evansville—the local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International—built 21 homes for low-income families in one week last summer.

Kurt Gehlhausen, David Cape-

hart, Tom Bozikis and myself, members who attend the Evansville church, were pleased to have played a small role in such a monumental task.

Dorothy Webb attends the Evansville, Indiana, church.

My involvement began when Kathy DiDomizio, a fellow worker at St. Mary's Medical Center, where I am an information analyst, told me about Habitat for Humanity, and I couldn't

help but be impressed by its principles.

Through Habitat, families move from substandard housing to realize their dreams of home ownership. Communities increase their tax bases and upgrade old, run-down neighborhoods through a partnership of people of different ages, backgrounds, colors and creeds.

It is not a handout, but a hand up—for those with incomes too high for government assistance and too low to receive conventional mortgages. The 21 houses built here provide a stable and secure place to call home for 21 families and their 54 children.

Our committee recommended to the hospital's administration that we sponsor one of the homes, both monetarily and with workers.

We helped collect \$30,000 from employees, physicians, families and friends of St. Mary's. I coordinated the scheduling of nearly 200 individuals, including myself, who volunteered unskilled labor to work on the house.

In the week of June 15 to 21, not only did we build homes for 21 deserving families, but we formed many new relationships among the 2,000 workers. The organization of the project, cooperation and camaraderie were amazing.



HELPING HANDS—Dorothy Webb (center) a member in Evansville, Indiana, volunteers at one of 21 homes built in June. "The organization of the project, cooperation and camaraderie were amazing," she said.

Probably the most recognized national weeklong blitz is the annual Jimmy Carter Work Camp. In 1988 the former president and his wife, Rosalynn, helped build 20 houses in a week in Atlanta.

The Carters were invited to Evansville's June 15-21 building blitz, but they had already committed to work that week on a Habitat project in Washington, D.C.

Potential Habitat homeowners are selected according to ability to pay, need, character and willingness to join with other families to build a neighborhood community. Couples have to put in a minimum of 300 hours working on their own or someone else's home, and single parents must put in at least 150 hours.

After the families move into their new 1,000-square-foot homes, an official "family friend" advises them on budgeting, maintenance and upkeep of their homes and assists them in other matters, as necessary.

"I was amazed that so many volunteers worked together so well," Mr. Gehlhausen said. "I hung drywall, and the finishers were right behind us. I'm not used to that. People were productive and not loafing, which is often the case with volunteers."

The Habitat project in Evansville has been a way for us to show we care about people and our community. It is as Mr. Tkach has been telling us—to do good works and to let our lights shine.

How Habitat Works

Habitat for Humanity International, headquartered in Americus, Georgia, was founded in 1976 by Millard Fuller, a former lawyer and successful businessman.

Mr. Fuller frequently quotes from I John 3:17-18: "If a man has money and sees his brother in need but closes his heart to him, how can he pretend that he has the love of God in his heart? My children, our love must not consist of words, but of love which manifests itself in action."

Habitat operates in 30 countries around the world and more than 600 cities in the United States. One of the houses built in Evansville this summer was the 15,000th to be built internationally by Habitat.

The \$30,000 mortgages are set up for 20 years with no markup and no interest, and all mortgage payments are put into a revolving fund used to build more homes. Making the \$200-a-month mortgage payment is not as difficult for the new homeowners, who are used to renting houses or apartments for \$300 to \$400 a month. Taxes and insurance are included in their monthly payments.

PERSONAL

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example of relieving suffering.

In other words, there was a lot of preaching, but not always a lot of practicing what we preached.

Need for change

One person asked, "Why should we rush around as do-gooders to as many as possible, with little realism, goal or direction?"

I don't blame the person for having the question, because it depicts the general attitude that the Church tended to communicate for decades, and the attitude that God is now showing us needs to change!

The question is typical of the kind of overstatement that has been used as an excuse to do very little or absolutely nothing for suffering fellow human beings.

Another overworked and misleading statement, "We can't solve humanity's problems," is,

again, nothing more than an excuse by some to do nothing. Of course we can't solve humanity's problems.

But we are called to participate in the kingdom of God! That means we, like Jesus, must get involved in relieving suffering. We can't do everything, but we can do something. And that is what Jesus Christ expects of us if we are to be his disciples!

Let me say it another way. How much sense does it make for Christians to sit on the sidelines condemning people for not loving their neighbors, while those Christians close their own hands to their neighbors?

We have always understood and taught that we should avoid hurting our neighbor, and that is certainly part of loving our neighbor.

But what we have not always focused on is that love involves more than just not hurting—it also involves helping. Love needs to be active to be real.

Jesus said that the law and the prophets are summed up in this:

"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you" (Matthew 7:12).

Notice that he said "do." He did not say, "don't do to others what you want them not to do to you." That would be good advice, of course, but it doesn't begin to go far enough.

Jesus made it active. He commanded us to do to others what we would want them to do to us. Christianity is active.

It is doing. It is getting involved. It is participating in the ways of God.

Government is here

The old excuse, "People don't need do-gooders, they need God's government on earth," is nothing more than an easy cop-

We can't do everything, but we can do something. And that is what Jesus Christ expects of us.

out to justify inaction.

Of course people need God's government on earth, and we should be praying every day for the return of Jesus Christ to rule the nations in peace and justice.

But in the meantime, we must not forget that God's government is even now on the earth—in the form of Jesus Christ in you and me!

We know what Jesus Christ did when he was here, and we know what he commanded us to do. The question is, What are we doing?

Jesus didn't heal every sick person on earth. He healed those who came to him as he journeyed from one city to another.

And he demonstrated to those whom he healed that he was the Son of God, the one who could forgive sins and give eternal life—even though

most did not accept him.

Likewise, we cannot be Good Samaritans to every person on earth. But we can offer some help, as we are able and within the bounds of wisdom and good judgment, to those God brings to us.

And as we give help, we need to be prepared to let people know the power that lies behind our service—the fact that our actions are done in the name of and to the glory of the God of creation and salvation who sent his Son for the redemption of humanity.

Suffering people need to know that Jesus Christ loves them. Now that plain biblical fact is too "sweet" for some people, I guess.

They prefer to think of Jesus merely as an avenging King who is coming to destroy the sinners. Jesus came to destroy sin (1 John 3:8), not to destroy sinners (Luke 9:56; John 3:17).

He came to forgive and to save sinners—including sinners like you and me. He came to redeem, to rescue, to reconcile. And God has called us to participate with him in that work of reconciliation.

Our precious hope

The precious hope God has given us of the wonderful future day of Jesus' return in glory and power should be so real to us that it affects and drives everything we do right here and now—in the present.

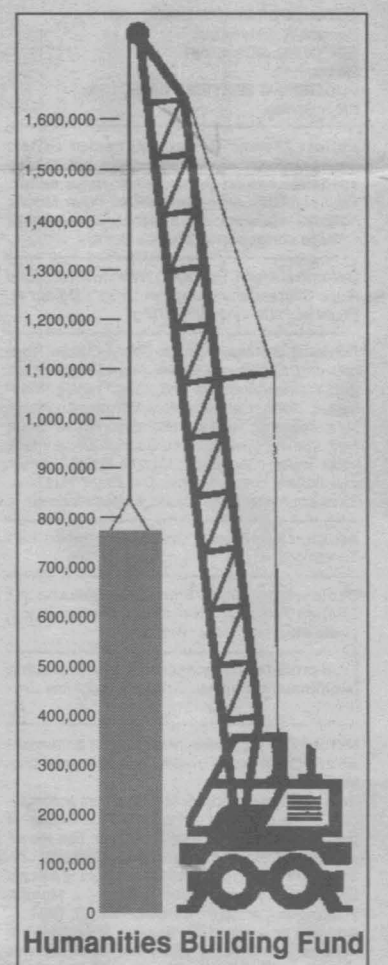
In other words, if Christ is in us, we must do good to others—brothers, sisters and neighbors—and I know that many among us

have been doing just that throughout the years.

Paul wrote, "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers" (Galatians 6:10).

I have been greatly encouraged by the wonderfully positive response of God's people to these fundamental and vitally important teachings of the Bible.

Thank you for your prayers and especially for your diligence in serving Jesus Christ.



STILL CLIMBING—As of December 31, individuals and church areas have donated \$776,840.26 to the building fund. [Artwork by Ken Tunell]

Ministerial Ordinations

Thomas Haltom	a deacon in the Chicago, Illinois, North church, was ordained a local church elder Sept. 28.
George Kosten	a deacon in the Chicago, Illinois, North church, was ordained a local church elder Nov. 28.
Malcolm McDonald	a deacon in the Ballarat, Australia, church, was ordained a local church elder Oct. 3.
Richard Michaud	of the Bonnyville and Lloydminster, Alberta, church was ordained a local church elder Nov. 7.
Dennis Richards	pastor of the Palmerston North, New Plymouth and Napier, New Zealand, churches, was ordained a preaching elder Oct. 14.
Daniel Thompson	of the Colombo, Sri Lanka, church, was ordained a local elder Sept. 28.
Mark Welch	associate pastor of the Beaver Valley and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, churches, was ordained a preaching elder Oct. 14.



IRON SHARPENS IRON

Ex-Hutterites in Winnipeg: uniting in different worlds

By Andrew Petrick and Neil Earle

WINNIPEG, Manitoba—Most of us know that we sometimes have to make a severe break with our past to accept God's calling. As Jesus warned in Matthew 10:36, "A man's enemies will be the members of his own household."

Andrew Petrick, an Ambassador College graduate, is a member who attends the Winnipeg, Manitoba, church. Neil Earle is Canadian regional editor for The Plain Truth.

Just before his death Jesus Christ prayed: "I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world... They are not of the world, even as I am not of it" (John 17:14, 16).

But Jesus also said: "My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one" (verse

15). And note verse 18: "As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world."

Some people wonder about this apparent conflict: "How can both statements be true? How can Christians leave the world and yet be sent into the world at the same time?"

Christ's disciples have answered and are answering these questions with their life stories. In the 1960s the congregation in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on the prairies of Canada, showed how it could be done. Here are their stories.

Hutterite colony

Jerry Hofer was 15 when he left a Hutterite colony for the Church of God. He well remembers the first Sabbath service he attended in Winnipeg, Aug. 28, 1965.

"Over half of the brethren were from Hutterite colonies," Jerry recalled. "The men wore black pants, boots, white shirts open at the neck, suspenders, and if they had jackets they were black.

"The women wore floor-length dresses and skirts of various colors and black-and-white polka-dotted kerchiefs."

Jerry said one thing stood out: the instant friendships he formed with those in the Church.

"We seemed to be together every Saturday night, we had

fun together and we laughed together," Jerry commented.

He fit in quickly in school and built confidence by excelling on the school track team.

"The ministers took quite a personal interest in us as teens," he remembers. They encouraged him to pursue education and a career.

Now a successful electrician, Jerry is eloquent in his appreciation for things the Church has taught him and what lies ahead:

"I am ever so grateful I am able to give my children, the third generation, a sense of values, guidelines and a sense of direction. Is there anything more valuable?"

'You can be a good Christian'

Eileen (Tschetter) Loepp, 24, is the fifth oldest of Jake and Rebecca Tschetter's eight children. She is pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in human ecology at the University of Manitoba, achieving the dean's honor roll her first two years.

Eileen has worked as a photographer and is married to Eric Loepp, an offset pressman. Interestingly, Eric learned of the Church through another ex-Hutterite at Red River Community College.

Eileen is proud of her father's

accomplishment of raising eight children at a beginning wage of only \$2 an hour in 1965.

"My dad did upgrade his job skills to the point where for the last nine years he has been a successful subcontractor in his dry-wall trade," she said.

Most from the Hutterite colonies work in the trades, but a large number are contractors or subcontractors. Nearly a dozen work in white collar professions. Among Eileen's generation are two graphic artists—a goldsmith and an interior designer.

Eileen has fond memories of the Church's youth programs and the Summer Educational Program at Orr, Minnesota.

"One of my main purposes in going to university and getting a degree is to show others, particularly the youths, that it can be done," she said. "You can be a good Christian and you can accomplish."

Dirt-poor experiences

Jim Hofer, 30, is half owner of a prominent Winnipeg commercial and industrial mechanical contracting firm that employs six people.

His wife, Helen, holds a degree in commercial cooking from Red

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Who are the Hutterites?

The Hutterites are a religious group advocating communal ownership of property based on their understanding of Acts 4:32. They descend from Jakob Hutter, a 16th-century Anabaptist, who believed in adult rebaptism rather than infant sprinkling.

In 1980 more than 20,000 of these hard-working people were living on prosperous farms around the world. They are respected for their work ethic and willingness to endure persecution.



THEY ARE FAMILY—Winnipeg brethren include former Hutterites who now attend church services in Canada and the United States. Their numbers have grown from 13

families in the 1960s to 97 families today. Making new friends and learning a different approach to dress, style and education have presented challenges. [Photo by Cliff Davis]

Hutterites: once expelled, but no regrets

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River Community College. They have two children.

Jim remembers some of what he calls his dirt-poor experiences. "There were a lot of times when Dad didn't know where the food was coming from, but come it did."

Jim cut grass, ran a paper route, cleaned office buildings and in the process built a relationship with God.

"We used to pray together before bed and not for ourselves but for others. I remember how we prayed for a Church member when she had cancer, and she was healed."

During times of discouragement Jim would remember: "If it weren't for the Church we would still be on the colony. Besides, growing up in 'the world,' but not becoming part of the world, was easier for us because in the colony we were never part of the world in the first place."

His last words attest to the spiritual journey he and all Christians are engaged in.

"At school I had a few friends; at Church I had great friends," he related. "One of my friends from school came over to our house a lot. He came because of our family example. He could see that we were close, that we were always together and that we prayed together. He could see the strength of our resolve."

Trauma in coming out of world

Ben Hofer Sr. began listening to the *World Tomorrow* radio broad-

cast in 1952 on station WLS in Chicago, Illinois.

He began to share his newfound knowledge with friends and relatives, who were Hutterites.

Ben had been sent to serve at lumber camps and farms rather than surrender his conscientious objector status during World War II.

By the time Ben was baptized in 1964, between 90 and 100 people in Hutterite colonies around Winnipeg had begun to commit themselves to the World-wide (then Radio) Church of God.

Such Hutterite practices as communal ownership and eating together, wearing distinctive Hutterite dress and attending school and church services, posed special problems for these new converts.

Faced with expulsion, some felt pressed to institute court action, a long process that eventually reached the Manitoba Court of Appeals and the Canadian Supreme Court.

They lost the appeal. The Nov. 17, 1966, *Winnipeg Tribune* covered the story under the headline "Court Upholds Expulsion of Four From Hutterite Colony."

Outpouring of love

Evangelist Dean Wilson, then Canadian regional director, later wrote: "This [court ruling] left these families destitute with no visible means of support or providing for themselves and nothing to get started with."

The Church in Canada was

challenged. An appeal for help went out, and the response was astonishing.

In January 1967, Mr. Wilson wrote: "Immediately upon announcing the need for clothing, household goods and funds in the Vancouver church, it became obvious that if similar announcements were to be made in all the churches that more goods than could ever be used would be forthcoming.

"In the Vancouver church alone, almost 80 large boxes of clothing, bedding and other household items were collected. Over 40 boxes of dishes, pots and pans were collected," Mr. Wilson continued.

"The outpouring was so great it became necessary to ask the people to stop as we had more than could be used already."

In all, 13 families with virtually nothing in material goods would leave from four colonies. Today they have grown into 97 families, of which 69 are homeowners. Though the Church made a crucial difference, their trials were by no means over in 1966.

Looking for work

"The freedom to live God's way of life without persecution and harassment was and still is a precious right and privilege," said Dave Hofer, a deacon in Winnipeg.

"But very quickly the prospects of a decent job faded as we realized we could and would be fired for refusing to work on Saturday and told that our education was inadequate." (As a rule, communal schools were not geared for job preparation in urban areas.)

Rebecca Hofer tells the same story. These were the 1960s, and civic tolerance and human rights still had strides to make.

Rebecca recalled: "One employer asked me, 'How in the world do the people in your church expect to be able to support their families if they refuse to work on Saturdays?'"

"The employer sat back in her chair and thought for a while. Then she said, 'I don't want to fire you, you're a very good worker.'"

Many can echo these experiences.

What is striking about these Winnipeg brethren is their successful turn from a closely knit, communal way of life into another closely knit community—the Church of God.

Education, training, jobs and provision for their families were all to be had in a new, fast-paced, urban environment.

After working on construction and other jobs, for example, John Hofer enrolled in a 10-month carpentry course at Red River College.

He has been working as a self-employed carpenter ever since. His daughter, Liz, a college graduate, works as an interior designer in Toronto.

Edward Hofer took advantage of government-sponsored adult education courses and is now head caretaker for the school board.

His wife, Rebecca, later took courses and has worked in the housekeeping department of an area hospital for the past 13 years.

Adjustments

As we might expect, some of the children have painful memories.

Making new friends, learning a different approach to dress, style and education, besides sports, dances and the social life of a

bustling city, presented challenges.

Most former Hutterites, however, have made fine contributions to congregations in Winnipeg and other areas.

To name just a few: Ted and Derek Hofer work in construction alongside their father, Andy. Their sister is a piano accompanist at church services. Ben Hofer Jr. is a local church elder in British Columbia.

The consistent theme in these life stories is the utter conviction

that they made the right decision a quarter of a century ago.

"Never for one moment, after 25 years of being involved in the Church of God, were there any regrets for leaving family, home and land for the opportunity and freedom of living God's way of life," said Dave Hofer.

Ben Hofer echoes a sentiment often expressed by Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach: "The most precious miracle I remember is when God opened my mind."

Sam Hofer Sr. agrees: "As they say in Winnipeg: 'It's worth the trip.'"

1993 Festival Updates

French and Italian Departments

(Please note: These are major changes or updates that did not appear in the 1993 Festival Planning Guide.)

Feast site descriptions

Haiti

Haiti is no longer open to general transfer requests (exceptions made for Haitians returning home).

St. Jean, France

Approximate prices for nine nights can range from US\$450 with room only, to US\$590 with room and half board.

Hengelhof, Belgium

Expected attendance is 950.

Guadeloupe

Guadeloupe is a bilingual transfer site for those who require English translation. This year we will use a newly constructed four-star hotel named The Plantation, with one of the finest restaurants on the island.

About a mile from the coast, this luxurious hotel offers such amenities as beautifully decorated rooms, a 900-square-meter swimming pool, a free shuttle to beaches and a golf course, as well as car, scooter and mountain bike rental.

The hall for services is on the hotel grounds.

Guadeloupe is known for its tropical climate, white sandy beaches and clear blue water.

A coral reef known as the Kaye is only 100 meters from shore. The surroundings provide ideal opportunities for activities such as surfing, wind surfing, snorkeling and scuba diving.

Prices include half-board rates (breakfast and one other meal daily) ranging from US\$73 a day for each person for double adult occupancy; and US\$65 a day for each person for triple adult occupancy.

Rates are reduced for children younger than 12, and there is no charge for children younger than 2.

Riccione, Italy

No group departure will be offered this year, as previously mentioned in the Festival Planner. All people traveling to this site must make their own airline arrangements.

This is so travelers can take advantage of discount airfares that may arise, as well as allowing for variations in independent travel schedules.

A pre-Feast and post-Feast Rome package will be for four

nights and cost US\$380. Expected attendance is 500.

Malta

The New Dolmen Hotel will not be used as previously mentioned. Instead, we will use two other hotels: The Jerma Palace and the Corinthia Palace.

The Corinthia Palace is a newly constructed five-star hotel of superb caliber. It is centrally located next to the botanical gardens of San Anton and the Presidential Palace.

The hotel abounds in sports and leisure facilities such as outdoor and indoor swimming pools, tennis and squash courts, and a beauty and vitality center.

It also offers shuttle buses to the beach, and an 18-hole golf course is nearby. Landscaped with beautiful fountains and gardens, Malta is an ideal place to spend a relaxing Feast.

More information on both hotels will be mailed with the approval packets.

Prices for Malta will range from LM 16.32 (US\$49) to LM 29.92 (US\$90) a night for each person for double occupancy.

A travel package will be offered later. Expected attendance is 300.

Caribbean

A US\$25 application fee must be included with your application when submitting it to your church pastor.

To speed processing, be sure to attach a *Plain Truth* or *Worldwide News* label.

Canada

The Penticton, British Columbia, site is particularly convenient for senior citizens and single mothers, because the meeting hall and facilities are on one floor with no stairs to climb.

Germany

The German Office will charge a US\$35 nonrefundable administration fee to those accepted for the Bonndorf or Goslar sites.

Kona, Hawaii

Prices for the Kona Surf Resort, site for Festival services in 1993, will be \$65 for one or two adults, standard or garden views, and \$75 for one or two adults, ocean view or ocean front.

Children younger than 18 are free with parents. These prices are reduced from 1992, and rooms are currently being refurbished.

Prices are also being negotiated for condominiums. More details will follow.

Ambassador Audio Cassette Albums

The Ambassador College Music Department has available for purchase a limited quantity of the previously released Young Ambassadors audio cassette albums. If you would like to purchase one or more of these albums, please fill in the order form below and return it with your payment to:

Ambassador College
Music Department
Box 111
Big Sandy, Texas 75755

We have a limited supply of the following albums:

Festival of Music Volume I: Four cassettes containing more than 50 selections of music from the great musicals, nostalgic tunes from the Big Band era, compositions by Ambassador College students and faculty, and some inspiring classical and sacred works with the Ambassador Chorale and Orchestra.

Festival of Music Volume II: The first two cassettes include highlights of the group's film, video and live performances from 1983 to 1985, including a piano solo by Herbert Armstrong. Featured on cassettes three and four are the Ambassador Concert Choir and Orchestra, as well as guest soloists.

Festival of Music Volume III "We Are Family": The first cassette contains songs with a family theme, while cassette two features highlights of the 1986 Festival entertainment film with the Young Ambassadors and Ambassador Concert Choir and Orchestra. The third and fourth cassettes include selections performed by Music Department voice and piano faculty.

Audio Cassette Album Order Form

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Please allow four to six weeks for delivery. International shipments may take longer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

BORNHORST, Bart and Joan (McLaughlin) of Dayton, Ohio, boy, Bradley Joseph, Oct. 13, 11:05 a.m., 8 pounds, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

BRUE, Duane and Debbie (Haffner) of Yankton, South Dakota, boy, Jason Lee, Aug. 30, 6:50 a.m., 9 pounds 7 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

CARTER, James and Rose (Bennett) of Pasadena, boy, Robert Thomas, Oct. 29, 8:03 p.m., 5 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

CHACON, Jose and Rhonda (Arroyo) of Suffolk, New York, boy, Daniel David, Sept. 2, 9:13 a.m., 8 pounds 5 1/2 ounces, first child.

COLE, Bruce and Sally (Caudry) of Sydney, Australia, girl, Yolanda Emily, Nov. 22, 4:02 a.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

FERRIER, William and Kelli (Dax) of Oceanside, California, boy, Conner William, Oct. 7, 9:06 p.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

GRIFFITHS, Larry and Dolores (Koetter) of Vancouver, British Columbia, girl, Caitlin Nicole, June 5, 5:50 a.m., 5 pounds 4 ounces, now 3 girls.

JACKSON, Tyrone and Tasha (Merfalan) of Long Beach, California, boy, Joseph Ezekiel, Dec. 3, 1:12 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

JOHNSON, Jeffrey and Rachael (Jones) of Fort Worth, Texas, twin boy and girl, Joshua Andrew and Rebecca Lafon, Sept. 25 and 26, 5:55 p.m. and 12:04 a.m., 6 pounds 8 ounces and 6 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

KEDRO, Kenneth and Jeanne (Hoffmann) of St. Louis, Missouri, boy, Benjamin Milan, Sept. 3, 7 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

LEADBITTER, Stewart and Rebecca (Deyton) of Asheville, North Carolina, girl, Cassandra Irene Grace, Nov. 11, 2:13 p.m., 10 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

MATTHEW, Robert and Catherine (Griffith) of Awaraunau, Guyana, boy, Larry Clinton, Sept. 5, 2:30 a.m., 6 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

MIKULASKO, Edward and Joyce (Fletcher) of Trenton, New Jersey, girl, Linda Maureen, Sept. 20, 9:26 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 4 girls.

MONGBEH, Radcliff A.B. and Faye (Turnquist) of Hollywood, Florida, boy, Seth Alexander, July 29, 8:56 a.m., 6 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

MOORE, Gary and Theresa (McAlister) of Morristown, Tennessee, boy, Garon Isaac, Dec. 4, 8 pounds, first child.

MULLINS, Bobby and Sherry (Tackett) of Beckley, West Virginia, boy, Alexander Trey, Nov. 13, 4:27 p.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, now 4 boys, 1 girl.

MURRAY, John E. and Brenda A. (Fogle) of Diamond Bar, California, girl, Taylor Anne, Oct. 20, 8:08 p.m., 9 pounds, now 2 girls.

PARNELL, Carl and Becki (Halford) of Pasadena, girl, Kelsey Miranda, Oct. 23, 4:31 a.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

PERRY, Steve and Terie (Walters) of Riverside, California, girl, Kecey Leigh, Nov. 9, 7:18 p.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

PERSON, Larry and Karen (Carter) of Orlando, Florida, girl, Jade Alexandra, Nov. 22, 7 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 girls.

PETERSEN, Waldon and Lisa (Arndt) of Turlock, California, boy, Joseph Shaw, Sept. 2, 3:53 a.m., 5 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

POWELL, Kurt and Lisa (Boren) of Wichita, Kansas, boy, Kurt Andrew II, Oct. 6, 10:56 p.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

RHODES, Steve and Kim (Lee) of Columbia, Missouri, girl, Ashley Nicole, Nov. 24, 10:17 a.m., 7 pounds 9 1/2 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

ROULSTON, Doug and Anne (Thomas) of Warwick, Australia, boy, Wayne Douglas, July 4, 3:15 p.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

SAWYER, Donald and Kathleen (Cherry) of Atlanta, Georgia, girl, Rebecca Elaine, Nov. 18, 2:02 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

SINNER, Jerry and Laura (Woods) of Salt Lake City, Utah, girl, Jasmine Marie, Nov. 27, 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SKUPLIK, Dennis and Miroslava (Samkova) of Calgary, Alberta, girl, Isabella Olga Zdena, Oct. 30, 11:33 p.m., 6 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 girls.

SMITH, Tom and Josie (Crowther) of Malvern, England, girl, Jade Zareena, Sept. 14, 9:38 p.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

TUANGCO, Orlando and Cheryl (Buron) of Marikina, Philippines, girl, Abbigale B., July 27, 5 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

VERDUN, Quincy and Sarah (Conrad) of Houston, Texas, girl, Haley Danielle, Sept. 17, 2:18 p.m., 6 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

VISSER, Albert and Renate (Middekamp) of Zwolle, Netherlands, boy, Dennis Tjalling, Sept. 25, 7:30 a.m., 4 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

WALTER, Eric and Debbi (Fields) of Modesto, California, girl, Audra Jean, Sept. 17, 9:59 p.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

WALTERS, Bruce and Karen (Finney) of Long Beach, California, girl, Jessica Lynn, Nov. 27, 1:55 p.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, now 4 boys, 2 girls.

WEBSTER, Wesley and Shaaron (Taylor) of Georgetown, Guyana, boy, Wesley Barry II, Oct. 30, 10 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

ZAMPINO, Joseph and Ingrid (D'Andrade) of Montreal, Quebec, boy, Marc Anthony, Oct. 1, 9 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys.

ENGAGEMENTS

JAMES & LORA DODGE
Lora Louise Dooley and James Earl Dodge were united in marriage Sept. 26. Kathy Kochis was matron of honor, and James Adam was best man. The ceremony was performed by Paul Butler, Colorado Springs, Pueblo and Alamosa, Colorado, pastor. The couple live in Saint Jo, Texas.

BENJAMIN & CHERYL TOMPSETT
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Doncheck of Surrey, England, are delighted to announce the marriage of their eldest daughter, Cheryl Ann, to Benjamin John Tompsett, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Tompsett of Sussex, England. The ceremony was performed July 5 by David Magowan, London South, Brighton and Maidstone, England, pastor. Wendy Doncheck, Emma Hunnisett and Louisa Gilbert attended the bride, and Adam Hartrick was best man. The couple live in Tonbridge, England.

CARL & MARY CARMICHAEL
Carl and Mary Carmichael of Tyler, Texas, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Nov. 22. They have one daughter, Jo Daughette; three sons, Wayne, Paul and Tom; and six grandchildren, Derek, Dustin, Dylan, Chelsea, Amanda and Brian. Mr. and Mrs. Carmichael serve as local church elder and deaconess in the Tyler church.

JOSEPH AND PATRICIA BOSU-OJIH
Patricia Enekaies Oberabor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oberabor of Benin City, Nigeria, and Joseph Bosu-Ojih, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Ojih of Lagos, Nigeria, were united in marriage Oct. 3. The ceremony was performed by Michael Ogunlase, Lagos assistant pastor. Justina Oberabor, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Mike Abugha was best man. The couple live in Lagos.

STEPHEN & TRACIE MITCHELL
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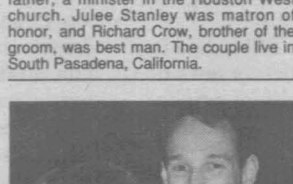
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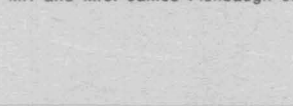
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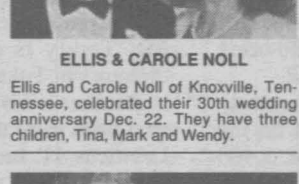
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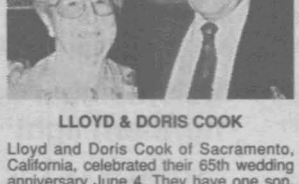
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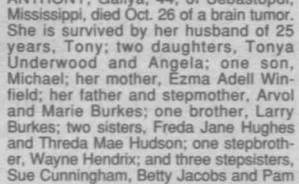
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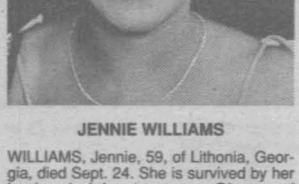
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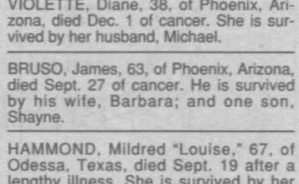
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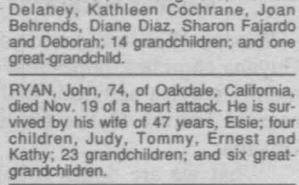
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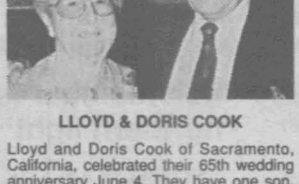
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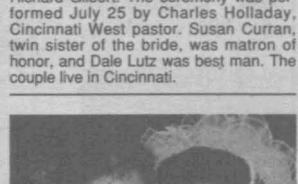
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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Edwards Jr. of Akron, Ohio, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Heather Suzanne to Donald Blaine Martin Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Martin of Beaver Valley, Pennsylvania. The ceremony was performed Sept. 6 by Mark Welch, Beaver Valley associate pastor. Suzanne Hessong was maid of honor, and Michael Martin was best man. The couple live in Beaver Valley.



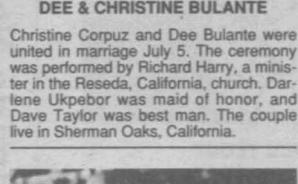
JEFFREY & CONNIE GILBERT

Mr. and Mrs. Harold White of Cincinnati, Ohio, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Connie Mae to Jeffrey Gilbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gilbert. The ceremony was performed July 25 by Charles Holladay, Cincinnati West pastor. Susan Curran, twin sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Dale Lutz was best man. The couple live in Cincinnati.



WILLIAM & KARI CROW

Kari Elizabeth Hope, daughter of Virginia L. Hope of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, and William David Crow, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Crow of Houston, Texas, were united in marriage Aug. 9. The ceremony was performed by the groom's father, a minister in the Houston West church. Julee Stanley was matron of honor, and Richard Crow, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in South Pasadena, California.



DEE & CHRISTINE BULANTE</

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

Institute's graduates gain from Foundation officials' visit

Joseph Locke, vice president of Ambassador Foundation International, visited Sri Lanka and Thailand Nov. 30 to Dec. 18 to conduct graduation ceremonies at Waterfield Institute and to visit other Foundation projects in the region.

Traveling with Mr. Locke were William Johnson, Ambassador College dean of faculty; Dr. Johnson's wife, A.B., a professor of home economics at Ambassador; and Daniel Vander Poel,

assistant to Mr. Locke.

Waterfield Institute, a school sponsored by Ambassador Foundation, provides free secondary education to young adults. Water-



DIRECTED—Joseph Locke gets point of view from children of members during a trip to northern Thailand in December.

field is located in Nuwara Eliya, Sri Lanka, about 125 miles from Colombo, the nation's capital.

Graduation took place Dec. 4, with 87 students receiving diplomas at the seventh such ceremonies at Waterfield.

Dr. Johnson, who gave the commencement address, challenged graduates to continue their education while learning the basics of human interaction for the benefit of all.

Daniel Thompson, director of Sri Lanka projects for Ambassador Foundation, spoke about how students have put to use knowledge received at the institute.

Graduates Sashini Wickramaratne and Azam Mohamed also spoke, using English skills refined at Waterfield the past year.

The group spent the second half of the trip in Thailand, visiting brethren, touring Foundation projects and meeting with Ambassador students teaching at schools in Bangkok.

Connecticut churches plan 25th anniversary celebration

WALLINGFORD, Connecticut—The New Haven, Norwich and Hartford, Connecticut, congregations plan to mark the 25th anniversary of the Connecticut churches April 10.

Brethren from other areas who formerly attended one of the churches in Connecticut are invited. Area brethren will provide housing.

Those from other areas who have photos, printed material or other memorabilia relating to the past 25 years are asked to loan that material for inclusion in a historical presentation. Everything will be carefully marked, cataloged and returned.

To send material or obtain further information, please write to

Teddy recalled. In the first week he requested 10 more publications.

Once Mr. Teddy decided to follow what he proved to be right, he found it easy going.

"I found things to be difficult only when I put myself ahead of what God was saying," he said.

Mr. Teddy's circumstances posed some unusual problems. He worked in the oil industry when he learned about the Sabbath.

Working on oil drilling platforms required him to work away from home every day of the week for four weeks at a time, with the fifth week off.

After realizing he could not observe the Sabbath and keep his job at the oil company, he quit.

After leaving, however, he was elected director of the Inuvialut Regional Corp., an organization responsible for managing the land claims settlement that Mr. Teddy's people signed with the Canadian government in 1984. Mr. Teddy is chairman of the directors in Tuktoyaktuk.

Another issue Mr. Teddy had to deal with were the dietary laws of Leviticus 11. Inuit culture emphasizes the social aspects of hunting and consuming seal meat and other biblically proscribed foods.

Respected citizens, family and friends in the community pressured Mr. Teddy when he decided not to eat unclean meats.

Some were concerned Mr. Teddy was giving up his culture by his acceptance of the Sabbath

Ken Peterson at 24 Chester Lane, Wallingford, Connecticut, 06492.

North London church celebrates 35th anniversary

BRICKET WOOD, England—The North London church celebrated its 35th anniversary Nov. 21 at the former Ambassador College campus gymnasium.

About 470 people mingled and danced to the strains of the Ambassador Band. Brethren enjoyed a champagne supper featuring Caribbean specialties and an anniversary cake.

Paul Suckling, director of Ministerial Services for the British Office, and Robin Jones, pastor of the Reading, Godalming and Southampton, England, churches, entertained the group with recollections of the early London church.

'Success in all aspects of life' seminar takes place in California

SHELL BEACH, California—About 200 adults attended the "Success in All Aspects of Life" seminar at the Cliffs Resort Hotel here Dec. 25 to 27.

Marc Courtenay, pastor of the Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo, California, churches, coordinated the seminar, the sixth such seminar.

"Many who have attended these seminars over the past six years shared how they have been inspired to improve the quality of their lives, serve others more dynamically and make changes needed to lead a more satisfying and abundant life," Mr. Courtenay said.

"It was wonderful this year to have a large number of older members attend the seminar. These seasoned travelers of life's highway added a maturity and enthusiasm that was greatly appreciated."

Activities included buffet dinners Friday and Saturday nights, Sabbath services, a breakfast Sunday morning and presentations from five speakers.

Ralph Helge, director of Legal

Services and attorney for the Church, was the keynote speaker.

Other presentations were given by Mr. Courtenay and members Annie Potter, founder and president of Annie's Attic Inc.; Skip John, a certified public accountant and manager of the Price Bednar accounting firm; and Lee Joyce, an economist, investor and author of the book, *The Savvy Investor*.

"Coming together at this seminar are years of experience from the trials and errors, achievements, failures, successes, joy, tears, frustration and rebounds that we all have experienced," Mr. Courtenay related.

"We can become a network of encouragement and reinforcement for one another. The greatest wealth a man may acquire is the wisdom he gains from living," he added, "and sometimes out of small beginnings come the forces that shape a whole lifetime."

Russian tour beckons Church youths

If interest is sufficient, the Youth Opportunities United Office will offer an 11-day tour of Russia from June 27 to July 7. The tour will visit Moscow and St. Petersburg (formerly Leningrad) as well as Helsinki, Finland.

All accommodations will be first class. The cost will be about US\$2,175 plus connecting airfare to New York.

Besides touring the Kremlin, Zagorsk Petrodvoretz, the ancient city of Novgorod and the Hermitage, the group plans to visit the Moscow circus and experience Russian folk music.

Scheduled to travel with the group are official government tour guides and Doug and Tanya Horchak, who pastor the Denver North and Lafayette, Colorado, churches, and Oleh and Diane Kubik, who pastor the Binghamton and Elmira, New York, churches.

For applications write the YOU Office at 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, California, 91129, or call 1-818-304-6138. Applications must be returned to the YOU Office by Feb. 1.



LUNCHEON IN THAI PALACE—From left: Khunying Pharan Mahanonda; Thanpuying Manatnit Vanikkul; Leon Sexton; Joseph Locke; Thanpuying Suprapada Kasemsant, Queen Sirikit's personal secretary; Gloria Sexton; Daniel Vander Poel; A.B. Johnson; and William Johnson.



FROM OUR

BRETHREN WORLDWIDE

Brethren in Guyana reach out to orphans

GEORGETOWN, Guyana—Brethren donated used clothing and gifts to 61 children from Sad'r Boys' and Girls' Orphanages here Dec. 20.

Evangelist Colin Adair, Caribbean regional director, and his wife, Margaret, who were visiting Guyana, presented the clothing and gifts at a picnic for the orphans.

Brethren served lunch and organized games for the orphans, who are from 2 to 15 years old.

Activities took place on an unusually cool, tropical day at South Ruimveldt Park Primary School, where the headmistress is Norma Johnson, a member here.

Before leaving, the orphans treated brethren to renditions of Islamic songs sung in Arabic.

Regular feature?

Wesley Webster, pastor of the Guyana churches, hopes that community service activities will be a regular feature of the church in Guyana.

"What we are doing is following Mr. [Joseph] Tkach's lead in serving others—not only those in

the Church, but also the needy outside of the Church," said Mr. Webster. He referred to Mr. Tkach's opening night Festival message, in which he urged the Church to practice true religion (James 1:27).

"This activity represents the life Christians are called to live," Mr. Webster said. He added that individual Church members have much to gain by being involved in service-oriented activities.

Inuit member is 'northern light'

TUKTOYAKTUK, Northern Territories—Vince Teddy never guessed that his first glimpse of *The World Tomorrow* would bring profound changes in his life.

Mr. Teddy, an Inuit (formerly known as Eskimos), lives on the shores of the Arctic Ocean, 1,400 miles north of Edmonton, Alberta.

When Mr. Teddy saw the telecast he had been going through some personal changes and was looking for answers. He discovered them through the booklets he requested and in *The Plain Truth*.

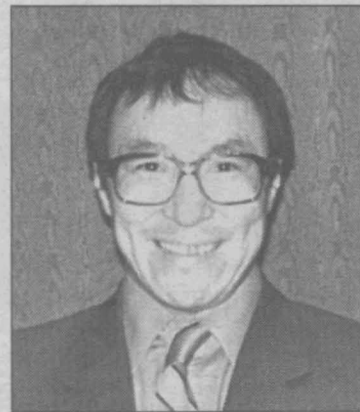
"I couldn't put this literature down when I received it," Mr.

and dietary principles.

Living so far from a Church congregation posed a dilemma, as the nearest Canadian church was in Grande Prairie, Alberta.

So the Canadian Office decided Mr. Teddy's needs could be better served by ministers from the Vancouver congregations.

Since Mr. Teddy's employment involved periodic visits to Van-



VINCE TEDDY

cover and other cities in southern Canada, his first personal meeting with a minister was in Vancouver during the spring of 1990.

Mr. Teddy, along with his wife, Ruth, and seven children, now receive tapes of weekly Sabbath services and Bible studies.

He and his family attended the 1991 Feast of Tabernacles in Victoria, British Columbia, where Mr. Teddy was baptized.

He said his life is now for Jesus Christ and the Church. Like

other Christians, he can't see how he and his family were able to live before. His Christ-centered life has forged strong family and moral bonds. *By Bill Hall.*



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