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Law Center at USC honors Herbert W. Armstrong

President, law dean laud Mr. Armstrong

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — In a ceremony to establish the Herbert W. Armstrong Professorship of Constitutional Law, James H. Zumberge, president of the University of Southern California, and Scott H. Bice, dean of the USC Law Center, honored Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong March 31.

In the ceremony, which also included the establishment of another professorship for the Law Center, Dr. Zumberge lauded the pastor general.

"Peoples throughout the nation, indeed throughout the entire world, are familiar with the ministry and accomplishments of Herbert W. Armstrong," Dr. Zumberge began.

"Mr. Armstrong is well-known to many as an... ambassador of world peace," the university president continued. "He has met privately with such leaders as Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of Great Britain, Prime Minister Menachem Begin of Israel, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi of India, Presidents Anwar Sadat and Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, King Hussein of Jordan, and the king of Thailand, all in an effort to further world peace and religious liberty.

"Mr. Armstrong has long admired the commitment to religious liberty evidenced by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution," the president said. "And he has been an outspoken defender of constitutional liberty. Thus when the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation agreed to fund a professorship in Mr. Armstrong's honor, it was Mr. Armstrong's personal wish that the professorship be in constitutional law."

Evangelist comments

"The establishment and installation of the professorship provided Mr. Armstrong with a powerful avenue to preach the Gospel," explained evangelist Ellis La Ravia, vice president of the Ambassador Foundation. (Mr. Armstrong's comments begin on this page.)

"His approach in describing



LAW CENTER CEREMONY — James H. Zumberge (left), president of the University of Southern California, discusses Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's activities as an ambassador for world peace in a ceremony at the USC Law Center in Los Angeles, Calif., March 31. The audience included U.S. federal judges, attorneys and law scholars from the USC Law Center. [Photo by Warren Watson]

the Bible as a book about constitutional law effectively captured the attention of his scholarly audience," the evangelist continued. "I think it was most interesting that Dr. Bice commented at the end that the USC law library would have to acquire additional copies of the Bible."

"What was even more remarkable," Mr. La Ravia said, "was the similarity between Mr. Armstrong's address and Dr. [Larry] Simon's acceptance speech." Dr. Simon is the designated holder of the Herbert W. Armstrong Professorship of Constitutional Law.

When introduced after the pastor general's address, Dr. Simon said: "Let me first acknowledge Mr. Armstrong... if you sense any similarities between what I'm about to say and what Mr. Armstrong said — and there are some — you should know that it wasn't staged to be that way. I've never met Mr. Armstrong before this very moment."

At the conclusion of Dr. Simon's talk, Dr. Bice added: "It does sound sort of as though we did script those two speeches together. And I think Albert Brecht, the director of the law library, had better be sure we have some extra copies of the Bible

ordered, because it's even more relevant than it was before these two talks."

Basis for law

"It was very interesting," Mr. La Ravia said, "that Mr. Armstrong was personally able to tell the leading law scholars of what is probably the foremost university on the West Coast that God's law is constitutional and the only true basis for any law. He explained that man's problem is that he doesn't base his human constitutions on that divinely revealed law."

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HWA traces world issues in speech

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Following is the transcript of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's March 31 address at the Law Center of the University of Southern California here.

Mr. President [of the university], ladies and gentlemen. You might wonder what I, a minister of Jesus Christ, would have to do with constitutional law and something of this sort.

Last night I viewed a movie on television about a Philadelphia lawyer. Perhaps some of you might have seen it. And I was interested in that because when I was a little boy, 5 years old, my father told me that when I grew up I would become a Philadelphia lawyer.

I asked him so many crazy questions. He got so tired of answering why and how and all of the questions I wanted to know because I wanted to understand, that he said I would certainly become a Philadelphia lawyer when I grew up.

Well now, in a way you might not understand his prophecy was really fulfilled. In 1926 I was challenged on a point of constitutional law. And at that time I found a great deal about constitutional law in a book that I don't know whether you'll find in very many law libraries. It's a



USC ADDRESS — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong discusses constitutional law in the Bible and its implications in solving the world's problems March 31. [Photo by Warren Watson]

book called the Holy Bible.

But I found a lot about constitutional law in it. In fact, I found that constitutional law was the subject of that book from beginning to end. And it's quite a large book.

Now we live in a world today — I was introduced as being called an ambassador without portfolio, because I represent no nation in this regard, but an ambassador for world peace. And that's true, I do work for world peace. But I found that we live in a very peculiar type of world, a world with a very peculiar paradox.

It's a world of absolutely awesome progress and accomplishment. And at the same time, a world of appalling evils and troubles that seem unsolvable — violence, destruction, everything

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Work secures 'quality' outlets for distribution to PT audience

PASADENA — A potential outlet for distributing more than 250,000 newstand *Plain Truths* monthly was made available April 1 when Elson's gift stores throughout the United States began distributing the magazine, said Boyd Leeson, U.S. *Plain Truth* circulation manager April 11.

The Elson's gift store chain has more than 100 locations in airports, train stations and high-quality hotels. "This means we are in high traffic areas that cater to executives, business decision makers and corporate officials," Mr. Leeson said.

After signing a distribution contract in mid-March, the Church acquired newstand locations in 32 Hyatt Regency hotels nationwide, including the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City, the Hyatt Embarcadero in San Francisco, Calif., the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta, Ga., and Hyatt hotels in Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Md., Chicago, Ill., Los

Angeles, Calif., and others.

Besides the Hyatt hotels, Elson's also has several locations for *The Plain Truth* in Sheraton and Hilton hotels nationwide, including the Capitol Hilton in Washington, site of several international foreign policy, financial and scientific conventions each year.

"In addition to these high-quality outlets, Elson's has locations in major airports, including O'Hare in Chicago, the San Francisco airport and seven others. In the Atlanta airport, home field for major airlines such as Eastern and Delta, we have 16 *Plain Truth* outlets," Mr. Leeson said.

The Elson's contract also provides for *Plain Truth* distribution in railway stations in New York City, Philadelphia, Pa., Baltimore, Washington, Newark, N.J., and Wilmington, Del.

"The outlets in New York alone are distributing 1,000 *Plain Truths*


per day," Mr. Leeson noted.

The *PT* circulation manager added: "It's interesting that the goals of the Elson's organization and the Church are comparable. They strive for quality and excellence and feel that our publication and the *PT* display fixtures fit in well with their operation."

The Elson's distribution program uses standard *Plain Truth* newsstand racks.

"The Elson's contract provided us with two other benefits," Mr. Leeson concluded. "One, we have an open invitation to expand along with Elson's. This means that when Elson's opens in hotels now under construction in Oakland [Calif.] and Los Angeles, we'll be there with them."

"It also means," he concluded, "that other gift store chains perhaps will be interested in distributing *The Plain Truth*, opening up even further quality locations."



The Law Center of the University of Southern California includes the Herbert W. Armstrong Professorship of Constitutional Law and the Leon Bennett Professorship of Law and is headed by Larry G. Simon as the Herbert W. Armstrong Professor of Constitutional Law and David W. Carroll as the Leon Bennett Professor of Law. Thanks to Thyro, Inc. as of March. Sixteen Hundred Eighty-three.

PROGRAM DETAILS — Above is the program from the ceremony establishing the Herbert W. Armstrong Professorship March 31 at the University of Southern California Law Center.

Mr. Strauss and the pope: men to watch

PASADENA — Springtime in Europe this year will be anything but dull. In West Germany, for example, the antiestablishment Green Party, in parliament for the first time, promises to keep Bonn's political pot boiling.

The Greens made a rather auspicious debut when the Bundestag session opened in April. The 17 Green delegates marched from downtown Bonn rolling a huge globe representing Mother Earth and carrying dead fir tree branches labeled "Victims of Acid Rain."

However impressive the splash they think they made, the Greens quickly discovered the limits of flower power.

Bundestag conservatives barred the vehemently antinuclear Greens from parliamentary committees dealing with national security. The Greens were also maneuvered out of

any of the chamber's four vice-speaker positions.

Nevertheless the Greens vowed that they would continue their all-out opposition to any further "nuclearization" of West Germany. "That pledge," reports *Newsweek*, in its April 11 issue, "is sure to plunge the Bundestag into sharp conflict before long."

Mr. Strauss forces policy changes

Perhaps of far more significance than the parliamentary debut of the Greens is the growing political leverage exerted — behind the scenes — by Franz Josef Strauss. The Bavarian strong man is pulling the ruling coalition further to the right and into a more realistic posture with regard to the Soviet Union and toward Communist inroads in areas vital to Western interests.

Mr. Strauss had lobbied to

become foreign minister as a payoff for delivering crucial votes in Chancellor Helmut Kohl's election last month. However, there simply was no room for him in the cabinet.

The Free Democratic Party, vitally needed by Mr. Kohl in this coalition government, refused to relinquish the important portfolios of foreign minister — which Mr. Strauss wanted most of all — and economics.

Afterward, Mr. Strauss boasted that he had actually received an even greater reward. Chancellor Kohl, he maintained, had granted him a major behind-the-scenes role in formulating foreign policy decisions.

In a 27-page paper submitted to Chancellor Kohl, Mr. Strauss called for a tougher line against the Soviet-led East bloc, and advocated closer ties with China, as a means of keeping the Kremlin in check. He

also favored a firmer anticommunist line in Latin America and Africa.

Strauss also claimed that Bonn would soon drop its longstanding support for Communist-backed SWAPO guerrillas fighting in

in terms of an East-West struggle and South Africa as a bulwark against Soviet influence on the continent."

The *Times* also postulated on whether Chancellor Kohl would be happier having Mr. Strauss in Bonn or in Munich. "His outstanding talents would be an asset to the government, his independent mind and

WORLDWATCH

BY GENE H. HOGBERG



Namibia and normalize relations with the South African-backed government by reopening a consulate in the capital city of Windhoek.

"This would reflect," editorialized the March 18 *Times* of London, "Herr Strauss's view of Africa

explosive temperament would create problems, although it is debatable whether he would make life more difficult for the Chancellor from inside the Cabinet or hurling periodic thunderbolts from Munich."

"In the meantime," concluded *Newsweek*, "Strauss was clearly savoring his new role. Returning to his home base in Munich, he was gleefully telling friends, 'I don't care which chancellor serves under me.'"

Plot against pope thickens

Pope John Paul II is scheduled to make his long-awaited second visit to his Polish homeland June 16 to 22. His return there comes at a time when evidence mounts concerning the alleged Soviet plot, two years ago, to "eliminate" the pope.

Authorities in France now have information from a Bulgarian defector, that supports testimony given in Italy by a Turkish assassin, Mehmet Ali Agca, that when he tried to kill Pope John Paul II May 13, 1981, he was acting at the behest of Bulgarian intelligence agents.

The evidence, if true, reveals how incredibly paranoid the Soviets are about the impact of John Paul II upon their satellite empire, even to the point of believing that he was an agent of the U.S. government — Zbigniew Brzezinski, in particular — in an attempt to subvert Poland.

The official, Ordan Mantarow, said that a high-ranking Bulgarian (See STRAUSS, page 3)



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Give the neglected gift

When was the last time you encouraged someone in your family, on the job, at school or church? Think now. Be honest with yourself.

The sulfuric acid of discouragement is much more freely dispensed today than the soothing salve of an encouraging word. Encouragement is one of God's most effective antibodies to ward off infection in a family, on the job, at school and especially in the Church.

Mark Twain once quipped, "I can live off one good compliment for a week."

Christ was the master Encourager. He encouraged the full potential of persons, clearly communicating that their interests were His interests. His encouragement knitted the disciples together. He encouraged Mary and Martha at Lazarus' death. The most encouraging thing is that Christ is guiding us toward becoming perfect in every way just like Him and God the Father (Matthew 5:48).

The apostle Paul's letters throb with encouragement, strong words to prod us in our understanding of God's grace as in II Corinthians 6:1, "We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain" (Revised Authorized Version, unless noted).

In Colossians 3:21, he particularly exhorts fathers to beware of discouragement: "Fathers, do not provoke [exasperate] your children, lest they become discouraged [lose heart]."

God's Word, both Old and New Testaments, encourages us to encourage each other.

Perhaps you could benefit from the following examples in a personal Bible study as I did.

• *Encouragement glorifies God.* "Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 15:5, 6).

When we encourage each other, we are fulfilling God's ultimate purpose in creating us. Encouragement is part of God's character and should be ours also.

Christ also had encouraging words when in John 14:26 He promised the Holy Spirit when He left the earth. It is called the "Comforter" (King James Version), which is

the same word for encouragement.

• *Encouragement is commanded by God.* "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up" (I Thessalonians 5:11, New International Version). The apostle Paul had one important concern that was constantly on his mind — to do all he could when he could to build up the Body of Christ — certainly a prime example for us.

And knowing he could only do so much as an individual, his strategy was to transfer this concern to others — to encourage every other Christian to develop the same concern for all others (Colossians 2:2; 4:8).

The basic Greek word for encouragement used in I Thessalonians 5:11, appears in several forms in the New Testament. At times the word is translated "to exhort, to admonish, or to teach"; at other times, "to beg, entreat, or beseech." It is also translated "to console, to encourage, to comfort."

For example, Paul, giving the qualities for eldership in his letter to Titus, emphasized that an elder "must hold firmly to the *truth*: worthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it" (Titus 1:9, NIV).

Furthermore, when Paul, Silas and Timothy ministered to the new members at Thessalonica they dealt with each one of them, just "as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting and urging [them] to live lives worthy of God" (I Thessalonians 2:11-12, NIV).

Then we read in Hebrews 10:24-25, NIV: "Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

• *Encouragement deters getting off the track.* "But encourage one another daily . . . so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness" (Hebrews 3:13, NIV).

Paul insists that this be daily and especially on the Sabbath. Repeatedly, Mark Twain might have lived off a compliment for one week, but being encouraged every day would have made him seven times stronger.

Preventive maintenance isn't just a good idea for cars and machines, but critical for smooth running fam-

ily relationships. No doubt, if the word *no* were censored from some homes, the silence would be deafening.

How many times an encouraging word would get more mileage than, "No, you can't go out until you pick up your room; take out the garbage!" What did you say when he or she *did* pick them up the other day? Silence is not encouragement; a word of appreciation is.

Suppose one of your children gets a good mark on an examination. Do you show your appreciation by sitting down with the youngster and going over the paper, expressing your pleasure over each right answer? Nothing encourages children more than this kind of parental interest and approval.

Inspire your child with confidence. Infect him or her with courage. There are plenty of forces in this world intent on tearing down his or her spirit and God-given potential.

Let your home be a construction site for building up a strong spirit with the blocks of encouragement. Our children need to know we are on their team.

We all need to be doing as Paul exhorted in I Thessalonians 2:10-12 (New American Standard Bible), "... how we were exhorting and encouraging and imploring each one of you as a father would his own children, so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory."

Encouragement is a way of life. When was the last time you called home at midday and said, "Just thinking about you, sweetheart, and realized again how wonderful you are?" As I've said before, your wife may have a cardiac arrest, but take the risk.

Did you ever buy your husband a card on days other than anniversaries, just to give him encouragement at work? When was the last time you took your daughter out for a "date" or scribbled a note to your son letting him know how much you love being his dad?

Your wife makes a tasty meal. Do you tell her how good it is? She may tire of making meals night after night, but she will never tire of sincere compliments and encouragement.

Your minister delivers a helpful sermon. Do you take a minute to go up to him after the service and express encouragement? Every minister, teacher, writer knows the discouragement of pouring himself out to an audience and not receiving a single encouraging comment.

It is not necessary even to wait until afterward to make your appreciation felt. The deadpan expression of audiences is the despair of speakers. A single appreciative encouraged face stands out and is a source of inspiration.

Don't forget to be a light in

offices, stores, factories and at school. In our working relations we should try to remember that the girl at the next counter, the man at the next bench or machine, the person at the adjoining desk or in the next office is a human being first of all, and after that a salesperson, machinist, cost accountant or department head. And all human beings hunger for encouragement.

If it is difficult for you to encourage or compliment others and enjoy in their successes or sympathize in misfortune, take a close look at your personality. Why is this true?

Some people cannot compliment or encourage others and enjoy their success because they had always been the center of attention themselves. They want *all* the attention. This, of course, represents a serious spiritual problem. Reread Philipians 2:1-5 and meditate on it every day.

Before you do anything else today, commit yourself to becoming an encourager, making your home, job, school and local church that special place where "never is heard a discouraging word."

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Australian fires

The miracles of the Australian fires [March 7] were so uplifting and of tremendous encouragement. Too often we forget how very precious we are in God's sight. Thanks so much for the many reminders.

Sally Green
Grandview, Wash.

The article in *The Worldwide News* about our brethren in Australia was so very uplifting and inspiring! We need to hear about the miracles God works for His people around the world.

We can thank God every day for His help, protection and deliverance.

Theresa Terry
Colorado Springs, Colo.

Rather than wait to hear if any members are affected by news-making weather or upheavals, I have made a conscious effort to connect my evening watching of the network news with immediate consideration of how the events related may affect those living in the area and in the Church.

The fires in Australia were in the news several nights in a row — and starting with the first report I made a diligent effort to pray that any members be protected and spared until the reports stopped or something was mentioned in *The Worldwide News*. . . Thanks for the article because it has pleased me and encouraged me to know that my prayers counted and were heard and got beyond my four walls and saved many Australian brethren from what appeared at times to be certain incineration. . .

I may not be guilty of overt, open cynicism, but upon examination without guile after rehearsing your article ["The Fate of Chronic Cynics," March 7] point by point I stand corrected anyway. Chalk me up as being just as guilty as the next

guy. I don't wear a rap sheet on my sleeve so everyone can know. I thank God that you have been given the discernment and wisdom to help us in areas where we hadn't looked before or even given it a thought.

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Saco, Maine

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ACEPT 'highly regarded' by Thai officials

By Jeff Zhorne
PASADENA — When Steve Pelfrey, now 30, decided to take a one-year break from Pasadena Ambassador College in 1973 to live in Thailand, he didn't expect one day to be supervising Ambassador College students there.

Today the 1976 Pasadena graduate has worked with all five sessions of the Ambassador College Educational Project in Thailand — ACEPT for short — and sees them as having been extremely worthwhile.

"It's been a most wonderful opportunity working with students and being involved in the Work of God," says Mr. Pelfrey. "The project would have been totally different if the college had not been involved."

When Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong approved the first ACEPT in July, 1980, Mr. Pelfrey was asked to help coordinate the program.

Appreciative of the opportunity to serve, Mr. Pelfrey began making arrangements in Thailand. The mission? To teach English and aspects of Western culture to refugees from Laos in Ban Thong camp near the Thai community of Chiang Khong. The refugees were scheduled to be resettled in Western countries.

Importance of example

Thai theology is radically different from its Western counterparts. "The Thai people have nothing with which to relate a message about Christ," added Mr. Pelfrey, who has spent about 3½ years in Thailand. "They don't know the Bible."

One who has taken notice of the example of Ambassador students in Chiang Khong is the Abbot of Wat Thai of Los Angeles, Calif. (a wat is a temple), and Wat Po in Bangkok, Thailand's capital. "The Abbot is very widely known as an influential religious leader in Thailand," said Mr. Pelfrey.

ACEPT, a joint project with Wat Thai but funded by the Ambassador

Foundation, is the outgrowth of the visit to Ambassador College in April, 1980, of the Supreme Patriarch of Buddhism in Thailand. "The temple has been instrumental in helping us do the job that's been done," Mr. Pelfrey said.

The Thai government has also looked favorably on the ACEPT program. "The camp was even visited by Her Majesty the Queen and by an official from the Thai Ministry of Interior, along with many others," said Mr. Pelfrey. "Our efforts are highly regarded by the Ministry of Interior, which is one of the most politically powerful bodies of the Thai government."

When Mr. Armstrong visited Thailand Feb. 3, he was presented a plaque by the Ministry of Interior that recognized excellent work by those involved in ACEPT.

Method of teaching

Before the students left Pasadena for Chiang Khong, they were taught the Laubach method of teaching English.

"Laubach is an audiolingual system of using basic English vocabulary, dialogue and illustrations to build phrases," Mr. Pelfrey explained. "The students listen and repeat, then understand and use words. Basically, it's 'survival English.'"

Law Center

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Mr. La Ravia added that the Ambassador Foundation was pleased that USC had been able to obtain the services of Dr. Simon for the foundation-sponsored professorship. Dr. Simon, according to USC, is a recognized expert on constitutional law. He was graduated from and served on the faculty of the Yale Law School, and was a law clerk to former U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren.

or producing computers or the things of modern science. It is concerned with relationships between people and relationships between people and their Maker.

But the first parents took to themselves the knowledge of good and evil, of deciding what is right and what is wrong. And incidentally, people just didn't agree on what is right and what is wrong. What one thinks is right, another thinks is wrong.

And the self motive entered in. And people began to think selfishly. And so a civilization has been built, and based on attitudes of competition.

Now the basic book of constitutional law states that the basis of all law is just a simple word, L-O-V-E, love. I like to translate that as it is put into practice in the world today into the word *get*. And the opposite is the word *give*. That is, love is the word *give*. And *get* is the opposite in the transgression of that law. Now that is a law.

And incidentally, a law is merely the rules of how you perform. You might say that the rules of a game, a basketball game or a football game, are merely the law of the game. Because a law defines conduct.

And so man has formed his own ideas about the way of life and how he conducts himself with his neighbor, how groups conduct themselves with other groups, how nations conduct themselves with other nations. It's a competitive society, not one of cooperation and love.

Human nature entered into it and, of course, we're not going to have peace. I may be an ambassador for world peace — I do what I can. But we're not going to have peace in the world, there's no need of kidding

Mr. Pelfrey mentioned that some ethnic groups learn faster than others. "To many, the learning process is completely an alien concept," he said. "Many have had no education whatsoever."

"The people are from rural backgrounds and fled Laos when the Communists took over in 1975," he added.

"All that many of them know is a primitive form of slash-and-burn agriculture in the hills," according to junior David Baker, a member of ACEPT 3 and 4.

Some could not comprehend any other type of oven besides one made of stone, he said.

"They carry water in buckets looped through bamboo sticks strapped over their shoulders. 'What's the English word for this?' they wanted to know. Well, of course, we don't have them."

"I liked working with the hill-tribes," Mr. Baker continued. "They were a bit slow to understand but were so open and showed so much brotherly love."

ACEPT concentrates on teaching adults and older teenagers. Younger children have the opportunity to learn in school, said Mr. Pelfrey.

In the extreme northern tip of Thailand, five groups of Ambassador students have participated in

Mr. La Ravia said that ever since the receivership crisis on the Church from 1979 to 1981, Mr. Armstrong has been concerned with preserving the ability of the Church to preach Christ's Gospel freely without political restraint.

A professorship to adequately instruct law students on the importance of constitutional law is congruent with that concern, the evangelist explained.

Mr. Armstrong was accompanied to the ceremony by Mr. La Ravia and his wife Gwen, and Mr. Armstrong's personal aide Aaron Dean and his wife Michelle.

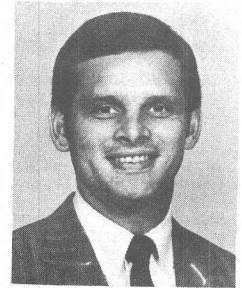
teaching the Laubach method with uncommon success said Mr. Pelfrey. The last ACEPT group returned to Pasadena in December.

Keeping in contact

Raymond Epperson, a 1982 Pasadena Ambassador graduate who attended the second ACEPT session, maintains contact with dozens of former refugees who now live in California, Oregon, Washington, Massachusetts and Connecticut.

"I've seen about 85 percent of my former students who have settled in American cities," said Mr. Epperson.

"Through ACEPT," concluded



STEVE PELFREY

Mr. Pelfrey. "I think the refugees have become more self-supportive and better able to cope with life in Western society."

Philharmonic conducts auditions in Pasadena

PASADENA — Auditions for the new Natal Philharmonic Orchestra took place at the Ambassador College Fine Arts Recital Hall April 5 to 8 according to David Tidboald, principal conductor of the Durban-based group.

One hundred thirty-five musicians from the United States, Canada and one from Venezuela tried out.

Mr. Tidboald previously conducted with other major opera companies in South Africa and symphony orchestras in Europe, including the London Philharmonic and London Symphony orchestras.

Mr. Tidboald was to go on to New York, London, Hamburg and Cologne, West Germany, Vienna, Austria, and Tel Aviv, Israel, for further auditions.

The conductor said of the Ambassador College campus and student

body: "One gets the distinct impression that something important is going on here."

Mr. Tidboald came into contact with the college when the South African Consulate in Los Angeles, Calif., was looking for a hall for him to use.

A secretary in the consulate, Carla Stephan, remembered Gene Hogberg, world news editor for *The Plain Truth*, because of his previous contact with the consulate. Miss Stephan, who had attended concerts in the Ambassador Auditorium, phoned Mr. Hogberg in a last minute attempt to secure a hall, hoping that Ambassador College could help.

College facilities were not being used by the students because of spring break, so the Facilities Management Office made the Fine Arts Recital Hall available for Mr. Tidboald.

Strauss

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counterintelligence agent told him that in 1979 the Soviet KGB concluded that the election of Karol Wojtyla was engineered by Zbigniew Brzezinski, former U.S. President Jimmy Carter's national security adviser, who was born in Poland.

Reported the March 23 *New York Times*: "The response to the election of Pope John Paul II — made by the Soviet authorities and conveyed to the Bulgarians, according to Mr. Mantarov's account — was to 'eliminate' the Pope, and the assignment was given to the Bulgarian security agency."

But why the apparent Soviet phobia with John Paul II? Simply put, the pope's growing influence in the East — much of it unreported in the general press — extends far beyond Poland, and even Eastern Europe and right into the Soviet Union itself!

"In Czechoslovakia, for example," reports an article in the March 30 *Wall Street Journal*, "the Catholic Church is experiencing a remarkable revival which has included widespread underground religious life . . ."

"In Lithuania, a homogeneously Catholic nation with a long record of historical and cultural ties with Poland . . . the church . . . has emerged as the most militant church in the Soviet Union . . ."

"No less troublesome for the Kremlin has been John Paul II's perceived impact on the Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Eastern Rite. The Uniate Church, as it is also known, has for centuries commanded the allegiance of the people in the Western Ukraine."

While the pope's influence has undoubtedly been strongest among the Catholics in the Soviet bloc, notes the writer of the *Journal* article, Alex Alexiev, "it has had much

broader ramifications. By emphasizing Europe's common Christian roots, he has consistently stressed its spiritual unity — East and West — and has gone beyond that to argue for the opening not only of borders, but also of [political] 'systems.'"

"In a highly significant gesture, the pope has declared the [saints] Cyril and Methodius, who were instrumental in the spread of Christianity among the ancestors of many present-day Catholic and Orthodox Slavs, co-patron saints of Europe along with St. Benedict, thus symbolically overcoming the centuries-old East-West division of Europe" [emphasis ours].

The pope feels, according to an article in the Oct. 10, 1982, *New York Times Magazine*, that "time is running out" for him to do his work.

"John Paul II," wrote author Kenneth A. Briggs, "grasps the sober reality that the church has lost much ground to Marxist Communism, Socialism and, particularly in Western nations, the powerful specter of secularism . . . In response, he has become a crusader with an urgency that suggests that time is running out."

"Underlying this urgency is the Pope's acute awareness of the approaching end of the second Christian millennium. Professor George H. Williams of Harvard's Divinity School, a longtime friend of the pope who has written a searching book, *The Mind of Pope John Paul II*, says the pontiff has 'more of an eschatological [end of the world] view than anyone would suspect,' and that by the year 2000 he 'believes something decisive will happen in the world.'"

"If he imagines himself as the head of the church in the final days of the world as we know it, then his pressing desire to purify and unify the church before that final judgment has its own logic."

Prophecy, indeed, races on!

Speech

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harmful and wrong.

It's a world in which people are not getting along with people. And that's why we have constitutional law. That's what our courts and our lawyers are concerned about constantly, adjusting disputes among people.

Now I happen to know all of the members of the World Court of International Justice at The Hague. And I've spoken to them, trying to straighten out difficulties between nations.

The unfortunate thing is that the court cannot compel any disputes between nations to be brought before it. And even if disputes are voluntarily brought before it, it has no teeth. It cannot enforce its decisions.

However, they have told me that what problems have been brought before them have been followed by the nations concerned. And that at least is encouraging.

But why do we find these troubles in the world? It all started at the beginning of the world, the foundation of this world as recorded in this book [the Bible], which is not highly regarded by higher education in this world, unfortunately.

And that records in the incident of the forbidden fruit at the very beginning, at the foundation of this world, that our first parents took to themselves a matter of constitutional law, the knowledge of good and evil.

Now good and evil is a type of knowledge that is not concerned with the building of airplanes or sending men to the moon and back,

FOCUS ON YOUTH

YOUTHS HONORED

HAMILTON, Ohio — Michelle Treadway, 7, received a citizenship award at New Miami Elementary school in January. She was one of 13 students who received this award.



MICHELLE TREADWAY
Michelle attends the Cincinnati, Ohio, North congregation with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Treadway and her brothers David, Isaac and Joshua.

LIVERMORE, Calif. — Lori Ludlow, 7, passed tests to qualify for the gifted and talented program at Jackson Avenue School in February.

She is in the second grade and attends services in San Jose, Calif., with her parents Terry and Judy Ludlow of Livermore.



LORI LUDLOW

Last year Lori was the top speller in the first grade, receiving perfect scores on her weekly tests for the entire year.

TOPEKA, Kan. — Sarah Kay Gifford, 9, an honor roll student at Shawnee Heights Elementary School, ranked in the 90th percentile of her age group in the Iowa Basic Skills test taken in October.



SARAH KAY GIFFORD

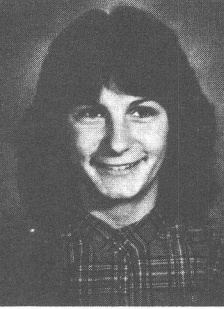
Last year Sarah received the Lorraine Guth Memorial Award for Academic Effort and

Outstanding Citizenship. She received a plaque and a certificate for the award.

Sarah is in the third grade. She attends the Topeka church with her parents, Jack and Linda Gifford, two brothers and two sisters.

JEFFERSON, Ore. — Debbie Cole, 16, qualified to be in the Championship Class in Western Equitation of the 1982 Marion County 4-H horse show in Salem, Ore., in July.

Debbie trained her 3-year-old filly, Lady, herself. This was the first show with Lady. Since most training classes are on the Sabbath, she does all of her own training on her family's farm.



DEBBIE COLE

Besides horses, her other interests include volleyball, track and cheerleading. Debbie attends the Albany, Ore., church with her parents Calvin and Linda Cole.

HUNTINGTON, Ore. — Linda Quast, 17, a junior at Huntington High School, writes a weekly article for *The Ontario Argus Observer*, reporting on activities of her high school.

Linda is also a member of the National Honor Society and is active in the American Field Service, a school organization to promote foreign exchange students at her school.



LINDA QUAST

Linda attends the Ontario, Ore., church with her parents Dennis and Janelle Quast, her brother Tim and sister Heidi.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — Vania Seltzer, 17, demonstrated the "Science of Bread Baking" to members of the Minneapolis South congregation Feb. 20.

Vania gave this lecture because in December she was chosen in regional 4-H competition to compete at the state level with her 4-H breads records.

In the first part of the lecture, she explained bread-baking

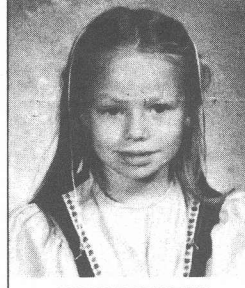


VANIA SELTZER

techniques, such as using hard water, sprouting wheat and using natural dough conditioners. Then she demonstrated how to bake 100 percent whole-wheat bread. To conclude she discussed the qualities of 11 international breads she baked and brought for the guests to sample.

Vania is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Seltzer. Mr. Seltzer is a local church elder.

PATTON, Mo. — Alinea Dawn Bergmann, 6, was chosen as the top student of the first grade in January at Meadow Heights Elementary. She was commended by her teachers and the superintendent.



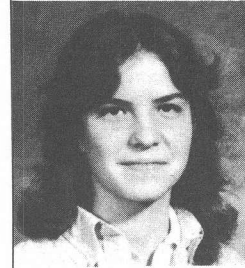
ALINEA BERGMANN

Alinea attends the Cape Girardeau, Mo., church with her parents Harrod and Gilda Bergmann, her brothers Shane and Jason and a nephew Jerhmy.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — Phyllis King, 14, of Springfield Pershing Junior High School, was selected for the National Honor Society March 1.

Membership is based on scholarship, leadership, service and character. Phyllis is active in the YOU and plays piano solos for special music at Sabbath services.

She attends the Springfield church with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Richard King.



PHYLLIS KING

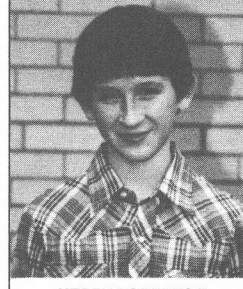
SUMMERSVILLE, W. Va. — Justin McClung, 8, a third

grader at Canvas Grade School in Canvas, W. Va., scored junior high school level on an IQ test he took in February.

Last year he won a poison prevention poster contest. His poster hung in the rotunda of the state capitol and he received several certificates of recognition including one from Gov. Jay Rockefeller.

Justin is the son of Delmus and Brenda McClung.

BELLE VERNON, Pa. — Kerry L. Roberts II, 13, was invited to participate in the 1983 talent search of the Johns Hopkins Center for the Advancement of Academically Talented Youth in January.



KERRY ROBERTS II

To qualify Kerry had to score in the top 2 percent on national standardized aptitude or achievement tests. The program is designed to provide early identification of talents to help plan for remaining school years.

An honor student at Belle Vernon Junior High School, he is on the basketball team and plays trumpet in the school band. Kerry also plays on the Belle Vernon, Washington, Pa., YOU basketball team.

Kerry attends the Belle Vernon church with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Roberts, his brother Bruce and sisters Rachel and Deborah.



DEBORAH ROBERTS

BELLE VERNON, Pa. — Deborah Roberts, 16, is a prize winner in the American economic system essay contest, which took place at Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio, in February.

High school students from the eastern United States submitted essays to be judged by the faculty at Mount Union College. Deborah received \$250 for her entry, which took third place.

A National Honor Society member, Deborah is on the high school yearbook staff and the student council. She also studies piano and ballet.

Deborah sings in the church choir and is a member of her YOU chapter's volleyball and cheerleading teams. She attends the Belle Vernon church with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Roberts, her sister Rachel and brothers Kerry and Bruce.

BIG SANDY — Sarah Rehak, 13, won third prize in the science fair at Big Sandy Junior High School March 17. She received \$50 and a trophy for her entry about photosynthesis.



SARAH REHAK

Only weeks before she won a \$10 first prize for her entry in a poster contest. Sarah is an active YOU member and attends the Big Sandy church with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Delmer W. Rehak.



JIMMY JOHNSTON

CLAIRTON, Pa. — Jimmy Johnston, 11, placed second in a countywide chess tournament March 16 for the fourth year in a row.

Jimmy, a straight A student at Clairton Middle School, participates in the gifted program. About the top 3 percent of students are eligible for the program.

Jimmy attends the McKeesport, Pa., church with his grandfather, father and two brothers.

"Focus on Youth" Guidelines

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3. Where the contest took place or where the award was given.
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5. Include a *Worldwide News* mailing label and your phone number.

Member dismisses disabilities, proves worth of handicapped

By Vance Stinson

HEFLIN, Ala. — "Look! There's something you can do," said C.L. Johnson, when asked what his advice to handicapped people would be. "There's something they can do to entertain themselves and be of constructive use to other people. The thing to do is just find out what it is."

This article is published by permission of the Oxford, Ala., Midweek. C.L. Johnson is a member of the Anniston, Ala., church. The author, Vance Stinson, is a member of the Gadsden, Ala., congregation.

Mr. Johnson, who has been crippled and visually impaired since birth, proves by personal example the worth of handicapped persons.

Presently, he is completing his 10th year of library work in the Cleburne County [Ala.] school system — nine years at Cleburne County High School, his first year at Pleasant Grove Elementary.

From loneliness as a child who

couldn't enjoy the sports and games other children played, to a cheerful adult who thoroughly enjoys life, Mr. Johnson stands as an inspiring example to the handicapped and physically impaired.

"As a child, in a way I had friends, but still I was a lonely person," he said. "I couldn't take part in games and things that other children played. That made me feel lonely and left out, even though I feel sure that other children liked me pretty well."

At his birth in 1934, the physicians would never have believed that the tiny infant would grow into adulthood and take on an active role in society. "When I was born I was so tiny they didn't think I would live through the night," Mr. Johnson said. "When I was three months old they weighed me for the first time and I weighed three pounds, three ounces," a fact he feels most people would find difficult to believe.

Equally baffling to the medical men is Mr. Johnson's eyesight. "Doctors at the Hillman Clinic in Birmingham [Ala.], in the optic section, tell me that the central nerve

that goes to the brain and connects both eyes together is not there. They say there is no logical explanation why I should see.

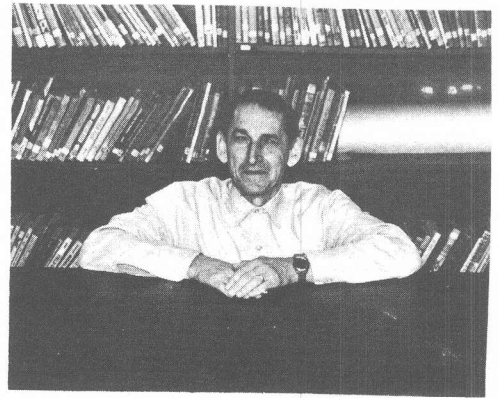
"Different doctors have had different opinions, except they all agree that they can't understand how I should see at all. Every doctor I've ever been to to have my eyes checked said, 'You should be in total darkness.'"

Despite his impairments, Mr. Johnson, as a lad growing up on a farm, was determined to accomplish the goals he set for himself. "When I was small," he said, "I would tell them (his friends) I was going to learn to ride a bicycle and I was going to learn to drive a car. They would say, 'You know you can't do that!' I did. I accomplished both of them. I learned to ride a bicycle, and when I was about 15 or 16, I started driving a car. I never was able to see well enough, of course, to pass a driver's test, but I did drive..."

His early education was, to say the least, unique. "I liked to hear my granddaddy tell the story of Samson from the Bible," Mr. Johnson said. "I'd say, 'Grandpa, tell me about Samson!' So, one day he got down Herber's Story of the Bible and turned it to it and said, 'Here, you read it yourself!' I stumbled through it and I began to read, mainly from just that story from the Bible."

After learning to read, he developed a love for books and began reading his older brothers' school books. "Because of that," he said, "it gave me a chance to learn as they learned."

Because of poor health, he couldn't go to school full-time for several years. "I was able to start in the fifth grade out at Ranburne High School," he said. "I don't know whether anyone else has ever finished in eight years over there or not."



POSITIVE ATTITUDE — C.L. Johnson, a member of the Anniston, Ala., church, has been crippled and visually impaired since birth but says people "shouldn't feel sorry for themselves." [Photo by Vance Stinson]

Following graduation in 1955, he enrolled in the Adult Training Center at Talladega [Ala.] and trained to be a switchboard operator, but could not get a job with the phone company because "they used only women."

Fascinated by electricity, Mr. Johnson then studied electronics by correspondence course while working part-time for Dryden Funeral Home in Ranburne.

In 1965, he opened a radio and television repair shop, but due to a bit of misfortune, later closed his business and sold his equipment.

Sometime later, he asked Bill Ayers, Cleburne County Superintendent of Education at that time, if he had some kind of work he could do in the schools. "He said he believed he could find something for me to do, to come over and see him. So, I went to see him and here I've been. This is my 10th term with the Cleburne County Board of Education."

Mr. Johnson married Verna Faye Bryant, better known as "Tiny," in July of 1973. He, a Cleburne resident, and his wife, from near Knoxville, Tenn., both members of the Worldwide Church of God, met in

1967 at Jekyll Island, Georgia, while attending the Feast of Tabernacles, the annual fall festival observed by the church. "She came by to ask me to autograph her address book," Mr. Johnson said. "When I wrote my name in her book, I said, 'Maybe we can keep in touch.' So, we began writing letters. Later we got married." They presently reside in Heflin.

Though Mr. Johnson is content with life, he does have one major resentment. "I guess what I have resented most of all throughout my life... is when people get to pitying me and feeling sorry for me," he said, adding that people should encourage handicapped persons by emphasizing their strong points — the useful and worthwhile abilities or skills they may have.

"I feel that every person has at least one strong point," he said. "Everybody's got one or more things they can do well and therefore, they shouldn't feel sorry for themselves, but be glad that they can do that."

"Every person is a human being, and should be glad of that fact — that they were born and are here and that they can be an encouragement to other people."

Illinois woman collects handshakes, ink pens

By Michelle Falardeau

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — A 75-year-old member of the Champaign church makes it her goal to shake each person's hand at Sabbath services. Along with a greeting, Rebecca Stephens may show an addition to her oddball pen collection.

Michelle Falardeau lives in Danville, Ill., and attends the Champaign, Ill., church.

Mrs. Stephens' collection includes a pen sent to her from West Germany. Brethren add to her collection too, especially after the Feast of Tabernacles, when Champaign members bring back pens from other areas.

Her oddest is Blinky, a pen shaped like a man that doubles as a flashlight.

Mrs. Stephens was raised in an orphanage and first worked as a waitress. She was married for seven years before her husband died.

She first attended a Church service in 1964, when she accompanied her brother to a Bible study one evening when she wanted some fresh air.

Within a year she was baptized. Today she loves to be with Church members, and in a talent show she produced a skit in which she played her harmonica and sang. Mrs. Stephens also sewed the costumes for the event.

"Outside of being blind in the right eye and wearing a hearing aid," said Mrs. Stephens, "I get around pretty well." She uses an exercycle every day and works outside her home doing light house-keeping part-time.

Mrs. Stephens lives in her sister's home in Urbana, Ill.

Youth nears rank of Eagle Scout after organizing service project

By Dave Tianen

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Ten pies, six cases of soda pop, 17 pounds of potato chips, 20 Rubik's Cubes, and a generous dose of goodwill will be woven into the fabric of Wayne Marks' Eagle Scout badge.

This article is reprinted by permission of the Green Bay, Wis., Press-Gazette. Wayne Marks attends the Green Bay church with his parents Lee and Sharon Marks.

Those are just a few of the items donated by area businesses for a party of the enterprising 14 year old is throwing Sunday afternoon [Feb. 6], a party that will help earn him a Boy Scout Eagle badge.

The guests will be more than 100 handicapped students from Anne Sullivan School and a contingent of senior citizens from Parkview Manor and Western Village. The site of the festivities will be the De Pere Middle School.

Wayne is the son of Lee and Sharon Marks, 1331 George St., De Pere [Wis.].

This is obviously not your standard Eagle Scout project. Marks has been putting in about three or four hours a day for the last month and a half on this part of his work toward an Eagle Scout badge.

And Marks seems to have thought of everything.

Ritual and pageantry will be provided by the Oneida Dancers. A touch of glamor and celebrity will come from Green Bay Packer [football player] Johnnie Gray. Mikkles the Clown is bringing the laughs. Special effects will be created by magician John Coppin.



WAYNE MARKS

All that in addition to the food and prizes (among them the Rubik's Cubes) to be distributed.

"My dad came up with the idea," Marks admitted. Lee Marks drives a school bus for Ann Sullivan School and his son got to know many of the students there.

Marks admits he never dreamed how much work his Eagle project would require. Arrangements had to be made to secure the use of the middle school, flyers were drawn up and sent home with the Sullivan students, and other Boy Scouts were recruited to help with the set up and clean up duties.

His mother is helping prepare the food with some of her friends. One woman is driving up from Neenah [Wis.] to help out.

The biggest part of the job by far, however, was soliciting the food and prizes from local businesses. Almost 60 local businesses have donated food or gifts for the party.

Every night Mrs. Marks would drive Wayne around the area so he could make his calls. Sometimes his 12-year-old brother, Wesley, would pitch in as well.

"I think it's really been a super experience for Wayne," said his father. "Wherever he called, if it seemed he might get one bottle of pickles, he'd get four."

"A lot of people said, 'Well, the economy's been bad, but I guess I can do this.' One company had a later time giving and so four days later the employees took up a collection."

Johnnie Gray was especially easy to recruit.

"Wayne is really learning you can't do it all yourself," his dad explains.



COLLECTOR — Rebecca Stephens, 75, of the Champaign, Ill., congregation displays her collection of pens.

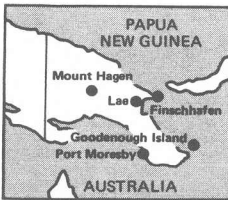
Members face tribal customs, diverse cultures in South Pacific

By Robert C. Taylor
BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia — In Papua New Guinea, population three million, more than 700 different, distinct languages are spoken, some by as few as 300 people.

Robert Taylor is a ministerial trainee serving for one year in Australia. He and Bill Sidney, pastor of the Grafton, Australia, church, traveled to Papua New Guinea Feb. 18 to March 8. Mr. Taylor will return to Pasadena Ambassador College in the fall to complete his senior year.

Yet, in this varied land of a thousand tribes, God's Work is just beginning to blossom.

In an 18-day tour, which began Feb. 18, Bill Sidney, pastor of the Grafton, Australia, church, and I discovered the potential for growth here.



ISLAND TRIP — Map shows cities visited by Bill Sidney and Robert Taylor Feb. 18 to March 8. [Map by Ron Grove]

Lectures for *Plain Truth* readers took place in Port Moresby (capital), Lae and Mount Hagen. In addition to prepared lectures by Mr. Sidney, meetings included *Behind the Work*, a film by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong about the Middle East and one of Mr. Armstrong's *World Tomorrow* programs on videotape.

Mr. Sidney noted, "The *PT* lectures are a great aid to villagers and others in giving them an understanding of what the Work is doing and the general approach of the Church."

The five *Plain Truth* lectures were attended by more than 150 people. The highest attendance was 75 Feb. 26 in Mount Hagen.

In a country where television is nonexistent and video is used sparingly, the films made an impression. Response ran high for every lecture. More than 100 people requested literature from the Church.

Family tragedy strikes member living in Poland

By Paul Kieffer
BONN, West Germany — Wiktor Przybyla, the only member of the Worldwide Church of God in Poland, experienced a family tragedy in February. Mr. Przybyla's oldest daughter, Dora, 19, died from injuries sustained in an accident at work.

Paul Kieffer pastors the Hannover, Hamburg and West Berlin, West Germany, churches. He is also responsible for brethren in East Germany and Poland.

Miss Przybyla was employed by the Polish national railroad as a switch repairman. During the late shift Feb. 11 she was presumably struck by a train while working on a section of track. She remained in a

coma for six days after the accident and died Feb. 17, never having regained consciousness.

Because of mail delays, God's ministers in West Germany did not learn of the accident until after Miss Przybyla died.

Mr. Przybyla wrote after his daughter's funeral: "Although this was not a happy occasion, I was happy that our trust in God was visible publicly and that the funeral itself was conducted without a Catholic priest."

Mr. Przybyla conducted the funeral himself. This is unusual for Catholic-oriented Poland. His daughter was not a Church member.

Mr. Przybyla was refused permission by Polish authorities to attend the Passover and first day of Unleavened Bread in East Germany.

Between lectures we called on individuals who had requested a visit from a minister of the Worldwide Church of God. One such visit brought us to Cape Vogel Feb. 22 where we were greeted by Godfrey Cane Asabuna, chief of agriculture for Bane Bane and Ginada villages.

An outrigger canoe brought us across an inlet to the shore of Bane Bane.

This was Mr. Asabuna's second visit from Mr. Sidney. That afternoon we climbed to the second floor of a home Mr. Asabuna constructed out of palms, cane and mangrove.

We discussed biblical principles and questions, village life and tribal customs for most of the day.

The evening meal featured chopped pumpkin leaves, rice, fish, yams and several varieties of boiled bananas prepared by Mrs. Asabuna.

The next day brought us to Goodenough Island. We were met by Bill and Debbie Inafala, a cheerful younger couple who had requested a visit. The four of us climbed into the back of a truck and were driven down bumpy backroads and through riverbeds to Bolu Bolu village.

Among other things, we talked about the challenge of keeping God's laws within the tight village community. In a society where everyone knows everyone else's business, those who refuse to attend Sunday services or who practice a different set of standards aren't treated kindly.

Nevertheless, both were intent upon obeying God. Mrs. Inafala, who is keeping the Sabbath, expressed an interest in attending Ambassador College.

After a night in Bolu Bolu, we traveled to Mount Hagen where the only two baptized members in Papua New Guinea live.

Oi Olkoben, originally from Nipa village, and Penny Betteridge, an Australian, usually rely on sermon tapes. On Feb. 26, however, we had morning and afternoon services in the Betteridges' home for Penny and Charles Betteridge, Kiko Konto (a prospective member) and Mr. Olkoben.

Mount Hagen itself is known for frequent outbreaks of tribal fighting and general hostility. On Sunday, Feb. 27, Mr. Betteridge drove us to the Baiyer River Sanctuary for a picnic.

In all the areas we visited — Port Moresby, Kieta and Finschhafen — it was apparent that anyone who

seeks to obey God in Papua New Guinea must contend with the pressures of the *wontok* system. *Wontok* is derived from "one talk" and applies to anyone who speaks the same language and is from the same village.

If *wontoks* pay a visit, the host is obliged to house, feed and care for them for as long as they decide to stay — or until the host runs out of money. Although this system promotes tribal cohesion, it also pulls down anyone who seeks to improve his standard of living. A houseful of *wontoks* can also make it difficult to keep the Sabbath and God's laws without obstruction.

Mr. Sidney concluded: "In spite of the problems faced by those God is calling in Papua New Guinea, they are stepping out in faith. There is a determined attitude to do the right thing."

The tour has shown that God is beginning to call quite a number of people in Papua New Guinea, and that it won't be too long before some are baptized.



ISOLATED MEMBERS — Bill Sidney (right), pastor of the Grafton, Australia, church, pauses with Papua New Guinea members Oi Olkoben (left) and Penny Betteridge after Sabbath services in Mount Hagen, Feb. 26. [Photo by Robert Taylor]

Local members promote circulation

PV subscribers in Spain double

PASADENA — A surge in the number of *La Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*) subscribers in Spain began a year ago with print media advertising and blow-in cards (loose subscription cards in the magazines). Today easel cardholder displays in large Spanish cities account for most of the circulation growth in Spain.

"Since March of last year, the number of *PV* subscribers has doubled, but most have been added since the Feast," said Keith D. Speaks, *Pura Verdad* promotional director.

"We sat down with the 15 baptized members in Spain during the 1982 Feast in Cullera and encouraged them to participate in the easel cardholder display program."

The half dozen easel cardholder displays now in Spain feature issues

of *La Pura Verdad* and contain cards that passersby may take with them and mail in for a free subscription.

Aluminum easel cardholder displays are constructed at cost by Madrid, Spain, Church member Mario Ferrer, who saves the Work in Spanish-speaking areas about 85 percent of retail costs on each unit he builds.

Five brethren have worked to increase the number of magazine subscribers in Spain, Mr. Speaks said.

By tending easel cardholder displays in Madrid, Barcelona, Malaga and Granada, Mr. Ferrer, Gerardo Espada, Manuel Portillo, Pedro Rufian and Gustavo Cifrian have played a major part in bringing to 10,359 the number of *Pura Verdad* subscribers in Spain, he continued.

Of the 8,544 subscribers added to the Spanish subscription list so far in 1983, about 24 percent are from Spain, said Mr. Speaks.

Besides the five members maintaining easel cardholder displays, subscribers have also been added because of newspaper and magazine advertisements.

"In the middle of last year we ran some advertisements in *El Pais*, *La Vanguardia* and *ABC* [newspapers] and *Cambio 16* [magazine]," said Mr. Speaks, "but currently the biggest growth comes from the efforts of those five members."

Spain is now the fifth leading nation of *Pura Verdad* subscribers, after the United States, Mexico, Colombia and Argentina.

Transfers to Texas named

PASADENA — Freshmen transferring from Pasadena Ambassador College to the Big Sandy campus for the 1983-84 school year were announced in a student forum by evangelist Raymond F. McNair, deputy chancellor of the Pasadena campus, March 22.

The students are: Heather Aikins, Charles Albrecht, Jennifer Atkinson, Johnny Baker, Nigel Bearman, Marvon Bourelle, David Boyll, Chris Brumm, Andy Burnett, Lynn Burrows, Ross Couston, James Cribbs, Dominic Damore, Kevin Daugherty, Tim Davoren, Ken Gentry.

Robyn Herbert, John Heykoop, Kurt Hoyer, Mark Jefferson, Bryan Johnson, Rebecca Kelley, Kevin Kenady, Merry Knowlton, Felicia Kurck, Tony Marcinelli, Debbie Martinez, Phillip McCollum, Ken Medford, Miriam Overton.

Terry Piasecny, Jon Pinelli, Chris Power, Jon Register, Dan Reisdorff, Mary Riner, Dena Roller, Joe Ross, Sheryl Rowe, Kathleen Roys, Julie Seelig, Valerie Simons, Carmel Smith and Ramona Stephens.



CIRCULATION TOOL — Above is a *Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*) easel cardholder used by brethren in Spain to increase circulation there. [Photo by Pedro Rufian]

'Children's Corner' author adds touch of variety to life of writing

By Jeff Zhorne

PASADENA — Some might think Vivian Pettijohn's method of keeping track of characters she uses in children's stories a little strange.

For this author of "Children's Corner" in *The Worldwide News* filled several pages with detailed information on the Ellison family: Andy (father), Beth (mother), Chris and Debbie, in a file cabinet in the kitchen of a third-story apartment where she lives with her husband Lee.

Mrs. Pettijohn has contributed to *The Worldwide News* for 10 years, but since 1981 she has concentrated on "Children's Corner."

"I like to point children to the Bible and the Church," said Mrs. Pettijohn, whose former name was, coincidentally, Pettijohn, before she married her husband.

"Before I moved to Pasadena I lived in Houston [Tex.]," she explained. "When the television program aired in 1972, I watched the credits at the end, so I could remember some names when I moved to Pasadena. Then I saw Pettijohn!"

Four years later, in January, 1976, the couple married. Mr. Pettijohn has been employed in the Work's Media Services Department in Pasadena for 15 years.

Mrs. Pettijohn says the people she

writes about are often derived from real-life persons. "The names I choose all have good meanings," she said.

For instance, she named the father in "Children's Corner" Andrew John Ellison. Andrew in Greek means "manly," John in Hebrew means "God's gracious gift" and Ellison is a derivative of the Hebrew "son of Elias" — "the Lord is God."

"The characters have definite personalities and character flaws," Mrs. Pettijohn said. "Keeping track of ages is important too," as are the names of uncles, aunts and other relatives who may someday be used in a story.

Although Mrs. Pettijohn has no children of her own, she says, "I adopt everybody else's!" She taught Sabbath classes at the Pasadena Imperial church and before coming into the Church taught Bible classes for 25 years and was youth director for two churches.

Mrs. Pettijohn has sold a poem, two children's stories and about a dozen Bible puzzles to various magazines.

"My first story sold for a penny a word," she remarked. "But I was so excited. I felt like the whole city of Houston should know about it!"

She knows rejection too. "At one time I could have papered a wall with rejection slips," she said.

Now Mrs. Pettijohn has put all

that aside to write exclusively for Church publications, a responsibility she considers a blessing.

"I love to receive letters from children, thanking me for 'Children's Corner,'" she said.

"Do you want to see my fan mail?" Fastened to the wall above her typewriter is a palm frond with a piece of paper reading "Vivian's" attached to it. Next to that is a picture of her husband. "There it is: Vivian's fan mail!"

When not engrossed in writing, Mrs. Pettijohn helps her husband operate a model railroad. The family room has been converted into a layout equipped with switching tracks and operable engines and lights, all scaled down to 1/87 actual size.

The railroad layout is a representation of her hometown of Cameron, Mo., and her husband's hometown of Westphalia, Kan. (Mrs. Pettijohn wrote an article about model railroading in the February issue of *Youth 83*.)

"I'm married to a rail fan, so I became one," she says. Much of the couple's free time is spent watching trains outside Pasadena. She logs the engines and cabooses' numbers in a book. Her husband has only seven more engines to see, out of about 2,500 Southern Pacific Railroad engines.

Today, after working for 30 years,



HER NICHE — Vivian Pettijohn, author of "Children's Corner," sits at her typewriter where many of her story ideas take shape. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]

seven of which she was employed in the Work's Media Services Department, a retired Mrs. Pettijohn says. "It's nice to be able to spend more time with my husband and cook special meals."

Before bedtime the author also pays a close ear to a radio scanner and shortwave radio. She enjoys listening in to communications, whether they

be from ships at sea, the police department or the Goodyear blimp. "I think modern electronic devices are fascinating," she said.

Despite her diversions, however, Mrs. Pettijohn feels most comfortable sitting at her desk, pen in hand and paper ready. Overhead a sign reads: "Someday We Gotta Get Organized!"

Children's Corner Fear of the Lord

By Vivian Pettijohn

"I'll put the fear of the Lord in you, y-you young whippersnapper!" blared a man's rough voice from the television set. The man yanked a small limb from a tree, made a switch from it and rushed toward the frightened boy.

Debbie covered her eyes with both hands, then peeked out from between her fingers.

Mother frowned as she walked into the living room and said: "Chris, what is this story about? You children are not supposed to watch violent television shows."

"It's about the early settlers, Mom," Chris answered, "and this boy just stole apples from that old man's tree. It made him real mad. But there hasn't been any violence — yet."

"Mommy," Debbie asked, still glancing at the television picture, "what did the man mean — that he would put the fear of the Lord in that boy? Are we supposed to be scared of God? I don't feel scared of Him."

"Well," Mother said, "let me answer this way. Think about how you feel toward your father. Are you afraid of him? If not, why do you obey him?"

"Why do I obey?" Debbie asked, surprised. "Well, sometimes it's because I know he will spank me if I don't! But," she added, "sometimes I mind him just because I love him and don't want to disappoint him."

"Children," Mother said, "tonight Daddy will help us understand just how we should feel fear for him — and for God. All right?"

Chris and Debbie said, "Yes, ma'am," and Mother turned off the television set. "Finish your school-work for tomorrow. Then if it is still light outside, you may play in the yard until dinner. Exercise and fresh air will do you more good than most television programs!"

As soon as they started out of the living room, Chessie, the cat, jumped up on the coffee table, and her tail almost knocked over a glass vase of fresh flowers.

"NO! CHESSIE!" Debbie yelled as she ran back to keep the vase from falling. The frightened cat jumped down and hid under the sofa. Debbie carefully pulled out the mischievous pet and held her up. The cat's heart seemed to be pounding.

"You know you must never get up on any table!" Debbie scolded. "Bad kitty!" Then, in a softer voice, she said: "But I guess you'll make mistakes while you are learning to obey. But don't do it again, do you hear?"

Chris stroked the gray cat's white stomach and felt the fast-beating heart. "Wow! She really got scared when you yelled at her, sis!"

"Well," Debbie said defensively, "she *should* be afraid when she does wrong, because she knows we have to punish her."

"It sounds to me," Mother observed, "like you're trying to put the 'fear of the family' into our cat. Is this the same kind of fear we should have for God — or Daddy? Think about it, and I'll try to keep Chessie out of trouble while you work on your lessons."

That night before bedtime, Dad, Mother and the two children sat together on the living room sofa.

Dad said: "Mother told me what Chessie did this afternoon on the coffee table. Now, let's see how that relates to a subject in the book of Proverbs — the fear of the Lord."

He turned to Proverbs 1:7 and read slowly: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge. But fools despise wisdom and instruction."

Then he asked, "Chris, what does this verse mean to you?"

"Well," Chris answered thoughtfully, "the last part is easy, because only a fool would hate to be wise. And to be wise he needs to be taught — you, know, instructed. But I don't understand the first part."

"All right, think about it this way," Dad suggested. "If a person had all the knowledge in the world stored up in his brain, like in a giant computer, but he didn't fear our great God, would he use that knowledge rightly? The answer is no, he must fear God first. Then his knowledge will be a good thing."

"Daddy," Debbie offered, "Mommy told me that some people don't believe that God is real. Those people don't feel afraid of Him, do they?"

"No, they don't," Dad answered, "and that is a real shame. But a wise man believes God is real — and fears Him and loves Him."

"You should even fear me," Dad said as he put an arm around each child, "but in the right way. That is, you should respect and love me. And you should want to please me by obeying me. This is also how we should feel toward God, our heavenly Father. We must always have deep respect for Him — even awe and reverence because of His greatness."

Dad continued, smiling: "Then, as we begin to know God better and our love for Him grows, we will obey Him more and more, out of love and not just because we fear Him. Does this make sense to you, children?"

As both children nodded, Chessie jumped up on Dad's lap. She stretched out one small paw and touched the coffee table. She paused, looked up at Dad, then pulled her paw back. The cat curled up on his knees in a soft, furry ball, purred loudly and closed her eyes, contented.

"In a way," Dad said, laughing,

"Chessie has just demonstrated how we should feel toward God."

"Really?" Debbie asked.

"How?" Chris inquired, frowning.

"Well," Dad concluded, "just as Chessie stopped herself from doing wrong, fearing discipline, she also seemed to stop because she loves us and wants to please us. She did the right thing, so now she is content. When we please God by obeying Him out of love, we truly fear the Lord."

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LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

The annual Western social of the **ABBOTSFORD, B.C.**, church occurred March 12. Colin Adair, regional director of the Work in Canada, and his wife were guests. The evening started with a square dance, followed by a pie auction. Auctioneer Charles Speck sold the pie made by Marge Gaskell to Chuck Cash for \$50. The total raised for the church social fund was \$660. Tracy and Mike Toltmie were the winners in a pie eating contest where couples fed each other pie blindfolded. *Pamela C. Bailey.*

The **ACCRA, Ghana**, church celebrated the 26th anniversary of Ghana's independence March 6. Members gathered at Ridge Park to enjoy badminton, soccer and card games. A high point of the social was the sale of foods at reduced prices. *Fred Dwamena.*

The **BALTIMORE, Md.**, church's winter social March 19 began with an indoor picnic after services. A Bible bowl for the adults was the next event. At sundown the children and adults participated in games and contests and watched a talent show with a variety of acts. Some of the children put on a fashion show. A square dance by the High Steppers and a sing-along capped off the social. *Jon and Ginnie Cook.*

BARBADOS members were entertained by the YES children in a variety show March 6. The show was based on a TV station and included news, sports, interviews and skits. After the show refreshments were served. The Singles' Club then put on a show of calypso music written by some of the calypsos. These were judged by four members, who gave the prize of best calypso to Steve Holland. *Cynthia Harding.*

Brethren of the **BETHLEHEM, Pa.**, church had a British Isles social March 12. A Scottish buffet dinner was served after services. Record albums furnished by Meredith Young provided Scottish dance tunes as dinner music. An instructor of the Royal Scottish Dance Society and her assistants gave about 50 brethren lessons in Scottish country dancing, from which square dancing originated. Children were entertained with movies and games in an adjoining room. *Gordon S. Long.*

Some 150 members and invited guests enjoyed Olde Tyme Music Hall entertainment presented by the combined **BRISTOL and GLOUCESTER**, England, and **CARDIFF**, Wales, churches March 5. The show was produced by Derek Millman, and pastor David Bedford served as master of ceremonies. The 18 acts had the backing of a 12-piece orchestra of members and children. *David Cox.*

The second hootenanny of the season for the **CALGARY, Alta.**, **NORTH and SOUTH** churches took place March 12. The two-hour program included 23 dances, songs and skits interspersed with sing-along music to the accompaniment of the Second String Band. Performers included Sean Emery, Melanie Peterson, Linette Trenery of YES, Chad Oakes of YOU, the single girls, Jim and Shaun Brandenburg and Larry and Courtenay Mottram. The singles of both churches did much of the work for the social. *Emily Lukacik.*

A fund-raising activity for the **CANBERRA, Australia**, church took place March 6. Members assembled at the homestead of Colin and Judy Jurd for a sheep-manure drive. A production line was organized by pastor Rod King, assisted by Mr. Jurd. Afterward the group enjoyed a barbecue lunch. A total of \$110 has been raised from sales so far. *Graeme Ainsworth.*

The **CAPE TOWN, MITCHELL'S PLAIN and RETREAT**, South Africa, churches combined for a barbecue picnic at Silvermine Nature Reserve Feb. 27. In the afternoon the children played games such as spoon and potato races and three-legged races. *Sylvia Young.*

Brethren of the **COLUMBIA, S.C.**, church surprised associate pastor Carlos Nieto and his wife Shirley on their 25th wedding anniversary with a dinner-social March 6. The Nietos have three sons, Antonio, Wayne and John, and two grandchildren. Mr. Nieto has served in the ministry for 10 years, having pastored the church in Barbados and the last year as associate pastor of two churches in the area. Betty Baity made a cake, and Charlene Wheatley and others prepared a dinner table. The Nietos were presented with

several gifts from the brethren. *Paul Nowlen.*

The March 12 social of the **DETROIT, Mich.**, **WEST** church featured a meal, a movie and a talent show. *Steve Holsky.*

After services March 19 the **EVANSVILLE, Ind.**, brethren enjoyed a potluck dinner and then took part in family night activities, including volleyball, basketball, games and kite making for the children and teens and a dance class for the women. Used clothing was brought and shared. *Dorothy A. Webb.*

The fifth annual variety show of the **EVERETT, Wash.**, church occurred March 5. A potluck dinner started the evening's activities. The 1950s was this year's theme. Featured in the show were vocalists Fannie Damman, Margaret Lundquist, JoAnn Birchard, Jennifert Leeman, Lavon Stiles and Connie Armstrong. Pantomimes were performed by John Petrisor, Ken Emerson, Dave and Jon McCormack, Eddy Lohn and Dan Stevens. Commercials of the '50s were put into skits by Ann Robinson. Other skits were coordinated by Marla Prouty and Hazel Larson. Al and Ruby Jones sang a number, and a skit was presented by Warren Larson and Ken Emerson. The activities concluded with a sock hop and a cast party. *Glen Franklin and Rod Kleitz.*

The 15th anniversary of the **FINDLAY, Ohio**, church was celebrated Feb. 27 with a luncheon buffet at the Circle P Ranch. A program reviewing the past 15 years included tapes and letters from ministers who served in the area, Bob Beruzzi, Mike Swagerty, Ken Martin and Mike Hechel. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Diehl and sons attended and visited the brethren they had served during the past eight years. The present pastor is Jim Haeffle. *Phyllis Sloneker.*

Brethren of the **GADSDEN, Ala.**, church bid farewell to pastor Bill Winner, his wife Carolyn and daughter Tami March 5. After a potluck supper the YOU girls' volleyball and cheerleading teams presented Tami with a necklace and a cheerleading pin. The members presented Mr. and Mrs. Winner with a gift packet of money. The Winners served in Wichita, Kan., before moving to Gadsden in the summer of 1976. *Lana DeJorje.*

Fifty-five adults, teens and children participated in **GAINESVILLE, Fla.**, church's spring dance March 6. A variety of recorded music was played, and entertainment included a medley of old-time love songs, a guitar duet and a cheerleading demonstration. A children's corner was filled with games and building blocks. *Terrie Payne.*

GLOUCESTER, England, brethren enjoyed a Hawaiian social Feb. 19 organized by the singles. The adult musical chairs game was won by Richard Bartlett, and the children's game by Hannah Ellams. Jordan Bartlett won the status competition. After the buffet meal prepared by the singles, entertainment was provided by Carole Webb, Beverley Clark, Dianne Johnson, Basil Harris,

Charlie Johnson, Roger Parker, Steve Wright, Mark Smith and Cyril Davies. The evening concluded with Hawaiian music and words composed and played by Beverley Clark, with Carole Webb and Dianne Johnson assisting with the singing. *Olive Willis.*

A variety show was performed by members of the **HAMILTON and ST. CATHARINES, Ont.**, churches Feb. 19. The show opened with a skit by the YOU and YES members, which included an original joke by Mandy Stimson. Ron Hepworth performed three tunes on the fiddle. Last was a skit by pastor Tony Wasilkoff and minister Dan Fuller. At the end of their skit the audience joined them in singing Al Jolson's rendition of "Mamie." *Mary Lou Stimson.*

Participants ranging in age from 6 to senior citizen displayed their talents in the **JACKSONVILLE, Fla.**, church's 22-act talent show Feb. 26. Bill Powell was master of ceremonies for the evening. *Sharon Shiver.*

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, brethren assisted in a YOU fund-raising activity March 5 and 6 that involved the unpacking, sorting, counting and repacking of 155,000 chocolates. *Avril Rabe.*

Sounds of the midway filled the air at the **JONESBORO, Ark.**, church's carnival social Feb. 26. Twelve booths lured the participants into action. A sideshow featured a variety of talent, and an arts and crafts booth displayed the handiwork of the brethren. Area merchants donated prizes for the carnival. *Kathy Holmes.*

About 100 **LAUREL, Del.**, members attended a roller-skating party at the Skate Land Roller Rink March 20. *Barbara Culp.*

LONDON, Ont., brethren enjoyed an evening of food, fun and fellowship Feb. 26. A smorgasbord provided by the members honored the senior citizens of the congregation. The head table was set up for the seniors. Mr. and Mrs. Gord Jones, who were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary, were presented a gift of crystal candleholders. After dinner a variety program was opened by minister Dennis O'Neill. Master of ceremonies Don Peterkin introduced the singers and instrumentalists. *G. Peterson.*

Family togetherness was emphasized at the March 5 social of the **MACOMB, Ill.**, church. Dinner consisted of tacos and a salad bar organized by Clarence Royer, Shirley Worsfold and Cece Wroblewski. The food was served under the direction of Linda Barker and Shirley Scheuermann. David Worsfold served as master of ceremonies for the activities that followed, including a coloring contest for the youngsters; clown faces for the children painted by Linda Barker; Polly Royer and Angie Hahn; and a handshaking contest to locate the treasure master, supervised by Winnie Ray. Ila Steiner won the prize for the name-bingo game. Setup and cleanup committees were headed by John Parrick, Bob Blacketer and Ron Wroblewski. Decorations were done by Linda Parrick, Lynda Blacketer



APPRECIATION PLAQUE—Regional director Guy L. Ames presents a plaque of appreciation to Filipina Mendoza March 11 upon her retirement after 16 years of service in the Manila, Philippines, Office. (See "Church Activities," this page.) (Photo by Danny Binuya)

and Betty Druen. Overall supervision of the social was by Bob Druen. Before the final game members enjoyed caramel corn and drinks. *Betty Druen.*

Regional director Guy L. Ames presented a plaque of appreciation to Filipina Mendoza for a party in her honor in the employee lounge of the **MANILA, Philippines**, Office March 11. Mrs. Mendoza, who is retiring from office work, was hired as a secretary in 1967, and she was ordained the first deaconess in the Philippines in 1977. Mrs. Mendoza was also presented with a cake. *Johnny Logrono.*

Fellowship, food and entertainment were the order of the evening at the **MEMPHIS, Tenn.**, church's annual variety show March 12. A meal was served, and the brethren were entertained by instrumentalists, vocal solos and a dance routine. Richard Taylor was master of ceremonies for the evening. *Manya N. Gustafson.*

The **MONTREAL, Que.**, **ENGLISH** church was host for an evening of fun and entertainment March 12. After a potluck teens from four churches played a YOU Bible bowl. The winning team was comprised of Katherine Chappelle, Jennifer Powell, Erica Kind and Angella Gajje. Many of the teens stayed overnight to participate in the regional volleyball tournament. *Stephen Posiak.*

March 12 the **MONTVALE, N.J.**, church had the last of its family recreation nights. Activities included movies for the children, a chess tournament, table games, volleyball, basketball, kickball, and an exercise class led by Karen Ziminski and Carol Starke. Snacks were served, and children's books were given away. *Mike Bedford.*

A semi-formal family dance for brethren of the **MOULTRIE, Ga.**, and **TALLAHASSEE, Fla.**, churches occurred March 12. Members dined by candlelight and sampled the hors d'oeuvres and wines that were available. *Ann Terrell.*

The **ONTARIO, Ore.**, church had a roof raising for Clara Ellis' aunt March 13. The new roof will protect her trailer from summer heat and winter cold. Among those present were pastor Jeff McGowan, Wes, Lavina, Tracy, Wade and Susan Higgins, Carl and Barbara Kennedy, Darryl Roseberry, Herb Huff, Mary Winton, Hazel Covington, Juanita, Kathy and Billy Malchow, Mark Ahlers and Dennis, Janelle and Heidi Quast. A potluck was served for the participants and their families. *Janelle and Linda Quast.*

Some 450 brethren from the **PEORIA and MACOMB, Ill.**, and **DAVENPORT and IOWA CITY**, Iowa, churches met for combined services at Galesburg, Ill., March 12. A potluck was served after services, and then the members took advantage of the YMCA facilities and participated in swimming, racquetball, volleyball, basketball, indoor running, cards and table games. Jess Ernest, pastor of the Peoria and Macomb churches, won the racquetball tournament. The event was coordinated by ministers Gary Smith and Gordon Gueller. *Janice Keeler.*

The annual spring social of the **PRINCE ALBERT, Sask.**, church took place March 5. The evening began with a potluck supper. A variety of talent was presented by participants ranging in age from 3 to senior citizen. Next the members kicked up their heels in a square dance. *Lorraine Amyotte.*

After Sabbath services March 12 the **RED DEER and WETASKIWIN, Alta.**, churches had a potluck supper and a Bible study conducted by pastor Will Wooster. Ray Young served as master of ceremonies for a talent show with 26 participants. *M.E. Morrison.*

"Through the Years" was the theme for the **REGINA, Sask.**, church's annual social March 12. The evening began with movies, games and balloons for the children and dancing for the adults. Midway through the evening an entertainment

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REGIONAL VOLLEYBALL—Pictured at the YOU regional volleyball tournament in Montreal, Que., March 13 are Pierre Bernard, most valuable junior male player; Donat Picard, YOU coordinator for French-speaking

Quebec; Isabelle St. Maurice, Montreal French junior team, Sportsmanship award; Jean-Claude Tremblay, organizer; and Erica Kind, most courteous player. (See "Sports," page 11.) (Photos by Georges Pilon)

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show was presented. Afterward refreshments were provided and more dancing followed. Prizes were awarded for the costumes best depicting the eras from the 1930s through the 1970s. *Carl Burns.*

The annual spaghetti dinner sponsored by the **ROCKFORD, Ill., YOU** was March 12. The youths served about 200 people. The annual church square dance followed, and the evening concluded with a talent show. *Galen Morrison.*

The **ROLLA, Mo.,** church had a social March 5. Sabbath services and a Bible study were followed by a potluck. Winners of a bunko dice game were Brad Marshall and David Smith, first place; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Davis, second; and Mr. and Mrs. Randy Mathews, third. Children's games were enjoyed by those 12 and under. Ben England won the prize in a beans-in-the-jar guessing contest. A cakewalk ended the festivities. The cakes were baked and decorated by the men and judged by the women. First place went to Ron Smith, second place to Mr. Davis and third place to Don Crook. *Johnita Wells.*

About 120 brethren from the **ST. ALBANS and BOREHAMWOOD, England,** churches attended a square dance March 5. Kentucky Fried Chicken suppers were served with tea and coffee. The caller was Eric Spall, an Australian member on holiday in England. Four members supplied home-brewed beer. *Bill Allan.*

The **ST. JOHN'S, Nfld.,** church celebrated its 10th anniversary March 12. After Sabbath services the film *Behind the Work* was followed by a potluck. Desserts for a dessert contest were prepared by the brethren, including pastor David Sheridan, who won a first prize. Events continued with a costume party. Prizes were awarded for the best costumes in a variety of categories. Entertainment for the evening was a talent show. Participants were backed up by the newly formed church band, Sunshine Street. The children sang a medley of children's songs, directed by Cathy Sheridan. Master of ceremonies was Frank Best. The cutting of an anniversary cake and the showing of the Young Ambassadors Feast film brought the social to a close. *Frank Gough.*

The **ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., JOY Singers** performed for the residents of the Bay Pines VA Center Nursing Home Feb. 27. The group was organized for the purpose of performing at nursing homes, and is composed of church members and their children. For the performance director Gary Liebold wrote a rendition of "God Made All Things." Waldo Lentz is the overall coordinator, and Peter Perntz is the master of ceremonies. *Lavene L. Vorel.*

Fourteen women of the **SALT LAKE CITY, Utah,** church met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Swanson March 10 to learn the arts of bread making, butter making and cooking whole grain cereals. After the demonstrations by Mrs. Swanson, the results were eaten by the women and guests.

After Sabbath services March 12 the Salt Lake City brethren had a potluck dinner. Afterward some members browsed through the clothing exchange, while others viewed a film and enjoyed popcorn provided by the YOU. *Al and Ellie Kurzowa.*

The annual dance and social of the **SPRINGFIELD, Mo.,** church occurred Feb. 26. Refreshments were served, and music was furnished by a group from the Joplin, Mo., church, featuring John Trowbridge as vocal soloist. Jewel Kilgore sang an alto solo. Games and movies entertained the children, and tables were spaced around the dance floor for games and fellowshiping. *Polly Rose.*

The Callao Caves was the location of a barbecue send-off and welcoming party by the **TUGUEGARA, Philippines,** brethren Feb. 27 for pastor Felipe Casing, who was leaving for his new assignment in Mindanao, and for Pedro Origeno, the new pastor who just arrived from the Visayas where he pastored three churches. Swimming and visiting the caves capped off the affair. Food preparation and cooking were done by Teddy Estrella, Norma Estrella and Max Tecce. Fructuoso Soriano took charge of the transportation arrangements. *Maximino R. Pagulayan.*

The **WASHINGTON, Pa.,** church had an Oriental social March 12. The day began with afternoon services conducted by pastor David Johnson, followed by a potluck with an Oriental flavor. William Fozard and his wife Mary served as masters of ceremonies for the entertainment that featured sumo wrestlers, Oriental dancers, singers, jugglers and a movie. Another feature of the evening was the

display of baby pictures of members. *Dale M. Crouch.*

WATERLOO and IOWA CITY, Iowa, members met at Dunkerton, Iowa, March 12 for a square dance and a potluck dinner. The group learned basic square dance steps from guest caller George Boothe, a minister in the Des Moines, Iowa, church. *Cindy Brown.*

After services March 5 **WODONGA, Australia,** members and their families enjoyed an evening of food and fun. The brethren were challenged by a quiz, half of which was on general knowledge and half on Bible knowledge. The winning team was presented with a box of chocolates. Games for the children followed, and pastor Bruce Dean led in a bush dance. The evening was rounded off with a variety show, after which the YOU members served supper. *Barbara M. Turner.*

On the 11th anniversary of the **YORKTON, Sask.,** church March 19, members remained after services for a potluck and a country western dance after sunset. Music was provided by the Smilin' Johnny orchestra, made up of John and Eleanor Lucky and Paul and Ed Achtemichuk. At intermission the annual talent show was staged. An anniversary cake baked and decorated by Collene Becker was served. *Elin Fedde.*

About 50 **YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio,** and **MERCER, Pa.,** brethren participated in an evening of card games March 5. Refreshments consisted of sandwiches, desserts and beverages. The most popular card game was Spoons. *Libbye Kebrdle.*

CLUB MEETINGS

The March 20 meeting of the **ABBOTSFORD, B.C., Women's Club** was an arts and crafts evening. Members contributed to the displays, which included quilts, oil paintings, ceramics, rugs and needlepoint. Tabletoppers were led by Pamela Bailey. Hostess Anita Lazar introduced the speakers. Liquid embroidery was demonstrated by Maria Krocker and researched by Rose Hoolema. Shannon Ross demonstrated rock painting, which was researched by Florence Nodely. Oil painting was presented by Pearl Hankey and demonstrated by Kay Fox. Barb Speck spoke on lace making, which was researched by Mona Fehr. The final speech was by Mary Fehr on wool quilting, researched by Rita Edinborough. Director Dan Hope gave closing comments. *Pamela C. Bailey.*

"Watch Ye Therefore" was the theme of the March 13 meeting of the **ALBANY, Ore.,** Ambassador Women's Club. President Pam Penrod conducted the business portion of the meeting, and Regina Kuipers was hostess for the speaking session. Speakers included Donna Sill, Olivet Seats, Terry Miller and Tamara Whiteaker. Kimberly Hannaway showed slides for the culture corner, and Martha Swagerty reviewed a book. *Susan Wheeler.*

Members of the **BARBADOS Women's Club** took a hike March 13. Members of the Spokesman and Graduate clubs were invited to accompany the women. The hike was from River Bay to Cove's Bay, St. Lucy, where the group stopped for lunch and divided into teams of four for a Bible Bowl. Afterward the men and women competed in a lifesaver



BAHAMAS DISTRICT WEEKEND — YOU members and families attend a district family weekend in Freeport, Bahamas, Feb. 25 to 27. (See "Youth Activities," page 11.) (Photo by Samuel McKinney)

food prepared. Pastor Roy Holladay concluded the meeting with overall comments. Club members exchanged secret pal gifts. *Silvia Bernal.*

The annual dinner meeting of the **CHICO, Calif., Spokesman Club** was March 5. Richard Duncan, pastor of the Sedro-Woolley and Everett, Wash., churches, was guest evaluator for the first half of the meeting. Director Marc Segall evaluated the second half. Mark Costen was topicmaster, and Hank Waian was toastmaster. Jerry Orr received the Most Effective Evaluation cup, and the Most Improved Speaker cup was shared by Gary Avey and Orval Strong. Rey and Dory Crandall both received the Most Effective Speech cup. *Dory Crandall and Alys M. Henderson.*

About 60 people attended the combined annual ladies' night of the **CONCORD, N.H.,** and **MONTPELIER, Vt., Spokesman Clubs** Feb. 27. Jeff Glover, president of the Montpelier club, was chairman for the first half of the program. A spaghetti supper was followed by the second half of the meeting, with Concord club President David Whitney as chairman. Awards were presented to Rod Delude, Most Effective Speech and Most Improved Speaker, and Bill Buskey, Most Helpful Evaluation. *Colleen Belanger.*

The **CHICAGO, Ill., SOUTHEAST Women's Club** sponsored its annual service project, a fun fair for the YES children, Feb. 26. Parents and children dressed in clown costumes to make the evening more festive. YOU members helped serve sloppy joes and drinks. After dinner the children played games for prizes. While the children were playing, the parents were able to buy crafts and plants from the craft table and homemade pies, breads and cakes from the bakery table. At the kiddie resale shop the children bought used toys and jewelry for just pennies. *Linda Halliar.*

Some 120 people attended a social of the **CHICAGO, Ill., WEST and NORTHWEST Women's Clubs** Feb. 27. The elderly and the handicapped were special guests. A luncheon prepared by the club members followed a reading of poetry by associate pastor Tim Snyder. Two films were shown, and two games dealing with questions of old-time ads, actors and news were played. Each guest received a gift, and club members exchanged secret pal gifts.

The Northwest Women's Club met March 6. Sharon Mertes and Peggy Butow gave their icebreakers, and Nancy Gibellina spoke on Abigail. Ida Cocomo presented a demonstration of Italian cooking, after which the members sampled the

The **HUNTSVILLE and FLORENCE, Ala., Spokesman and Graduate clubs** had a joint dinner meeting March 5. Terry Martin, president of the Graduate Club, presided over the first portion of the meeting, and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ward led tabletoppers. Spokesman President Ric Patterson presided over the second portion. Speeches were given by Paul Thompson, Charles Pope, Jack Lawrence, Joe Johnson and Carl Parris. Trophies were awarded to Mr. Lawrence, Most Effective Speech; Mr. Parris, Most Improved Speaker; and Wayne Brown, Most Helpful Evaluation. Director Lawson J. Tuck concluded the meeting with a lecture.

The Huntsville and Florence Women's Club met March 6. The theme was "Godly Women of the Bible." Tabletoppers were led by Mary Montano, and speeches were given by Kay Hames, Lillie Rice, Ann Cook and Sonja Lofthus. The first half of the meeting was evaluated by minister Gerald Cook, and minister Roland Stanley evaluated the last half and gave a lecture. *Gay Chaney.*

Members of the **IOWA CITY, Iowa,** Women's Club presented a program for residents of the Willow Gardens Care Center March 13. The program consisted of poetry and music arranged by Colleen Rehor and offered by the club members, their teenagers and eight girls. Coordinator Karen Bailey introduced the program. The poems were delivered by Karen Bailey, Esther Hershberger, Judy Bushlack, Betty Ranshaw, Jean Ritzman and Jordana and Jeremy Bushlack. The group sang several songs, and a humorous pantomime was done by Gerine Tenold. Accompanists were Jean Ann Holub, Jeremy Bushlack and Billy Ritzman. *Geraldine Tenold.*

The **JOHANNESBURG, South Africa,** Graduate Club B had a picnic in a public park March 6 for club members and their families. The men and women played volleyball, and games were organized for the children. Meat for the barbecue was provided by the club. *William Scott.*

March 6 was ladies' night for the **LAKE OF THE OZARKS, Mo., Spokesman Club.** Each woman was presented with a corsage before the meeting convened. Director Joe Dobson introduced Tom Smith, who led in vocal exercises. Orville Payton III served as acting president and toastmaster for the evening. After tabletoppers led by Orville Payton II, the group enjoyed cheesecake and coffee. Afterward speeches were given by Mark Flaughner, Mervyn Rothrock, Curt Ash, Bob Bricker and Mr. Smith. Mr. Dobson gave an overall evaluation. *Donna Roberts.*

Judy Joseph was hostess for the March 8 meeting of the **LANSING, Mich., LIFT Club.** Members studied the lives of Deborah, Anna and Miriam. Tabletoppers were given by Beth Hill, and an icebreaker was presented by Joy Sedgeman. Tammy Steensma and Bobbie Joseph gave speeches. A lecture by pastor Nelson Haas concluded the evening. *M. Chalmers.*

The **LAS VEGAS, Nev., Spokesman Club** had its second annual ladies' night Feb. 13. Cleo Dawson was topicmaster, and Lyndon Graves was toastmaster. Tim Deschaine, Doug Huffman and Rhody Smith gave speeches. A buffet was served, after which pastor Bernard Schnippert gave an evaluation and a lecture. *Lyndon B. Graves.*

March 6 the **LAUREL, Del., Spokesman Club** had a ladies' night dinner meeting. President Jack Hogan presided over the first half, with Bob Herrington leading vocal exercises and Wendell Travers tabletoppers. Evaluation was given by director. *(See CHURCH NEWS, page 11)*



YOUTH RECITAL — Participants in the Garden Grove, Calif., church's youth recital March 6 take time out for a group picture. (See "Youth Activities," page 11.)

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

UPDATE

PASADENA — Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong's** two-part telecast about Easter, aired March 26 and 27 and April 2 and 3, received excellent response, according to **Richard Rice**, director of the Mail Processing Center here.

Part one of the program, *Was the Resurrection on Sunday?*, received 9,148 telephone responses, although 18 stations preempted the telecast because of the Easter Seals Telethon, according to **Scott Toliver** of the Wide Area Telephone Response (WATS) area.

Part two, *The Plain Truth about Easter*, received 10,527 calls, 421 calls short of the all-time record for the telecast. Mr. Toliver said that if station WOR in New York City had not preempted the telecast part two probably would have beaten the present record. *The Plain Truth about Christmas* holds the record with 10,948 responses.

A viewer from Minnesota responded: "I decided, while the program was still on, that I'm not going to keep Easter any more and I'm going to quit my church. I really believe Mr. Armstrong's message."

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BOGOTA, Colombia — Brethren living close to the epicenter of the earthquake that struck Colombia March 31 were not hurt, according to **Eduardo Hernandez**, a minister serving in Colombia and Ecuador.

Efren and Flor Maria Giraldo, live in Popayan, the town hardest hit by the quake that registered 5.5 on the Richter scale. About 200 people lost their lives in the quake, which struck at 8:15 a.m.

Mauricio Perez, a minister who assists Mr. Hernandez, tried to visit the Giraldos after the quake, but was unable to see them. He said, however, that the Giraldos sent a telex to the office in Bogota saying they were not hurt.

The Giraldos are instructors at the Universidad del Cauca, which suffered extensive damage during the quake, according to Mr. Perez.

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BATON ROUGE, La. — More than 10½ inches (about 26.5 centimeters) of rain deluged southern Mississippi and southeastern Louisiana, causing 40,000 people to flee their homes April 6 and 7, according to **Alton Billingsley**, pastor of the Baton Rouge and Lafayette, La., churches.

Though many brethren were isolated because of rising flood waters, only three families in the Baton Rouge area suffered major damage to their homes. **Werner Roseman** of Denham Springs, La., received several feet of water in his home. Mr. and Mrs. **Les Meitzler** of Denham Springs received about 8 inches (more than 20 centimeters) of water, and Mr. and Mrs. **Louis Raney** of Springfield, La., received an inch (2.54 centimeters) of water in their home.

According to **Jim Servidio**, pastor of the New Orleans and Slidell, La., churches, no brethren suffered major damage in his areas, despite major flooding. Services in Slidell, however, were canceled because roads were not cleared before the Sabbath.

Mr. Servidio said that though some members' homes suffered minor damage, they were blessed to escape the worst of the flooding.

Mr. Billingsley thanked the brethren from across the country who called expressing concern and prayers.

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LONG BEACH, Calif. — Interest in God's Church is increasing, according to reports by **Lester McColm**, pastor of the Long Beach church.

Mr. McColm said that 30 members

of a Baptist church here started their own church with meetings on the Sabbath and sermons from *The Plain Truth* and other Worldwide Church of God literature. The 30 people "elected" a minister from among themselves to teach at their services.

Mr. McColm said that one of these people now attends regularly and that two others will probably start attending.

March 1 Mr. McColm visited seven members of a musical group. Some are attending services and the rest will start soon, he said.

Feb. 20 Mr. McColm baptized a couple who are also with a musical group. The wife is the lead singer of the band and the husband is the group's manager.

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PASADENA — Ministerial Services here announced that the following men were ordained local church elders on the first day of Unleavened Bread, March 29.

Gary W. Evans, Portsmouth, Ohio; **Carl F. Falzone**, Rockford, Ill.; **David S. Gilbert II**, Pittsburgh, Pa.; **Mitchell Haddad**, Brooklyn, N.Y.; **Allan F. Hambleton**, Bakersfield, Calif.; **Thomas L. Kirkpatrick**, Boone, N.C.; **Donald J. Lohr**, Johnstown, Pa.; **Dick E. Stitt**, Medford, Ore.; **Gerald L. Steenport**, Appleton, Wis.; **Ronald**

Swift, Queens, N.Y.; **Oran Telford**, Youngstown, Ohio; and **Forrest Walker**, Pittsburgh.

Dale G. Davis of Florence, S.C., was ordained on the last day of Unleavened Bread, April 4, and **Calister T. Vallet** of Charleston, W. Va., was ordained Feb. 26.

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BIG SANDY — Seventeen students who will transfer to Pasadena next year to complete a bachelor of arts degree program were announced April 12 in forum by evangelist **Leslie McCullough**, deputy chancellor.

These students were initially accepted by Big Sandy for the two-year associate of arts degree and do not include students who transferred to Big Sandy for one year from Pasadena.

Larry Salyer, dean of students, said: "We had 58 students who made preliminary applications for the 15 spots . . . All of the applicants were qualified and many were highly qualified. Our job was not easy selecting those who had the best possibilities to get the most out of college."

Mr. Salyer explained that though 17 students were selected to transfer to Pasadena, two of the students were not selected from the 58 applicants. Freshman **Frank Parsons**, a local church elder, was accepted as a married student, and freshman **Cliff Parks** was accepted as a junior in Pasadena because of previous college.

The other 15 students are: **Patti Briggs**, **Laura Diaz**, **Jeff Dowd**, **Dorrie Drown**, **Eric Evans**, **Cindy Gray**, **Eugene Kubik**, **Jeff Lewis**, **Ralph Lucia**, **Teressa Meisner**, **Kerri Miles**, **Connie O'Bryan**, **Lisa Steenport**, **Doug Tomes** and **David Witt**.

U.S. SEP camps gear up for 1,400 campers, staff

By Kevin Dean

PASADENA — The Summer Educational Programs at Orr, Minn., and Big Sandy are going through final preparations before opening this summer.

Kevin Dean is director of Youth Opportunities United in Pasadena.

For the first time in the history of the camps all three sessions in Orr will be full, as well as the onesession in Big Sandy. Camper attendance at both camps will be 1,208, most of whom have not been to either camp.

For each camper accepted at least one applicant was turned away. More than 650 high school worker applications were turned in, with about 100 of those applicants accepted. More than 380 Ambassador College students sought employment at one of the camps. Slightly more than 100 were accepted for positions such as counselor, instructor, supervisor or instructor's aid.

Enthusiasm for the SEP has been generated primarily by God's apostle, Herbert W. Armstrong, who continues to show zeal and dynamic enthusiasm when it comes to the youths in God's Church. Once again, Mr. Armstrong has his sights set on attending each of the four sessions.

Helping to oversee the program, Mr. Armstrong has asked several ministers to assist Kevin Dean, who directs operations at the camp in Orr. Kermit Nelson, a faculty member at Big Sandy Ambassador College, will once again be responsible for the summer camp in Big Sandy.

Ministers approved by Mr. Armstrong include **Randal Dick**, from Dallas to help with the Orr canoeing program; **Mike Hanisko**, **Gerald Weston** and **Fred Kellers** to help in swimming; **Ben Faulkner**, **Joel Lilengreen** and **Britt Taylor** to help in education; and **Doug Horchak**, **Craig Bacheller** and **Reinhold Fuesel** to help out in waterskiing.

Faculty members from both Ambassador College campuses will once again serve at the camps. More than a dozen full-time faculty members will teach such programs as wilderness skills, canoeing, cheerleading and softball at Orr, while virtually every activity offered at the Big Sandy camp will be supervised by a faculty member of the campus there.

Mr. Armstrong's letter sent to the Church membership about support of the camps received the most enthusiastic response ever. Because of charitable donations made by brethren in the Church, a number of young people who could not otherwise afford to attend will have a chance to go to one of these camps.



PASADENA — The Work is growing in Uganda. The east African nation of about 15 million people has a sad history especially spanning the past decade. Since the first two Ugandan members were baptized at the Feast of Trumpets in 1970, God's Church, though small, has always been represented there.

In recent years interest has grown until a regular outlying Bible study was established near Torona, in eastern Uganda. The pastor of the study is **Owen Willis** who lives in Nairobi, Kenya, and is responsible for members throughout East Africa.

During the last week of February, Mr. Willis baptized one more member in Uganda. Now there are six. Prospects for more members look good, too.

Baptisms in Uganda bring questions not normally asked — is the river infested with crocodiles?

At the Feb. 26 Bible study, 45 people attended, which is most encouraging growth. Each year the Ugandan brethren travel to Naro Moru, Kenya, to join the Kenyan brethren for the Feast of Tabernacles.

Spain

During February, subscribers to *La Pura Verdad*, Spanish-language *Plain Truth*, topped 10,000 for the first time in Spain. This is 157 percent more than February, 1982. More than 2,000 were added. This increase comes largely from a cardholder program managed by a handful of scattered members living in Madrid, Barcelona, Malaga, Granada and several smaller cities (see article page 6).

The potential is there to double or triple the volume of cards offered, but budgetary constraints have forced a postponement (for a few months only, we hope).

Worldwide, the *Pura Verdad* subscription list stands at 171,000.

Reduced promotion activity will allow this figure to level off around 150,000 in a couple of months, thereby ensuring a solid and well-grounded readership. The figure is 55 percent more than at this time last year.

TV in Australia

For years now, Australia's second largest city, Melbourne, has not had a television station willing to take Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong's World Tomorrow** program.

In 1982, five attempts found the door closed. But Jan. 31 another attempt, made during a visit to Australia by **David Hulme**, director of media purchasing, proved to be miraculously successful.

The first program aired on ATV channel 10 Feb. 20, just a few days after massive forest fires devastated large areas around the city, taking dozens of lives. Was Satan angry?

Bob Morton, regional director, also reported that the following week, unexpectedly, a call was received from another television station in southeast Queensland.

The station, SEQ 8, requested Mr. Armstrong's program and offered the 11:30 a.m. time slot on Sunday, starting Feb. 27. SEQ channel 8 covers the area north of Brisbane up as far as Bundaberg.

These two additional stations mean that the *World Tomorrow* television program can now be viewed by about 80 percent of the Australian population.

Income in Australia was running at 25 percent over 1982 for the first two months of this year.

Switzerland

The Bonn, West Germany, Office summarized the accomplishments in, and activities planned for the German-speaking area in northern Switzerland, and southwestern Germany.

This spring, flyers will be placed

in two Swiss magazines, *Wir Eltern* and *Schweizer Beobachter*, with a circulation of 500,000 for both magazines.

This fall, the German Office is planning to place flyers in four Swiss newspapers, which together have a circulation of 564,000. Based on past experience, the office expects an additional 26,600 new subscribers from Switzerland by the end of 1983.

In 1980, **Tom Lapacka** and his family were assigned to the Swiss area of God's Work. Mr. Lapacka is the pastor of the churches in Zurich and Basel, Switzerland, and Stuttgart, West Germany.

Services are conducted in Basel and Zurich one week and Stuttgart the next. Services in Basel begin at 10 a.m., after which Mr. Lapacka drives an hour to Zurich for 3 p.m. services.

The next week's services are conducted in Stuttgart at 2:30 p.m. Stuttgart is about 240 kilometers (150 miles, 2½ to 3 hours drive) north of Zurich, where Mr. Lapacka and his family live.

Since 1976 the Church has tried to move a representative to the German-speaking area of Switzerland to pastor the churches as well as represent the Work's interests there. Switzerland allows residence to only about 3,000 foreigners a year (not including temporary guest workers) and has stringent entrance laws.

After assistance from the Geneva, Switzerland, Office, the Church made a residence application and went through 13 months of red tape, a lot of legal correspondence and denials at two levels. Finally, approval was granted for the Lapackas to move into Switzerland in April, 1982.

Mr. Lapacka said: "It's a miracle that we're here. We have to renew our residence permit yearly and at the end of any given year we could be told that our residence permit will not be renewed, which would mean our having to leave the country. Fortunately, there seems to be no problem at this time as far as visa renewal is concerned."

Mr. Lapacka also conducts monthly Bible studies in Bern, Switzerland, has a Spokesman Club in Stuttgart, a Graduate Club in Switzerland and is the Festival coordinator for the Feast of Tabernacles

in Bonndorf, West Germany.

African Visit

David Stirk, a minister serving the Mediterranean and East and West African areas under regional director **Frank Brown** in the British Office, visited West Africa before the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

Friday, March 18, he flew to Lagos, Nigeria, to spend time with local elder **Elijah Chukwudi** and his family, and to speak to the Lagos church.

He also directed the Spokesman Club. His itinerary then took him to Ghana for several days with Mr. and Mrs. **Melvin Rhodes** and **Steve LeBlanc**, ministers there.

Mr. Stirk was able to visit the Church farm project developed in Ghana to supplement deteriorating food supplies available in Ghana. For the Sabbath of March 26, the Passover and the first day of Unleavened Bread, Mr. Stirk flew to Malta to spend time with brethren there.

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