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HOW THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD CAME INTO BEING

By Herbert W. Armstrong
TO SET the record straight, once and for all, I give you here the actual FACTS relating to my fellowship with the Church of God, Seventh Day, Stanberry, Mo., and the A. N. Dugger "Church of God," Salem, W. Va.
 Rumors have been started that Garner Ted Armstrong is now doing the precise thing his father did in the years 1933 to 1937. Like most rumors started for wrong reasons, this one is FALSE!

Mr. Armstrong's conversion to biblically organized true Church still existed

Errors usually originate from a false premise carelessly assumed, unproved.

The true original Church of

God was founded A.D. 31 by Jesus Christ. It was a spiritual ORGANISM — not a worldly organization — yet well organized on GOD'S PATTERN.

It was headed by Jesus Christ, who already had ascended to God's throne in heaven. It was

founded on a SOLID FOUNDATION — a spiritual foundation — the apostles (New Testament) and prophets (Old Testament) with Christ the actual HEAD.

Under the apostles and the very few prophets after A.D. 31 were evangelists, pastors, other elders

We are really in the third generation of the present era of the WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD. Few are still living who remember how God started it. HERE IS EYE-OPENING NEWS to most members of God's Church TODAY. And it corrects a false rumor concerning Herbert W. Armstrong and the "Sardis" era of the Church. Mr. ARMSTRONG DID NOT "LEAVE" THE CHURCH OF GOD (Sardis era) TO START THE PRESENT WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD. Nor did he ever seek to draw away any of their members after him! He was never a member of either of the two factions of that church — though he fellowshiped and gave help to each of them. Mr. Armstrong's relation with "Sardis" was one of "GIVING" not "GETTING."

forced virtually to go underground, holding meetings secretly.

The apostle Polycarp (a disciple of the apostle John) and a later apostle, Polycrates, had heated controversies with the Roman bishops in the false "Babylonian Mystery" religion (Revelation 17:5); which, under Simon the Sorcerer (Acts 8), had adopted the name "Christianity."

In Revelation 2 and 3 are the messages inspired by Christ from God's throne.

The seven churches

The apostle John relates, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day." (Revelation 1:10). In other words, John was taken in vision, by the Spirit of God, into the far future DAY OF THE LORD. From the time of Adam to now — approximately 6,000 years — we have been in the day of MAN, deceived and led by Satan.

The period foretold in more than 30 prophecies called the "Day of the Lord" is the time when God supernaturally intervenes and begins taking over the world — starting very shortly, perhaps one to three years, before the second coming of Christ to RULE ALL NATIONS.

The apostle John, in vision, (See JOHN, page 2)

'78 Feast is 'spiritual revival'

PASADENA Worldwide Church of God brethren gathered at 75 sites this year from Anchorage, Alaska, to Santa Fe, for eight days (Oct. 16 to 21) of spiritual food, fellowship and fun.

For the first time in the history of the Feast, members of God's worldwide family had the opportunity to see and hear Herbert W. Armstrong speak at the Feast.

As the Festival got under way the evening of Oct. 15 it was Mr. Armstrong who greeted Feastgoers, whether they were meeting in coconut palm hut or Church-owned tabernacles such as the ones at the Lake of the Ozarks, Mo., and Wisconsin Dells. Wisconsin Dells, Wis.
 Films that Mr. Armstrong had

made before the Feast for this purpose were shipped to all points of the globe. For German, French, and Spanish speaking brethren the film was translated.

Some attending the Feast in African sites had never seen Mr. Armstrong before. Festivals coordinators reported delight at being able to have the films, with many calling the presentation the highlight of the Festival.

Mr. Armstrong himself made personal appearances at three U. S. sites. Accompanied by his assistant, Stanley Rader, he spoke before a combined total of 28,000 brethren at St. Petersburg, Fla., Big Sandy, Tex., and finally Tucson, Ariz. Mr. Rader also gave talks at these sites.
 Mr. Armstrong hailed the Feast as (See FEAST 78, page 2)



FESTIVAL SERVICES — Members watch Herbert W. Armstrong's opening night film at the Sierra de la Ventana, Argentina, site, above, and listen during services at Fresno, Calif., right. (Photos by Tom Williams and Dave Knight)



'GOOD NEWS' TO CHANGE FORMAT, 'WORLDWIDE NEWS' TO RESUME PUBLICATION

As announced by Herbert W. Armstrong in a co-worker letter dated Oct. 16, *The Good News* will soon be changed into a full four-color magazine and the tabloid paper will continue publication under the name *The Worldwide News*. Work has already begun on the first two issues of *The Good News* magazine, and it should begin regular publication within the next few months.

As explained by Mr. Armstrong, the new *Good News* will be devoted to biblical and spiritual food for members. *The Worldwide News* will resume its emphasis on news of the Work and its leaders throughout the world and continue its coverage of local church activities, announcements of personal news, features on members and additional articles of a spiritual nature.

We welcome your comments and look forward to serving you with continued news and encouragement through the pages of *The Good News* and *The Worldwide News*.

Deane Franklin
 Managing Editor



BIG SANDY, TEX., PROPERTY — Negotiations are being completed for the sale of the Work's Big Sandy, Tex., property. Aerial view shows the former Ambassador College campus. Inset: The Roy Hammar Memorial Library is a focal point on the grounds.

Treasurer details campus sales

By Stanley R. Rader
PASADENA — Now that we are completing the negotiations for the sale of the two campuses (Bricket Wood, England, and Big Sandy, Tex.) I would like to share some of the details with you.

As early as 1973, Mr. Herbert Armstrong had determined that both the Big Sandy and Bricket Wood colleges should be closed. It was a task that could not be accomplished overnight as there were a number of personnel and financial considerations to be handled. The rest of the story has already been told.

In 1974 we closed the Bricket Wood college and approached the firm of Cluttons of London to assist us in the sale of the campus. We had a number of interested parties, both from England and foreign countries, but we were unable to come to a equitable agreement until the middle of this year. We finally agreed on a

price of 2 million pounds (approximately \$4 million) for the sale of the campus. This is more than our investment in the property.

The Big Sandy campus, closed in 1977 when all college operations were consolidated in Pasadena, has now received one offer of purchase that is being considered by the executive committee. The offer is \$100,000 higher than our original asking price and about 25 percent higher than the estimated market value we had obtained in July. We have been carrying the campus' value on our books at approximately \$4.4 million.

We feel that we have been good stewards in these transactions. We have not lost money on these transactions and we have obtained a significantly high return. It is our intention to utilize the funds received from these sales as an investment that will provide much needed underpinning for our working capital, and at the

same time provide interest, which can be added to our income in the years ahead.

Feast over, but challenge remains— what do we do with what we learned?

By Val J. Aspinen

With the singing of the final hymn and a closing prayer, another Feast of Tabernacles becomes history. We can easily recall the inspiring, meaningful messages given from the pulpit and can still savor the million-dollar, abundant, joyful living experienced during the eight days of more. Probably we all feel encouraged, uplifted and spiritually rejuvenated. And as a result of the Feast, we've come away with a greater sense of commitment, dedication and resolve towards God. His Work and life in general.

But will this resolve and renewed enthusiasm last? Or will it be as short-lived as the proverbial New Year's resolution, which lasts as long as one hangs over with this year's Feast give us an added spiritual boost that will raise us to a higher spiritual plane of existence whereby we will personally reflect the image and character of Jesus Christ more profoundly than ever before?

Knowledge put to use

The answer lies not so much in what we've heard, or seen or experienced, but in what we will personally do right now and in the days ahead. As Herbert W. Armstrong has often said, knowledge is of no real value unless it is put to use. This is especially true in respect to spiritual knowledge. What will we do with our Feast experience? Will we use it? Will we ponder over it, and build upon it, or will we let it lie dormant and die a slow death?

It is quite clear that unless we use the knowledge and apply it to our life and circumstances, it will be lost, perhaps never to be regained. There is an old motto: "use it or lose it." It's simple, yet so profound. When viewed in this light, it seems that our options are somewhat limited. It is hoped we all will make the right choice and with God's help will use the spiritual momentum of the Feast to successfully project us through another year, no matter what obstacles or trials that life may bring, undisturbedly as a Work.

Paul had the way

In another time, in another setting, a man named Paul took this same Christian road before us. He was not unfamiliar with the trials and tests of life. Few can match his record of labours, of beatings, of imprisonments, of perils, of foistings (see II Corinthians 11); His life is a glowing example of how to be a

HOLY DAY OFFERING UPDATE

We are still in the process of entering all the Holy Day offering information into our files for the Feast of Tabernacles and Last Great Day, so we do not have final figures at this time, but we would like to give you the preliminary numbers in this report (United States only).

	1977	1978	Change
Total offering	\$2,098,107.28	\$2,805,465.67	+5.1 percent
Average attendance	88,072.00	88,555.00	+0.7 percent
Per person	\$24.43	\$31.13	+8.4 percent

There will be additional offerings coming from U.S. citizens who attended Festival sites in Canada and in the international areas, so these figures will go up slightly.

Mr. Armstrong is encouraged by the financial support of all the loyal members and wants to thank each of you for your part in this great Work of God.

Stanley R. Rader
Treasurer

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Christian no matter the circumstances, be it in poverty or wealth, in sickness or in health. If the streets of life is seemingly too much, take heart, Paul has been there. He overcame and freely gives us the benefit of his experience.

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, producing the most gripping fact on a number of occasions used an interesting analogy comparing our calling to a race and exhorted us to "run with patience the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1).

To participate in this race you don't have to be a beautifully conditioned athlete. There is no specific age qualification, and the race chairman doesn't even discriminate against women. But you do have to be a Christian—willing to work hard and put out a lot of effort.

A long-distance run

The race Paul alludes to is not a short 60- or 100 yard dash over a perfectly level artificial running turf unconquered by stands filled with admiring, cheering fans. It is more like a long distance cross-country run including some unpaved dirt or gravel roads as well as hard concrete, with stretches of level ground and hilly, gut-wrenching terrain.

Because of the long distance, the field of runners spreads out quickly and you may feel you're running all alone. At other times, you see runners pass you and you're tempted to drop out in discouragement. After all, who would know (or care)? And then there's the pain of blisters or just plain fatigue. What a relief it would be to quit. There's also the double threat of heat and humidity, which can sap your strength, but you go on. The drive and resolve has to come from within so there are no cheating thoughts to encourage you along—but, finally, the long-awaited finish line.

While only one can come in first, when you've run hard and done your best, you know you've won. Those who have experienced this know the joy of reaping. At the end of his life the apostle Paul expressed this joy, knowing he had run his spiritual marathon well and won the crown of righteousness (II Timothy 4:8).

We must run

We Christians have been called

and chosen to participate in this race for eternal life. To reject this opportunity could mean our salvation. So run we must, day by day, week by week. Along the route we might stumble at times or have to stop momentarily at an aid station for some thirst-quenching water. But remember that Paul, who was tried and tested in much the same manner is cheering us on: "So run, that ye may obtain [the prize]" (I Corinthians 9:24).

The Feast of 1978 is over, but for us the challenges and trials of life remain. We have been given the knowledge, and we have the tools. It is now our responsibility to meditate on the blessings we have been given, to assimilate the rich spiritual nourishment received and renew our resolve and commitment to back up Mr. Armstrong and the Work as it's end-time commission.

The apostle Paul met his challenges, accomplished his work and ran his race. He won his crown. We too have a crown prepared for us. "Behold, I come quickly hold fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown" (Revelation 3:11). So in the coming year when the road "feels tough, remember Paul and keep on running.

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A Feast farewell

The Feast of Tabernacles, 1978, is over. For some it may have been their first, for others their fifth, 12th or even 25th. For my family it was the 20th. From all indications as reports come in to *The Good News* from around the world others felt as we did—that it was a moving, encouraging and uplifting Feast. A Feast that depicted peace and unity. One that we will not soon forget.

However, it is easy to slip back into our routine of life and forget the spiritual and physical lessons we learned during this past Festival season.

The following poem, written by Muelhe Strider of the Toronto West Church, first place winner in the 1977 Feast of Tabernacles Canadian YOU Talent contest, was read at the Last Great Day at the Festival (we attended). I felt it was worthy of sharing with all our readers.

Feast

Gather ye together now,
Here in the place of God
A place where angels guard your sleep
With holy staff and rod;
Enjoy this time of happiness,
Of grace, of joy, of love
Grow closer to your fellow man
And to the Lord above.

This issue's column was written by Dr. H. Faulstich, managing editor of *The Good News*.

Take in the beauty of this time
When summer turns to fall.
The glory of the changing leaves,
Of creatures large and small.

Drink in the words
Of all the saints,
Of heaven's holy men,
And understand old things anew.
Sit up your feet again,
Picture a time when life will be
As it is now today.
Remember, all you chosen ones,
To study and to pray,
Plug in your mind,
Recharge your heart,
Grow solid in this word
And when you go back to your home

Remember what you've heard
For if you do I'm sure you'll find
Your smile will never fade
And you will leave a happy heart
In every place you've stayed
You'll find you feet have
grown quite light,
Your hand will work with ease,
Your faith will mean more than
rally,
And love will be a breeze.
Remember, you must reach for
God,
Then He will reach for you
And when you know Him as your
heaven,
Then He will know you too
So as you leave this place of God,
Remember what you've viewed
And go with love, with peace,
with joy
And with your faith renewed.

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was taken into this "Day of the Lord" called "the Lord's day" in Revelation 1:10. This period, "the Day of the Lord," especially that phase of it prior to Christ's coming (although it shall continue through the millennium), is the **THEME** of the book of Revelation.

Continue in Revelation 1:10: "... and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, saying, I am Alpha and Omega (A and Z), the first and the last; and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia. ... Then Christ named the churches, starting with Ephesus and ending with Laodicea.

Then, in his vision John turned and saw seven golden candlesticks and ... in the midst of the golden candlesticks one like unto the Son of man [Christ]. ... And he had in his right hand seven stars.

Then He (Christ) said, "The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches; and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches" (Revelation 1:20).

Then follow, in chapters 2 and 3, Christ's messages to the angels of these seven churches.

I studied deeply into these seven churches and Christ's messages to them 51 years ago. And I concluded, on exhaustive re-

search, that they represented the seven conditions that would be found in the Church of God at all times, from A.D. 31 until Christ's coming — **BUT ALSO** the seven ERAS of God's Church during these more than 1,900 years. God showed me that the Ephesian condition here described would be predominant during the first era, the Laodicean condition described in the last era just prior to Christ's second coming, predominant just before Christ's coming. But definitely they depict SEVEN SUCCESSIVE ERAS.

"But God's Church, though continuous through all generations from A.D. 31, LOST much or all of its original organizational pattern established BY CHRIST. . ."

Loss of first love
The predominant characteristic of the Ephesian era — the first, beginning A.D. 31 — was loss of its first love. The Church in A.D. 31 on the day of Pentecost started out with great rejoicing and deep spirituality. But by approximately A.D. 53 in 59, they already were turning to **ANOTHER gospel** — the **GOSSPEL MESSAGE OF JESUS CHRIST WAS BEING SUPPRESSED!**

A violent persecution had set in by A.D. 33. By A.D. 70 the true Church was virtually forced to go underground. They were discouraged — had lost their first love. But, also, that has been true of every era of the Church — only not so dominant as in the first two centuries.

The Church did become scattered! Never again after the first century was it **ONE WELL-ORGANIZED, COMPACTED BODY!**

This is a fact that most today have not realized — and perhaps most have supposed there existed a centrally organized closely knit Church from the first century

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until now. **BUT, THAT IS NOT TRUE!**

Yet, when Christ comes, He is coming to a Church that is well-organized — the "household of God . . . in whom all the building fitly framed together growth into a holy temple in the Lord" (Ephesians 2:19-21).

THAT IS THE TEMPLE TO WHICH CHRIST SHALL COME THAT IS THE ONE AND ONLY CHURCH THAT SHALL; RESURRECTED, MARRY CHRIST!

But, when I first was converted and came on the scene, the Church (Sardin era) was widely scattered. There was a U.S. headquarters at Stanberry, Mo. But there were a few very small scattered groups, which we have discovered since, in Central and South America and Europe. These brethren were still keeping

the Sabbath, the Holy Days (which the Sardis people in America were NOT), and still kept the NAME, Church of God. They are now part of the Worldwide Church of God.

NOW — Herbert W. Armstrong and the Sardis era

I was born of stable and upright parents with an ancestry in the Quaker faith that had emigrated from England to Pennsylvania with William Penn, a hundred years before the United States became a nation.

At age 18 I dropped all but the most positive interest in religion. I had put myself through an intensive self-examination, coupled with a survey of the various occupations and professions to determine where I belonged — to avoid fitting the proverbial square peg in the round hole. This led into the advertising profession and a business life. I was unusually successful. I had continued through the years diligent study and application. I had planned that my business contacts were largely with the good and the near-good.

Then, stage 14, I was assailed

by very disturbing dual challenges. My wife, after nine years of happy marriage, had begun keeping the seventh-day Sabbath. I was aghast! That, to me, was religious fanaticism! She claimed to have found this teaching in the Bible.

My first upsetting thought was, What will my business contacts and friends say? It was a devastating thought, humiliating!

All the arguments came quickly to my mind. They were of no

avail. She said she "found this teaching in the Bible."

"But the Bible says," I protested, "thou shalt observe Sunday."

"Can you show that to me in the Bible?" she asked.

"I don't know," I replied, "I don't know anything about the Bible. My interest and studies have been in the area of business. But I know the Bible teaches Sunday observance, because all these churches can't be wrong, and they receive their benefits from the Bible."

"If," she smiled sincerely, "but to me unconvincingly — you can show me where the Bible commands Sunday observance, I'll go back to it."

There was no dodging the challenge. My marriage depended on it!

A second challenge

Coincidentally, a sister-in-law, newly married and fresh out of college, hurried at me a second humiliating challenge.

"Herbert Armstrong," she accused contemptuously, "you are just plain ignorant. Everybody who has any education knows human life has come by evolution."

I was proud I had not neglected study and education. I thought I knew the facts about evolution, and I didn't believe in it. But now I had to admit I had never pursued a thorough, in-depth research of the question.

The dual challenge drove me into a determined almost night-and-day research. That intensive study continued for six months before I found the **proved** answer. Yet the study to this day has never ceased.

I was not only humiliated and angered by these challenges, I was determined to prove both my wife and sister-in-law wrong. Both challenges focused on a common starting point, the book of Genesis in the Bible, although that was only the beginning.

These challenges came at a period in life when I had ample time on my hands. I plunged with intense concentration into the study.

Evolutionary writings researched.

But I did not begin the research

in Genesis. First I delved thoroughly into the works of Darwin, Lyell, Haeckel, Huxley, Spencer, Vogt, Chamberlain and Moore, and even into the earlier works of Lamarck and his theory of "Use and Disuse," which preceded Darwin's "survival of the fittest" hypothesis.

Immediately those writings appeared convincing. They necessarily are, to have won virtual universal acceptance in the world of higher education. I read

ily understood how the field of education had been gripped in the clutch of the evolutionary concept.

Evolution, as I finally learned, is the atheists' attempted explanation of the presence of a creation without the preexistence of a Creator.

This initial stage of my research rudely shook my faith in the existence of God. It brought me to realization that I had assumed the reality of God, because from childhood I had heard — and therefore assumed — it. For a while my head was literally swimming. Was all I had ever believed mere myth and error after all? I was awakened to the realization I had never seen **PROVED** the reality of God! Now I was determined to know the TRUTH! My mind was being cleaned out from ideas and beliefs previously taken for granted.

Of all the writings on evolution Moore, alone, had called out many discrepancies in the theory. Yet he, too, went along with the doctrine overall.

But now I had, first of all, to prove or disprove the existence of God. It was no casual or superficial study. I continued in this research as if my life depended upon it — as in actual fact it did, as well as my marriage. I studied books also on the other side of the coin.

God's existence proved

Suffice it to say here that I did find irrefutable **PROOF** of the exis-

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tence of God the Creator, and I found **proof** positive of the fallacy of the evolutionary theory. I had the satisfaction of winning the admission of one thoroughly steeped in evolutionary thought — having spent years in graduate work at the University of Chicago and at Columbia — that I had definitely chopped down the trunk of the evolutionary tree, though like Dr. Moore, she had been so thoroughly brainwashed in it she had to continue in what she had seen and acknowledged was **proof** of its fallacy.

Also I had the enjoyment of being able to cause my sister-in-law to "eat those words" branding me as "ignorant." All of which was merely vanity on my part, which I had not yet eradicated.

I had proved the reality of the **GREAT MAJESTIC GOD!** But my wife's challenge was still tormenting my mind. Already, in the evolutionary research, I had studied Genesis. I knew each of the world's religions had their own sacred writings. Once God's reality was proved, I had expected to continue in the pursuit of comparative religions to see if any such sacred writings proved authoritative. Through which of these did **GOD** speak to mankind — if any?

Bible research continued

Since I had to research the Sabbath question anyway, and already I had delved into Genesis, I decided to continue my study in the Bible — intending to examine in depth the writings of other religions afterward.

In my biblical study I came across early in the passage in Romans 7:23 . . . the wages of sin is death . . . I stopped, amazed. Wages is what one is paid for what one has done. Here I was staring at a statement diametrically opposite to my Sunday school teaching prior to age 18.

"Why," I exclaimed, "how can that be? I was taught in church that the wages of sin is **EVERLASTING LIFE** in an eternally burning hell!"

Another shock came on reading the last part of the same verse: . . . but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

"But," I questioned in disillusionment, "I thought I already had eternal life — I am, or I have, an immortal soul. Why should I need it as a gift?"

I researched the word **SOUL** by means of a Bible concordance. Twice I found the words, "the soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezekiel 18:4 and Ezekiel 18:20).

Then I remembered I had read in Genesis 2 how God said to the first human, "But of the tree of

the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."

In Genesis 2:7 I read how God . . . formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man (that — matter) became a living soul. . . This stated plainly that a soul is physical — formed from matter. I found that the English word **SOUL** is translated from the Hebrew **nephesh** and that in Genesis 1:21, fish and animals, (See **GOOD NEWS**, page 4)

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all three, were as fresh as Moses was inspired to write.

Next, I happened to read where Jesus said "And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man . . ." (John 3:13). I researched the heaven and hell teaching further. I saw where the inspired Peter, on the day he received the Holy Spirit said, "For David is not ascended into the heavens . . ." (Acts 2:34).

Taught opposite of Bible

I was, in utter astonishment, coming to realize that what I had been taught growing up in church was the precise opposite of what the Bible says in clear language.

This is not the place for a lengthy, detailed account of my intensive search in the Bible — bent on proving to my satisfaction that "all these churches can't be

of no world religious leader who arrived at his teachings in such manner. Perhaps that is why GOD'S INSPIRED WORD alone — as I proved — is TRUTH. Only GOD is infallibly correct!

I was brought, by the spring of 1927, to a complete MIND-SWEEPING — my mind swept clean of previous assumptions and beliefs — surrendered to the WORD OF GOD, which, by then I had proved TRUE, and the SUPREME AUTHORITY.

More, I had been brought to realize my own inadequacy and nothingness. I had been brought to a real repentance — CONQUERED BY THE GREAT MAJESTIC GOD — and with a solid rock-based FAITH in Jesus Christ I was baptized, and the infilling of God's Spirit opened my mind to the JOY UNSPEAKABLE of knowing God and Jesus Christ — of knowing TRUTH and the warmth of God's divine love!

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wrong, for their teachings came from the Bible." The essential point here is the simple fact that I did find irrefutable PROOF of the divine inspiration and SUPREME AUTHORITY of the Holy Bible as the revealed Word of God as originally written. Even all the so-called contradictions evaporated upon unbiased study.

Yet, to my utter dismay and chagrin, I was forced to "eat crow" in regard to my wife's supposed "fanaticism." It was not what I wanted to believe, then! But by now I had taken a real beating. I had proved truth contrary to what I wanted to believe.

Let me pause here to add a point to what I wrote above, saying most people believe what they have repeatedly heard or read or been taught. There are two other psychological traits in regard to why people believe what they do. One is, people carelessly accept what those around them believe. Many of these are Buddhists because those around them in Thailand are Buddhists. There is the psychological tendency to go along with one's peers.

One other reason for people's beliefs is that human nature tends to cause one to believe what he wants to believe and refuse, regardless of proof, what he does not want to believe. There is the old saying, "One convinced against his will is of the same opinion still."

God's Word alone is truth

That is why I have said the experience I was painfully subjected to in this intensive, intensive study was UNIQUE in human life and conduct. I know

of no world religious leader who arrived at his teachings in such manner. Perhaps that is why GOD'S INSPIRED WORD alone — as I proved — is TRUTH. Only GOD is infallibly correct!

What I once hated I now LOVED. I found the greatest and most absorbing joy of my life in continuing to dig out those gold nuggets of TRUTH from God's Word.

Now came a new enthusiasm in biblical study and receiving the REVEALED knowledge of God.

The true GOSPEL

I began to ask, "Where, then, is the real true Church which CHRIST founded?" My shocking, disappointing, eye-opening discovery, upon looking into the Bible for myself, had revealed in stark plainness that the teachings of traditional Christianity were, in most basic points, the very opposite of the teachings of Christ, of Paul and of the original true Church!

Could the original and only true Church have disintegrated and disappeared? Could it have ceased to exist? No, for I read where Jesus said the gates of the grave would never prevail against it. Also He had said to His disciples who formed His Church, "Lo, I am with you always."

Then I saw that the very purpose of the Church was to preach Christ's GOSPEL! It is HIS BODY — His instrument by which He carried on GOD'S work!

I looked carefully at that Gospel as Christ Himself preached

and taught it to His first ministers. It is recorded in the four books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. At almost every point of teaching that Jesus enunciated, the teachings of traditional Christian bodies today are just the opposite.

THEY WERE NOT PREACHING THE SAME GOSPEL AT ALL, BUT A TOTALLY OPPOSITE MESSAGE! This was shocking — incredible — unbelievable! Yet I was compelled to see it was true!

Jesus began the Work of preaching the very Gospel that even the Father had sent to mankind through Him. He commissioned His disciples — His apostles — to carry the same Gospel to all the world. And He had said He would never drop the Work. He had begun! But WHERE was it going on today?

Seeking an obedient Church

I knew now that when I found the one and only true Church, I would find a Church obedient to God — keeping His commandments — having the testimony of Jesus Christ, which is the TRUTH of the Scriptures.

I had been much impressed by a description of the true Church, as it is to be found in our time — just before the second coming of Christ. It is found in Revelation 12. It is the time when Satan is filled with wrath against God's Church, "because he knoweth that he hath but a short time" (Revelation 12:12). Satan is making war with "the remnant of her seed." The remnant means the very last generation in this age. The Church is definitely described. It is those . . . which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Revelation 12:17).

My intensive study had revealed one thing plainly: "The commandments of God" mean "Sabbath keeping" — in most traditional denominations. They say, "The commandments are done away!" They reject "the commandments of God."

That automatically ruled out all churches observing Sunday. So far as I could learn, it reduced the search to three small groups — the Seventh-Day Adventists, the Seventh-Day Baptists, and a little, almost unheard-of church called the Church of God, which maintained a small publishing house headquarters at Stanberry, Mo.

So I examined Seventh-Day Adventist teachings — just as I did those of many other denominations. I obtained their magazines, their booklets and pamphlets, their large book of

Bible readings or Bible "home instructor."

The true Church is the one that lives by EVERY WORD of God — the words of the BIBLE!

Never an Adventist

It seems necessary to add here that I have never been a member of the Seventh-Day Adventist denomination. False statements have appeared in various church or religious magazines, pamphlets or tracts that I am a former Seventh-Day Adventist. I did obtain much of their literature to compare with the Bible. I did examine and study it with an open mind, and without prejudice. I was happy to find that like most denominations, they do have certain points of truth. None is 100 percent in error.

But my familiarity with Adventist doctrines has come entirely through their published literature. I have never attended a regular Sabbath church service of that denomination!

Next, I looked into the teaching of the Seventh-Day Baptists. I found it to be virtually identical, except for observing a different day of the week, with other Protestant denominations — especially the Baptists.

But of these three churches to which the search had been narrowed, only one had the right NAME for the true Church. This was the small, little-known Church of God whose headquarters were at Stanberry, Mo.

Twelve times in the New Testament, I found the NAME of the Church that Christ established plainly stated as "THE CHURCH OF GOD."

Could GOD'S Church be fruitless?

The only Church I had so far found that "kept the commandments of God, and the testimony of Jesus Christ," and at the same time bore the NAME of the original true Church, was this almost unknown little Church of God with its small publishing house in Stanberry, Mo.

But this left me quite confused. For, his was a little church, especially compared to the Roman Catholic, the Methodist, the Baptist, the Presbyterian, the Lutheran or other large churches numbering millions of members. Then I saw where Jesus called His Church the "little flock."

But still I was not completely satisfied. I was deeply concerned. I prayed a great deal over it. For here was a church, which, compared to the large-scale activities of the Catholic and big Protestant bodies, was ineffec-

tive. I could see that it was imperfect. It wielded no great power. Jesus had said, "ALL POWER is given unto me in heaven and earth" (Matthew 28:18). I read how Jesus Christ was to be IN His Church; He guides it; He directs

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He empowers it! He said His Church was to RECEIVE POWER (Acts 1:8).

No person is even a member of the true Church unless he has received and is filled and led by the Holy Spirit — and the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of POWER! This little church seemed to be powerless — comparatively impotent! I failed to see where it was bearing much if any fruit! Could a fruitless church be the ONE AND ONLY true Church of GOD on earth?

I was deeply perplexed. Here was a little church with scattered members probably numbering less than 2,000, mostly in rural areas. Apparently, as nearly as I could learn, it had only a very limited number of local churches, none as large as 100 members.

As I began to come in contact with some of its leaders, they seemed to be men of little education — no college degrees — its ministry could hardly be described as an educated ministry. Their preaching had a certain fire, yet seemed totally to lack the power that attracts sizable audiences, that moves people, stirs hearts, and changes lives. I could see no visible results.

Could this be God's one and only true Church on earth? The very question seemed preposterous!

But, where else?

And yet — Yes, and yet, small, powerless, fruitless, impotent though it appeared to be, here was a church with the right name, "keeping the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ," and closer, in its doctrines and teachings, to what God had been opening my eyes to see plainly in His Word than any other church of which I knew! Small and impotent though it appeared, it had more Bible TRUTH than any church I could find!

Meanwhile, what was I to do? I was not at all convinced this was the one and only true Church. Yet, if it was not, which one was? This one came closer to the Bible qualifications than any I knew.

"This initial stage of my research rudely shook my faith in the existence of God. It brought me to realization that I had assumed the reality of God, because from childhood I had heard — and therefore assumed — it. For a while my head was literally swimming. Was all I had ever believed mere myth and error after all?"

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Therefore, I began to fellowship with their scattered and few members in Oregon, while at the same time refraining from acknowledging membership.

We were living in Portland, Ore., at the time. I knew of no members of this church in Portland, but there was a sprinkling of them through the Willamette Valley between the Salem and Eugene, in Oregon — mostly farmers or truck gardeners. They welcomed the fellowship of myself and Mrs. Armstrong.

We found them to be simple plain and humble people, hard working and industrious, and loving the BIBLE TRUTH — as much as they had — willing to suffer persecution for it.

And so it was, in this detached fellowship, that Mrs. Armstrong and I continued the first 3½ years of my ceaseless night-and-day study of the Bible — of history, especially as connected with biblical history and prophecy — and of pertinent allied subjects.

These, too, were years of much and earnest prayer. Much of the Bible study done at home was done on my knees, combining study with prayer. Much time was spent during these years, as it had been that first six months, at the public library. I delved into intensive research in the commentaries, Bible encyclopedias, Bible dictionaries, comparing various translations of the Bible, examining Greek and Hebrew texts of doubtful or questionable passages, checking with lexicons

Conference. I learned that they were organized as a General Conference, with elections of officers held biannually. Most of the Oregon members lived in the Willamette Valley in the vicinity of Jefferson. Most of them were in attendance at this business meeting.

About half of them were opposed to Elder Dugger. They wanted to organize a state conference. Some of the other states had state conferences. The purpose of this Oregon State Conference was to hold the tithes and church funds contributed by Oregon members in Oregon.

But actually, it was born of opposition to and dissatisfaction with the Stanberry membership and state conference. The other half were just as verbal in their loyalty and support of Elder Dugger and the Stanberry regime.

The dispute over Stanberry politics and Elder Dugger's personal fitness and integrity waxed more and more heated. One tall man who weighed considerably over 200, and was a leader, spoke of "dirty politics" and called Elder Dugger a "ward-healer." An equally vociferous man on the other side of the dispute rose to defend the honor of Mr. Dugger. Words flamed hotter and hotter. Each side was sincere and in roused earnest. Under the tense pressure tempers were flaring. I became afraid it was going to be settled (or unsettled) by fists.

At that instant I rose, and in a loud but calm voice asked if I might say a word. Since I was a guest, they didn't refuse.

"Brethren," I said, "you all know how, as recorded in the

"Jesus said we should KNOW 'by their fruits.' And now they were split right down the middle. A house divided cannot stand, and their two houses — Stanberry and Salem — did NOT stand!"

held all-day meetings about once a month. It was at one of these meetings that Mr. Taylor preached. We were all quite impressed.

"He's a better preacher than any of the leading ministers from Stanberry," seemed to be the common exclamation. Indeed we were all rather swept off our feet by his preaching.

After a few weeks, the brethren of this Oregon Conference, which had been formed the preceding November, wanted to team Elder Taylor with me to hold an evangelistic campaign. They were becoming anxious to see a little life in the work of the Church.

They found Elder Taylor very receptive to the idea. By this time a modest balance had accumulated in the new conference treasury. You will remember that the object in forming this state conference was to create a local state treasury and keep their tithes and offerings in the state instead of being sent to Stanberry, Mo. These were days of rapidly descending economic depression, but several of these brethren were vegetable gardeners. They were doing very well financially.

This made it necessary that the Oregon Conference ordain me to the ministry.

ORDAINED Christ's minister

Being ordained and entering the ministry full time meant a complete change in my life. In former years the idea of becoming a minister was the very last thing I should have wanted to do. But by June, 1931, I had been preaching a great deal for 3½ years. By this time my whole heart was in it.

I shall never forget that moment of my ordination. The meeting was being held outdoors. I do not remember where — except it was in the general rural area of Jefferson. I do not remember other circumstances.

But I do remember the ordination itself. It was one of those once-in-a-lifetime experiences like being married, and being baptized. Only this seemed to me to be the most momentous event of my entire life.

All the brethren — as many as could get their hands through to my head — laid their hands on me — on my head, my shoulders, my chest and my back (like Acts 13:1-3).

I am sure it was the weight of the experience, from a spiritual and emotional standpoint, rather than the physical weight of hands and arms — but it seemed I was entirely weighed down with the heaviest load I had ever stood up under.

To me this was symbolic of the tremendous responsibility that now came down on my head and shoulders.

And let it be made plain here: I was ordained by, and under the authority of the Oregon Conference of The Church of God, separately incorporated, not by the

Stanberry, Mo., headquarters.

The Oregon campaign

The campaign was held in Eugene in a day tent seating 50 people. R.L. Taylor drove turned out to be Pentecostal. No results came from the six-weeks, six-nights-a-week meetings, except one night when it was too stormy to hold a service.

One lone couple came that night — Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Fisher. They came with me to the room I had rented, and that night Mrs. Fisher accepted the Sabbath. He already believed in it.

After this, employed by the Oregon Conference, I teamed up with a young minister of the Stanberry church, Roy Daily. We held meetings at St. Helens, Ore., and Umapine, Ore., near Walla Walla, Wash.

The only results came after Mr. Daily left Umapine, on finding the conference treasury was about gone, and saying, "I'm going back there to protect my own interests."

I said I would serve God's interests in faith — and after he left a small church was raised up. But, like others raised up by my preaching, there was no local minister and the church evaporated after a few weeks.

In March, 1933, we planned a six-nights-a-week campaign in a small empty store building in the Hollywood residence section of Salem, Ore.

Now appeared on the scene two more former Seventh-Day Adventist ministers, A.J. Ray, and Sven A. Oberg. Oberg swept the brethren off their feet with his superb preaching more than had R.L. Taylor. He was a man so perfect we wondered if he was not actually an angel in disguise. He was in disguise all right! He, too, turned out to be Pentecostal. Soon the Pentecostal people with Mr. Oberg's help were taking over the meetings.

Results? NONE! The showsters drove away others who had been interested. After the meetings, Mr. Oberg went to Harrisburg, where a church building was leased, so to hold a campaign of his own.

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I had been invited to hold a six-weeks campaign in a country schoolhouse, eight miles west of Eugene, Ore. First, however, Mrs. Armstrong and I visited privately in their homesome of the people who had attended the meeting in Salem. Result? A new church of close to 50 members organized. I had asked A.J. Ray to pastor it. Under his "leadership" it lasted six weeks.

Mr. Oberg was starting his new meetings in Harrisburg on

Sunday night, July 9. The Fishers and I decided to start the meetings at the Firbute school the same night. I arrived at the Fisher farm, leaving my wife and children at our home in Salem about July 5 or 6.

Small start of worldwide work

This was the small — actually infinitesimal — start of what was destined to grow in 38 years to a major worldwide Gospel Work reaching millions of people every week.

But if small, it started with a burst of energy and inspiration. First, it started with intensive and earnest private prayer. To the rear of the Fisher farm home was a fair-sized hill. Running over this hilltop for exercise I discovered a rock about 14 inches high. It was in a secluded spot. It came to mind how Jesus had dismissed the multitude and gone up into a mountain apart to pray — alone with God. I dropped to my knees before this rock, which seemed just the right height, to kneel before, and began praying earnestly for the success of the meetings. It became sort of a daily pilgrimage, during my stay at Fishers', to this, which became my prayer rock. I'm sure that I drank in much energy, spiritual strength and inspiration at the prayer rock.

Preparing for the meetings, I borrowed a typewriter. I think the Fishers arranged this for me through one of their relatives. With carbon paper, I typed out some 50 notices, announcing the meetings, and the topics of the sermons for the first week or 10 days.

The first broadcast

The six weeks meetings in the one-room Firbute schoolhouse came to a close on Sunday night, Aug. 20, 1933. A total of more than 20 had come with us — but this apparently included the 10 members of the Fisher and Ellis families, members of the Church before the meetings started.

The Oct. 1, 1933, Bulletin carries the report that "with the Fisher and Ellis families, more

than 20 signified their desire to establish a new Sabbath-keeping Church of God in this district."

In September, the living Christ began opening doors for the mass proclaiming of His Gospel. It was then that someone brought to my attention the fact that the local radio station at Eugene, KORE, then the very smallest minimum-power of 100 watts, had a morning devotional program scheduled, but that they

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"... we did not yet realize ourselves that CHRIST had started, in us, the Philadelphia era of His Church, committed with the GREAT COMMISSION."

and Robinson's *Grammar of the Greek New Testament* I made an intensive study of ancient history in connection with biblical history and prophecy.

Incidentally, on their urging, a few of these articles had been mailed in to *The Bible Advocate* in Stanberry, Mo. These articles began appearing on the front page.

The near sight at a meeting

Along in November of 1930 the Rumsons, neighbors of my parents, asked me to go with them to a business meeting of brethren of the Church of God, being held in the home of Mrs. Ira Curtis, near Jefferson, Ore.

Although I was a guest — I had never become a member of this church, whose headquarters were at Stanberry, Mo. — they asked me to act as secretary and take down the minutes of the meeting. I learned that the meeting was called for the purpose of organizing these Oregon members into an Oregon Conference.

I sensed immediately there was a feeling of division among them. Elder A.N. Dugger was the real leader of the church at Stanberry. He was editor of the church's weekly paper sent to members. He either was, or had been, president of their General

first chapter of July, when the sons of God came together, Satan came also. You also know how, in the 12th chapter of Revelation, we are told that the people "Satan is most angry with are those who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. That means us. Satan is here. He is stirring up rage and anger in your hearts. I am going to drop to my knees right now and ask God Almighty to cast Satan out of this house! All of you who wish may kneel with me and pray silently."

Without another word, I quickly dropped to my knees beside my chair and began asking God to rebuke Satan and this controversial spirit that was rousing these men to anger and to drive Satan from our presence and to give us peace and love.

When I rose there were some wet eyes, but there were no angry voices. These people were sincere. They simply believed what they believed and had allowed themselves to be caught off guard and caused to anger.

R.L. Taylor arrives

In early summer of that year, 1931, a former Seventh-Day Adventist minister, a Robert L. Taylor, came to Oregon from California. It was practice among these Church of God people to

WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD BALANCE SHEET

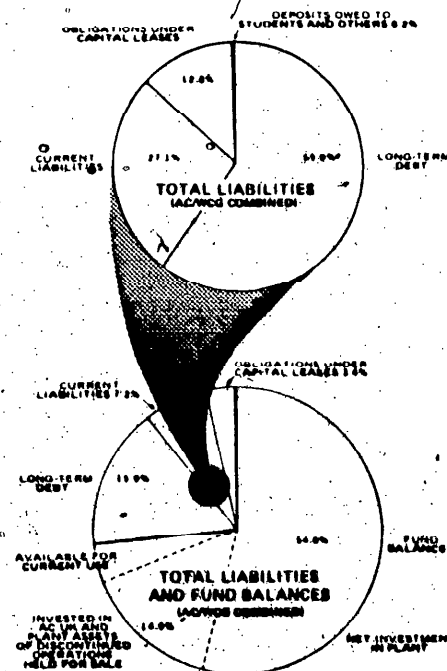
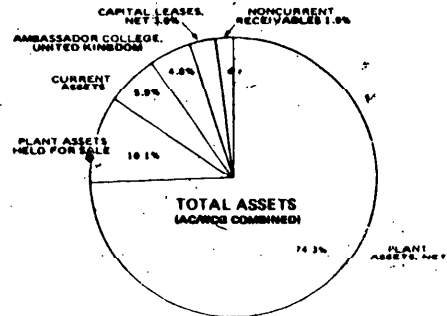
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WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD/AMBASSADOR COLLEGE		
BALANCE SHEET		
December 31, 1977		
ASSETS	Total 12-31-77	PERCENTAGE
Current assets:		
Cash and Certificates of Deposit	\$ 2,307,800	2.8
Short-term investments	152,300	.2
Receivables, current	76,400	1.0
Inventories and prepayments	1,614,800	1.9
Total current assets	\$ 4,874,200	5.9
Plant assets, net (Note 1)	61,715,000	74.3
Capital leases, net	2,475,300	3.0
Plant assets held for sale (Note 1)	6,400,000	10.1
Ambassador College, United Kingdom (Note 2)	3,979,100	4.8
Noncurrent receivables	1,382,500	1.7
Deposits	1,200	.0
Total assets	\$83,025,300	100.0
Liabilities and Fund Balances		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,652,200	2.0
Accrued liabilities	481,500	.6
Current portion of long-term debt	2,973,500	3.6
Current portion of obligations under capital leases	358,000	.4
Deferred amounts	280,400	.3
Other current liabilities	205,200	.3
Total current liabilities	\$ 5,950,800	7.2
Long-term debt (Note 3)	13,176,700	15.9
Obligations under capital leases	2,819,200	3.4
Deposits owed to students and others	38,100	.0
Total liabilities	\$21,984,800	26.3
Fund balances:		
Available for current use	3,800,500	4.6
Invested in At UK and plant assets of discontinued operations held for sale	12,379,100	14.9
Net investment in plant	44,840,700	54.0
Total fund balances	\$67,040,500	79.7
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$83,025,300	100.0

In the Sept. 25 edition of *The Good News*, a Statement of Income and Expenditures with accompanying charts was published. Since it is customary that a Balance Sheet accompany the foregoing statement, the following combined balance sheet of the Worldwide Church of God and Ambassador College for the year ended Dec. 31, 1977, is presented. This statement, however, includes only our United States operations.

The combined Balance Sheet was derived by combining financial information contained in the certified, individual Balance Sheets of the Worldwide Church of God and Ambassador College.

On behalf of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, we want to express our deep and sincere appreciation for your continued support of God's Work.

Herbert W. Armstrong
Treasurer



NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1

PLANT ASSETS

At Dec. 31, 1977, the book value of plant assets other than those held for sale as a result of the discontinuance of operations at the campus in Big Sandy, Tex. are as follows:

Land and improvements, net	\$ 9,398,100
Buildings and improvements, net	38,376,000
Business aircraft, net (G-8 and Cessna Citation)	2,915,900*
Equipment and furnishings, net	6,790,000
Library books	1,237,100
Vehicles, net	1,407,200
Construction in progress	348,500
Leasehold improvements, net	241,300
Total	\$61,715,000

Plant assets located at the campus in Big Sandy are presented below:

Land and improvements	\$1,082,100
Buildings and improvements	6,044,100
Equipment and furnishings, net	910,500
Library books	263,100
Vehicles, net	84,700
Aircraft, net	23,600
Total	\$8,408,000**

*Our Business Citation # aircraft liability reported in value and has a market value in excess of \$6 million. The Cessna Citation has approximately zero value.

*Our estimated market value of the Big Sandy campus is in excess of \$14 million.

Note 2

AMBASSADOR COLLEGE, UNITED KINGDOM

The Ambassador College real property in the United Kingdom has been sold for an amount in excess of \$4 million.

Note 3

LONG-TERM DEBT AND CREDIT AGREEMENTS

Long-term debt, excluding the portion due within one year outstanding at Dec. 31, 1977, is as follows:

Mortgages payable	
Ambassador Auditorium	\$ 6,807,000
Student center, parking structure	1,176,000
Press and transportation buildings	1,183,000
Hall of Administration	830,800
Grove Terrace - stalled dorm	431,300
Other buildings	2,188,100
Total mortgages payable	\$11,405,200
Loans payable	1,771,500
Total mortgages and loans payable	\$13,176,700

CREDIT AGREEMENT

The Church's principal bank line of credit agreement provides for loans of up to \$4.3 million as follows: \$1 million unsecured line of credit to support cash flow, interest at prime; \$2 million unsecured construction line of credit, interest rate of prime plus one-half percent, repayable at \$75,000 per month plus interest; \$1.3 million secured motor-vehicle fleet line of credit, interest at prime plus three-fourths percent.

Excerpts of Mr. Rader's talk on Last Great Day

I would like to announce something that gives me great pleasure. I had the choice of announcing it at the end of my sermon or at the beginning, but it is the kind of thing I don't want to postpone. My daughter Carol, whom Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong married last June at our home in Beverly Hills, Calif., has told Mr. Armstrong and me that she wants to be baptized. She is here today with her husband Mr. Larry Little and my wife. Immediately upon our return to the Pasadena area she will be baptized by one of the ministers.

This gives me a tremendous amount of satisfaction, because although I really haven't tried to teach her about these things, which I feel are so important between man and God, I have tried to set the right example and I have tried to include in that way those values that have become important to you and those values, that, of course, have become so important to me. All of my family, my children in particular, I would say, have been very much influenced by Mr. Armstrong. Just by what he does in their presence, what he says in their presence, and what they have generally observed, and they are leading the good lives indicative of that much of what Mr. Armstrong stands for and what the Church stands for has indeed rubbed off.

Five years ago at the Feast of Tabernacles I spoke about the fact that the Work of God was unique and I am sure by now all of you understand that. All Mr. Armstrong's closest advisers, those whom I could see many many changes that would actually be ahead for the Work. Changes that would be beneficial for the Work. Changes that I felt would be a sign that the great commission was being fulfilled, and some of those changes, I believe, were foreseeable in the aftermath of the events of 1973 and 1972. I expect I felt would ultimately compel the brethren of this Church to come in grips with the only reality, the reality that this was and is and will be the true Church and a Work of the living God and not a Work of man.

... television message

Just a few days ago I was over-whelmed by television presentations prepared by television personalities whose program devoted to the Work as part of their work and life. Once again I moved, I believe, in that presentation that the Work of the living God does not exist to make a particular sale program, with a particular frequency of being in particular places and at particular times. The same is true about the Work. It does not exist to produce a television program with particular format for being at particular times and places. It does not exist for the purpose of producing and distributing a magazine with a particular format and frequency of publication. It does not exist to maintain one or two of these college grade academic institutions in one or more places around the world. It does exist however, for one and only one purpose, and that is of course to propagate the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Gospel of the coming Kingdom of God, to propagate that message that announced that a witness to all nations. It is this remarkable purpose that we hope is being served by the various activities of the Work that Mr. Armstrong, as Christ's apostle, left and was laid to their great commission.

We know that our doctrine, as well as the basic purpose of the Church, are inseparable also. We know as should know, that we can reach an understanding of what these doctrines are, as well as the resolution of all of our problems, by looking to one place primarily for a

source of great strength and knowledge — the written Word of the living God, the Bible. We don't have to go to management textbooks to learn how to govern God's Work. We don't have to go to graduate schools of business and finance to learn how to govern God's Work. We don't have to go to academic and scholarly treatises of a theological nature to understand the message in the written Word of the living God, and we know that we can rely on the faith that has been given to us and with hope and with love for God and our neighbor we will be able to overcome any and all problems, as they arise.

Changes have indeed taken place over the past five years, and many changes have taken place during the last five months. I am certain that you all realize, however, how necessary these changes have been. I am certain that you are as grateful as I that we are back on the right track, that God is on His throne, that Christ is head of this Work and Mr. Armstrong as Christ's apostle in this real time, is being led as always by God the Father and Christ the Son back into God's Work. Some of things that had happened were assumed only by Mr. Armstrong's recovery but by the insight that he had as to what was needed in God's Work. But through answered they were happily answered. Some might have been a bit precarious, unbelieve but also happily so. One person showed the others by his open and naked hostility and his unveiled and all too revealing disgraces. But Christ's apostle was equal to the occasion. He calmly comprehended his picture gave over all decisions to the others to carry out the policies that he had outlined and to keep in touch with him over the ensuing months.

The next morning Mr. Armstrong's wife and an assistant to Mr. Armstrong's home and they pleaded that Mr. Armstrong make no mention of the open rebellion that had occurred the day before, and to make no mention of the momentous decisions that Mr. Armstrong had made. I believe Mr. Armstrong was scheduled to speak within the hour at the opening of the ministerial conference on Pasadena. A few moments later Mr. Armstrong's son pleaded with his father on his own behalf to make no mention, either made or made no mention before the ministers of the rebellion. Mr. Armstrong decided once again at that point to give his son one more chance. One more opportunity was thus given his son to do

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Board of Directors meeting

Mr. Armstrong finally returned to Pasadena, immediately following New Year's Day, and Jan. 3 he chaired a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Church. He announced to the members of the board that he had indeed recovered, that he had been restored in full by the gift of the living God. Then he outlined what must be done to save the Work of the living God. What must be done to get the Work moving again. What must be done by God the Father and Christ the Son back into God's Work. Some of things that had happened were assumed only by Mr. Armstrong's recovery but by the insight that he had as to what was needed in God's Work. But through answered they were happily answered. Some might have been a bit precarious, unbelieve but also happily so. One person showed the others by his open and naked hostility and his unveiled and all too revealing disgraces. But Christ's apostle was equal to the occasion. He calmly comprehended his picture gave over all decisions to the others to carry out the policies that he had outlined and to keep in touch with him over the ensuing months.

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Since January, Mr. Armstrong has pointed by point reported all subsequent events to you in personal letters, in articles in *The Good News*, in his wisdom in Pasadena, Tucson, Phoenix and Big Sandy, Tex. He has literally poured his heart out to you. He has expressed what he has believed would not have to be made known to many of you, but which literally he had placed in your hearts and from which he has suffered so much pain and anguish. Don't think for one moment that it was easy for him, don't think for one moment that he has not suffered, don't think for one moment that he has not been severely grieved and oppressed. I know better, I've lived with him eighty days for all practical purposes, as he just said a few moments ago, for the past 10 years. And I myself have never worked so hard and so faithfully, so unswervingly to bring about a contrary result.

What has not been told in my opinion is that there were two miracles as I view the events of the past 14 months. The first miracle was, as I already stated, Mr. Armstrong was restored to life and vigor restored with his faculties necessary to carry on the Work of the living God, faculties that were bestowed upon him by the living God, undiminished and unimpaired. And Mr. Armstrong has been given the opportunity to continue as Christ's apostle in this real time. But the second miracle was one that we did not pray for, it was one that we did not hope for, it was one that we did not foresee, and we did not envision. God struck down Mr. Armstrong in such a way as to permit him after being restored to life to see firsthand what the Work would be like if he were no longer here. In fact, he was dead, if, in fact he were not to move to correct the mistakes that he had made in the past in order to protect his son. In

other words, God gave Mr. Armstrong another chance to render to Him that accounting that Mr. Armstrong always knew he would have to render, because he has always said he is accountable to God. He gave him another chance to render that accounting after making all of the corrections that were necessary before the accounting would have to be ultimately submitted and he gave Mr. Armstrong an opportunity to take all the steps necessary to ensure that God's Work should be done, that God's ways would be preserved, even if God should decide in His wisdom and mercy that Mr. Armstrong will not be able to complete it in his lifetime.

Mr. Armstrong has told people that he could very well continue all of us and I believe that very, very strongly and we all hope that Mr. Armstrong will be able to complete the Work, if that is what God's will for this planet has provided for Mr. Armstrong. But if not, Mr. Armstrong's timely action, as a result of the two miracles as I have seen them, his timely mistakes, his timely actions will assure that the Work will be done.

Faith enhanced

So, brethren, there were two miracles that the living God performed for the direct benefit this time of His Work. Miracles performed before our eyes if we were simply of the mind to see them. Is there any wonder that my faith has been enhanced a thousand fold? Should there be any doubt that there is a living God in the midst of any of you. Is there any doubt in your mind now that this is the true Church, the only Church and a Work of the living God, and that I view the events of the past 14 months. The first miracle was, as I already stated, Mr. Armstrong was restored to life and vigor restored with his faculties necessary to carry on the Work of the living God, faculties that were bestowed upon him by the living God, undiminished and unimpaired. And Mr. Armstrong has been given the opportunity to continue as Christ's apostle in this real time. But the second miracle was one that we did not pray for, it was one that we did not hope for, it was one that we did not foresee, and we did not envision. God struck down Mr. Armstrong in such a way as to permit him after being restored to life to see firsthand what the Work would be like if he were no longer here. In fact, he was dead, if, in fact he were not to move to correct the mistakes that he had made in the past in order to protect his son. In

I have a lot more than I could share with you, but I don't want to take the time now. I know that you are waiting as I have for so long to hear Mr. Armstrong speak here again in Tucson. I shall write more to you in the future in the pages of *The Good News* and from time to time maybe some of my comments given in forums of that reach you by cassette or videotape. I cannot thank you enough for your letters of encouragement and support and of your prayers for me, for my wife, my children for Mr. Armstrong and Mrs. Armstrong. Please let me continue to hear from you.

I would like to share one letter that I received just before I left Pasadena, 10 days ago from a woman signed Nettie. She says: "Hello, Stanley Rader. After listening to the tape of your sermon, I was moved to express appreciation for you and all you have done for the Work. Many years ago, before you were baptized, Mr. Armstrong often told us about your great service on behalf of the Church. We thank God for you and ask Him to bless you mightily. Word came that you were baptized and I as a publican, happy (thankful) for I know your work would be more effective than ever."

Since the traumatic events in the last few months, my heart went out to you almost as much as to Mr. Armstrong. I prayed for you, felt for you and always felt very thankful for you.

The trials have been a bit severe, but they have caused just about everyone to know for sure whether they had built their house on sand or the rock.

"Thank you, Dear Sir, for all you have done, are doing and will continue to do for Mr. Armstrong, the Work, and for me. Sincerely, Nettie."

I tell you with great candor and in all humility, that this kind of letter tells me that although I have not done as much as in the past 20 years could years as I would have liked to have done for the Work, that I have done as purely as I some times think I have. Thank you.



FAMILY PHOTOGRAPH — The Stanley R. Rader family poses with Herbert W. Armstrong for an informal family portrait. From left are son Stephen, 23, daughter Jene, 26, Mr. and Mrs. Rader, daughter Carol Little, 25, and Mr. Armstrong. Mrs. Little was baptized Oct. 27 after consulting with Mr. Armstrong. (See "Update," page 20.)

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 the finest in years in a letter of gratitude to the worldwide ministry.
 "It was a spiritual revival," said "After our living in God's Church moved from Church back on the track, college, now He has set the track back on the track."
 "It seemed all members were up for this Festival," Mr. Armstrong said as he praised the leadership of God's ministers for making it so.

Attendance up
 U.S. Festival director Sherwin McMichael said attendance was up significantly at several sites from what the Big Sandy-based Festival Office had expected.

According to Mr. McMichael Big Sandy was expecting 6,700 brethren but ended up with 8,800. The same seemed to be true at the Lake of the Ozarks site among others, he said.

As of press time Mr. McMichael's office did not have final attendance figures. An unofficial tally by The Good News based on reports gathered from 21 around the world shows 90,200 brethren kept the Feast. (Our figures are derived from registration, high attendance and estimated figures.)

In addition to the 75 sites around the world, The Good News is also reporting on the 1,383 strong Pasadena and Jerusalem (177) Feasts, which were not official sites as designated by Mr. McMichael's office.

Better atmosphere
 Mr. McMichael, who this year spoke at four new U.S. Feast sites (Fresno, Calif., Seattle, Wash., Saratoga Springs, N.Y., and Norfolk, Va.), said the reason he got from the Festival coordinators and the audiences he spoke to was that "this year the atmosphere was better, more enthusiastic, more responsive than I'd seen it in years and years."
 "It was noticeable, everywhere I went, and it's what the other coordinators said as well," he said.

According to Mr. McMichael, Mr. Armstrong's speaking to the members of church pastors who spoke "making for a greater variety of speakers."
 "More people at many sites saw the church pastor speak than they had in recent years," he said.

Influence felt
 Mr. McMichael pointed to the purpose of the Feast as the dominant theme this year and said, "Mr. Armstrong's influence was felt more so worldwide this year than ever before with his keynote address and full address on the last Holy Day. Every Feast site around the world had the opportunity to hear Mr. Armstrong which has never been the case."

Mr. McMichael summed up his feelings of the Feast by saying, "Considering the many difficulties the Church has faced over the past year, to be able to experience such a wonderful Feast with enthusiasm, sincerity and purpose to deeply gratifying."

Following are individual reports as of press time from 21 of the 75 Feast sites around the world.

These reports were written from information supplied The Good News by Festival coordinators whose names appear at the end of each report (except in a small number of cases when a non-English speaking coordinator had someone else file an account).

UNITED STATES
ANCHORAGE, Alaska — A relaxed and warm atmosphere in which the world communion was the theme was enjoyed by 165 brethren here.
 Most of the brethren stayed in the same hotel in which services were conducted. Speakers spoke on the contrast between today's world and the world tomorrow (John Robinson), God's government on earth

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(Earl Roemer) and what the world tomorrow will be like (Paul Shields).
 The Feast and those attending it received a full-page article in the main Anchorage newspaper, Earl Roemer.

BIG SANDY, Tex. — A visit by Herbert W. Armstrong in midweek was high point for the 6,300 brethren registered for the Feast here. In his sermon Mr. Armstrong emphasized the forward thrust of the Church and

the leadership of Christ, also later addressing the ministers attending the Festival in Big Sandy. C. Wayne Cole delivered a much appreciated sermon on the importance of remaining in the Body of Christ, where Christ is working.
 The Feast was uplifting and encouraging to the people, who were excited about the emphasis on good, basic doctrine and pleased to have excellent weather throughout the eight days. David Robinson

FRESNO, Calif. — Six thousand registered Feastgoers tried out the new Feast facilities here at the Sealand Arena.
 Vast social and recreational facilities along with film presentations highlighted the Festival.
 Sherwin McMichael spoke on the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation, Hal Baird on the world tomorrow, Ellis La Rava on Christian maturity, Dan Orban on Christian refining, Graeme Marshall on

realism in today's world, Greg Albrecht on peace in the world and Ron Kelly on the meaning of the Last Great Day, Ellis La Rava.

LAHAINA, Hawaii — One thousand six hundred brethren registered for the Feast held at the Lahaina Civic Center on the island of Maui.
 Sermons were delivered by Gary Antion on personal aspects of how to make a better Feast, Dennis Pyle on an overview of the world tomorrow and looking to Christ, and Richard Rice on God's Spirit in us.

All but all of the brethren attended the scheduled luncheon, and most took advantage of the fabulous weather to make short side trips in the islands. The relaxing and rejuvenating Feast was the best in years. John Overton.

LAKE OF THE OZARKS, Mo. — A total of 9,041 brethren registered for the Feast in the Church of God Convention Center in the Ozarks, where the Feast ran very smoothly and the members enjoyed clear skies and bright sunshine every day.

Key speakers were Robert Fahey, discussing the meaning of the Feast; Guy Englehart, speaking on Jesus Christ as the central figure in our lives; Dean Blackwell, emphasizing the world tomorrow; Raymond McNew, discussing loyalty; and David Antion, speaking on the Last Great Day. A high point for all the brethren was being able to see Herbert W. Armstrong on 16 min film.

Excellent attendance prevailed throughout the Feast, and God's people were well received by the local residents and businessmen. Jerold W. Auer.

NORFOLK, Va. — A total of 8,415 Feastgoers registered at the Norfolk Scope, one of several new Feast sites in the United States this year.

The ability to see and hear Herbert W. Armstrong on film, the traveling speakers, the numerous recreational activities, the dances and a talent show (conducted in a ball room).

Main speakers addressed reality, saving your life in God and the World (Steve Martin), walking with God (Dr. Rodrick Meredith) and the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation and the meaning of the Last Great Day (Sherwin McMichael).

The enthusiastic and inspiring Feast had a sense of serenity, about the importance of being active in God's Work, redemption and the preparation we have to make to become part of God's Kingdom was emphasized. (Dale Thompson).

PASADENA, Calif. — The annual Festival Pasadena Festival ran smoothly, with attendance on the Holy Days reaching 1,294 and 1,183 respectively. The weather was delightful and helped to create an enthusiastic and congenial atmosphere.

In addition to sermons by Dr. Herman Hays, Ben Chapman and Fred Coulter, Levin Walker film in from Tucson, Ariz. to add spice to the Festival and Bob Jones presented the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation slide show and a sermon on the Last Great Day.

Joseph Hanks, associate pastor of the Pasadena Auditorium P.M. congregation was designated as the Festival coordinator. Activities were designed with all age groups in mind. Bill Baird and his country and western band played for a dance in the Seaside Center. Children and adults enjoyed an evening of roller skating, and a banquet was held for the women citizens. The table of present was Lizette Henderson, 101.

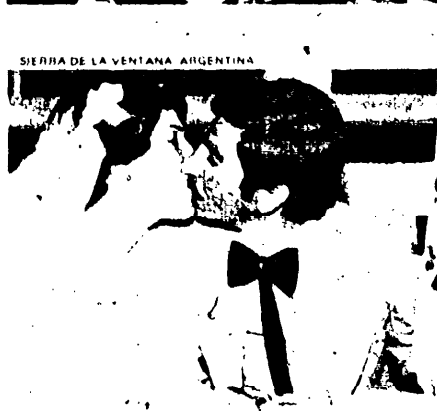
The success of the Feast was the result of a team effort by those serving and those being served. Joseph Thack.



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BREAN SANDS, ENGLAND



SIERRA DE LA VENTANA, ARGENTINA



BAGUIO CITY, PHILIPPINES



PONTY AUPRINCE, WALES



AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

HUNZEBERGEN, NETHERLANDS

LAKE OF THE OZARKS, MO.

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ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. The opening sermon by Herbert W. Armstrong set the stage for a fine feast here. Preachers registering to attend services at the Bayfront Center Arena numbered 10,400.

Principal speakers were Mr. Armstrong, whose sermon on the hope we have in the future was videotaped for later use, and Ron Meredith, David Anton and Wayne Cole, who discussed the reality of what the Feast Days picture and how to weather the trials ahead.

The weather was beautiful and warm enough for members to go to the beach. The only discomfort was the somewhat crowded conditions. At services the people were genuinely happy. "A much needed Feast," "an up Feast," and "a shot in the arm" were some comments heard. Jim Chapman.

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y.

Brethren here made the most of record cold temperatures at the beginning of the Feast as they basked in the Saratoga Performing Arts Center, a new, level auditorium.

Despite the cold the 4,000 brethren had feelings of being alone as they heard Rodrick Meredith speak on the need for the coming Kingdom. Steve Martin on marriage and the family, Sherman McMichael on reports from other Feast sites and Lesie McMichael on the need to be prepared for the difficult days ahead.

The weather warmed up and Feast making for a very successful Feast overall. The brethren here also made a real impact on the community. David Barrett.

SAVANNAH, Ga. This south-eastern city proved to be a historical as well as an entertaining city for some 4,500 brethren observing the Feast here for the first time.

The example of Jesus Christ was preached (David Anton) as well as walking with God (Rodrick Meredith) and the Law Great Day (Wayne Cole).

God has poured out his Holy Spirit on his people this year by the attitude of the brethren were exemplary of real Christianity. Ray Wooten.

SEATTLE, Wash. A large number of first-timers, more than 25,000, gathered in the Seattle Center Arena for the Feast this year. The highest attendance recorded was 4,413, which topped the official registration figures.

Everyone seemed to be on a spiritual high from day one to day eight. Attendance was larger than expected, offerings very good. There is a possibility that many members are really hanging in there.

Main speakers were Lesie McMichael, though speaking on the meaning of the Feast in general; Sherman McMichael on the world to which we live and the importance of the Work; Art McArthur on human judgment; Bob Barrett on rewards of the Kingdom; Ronald Kelly, what it will be like to be spirit; Dale Schuster, we are presentable in the Kingdom and live; Littlegreen on what we are possessed in the Kingdom.

The 74 acres of the Seattle Center offered recreational and educational opportunities for young and old alike. Dale Schuster.

TUCSON, Ariz. A response of passion on the part of the ministry and brethren here marked a fine Feast for 6,000 brethren.

Herbert W. Armstrong made Tucson his last regular stop and act.

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dressed the brethren the Last Great Day as he spoke on the great day of judgment.

Other subjects covered were God's presence in the Work (C. Wayne Cole), why do we suffer (Leon Walker) and God's wrath (Clint Zimmermann).

Services along with active participation in activities such as a women and widows luncheon and YOUTH day added up to make the Feast a strengthening experience. *Walter Dickinson*

WISCONSIN DELLS, Wis. — Registered Feasgoers numbered 6,875 at this Church owned site. Weather varied from cold to warm from wet to dry, always with a background of autumn colors and brethren were more excited, united and happy about the Feast than ever before.

Visiting minister Raymond McNeil spoke about the purpose of the Feast and loyalty. Robert Foley discussed the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation and our international commission and Dean Blackwell covered the meaning of the Last Great Day.

The choir provided outstanding music throughout the eight days. *Leroy Hill*

CANADA

CALGARY, Alta. — Main speakers were Leslie McCullough, Ron Kelly, John Halford, Charles Byre and George Patrickson at this Canadian site in the Calgary Convention Center, with 1,585 Feasgoers registered.

Brotherhood were up for the Feast concluding with a record offering for the site of \$30 per person. An 8 foot Church seal set the tone for the stage show. *Neil Laska*

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.

A highly family oriented Feast with maximum participation was enjoyed here by 526 brethren who represented 10 Canadian provinces.

Sermon topics included the message of the Church is the same today as for the original apostles, feeding the spiritually hungry with food that satisfies (Clint Williams), marriage should reflect the relationship between Christ and the Church (Ken Knechtson) and compassion for others (Bill Rabey). *Ken Annerburn*

PENICTON, B.C. Record attendance (1,825 registered) and record offerings set a positive note to the Feast held at the Peace Bowl Convention Center.

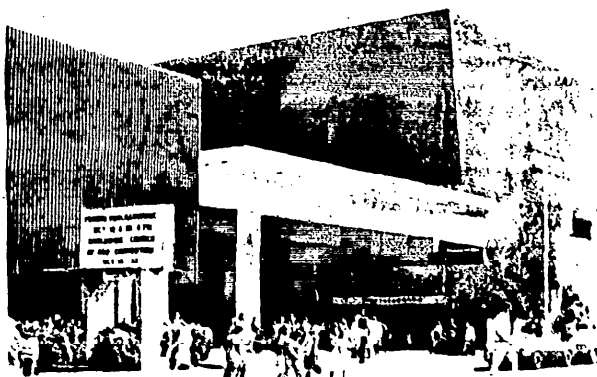
Special speakers Leslie McNeil and John Halford gave concise messages to the local press which featured the Church's Festival in an ever-handed manner.

Sermons ranged from God's plan for our personal lives as seen in the Holy Days (Leslie McCullough) to the misery of the third world and how we can qualify to change it (John Halford) to learning to be a savior, delivered by evangelist Norman Smith.

The sermons were positive and uplifting and extremely applicable to a person's life. The attitude of the people encouraged the speakers and the two worked together to build a spirit of enthusiasm and appreciation that lasted throughout the Feast. *Bob McIlwain*

REGINA, Sask. Tremendous weather, record offerings and strong sermons made for a great Feast here. Record high temperatures spoiled.

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FRESNO, CALIF.



HOBART, TASMANIA



LAHAINA, HAWAII

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TUCSON, ARIZ.



FRESNO, CALIF.



BANGALORE, INDIA

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 good news for this Canadian site as the 1,400 strong brethren heard among others Leslie McCullough speak on being a teleseminar for Christianity. Ron Kelly on what it is going to be like to be a spirit and Richard Pirelli on the covenant of God.
 A strong emphasis was placed on the family and many activities revolved around that theme. *Ron Howell*

SHERBROOKE, Que. — Attendance at this new Canadian site was 20 percent higher than expected as was the offering on the first day (91 percent above last year's).

Some 570 met at the Salle Maurice O'Brady at the University of Sherbrooke to hear Festival coordinator Colin Wilkins speak on the world tomorrow — a dream soon to be a reality; Bernard Hoogerloot on toiletance, Don Picard on prayer and Bob Scott on growing in grace and knowledge.

Brethren at this French language site showed a renewed fidelity to the law of God, making it a smooth-running Feast here. *Henry Sturche*

TORONTO, Ont. — A smooth-running Feast that saw more volunteers than were needed summarizes this Feast for 2,200 brethren, who met at the Eglarok Olympic.

The city of Toronto offered much to Feasters as did speakers John Halford, Leslie McCullough, Richard Pirelli and George Lee among others.

Reaction to Herbert W. Armstrong's film was excellent and many comments were made on Stanley Rader's film from members who wanted to know more about him.

An interesting item, a five-ounce bar of gold, turned up in the offering. *Larry Goodier*

EUROPE

BONNDORF, West Germany — An estimated 550 brethren attended the Festival here in the Black Forest, gathering for services, meals and activities in the modern Bonndorf meeting hall. Activities were planned around the theme, "Promote Interpersonal Relationships," ranging from a cocktail reception after the opening service to a hike for all ages in the picturesque Black Forest.

Main speaker was Frank Schaefer, speaking about developing godly love and news of the Work. Also speaking was Victor Rosen, who discussed how to combat spiritual-season situations. Herbert Armstrong's film was shown with simultaneous translation.

About 50 prominent citizens of Bonndorf, including the mayor, attended the Feast of formal dance. Activities were organized by the area churches giving many the opportunity to help and pitch in. *Alma Obermaier*

BREAN SANDS, England — Herbert Armstrong's sermons on film were well received and appreciated by 2,050 brethren meeting in this seaside village in Somerset. Fresh and bright weather accompanied sermons by Brian Knowles on the family, Frank Brown on Church unity and overcoming discouragement and Reg Platt on living crises.

The overall theme was facing the future equanimously with anticipation for growth personally and collectively to fulfill the commission. *David Bradford*

LARENSIAIS, France — Gathering in the Flowering Fields of
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ABOUT OUR PHOTOS — Each picture included in our eight-page Feast coverage seems to speak for itself so we have added only the name of the site it was taken at. The Good News thanks the photographers for their ownshining reports: Philip Stevens in Brean Sands, England; Scott Moss in Wisconsin Dells, Wis.; Rick Skoleta in Tucson, Ariz.; J Tokazu Marangani in Tonga; Ron Prodie in St. Petersburg, Fla.; Mark Stracey in St. Petersburg, Dig Sandy, Tex.; and Tucson; Harold Van Lierbergh in the Netherlands; Peter Tate in New Zealand; Tom Williams in Argentina; Tom Hanson in Fresno, Calif.; Dave Knight in Fresno; Ken Trayble in Tucson, U. Costa from Haiti, L. Wernertblom from Sweden; David Shutz from New Zealand; Jun Rustle and Joe Khuya from the Philippines; Rodney Larson in Jerusalem; Phil Halford in Brean Sands; Stephen Odell from Tasmania, and all the unidentified photographers who responded. Also Good News staff photographers were Dexter Faulkner, Klaus Rofka, Scott Ashley and Sheila Graham.

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 The elegant Grand Hotel Moskva Park here, the East German brethren enjoyed the Feast with a small family atmosphere, eating two of their three daily meals together in the hotel dining room. Afternoon trips were made to the Marzbad and Carlbad health spas and to Prague, Czechoslovakia. Sermons were given by Victor Root on how God is developing His character in us, Alfred Heilmann on true Christianity, Frank Schnee on Christian love and John Karlson on how marriage and family are preparing us for God's family. Gary Hopkins.

HJO, Sweden — Though this new Festival site was among the smallest, 100 brethren from the Scandinavian countries, the United States, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Canada and South Africa attended. All services were held in English except for one Scandinavian service in Danish, Swedish and Norwegian, the first one ever.

Meeting in the Hotel Bellevue on Lake Vaettern, the brethren heard messages from Frank Brown on overcoming dizziness in the Church, Peter Sherman on God's eternal triangle (marriage), John Ahola on vision as a motivation to change and Tom Archer on a realistic fear of Satan.

Another highlight for the brethren was an all-day outing around Lake Vaettern to view the beautiful autumn colors and enjoy the sunshine. Peter Sherman.

HUNZEBERGEN, Netherlands — The resort community of Hunzerebergen near the town of Exloo was attended by 275 brethren, a positive Feast for everyone with an atmosphere of being one team and family.

Activities included a square dance, a formal dinner and a television show. J. Ulfers Sr. was ordained deacon for the Dutch churches.

Sermon topics were pilgrims and sinners, marriage and the three re-surrections, by A. C. De Bree, our calling, youth in the Church, the old and new covenants and the new heaven and new earth by B. Busch, the millennium by J. Wilms, and our free will by J. Kuiper. A. C. De Bree.

RENMARK, Iceland — About 100 brethren gathered for the Feast in the Silver Slipper Ballroom of the Kingspace Bay Hotel, enjoying the friendship and the hospitality of the people in the area.

Herbert Armstrong's filmed message opened the Festival, followed by sermons by Sidney Hegwood, Francis Bergen and Paul Suckling.

In addition to the Irish brethren, about 10 members attended from the United States, one from Australia, two from South Africa, a few from Canada and a large number from England. Sidney Hegwood.

PRAY SUR ARVY, France — Sermon messages by Michel Aparthou on real repentance, joy and prayer highlighted the Feast for the 300 invited brethren attending the Feast here at the Village Vacances Famille.

The Festival was uplifting, encouraging and uplifting, as two discourses were explained and 10 people baptized. The offering was the highest ever for the French site, in addition to a special offering of \$2,000 the brethren gave to help members living in Haiti.

The public was invited to a fun show, which was followed by a reception attended by the Mayor, Bernard Andrieu.

First-time Feastgoers find Feast time fine

PASADENA — While thousands of Feastgoers observed their fourth, 10th or in one case 30th Feast (see story on Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Eckert, page 13), this year marked the first Festival for a number of new members in God's Church.

The Good News tracked down a few such members for an impression of what the Feast of Tabernacles means to a first-time Feastgoer. Their reactions follow:

"Everybody is so friendly and wonderful and warm."
 Alice Johnson, Wichita, Kan.

"It's unique. No other Church that I can think of has this type of thing. To me it's just a unique type of thing. There's a whole lot of activities, a whole lot of happy people, and the sermons are just great."
 Matt Matteson, Tucson, Ariz.

"Spiritually I'm very impressed. I'm impressed with God's Word and the very idea of it. I can see the millennium here at the Feast."
 Walter Gibb, Carson City, Nev.

"Over 2,000 voices raised in praise. I was overcome by the sheer volume of sound. A very emotional experience. Keeping the Feast added a new dimension to my understanding of God's plan for mankind, explained through His Holy Days."
 David Cox, Bristol, England, church.

"Meeting brethren from other lands is a very inspiring aspect of the Feast. All things considered it surpasses my expectations."
 Michael McGunners, Dublin, Ireland, church.

"It is more enjoyable than I imagined it could be."
 Greg and Deb Trook, Roca, Neb.

"Overwhelming. All these people quite an experience."
 Wade Malwitz, Blue Earth, Minn.

"After attending such a small church, the number of people was overwhelming. Two things impressed me, the behavior of the children and the general friendliness of everyone."
 Hilary Calwell, Cardiff, England, church.



WADE MALWITZ

WALTER GIBB



GREG AND DEB TROOK

ALICE JOHNSON

SCARBOROUGH, England — Herbert Armstrong's Festival message on film set things off to a dynamic start for the 1,200 brethren gathered for the Feast at the Festival Theatre here.

Also speaking were Frank Brown, Paul Suckling, David Stark, Mark Ellis, David McCowan, Barry Bourne and visiting minister Brian Knowles.

Brethren also enjoyed cash shows in the beautiful Yorks Theatre music and concert area around Scarborough, a talent show, and a country and western evening. David Stark.

AFRICA

BLANTYRE, Malawi — Only 22 registered for the Festival, held the last four days only, but average attendance here was between 60 and 70. Feasters travel in the area responded in 10 spots on the national radio service and were delighted to see Herbert W. Armstrong on film. Overall member attendance

was slightly down from last year because of financial and transport problems, but all who came were excited to see Mr. Armstrong's filmed message, watching it three times.

Services were held in the Kudya Entertainment Center here, with Peter Hawkins delivering sermons on why we observe the Feast of Tabernacles. God's family in the world tomorrow, should we work a reward, building a farm foundation for growth in God's Church and the Last Great Day. Peter Hawkins.

CUREPIPE and FLICEN, HAGO, Mauritius — The two sites on this Indian Ocean island had an average attendance of 48 to hear French and English sermons. The meetings were held in two hotels for four days each.

Visitors from other countries included members from Madagascar, the Seychelles and South Africa. Speakers were Feast coordinators David Madina and Don Grayling, a

South African Church member. The main theme for the Feast was preparing for the world tomorrow through our relationship with God, family and fellow man.

One highlight of the Festival was Mr. Madina's *Plain Truth* lecture in French, attended by 133, of which 114 were nonmembers. David Madina.

DURBAN, Natal — Ministers and members unanimously agreed that Herbert Armstrong's two films set the pace and theme of the South African site. Here, 1,100 brethren were encouraged by the inspired messages and the "length of life, Armstrong's presentation.

Other Festival messages were on the importance of loyalty (Dr. Roy McCarthy) and the importance of enduring loyalty to God and His government through His physical leader, Mr. Armstrong (Gerald Waterhouse).

Activities included a family day

and as usual (Two bulletins reached whole). Overall, offerings were up by 6 percent, attendance up 4 percent. Andre van Bellen.

GEORGE, South Africa — Backing up Herbert W. Armstrong and completing the commission Christ gave to the Church summarized the theme for 220 brethren gathered in this picturesque site.

Sermons were delivered by Gerald Waterhouse, Dr. Roy McCarthy, Don Bertha and Neil Whitaker. Andre van Bellen.

KUMASI, Ghana — Sermons on practical, positive and inspiring subjects such as the meaning of the Feast, God's promise of the Kingdom, the role of gentiles in God's plan, and marriage and tribal customs in relation to God's law were the focal point for 83 brethren as they for the first time observed the Feast for eight days.

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Speakers were Elbert Atlas, Melvin Rhodes and Peter Nathan. Members, most of whom were able to be together in a newly opened hotel, agreed the Feast gave them lots to think about. *Melvin Rhodes.*

LUSAKA, Zambia — Brethren in Zambia celebrated half of the Feast in the capital city of this central African nation. With 38 people attending, the highlight of the Feast was the showing of Herbert Armstrong's films. It was the first time the membership had the opportunity to see Mr. Armstrong on film.

Other activities included a dinner-dance, a barbecue and an evening of entertainment. *Owen Willis.*

NARU MORU, Kenya — Four days of the Feast were held here for the first time as 71 people enjoyed a treatise of the world tomorrow in beautiful surroundings on the banks of a clear mountain flowing off majestic Mt. Kenya towering above.

Brethren sang, ate an abundance of food and when not in services had plenty of time for fun and fellowship. *Owen Willis.*

SALISBUURY, Rhodesia — A total of 230 brethren attended the Feast in the Courtyard Hall of Music here, a 30 percent increase in attendance.

The Feast was set off on a good

beginning with messages by Gerald Waterhouse on the Day of Atonement and Herbert W. Armstrong (on film) on the first Holy Day. Other speakers were Ron Stoddart on the animal creation and the plan of God, Frank Mette on the plan of God shown in the minor prophets and Adrian Botha on the plan of God as revealed in the book of Romans.

Mashonaland defeated Mashabela-land in a soccer match, 8-3. *Ron Stoddart.*

SONESTA, South Africa — The Sonesta holiday resort, about 72 miles from Cape Town on the western seaboard of South Africa, was the site for 217 brethren observing the Feast.

Herbert Armstrong's films provided a most auspicious start and this high note was maintained throughout the Feast. Sermons delivered by speakers such as Dr. Roy McCarthy, Bill Whitaker and Sydney Hull focused consistently on the theme of this Festival: the Kingdom of God.

A spirit of unity and love as well as the presence of God was strongly felt here. *Sydney Hull.*

UMGABABA, South Africa — Two-hundred happy black and Indian brethren kept the first and last Holy Days in nearby Durban (just 20 miles north), but spent the rest of the Feast enjoying services at the beachfront facilities at the Umgababa Holiday Resort.

Visiting special speaker Gerald Waterhouse encouraged the brethren with the understanding of how black nations will fit in with Israel in God's plan. Other sermons were given by Gordon Terblanche, John White,

John Bartholomew and Dr. Roy McCarthy. *Andy van Balkom.*

VICTORIA ISLAND, Nigeria — A change in the Festival site this year brought the entire membership of the Church of God in Nigeria and visitors from neighboring West African countries together in the luxurious environment of the Eko Holiday Inn here, overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, for the last four days of the Festival.

Attendance on the Last Great Day was 125, and all the brethren enjoyed the sermons and company of Elbert Atlas, coordinator for the New York area, and his wife after they had spent the first half of the Feast in Kumasi, Ghana.

The Feastgoers also witnessed the ordinations of Lateef Edesere as local elder and Elijah Chokwidi and Lazarus I. Ekwoboh as deacons. The Feast was rounded off with a banquet for all the members and their families. *Lateef A. Edesere.*

AUSTRALIA, OCEANIA

ADELAIDE, South Australia — Feast messages here brought out the importance of man's relationship with God and his need for unity, concern and affection for his neighbor.

Speakers addressing the 478 registered brethren spoke on how man may enjoy this physical life within the bounds of God's law (Ted Tupper), understanding and applying God's law (Bob Mitchell), the need to overcome and grow using God's Spirit (John McLean), and the meaning of the Last Great Day (Rod Dean).

Brethren also enjoyed a river cabinet cruise, a dinner-dance, a visit to the zoo along with a host of activities. Beautiful weather accompanied the Feast. *Ted Tupper.*

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — Trillo's Convocation Center in downtown Auckland was one of two New Zealand Festival sites this year. A total of 698 registered brethren enjoyed the spiritual food served by the main speakers: Bob Morton on overcoming and child rearing, Jack Croucher with an overview of the Holy Days and Jerusalem, and Karl Krilov on "Why Did God Call You?"

The Festival, coordinated by Richard Lynch, included a dinner-dance, a barbecue at the thermal pools and a YOU Gang Show. *Jack Croucher.*

BLACKHEATH, New South Wales — A most positive attitude registered among 812 brethren attending the Feast located in the spectacular Blue Mountains.

Brethren gathered at the site, which is owned by the Church, heard Gene Hogberg speak on today's nations in prophecy, Keith Crouch on the language of the Bible and what parables tell us, John Larkin on what the world tomorrow will be like and Colin Sutcliffe on liberalism, Satan's weapon.

A family day, teenage disco, classical evening and formal ball rounded out the Festival. *Ann Coulson.*

CAIRNS, Queensland — A close family atmosphere, warmth and friendliness were experienced by the

243 registered brethren attending the Feast here, who also enjoyed a scenic mountain train trip, a day on tropical Green Island, a Festival ball and a family day at Lake Barrine, an extinct volcano.

Main speakers were John Corbin and Rod Matthews, who spoke about the return of Christ, putting effort into keeping the Feast and the "better resurrection." Bill White, a former deacon in the Cairns church, was chosen a local elder on the first Holy Day of the Feast. *Bill White.*

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand — The worst floods in 90 years just south of the Festival site here did not stop anyone from attending the Feast, and the 260 registered enjoyed their best atmosphere ever.

Bob Morton spoke on repentance and child rearing, Gary Harvey discussed the meaning of the Last Great Day, Colin Richardson addressed the new covenant and faith in God's promises and Colin Kelly spoke about the central figure of the Holy Days and a nation of priests.

Highlights for the brethren were a family evening, a sports afternoon and a visit from Gene Hogberg of Pasadena. *Colin Kelly.*

EMU POINT, Western Australia — The Festival here at the marquee in the Emu Beach Caravan Park, near the city of Albany, was opened by Dean Wilson, the director of the Australian Work, for the first time. Other speakers were Bill Dixon on building spiritual self-esteem, Colin Jackson on building the mind of Christ and Peter Whitting on our relationship with God.

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30TH FEAST FOR THE SCENTS — Eddie and Gene Eckert, above, keep their 30th Feast in Tucson, Ariz., along with thousands of brethren, some of whom are pictured, top, in Auckland, New Zealand; Late of the Ozark, Mo.; and Tucson.

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A spirit of love and fellowship prevailed, along with beautiful weather. Activities included a hillside dinner-dance and a steam train picnic, a ride into nostalgia. *Lloyd H. Longley.*

GOLD COAST, Queensland — An air of expectation and excitement, enthusiasm and a positive attitude prevailed at the Feast here held in the Miami Great Hall on the Gold Coast Highway. The 1,304 brethren registered sensed a new direction and greater accomplishment in the Work of God.

Gene Hogberg spoke on world affairs and prophecy. David Noller discussed the Philadelphia era and our position in the Kingdom of God. Peter McLean spoke about mercy. Rod King talked about the importance of the family and Ross Beath, who was raised to preaching elder, spoke about the shield of faith. Brethren also enjoyed a spectacular evening at the Sea World complex and a talent show. *David Noller.*

HOBART, Tasmania — Activities here centered on family togetherness as brethren lunched in separate air-conditioned gardens and held a family sock hop.

The Hobart Town Hall served as the Feast site for 286 brethren as they heard Alan Dean speak on how the Sabbath and Holy Days stand of fall together. Kerry Gubb on growth through stress, Dean Wilson on early millennial developments and Orem Solyma on love of eternal life.

Good weather, full cooperation, thought-provoking and edifying messages were the order of the day. *Orem Solyma.*

NUKUALOFA, Tonga — Forty-five brethren registered for the Feast here in Tonga. The Friendly Islands meeting in the Church's tabernacle building.

Main speakers were I. Tobia's Haragana, who spoke about God's plan for salvation and the meaning of the Feast of Tabernacles; S. I. Pnauve, who spoke about family life; T. F. Fungaki, who spoke about the minister; H. K. Ta'u'ou, who discussed "for my yoke is easy and my burden is light"; and P. Taunopeau, who spoke on procrastination.

The brethren are coming anew in spiritual life as a result of this reawakening by Herbert Armstrong, and fellowshipping to local congregations. *I. Tobia's Haragana.*

SUVA, Fiji — Even though the Feast was held only four days here, it was enjoyed by some 50 brethren at the Travelodge Hotel Convention Center.

The brethren saw Herbert Armstrong on film and heard their ministers speak on God's Holy Days and Prayer (Neville Fraser), why Christ is our Savior (Kincaid Pennman) and God's master plan and the Last Great Day (Evelyn Karamanli).

The group took an interesting visit to Orchard Island, toured the Pacific harbor and had an enjoyable island night Oct. 21. *Evelyn Karamanli.*

WARRNAMBOOL, Victoria — The new festival site held in Warrnambool's Capitol Theater was attended by 807 members, who enjoyed the inspiring messages and the excellent weather.

Main speakers included Deag. Wilson, Bruce Tyler, Keith Crouch and Gavin Cullen, who spoke on agriculture in the world tomorrow.

The brethren were welcomed by the mayor, and the ministers were

given a civic reception. A 4,000-meter fun run along the beach topped off activities for Feastgoers. *Bruce Tyler.*

ASIA

BAGUIO CITY, Philippines — The largest Festival site in the Philippines was in Baguio City, where 1,056 people registered for the Feast. Weather was beautiful, with only some afternoon rain on three days. God silenced threatening storms just before the Feast and during it.

Meetings were held at the Benitez Hall Teacher's Camp, where the brethren heard sermons from regional director Colin Adair, who spoke on the mystery of God, forgiveness, building the Church of God and the Last Great Day; Pacifico Mitro, who spoke about the human family, prophecy, and faith; Festival coordinator Bien Macaracag, who spoke about two aspects of the Gospel and why we need to keep God's laws; and local elder Max Fabricante, who spoke on God's works.

Pete Melendez and Rey Tanjaura were ordained as local elders during the Feast.

Overseas guests, numbering about 30, remarked on the fine atmosphere and friendly disposition of the brethren and were especially grateful for the excellent spiritual food received. *Colin Adair.*

BANGALORE, India — Meeting in the Roma Hotel in Bangalore, the garden city of India, 85 brethren especially enjoyed Herbert W. Armstrong's film, as well as several baptisms and wonderful weather.

Sermons were given by Spaulding Kulasigam on the coming utopia, the Festivals and prayer; and Ken Lewis on the transition of this world's governments into the world tomorrow. The Last Great Day marked the end of a campaign for *Plain Truth* readers in South India. *Spaulding Kulasigam.*

CAMERON HIGHLANDS, Malaysia — The Cameron Highlands, a beautiful temperate mountain area, provided an inspiring setting for this year's Feast in Malaysia. The Merlin Hotel played host for 190 brethren for this eighth Malaysian Feast.

Rod McQueen spoke on how we can know what the will of God is and the meaning of the Feast. Festival coordinator Yong Chin Gee spoke on pride and Lim Seng Joon spoke on our importance to God and His master plan.

Brethren realized happiness, joy and appreciation as they enjoyed a close-bonded fellowship in the realization of the purpose of the Feast. *John Ufers.*

CEBU CITY, Philippines — This site in the Visayan Islands was coordinated by Jose Radufin. The brethren (176 registered) met in the Triton Hotel Cebu, where Mr. Radufin, the main speaker, spoke on the world tomorrow. *Colin Adair.*

DAVAO CITY, Philippines — Edward Macaracag was the main speaker for this Festival site at the Don Mariano Marcos Training Center on the island of Mindanao. Mr. Macaracag, the Festival coordinator, spoke about the world tomorrow, prayer and responsibility in the 286 registered brethren. Highlights included a first-ever young people's get-together. *Colin Adair.*

DON CARLOS, Philippines — Coordinator Encarnado Benitez held his brethren. Eusebio Benitez spoke to the 450 registered brethren meeting in the Worldwide Church of God building in Don Carlos, Bulidnon, on the island of Mindanao. *Colin Adair.*

MAMBUCAL, Philippines — The Mambucal Health Resort in Negros Occidental was the site for

167 brethren. Main speaker was Pedro Ortigas, who spoke on the world tomorrow and Christianity, and Festival coordinator was Bernardo Canillon. Many of the brethren saw and heard Mr. Armstrong for the first time on his film. In spite of the small attendance, enthusiasm and zeal were high. *Colin Adair.*

MANILA, Philippines — This year marked the first time a Feast of Tabernacles has been held in Manila, and all the brethren were most enthusiastic. Meetings were in the Manila Overseas Press Club and Girl Scout Auditorium. The Festival was coordinated by Dr. Samuel Llywelo, and Rey Tanjaura was messenger. The brethren, numbering 265, heard Dr. Librojo and Mr. Tanjaura speak on prophecy and Christian living, and visiting speaker Pacifico Mitro discussed Revelation 2 and 3. *Colin Adair.*



BRIAN SANDER, ENGLAND

RANVELI BEACH, Sri Lanka — The Feast here started off with the ordination of the first deacon for the Sri Lanka church. Titak Peris another first happened a few days later as the church held its first family night.

Fifty Feastgoers spent the Feast in structures made of coconut branches. Ken Lewis and Mohan Jayasetha conducted services as they spoke on the profile of the president of the world tomorrow. Church government and preparing to be a king or priest.

Four baptisms during the Feast caused the church to grow by 12 percent. *Mohan Jayasetha.*

LATIN AMERICA

EL TABITO, Chile — One hundred brethren gathered for the Festival here, enjoying the fabulous ocean-side resort and the inspiring messages in unity and love.

Main speakers were Robert Flores Jr. and Filidor Mesca, discussing the meaning of the Feast, the world tomorrow and being a son of God. *Robert Flores Jr.*

I. A. PAZ, El Salvador — Ninety-four brethren enjoyed the Feast in the Itzaco Cubana Club here, enjoying a wedding, one baptism and a talent show in addition to the Festival sermons.

Speaking at the site were Herbert Cimeros on the Kingdom of God; Jose Manuel Blarmino on being a soldier of Christ; Rene Lopez on the proof of the Church and Jose Mauricio Pimo on being a better Christian. *Herbert Cimeros.*

LIMA, Peru — Attendance was 90 at the Festival here in the Country Club Del Bosque, located in one of Lima's best resort areas. Brethren enjoyed the beautiful weather and a respite from the extreme inflation and economic difficulty in Peru.

Main sermons were given by Lairy Hinkle and Wilfredo Serna on the meaning of the Feast of Tabernacles, the promises of God, perseverance, faith and the power of God. *Lairy Hinkle.*

MELOAR, Colombia — A joyous Feast, full of meaning and enthusiasm, was enjoyed by 140 people at the Club Militar de Oficiales in Melgar, 103 kilometers south of Bogota.

People representing six countries were happy to hear the meaning of God's Holy Days, the plan of salvation and the principles of Christian living expounded by Pablo Gonzalez, Mario Sagle and other local members.

No one wanted to return home after enjoying the most delightful eight days of his life. Everyone commented on two things: the privilege of seeing Herbert Armstrong on film (which was shown twice) and the especially good services the brethren received from the personnel and members of Club Militar de Oficiales. A talent show and a night of *Serenatas* for everyone united us all into one single family. *Pablo Gonzalez.*

OXATEPEC, Mexico — It is said, "First there was the Garden of Eden, then Oxatepec." About 650 brethren, half of whom traveled from the United States, filled the small auditorium here.

Sermons delivered by Festival coordinator Tom Turk, Fernando Barrio, Pablo Dimakis, Alfredo Mercado, Mario Sanchez and Mike Isaac emphasized the meaning of the Feast and family life.

Plenty of activities kept the brethren busy throughout the Feast, which was blessed by mild and pleasant weather.

Ordained to ministerial rank was Pablo Dimakis. *Domingo Burroughs.*

SIERRA DE LA VENTANA, Argentina — One hundred brethren attended the Feast at the Hotel Provincial here, all enjoying a most wonderful Feast and a wedding on the second night.

In addition to Herbert Armstrong's film, which was very well received, brethren heard sermons from Robert Flores Sr., Luis Chaver and Roberto Camicini about the meaning of the Feast, unity in the Church and a report on the Work in the Spanish areas. *R. V. Flores.*

THE CARIBBEAN

COAMO, Puerto Rico — Brethren numbering 197 from Puerto Rico, the United States and some outlying islands met here for one of the most inspiring and joyful Feasts ever.

Stan Bass, Don Hooser, Gordon Harry, Al Sousa and Clarence Scobee gave the main messages emphasizing spiritual character building for Christians and the importance of these Festivals for all mankind.

Highlighting the Feast were four baptisms, one-ordination and a successful fun show and dance. The movie *The Bible* was shown as well.

Those attending this site came home with a deep love and concern for their brothers of all nationalities and backgrounds. *Rene Lopez.*

GRAND RIVIERE, St. Lucia — The Nike Country Club in Grand Riviere was the site for the St. Lucia Festival, where 98 brethren enjoyed the fine weather and inspiring messages.

Speakers were Fred Bailey, Fran Ricchi and Harvey Bauman, with sermons covering the meaning of the Feast and the need for courage to enter God's Kingdom. *Carlo Mero.*

NASSAU, Bahamas — Three hundred Feastgoers registered for the Feast at the Holiday Inn on Paradise Island near Nassau, with highlights

being a family night, a Bahamian night and a picnic.

Sermon topics were building the Kingdom with Christ, by Earl Williams; the power of prayer and the spirit in man, by Allen Bullock; prophecy, by Marc Maseruk; we should love the world, by Randy Kobarnat; and preparing your children for the Kingdom, by Kingsley Mather. Filmed messages by Herbert Armstrong and Stan Rader were particularly enjoyed by the brethren. *Kingsley O. Mather.*

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — A big happy family-style Feast was observed here as 45 people actively involved themselves in singing, community meals, balls, plays and music.

Speakers Roger Courtouis and Fieang St. Fleur spoke on the importance of not comparing ourselves among ourselves and God's plan in the Holy Days.

There was active participation among the brethren and they now have a better grasp of the meaning of the Feast. *Roger Courtouis.*

RONAWAY BAY, Jamaica — Feastgoers numbering 205 met on the beautiful and interesting north coast at Ronaway Bay Hotel and Country Club.

Along with Herbert Armstrong's films and one by Stan Rader, sermons covered how the Feast helps us see the whole story (Reinhold Fuesel), God's love (Charles Fleming), the solution to human existence and "What is Me?" (Art Mokarow), and how Jesus Christ relates to the Feast (Kingsley Mather). *Kingsley Mather.*

ST. FRANCOIS, Guadeloupe — Great rejoicing accompanied sunny weather in the rainy season as 63 brethren held the Feast at holiday resort Village Vacances Famille.

Erick Dubois instructed the audience in the millennium, faith, healing, prayer, giving and the plan of God. A group of young people from the nearby island of Martinique came for the second half of the Feast to entertain their brethren with folkloric songs and dancing. *Erick Dubois.*

ST. LAWRENCE GAP, Barbados — The Government Convention Center in St. Lawrence Gap was the site for the Festival here, with an attendance of 401 on the first Holy Day.

Speakers Fran Ricchi, Fred Bailey and Harvey Bauman spoke on preparing for the Kingdom of God, what it is like to be a spirit being, and the need to believe in miracles. The Feast films by Herbert Armstrong were very well received.

Everyone, including more than 100 brethren from other countries, enjoyed the Feast and the excellent weather. *Victor Simpson.*

SOUTHAMPTON, Bermuda — A total of 323 brethren registered for the Festival at the Sonnets Beach Hotel here, participating in a cruise in Hawkins Island and Youth Day on Oct. 21.

Main speakers were Roland Simpson, who spoke on Christian morality, Elliot Horwitz, who addressed the importance of a strong foundation, and Ross Flynn, who discussed living faith.

Attendance and participation was good at all services and activities were personable and familylike. *Roland Simpson.*

TARTANE, Martinique — A total of 260 brethren registered for this French-language Feast in the Tropical West Indies, meeting at the Village Vacances Famille.

The speakers, including Charles Boyer, Constant Eustache and Festival coordinator Gilbert Caribangi, stressed the necessity for unity in the Church and Christ as the head of the Church. *Gilbert Caribangi.*

FASADENA — This year The Good News decided to ask some children (12 and under) what their impressions of the Feast were. We hoped for and were rewarded with their candid comments complete with humor and the usual surprises. We'd like to share their analysis of the Feast here as we present a look at the Festival through the eyes of a child.

Responses were taken from various sites and unfortunately do not include complete identification on all those listed enough to share their thoughts with all of us. Sorry, but because of limited space we could not include every photograph and equipment received.

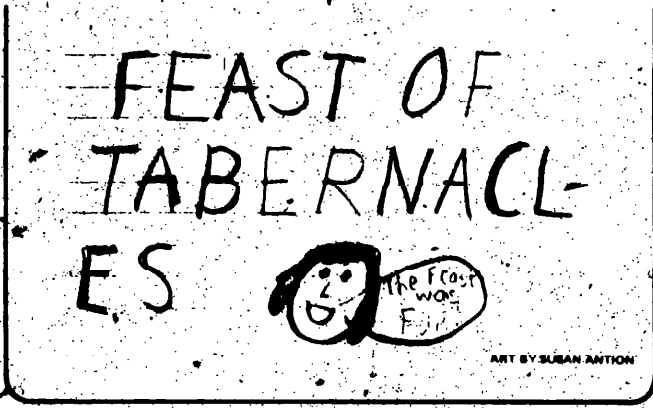
"I like the Feast because of the bus and the Church... Because it's fun. I like the Feast... It's fun."
Shereena Spangler, Yakima, Wash.

"This is my favorite Feast ever. But I like seeing my friends and getting Feast presents. And I just want to say that I feel very lucky having a Feast like the Hawaii."
Daniel Kujala, Lahaina, Hawaii

"I like the Feast because I meet new friends."
Heather Spangler, Yakima, Wash.

"I like the Feast because I get a vacation from school and I go on a trip I can go swimming with my buddies. My dad lets me take pictures with his new camera."
Michelle Herman, Pasadena, Calif.

"I like the food you get. It is the best food you get in the year. On the whole I think the eight days of the Feast are the best and most exciting ones in the year."
Lorna MacDonald, Greeley, England



AS SEEN BY CHILDREN

"I like the idea of children entertainment because it gives the parents a chance to get out and around. I like the nursery as well, because while services are on the mothers don't have to look after their babies."
Susan Stokes, Radlett, England

"I like it when mum and dad give me a present."
Andrea, England

"I think that God has planned all of the Holy Days well. Some of the scriptures give bits for us children, like what we will be doing in the

world tomorrow. There is no doubt about it. F.O.T. is great."
Cheryl Donchert, Colchester, England

"I don't like it when we have to go home because it has been so nice."
Marie, England

"The thing I like best about the Feast is the donkey derby and the sand-castle competition. The donkey stood on my memory's foot."
Gordon Winton, England

"I like church the best, but every-

thing is fun at the Feast."
Janice Bates, Bakersfield, Calif.

"I like traveling and I hope I can go to more Feast sites than just here [Hawaii]."
Victoria Wood, Lahaina, Hawaii

"I think the Feast is a great time because everybody can get away from their problems. You can relax and not really worry about anything. And all the people are friendly."
Gret, England

"I think it's wonderful to have a

mom and dad in the Church, and I enjoy all the Feasts."
Coryniah Saker, England

"Going on a big trip."
Ronne McKinney, Denver, Colo.

"I like the Feast because you get to see so many places. You also get to do different things. So that's why I like the Feast of Tabernacles."
Janice Antion, Pasadena, Calif.

"The Feast is a time to be with your family and different people from different places."
Susan Antion, Pasadena, Calif.

"I like being with my father and mother and grandma and grandpa. I love the Feast and all the other things."
Rachel Stocker, Pasadena, Calif.

"I come to the Feast to enjoy my self. Go to church, obey my elders and obey mum and dad. I also come to learn and to out of the Holy Spirit."
Scott Brown

"I like the Feast very much best of all when we hear Mr. Armstrong speaking and you [Brian Knowles] speaking as I'm writing this letter to you and I hope you will have a lovely time."
Kristine Shanks, United Kingdom

"I think the Feast of Tabernacles is best, you like especially everyone meeting everyone, we haven't seen for a whole year. The singing is very loud and we have a band accompanying the hymns. But most of all I like the spirit of the Feast. The only thing wrong with the Feast is I wish it would last longer."
Ruth, Great Britain



CHURCH

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were having difficulty getting local ministers to conduct the program. It was free time, carried by the station as a public service sustaining program of 15 minutes, 7:45 to 8 a.m.

Immediately I went to the radio station. A woman secretary told me she felt sure they would be glad to have me take the program for a week. I was to call back later for the exact date.

On my second call I was assigned the week of Oct. 9.

Oct. 9 was surely a great big day in my life — the day of my very first experience before a microphone, **ON THE AIR!**

I took this opportunity very seriously. It was an opportunity to speak to several HUNDRED people at once! I had never spoken to that many before.

I spent the preceding week preparing rather extensive notes and script. I might never again have such an opportunity, so I decided to strike directly at the very heart of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. Since the Kingdom of God is based on the promises made to Abraham, I began, on Monday morning's program with the promises made to Abraham.

The surprising response

It must have been about Thursday morning that the announcer told me, the station owner, Mr. Frank Hill, wanted to see me in his office later in the morning.

He had received several letters and telephone calls from listeners requesting copies of my talks. I had offered no literature of any kind. I had invited no mail response.

This is rather surprising, said Mr. Hill. "We never had any response of any kind, before, from this morning devotional program. They told me you had not invited any. Yet it has been coming. I listened to you this morning to see what was causing it. You have an excellent radio voice and a way of delivering your message that arouses interest and holds an audience."

"Now, Mr. Armstrong," he continued, "I want to suggest that you work out a regular Sunday morning Church service, condensed into a half hour. I'd like to put that on as a regular sustaining program — free time — but I can't do that without offering equal time to every church

would see what I could do. But, \$2.50 every week! WOW! That was almost as much as my entire salary had been! And I had just previously renounced even that small salary!

Today, \$2.50 per half-hour broadcast seems incredibly small. We have to pay two or three times more than that per minute on most stations today! But it seemed like an insurmountable barrier then.

Yet I knew this was GOD'S work, not mine. I was only an instrument. God had promised to supply every need.

God had OPENED THE DOOR OF FAITH EVANGELISM!

He had opened the first radio

planning of mine that the three-point campaign then being launched was to expand into its present global scope and influence.

The three-point campaign that built the Work

I plunged with energy into the GREAT DOORS God was opening. Of course these doors were not GREAT at first. God always starts things He does through humans, like the grain of mustard seed, the very smallest. But I, and the newly raised-up very small Church backing me, started on the very smallest wattage of any commercial radio station — 100 watts — and once a week.

whenever possible.

Further, to stop vicious rumors, I was NEVER A MEMBER of either the Stanberry, Mo., or the Salem, W.Va., factions of the Church of God. I worked WITH, in friendly cooperation, both factions, but never was a member of either.

More important, all those who have GONE OUT or BEEN DEPORTED from the Church have sought by every means to STRAY AWAY OUR MEMBERS!

One minister who was doing this explained it this way: "Well, where else can we go to get members? We can't make any headway against the Seventh-Day Adventists, so it leaves us

tempt offices, imputing to them a totally unscriptural meaning.

He claimed falsely that Jesus' original 12 apostles formed a permanent board of 12 as a church hierarchy. Then he took the seven deacons of Acts 6:1, who were appointed to wait on tables serving the widows and orphans. In the King James translation, this duty was translated as "This business," the Revised Standard Version, Moffatt and others translate it simply as a DUTY. But Mr. Dugger seized on that word *business* and construed it totally out of context to be a BOARD OF THE SEVEN, which were to handle THE MONEY of the church.

The board of the '12'

Because there had been much complaint about Mr. Dugger "running things" and assuming all authority, he adroitly appointed 12 others (by HIS CHOOSING) to be the Board of the 12 and appointed himself chairman of the Board of Seven to handle the money. This gave him absolute authority, while he pretended to give it to the "12." Then, because Jesus had set out 70, two and two, on a special one-time tour of places where He was to come later (Luke 10:1); Mr. Dugger appointed what he called "the Board of the 70" — 70 "leading elders" — although there were not anywhere near that many elders in the church. Actually, far from being a true

"Could the original and only true Church have disintegrated and disappeared? Could it have ceased to exist? No, for I read where Jesus said the gates of the grave would never prevail against it."

door (Revelation 3:8). I knew He wanted us to walk through that door. I knew He would somehow supply that \$2.50 every week. I knew also that we had to do our part, not lie down, do nothing, and expect God to do it without any effort from us.

I was continuing to hold meetings at the Eugene schoolhouse, twice weekly — Sabbath afternoons and Thursday evenings.

Parent church of Worldwide Church of God founded

Now came a most crucial event. It was a TURNING POINT — AN EPOCH — IN THE 1,900-YEAR HISTORY OF GOD'S CHURCH.

And NOTE CAREFULLY THIS FACT: I was still cooperating with the Oregon Conference, although upon starting this new era of God's Church God had moved me to drop the infinitesimal salary I had been receiving from them.

But most of their members in the Willamette Valley now began attending with us in Eugene.

Oct. 21, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith, just across the road from the Jean's school, four miles west of Eugene, this new Church of God was organized, with Mr. G.E. Fisher as deacon and myself as pastor.

Meetings continued from that date, three times a week, Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Sabbath mornings. Attendance was averaging 22. A first action of the new Church was the decision to go ahead with the broadcast. These new members and the lay brethren of the Oregon Con-

ference did I set out with a will to produce the radio program, but through 20 years of advertising experience I knew it had to be followed up.

I had conceived the idea of publishing *The Plain Truth* magazine in 1927 — had engaged a professional advertising artist to design a front cover. But for that seven years no way opened to make possible its launching. Now, my making it a mimeographed "magazine" — cutting stencils on a borrowed typewriter and gaining permission of the local A.B. Dick Co. to borrow the use of his mimeograph, I was able to produce the first *Plain Truth* — about 350 copies for about \$5.

On the first Sunday in 1934 the radio program was on the air — TO STAY! And TO GROW! Response was beyond expectations.

Feb. 1 *The Plain Truth* made perhaps the most humble home any magazine ever made!

And, to round out the three-point campaign, we continued holding evangelistic services.

Since we were holding services Tuesday and Thursday nights, beside Sabbath, at the Jean's schoolhouse — the first meeting place of the present Worldwide Church of God — I hired an upstairs hall in downtown Eugene for \$10 a month, for services Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights. I had mimeographed handbills circulated to draw a public audience.

Bill cooperating with "herd"

I interrupt at this point to further spite a nasty rumor now being attempted to circulate against God's Work, by saying that the ministers who went out of the Church in 1974 and since are "only doing what Mr. Armstrong did when he went out of the Sardis era church to start out of his own."

NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH in this present history of the Church, as we are in 1934. The parent Church of today's Worldwide Church was already organized — as of the preceding Oct. 21. The reason? We were well under way, small though the start was! And I WAS STILL COOPERATING WITH THE OREGON CONFERENCE BROTHERS, who attended at Eugene for some years,

only the Worldwide Church of God.

Never once did I in any manner, directly or indirectly, make any effort to draw their members into the present Church God had raised up through me!

I pray very earnestly and regularly for my son, whom I love, that God will OPEN HIS EYES TO THE TRUTH, and he is COMMITTING, sowing the seeds of discord among Christ's brethren, trying to draw away God's people FOR HIMSELF! And, whenever he sees this unholy activity of any

"I was not at all convinced this was the one and only true Church. Yet, if it was not, which one was? This one came closer to the Bible qualifications than any I knew."

ing to take out members after him and will instead PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL TO THE WORLD, I will pray for his success. But when CHRIST was virtually thrown out of Ambassador College under his unauthorized policy setting and doctrinal changing, and every effort was being made to secularize the Church (which really means drive God out), I most certainly cannot uphold such satanic activity! He has been MARKED and MUST BE A VISION!

Factions of Sardis era

Now on with the history of God's Church. For some years I continued to cooperate with both Stanberry and Salem factions of the Sardis era.

True, some of their ministers opposed God's work, but I never opposed them!

About August, 1933, a complete split had occurred in the church headquartered at Stanberry, Mo. Its leader and editor of the weekly *Bible Advocate* had been voted out by a single vote. Instead of remaining loyal, he proceeded to join a C.O. Dodd, in Salem, W.Va., in setting up what they termed the "Bible organization" of the Church and made every effort to take Stanberry followers with him.

At Stanberry, they had been organized under a bimodal general conference system — each local church of five or more members having one vote. But when Mr. Dugger claimed a new "Bible organization" by a bimodal organization of New York

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Out to a good start

The Work of God was already off to a good start at Eugene. I had soon appointed Claude Ellis as elder and also Mr. J.M. Day, (past 80 years of age) and Mr. W.B. Coon and Mr. Oscar Heiler as deacons, in addition to Mr. Fisher.

The Dugger people had, without my knowledge, put my name down as one of "the 70 leading elders."

The truth is, [1] we were all confused as to Church organization, and [2] we did not yet realize ourselves that CHRIST had started, in us, the Philadelphia era of His Church, committed with the GREAT COMMISSION.

Before Elder Day had been ordained (Continued, page 17)

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in town. However, it will sell you the time at less than bare cost of operation, \$2.50 per half hour."

And THAT suggestion from Mr. Frank Hill is what put the idea of The World Tomorrow program in my mind!

Altogether 14 letters and telephonic calls came in to the radio station requesting copies of the messages. I had broadcast:

I thanked him and told him I

ference all approved it joyfully as an effective evangelistic activity of the Church.

SURELY NOTHING could have started smaller. Born in adversity in the very depths of the Depression, this Work of God was destined to grow to worldwide power.

But I did not realize to deny them. There were no illusions of grandeur. It was not through any

This year in Jerusalem

By Mark Robinson
JERUSALEM — For the 177 Church members who participated in the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation's fall tour of Israel, it wasn't like any Feast they had ever attended before. In fact, the trip was far more akin to Succoth, the Jewish equivalent of Tabernacles. To a large number of these members the eight-day whirlwind tour of the Holy Land was one of the most moving and spiritually rewarding times of their lives.

"If it wasn't my best Feast, it certainly came close," said Charles Dorothy, minister and one of three tour guides. "The Feast in Israel had an extra depth of meaning since the millennial peace pictured by Tabernacles will begin in Jerusalem."

The tour included visits to Samaria, Galilee, Caesarea, Bethlehem, the Dead Sea, Beersheba, and the fortress of Masada, in addition to scenes of sites in Jerusalem.

For Candy Coburn, Fort Worth, Tex., Church member, the trip was unforgettable. She now has seen many of the places mentioned in the Scriptures and recommends "at least one Feast in Israel for everyone" to help make the Bible live.

Liberty Bell Park on tour

One site of particular interest for the tour was Liberty Bell Park, a new recreational facility in Jerusalem partially sponsored by the Ambassador Foundation. A Jerusalem physician, sold former Jerusalem office manager and one of the three tour leaders, Richard Frankel, to "let me (Herbert) Armstrong see the park has brought tremendous joy to thousands of children."

During a special presentation after the first Holy Day by the International Cultural Center for Youth, Israeli minister of Education Moshe Kol praised Mr. Armstrong's humanitarian efforts in Israel and spoke of an "iron bridge" built between Palestine and Israel.

For the Frankel family the tour was their first chance to see Israel after leaving three years ago. Joyce Frankel noted amazement at how much the Old City had been cleaned up. Mr. Frankel's expert knowledge and contacts were of immense benefit to the tour leaders. Bob Smith, pastor of the Riverside and Manning, Calif., churches, served as the third tour guide.

ACF organized tour

The trip, organized by Human Potential employee Bob Ellisworth, had a base price of just under \$1,000 per person. Mr. Ellisworth commented that the trip was organized to

fulfill the obligations made by the Ambassador Foundation to provide group travel benefits, adding, "What better place to start than Jerusalem with its rich history and deep theological roots."

The return to the United States was delayed for one day because of a cracked windshield on the chartered Trans World Airline 707. However, all of the inconveniences were lodged at TWA's expense in a luxury beachfront hotel overlooking the Mediterranean in Tel Aviv-Jaffa, Israel.

IN JERUSALEM — Brother who traveled to Jerusalem to observe this year's Feast make a sizable group at the Dome of the Rock. The trip, which included a tour of Israel, was organized by the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation.

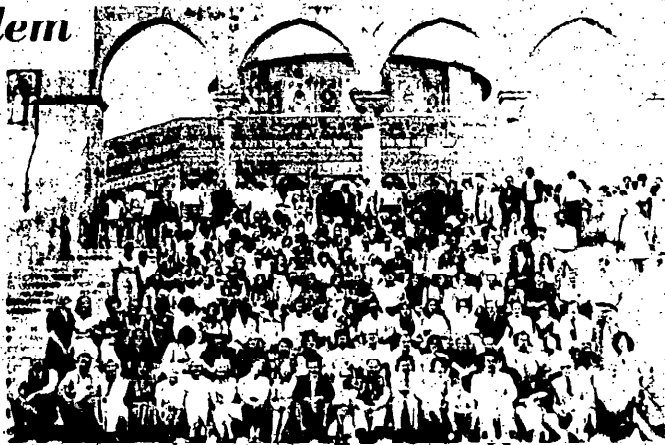
Members keep Feast in the Holy Land

By Bob Smith
JERUSALEM — The people of God, 177 strong, were moved with excitement as they sat in the area of the Mount of Olives and chanted the words to "Come Thou Almighty King."

God's people were keeping the Feast of Tabernacles in the very city in which Jesus Christ will introduce the reality of what this Festival depicts — universal peace.

At the first Holy Day service, Abilene, Tex., pastor Mark Robinson spoke of the balanced spiritual-physical approach needed in order to properly observe the feast.

I followed with a sermon about the



The following is a first-person account of this year's Feast in Jerusalem as observed by the Riverside and Manning, Calif., pastor Bob Smith.

awesome event just over the horizon, of which Jesus Christ warned. . . . If it were possible they shall deceive even the elect . . . but which will enter in the only way and inaugurate millennial peace.

At the close of services on the first Holy Day, Simha ("Joy" in English) Gombo of Israel was baptized, by Charles Dorothy, Wayne Dunlap and myself in the pool of the Diplomat Hotel in Jerusalem.

Mrs. Gombo (a native of Morocco who now resides north of Haifa, Israel) has been interested in baptism for several years and was last visited monthly ago by Great Britain minister, Paul Suckling.

Since Mrs. Gombo speaks Hebrew and French fluently but only a few words of English, pre-baptism counseling was aided by the expert translating of Yonah, a young Jewish girl from Canada. And, thus, Simha Gombo became only the second person to be baptized in Jerusalem in this modern era of God's Church.

An exciting tour

After traversing tiny Israel — from the on-the-spot enjoyment of the Garden Tomb, the Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, the Western (Wailing) Wall and Dome of the Rock (all in Jerusalem), to the Sea of Galilee and Capernaum, Nazareth, Cana and Caesarea, and down to Masada and the Dead Sea — the tired group assembled on the weekly Sabbath and heard Gerald Westcott, pastor of the Midland and Gaylord, Mich., churches, reiterate Herbert Armstrong's very familiar "Why are we here?" — and then answer it from Deuteronomy 14:23 . . . that you may learn to fear the Lord thy God always."

Richard Frankel, former manager of the Church's offices in Jerusalem and now pastor of the Woodbridge, N.J., church, painted a word picture of the transition from today's down-trodden world to the excitement,

beauty and peace of the wonderful world to come.

At the conclusion of this hallmark hour, a grateful segment of the Body of Christ entered final services on the Last Great Day, with a new sense of fervency, a new sense of urgency.

Mr. Dunlap, La Mirada, Calif., pastor, pictured Jerusalem as the hope of the future for all mankind, as the world awaits Christ's visit (to the Holy City) in great power.

Dr. Dorothy — following the Feast of Tabernacles theme established in earlier messages — reminded us of the magnitude of the great God in heaven, who desires so greatly that all peoples should become part of His awesome family that He allowed the lateral sacrifice of the One responsible for the creation of those very peoples.

Post Feast baptisms

Following services on that Last Great Day, the brethren from many areas around the world who were observing the Feast of Tabernacles in Jerusalem gathered about the same pool and rejoiced as Dr. Dorothy and I immersed, first, Millie Martin, from the San Diego, Calif., church, and then Richard Shire, a 1978 graduate of Ambassador College in Pasadena.

Mr. Frankel and Mr. Dunlap joined in the laying on of hands, and the Feast of Tabernacles, 1978, ended on a note enriched by the constant abiding to the Church daily by Jesus Christ — as it pleases Him.



SPECIAL PRESENTATION — Members of the ICCY (see story, left) present a special program for Fellowship during their stay in Jerusalem. (Photo by Rodney Larson)

CHURCH

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 gained. I discussed this seriously with Elmer Fisher and Claude Ellis. We decided not to rush into it.

Where was the true Church?

I mentioned earlier that I was searching for the one true Church of God. These Stanberry-based brethren, as I had stated above, seemed weak and ungodly. They were bearing NO FRUIT!

When one of their members held a small "evangelistic effort," it was always fruitless. There were no conversions. This had continued to bewilder me.

Jesus said we should know "by their fruits." And now they were split right down the middle. A tight divide could stand, and their two houses

— Stanberry and Salem — did NOT stand! As of TODAY, 1978, each of those two has been split and re-split into so many "segments" that no one could probably discern just how many branches they have split off into.

Yet everywhere I went, SALEM was borne — except when I tried to hold a campaign with one of their men, elders Taylor, Daily, Oberg and Kay. But whenever I preached alone, there were conversions. I did not realize then, as I do now, that it is GOD who adds to the Church. God was adding wherever I went.

Then I discovered that they are described by Christ Himself in Revelation 3:1-6. They had been, a couple of generations or more before my time, a Church of more vitality and larger membership. But they had dwindled to the state of Revelation 3:1 — still

having the NAME of the true Church but SPIRITUALLY DEAD. Apparently a generation or two before my time, they had not been so spiritually dead.

Truly God's Work

But now, I knew that what God had led me into was, truly, GOD'S WORK! It had vitality. It was bearing rich fruit. And, after finding the identification in Revelation 3:1-6 and verses 7-11, I finally came to realize where GOD'S TRUE CHURCH WAS! These people at Stanberry and Salem, originally, had been truly the Church of God — of the Sardis era. But their era was over, and by the fruits, looking at them, I came to realize: God was raising up the Philadelphia era of His Church.

And, as we grew, God was showing me HIS TRUE FORM OF CHURCH ORGANIZATION.

Meanwhile, I was holding services three times weekly at Jean's schoolhouse, 12 miles west of Eugene and four nights weekly in downtown Eugene.

In due time the brethren of the Oregon Conference decided to go in with the new Dugger group. That dissolved the Oregon Conference as a corporate church body. However, they continued to attend at Eugene as often as possible.

After the 5 1/2 months of meetings in downtown Eugene, adding more members to the Church, we began holding services in my home (near 85 per month) in Eugene, as well as at Jean's schoolhouse.

Then, it must have been about March, 1935, I began holding six-nights-a-week meetings at Alvadore schoolhouse — about 15 miles northwest of Eugene. This was a two-story

schoolhouse, with two classrooms downstairs and a hall the size of both classrooms upstairs. For six weeks I held meetings there, with, as I remember, about 15 new members added. For a while I held meetings Sabbath mornings alternately every other Sabbath at Alvadore, and every other at Jean's, with a service every Sabbath afternoon at my home in Eugene.

But this was too scattered, and soon we purchased the small church building in Eugene.

After a conference with me of the Dugger "12," we had decided that I would cooperate with the Salem, W. Va., faction, BUT NOT JOIN. I would work in cooperation with their ministers, but retaining INDEPENDENT, and receiving NO SALARY from them. None of the Eugene church became members of the Dugger

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Forty-five members of the open church in CUMBERLAND, Md., had their first Bible study Sept. 13, as pastor Terry Morrison led the group in a study of the book of Revelation. On Sept. 17 the brethren held their first picnic, meeting at Lion's Community Park in nearby Frostburg, where the ladies usually delegated the menu. Judicious 21-4. Games were directed for the children by Pat Blackball and Bruce Metz. Another first, on Sept. 20, was a Luke talk that netted \$80 at the home of Joan Chapel, who was having a garage sale at the same time. *Eudora Akley*

The 10th anniversary of the church in MOUNT POCONO, Pa., was cele-



SILVER ANNIVERSARY — Larry and Betty Shamus of the San Jose, Calif., church held the silver jubilee and less service they received from the brethren on their 25th wedding anniversary. (See "Church Activities," this page.) (Photo by Armin Reese)

brated Sept. 17 with a family picnic at Tullyhanna Army Depot, State Park. A night of jockey trials and barbecue chicken was prepared and served by the MCO Club, followed by games for all and publication on Barney's Lake. Jane Walters won the handmade quilt donated by Ann Kovachik to help raise money for the special Sept. 20 event.

The PITTSBURGH, Pa., church choir presented the concert "From Dawn to Dawn" at a high school in Monaca, Pa. Sept. 16, inviting members from surrounding churches and the general public. The theme of the concert consisted of activities and missions involved in a single day, such as "Morning Has Broken," "Some- thing, Sweet," "Cresting Down the River," and "Twilight on the Trail." The program also included vocal solos, quartets, a quartet and solo with accompaniment.

At the conclusion of the program, the choir presented director Earl Pilon a new tape recorder and gave bouquets to Mrs. Hens, who is also in the choir; Ellen Giebler, the pianist; and Linda Kralowicz, the accompanist. The concert was the first for the Pittsburgh church since 1964. *Frank L. Ponder*

PRESCOTT, Ark. brethren held their end of summer picnic Sept. 16, camping on top of Mt. Rogers Division and

playing ping-pong, croquet, basketball and volleyball while the younger set made sand pies and pressed out Play-Doh. *Wendy Keller*

Thirty-eight people and two dogs gathered for the third annual car rally of the PLYMOUTH, England, church and surrounding area Sept. 17. The participants, in 12 cars, met with guidance, Angus Robertson on the Plymouth road just north of Tavistock. Each driver was closely questioned about the highway code, with correct answers going toward his total score. Then each car was dispatched with a set of questions that had to be answered correctly and in order before the next part of the rally could be done; cold breakfasting served in Devon, and Cornwall was covered before all arrived about 50 miles later at the Dartmoor Inn and quaffed their thirst. Winners of the rally were Bill and Eileen Douglas of the Plymouth church. *Francis Coon*

Local elder Larry Shamus and his wife

Betty of the SAN JOSE, Calif., church observed their 25th wedding anniversary Sept. 12, but their children and members of the church managed to arrange a family party for them three days earlier, on Sept. 9. The Shamuses were lured to the clubhouse of the Tanglewood condominium in San Jose and were stunned at about 100 members of the San Jose and Clayton churches showed "Happy anniversary" when the lights flashed on. The brethren presented them a complete silver tea and coffee service with tray in appreciation for their years of service to the churches. *Armin Reese and Joe Brown*

CLUB MEETINGS

CINCINNATI (Ohio) East pastor and club director Reinhold Farnel appointed officers at the Sept. 23 meeting of the Spokesman Club. Len Hubbard, 1978 Spokesman Club graduate, was named president and will be assisted by Dick Washam, vice president; John Hoover, secretary; Bruce Kuyser, treasurer; and Ray Voeckel, sergeant at arms. Farnel plans to replace the many officers

later in the season to give other club members the challenge of serving in an executive capacity. *Mike Brandenburg*

The Spokesman Club of the SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif., church met for its first meeting Sept. 21, thereby solving the dilemma of a small church area wanting to have a Women's Club and a Spokesman Club but not having enough people to start both of them. In this pilot program directed by pastor Les McCollin both men and women were invited to participate in topics and speeches. Named as officers were Jerry Seymon, president; Del Hoste, vice president; Colleen Gulliver, secretary; Betty Ritter, treasurer; and Phyllis Hesse and Renny Boston, sergeants at arms. *Colleen Gulliver*

The BELLE VERNON, Pa. Women's Club met Sept. 17, with director David Johnson discussing the importance of the club, its meaning and future. This was the final meeting of the year because of the busy Fall Festival season and the coming winter activities with its subsequent hiatus during Christmas. *Pages News*

The first meeting of the season for the WICHITA, Kan., Women's Club was Sept. 17 with Mary Ann Amis club director, opening the meeting and welcoming the women's husbands, who were guests. Janice Faberholt gave a book report on *Arrows* by Dr. Kenneth Cooper, and Michael Weibrecht's instructor and coordinator of Basic Emergency Medical Training at Wichita State University, spoke on his role in emergency and emergency situations. *Armin Reese*

About 100 people participated in the annual card party of the WOODBRIDGE, N.J., Ladies' Club Sept. 23. Through the assistance of the club, the card earned \$101 for the treasury. *A. L. Legg*

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Guests at the Sept. 17 meeting of the BIG SANDY, Ky., Senior Ambassadors were Bertha Shaw of the Glenside (Tex.) Rest Home, Emma Jane of the Oak House Rest Home in Gladesville, Tex., and 46 other well-known and family. *Armin Reese*

John and Clara Rogers, all of Big Sandy, Ky., were invited to become a member of the club and was installed during the event for the coming year. Also installed as officers were James Jackson, president; Mike Campbell, secretary; and Mrs. Charles Cain, treasurer. Officers during the past year have been Adolph Borenstein, James Jackson, Louise Moore and Charles Crain. The meeting concluded with a typical meal and coffee and was hosted by the club. *Edy Fish*

Sixty widows of the EVANVILLE, Ind., church gathered at the home of pastor Ross Burchy and his wife Sept. 24 for a day of fellowship and games. The ladies brought dishes to accompany the turkey dinner prepared by the Redco. Attendance was Marie Blakely, Verona Coulton, Ellen Hest, Frances McKee, Beanie Blain and Tom Smart, and Phyllis and Kay Gentry and Carl and Velma Fray. Jim Quisenberry, who is hospitalized, was missed. The club is happy of the party. *Dorothy Webb and Wanda Heston*



FAMILY PORTRAIT — Teens of the Roanoke, Va., YOCU chapter pose for a family portrait dressed in 1870 fashion on their visit Sept. 17 to Silver Dollar City in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. From left are Julia Larson, Don Florasch, John Gilchrist, Sue Griesinger, Jeff Lance, Diane Rowland, Christine Livsey, Rickey Riddle and Clyde and Benjamin Lance



FOUR FOR THE ROAD — Julie Trayhorne, left, of London, England, and Michael Larson of Minnesota, Max D. Haymes of Southampton, England, and Martin Fielding of London pose with their gear on the former Bricket Wood Ambassador College campus at the conclusion of their six-week, 2,000-mile cycling tour of Europe. The four members traveled through France, Belgium, Luxembourg, West Germany and the Netherlands before returning Aug. 26 to Bricket Wood.

SINGLES SCENE

The newly organized Young Adults Club of the CRAFTS AND HOGS, Tenn., church held its first activity, a camp-out, Sept. 23 and 24 at the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Skinner. Saturday evening began with a hayride, then the group set up camp on the banks of the Tennessee River. Sunday morning, after breakfast cooked over an open fire, the young adults engaged in such activities as fishing and archery. *Bevvy Rogers*

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The CINCINNATI (Ohio) West YOCU chapter started its new week activities in March of this year, beginning with a

for announcements and news including articles and a calendar of future events, reports of past activities, articles by and about YOCU members and news of the various YOCU chapters that began in September. The newsletter is one of a pair of the weekly church bulletins distributed at each Sabbath service. *Jerry Gray*

The junior YOCU chapter of the HOLSTON (Tenn.) church had its first activity Sept. 17, with 34 children and 19 adults attending a youth party. *Armin Reese*

Thirteen-year-old Tina Griffin and her sister, Schonda, 13, both WOODBRIDGE, N.J., YOCU members, handled the sale of items at a yard sale coordinated by the YOCU chapter Sept. 24. In preparation for the sale, the girls gave away five balloons to the neighborhood children. The \$100 sale was donated to the Holston County Foster Parent Association, a charity the Woodbridge congregation has been working with for several months. *A. L. Legg*

Thirty-one members of the MORWELL, Ariz., church marked themselves into three members for a YOCU-sponsored week of eight meetings in Tansania; the land down under the land down under Scripted and developed during the days of Jewish immigration of converts in Van Diemen's Land (the former name). Tansania is a tributary and relay of the city. Events of food raising and planning were well worth the effort for the items, who packed the week with numerous first time experiences. *Jerry Cobb*



SPECIAL MUSIC — The Detroit (Mich.) East congregation was treated to a duet sung by Frances Dornick and Kirsten Priebe, left, at services Sept. 18. The girls were accompanied by, above, violinists Laura Priebe and Julia Heiser, Katrina Priebe on the key and Maluko Jones on the piano. (Photo by J.O. Smith)

'LOCAL CHURCH NEWS' DEADLINES

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

CHURCH

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group, but we fellowshiped with them.

The former Oregon Conference members in the Willamette Valley now established, under my pastorate, a regular Sabbath afternoon service. They, though not I, joined as members with Salem, W. Va. I preached Sabbath morning at Eugene church, then drove 55 miles to the schoolhouse near Jefferson to preach to them Sabbath afternoons.

More really stations open up

It must have been late in 1935 that a Portland radio station opened up. Then, for a time, I preached Sabbath mornings at Eugene, afternoons at Jefferson, then on to Portland for a 4 p.m. Sunday broadcast. Very shortly after that, I went on the air in Seattle, station KRSC, 8:30 Sunday mornings.

In those days I continued fellowshiping and cooperating with the Salem-based faction. I had to turn the Sunday morning radio program over to my assistant elder, Claude Ellis. I preached Sabbath mornings at Eugene, Sabbath afternoons at Jefferson, then on to Seattle, arriving usually after midnight. Up at 5 a.m., a quick coffee while I scanned the Sunday newspaper at a corner drugstore for war news to broadcast, then I had to type the entire broadcast script, because World War II was by then under way, and radio announcers had to hold script on me to see that I did not deviate from it on the air.

Precisely at 8 a.m. I was in my car, driving past the Boeing works, to KRSC. On the air at 8:30—off at 9, drove on to Portland arriving about 3 p.m. for the 4 p.m. broadcast, off the air at 4:30, then the 123-mile drive to Eugene, arriving by 7:30, with a church full of people awaiting a full evening evangelistic service. Then a full week writing and printing *The Plain Truth*, holding a mid-week Bible study, visiting members and prospective members, ministering the sick, answering mail.

And still preaching for the Sardis church near Jefferson.

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PASADENA — Carol Little, daughter of Stanley B. Rader, the Work's treasurer and general counsel to Herbert W. Armstrong, was baptized at the Rader home Oct. 27 according to Bob Fahy, former director of the African Work currently in Pasadena on sabbatical.

The baptism was performed by Mr. Fahy and was attended by Mr. Rader and Ralph Helga, head of the Work's legal department. Mrs. Little consented for baptism with Mr. Armstrong, to whom she feels very close, according to Mr. Rader.

Mr. Rader commented to Tucson, Ariz., *Frontiers* Oct. 23 that his daughter had requested baptism and would be baptized shortly after he returned to Pasadena following the Fall.

PASADENA — Ray Wright, former financial director of the Work, left for England Oct. 26 for a two to three week preliminary trip. He will then return to Pasadena for his family and move to England for six months to a year.

In England Mr. Wright will study the business aspects of the Work's foreign offices and assist Frank Brown, director of the Work in Great Britain. He will also help coordinate and oversee the British Work's printing needs and preparation for foreign language editions of *The Plain Truth*, according to Stanley B. Rader, the Work's treasurer.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Charlotte church presented Mrs. Mark McNair an engraved silver tray as well as congratulations June 11 in honor of the 25th wedding anniversary. Mrs. McNair's two oldest children in Pasadena, Kerry and Susan, were present at the surprise reception.

In August the McNairs went to Pasadena for the marriage of their two children — both wedding within 24 hours. According to the McNairs the weddings were another special milestone in their lives.

Aug. 30 Kerry Mark McNair was married to Debra Jean Weard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Weard of Pasadena in a double ceremony with Debra's sister Nancy and Elmer E. Collins Jr. The ceremony took place in the Ballou Gardens

on Ambassador College campus. Mark McNair was his brother's best man and Sue Weard was maid of honor for her sister.

The following day, Aug. 21, Mark Curtis Weaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Weaver of Dayton, Ohio, and Karen Sue McNair were married in the Ambassador College Rectory Hall. Tony Merrill and Elizabeth Meredith were their attendants. Mr. McNair conducted the ceremony for both his son's and daughter's weddings.

PASADENA — Herman Noeh, co-pastor of the Pasadena Auditorium P.M. church, traveled to Syria during the first two weeks of October to visit the Mesopotamian excavation site at ancient Terqa, or modern Ashara, and other archaeological sites along the upper Euphrates from the Iraq border to the border of Turkey.

An archeology enthusiast, Mr. Noeh helped uncover history by digging the earth at Terqa.

The Ambassador International Cultural Foundation (AICF) has been jointly sponsoring the Terqa excavation along with the Institute of Archaeology at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), Johns Hopkins University and other institutions for the past three years. The AICF will discontinue its participation in the project after this year.

Terqa was on the route by which traffic from Babylonia and Sumar left Mesopotamia and the Euphrates Valley and crossed into inner Syria to the Kings Highway to the Jordan in the second millennium B.C., according to Mr. Noeh. The excavation is directed by Dr. Giorgio Buccellati, director of the Institute of Archaeology at UCLA, and his wife, both personal friends of the Noehs.

PASADENA — Stanley Rader announced that Jack Bicket has been appointed to the position of assistant treasurer and will be reporting directly to Mr. Rader as a member of his financial staff. Mr. Bicket worked as business manager in Big Sandy, Tex., until 1974, when he was moved to Pasadena to assume responsibilities in the Accounting and Data Processing Department.

Sabbath afternoons!
I say this to PUT AN END to the FALSE RUMOR that my son, now, or other ministers who have gone out of God's Church to draw away disciples after them, are doing what I did.

Two incidents prove

Let me here cite two incidents to show that I was never a member or in the employ of the Dugger faction at Salem, W. Va. Shortly after the Oregon Conference brethren had gone in with the Dugger faction, which had pulled about half of the Stamberry members into it, I agreed to cooperate with them but not as a member — my SOLE MEMBERSHIP WAS AT EUGENE in the parent Church of the present Worldwide Church of God! We at Eugene handled our own finances for the Church. Meager though they were, starting in 1933, yet they were growing at approximately 30 percent per year.

Soon after I decided to cooperate with them, they made a political move to stop the *Radio Church of God* broadcast, as it then was called, and also *The Plain Truth*, and to TAKE OVER the members God had added to His Church at Eugene. Please read that again, and GET IT STRAIGHT AS TO WHO WAS TRYING to steal whose members! Quite the OPPOSITE of what departed dissidents are trying to claim today!

Otto Haebler, one of the "12," was sent to my office in Eugene. (God's present Work already was established in an office in Eugene beginning about November, 1933.)

"We have decided," said Mr. Haebler, "to transfer you to Tacoma, Wash."

"Why should I move to Tacoma?" I asked.

"Well, we think there is an interest there."

"What do you mean, Otto, by an interest? How many people are interested, as you say, in Tacoma?"

"Well, possibly three or four," was the hesitating answer.

"Oho," I said, "I have agreed to cooperate with the Salem church — but my only membership is here in the Church at Eugene and none of our Eugene members are members of the Salem church. Due to my broadcast and *The Plain Truth*, several hundred definitely are interested here, and that is where I intend to stay."

He gave up and left

A second incident

A second incident occurred prior to that Mr. Haebler came to my office, soon after I had agreed to cooperate with them.

"We have assigned all the territory from Salem to Eugene to Elder A. J. Ray," he said, "and the Eugene territory to you."

"I interpret that to mean that all the Eugene territory, from the city of Eugene north to Salem, is assigned to me, and that is what I shall keep."

Actually, these Dugger men wanted to cooperate with me for one reason only. They saw that GOD WAS BLESSING EVERYTHING I DID WITH SUCCESS — many new members being brought in — and they wanted to TAKE OVER GOD'S people whom God had added to HIS CHURCH, then starting a re-

mendous growth at Eugene, Ore. Until I went to Hollywood, 1942, to broadcast daily, I had continued to pastor, or to co-pastor, the Sardis people near Jefferson.

As late as 1945 — 12 years after Christ started the present Worldwide Church of God (then called the Radio Church of God), I was still cooperating with and helping the Sardis people. One of their "12" — John Kieze — had moved to Canon City, Colo., because he said he needed to live there due to its dry climate. He had no means of financial support at the time. He had had a small church there, whose tithes kept him alive — but they had all moved elsewhere. I went to Canon City to help Elder Kieze. I conducted nightly meetings for some weeks, going into Denver every week to record the broadcast. RESULT? God, through me, raised up a new church there for him.

God's PRESENT GREAT WORK was getting off to a start, growing 30 percent per year. By no stretch of the imagination could anyone say that I left the Sardis people to draw away their members after me. I NEVER DREW ANY OF THEIR MEMBERS — although the Henion and Cole families did of their own free choice, affiliate with the Church of God starting from Eugene.

Mr. Wayne Cole, then quite small, but now in charge of Pastoral Administration in the Worldwide Church of God, will confirm this.

Part of the FACTS recorded here were written in *The Autobiography*, yet many of them have not been previously published. I have felt it a duty to stop their mouths!

As we read in *1 Th. 1:11*, there are *obscure* whom *no one* MUST be STOPPED!"

But, more important, I have felt it profitable in my lifetime for me to give you this review of the membership of the Worldwide Church of God.

Looking back, it is difficult for me to understand, now, why I was so mixed up in those days about Church organization. I knew neither Stamberry nor Salem (though had God's own form of Church organization. This had us all confused — even though, when one puts the pertinent scriptures together, it becomes crystal clear.

Organizational pattern restored

But God's Church, though continuous through all generations from A.D. 31, lost much or all of its original organizational pattern established by Christ — and God finally restored it in THIS END TIME through His present day apostle.

Truly, GOD HAS PREPARED A PEOPLE FOR HIS NAME — and His wife (God's Church of today) is making herself ready!

There is only the ONE, TRUE and ORIGINAL Church of God — and today Christ has organized it according to the original pattern He, THE ETERNAL, INSTALLED!

My NEW BOOK, *Seven Principles of the TRUE CHURCH*, is starting to appear serially in both *The Good News* and *The Plain Truth*. It leaves NO DOUBT as to the identity of the ONE and ONLY TRUE CHURCH!



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY — Mr. and Mrs. Mark McNair, right, were honored for their 25th wedding anniversary June 11 by the Charlotte, N.C. church, where Mr. McNair serves as pastor and area coordinator. In August the McNairs traveled to Pasadena for the marriage of two of their children, Kerry and Susan. In Debra Jean Weard and Mark Curtis Weaver, Aug. 20 and 21. In the left photo are, from left, Mr. and Mrs. McNair, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Curtis Weaver, Mark McNair, and Mr. and Mrs. Kerry McNair. (See "Update," this page.)