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New Developments in Southern Asia and Southern Pacific

by Rod Matthews

In a vast geographic area of the world, where Christians constitute a small minority in the most populous countries, the Spirit of God is leading in different, often unpredictable and (for us) pioneering ways. We do not have enough space to describe activities from all the countries in the region in which the church is active, but here are some highlights from 2006.

Fiji: Ratu Epeli Kanaimawi has pastored our congregations in Fiji for over 25 years. As a former highly respected civil servant, he has often been asked to take on service roles for semi-government organizations, and for many years he served as the Chairman of the Grants Commission of the University of the South Pacific, which is based in Fiji and which has extension campuses in many of the smaller nations of the Pacific.

Last year, the Fijian government asked him to become High Commissioner to Malaysia (equivalent of Ambassador among British Commonwealth nations), which includes being diplomatic representative to Indone-

sia, Thailand and the Philippines. Epeli and his wife, Sofi, moved to Malaysia and are hoping that the new Fijian government will confirm his appointment. The church in Fiji is now ably served by a pastoral team led by local elder, Isei Colati.

Vanuatu: The Rory congregation on the island of Malekula built a new meeting hall in 2006 using building blocks they made themselves. A small team from New Zealand led by professional builder, Les Evans, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the church in New Zealand, helped with manpower and technical support during a visit mid year.

The village has water supply problems, so the next project is to work on a collection and distribution system that eliminates the need to carry water in drums and buckets from a source many hundreds of meters away. The Rory congregation hosts many of the villagers in services during their annual festival and its community service focus is much appreciated in that area of Malekula.

Australia: National Director John McLean reported that "Australia



The Rory congregation at the new building in Vanuatu. Below, Les Evans and Jim Wood during construction. [photos by Kaye Evans and Rex Morgan]

was delighted to host Pastor General Joseph Tkach at our national pastors' conference last July. His warmth, wisdom, approachability and humility were much appreciated by all.

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participated in this year's national trans-denominational survey of Australian churches. This National Church Life Survey is a massive project, covering 15 years of research. NCLS invited us to help with the creation of resources for church leaders in this country.

"Many of our congregations are finding ways to connect with and serve their local communities, often in ways they never imagined possible a short time ago. As we continue to focus on spiritual formation, developing and sharing spiritual community, we are grateful for the many blessings our gracious God provides."

Malaysia: A magazine sponsored by the churches in Malaysia has gained the honor of being the highest-circulation Christian magazine in Malaysia. It has a circulation of over 8,000 consisting of mail subscribers and free distribution. Volunteers form the editorial committee evaluate and choose articles from a range of sources and contribute articles themselves. Each issue, a member work party prepares copies for mailing. Local elder Low Mong Chai coordinates the publishing and his son, Richard, is responsible for the layout and design.

The magazine is circulated primarily among the Chinese and Indian population of the country. Subscriptions are free for those living in Malaysia and Singapore. Further information is available at www.wcg-klang.net/Publications.php.

Nepal: ACCM's "Foundations of Faith" course has been translated into Nepali to become the first literature the church has produced in that language. However, we cannot locate a Nepali copy of the text for the course, John Stott's *Basic Christianity*—even though we know it has been translated into Nepali.

In order to meet the needs of rural pastors in Nepal who have little biblical educational material in their own language, the church is having the 10-lesson course called Discipleship 101 (found on our website www.wcg.org/lit/disc/) translated. Distribution will be handled by Deben Sam, Himalayan Ministries director (right), with whom the church is developing a working

relationship. Deben Sam supervises a number of rural congregations in addition to several in Kathmandu and is very keen to use more of our literature in the development of the pastors and members who are served by this ministry.

Sri Lanka: The peace and order situation in Sri Lanka has deteriorated again and thousands of people, especially in the north and east of the country, continue to be disadvantaged and/or displaced. Many have never recovered from the effects of the December 2004 tsunami. Our congregation in Batticaloa is sustained by the efforts of local leaders. Contact with the pastor is limited because of travel restrictions in that area due to the insurgency.

The WCG-established Worldwide Educational Institute in Colombo has had another successful year offering skills in English and business studies to high school graduates who are preparing for employment or university entrance. Ambassador graduate Robert Reeves is the Principal and has maintained an outstanding record of academic achievement in three and six-month courses and more extensive one-year diploma studies. The courses embody the traditional Ambassador values education and highlight presentation skills that have enabled many graduates to take up prime employment offers.

India: The church in India has approximately 100 members scattered over a wide geographic area. The Secunderabad congregation pastored by Danny Zachariah supports a com-





The congregation in Batticaloa, Sri Lanka, meeting outdoors.

community counseling center in its meeting hall and utilizes the professional skills of members and their connections. Joe D'Costa, pastor of the Bangalore congregation, produces a nationally-circulated magazine of Christian education for local distribution called *Living Light*.

In recent months, we have received many messages from ministries in India requesting a closer working relationship and hoping for financial support. Although we are unable to meet their financial needs, several have shown interest in work-

ing together so that our deep resources of articles and biblical educational

material might be used in a much wider way in a country where discipling is desperately needed among Christians, who make up less than 3 percent of

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the population. Several of these possibilities will be explored in the year ahead. project.



Awards ceremony, Worldwide Educational Institute, Sri Lanka. [photos: Rod Matthews]





Heartland SEP Adds Challenge Course

From as far as Kentucky, Kansas, New York, North Dakota, Minnesota and Missouri, campers and volunteers traveled to Eagle Crest Camp in Central Illinois for Heartland SEP. In the first week of August, 126 campers and 72 staff shared a week of life-changing, Christ-centered experiences.

Sixty-five percent of our staff returned this year and nearly half (45 percent) of our campers joined us for the first time. Faithful servants' generous donations provided some partial or full-tuition scholarships.

New additions this year were a team challenge course and a Rescue Mission at the end of camp where teens used team-building skills developed throughout the week. Another highlight included five baptisms at camp plus a number of others after campers returned to home church areas.

Join us August 5-11, 2007, in Central Illinois for a week to see what a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ can do for you! We accept campers ages 9-19 and staff volunteers 18 and older. Visit our website at www.heartlandcamp.org for applications, photos, and more information. *Martin and Sarah Koenig*

Souled Out in Memphis

Twenty-nine campers enjoyed another exciting year at Souled Out, the Generations Ministries camp in Memphis, TN, held this year Dec. 29-31. Campers sang and danced in praise to God and forged new friendships with each other and with counselors and staff.

The theme was "On the Battlefield," and messages reminded campers of the daily battles that they face—physical and spiritual—and their need to enlist the saving power of Jesus to be successful in winning these battles. *Frederick Moore*

Gifts of Love

In November and December, members from several WCG congregations helped provide and distribute hundreds of shoeboxes full of items to children in Mexico as part of the *Regalos de Amor* (in English, Gifts of Love) ministry program. The Regalos ministry reaches across denominational borders to provide needed items for children in severe poverty and, at the same time, to present a clear message of the gospel of Jesus Christ to their families.

Several church areas filled shoeboxes with donated items such as socks, toothbrushes, soap, coloring books, crayons, pens, candy, games and toys. Each box was labeled for a boy or girl in a specific age group.

When members of our San Antonio congregation told a neighboring Baptist church about the program, they also contributed dozens of boxes. In the Austin area, members who are not able to attend services were excited to be able to do missionary work from their homes by contributing items to fill shoeboxes going to children in Mexico.

From the efforts of Barbara Miller, the Washington DC/Northern Virginia congregation sent 50 shoeboxes of gifts, and the Christians in Action club and the Spanish Honor Society at Eleanor Roosevelt High School in

Greenbelt, MD, sent 30 boxes.

On the weekend after Thanksgiving, the Orduño family from San Antonio transported 150 WCG-collected shoeboxes of love to the staging center at the Mexican border. Many other groups from around the U.S. also delivered boxes and sent volunteers. For three weekends in November and December, our WCG "missionaries" worked with dozens of other volunteers to sort, gift-wrap and hand-deliver over 1,500 shoeboxes (with a Spanish children's Bible included in each box).

WCG members who went to Mexico were: from San Antonio—Pastor Rodney Schuler, Corey Schuler, Kim Cotton, Emily Guevarra, Lucero Villareal, Cathlena Conrad, and Pedro, Consuelo, Claudia and Daniel Orduño; from Austin—Pastor Lee Berger, Jessica Smith, Don and Rose Sickel, and Roland and Milly Stoller; and from Washington, DC—Dusty and Barbara Miller.



The Regalos project is one way to reach out with a hands-on example of the gospel. For children and families who own almost nothing, these boxes provide a much-appreciated boost. After seeing the shining eyes and smiling faces of the children (and of the happy parents) as they received their shoeboxes, we're looking forward to helping again this year. For more information about the shoebox program, see www.officialregalosdeamor.org. To know more about our mission camp, see www.cbmission.org. For information, call 512-930-0503. *Lee Berger*

Larry Good Completes Gospel Music CD

After 40 years of entertaining on the country music circuit, Larry Good lost his eyesight due to diabetes. Parkinson's disease and dialysis did not stop Larry from what he loved to do most—sing. In 2004, Larry was inducted into America's Old Time Country Music Hall of Fame in Anita, Iowa. Although unable to perform for audiences, Larry has continued to write, perform, and produce his own songs.

In January 2003, Larry was baptized at his home in Nebraska. Having faith and believing are goals for Larry on a daily basis. With his great faith, a gospel recording was his next project. Larry's latest CD titled *Larry Sings Good Time Gospel* contains 13 gospel songs; Larry wrote 10 of them. For more information, write to: Lari-John Music, P.O. Box 216, Rising City, NE 68658.

Duane Marquis

Grace Family Fellowship Reaches Out

The outreach ministry of Grace Family Fellowship (Tallahassee, FL) involved a local elementary school and community in their first Fall Harvest Free Giveaway on Oct. 28. The school sent flyers from the congregation to parents announcing the free giveaway of clothes, furniture, household items, toys, food items and many other things for children and adults. This was the congregation's way of saying to the community, "God loves you" with no strings attached.

The congregation's outreach project for November was partnering with the local elementary school for Thanksgiving basket giveaways to needy families. The youth transformed plain laundry baskets into beautifully decorated Thanksgiving baskets that became reservoirs for a myriad of food items. Specially made Thanksgiving cards for the baskets were signed by church members. Three days before Thanksgiv-

ing, church members delivered the baskets to the school for distribution.

Mattie Johnson

Basil Wolverton honored

Jan. 23 was the 150th anniversary of Vancouver, WA. The *Columbian* newspaper ran a special section regarding Vancouver's history, including biographies of the dozen most "Notable Names, Famous Faces." Basil Wolverton was included in a list with Ulysses S. Grant, Willie Nelson and George C. Scott. Basil was an original member and elder in the Vancouver congregation, and author and illustrator of the WCG *Bible Story* books; he died in 1978.

Hospital Christmas Party

On Dec. 3, some of the women in the Kalamazoo, MI, congregation joined with women from other churches to put on a Christmas party

at Fort Custom National Cemetery and Hospital in Battle Creek, MI. The head nurse selected the ward of 25 veterans that we gave the party for. We gave gifts, sang, served refreshments, and gave each veteran a card. We thanked each one for serving in the armed forces. *Rosetta Andrews*

Octogenarian Celebration

On Jan. 21, Living Grace Church in Berlin, VT, had an Octogenarian Celebration, honoring five long-time members who are over 80 years old (three who drive over 70 miles one way to services and two "shut-ins"). Their words of wisdom: "Cheer up. Take one day at a time. There are better days coming. Stay the course." *Arlene Nelson*

For pictures on this and other articles, see www.wcg.org/together/07/mar/pastevents.htm

Grace Fellowship Celebrates First Female Elder

Grace Fellowship of Pikeville, KY, was witness to a historic event in our denomination. On Jan. 21, Debby Bailey was ordained an elder, making her the first woman to hold such a position in the Worldwide Church of God. Bob Taylor, retired District Superintendent, officiated at the ordination along with the pastoral team members and their spouses.

Debby was commissioned as part of the pastoral team in Pikeville in 2002. She is active in the community, serving on the National Day of Prayer Committee in Pike County since 1997, and has been its chair for the last five years. She has been involved in a jail ministry to female inmates for almost three years. She was elected vice president of the Pike County/Pikeville Area Ministerial Association. She is also chair of the July Jam committee, an out-



Bob Taylor, Mike and Christine Stewart, Debby and Eddie Bailey, Ruth and Estil Stewart

reach to youth in the community through Christian rock music. Debby and her husband Eddie, married since 1979, have an 11-year-old son, Max.

Grace Fellowship has grown from 25 members to 55 since Estil Stewart, Mike Stewart, and Debby Bailey were commissioned in 2002. Debby's first official duty after ordination was to take part in the baptism of the congregation's newest two members, Johnny Worrix and Philip Nelson. *Bob Taylor.*



Upcoming events

Read more at www.wcg.org/together

March 21-24 — New Church Leadership Training

As Church Administration & Development continues to train and equip congregations and ministers to fulfill our discipling mission, we are glad to announce our first training program for current and emerging church planters.

This four-day training event has been developed by WCG Church Multiplication Ministries. It is an essential part of our WCG next-level ministry strategy for fulfilling our vision to multiply new kinds of faith communities in all kinds of places and with all kinds of people groups.

This training program is designed to equip church multiplication leaders with the key elements necessary for starting and sustaining healthy new congregations in WCG. *Dan Rogers*



New Church Leadership Training addresses key elements necessary for effectively starting a healthy new church. Instruction, delivered through an interactive learning process, includes:

- New Church Mission and Vision
- The Priority of Evangelism
- The Priority of Multiplication
- Demographics Studies
- Building Support Teams
- Gathering a Core Group
- Marketing for the New Church
- Developing a Startup Plan
- and more

Location: Community of Faith (WCG), 3774 Raleigh-Millington Rd., Memphis, TN 38128.

To register, obtain a registration form from your senior pastor or congregational pastoral leader, or see www.wcg.org/events, or contact Randy Bloom, phone (901) 737-2720, email randy.bloom@wgc.org.

April 27-29 — Men's Ministry Retreat

Men are invited to attend the seventh annual Men's Ministry Retreat at Living Hope Christian Fellowship (Atlanta, GA), April 27-29. This year's theme is "Slay the Giant Within You." Cost of the retreat is \$70, which includes all meals and lodging. To enroll or obtain further information, please contact Raymond Collier at 404-755-0687 or ray66mond@bellsouth.net.

April 28-29 — ACCM Spiritual Formation class

The Florida district will host an Ambassador College of Christian Ministry intensive course in Spiritual Formation over the weekend of April 28-29 in Gainesville, FL. Mike Feazell (D. Min.) from our headquarters staff and Randy Bloom (M. Div.), one of our denominational Ministry Developers, will be the presenters. The goal of the course is to further equip students in the process of their spiritual formation in Christ. Among the many topics addressed are:

- Living a balanced spiritual life in a hurried world.
- Appropriately exercising the spiritual disciplines.
- Identifying and applying our spiritual gifts.
- Setting realistic goals and expectations.

This is a valuable course for all Christians and has the potential to be life-changing in your walk with the Lord. The contact person for general

information is Paul Volpe, co-pastor in Gainesville: Paul.volpe@wgc.org, home phone 352-335-6167, cell phone 352-283-2934. Information on hotels and restaurants can be provided.



June 14-18 — National Young Adults Retreat

Come and experience the ROCK in the Rockies! Do you crave time away to be spiritually uplifted, meet friends, and experience new things in the beautiful Rocky Mountains? Then you are ready for the ROCK in the Rockies, National Young Adults Retreat 2007.

This year the retreat will be held in *Money* magazine's Number One Best Place to Live—Fort Collins, CO. Activities will include: Rappelling in stunning settings; the option of white-water rafting on Colorado's only national "wild and scenic" river; a semi-formal dinner dance; "Amazing Race" Barbecue Dinner & Mixer; and much more...

This year's seminar will be presented by special guest speaker Jeb Egbert. If you would like transportation to and from Denver International Airport, please make your flight arrangements to arrive before 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 14, and leave after 10:00 a.m. on Monday, June 18.

If you have questions, contact Katrina Weber, 970-377-2974, katrinaweber@hotmail.com, or Denise Fertig, 307-634-9203, sdfertig18@aol.com.



**August 3-5 —
Big Sandy Class of 1977 Reunion**

The graduating class of 1977, Ambassador College Big Sandy, is planning a 30-year reunion for Friday night, August 3 through Sunday noon, August 5 in Dallas, Texas. Plans are to hold the reunion at the Omni Dallas Hotel at Park West, pending a final contract. The graduating 1977 alumni and their spouses, as well as all who entered in fall 1973, spring 1974 or were ever part of the class somewhere in between, are invited to attend.

Murdock “Doc” Gibbs will provide entertainment with a collection of music from the ’70s. An optional barbecue at Skip and Michelle (Bumpers) Quant’s ranch in Burleson, Texas, is planned for Sunday afternoon for those who can extend the weekend.

Details for the reunion are still being finalized, so all who are interested are encouraged to check out the AC Reunion, Big Sandy Class of 1977 website at www.ACReunion.info for updated information. Please help us locate class members. Check the “Lost & Found” page on the website and send contact information for anyone you know who is listed as “missing” to lostandfound@ACReunion.info.

Members of the Big Sandy 1977 Reunion Committee are Steve Schantz, Terry Willhoite, Debbie Wood, Jeff Wahlen, Michelle Quant, Charles Melear and Jacque Harvey Melear. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Wood at 903-939-1765 or email debbieawood@sbcglobal.

**September and October —
WCG Fellowship Cruises**

DON’T MISS THE BOAT! We are privileged again this year to sponsor two Worldwide Church of God Fellowship Cruises. For more than a decade, thousands of members have experienced the joy of cruising with fellow members while we enjoy the sights of many ports of call and are spiritually uplifted by worship services on selected days during each cruise.

Caribbean Cruise: For the second time, our affordable Caribbean Cruise will be on Princess Cruise Lines’ *Caribbean Princess*. The itinerary this year is the Eastern Caribbean (last year our ports of call were in the Western Caribbean).

This seven-day cruise departs Ft. Lauderdale, FL, on Sept. 23 and returns on Sept. 30. Entry-level cabins for this seven-day adventure begin at only \$599 per person. Because of such affordable pricing, our Caribbean cruises have been very popular.

On all of our fellowship cruises, inspiring messages are an important part of the spiritual component of the cruise. Uplifting worship music featuring a worship team and special music make these cruises more than just a few days at sea.

Space tends to fill up on these cruises, so we encourage those of you who think you might be interested to call for an information and pricing packet. You can call John Siston at Travel Gallery/Cruising Holidays at 800-858-6999 or email him at john@travelgallery.com. John can provide information or make a reservation.

Those of you who are experienced cruisers know there is probably no greater way to spend a week or ten days—especially when you couple the cruising with fellowship and the spiritual inspiration of a WCG cruise. So call or email John and get your plans underway!

Mexico: The West Coast Mexican Riviera Cruise will offer a special attraction this year when Holland America’s *MS Ryndam* puts into the Mexican port of Topolobampo. Members can then board the Chihuahua-al-Pacifico Railway train for a spectacular day trip through the famous Copper Canyon. The railway passes through numerous tunnels and over breathtaking bridges into the canyons that are collectively some four times the size of the U.S. Grand Canyon. The Mexican Riviera Cruise is a ten-day cruise that departs from San Diego, CA, on October 11 and puts back into port on October 21.

If you are really hooked on cruising, the *MS Ryndam* actually begins this West Coast voyage in Vancouver, Canada, on October 7. This would make the entire cruise 14 days. Pricing for the additional four days starts as low as \$369 per person. Members also have the choice of taking only this four-day cruise beginning in Vancouver and ending in San Diego. This might be especially attractive to someone who has never cruised before and would like to “test the waters.”

Australian tour: We are also offering a fellowship group tour to Australia. The dates for this trip down under will be Sept. 22 through Oct. 7. Interest is building for this tour. If you have always wanted to see Australia, join John and Pat Halford, who will host this trip of a lifetime. John Siston can also provide information for this trip.

We look forward to seeing many of you on one of the WCG fellowship activities that will take place in 2007. *Ronald Kelly, WCG Group Tour Coordinator* 🌐



Births

Cayden Campbell Brooks, born July 12. He is the first child of Landie and Stanley Brooks, of Jacksonville, FL.*

Carson Roy Jennings, Dec. 6, first child of Roy and Jeannie (Nay) Jennings, of Allen, TX.*

Elder ordinations

Melchor Babol, Iriga, Philippines

Debby Bailey, Pikeville, KY

Todd Fox, Rochester, MN

Michael Gass, Nashville, TN

Gregorio Glova, Sorsogon, Philippines

Kenneth Harrell, Corona/Norco, CA

Stephen Hill, Manteno, IL

Robert Jones, Perth, United Kingdom

David Laack, Rochester, MN

Mario Lopez, Pasadena Spanish, CA

Lance McKinnon, Kennesaw, GA

Bruce Metz, Jenners, PA

John Pillius, Springfield, MO

Devaraj Ramoo, Klang, Malaysia

Roman Saynes, Forestry, Philippines

Palaniappan Sellappan, Klang, Malaysia

Pablo Sotoj, Pasadena Spanish, CA

James Welshans, Burseson, TX

David White, Corona/Norco, CA

Anniversaries

On Dec. 22, **Guy and Medora Thompson** of Jasper, GA, celebrated their 60th anniversary. They are members of the Murphy, NC, church. After services on the 23rd, the church hosted a reception for the couple. We wish them many more happy years.

Erv and Irene Wright celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 29. Following church services on October 1, they renewed their wedding vows and had a reception. They have been members of WCG since 1965, and attend Community Christian Fellowship in Houston, TX. They are the parents of four children: Liz (and Gary) Eads, Bob, Phyllis (deceased), and Mark (and Judy), and three grandchildren: Sabrina, Brandon, and Karyn.

Obituaries

Irene Carney, 78, of Lorain, OH, died Nov. 24 after an illness of several months. She was baptized in the WCG in 1976. Survivors include her sons Gar "Butch," Charles Greg, and Dave; brother, Leslie Berta, and sister, Helen Misley, one granddaughter and

two grandsons. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Carney, in 2005, her parents, Leslie and Anna (Bruscko) Berta, and brothers Andrew and Elmer Berta.*

Robert J. Lehmkuhl (Bob), 71, passed away on Nov. 14, 2006, at Mercy Hospice in Johnston, Iowa. Bob was born in Roanoke, MO, and moved to Iowa when he was about 10. He was a member of the WCG in Des Moines since 1967 and served as a deacon for several years and was ordained as an elder in 1977. He is survived by his wife, Nancy; children, Caryl (Doug) Fisher, Joan Moats and Kurt (Nicole) Lehmkuhl; eight grandchildren, Jeff and Alicia Moats, Joe, Chrissie, Eddie, and Michael Fisher, Bobby and Danny Lehmkuhl.*

Bryce Hiram Roller, 33, of Catoosa, OK, died Oct. 26. He is survived by his parents, Bobby and Randena Bowles Roller, 40-year members of the WCG in Tulsa; his son, Zachary Dean Hiram Roller; sisters and brothers-in-law: Dena and Steven Tremble, Esther and Robert Myers, Jr., Debra and Douglas Andrews, Sarah and David Butcher, and Daretta and Mark Goddard; nieces and nephews: Elizabeth and Joshua Tremble, Andrew and Samantha Myers, Ashley and Connor Andrews, and Levi and Grant Butcher. Bryce marked his driver's license to be a tissue donor and in his memory, you can, too.*

Birth Announcement

We'd like to let people know about your baby as soon as it arrives. Just fill out this coupon and send it to the address below. Please submit your announcements within six months. We do not print baby photos in *Together*, but we will put them on our website. See www.wcg.org/together for more details on events, announcements, obituaries, etc.

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Last Name		Father's first name	
Mother's first name		Mother's maiden name	
City/state		Baby's sex <input type="checkbox"/> Boy <input type="checkbox"/> Girl	
Baby's first and middle names		Date of birth Month: Day:	
Number of children you have* *Including newborn		Boys: Girls:	<input type="checkbox"/> Check box if first child

Gene Tresch, 75, of Oberlin, OH, died Nov. 6. In 1947, a horse-riding accident left him in a wheelchair for the rest of his life. Gene didn't give up and let life pass him by. The residents and business owners in Oberlin were familiar with him. He would cruise around town in his electric wheelchair visiting with them on a regular basis. He attended and often conducted Bible Studies in the nursing home. Mr. Tresch was honored by the Lorain congregation in 2005 for making a major contribution to the church and the community. He is survived by his brother, Frank, sister Leora Leach, nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother and a sister.*