Greetings, friends! I’m Gerald Flurry.

What is the Philadelphia Church of God? From the beginning of Jesus Christ’s ministry with just 12 disciples to the hundreds and thousands of laborers, supporters and co-workers of today, God’s work has had a vital job to do. The purpose for which Christ established the Church characterizes its work—its activities and overall commission.

The work is a spiritual work. Through the New Testament, Christ shows us that the purpose of the work of God is twofold. First, we are to proclaim to the world as a witness the good news of the coming Kingdom of God. As part of that witness, we are to publish the Bible’s warning of the disasters that will precede Christ’s Second Coming because of mankind’s sins. Secondly, we are to spiritually nourish the Church itself, preparing the people God calls for future responsibilities under Christ when He returns to rule all nations in love.

The many and varied endeavors of the PCG all trace back to this clear, exciting twofold commission. The ministers and members of the PCG are dedicated to proclaiming and living the way of life explained in the Bible. It is a way of sharing and giving, of caring for one another, of striving for godliness in all our dealings with fellowman. It is a way of family harmony and joy, a way of peace among nations and peoples of all cultures and races. It is a way of rigorous accomplishment, and drawing on God’s help to achieve the very fullest of our incredible human potential.

I’m thrilled to be able to share with you a taste of how we are working—humbly, but diligently—to hasten the day when, as the Prophet Isaiah said, “the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.”
Completed in 1974 in Pasadena, Calif., Ambassador Auditorium was home to the Worldwide Church of God and the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation’s performing arts series. Acclaimed as the “Carnegie Hall of the West,” its perfect acoustics were host to a veritable “Who’s Who” of great artists including Joan Sutherland, Vladimir Horowitz, Luciano Pavarotti, Isaac Stern and Arthur Rubinstein.

Mr. Armstrong founded Ambassador College in 1947. It grew to encompass three separate campuses: two in the United States and one in Great Britain.

Highly honored and praised as an “unofficial ambassador for world peace,” Mr. Armstrong met with heads of state and audiences in more than 70 countries proclaiming the gospel of the Kingdom of God. Above, Mr. Armstrong meets with the King and Queen of Thailand.
Mr. Armstrong was a pioneer in religious broadcasting, Herbert W. Armstrong, was heard by millions on radio and TV for over 50 years. At its peak, *The World Tomorrow* was broadcast on over 400 television stations around the world.

Mr. Armstrong was editor in chief of the *Plain Truth* magazine, which he founded in 1934. Published in seven languages, its circulation peaked at over 8 million free copies per month. A prolific writer, Mr. Armstrong completed his final and most important work, *Mystery of the Ages*, just months before his death at age 93.

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Upon news of Mr. Armstrong’s death in 1986, many heads of state and dignitaries sent letters of condolence. Mohammed Kamal, the Jordanian Ambassador to the United States, wrote, “He was truly a great man of vision… I am confident that his colleagues will carry on with his mission and his great work.”

Sadly, those who succeeded Mr. Armstrong did not share the same mission…
Worldwide Church of God leaders began systematically rejecting everything he had established. The next few years saw massive doctrinal changes sweep the Church, culminating in the leaders denouncing Mr. Armstrong as a heretic.

More than 70 percent of his followers were driven out or excommunicated from the Church he founded.

The results:
The famed performing arts series was canceled, all humanitarian projects closed and the Ambassador Auditorium sold.
Ambassador College shut its doors and the campuses were sold.
The *World Tomorrow* program was discontinued.
*Plain Truth* circulation plummeted from its peak of 8 million to just over 95,000 subscriptions today.

In order to preserve Mr. Armstrong’s teachings and legacy, a new work had to be raised up.

After serving as an ordained minister under Mr. Armstrong for over 30 years, Gerald Flurry was excommunicated from the Worldwide Church of God for resisting sweeping doctrinal changes. He established the Philadelphia Church of God in 1989.
Broadcasting to a potential worldwide audience of over 400 million people, Gerald Flurry discusses world events in the light of Bible prophecy on the weekly *Key of David* television program.

Modeled after the *Plain Truth*, the Church’s flagship magazine is the *Philadelphia Trumpet*. Published in five languages, it explains the meaning behind today’s world news. The magazine’s website, theTrumpet.com, features daily stories on world news, the economy, society and more.
The Church also publishes a magazine for teens, *True Education*, a religious magazine, *Royal Vision*, and over 60 books and booklets. All of this literature is sent free upon request.

After a six-year court battle with the Worldwide Church of God, the PCG obtained the copyrights to Mr. Armstrong’s most significant works, including a monthly correspondence course. The Church now makes these works freely available to the public once again.
Herbert W. Armstrong College

In 2001, after purchasing 160 acres in Edmond, Oklahoma, the Philadelphia Church of God opened its own private liberal arts institution. The college’s objective is to teach its students how to live happy, abundant lives—helping prepare them for worthwhile service to God and humanity.

Young Ambassadors

The Young Ambassadors are another tradition established by Mr. Armstrong. A performing group made up of Herbert W. Armstrong College students, they sing and dance at concerts on campus and in the local area, in addition to recording uplifting videos and CDs for the Church membership.
The Armstrong International Cultural Foundation is the humanitarian arm of the Church. In 1998, the Foundation began a small concert series that has sponsored performances by such renowned artists as the Vienna Choir Boys, the Eroica Trio and the Canadian Brass. In July 2004, the Foundation obtained some of the treasures that were considered jewels of Ambassador Auditorium: a 9-foot Hamburg Steinway grand piano and two Baccarat crystal candelabra commissioned by the Shah of Iran to celebrate the 2,500th anniversary of the Persian Empire. To house these artifacts, the Armstrong Foundation is planning to build a new auditorium—an exquisite concert hall modeled after Ambassador Auditorium.
Humanitarian Projects

The Armstrong International Cultural Foundation seeks to sponsor humanitarian projects around the world. Currently, Herbert W. Armstrong College students are helping archeologist Dr. Eilat Mazar excavate the Large Stone Structure, believed to be King David’s palace in Jerusalem. In the past, foundation volunteers taught the mentally and physically disadvantaged at the Al Hussein Society for the Rehabilitation of the Physically Challenged and the Young Muslim Women’s Association Center for Special Education in Amman, Jordan.
Philadelphia Youth Camp

The Philadelphia Church of God sponsors Philadelphia Youth Camps for teenagers around the world. Camps are held in the United States, Australia and the Philippines. Ranging in length from one to three weeks, they include various sports, classes, and activities designed to build godly character in a wholesome, fun environment. At the United States camp Herbert W. Armstrong College students serve as sports instructors and counselors for the youth.
Members of the Philadelphia Church of God meet at weekly Sabbath services in congregations in 67 different countries around the world. Each fall, they attend a festival called the Feast of Tabernacles. Held at locations all over the world, including the Netherlands, Australia, the Philippines, India and Peru, the seven-day festival focuses on building family ties through spiritual instruction and wholesome recreational activities.
A Message of Hope

World peace is coming! It is true that we live in dangerous times—so dangerous, in fact, that an ominous future for humanity lies ahead unless an Unseen Hand from someplace intervenes forcibly in human affairs. But beyond that sobering warning is the wonderful, inspiring good news of the Bible—that God will step in and, in fulfillment of His unshakable promises, set up a world government to bring peace and prosperity to all peoples, nations and races. That is the universal message of transcendent hope that the Philadelphia Church of God proclaims to the world.
About Our Cover

Philadelphia Church of God members come from all walks of life, and from all over the world. Pictured here are photos of a few of our members and their families.