

From the G.C. President

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1. Mike Stevenson: After a heroic struggle with brain cancer, Elder Michael Stevenson went to his rest Sabbath evening, February 7. Born (August 22, 1939) and raised in South Africa, he studied at Helderberg College where he met and married Jennie Webster. After pastoral, evangelistic, and youth ministries service in South Africa, Mike and Jennie served in pastoral ministry in Texas. In 1970, at the age of 29, Mike was called to the GC as campus ministries director where he served until 1975 when he accepted an appointment as youth and temperance director for the Northern European Division, a responsibility he carried until 1980. From that date until his untimely death, he served world youth first as world Pathfinder director, then director of Adventist Youth Services, and finally as senior youth director. Millions of young people blessed by his ministry will remember his favorite phrase, "Don't be afraid; be of good cheer."

A memorial service will be conducted at the General Conference auditorium Sabbath, February 13, at 3:30 pm. Mike and his family's wish is that flowers not be sent, but rather those who wish to show their love for him do so by contributing to a Mike Stevenson Fund to help young people who want to serve the Church as volunteers in any part of the world.

Mike is survived by his wife Jennie, who is continuing to serve the Church in the department of Human Resources at the General Conference, and four sons: Michael John, youth pastor for the Spencerville, Maryland Church; Miles, a physical therapist; James, a student at Andrews University; and Jason, who lives in Langley Park, Maryland.

2. Global Mission Featured: Sabbath Jan. 30 LLU, Maranatha, ASI, ARMS, Garwin McNeilus, John Carter, A C McClure, Mike Ryan, and I joined leaders and about 200 members of the North Pacific Union at Portland, Oregon's Adventist Medical Center to focus for a full day on the accomplishments and opportunities of Global Mission and Operation BearHug (NPU's partnership with the Russian Union).

All Pacific Union members are invited to attend the next Global Mission/Providential

Opportunity Sabbath at the Anaheim Convention Center, Sabbath, April 24. For additional information call the Pacific Union office.

3. To Russia from who? An 8-page, glossy "special report" titled "To Russia with Love" arrived in many Adventist homes a few days ago from "Mission World" in Jemison, Alabama. Sponsored by Charles Wheeling, who was disfellowshipped by his local congregation several years ago, this report gives the appearance of loyal church affiliation. This is not true. We encourage those receiving this appeal to investigate this organization, its financial statement, and accountability process.

4. GC Session Theme: "United in Christ" is the new theme recently selected for the 1995 General Conference Session.

5. NAD College presidents: On February 1 in a positive step with far-reaching consequences, NAD College presidents not only affirmed their commitment to strengthen the spiritual, mission-driven objectives for each institution, but resolved to develop methodologies to assess the contribution each element of campus life makes to achieving these objectives.

6. Adventist Evangelistic Association (AEA) report: After 1 year of life, the *Adventist Media Center*-based AEA has 3 evangelistic teams in place. Just recently, 50 pastors and 5 lay leaders attended a school of evangelism on the AMC campus followed by an evangelism council.

7. Angola war hits campus: Elder Edwin Ludescher, Euro-Africa Division president, just reported that the "Voice of Hope" building on the campus of the Angolan Union was destroyed and our Central church on the same campus was bombed. The "Journal de Angola" reported that 20 civilians, who had taken refuge in the church, were killed.

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