

From the G.C. President

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1. **“False Messiahs”** is a special *It Is Written* program dealing with the identifying marks of cults. This special program, broadcast last weekend, will be included with the next OnLine Edition, which will also feature a segment discussing organizations under siege. The OnLine segment will include interviews with sociologists who have studied cults. It will also include a presentation by A C McClure on how to relate to individuals who are concerned about the impact the Waco situation has had and may continue to have on the Church.

A GC/NAD team is developing a comprehensive media plan, to educate the public about who Seventh-day Adventists really are, and to help create a higher level of awareness. While funding for the preliminary phase of this plan is in place, implementation of the broader program will be discussed at the NAD year-end meetings. A fact sheet to assist NAD pastors in responding to local media inquiries is being developed and will be distributed later this week.

It is our objective to counteract statements linking the Branch Davidians and the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Any attempt, however well intentioned, to appear to profit evangelistically, or otherwise exploit this tragedy, will only increase this linkage. Please resist any such temptations!

2. **War strikes AUCA:** Tribal warfare between the Hutu and Tutsi tribes surfaced again in northern Rwanda, near the Adventist University of Central Africa. The evening of February 13, soldiers came onto the campus and took three students. Immediately, university officers appealed to civilian and government agencies to protect them. Subsequently, Amnesty International reported that the three students, Alphonse Nkuzurwanda, Céléstin Palimehutu and Emmanuel Hakizimana, likely suffered extrajudicial execution. Elder J J Nortey, Division president, reported that the University decided to temporarily suspend classes.

3. **“1000 Missionary Movement (1000 MM):”** 60 young people (30 Koreans and 30 Filipinos) are

training at the new “1000 MM” campus in the Philippines. In four weeks the young people themselves (without hiring any outside labor) prepared the 10-acre parcel of undeveloped jungle land, purchased December 23, 1992, cutting down trees and putting up 4 army tents (3 for barracks and 1 for a classroom). Now they plan to build 5 green houses to serve the campus. After two months of training these 60 young people will go in pairs to do missionary work for one year. The “1000 MM” objective is to train 300 youth missionaries in 1994, 500 in 1995 and beginning in 1996 to train 1,000 every year until Jesus comes!

4. **Global Mission-South Pacific Division:** Bryan Ball, SPD president, reports many conferences have adopted Global Mission goals. The Trans-Australian Union has experienced unprecedented results. In 1992, several Conferences in that Union baptized more people than during any other year in their history. The Victorian Conference reports an all time high of 412 baptized in 1992.

5. **Irian Jaya, Indonesia:** In the South Pacific Division, on the eastern half of the island of New Guinea, one out of every eighteen people is an Adventist (attending over 800 churches), one of the highest ratios in the world.

Irian Jaya, which is the western, Indonesian half of the island, in the Far-Eastern Division, only one out of every 4,000 is an Adventist meeting in a few, scattered churches.

In the next few months, 60 volunteer New-Work Taskforce workers will be sent to thirty unentered targeted areas. Elder Alex Rantung, union president, expects that by January, 1994, there will be 30 new congregations. Like Papua New Guinea, Irian Jaya is extremely rough terrain with rugged jungles and peaks reaching to over 17,000 feet. Seven new air-strips will be cut from the jungle and 3 old airstrips reopened. These air-strips will serve as a hubs around which we plan to establish a presence in many villages. It is hoped that by 1995 more than 50 new churches will dot this vast territory.