

1. The Pacific Press Publishing Association reported to its Board of Trustees on March 13 in Nampa, Idaho, that not only had it operated during 1992 at a profit (as it has for several years) but also that it is now completely out of debt! The PPPA has not increased prices on many of its product lines for several years and plans few price increases during 1993. In spite of reducing staff by 20% during the last three years, productivity has increased.

2. Waco, Texas update: The SDA churches in Waco have joined other religious leaders in the Waco community to ask the public for support in a campaign to raise funds for the families of the federal agents who were killed in the line of duty at the Branch Davidian compound. We encourage pastors in the North American Division to give information on this fund to their congregations for, in addition to our prayers for the families who have lost loved ones, this is another way we can tangibly demonstrate our compassion. Send contributions to: The Waco Interfaith Memorial Fund for Federal Agents' Families, First Waco National Bank, P.O. Box 7813, Waco, Texas 76714-7813.

A "thank-you" to those in North America who continue to direct media inquiries to Gary Patterson at the North American Division office and for faxing copies of stories appearing in local newspapers. We must continue to use one, common voice from the Church as a response to this situation to distance our name from this cult which has caused so much tragedy.

We do understand it is difficult to refer calls to Silver Spring, MD if a local reporter has specific questions about a local congregation's reaction to these events. A previous communication from me included "media messages." We did not send these to encourage you to initiate contact with the local media. However, if a reporter is pressuring you to comment on a local level, please use these responses. Remember, in this environment it is not appropriate to offer personal opinions or use the general media for theological discussions.

A long-term communication plan is being

developed to share information with the public about our Church, featuring ADRA, our health emphasis, and our health-care institutions. We will implement the initial phase shortly after the immediate crisis in Waco is resolved.

3. South American Division (SAD) trends: Elder Joao Wolff, SAD president, recently reported church growth trends. 1989 baptisms in his Division reached 94,884; 1990 recorded 98,693; in 1991, 109,827; and in 1992, 114,044.

4. Breakthrough in Cambodia: One year ago, our Church had no presence in Cambodia. It was an unentered country. Today we have at least six groups of believers. How did this happen? The Thailand Mission and (Adventist Frontier Missions) sent evangelists to work among the Cambodian refugees in the refugee camps of Thailand. During the past several years over 3000 were converted. Many of these families were trained to be lay soul-winners on their return to Cambodia. As peace has come to many parts of Cambodia, these trained workers have returned to their homes and villages. As of this writing, reports have come to the Thailand Mission about four other groups, but Mission personnel have not had time to confirm their existence.

Word reached the Mission that 31 miles (52 km) north of Siem Reap a group of believers was meeting. When a pastor arrived at the village, he found one of the trained refugees—and 70 people to whom he had witnessed, worshipping on the Sabbath. The trained lay person had already organized a Pathfinder Club! The members were busy clearing a site on which they will build a simple church and parsonage. It is amazing that, though the group worships every Sabbath, they have a fully functioning Pathfinder Club and are well on their way to building a church...Not one person had as yet been baptized. They were waiting for a pastor to come, examine the candidates, and perform the baptism.