

1. GC operates US\$2.6 million below cap: The General Conference is committed to keeping the cost of headquarters operations within the operating cap approved by the 1990 Annual Council (4.85% of the tithe remitted to the GC). We operated under this cap during '91. During '92, due to careful management, operations were US\$2.6 million under this cap, according to the '92 audited statement. These savings contributed to the GC's ability to set aside US\$1.3 million for Global Mission projects in '93.

2. Global Mission's new impact: In an historic meeting of the Global Mission Committee, \$3.2 million was voted for distribution among the world divisions. \$1.9 million to be immediately released. As mentioned above US\$1.3 million was provided from 1992 operating gains. Almost US\$2 million more came from donations of dedicated laymen. All the funds, those contributed by direct donations and appropriated by the General Conference, will be used to establish congregations in 1,136 previously unentered areas of the world. In many of these areas there are population groups of over 1 million in which there has never been one Seventh-day Adventist.

As a result of funds previously released, there are hundreds of new groups of believers that now dot the far reaches of the globe. Thousands of members are becoming involved. People are beginning to pray earnestly for the further outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Thousands have committed time, serving as volunteers to take Jesus to the world. Thousands have given money, sacrificially, that workers can be sent, that radio can herald the message, and that literature can be distributed.

One elderly lady in India said, with tears in her eyes, while still standing in the baptismal waters, "Please thank those who sent the hope of this message to my house, I'll see them in heaven."

To receive funding from the General Conference, divisions must submit action plans they have developed themselves, in addition to those received from subsidiary organizations. Each plan must be

designed to establish a congregation in an unentered area. The division (and participating unions and conferences) must also have set aside a percentage of their net retained funds for Global Mission.

We thank God for the vision and sacrifice of laymen who committed their resources to this major step forward in proclaiming the gospel to the unreached of the world.

3. AWR advances: New programs in Arabic, Urdu, Bangla, Sindhi, Pushtu, and Dari during 1993, will add more than 500 million listeners to AWR's audience potential in Islamic countries. Studios in Cyprus, Pakistan, India, and Bangladesh will provide programming. Other new languages for '93 include Sinhalese and Portuguese. AWR will then be broadcasting in 50 of the 82 languages listed with more than 10 million speakers, its approved Global Mission objective. The island nation of Sao Tome has offered over 200 acres of land as a possible site for AWR-Africa, a further step in achieving the global coverage for the Church's international broadcaster.

4. Review & Herald's turnaround: The Review and Herald Publishing Association made a remarkable turnaround during '92 with income exceeding \$700,000. Sales reached US\$21 million, a record high, which included a \$465,000 gain in trade book sales (sold through Adventist Book Centers) as well as a gain in subscription book sales (by literature evangelists), after several years of decline.

In August, '91 the R&H had a US\$3.8 million line of credit. Robert Kinney, Jr., president, reports that by the end of '92 not only had that debt been paid but cash flow had increased to a US\$2.8 million positive balance. This reversal is due to significant operating reductions during '91 and '92, sacrifice, team effort, and God's blessing.

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