

1. **C D Brooks of *BREATH OF LIFE*** recently completed a crusade in the Bahamas. An angry devil was evident on opening day when the huge, white tent, erected for the meetings, was torn to shreds before the first meeting! The crusade was simply moved to the academy auditorium. The 278 who were baptized have been organized into a new church appropriately named the “**Breath of Life** Seventh-day Adventist Church.”

2. **BULGARIAN UPDATE:** On April 2 *Amazing Facts* evangelist Robert Wagley began two simultaneous evangelistic crusades in the small, southeastern Bulgarian city of Kjustendil—one in the town center and another among the large gypsy population. His tires were slashed five times and all advertising torn down, evidence of the religious opposition to the meetings in the town's center. The mayor attempted to cancel the contract for the auditorium over Easter and this was communicated to the GC. Elder Hegsted contacted a representative of the Bulgarian embassy in Washington. The officer affirmed the government's support for religious freedom and agreed to assist. Meanwhile, Elder Wagley asked the public in attendance what they should do; they responded indicating their desire that the meetings continue, which they did.

In the past 2 years our church has purchased or built more than 40 churches in Bulgaria and has been heavily involved in evangelism. This activity has not escaped the attention of the Bulgarian Orthodox church and resistance is growing. Bulgaria needs the prayers of the Church family.

There is a law being proposed in Parliament which would recognize only four religions: Orthodox, Islam, Judaism and Catholicism. All others would lose their rights to own property.

Previously, the Bulgarian Minister for Religious Affairs, Spassov, strongly supported religious freedom. It is widely believed that because of his position on religious freedom he was removed as Minister. We know that God is in control of the affairs of this world and that the work will be finished in Bulgaria. Please pray for our members and the people of Bulgaria. God answers prayers.

3. **CRISIS AT THE GATE** is the title of the OnLine Edition volume about to go in the mail. The following are summaries of the 10-minute

segments included in this edition:

! **Crisis At The Gate.** Seventh-day Adventists react to being called a cult. Listen to members share their feelings on how they are viewed by their peers and colleagues who are not Adventists, and how the Church can improve its image.

! **Update.** News from the world Church, affecting your local congregation. Includes a view from the Himalayas in Nepal, how the Church ministers through Scheer Memorial Hospital and ADRA, and the official inauguration of the first conference in Mizoram, India. Opinion Page features Alfred C. McClure talking about the cult issue. And, a Michigan church ministers through puppets.

! **False Messiahs.** Host Mark Finley interviews Robert Folkenberg about what a cult is and how to tell a Christian church from a cult. Presented by *It Is Written*.

! **Adale.** An inspiring story of an Adventist doctor from Guatemala who provides health services for the people in the Adale region of Somalia. Presented by ADRA.

! **Elise's Story.** A young adult shares her testimony of how she recovered from being an alcoholic. This segment is presented by *Listen Magazine*, promoting a healthy lifestyle to teenage kids everywhere.

! **Rosemania Three.** The Church in its most positive light. Three years in a row, Seventh-day Adventists have participated in the Festival of Roses in Pasadena, California. Hear the exciting stories of how these young people spread the name, “Seventh-day Adventists.”

" NOTE: OnLine Edition is a quarterly, video report produced in English by the *Adventist Review*. It may be requested from the Communication department of each division or, in North America, from the General Conference Office of Media Services.

4. **A GLANCE AT MAY** reveals another busy month with the major block of time dedicated to visiting seven countries in the Africa-Indian Ocean Division (3 all-night flights), followed by 3 days videotaping the '93 Week of Prayer sermons in English (so they can be dubbed into several languages), and about 4 days in the office! I will do my best to send the weekly editions of **From the G C President** from Africa but beg your patience should communication difficulties cause unavoidable

delays.

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