

From the G.C. President

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1. DURING THE THIRD ADVENTIST HEALTH SYSTEM (AHS) consultation on Mission, held in Naples, Florida, last Thursday and Friday, those present selected several major areas of concern. Some of the topics, assigned to small groups to develop proposed position statements, were: a) To define guidelines for establishing relationships with other organizations, b) To identify methods by which SDA hospitals can intentionally project even more clearly a Christian atmosphere, c) To consider ways to encourage greater inquiry about our Church and respond more effectively to these queries, and d) To develop financial formulas to assure funds are available for mission impact. A more complete report of this conference and the issues under consideration will appear in the *Adventist Review*.

2. LIGHTBEARERS MINISTRY, a supporting ministry, is printing one million leaflets to be distributed throughout Greece. At least six pamphlets, designed to reach the Orthodox mind, are being produced and will include material from *Steps to Christ*. All will offer Bible correspondence courses.

3. LANDMARKS: ! Southern Asia reported passing the 200,000 membership mark and ! the **Africa Indian-Ocean Division** will celebrate their one millionth member with a mass baptism in Rwanda, January 22, 1994.

4. COMPENSATION TO HUNGARIAN CHURCH: The State of Hungary agreed to pay US\$660,000 in compensation for two major properties taken from the Seventh-day Adventist Church after the Second World War. These funds will be used to finish a new church in the southern city of Debrecen and build two new churches in Szeged and Szolnok. Additionally, the Hungarian prime minister's office affirmed that the SDA Church has the right to reclaim its former publishing house facilities, for which negotiations will begin in the near future.

5. EASTERN AFRICA: L D Raelly, EAD president,

reported 41,733 baptisms the third quarter. Here are a few highlights. ! **Malawi:** Among the 1,200 baptized during Centenary Celebrations were 19 who were won to Christ by a blind person; ! **Ethiopia:** 31 unentered territories now have congregations established; ! **Tanzania:** congregations have been formed in 52 of the 63 areas targeted for entry; ! **Zimbabwe:** As of September 30, 1,400 youth-crusades had been held in the Zambesi Union yielding 8,145 baptisms.

6. CAMBODIAN UPDATE: The Cambodian government has granted the Seventh-day Adventist Church full legal recognition and several properties have already been registered to the new corporation.

7. THE CENTRAL STATES CONFERENCE evangelistic thrust led to a new church of 100 new members in the Greater Kansas City area. Here's how it happened: Under the umbrella of Ebony Evangelism, ten evangelistic crusades were planned for Central States Conference. Three of these crusades were conducted by Evangelists William C Scales, Jr.; T.E. Lewis, and Clarence Hodges. Six weeks prior to the crusades, workers from around the nation blanketed the Greater Kansas City area with Real Truth Bible courses. Despite record-breaking temperatures and dangerous neighborhoods, the workers were persistent in their efforts to introduce men and women to Jesus. Ten thousand Bible lessons were distributed. An extensive marketing campaign included the distribution of thousands of handbills, posting signs on billboards, and television advertising. God blessed the efforts, and 306 people have been baptized thus far.

8. ADRA TO ASSIST PALESTINIAN ARABS: Projects in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank have been evaluated by ADRA in the wake of the recent peace agreement between Israel and the PLO. An application has been submitted for US\$1 million to provide much-needed hospital equipment for the West Bank and a community health-education program in Gaza City.

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