

1. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT: The Board of Trustees of Andrews University has invited Niels-Erik A. Andreasen, currently president of Walla Walla College, to serve as its president. Born in Denmark, Dr. Andreasen moved in 1963 to the United States, where in 1965 he married medical social worker and instructor, Demetra Lougani of Athens, Greece. Prior to his term as Walla Walla president, he taught religion at Pacific Union College and served as dean of the School of Religion at Loma Linda University. His academic background includes a B.A. in religion from Newbold College, an M.A. and B.D. from Andrews University and a Ph.D. in religious studies from Vanderbilt University.

2. CYCLONE "GERALDA" HIT MADAGASCAR (400 km/250 miles east of Mozambique) with winds gusting up to (world record speeds of) 350 kmph/220 mph, taking the lives of more than 70 and leaving over 500,000 homeless. *Geralda* took the roofs from virtually all the houses and destroyed over 90% of the island's main costal port city of Toamasina. Though information is still incomplete, Indian Ocean Union President, V S De Paula, reported one church destroyed as well as the homes of many members. An interesting fact is that the Guinness Book of Records says the previous highest recorded low-altitude wind speed is 333 kmph/207 mph measured in Thule, Greenland, in March, 1972.

3. AUDIENCE RESEARCH IN RUSSIA among short-wave listeners found that the Adventist broadcast *The Voice of Hope* is the country's most popular religious program. The recent independent survey showed that nearly half a million people named *The Voice of Hope* as the religious program they listen to most on short-wave.

4. EASTERN AFRICA UPDATE: L D Raelly, EAD president, just sent me this exciting information. ! **Malawi** - Golden Lapani, a layman who specializes in working among the Muslim population, baptized 128 Muslims during 1993. He organizes a company of believers wherever he conducts a campaign. The

South-East Africa Union plans to establish a congregation in all of their unentered territories by 1995. ! **Zambia** Union has baptized 93,676 of their 102,500 Global Mission baptismal goal for the entire quinquennium, as well as established 57 congregations in unentered areas. Global Mission funding of US\$3,000 assisted in baptizing 286 and establishing congregations in five previously unentered areas. ! **Uganda** reports establishing congregations in 10 unentered areas; in one, the whole village accepted the gospel. ! **Botswana** reports that with the help of Global Mission funding they have entered 30 of the 46 cities targeted and baptized 1,214 precious souls. We praise God for what He is doing in Eastern Africa.

5. EVANGELISM IN ROME: A few months ago 20,000 leaflets, inviting people to attend evangelistic meetings, were distributed to the Spanish-speaking community in Rome, Italy. Health education, humanitarian aid, radio programs, and Bible distribution were part of the overall program. Attilio Alyaga, a lay volunteer from Peru, led out in the Bible study classes. Two have been baptized already, including a Catholic priest, and 45 Italians are still attending the Bible studies.

6. ON A PERSONAL NOTE, this past week began with Loma Linda University and Loma Linda Medical Center Board meetings, included a few hours with most of the North American Division conference presidents, and concluded with a Global Mission emphasis weekend in Sacramento, California, last Sabbath. About 7,000 gathered in Sacramento's Arco Arena for a full day of reports and emphasis on the world mission of this Church. Those attending gave or committed US\$215,000 for Global Mission initiatives. Then, after an all-night flight, I arrived at Andrews University for a Sunday meeting of the Board of Directors for the election of the new university president and returned home Monday, concluding a three-week trip.