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1. RALPH S WATTS, SR, general vice president of the General Conference when he retired in 1970, died in Loma Linda, May 12, at 88 years of age. His 45 years of denominational service included many years in Korea, Singapore, North America, and Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) until moving to the General Conference, where he served until his retirement. He is survived by his wife (Mildred), daughter (Barbara Nelson), and son (Ralph, Jr--ADRA president). A memorial service will be held May 23 at 7 p.m. in the Loma Linda University Church.

2. VISIT TO 3ABN: Last Sunday I visited the *Three Angels Broadcasting Network* facilities in West Frankfort, Illinois, and attended a meeting of their governing board. The commitment of the board to our message and mission was reassuring and the evidence of 3ABN's soul-winning was inspiring. Further, the board's action, insuring that one third (4) of the members would be denominational employees and selected in counsel with GC/NAD leadership, will contribute to a continuing spirit of cooperation with this very supporting ministry.

3. WOMEN IN ACTION: ! Indonesia: The Office of Women's Ministries in the General Conference, West Indonesia Union Mission and East Java Mission coordinated their efforts, with the support of Global Mission, to establish a congregation in the unentered, 98 percent Muslim, city of Nagwi. Without a single member in the city, the ladies bought property from a Buddhist and built a church building. Now, after 18 months of evangelistic work, including evangelistic meeting conducted by the women, 60 were baptized as the first-fruits of this endeavor. Follow-up Revelation, Family Life, and Witnessing seminars are scheduled.

! Ukraine: That women continue to impact church growth was evident in Konstantinovka, Ukraine, where Helen Leonova conducted a 36-night evangelistic series in this unentered Donetsk region. Eighty-six were baptized and the 96th church was organized in the Eastern Ukrainian Conference.

4. RADIO REACHES MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA: AWR's Arabic shortwave broadcast from Slovakia has been very successful. The programs (transmitted on 11610 KHz) are heard clearly in many countries of the Middle East and

North Africa as evidenced by the dramatic increase of letters from listeners. Reception reports have come from as far as Sweden, Finland, and Russia. The broadcast schedule for the Middle East includes four daily hours from Slovakia, one daily hour from Forli, Italy, three hours daily from Samara, Russia, and two hours each weekend from Guam.

! New Medium Wave (AM) broadcast: AWR-Europe and the Euro-Africa Division have agreed on a proposal to broadcast to Morocco from a medium wave station located in Europe. The project, to be financed jointly by AWR and the Division, is still being negotiated with the government. These French and Arabic programs will complement the shortwave programs broadcast by AWR from Russia and Slovakia.

5. PAKISTAN INITIATIVE: Under stringent conditions imposed by local Islamic authorities, Borge Schantz, director of the Global Mission Islamic Center, led out in an evangelistic initiative in which the meeting place, music, health programs, and decision-making process were adapted to the local culture. As a result, three churches were established in previously unentered areas and 91 precious souls were baptized.

6. REPORT FROM ANGOLA: Leo Ranzolin (GC VP) and Edwin Ludescher (EAD President) recently visited war-torn Angola. Elder Ludescher was the first division leader to visit the Union office in Huambo since the 55-day battle began in early 1993. During this battle 12,000 to 15,000 were killed, including five church members and one seminary teacher (Pedro Francisco).

We have about 20,000 church members in the Huambo area. The Union and Mission offices were heavily damaged and damaged church property is estimated at US\$1 million. In spite of these problems, 2,260 were baptized last year in the Huambo area alone.

UNITA leaders urged Elder Ludescher to rebuild our mission hospital in Bongo as soon as possible. This will be difficult because Bongo cannot be accessed by road.

During a meeting with believers in Huambo, Elder Ludescher told them of the prayers on their behalf by their brothers and sisters in other parts of the world. Many cried and the whole congregation stood and applauded.

Nobody knows how long the current situation in Angola

will continue although UNITA leader Savimbi has reportedly said UNITA could carry on the war for ten more years!

Please, ask our believers to intercede with God on behalf of our brothers and sisters in Angola as well as the suffering population. They desperately need our prayers, support and sympathy.