

From the G.C. President

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1. GC ACTS ON KINSHIP INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS:

The General Conference Administrative Committee recently voted to ask General Conference staffers to decline invitations to speak at meetings sponsored by "Kinship International." This is a homosexual support organization that appears to condone a homosexual lifestyle in spite of unmistakable, divine injunctions proscribing such behavior and which undergird the clear position (stated in the Church Manual) of the world-wide Seventh-day Adventist community of believers.

2. WALLA WALLA SELECTS PRESIDENT: The Walla Walla College Board of Trustees elected William G. Nelson, Ed.D. to serve as College President. Dr. Nelson, who has 16 years of academic administration experience, is currently Academic vice president and graduate dean at Southwestern Adventist College in Keene, Texas. His knowledge of current trends and future challenges in higher education impressed the Board as did his obvious commitment to the message and mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

3. ORDERING COMPUSERVE: As of June 10, church leaders and members may order a CompuServe *SDAs On-line* Membership Packet (in either DOS, Windows, or Macintosh versions) at a cost of US\$15.00 each. Orders will be processed by the Adventist Information Ministry at Andrews University. The following toll-free number is available from within the United States, (800) 260-7171. From outside the USA please call (616) 471-6083. In order to insure correct shipping instructions telephone orders are preferred, however they will be accepted if received by fax, with full information, at the following fax number (616) 471-6072. The order must include the credit card type (VISA, Master Card or Discover), expiration date, shipping instructions and signature. Please **DO NOT** call before June 10 for the telephones will not be staffed until that date.

Church organizations planning to order 10 or more membership packets to one address may arrange for bulk orders at US\$10 per packet, plus shipping. In order to facilitate communication, I know of two conferences that have voted to pay for CompuServe

subscriptions for all their pastors who have computers with modems. For more information call the GC Communication office at (301) 680-6300.

4. THE 1000 MISSIONARY MOVEMENT (1000 MM), whose objective is to place 1000 volunteer missionaries in unentered areas, recently expanded into Myanmar (Burma) and established a new training center. Thirty volunteer missionaries started their training and will soon be placed in unentered areas in Myanmar. On another frontier, April 1, the *1000 MM* sent 5 Koreans and 1 Filipino to Russia to work among the Korean people living inside Russia along the North Korean border.

5. ESD PUBLIC SCHOOL EVANGELISM: Public school classrooms are the crusade sites for the most recent evangelistic initiative in the Euro-Asia Division. Class periods, in most of the 160,000 public schools, formerly used to teach communist propaganda, are now available for religious instruction. Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Scarbrough saw (and laid plans to utilize) this opportunity during a 1992 visit to the Euro-Asia Division. Working closely with the Euro-Asia Division and Ukrainian Union officers, the Scarbroughs, and many other members in the Gentry and Bentonville Arkansas area, provided the funds to employ Hellen and Yuri Yakovenko as well as the first group of classroom evangelists (at a average cost in salary and materials of US\$100 per month). Based in Kiev, Ukraine, Hellen and Yuri are already leading 120 teachers, working in 113 schools and teaching the gospel to 3,970 students. Pray that God will provide rich fruit for this new endeavor.

6. ON A PERSONAL NOTE: During the first three weeks of June I will be visiting our believers, and reporting to you from Scotland, Ireland, France, Zimbabwe, Gabon and the Camerouns.