

From the G.C. President

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1. GOMA, ZAIRE--ADRA INSTALLS FIELD HOSPITAL:

On August 1, to help provide medical care to more than two million refugees, ADRA opened a field hospital in Goma, Zaire. The hospital operates in 13 large tents brought from the agency's Somalia office, and is served by a multinational team of over 100 field workers, including physicians, nurses and medical technicians. "Prolific volcanic rock formations made installing the medical camp extremely difficult and alternative methods had to be used to set up the tents," reported Fred Kumah, ADRA's Rwanda relief operations coordinator.

Another 14-member medical team from the humanitarian agency, Northwest Medical Team, departed from Portland, Oregon, August 4 and is scheduled to remain on site for four weeks. Additionally, they are bringing 100 tons of medical supplies to use in the field hospital.

2. THE EURO-ASIA DIVISION headquarters in Moscow

is housed in a renovated building formerly used as a kindergarten. It appears that the Russian government has cancelled certain types of contracts, including those involving kindergarten buildings, and it may be necessary to vacate the property in 30 days! During an August 11 interview scheduled with Moscow's Mayor Lushkov a delegation from the division will urgently request an extension of their current lease agreement as well as explain their needs for houses of worship. This will be the first such meeting with the Moscow mayor. Please remember this situation in prayer.

3. MARANATHA CELEBRATES 25TH:

It was a moving experience to spend last weekend with several hundred Maranatha volunteers who celebrated their 25th anniversary with a convention at Monterey Bay Academy (California). Believe me, there is reason to celebrate! Since Maranatha Volunteers International was organized 25 years ago, 27,549 volunteers have worked 1,716,719 hours and have built 1,186 buildings worth US\$58,213,314 in 56 countries! What does the future hold? Here are just a few projects that are underway or planned for the immediate future ! **Mexico:** The largest single project in their history is underway building 100 new churches, completing another 100 churches (of the 600 that have not been finished), and building six schools. ! **Haiti:** As soon as the political situation is stable in Haiti, Maranatha plans to build more than 100

churches. ! **Cuba:** An advance team recently traveled to Cuba and brought back a report. Maranatha and church leadership are now assessing options for future initiatives. How I wish it were possible to encapsulate the mission spirit that Maranatha represents. Truly this is a supporting ministry. We thank God for those thousands of dedicated volunteers who have discovered the joy of service.

4. AWR-ASIA; 3RD TRANSMITTER ON THE AIR:

Gordon Retzer (AWR Guam manager) reported the August 1 start-up of the station's third short-wave transmitter. It will provide slots for several new languages including Vietnamese, Sinhalese, Punjabi, Kannada, Nepalese and Tibetan and allow for more prime-time broadcasting to China. Testing will continue for several weeks with the first regular broadcasts and commissioning early next year. Funding for the transmitter came from a bequest.

5. BALTICS EVANGELISTIC UPDATE:

Nineteen of the first block of 30 evangelism efforts, funded by a Global Mission donor, have been completed in the Baltic Union. With 11 evangelism efforts to go, 253 people have already been baptized. And another Global Mission donor funded another 30 evangelistic series in the same Union! God's blessing is evident as the Holy Spirit blesses donors and evangelists to reach the millions who are spiritually hungry.

6. FRONTLINE BOOK SERIES:

Global Mission is developing a series of books, called the "Frontline" series, to feature stories of miracles revealing God's great power in establishing the Church in unentered areas. The first book will be entitled *Frontline India* by Fern Babcock. Plans are already in motion for the second book which will be *Frontline Cambodia*.

7. HINDU RESEARCH CENTER:

Global Mission's Hindu Research Center in India has been experimenting with evangelistic models to discover the best ways to bring the gospel to the world's 850 million Hindus. As a result of one program in Kovaloor, North Kerala, India, (where the programs--but not the message--were contextualized to compliment the culture and heritage of the Indian people) 48 of the 50 who were baptized were former Hindus and many more are preparing for baptism.