

# From the G.C. President

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**1. MOSCOW UPDATE:** The Holy Spirit has been at work in Moscow. Last month, I reported that the Euro-Asia Division was in danger of being ejected from its leased office complex in Moscow. T.N.C. Wilson, Euro-Asia Division president, recently told me of his visit to officers of the city's Northwest Prefecture, where our office is located. The Holy Spirit had prepared the heart of the prefecture director. He was open to our needs and assured our church leaders that we would not be bothered. Pastor Wilson concluded, "The Lord...takes us to the brink and shows us that we must rely totally upon Him and He will care for us. So, for the time being we are protected and cared for"

We do solicit the prayers of our believers on another matter. We have received word that the government itself, not the Duma, is preparing a religious law similar to that which Mr. Yeltsin refused to sign one year ago. It appears that the Russian Orthodox Church has put on very strong pressure, and that if enacted, the law would ban or curb foreign evangelists. Division leaders have asked to participate in a review of the draft legislation, and will argue for religious freedom for the work of evangelists in Russia.

**2. BRASILIA, BRAZIL:** The Jardim Primavera community, in Brasilia, Brazil, had no Seventh-day Adventist presence until the Central and Bairro churches adopted it as a Global Mission target. A few families moved to the district and began to work. God blessed, and soon 28 people were baptized. Today, 50 are preparing for baptism, a chapel is under construction, and plans are under way to establish a fourth church.

**3. TAIWAN** is the fifth most expensive place in the world to live. It is also a high priority Global Mission target, for there is only one Adventist for every 3,205 people. In fact, we had no Adventists in Chia-yi, one of the largest cities in southern Taiwan. Chia-yi, the city with the most temples for idol worship in Taiwan, and in which there are no Christians, became the focus of Global Mission planning.

Their outreach activities began by providing public health examinations. Mrs. Amy Chang, an elementary school teacher participated in the

examination and soon developed a relationship with Global Mission workers. She started taking Bible studies, and soon fell in love with Jesus Christ. She and her husband had worshiped their ancestors every day for years. Her husband was furious at the change in his wife's beliefs, and refused to allow Christian workers in their home. However, Amy was determined to be baptized. At first, her husband refused to attend the baptism, but at the last minute decided to attend. Returning home from the baptism they found that the papers basic to ancestral worship, which were kept in the idol niche, kept falling on the floor. Her husband was so affected he immediately removed all idols from the house.

Now every Sabbath between 15 and 20 people worship in a new little church in Chia-yi. Please pray for this group as they work to establish God's church amid a stronghold of secularism and idol worship.

**4. AMURSK, SIBERIA,** was basically an unentered area, populated by millions of people, located just across from the Sea of Japan. Until a few months ago, there were only six Seventh-day Adventists. Early this year, Pastor Zuzoulin, a long-time pioneer missionary to Siberia, conducted an evangelistic campaign in Amursk when the temperature was 40 degrees Fahrenheit below zero every night of the campaign. Thus far, 50 have been baptized and 120 more are worshipping together each Sabbath. Especially noteworthy are three members of the Nanitsi native people group who were baptized, the first fruits among these beautiful people.

Our church members barely have enough money to survive. However, they prayed for a church. God answered with abundance. The government provided a building for a place to worship as well as a parsonage for the pastor. The Siberian Far-East Mission has assigned a lay pastor to provide leadership for this new group of believers.

**5. DEVOTIONAL GEM:** "Thank God it is gloriously and majestically true that the Holy Ghost can work in us the very nature of Jesus if we will obey him." (*My Utmost for His Highest*, O Chambers, April 8)

