

From the G.C. President

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O LOMA LINDA was the venue for last Sabbath's *Hands Across the World* (GC Session offering) rally. About 4,000 attended the morning program, conducted simultaneously at three sites, between which the various speakers shuttled under an intensely-controlled schedule.

O ADVENTIST MEDIA CENTER (AMC): In early April '95 a large business adjoining the AMC made such a significant cash offer to purchase the AMC facility that on April 3 the board voted to sell its property, subject to both parties completing due diligence. Though the final documents are not yet signed, and recognizing that plans for relocation must be made, last Friday the AMC board met and appointed a task force to study the Church's strategy related to the Media Center and its relocation sites.

O BILL MURRILL, past undertreasurer of the General Conference, suffered an accident in his church parking lot when he stepped out of his vehicle, thinking it was parked securely, and it backed over him, breaking several bones and pinning his leg under the front wheel. Please join with his family and friends in praying for his speedy recovery.

O ZAGREB, CROATIA: Two church members were injured during the May 2 & 3 attack on Croatian cities. Alojz Ivanusa was riding a tram in Zagreb when a cluster bomb exploded near him. Though he sustained injuries to both legs he is expected to recover. Drago Milovanovic, 45, was severely wounded in the back and died two days later in a Zagreb hospital, leaving a wife and two children.

Several other church members, mostly women and children, had to escape from the cities of Lipik and Nova Gradiska. At the moment, they have found refuge at the Church's Seminary in Marusevec, about 70 miles north of Zagreb, where ADRA personnel are caring for them. Ivan Djidara, ADRA Croatia director, reports that ADRA is providing assistance to the more than 6,000 refugees, elderly and children, who have sought refuge in Serbia.

O GLOBAL MISSION: ✓ *Sri Lanka*—Global Mission activity is increasing in the difficult areas of this Buddhist island nation. The Global Mission Pioneers in one district faced strong opposition as they worked to establish three new congregations since 1990.

Global Mission Pioneer, Mrs. Kusuma Garusinghe accepted the Lord's invitation to establish the Church in Tangalle. Her husband, a tailor joins her ministry as time permits. Each Sabbath 15 people attend Sabbath School and church. Recently five of the 15 people were baptized while the remaining 10 people are attending

baptismal classes.

✓ *Cambodia*—An elderly man, a former Buddhist monk, watched intently as lay Bible worker, Lim Sokha, cared for the sick in a village in the Pursat Province of Cambodia. Finally he approached Lim and asked for a Bible to read. Several weeks later, as Lim again visited the village, the former monk asked him a number of questions. Lim didn't know all the answers but did the best he could to respond. Apparently the Holy Spirit blessed his answers for the former monk was impressed enough to ask for Bible studies. After studying the Bible for some time, when asked if he wanted to join God's family by baptism, he did not hesitate to answer "yes."

Meanwhile, Lim Sokha was also studying with two other former monks, Net Teng and Cheam Norng. He also met them while he was attending to a sick villager.

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