

From the G.C. President

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O FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND PEOPLE ATTENDED the first six meetings of John Carter's evangelistic series in Kiev, Ukraine, last week. Twenty-five thousand were unable to gain entrance to the opening program on Biblical archeology. So great was the crowd attempting to gain entrance to the 8,500 seat Sport Palace that doors were broken and city officials dispatched the militia to help control the situation. John Carter was invited by the combined churches of Kiev, including the Orthodox Church, to hold these meetings. Pastor Norm Matiko, campaign manager, reports, "the interests of the Ukrainians is overwhelming. Next week, we plan to distribute 30,000 Bibles. Truly the harvest is ripe."

O SRI LANKA: Some time ago, Global Mission Pioneer worker S. V. George bought a piece of land and a house in the Deniyaya area, where he and Sri Lanka Union leaders felt that there should be a new congregation. Pastor George began a pre-school, and soon he had 50 children attending. As he worked with parents and other contacts, Bible studies followed. Some months ago Pastor W. D. Anthony and Pastor George felt the real blessing and presence of God as they baptized 25 people, the first fruits of this Global Mission initiative in Deniyaya. Today, more than 50 people meet each Sabbath in this formerly unentered area.

O PUBLISHING'S IMPACT ON GLOBAL MISSION: Most church programs impact Global Mission but the effect of distributing truth-filled literature is extraordinary. More than 23,000 literature evangelists daily present the hope found in Jesus Christ to a lost world. I think of how God used the literature ministry of Adele Kangabe Sefuku in Rwanda to lead 19 people to the Lord. Hundreds of Global Mission pioneers are scattered across India's vast unentered territories placing literature in the hands of millions. In every division of the world field these faithful workers are presenting Christ in thousands and thousands of unentered areas. In America the Kellogg Company advertises Cornflakes by saying, "taste them again for the first time." I appeal to every believer, to pray again-for the first time, "Lord, bless the colporteurs."

O ADRA/MONGOLIA BUILDS HOUSES OUT OF STRAW: ADRA/Mongolia recently completed the construction of two houses (sponsored by CIDA Canada) whose primary building material was straw bales, according to Scott Christiansen, director of ADRA/Mongolia. The project, meant to demonstrate the technology while training architects and work crews, was quite a success. Housing is one of the biggest problems in Mongolia, and most structures that are put up in poor neighborhoods are woefully inadequate in the face of -40° Celsius (-40° Fahrenheit) winter temperatures. Straw bales are proven

super-insulators, with R-values up to 60, and they have the further advantage of being locally grown and are very, very inexpensive.

In one of the two houses the bales were mounted on a collar of cement. In the other house the bales were laid directly on 10cm of gravel as a water barrier. Wooden pegs a meter long were driven through each course of bales to hold them together, and the resulting walls of bales bear the full weight of the roof without any additional support. The attic was stuffed with straw bales and the floor was laid down on a straw bale and cement composite, creating a super-insulated structure, not unlike a thermos bottle. The building was given a 5cm layer of cement stucco inside and out, making it virtually fire-pr

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