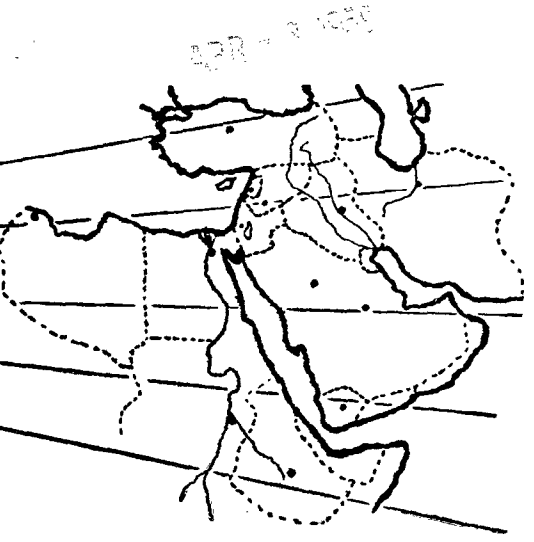
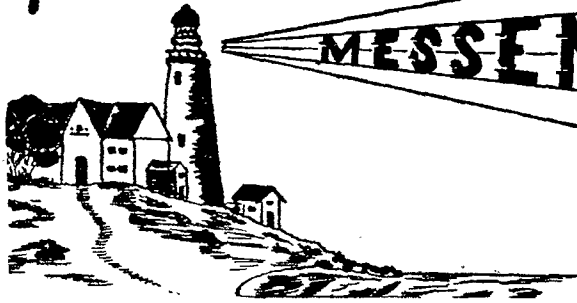


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For over forty years the task of evangelizing the nearly one hundred million people of the Middle East has been on the hearts and in the prayers of God's people, who have been laboring so faithfully here at the cross-roads of the world. During these years, although the progress has been slow, lights have been kindled in many centers. But because of restrictions in carrying on Christian work, the great masses of the population have not heard the message God has for the world in these closing days of the earth's history.

The question of how to enter the large areas where the living preacher is forbidden to go has weighed heavily on the hearts of those who have been called to finish the work in the shortest time possible. "Man's extremity is God's opportunity." Many years ago God impressed Elder H. M. S. Richards, then a young evangelist, with the idea of using the ether waves for the purpose of bringing the gospel to the millions who could not be reached otherwise. Mr. Richards, in speaking of his experience, says, "When I first began pondering the vast possibilities of preaching Christ to the world through the medium of the radio, it was a 'forward-in-faith' move. I was holding evangelistic services when the opportunity opened for me to broadcast the nightly meetings."

From this small beginning the work has grown until today hundreds of stations are included in the network of broadcasts, and millions of people can listen weekly to the message by simply dialing in on their radio receiving sets. The name of *The Voice of Prophecy* is well known in many lands. This program is considered by millions of listeners to be the best religious broadcast on the air. This radio work is not limited to one country, but the thrilling story of the advance of the Voice

Radio Evangelism

BY George J. Appel

of Prophecy comes from most of the countries in North and South America, Norway, Sweden, England, Germany, France, Italy, Africa, India, Ceylon, Australia, the islands of the Pacific, and many more places in other world areas.

Here in the Middle East some study had been given in former years to the possibility of the radio work, but no concrete plans were made until the Autumn Council in 1950. At that time the General Conference representatives present gave assurance that funds could be provided to build and equip a small radio studio to be located at the Middle East College. Here the talents of students would be available for the

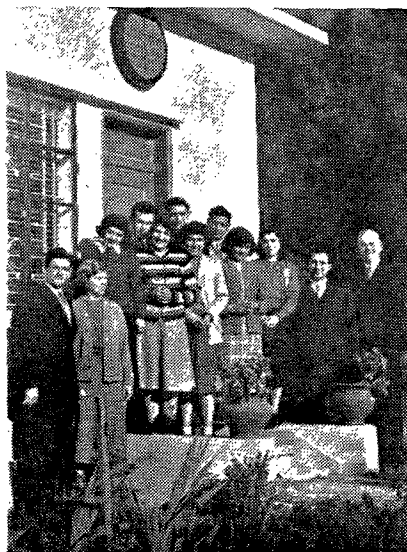
musical parts of the programs.

Since the building of the studio and the installation of the equipment, Brother Wadie Farag, Radio Secretary of the Middle East Division, and Brother and Sister Robert Hasso, technician and music director, together with a number of other workers and students, have labored faithfully in preparing broadcasts in the Arabic language. A very impressive service was held in the Middle East College chapel on May 14, 1953, when the records for the first thirteen of the fifteen-minute broadcasts were dedicated by prayer before they were sent by air freight to the Radio Ceylon station. The weekly broadcasts will start Friday evening, July 3, 1953, at 6:00 P.M., Beirut time.

We rejoice that through the radio another means has been made available to proclaim the message in the Middle East. As soon as the material can be prepared, it is the plan to be on the air in the Farsee and Turkish languages. Millions who have not been able to hear the message in this division will then be able to hear it over the air.

Without any doubt whatsoever, God has had a hand in the invention of the radio as one of His "thousand ways" whereby He can "Finish the work and cut it short in righteousness.

We believe that of the tens of thousands who will begin the Bible correspondence course because of hearing the radio program, many will go all the way in their new found faith, to join the ranks of God's people in all the earth. This calls for a rallying of all our forces—ministry and laity alike—in order to reap the full benefits of the



Production Staff
Voice of Prophecy
Beirut

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STEWARDSHIP FOR TODAY

by W. H. Branson

"As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." "None of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself." These are but two of the many texts of Scripture which teach that it is the duty of every Christian to share with others the blessings which have come to him. We have nothing except that which God has given us. We brought nothing into the world when we came. We take nothing with us when we leave except the character which we have formed. All that we may seem to possess has been placed under our control for a short time in order that we may learn how to be stewards for God. Even life itself is to be spent in service for others. It is not to be wasted in idleness or pleasure seeking or in gathering riches and power for selfish use. The moments of every Christian are carefully numbered and in the judgment an exact record will be revealed. You and I will be called upon to give an account of our stewardship. Day by day, it is our solemn responsibility to fulfil the purpose of heaven in our lives.

The apostle Paul understood what it meant to be a steward. "I have received of the Lord," he says, "that which also I delivered unto you." He did not consume the blessings of heaven upon himself. The gifts of God to him were to be shared with others. He could not rest until he had done this. He was a debtor to all men everywhere, Greeks, barbarians, bond, free, wise or unwise. "Woe is me," he declared, "if I preach not the gospel." Farther and still farther he extended the triumphs of the cross. With burning zeal, in spite of iron fetters and the darkness of the dungeon, he brought the good tidings even to Rome. He lived to see the gospel preached to "every creature which is under heaven." He was indeed a steward of the manifold grace of God.

The Lord Jesus Himself is our great example of stewardship. He dwelt in the fellowship of the Father and the holy angels in the sunlight of eternity, worshiped and adored by the heavenly host. But he could not continue to enjoy heaven while men and women were lost in sin. "Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." And God Himself so loved the world that He emptied heaven in the one great gift of the only begotten Son.

Everyone who names the name of Christ becomes a partaker in the work

of redemption. "My father worketh hitherto, and I work," said Jesus. The people inquired, "How shall we do the works of God?" "Believe on Him whom He hath sent," was the reply. And "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also."

It seems clear therefore that to be a Christian is to be a fellow worker with the Lord of glory, to join Him in the solemn, thrilling declaration, "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work." It is to deny self, to take up the cross as we follow Him in service, knowing that whosoever forsaketh not all that he hath cannot be His disciple.

The work of God is to give life to the world. The tidings of eternal redemption are to be carried to every creature. This is the work in which all heaven is interested, and the plan is that those who believe in God and in His Son Jesus Christ, are to have a part in its accomplishment. Every talent is to be put to use. Every treasure is to be laid on the altar of sacrifice. This is not just a romantic sentiment. It is not just an emotional exercise at the time of conversion. It is not simply a declaration to the world that we have decided to join the church, not merely the assent of the mind to the fact that the Bible is true. It is all of these, but stewardship is much more. It is the active, regular, unceasing dedication of a part of ourselves to the work of God. We are to bring to Him freely, joyfully, that which is entirely within our control, that which we could keep for ourselves if we wished that which we could easily use in our own affairs, but that which because we love the Lord Jesus and long to see His cause grow and have a part in the salvation of precious souls, we eagerly devote to the work of God.

There is no other way. The only plan of heaven for the progress of the gospel on earth is that those who have themselves tasted the good word of God and become partakers of the heavenly gift, shall do everything in their power to make the glad tidings known to others. This brings ever-increasing joy and spiritual growth to the Christian. He learns the meaning of the Scripture assurance, "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth."

In the remnant church to which God has called us in these last days, the phenomenal growth attending the preaching of the three-fold message has always been accompanied by the payment of faithful tithes and liberal

offerings on the part of the membership. Seventh-day Adventists believe in tithing as the plan of God, given to His people from the very earliest times. It is the divine arrangement for bringing the gospel to mankind by the ministry of the human agent. It is the solemn obligation of every member of the church to keep his account right with God and to render back to Him His own. The faithful tithe payer seldom becomes discouraged. He rarely apostatizes. The money which he pays into the church does not purchase for him the favor of God or assure him an inheritance among the sanctified. Not at all. But his faithfulness in acknowledging the claims of God make it possible for heaven to open the windows of heaven and pour him out a blessing.

In addition to the tithe, which belongs to God, and over which man has no lawful control, the faithful steward will bring his freewill offerings. These come from a thankful heart which cannot be satisfied to bring merely the required amount, the tithe, but which longs to express more abundantly his love and gratitude for the many blessings enjoyed. This is done not of necessity, but willingly, cheerfully, eagerly. It gives an opportunity to share more abundantly in the great work of salvation which is going forward in every land.

Seventh-day Adventists live in the time when the most thrilling events are taking place. The work of God is almost finished. The enemy is fighting with great fury, but the Lord of hosts is with His People and marvelous victories are being won as thousands take their stand for the truths of the Bible and join the remnant people. With these developments come the privilege and the duty of faithful stewardship. "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He may send forth laborers" is the divine admonition to those who lift up their eyes and look on the whitened harvest fields. No man can pray with earnestness and fervent sincerity for more laborers without feeling in his own heart the determination to do his utmost in helping the Lord to answer that prayer. "Here am I, send me," must be a part of his petition. Perhaps he can go in person to answer the call. Perhaps he can send a son or daughter to help gather in the ripened grain. However that may be, surely he can by his consistent, godly life and his faithful liberality have a definite part in hastening the day of the Saviour's appearing. With such stewardship God is well pleased. This

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Egypt Reports

ALEXANDRIA

Alexandria, with a population of nearly one million people, has always had a great place in history. Seat of Ptolemys, center of Greco-Roman culture, and of the early Fathers, it was at one time the site of one of the seven wonders of the world, "the Pharos", that great ancient lighthouse on the Mediterranean. The light which shone forth from this landmark has been extinguished for many centuries, but it is now being replaced by yet another light, that of the Third Angel's Message.

Just over five months ago, Brethren Peter E. M. Beach and William Gayed Khalil commenced an evangelistic campaign in the center of this great metropolis. Through God's guidance a centrally located apartment was found and rented. This was comprised of a church hall with adjoining rooms for youth activities and Dorcas work. The seating capacity of this newly formed church is 150. Right from the start of the campaign a very good interest was maintained, in spite of attempted interferences and opposition.

Under the present more favorable political conditions now existing, this interest has been steadily increasing. Thanks are also due to the very fine co-operation of some young University students, who have not only been attending themselves, but have been helping generally with ushering, advertising, etc. Besides their own medical studies, they eagerly study the M.V. courses and our Bible doctrines. Judging by the zeal they are showing, there is definite promise of their one day become church pillars in this part of God's vineyard.

Special mention must be made of one family who attended the meetings. Although living some miles outside the city, they attended faithfully each week at great sacrifice, in order that they might not miss any of the meetings. Twenty-eight years ago this good family learned of the truth under Elder George Keough's ministry in Upper Egypt. Shortly after, however, they had to move to the Delta, and somehow they lost contact with our mission. The seed sown then, nevertheless, bore fruit. For years they have been faithfully witnessing to God's holy Sabbath by shutting up shop and putting a notice outside their premises: "TODAY, God's Rest Day, our shop is closed." It was only last summer that one of our Cairo sisters on a trip to Alexandria met these good folks while she was visiting the neighborhood where they

lived. Was this accidental? Of course not. Surely we can see now that she was providentially led to their shop. After this our Alexandria workers contacted this family, and they together with other good, honest souls totalling eleven in number, were buried in baptism with their Lord and took their stand with God's remnant church in Alexandria on April 11.

Peter E. M. Beach

CAIRO

These few lines will give a brief word regarding the work of our mission effort here in Cairo. Our united prayers are being answered and some folk are already planning on joining us as a people. Two folk told me tonight they are coming to church next week, and thus far we have not preached the Sabbath truth. Tonight I presented "Law and Grace". The Spirit of God wonderfully touched hearts and the response was really good in both sessions. We have about one hundred who as yet have not missed a meeting. Of these folk many are showing a deep interest; some thirty attend our Bible class each Monday.

We are in touch with many well educated folk here. The past couple of weeks we have offered a resume of the address to those who would write in to us after seeing the newspaper advertisement. We have had hundreds of letters making request, and really it is encouraging to see that even men in the high places of the government have requested that we mail them some portion of the truth.

At our first session at 5:30 P.M. Sundays we have an average of about 130 in attendance, and at the 7:30 session, 450 to 500 attend. Wednesday and Friday evenings 300 would be the regular attendance to date. Then two nights per week we conduct group

meetings in other suburbs, and we are in touch with about 85 to 100 folk. We have had so many requests for home visitation that our regular staff could not handle the job.

I feel sure that in the next few weeks we shall see many victories won by those who are studying and hearing the message presented.

Ormond K. Anderson

UPPER EGYPT (Massra)

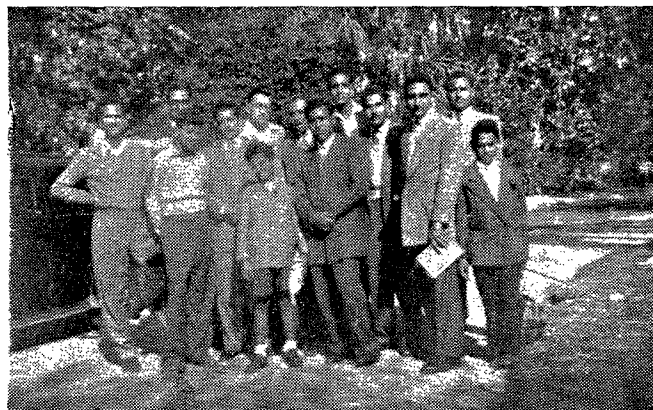
The climax of the Upper Egypt Evangelistic Company's effort in Massra saw 25 precious souls join God's remnant church on Sabbath, March 7. Associated with Elder C. V. Brauer in the campaign were Brother Fakhry Naguib, Brother Abadir Abdel Messiah, and Brother Maurice Faheem, our teacher in Massra. Meetings were held every night over a period of three weeks. During the day the workers visited with the people in their fields and homes. The large attendance at the meetings necessitated two services each night. There was an average total attendance of 250.

On Sabbath, March 7, following the Sabbath school, 18 were baptized by Pastor Brauer. Following the first baptism the ordinances were celebrated. At the last occasion of the celebrating of the ordinances in Massra, only five members took part. On this Sabbath 43 members rejoiced together. On Sabbath afternoon a second baptism was held at which time four were baptized. Together with three coming into the church on profession of faith, a total of 25 were joined to the church at Massra.

One young man who only a few years ago bitterly persecuted his brother for joining the church, was himself baptized this Sabbath. He is known in Massra as the best Bible student, and his influence for the truth will be great. I met him once in the field reading his Bible. By his side was a

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Group of
Interested
young men
in Alexandria



Rallying Youth in Bible Land

By T. S. GERATY

What was going to happen this year? With the rostrum embellished with beautiful flowers, attractive posters, national flags, and a large Emvee emblem, everyone present knew that something special was forthcoming.

Inspiring as it was, the first song service just seemed too long. So thought many as they anxiously, breathlessly sat waiting for the opening service of the YPMV Youth Rallies conducted in the East Mediterranean Union Mission during the months of March and April, 1953.

Youth of Bagdad in Iraq, El Husn in the Hashemite Kingdom of the Jordan, and Beirut in Lebanon were hosts to the scores and scores of delegates, visitors, and friends in the second annual Youth Rally series throughout the Union. Seating capacity for a number of meetings was a problem in each of the three places.

From the keynote program on Friday evening to the youth responses on Sunday night, each weekend was crammed with interesting and inspirational feature, song, story, experience, demonstration, and challenge.

In the three rallies a total of 195 children and youth participated in the Investiture services by receiving their class insignia, certificates, and MV Honors. By a considerable margin the largest group to be invested were the new members of the Friend Class, a total of 67. The distribution of those invested ran as follows:

Busy Bee	57
Sunbeam	51
Builder	26
Helping Hand	11
Friend	67
Companion	18
Guide	7
Master Guide	6

Proportionately, the figures are ideal with the largest numbers in the lower classes. Progressively they will move into higher classes, and thus our YPMV constituency will be better qualified as members in the MV Classes. Enthusiasm ran high for the Investiture Services; and some, who had been working for weeks and months to complete satisfactorily their respective requirements, could hardly wait until their names were called to receive their pins, honors, or awards.

How thrilling it was to watch the hundreds of children, youth, and adults pledge their loyalty to God as they covenanted solemnly to be alert for victorious living. The M.V. Legion of Honor program highlighted each rally; it was the main feature emphasized in this year's series. It was our concentration of endeavor.

Well were we reminded of the admonition in *Messages to Young*

People, pages 285, 286.

"Those who would not fall a prey to Satan's devices must guard well the avenues of the soul: they must avoid reading, seeing, or hearing that which will suggest impure thoughts. The mind should not be left to wander at random upon every subject that the adversary of souls may suggest. . . We must be aided by the abiding influence of the Holy Spirit, which will attract the mind upward, and habituate it to dwell on pure and holy things. . ."

On Sabbath afternoon in the weekend rally the "Honor Rolls in History" was presented as a background, explaining the purpose and function of the "Rolls of Honor" in different countries and of the glory of the Roman and other "Legions". It was not difficult to conclude this feature coming down through God's Honor Roll of heroes, almost reading from the eleventh chapter of the book of Hebrews: "By faith the Emvees of the Middle East went forth in mighty

witness, speaking clearly and living faithfully for Jesus wherever they went."

Then followed a symposium of speakers with terse and well expressed short commentaries on the meaning of the various aspects — Beholding, Listening, Going, Associating, Speaking, and Living. This introduced the main feature, the presentation by the Union MV Secretary of the whole "MV Legion of Honor" itself. It was an electrifying moment when from the rear of the auditorium up to the front marched representative after representative from the different MV Societies, churches, and companies, each bearing in specially-built wooden frames the Anderson-painted Legion of Honor posters for 1953 with our superimposed labeling at the bottom, an Arabic translation of "We Belong to the MV Legion of Honor".

With the challenge and invitation before all, Arabic and English individual pledge cards were distributed, and as one youth — so it seemed — the

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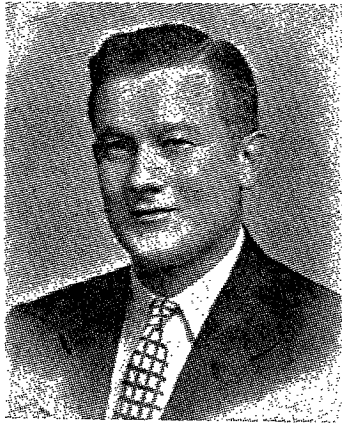
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*Ladies Quartette
Youth Rally
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BYSTANDER OR STANDBY?

By A. R. Mazat



The first chapter of John contains several thrilling stories telling how bystanders became standbys for Jesus. At his baptism Jesus gained one standby — his baptizer; but this one was soon multiplied. John had opportunity to make Christ known to two of his disciples, and at once Andrew and John the beloved left their old master and followed the Redeemer. Andrew, that manly standby, started off and found his brother Simon, and brought him to the Messiah. The following day Jesus saw a bystander on the way; one invitation from the Master was sufficient, and the bystander became a standby in God's service. Philip felt just as Andrew had felt before him, and he sought his friend Nathanael. (In the Synoptics, Nathanael is referred to as Bartholomew.) Nathanael was rather hard to convince; so Philip said, "Come and see." Nathanael came, was convinced, and was changed from a bystander to a standby for Jesus.

The work of the individual is the secret of the church's growth, stamped upon it from the very beginning. We do not discount "public efforts," but even the preaching may be dependent on the individual effort; for did not Andrew have a part in helping to make the pentecostal preacher, Peter? What we as workers and laity need most today is not more money, men, or methods, but a revival of individual effort. By tactful visitation and by earnest pointed appeals, we can persuade bystanders to become standbys in God's remnant church.

If every church member in the Middle East Division would win one other person to Christ each year, and that new convert would win one new standby every year, the work would soon be finished. Let us express in figures what we have said in words. Our membership for the Middle East Division

for 1953 is approximately 1,500 believers. If every standby would win one soul to Christ every year, our membership in 1954 would be 3,000; in 1955 it would be 6,000; in 1956 it would be 12,000; in 1957 it would be 24,000; in 1958 it would be 48,000; in 1959 it would be 96,000; in 1960 it would be 192,000; in 1961 it would be 384,000; in 1962 it would be 768,000; in 1963 it would be 1,536,000; in 1964 it would be 3,072,000; in 1965 it would be 6,144,000; in 1966 it would be 12,288,000; in 1967 it would be 24,576,000; in 1968 it would be 49,152,000; and in 1969 it would be 98,304,000, a figure which is larger than the entire population of the Middle East. This familiar computation simply shows the power of "one" multiplied.

Think, too, of the exalted privilege we as church members have of bringing some bystander to Jesus. God has not commissioned the angels to make known and offer His Gospel. This work of persuading bystanders to become standbys in God's service has been delegated to man. Let us always remember in dealing with human minds that politeness, plus persistency, pays. But before we can introduce anyone to the Master, we must have found Him ourselves.

This type of spiritual usefulness usually comes through personal testimony. The disciples Christ won made it their business to testify of Him. Both by our lips and our lives this testimony should be borne. Neither way alone is enough. Lip without life is useless. Life without lip falls short of the fullest results.

It is a happy fact that this kind of spiritual usefulness may begin along the line of friendship and kinship. So it was with the early disciples; one sought this brother, another his friend. Andrew was before all else a good brother. He went after Simon Peter. Andrew did not make much stir in the world, but Simon did; yet Andrew was the means of bringing him to Christ. It is one of the most common faults that some church members do not manifest the interest they should in those near and dear to them. We sometimes give our closest friends reason to say: "No man careth for my soul." We know they would listen kindly to any word we might say, and yet we are dumb. Does it seem strangely inconsistent in us? It would seem the most natural thing in the world to urge one's own brother to share in one's faith, before looking elsewhere for a new standby.

Sometimes we hesitate to speak to our close friends because we feel that they know our shortcomings. Andrew avoided this difficulty by saying nothing about himself to his brother Simon. If Jesus were more prominent in the thoughts and words of church members, there would be less thought of self, and less embarrassment on that score in pleading his cause with those who are yet bystanders to God's power.

Perhaps you have been bearing witness conscientiously, but without success. It is possible to do right in the wrong way. Sometimes we talk too much. Remember, high pressure is repulsive, but power from on high melts human hearts. Why not use more of God's Word in dealing with human minds and less words of our own. Use the new two-colored tracts systematically, pray for at least one person every day, try to throw right influences about the bystander whom you want to win for Christ. Always remember that politeness, plus persistency pays.

As a witness for Jesus, are you a bystander, or a standby?

MIDDLE EAST STUDENTS AT C.M.E.

Two former Middle East Division medical students enrolled at the College of Medical Evangelists, Loma Linda, California, U.S.A., have shared a one thousand dollar scholarship from Chas. Pfizer & Co., Inc. with a third student from Trinidad.

The Middle East students receiving aid are George Kypridakis son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Kypridakis, Mena House Hotel, Cairo and Ghanim Elias, son of Majeen S. Najina Elias, Mosul, Iraq.

Each year the Chas. Pfizer & Co. Inc., Brooklyn, N.Y., the world's largest producer of antibiotics, gives \$1000 to each medical school to be awarded to the most worthy student. This year the award was divided equally among three foreign students now enrolled in the sophomore class at CME.

Dr. Harold Shryock, dean of the School of Medicine, stated that the award was divided among the three students to avoid partiality and so that more students might enjoy its benefits.

George, who calls Heliopolis, Egypt home, graduated from Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska, U.S.A. in 1951 where he took his pre-medicine courses preparatory to his present schooling at the denomination's medical education center. Ghanim received his pre-medical training at Atlantic Union College, South Lancaster, Mass. after traveling to the United States for his advanced education from his home in Mosul, Iraq.

IN OTHER LANDS

A NEW COMPANY STARTED BY A CHILD

By B. L. Archbold

Less than two years ago while visiting with Pastor C. L. Jones on the island of Grenada, it was my privilege to hold two or three special meetings in the interest of the boys and girls in our churches and to help them make their decision for Christ. It was gratifying to see the earnest response of these young people who had been growing up in the church, but who, perhaps had never seriously given their hearts to Jesus.

After one of my appeals, eleven-year-old Rita Mignon came to me and told how she wanted to give her heart to Jesus and be baptized, but with tears in her eyes she explained how her daddy said she was too young to be baptized. I found that she was intensely sincere in her desires and had a burden to help her playmates. I spent some time with her parents and finally convinced them that Jesus calls the boys and girls and leads them with the same Spirit which leads the older ones to find Jesus. They then began to see things in a different light.

When I returned to Trinidad I corresponded with little Rita and her brother, and it was a happy day when she wrote that her father had said she and her brother could be baptized. Soon after she announced that they were buried with their Lord in baptism in one of the beautiful island rivers.

Rita's burden now was to tell her little friends of Jesus and what He had done for her. She started a branch Sabbath school near her home and soon had to call Sister Emelda Abraham, who worked in the home, to assist her with the growing interest. They changed it into a Sunday school and so many children came that it became too large for Rita and Sister Abraham to handle alone. They then called on Brother Antoine from the Mt. Rose church to come and help. Meetings were held every Friday night and soon after the church sponsored a lay preachers' effort with Brethren Antoine and Wells leading out.

A great interest was aroused and Brother Hitlall, one of our interns, went in and helped. As a result, today, one and a half years later, we have twenty-four baptized church members and a Sabbath school of about thirty-

five members meeting in an improvised tabernacle built by their own hands in St. John's Village where previously the gospel message had not entered.

On January 10, 1953, I visited this company and found them praising God for bringing them out of darkness and thanking Him for little Rita who planted the seed and started the wonderful message in their village. I had the honour of joining them as they celebrated their first birthday as a united group in their service for the Master.

It is a thriving, progressive group which will soon be organized into a company and later as it grows, it will be another church in our sisterhood of churches.

May God help us as parents to realize that God calls our boys and girls to follow Him and to engage in His service. Let us not stand in their way but encourage them by our own consistent Christian lives to make their decision for Christ. *Inter-American Division Messenger*, April, 1953

Youth Rallies

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congregation signed the personal covenant with God. The signing was climaxed with a prayer of consecration and benediction.

The Sabbath sermon at the 11:00 o'clock hour had been an appealing one by the Union Mission president, "Waiting for you". And we all learned that not only God is waiting for us, but also the devil. We must choose our master — one master — for we cannot serve both. The world is waiting for us, too, to hear and to see the gospel of Jesus Christ in our lives.

The panel on "Answers to Questions" presented once again high Christian standards for Adventist youth, and the "Question Box" gave an opportunity to hear read and to have discussed some specific problems of wide-awake young people. We are living at a time when we must know *what* we believe and *why*. We need principle in daily living.

"Temperance Night" with its battery of extemporaneous and prepared speeches kept the audience spellbound on Saturday evening. All participants were given the same awards, although each Temperance Night had its best speech and speaker. Seeds of healthful living were really planted in the heart-gardens of children and youth.

For the benefit of MV leaders and other officers, as well as for the awakening of members of societies, we pre-

sented on Sunday a cross-section program of a healthy, vibrant local MV Society with its organization, MV Classes, and Honors.

With an appropriate theme song, "I'll Share My Faith", evangelism was really understood and witnessed as each in the symposium of another Sunday program testified of opportunities for the true Missionary Volunteers.

On Sunday evening the weekend rallies were set off with exclamation points. A special program of local MV members witnessed for God. How typically sincere was the testimony of one young girl who spoke for the youth of her village:

"How I longed for this weekend to come. Each day of the rally has been such an inspiration to me. How I wish that mother had lived long enough to share the joy and spiritual blessings of this weekend with me!"

As such young people go forth with the light of heaven in their hearts it will be seen wherever they go. Their lives will tell for Jesus. Our young people in the East Mediterranean Union Mission have determined anew this year to live wholly for God and to witness for Him.

We have seen evidence this year that God still has His Daniels, Ruths, Timothy's, Dorcas's, and Pauls in these Bible lands.

Are you one of them where you live?

Here and There

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blessing the work and workers in this large undertaking and we are praying for a large harvest of sincere souls.

- Sixteen new members were baptized in Tatalia as a result of the recent evangelistic effort held there by Brother Fakhry Naguib. There still exists a large number of interested persons and further baptisms are being planned in Tatalia.

Stewardship

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is no time to "trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God." It is time to do good, to "be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate," laying up in store a good foundation for the time to come, and making sure of eternal life.

AN APPEAL FROM THE REVIEW

In these closing days of the earth's history, every effort is being put forth to advance with the Third Angel's Message into the hitherto unentered areas of the world. In our endeavors to "lengthen the cords" to lighten the whole earth as quickly as possible, there is danger that we may be neglecting to properly "strengthen the stakes." Recently the editor of the *Review and Herald*, our world journal, received a letter from one of the thousands who are so loyally supporting this blessed cause with their means. In this letter is to be found the key to what opens the purse strings of Seventh-day Adventists — the reports of how God is going before His people in winning victories in mission lands. This letter reads as follows:

"My dear Mr. Editor:

"I do not know if you realize how we hunger and thirst for your weekly visit of your wonderful paper. So I want to say 'Thank you' for your Oct. 9, 1952 issue. I do not recall any piece of literature I have read in the last 20 years that has so renewed my faith, as the report of the Autumn Council. Thank you again.

"You see, Mr. Editor, we live in a little town, and we are working very hard to love people to our wonderful Jesus — and sometimes when trials come, I'm ashamed to say we — wonder? Why the path to glory is so hard at times. But after rereading this fine report my faith has been strengthened, as I am making out my tithe envelope I do it with great joy.

"My tithe and offerings has not been under \$ 50.00 a week for a long time. And so we are taking the advice of the brethren and have planned to pay off our debts — so we can give more to missions. Please do not think that because we give so much to the Lord we have a beautiful home, for we do not. We live in one room in the back of our store without a window, just a skylight, and no bath — but this is the nearest place to Heaven I know for it's a place of prayer. My Sabbath School offering is now \$ 24.00 a week and we increase it \$ 1.00 each quarter.

But somehow as our S. S. offering increases our tithe increases also.

"And so may I again say 'thank you' for letting me know where, why, and how, my offerings are being used and please keep telling these wonderful stories of how God is getting a people ready to meet Him in the clouds of glory, is the prayer of your devoted reader and humble servant."

(Signed by a faithful reader)

It is the business of the *Review* to keep before such faithful believers the progress the message is making in all the Divisions of the world. Its columns are always open to mission stories from every field. Heart-warming stories always stir those who believe these solemn messages to an even greater zeal in sacrificing to hasten the message to the ends of the earth. Will not the workers in the Middle East Division send in more short, human interest stories, with pictures, that this part of the world vineyard may constantly be kept before all the believers in the advent message? A color number of the *Review* is published once every quarter, and for these numbers good mission are especially desired. If you cannot write in English, prepare an article in the language with which you are familiar, send it to the Division office, and we shall be glad to arrange for its translation and shall then forward it on to the *Review* for publication.

Let's help to keep the base fires burning.

— G.J. Appel

SCHEDULE OF CHURCH OFFERINGS

Regular Monthly Offerings
 1st Sabbath...Local Church Evangelism
 2nd Sabbath.....Church Expense
 3rd Sabbath...Education (local school)
 4th Sabbath.....Church Expense
 5th Sabbath.....Poor Fund

Special Offerings
 August 8.....Local Training School
 August 15.....Temperance
 September 5.....Missions Extension Offering

Egypt Reports

From page 3
 book published by a bitter opponent of Adventists. Upon my asking him what he thought of this book against us, he replied that it was nonsense. Many times when mentioning a text, this brother is able to quote the entire chapter from memory.

One of the earliest members of the church has returned fully. For the past four years anger has kept this brother from attendance. Now he rejoices with God's people again, and is faithfully paying his tithe to the church.

Brother Maurice Faheem is continuing the meetings, as there yet remains a strong interest, with nearly another ten already indicating a desire to be baptized in the near future.

Pray that this church, which a month ago was in every way "dead", may continue to grow and truly represent God in this village.

C. V. Brauer

RADIO EVANGELISM

From page 1
 Voice of Prophecy for those who have come in contact with Bible truth through listening to the radio broadcasts.

As we begin this radio crusade let us pray earnestly that God will bless in a large ingathering of souls.

Yes, with Elder Richards, let us "have faith in God."

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 CHURCH CALENDAR

July 4	Local Church Evangelism
August 1	Home Visitation Day
August 8	Christian Education
August 15.....	Christian Temperance
August 29 - September 5	Missions Extension Week
September 5	Missions Extension Day
September 26 - October 31.....	Ingathering Campaign

HERE and THERE

● Dr. and Mrs. Edward C. Frank arrived in Beirut on March 25, and proceeded on to Baghdad the next day to join the staff of the Dar El Salaam Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Sven O. Sjoberg of the Skodsborg Sanitarium in Denmark arrived in Baghdad to connect with the hospital in early April. We welcome these new workers to our field. Miss Ruth Tobiassen, of the Hospital staff, sailed from Beirut on May 21, beginning a well earned furlough.

● Elder and Mrs. Appel have been enjoying the visit of their son and his family, Elder and Mrs. Alva Appel and Johnny and Jimmy, who spent several weeks in Beirut on their way to the States for furlough from Ceylon.

● Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Green have arrived in Beirut from Iran; Brother Green has begun his work as a treasurer of Middle East College. On May 15 little Marvin Eldon Green was born at the American University Hospital in Beirut.

● Elder and Mrs. Kenneth Oster and children and Mr. & Mrs. Khalil Yared arrived from the States on March 25. Brother and Sister Oster have taken up their work in Iran and the Yareds are now connected with the Dar El Salaam Hospital. A cordial welcome is extended to both of these families upon their return to the Middle East.

● Recent visitors to the Division family have included Elders E. L. Minchen and Alf Karlman of the Northern European Division; Miss Lois Bowen, returning to the States from Ethiopia; Dr. & Mrs. Willis G. Dick and family, on furlough from the Philippines; Elders A. G. Ratcliffe and R. A. R. Thrift of Australasia; W. J. McHenry and family, and Winston McHenry and family both of India; Dr. Genevieve McWilliams, enroute to her station in India; Miss Pearl Hall of Union College, Nebraska; and Elder and Mrs. Milton Lee and family, on furlough from China.

● The new Division office and houses on the Division compound are nearing completion and plans are under way for a general "move" to the new buildings shortly after this paper reaches the field.

IRAQ

● Two hundred correspondence school enrollments have been received from Brother Said Tooma in Basra,

and very encouraging reports are coming from that section.

Baptisms are being held in various parts of Iraq during the month of June.

JORDANIA

● A very successful Youth Rally was held recently in El-Husn which was well attended by the young people of Jordania. Floods in the desert, as well as car trouble, made it very difficult for the visiting brethren to arrive at the proper time, but with the Lord's special blessing they were able to meet this appointment.

Interests are springing up in many parts of this country making an increase of workers imperative. It is expected that on June 9 a fairly large baptism will be conducted in the Jordan River.

LEBANON-SYRIA

● Elder Kubrock's evangelistic effort in Beirut resulted in a baptism of ten souls early in May, and by the time this report is printed another group will have followed as he brings the effort to a close. We greatly appreciate the cooperation of College students and workers from all organizations in Beirut in making this effort a success.

Elder Olson and family left on May 21 for their well earned furlough after baptizing six on May 16, all of whom were young people.

The Lord has been hearing the prayers of our believers for the work in Syria, and we can see how His hand has been helping.

Elias Hanna Yousif and Michael Oweijan have been teaching in Aramoun and have recently had six baptized from that village.

CYPRUS

● Two weddings were conducted in Cyprus. Brother John Bedelian was married to Miss Grace Nigolian of Famagusta, April 26. The same day Elder Hartwell also conducted a wedding for two of our Greek young people belonging to the Nicosia church. Just before that two were baptized in Cyprus.

Brother Fred Veltman is becoming quite thrilled because the first lessons of the Greek correspondence course are now ready for distribution.

Both Brother and Sister Veltman were delighted on April 8 by the arrival of a little daughter whom they have named Jacqueline Irene Veltman, their first child. So it seems that a number of congratulations are now in order for our workers in Cyprus, and they are of good courage.

TURKEY

● We are told that still waters run deep, and knowing our brethren as

we do, we are confident that God is using them and is with them according to His promise.

EAST MEDITERRANEAN UNION

● We are encouraged by the prospects of having a fine group of young men from various parts of our Union engage in colporteur work during the coming summer months.

We are also pleased to announce that Brother Henry Melky, a Lebanese who moved to Australia three years ago, is now on the way to his homeland to take charge of the Publishing Department in our Union. We extend to him a hearty welcome.

Mrs. Manoug Nazarian has been caring for the Armenian correspondence school work in the Beirut office for the last few weeks and seems to be enjoying the work greatly.

We are also pleased at the prospect of getting the Nicosia correspondence school in Cyprus underway. The first Greek enrollments have already been received.

Brother Michael Nabti from the Union office has been called to connect with Middle East College and has accepted the call. We pray that the Lord will greatly bless his work in that new field of labor.

NILE UNION:

1. Eleven new members were baptized in Alexandria during April. These new members were brought into the truth through the recent effort held in the "Moharrem Bey" area by Brother Peter Beach and Brother William Gayed. We are happy to have this nucleus for our new Arabic church in Alexandria.
2. Mr. and Mrs. Hilmy Berbawy and Zaher are very pleased with the new baby boy, Ramzy, added to their family. He was born April 20 in Heliopolis.
3. Mr. and Mrs. Nasif Boutros were glad to welcome a baby girl, Nesria, into their family on April 11 in Assiut.
4. Miss Euphemia Bryne will be leaving May 23 for well earned furlough. We wish her a pleasant furlough and will look forward to her return.
5. The Cairo effort under Elder Anderson's able leadership is progressing steadily. Many smaller meetings in different locations all over the city are being held on every night of the week and several on Saturdays and Sundays. These smaller groups range from fifty to one hundred in attendance. God is