

# WORLD

## Mission Report

Go ye . . . into all the world.

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Tomorrow's leaders attend our Nanga-Eboko school today.

## EURO-AFRICA DIVISION

### PROJECTS:

- ▶ Dormitory and dwellings for students of the Nanga-Eboko Seminary, Cameroun.
- ▶ Library for Collonges Seminary, France.
- ▶ Chapel for the Marienhoehe Seminary, Germany.





To the Sabbath School Members  
around the World

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Dear Members and Friends:

It is a special privilege to belong to the great Sabbath School family and thus to have a part in world-wide mission work. Through the systematic study of the Scriptures, as well as by our mission offerings, the Sabbath School has been the source of great blessing to us. I would not miss this opportunity to express my heartfelt appreciation to all our Sabbath School members and friends for their faithfulness and willing sacrifice. The following three projects in the Euro-Africa Division will benefit from the Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow this quarter:

1. Nanga-Eboko Seminary: Dormitory and Homes

The future of our work in the countries of French-speaking Africa depends on the proper training of national workers. Construction has started at this institution in Cameroun. A dormitory for single and married theological and teacher-training students, and dwellings for the teachers must be built.

2. Collonges Seminary: Library

The Seminary at Collonges, France, occupies a vital place in the training of French-speaking workers for both Europe and Africa. A new library is their most pressing need, for the present facilities are totally inadequate.

3. Marienhöhe Seminary: Chapel

The growth of the college church at Marienhöhe, Germany, has demanded the use of the gymnasium for holding Sabbath services. A church building is their urgent need.

To make these projects a reality, we are inviting our Sabbath Schools around the world to bring the Lord a special offering on this Thirteenth Sabbath. Knowing of the willingness of your sacrifice in the past, I am convinced that you will gladly share in the development and progress of the work which has been entrusted to us.

In the spirit of Christian fellowship, I send you my sincere thanks in anticipation.

Your brother, in Christ,

E. Ludescher, President  
Euro-Africa Division

## FACTS AND FIGURES

**FRANCE** (area—211,208 square miles).

Largest country in Western Europe, second to Russia of all European nations. About twice as large as the State of Colorado. Capital—Paris, world renowned as a center of learning and art.

*Population:* 52,003,000 (1973 est.). 246 persons per square mile; 70 per cent urban; two-thirds live in towns of at least 2,000 persons; 35 cities have a population in excess of 100,000 people.

*Government:* President—elected for seven-year term. Can serve unlimited number of terms.

*Religion:* More than 80 per cent Roman Catholic.

*Education:* Compulsory education for ages 6-16; 85 per cent of children in elementary and 75 per cent in high school attend public (government) schools. Most of the others attend Roman Catholic private schools.

*Economy:* Rich in natural resources—plentiful water supply, rich soil, large mineral deposits. New methods of manufacture and production and changing life styles in recent years have greatly affected the economy.

**WEST GERMANY** (area—95,934 square miles). Smaller in size than Oregon. World-famous for historic and scenic areas. Rainfall varies from 28 to 78 inches per year. Heavy snows in January and February. Capital—Bonn.

*Population:* 63,454,000 (1973 est.). Largest population of any country in Western Europe; 82 per cent urban, 18 per cent rural.

*Government:* A democratic republic.

*Religion:* Largely because of Martin Luther, Germany is known as the land of the Reformation—48 per cent Protestant, 48 per cent Roman Catholic, 4 per cent other or no preference.

*Economy:* Shattered industry completely rebuilt since World War II. Fourth in world production of steel, cement, aluminum, electricity, and in the combined production of coal and lignite. Among the countries of the world, only the United States outranks West Germany in the value of its foreign trade.

**UNITED REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON** (area—183,569 square miles). Somewhat larger than the State of California. Has extensive wildlife preserves. Capital—Yaoundé (Ya-oon'day).

*Population:* 6,403,570 (fewer people than live in the city of Los Angeles). Main ethnic group—Bantu.

*Health Statistics:* Country has 387 persons per hospital bed, compared with 1,782 in Nigeria and 103 in Great Britain. There is one physician for every 26,700 persons, compared with 36,000 in Nigeria and 1,000 in Great Britain.

*Government:* Has maintained a stability that has minimized local unrest.

*Education:* Literacy is 85 per cent. The percentage of the population who have completed a course of study or are now in school is among the highest in the African countries.

*Religion:* Animist—50 per cent; Roman Catholic—20 per cent; Islam, Protestant, and other—30 per cent (majority still follow historic tribal culture).

*Economy:* Average annual income per person—\$174. Since most of the people raise

their own food, their diet is adequate. Sale crops include cocoa, coffee, cotton, bananas, rice, sugar cane, and palm oil. Has approximately 8,000 miles of roads—mostly unpaved.

*Leading Industries:* Most important—aluminum. Also cattle, forestry, and lumber. Manufacturing includes food processing, textiles, jute, and soap.

### OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION OF SCHOOLS RECEIVING THE OFFERING OVERFLOW

**Cameroon College** (Nanga-Eboko Seminary)—

Adventist College for French-speaking Africa  
(Séminaire Adventiste d'Études Supérieures pour l'Afrique Francophone)  
Boite Postale 4, Nanga-Eboko, United Republic of Cameroon

**French College** (Collonges Seminary)—

French Adventist Seminary  
(Séminaire Adventiste du Saleve)  
Collonges-sous-Saleve  
74160 St. Julien en Genevois, France

**German College** (Marienhoehe Seminary)—

Marienhoehe Missionary Seminary  
(Seminar Marienhoehe)  
Auf der Marienhoehe 32  
6100 Darmstadt, Germany

## SABBATH, JULY 2

### Three Pictures

by E. E. White

[Dr. Edward White is currently education director of the Euro-Africa Division, Berne, Switzerland.]

The Euro-Africa Division is most grateful for the more than \$100,000 given in the 1975 overflow to establish a worker-training seminary in Mozambique. The use of this new building, also serving as a health-education center, suffered a temporary decline during the uncertain days following independence, but now we look forward to its coming into full operation again. The equal amount you gave for the relocation and expansion of the Italian Publishing House was also most welcome. We look forward to its soon being converted into bricks and mortar. Our Italian believers thank you heartily.

Now come with me to the seminary library at Collonges (Kah-lohn'-zh) on the third floor of the old administration building, and what a surprise confronts your eyes. Who is that on the top of a narrow ladder? Is it a student painting the ceiling? Believe it or not, it is the librarian searching for a book on one of the very high shelves, which simply rise higher and higher because of lack of space. Sure enough all the books are accessible, but so are the summits of neighboring Mount Blanc (Mohn-Blahn) and the more distant Matterhorn, and it is almost as difficult to find some

volumes as it is to scale these two mountains.

Library assignments for the willing students involve not only mind-stretching but also physical activity required by moving and scaling ladders in a very confined space. Year after year hopes have risen that a new library would at least have its foundations laid, and that the well-known Alfred Vaucher (Vo-shay'), now 89 years old, renowned Bible teacher and grandson of the first Seventh-day Adventist convert in Europe, would still be with us when this library would be opened and named in his honor. Some funds are in hand, and now with a portion of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow we have high hopes of digging the sod from the site that has long been selected for the seminary library.

Let us pass about 373 miles (600 kilometers) in a north-northeasterly direction, passing through Switzerland, where the headquarters of the Euro-Africa Division is situated, to our seminary for German-speaking students at Darmstadt (Darm-shtät), auf der Marriehoehe (Ma-ree'ahn-hoe-a).

There in divine service is a muscular, athletic young man listening to the preacher, but his thoughts are elsewhere. In the same room certainly, but reliving the exciting basketball game the day before when, eluding three opponents, he shot an almost impossible goal from a most awkward angle. But it is the Sabbath and the hour of worship, and he disciplines himself to come back to the sermon topic after his excursion into the past. Certainly

we do not excuse his mind-wandering, but we are certainly not helping him by conducting our Sabbath School, Sabbath services, and Young People's meetings in the spacious gymnasium that is used for secular purposes the other six days of the week. A most imposing site on the campus, on a prominent hillock, overlooking the other seminary and secondary-school buildings, is ready to receive the most important structure of all, a place of worship dedicated solely for this purpose for the benefit of the 450 and more students and teachers in this community. Your liberal offering will help us achieve this worthy objective.

Last, a rapid 3,728-mile (6,000 kilometer) flight due south over the Mediterranean across the Sahara to the Cameroons, where French is the official language. At Nanga-Eboko, the college chosen to be the theological seminary for the French-speaking students from three of the divisions serving Africa, we see a troop of students early in the morning wandering away from their dormitory. They are walking down the hill to the river, for this is their bathroom in the wide-open spaces. The dormitory, as its name implies, is merely a place to *dormir* or sleep. One must go elsewhere for the other facilities that we normally expect to find in such a building.

This cannot and must not continue. Hence, a third part of the offering overflow for the thirteenth Sabbath will go to provide representative sleeping and living quarters for the senior students who are the future national workers for the

French-speaking territories of this vast continent. Your financial help will facilitate their preparation for service and hasten the spread of the gospel among the millions who are yet to hear it.

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## SABBATH, JULY 9

### Our Marienhoehe

by E. Mayer

[Principal of the Marienhoehe (Ma-ree'ohnhoe-a) Aufbaugymnasium Academy, Darmstadt (Darm'shtät), West Germany.]

When you travel through Germany's beautiful valleys you will see many an old knight's castle on the low hills. It was in one such castle that Martin Luther translated the Bible. Surely his stay within these stout walls inspired him to compose the inspiring hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God!"

Not far from the banks of the Rhine River, on a hill in the Odenwald Forest near the city of Darmstadt, is our school campus. It does not look like a fortress outwardly, but it is still one spiritually for our young people. The Marienhoehe Seminary, made up of the secondary school and the theological seminary, is a center for the Adventist message in the Federal Republic of Germany. The grace of God is the spiritual fortress in this school.

Our Marienhoehe Seminary is well known in the city and the surroundings of Darmstadt. Both young and old witness for their

faith. In the coming weeks we will present to you some of our activity teams who will tell of their work and their experiences.

Lay members and students are going from door to door with The Bible Speaks plan. A group of young people opened a tearoom in Darmstädt, where youth meet casually and talk and sing together. Others go out as book evangelists, selling Christian literature, and again others conduct evangelistic campaigns in the streets and in public places in the city.

The school invites visitors to their sacred concerts, performed from time to time by the school's choir and instrumental group. When we celebrated our fiftieth anniversary the Marienhoehe choir and instrumental group rendered a cantata on the Revelation of John, which had been composed by one of our music teachers. Our visitors were very responsive and appreciative.

As a result of the many different activities carried on, it is logical that many new friends attend our Sabbath services and the youth meetings. One such contact has now become a part of the school family.

During an evangelistic effort held on the streets of Darmstädt this young student was touched by the message. He came to our school and enthusiastically studied the Bible. The message gripped him. He continued to attend a Bible-study group and the youth meetings. Although he had started with serious doubts about God, faith took root in his heart. Then he brought along his friend Thomas, who also became deeply impressed with the Biblical

truths he heard. After studying thoroughly for two years he decided to follow Christ and be baptized. He prepared to become a secondary teacher and married an Adventist girl who had formerly been a student at Marienhoehe. Today Thomas is teaching at the Marienhoehe Secondary School. He and his wife are making plans to serve in one of our overseas mission fields.

There are a number of other friends of Marienhoehe who are "on the way" to Jesus, and the hope is that one day soon they will make their decision and become active church members. The church membership is growing steadily. Ten years ago there were 250 members. Today there are about 450. We are thankful to our heavenly Father for this success. But there is one thing that must be considered in this connection. Previously there was enough room for the school church to meet for Sabbath service in the large hall, but today it is no longer large enough. The 450 to 500 members have to use the gymnasium for their worship services. Every Friday afternoon chairs must be placed and everything made ready for Sabbath services. But this is only a temporary solution, a provisional arrangement. Necessary rooms for a church and evangelistic center are missing.

We would like to build a church as soon as possible, in order to have a dignified place for worship. Through your offering on the thirteenth Sabbath of this quarter you can help us to realize this. Thank you very much for your contribution!



## SABBATH, JULY 16

### Christmas in the Catacombs

by R. Noack

[Renate Noack is the wife of one of our teachers at the Marienhoehe (Ma-ree'ahn-hoe-a) Seminary. She and her husband, with quite a number of students, have decided to appeal to young people and to make known the Advent message by means of the *Teestubenarbeit* ("tearoom work").]

It was Christmas Eve in Germany. Holiday lights blinked merrily through the decorated, frosty windows that lined the cobbled street. Occasional wafts of seasonal music reached like laughing mockery to the ears of Hans Peter as he shuffled down the glistening stones of the narrow alleyway. "Silent night, holy night. All is calm, all is bright."

Hans Peter was certainly not in the Christmas spirit. What is Christmas without friends, without family, without an interest in living? For Hans Peter nothing was holy, nothing was calm, nothing was bright! Ever since leaving home he had been living an upside-down life that had taken him down the long dark tunnel of drug addiction, alcohol abuse, and chain smoking.

Although he didn't know it, this Christmas Eve would be the beginning of a new life for him. Events had providentially led up to this night. Feeling desperately alone and still in search of something that would bring meaning to his life, he had noticed a poster adver-

tising the "Catacomb."

The poster had promised a pleasant evening of discussion and music with understanding friends, just what Hans Peter was yearning for. And so on this, one of the most important nights of the year in Germany, he had decided to make another try in his life-consuming search. He was willing to try anything!

The Catacomb is located in the basement of a building in the city of Darmstadt. Students of nearby Marienhoehe Seminary had decided on this location for a new form of student evangelization called the "tearoom work."

With help from several seminary teachers they had quickly transformed the dark, dank cellar into a cozy, comfortable encounter place where they could invite young people off the streets of the city to the twice-weekly Christ-centered discussion programs. Someone had jokingly called the place the Catacomb, and the name had stuck.

Hans Peter was one of many youth who have come in search of something of worth, of warm friends with whom they could talk. This Christmas Eve was indeed something different for him. He was warmly welcomed into the group that had already gathered, and soon found himself singing along with the rest. Most appealing of all was the interest and concern shown him personally by the tearoom evangelistic team.

Today Hans Peter is a different person. He is happy and talkative. He yearns to experience peace in Christ, which he sees in the young

staff members of the Catacomb. With the prayers and encouragement of the Catacomb team he is free from drugs and recently gave up alcohol. He is in a Bible-study group and hopes soon to become a permanent member of God's family.

This joyful duty of service and witness at the Catacomb is shared by a dedicated group of seminary students who find it their highest pleasure in life. They eagerly go about the task of advertising the place and participate in the evening program. On a number of occasions they have joyfully witnessed success in their teamwork. One such time was the baptism of Wilfried. Wilfried had somehow heard about the Catacomb and was impressed that this was where he must go to get the answers to his questions. He wanted to know which church followed the Bible most closely. He also wanted to know whether a church existed that was completely Christ-centered. By personal Bible study he had already found out that the Sabbath was God's holy day. Was there a church that followed this practice?

How happy he was when he learned that the young students at the Catacomb believed the same as he. Some weeks later he declared that he would like to be baptized.

The baptismal ceremony took place in a picturesque little lake near the seminary. It was hard to distinguish who was happier that day, he or the staff of the Catacomb!

The Catacomb has become an integral part of the Seminary church program. Visitors to the tearoom

are always invited to church services at the college church, where they soon feel at home among the enthusiastic students. Unfortunately, this college of more than 500 students and staff does not have a real church home. All Sabbath services must be held in the gymnasium. Since the gymnasium must double for a house of worship, every Friday sees its metamorphosis as equipment is hurriedly put away and the folding chairs are set up.

Your Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will contribute to the completion of the school plant, with the construction of a new college church to be built on a hill overlooking the campus. With this new structure we will all do our part in providing a presentable house of worship where our college family can warmly welcome prospective new members of God's kingdom.

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## SABBATH, JULY 23

### Heathen Desperation

by Mrs. L. H. Barnard

[Former missionary in Papua New Guinea]

(Note.—Papua New Guinea, one of the outposts of the Australasian Division, brings challenge to the work of God. Today as we listen to Mrs. Len Barnard, a nurse, tell of the work among the people of one of the outstations of New Guinea, I'm sure our hearts will pulsate anew with added determination to see the work of God finished in even the remotest parts of earth as we give our gifts from Sabbath to Sabbath, that Jesus may come soon.)

Things have changed since Pastor L. H. Barnard made his first

six-week walkabout into this rugged and remote area of primitive New Guinea, when it took eight days of strenuous walking over many mountains before reaching the border of this unknown territory.

Once a whole tribe lived in one huge rickety, two-story apartment erected on flimsy stilts—the men occupying the top story, and women, children, and small pigs the lower one, while the bigger animals wallowed in the filth on the ground level underneath.

Platforms were erected only a few feet from these dwellings, and on these the drying bones of the putrefied dead added to the already foul, hot, humid air. Sickness abounded—malaria, pneumonia, enormously enlarged spleens, and ugly tropical ulcers so large that in many cases they would completely encircle a limb, crippling permanently the poor unfortunates. Leprosy was rampant, inflicting deformities and suffering to so many of the population. Now things are different.

An airstrip has been hewn from the thick jungle, aid posts have been set up where relief can be found for much of their physical suffering. Smaller and cleaner houses are being built, and churches are erected, where can be heard the story of a loving God who desires these people to be free from the degradation and deep fears of heathenism.

Mrs. Barnard accompanied her husband on one of his trips as he flew the *Andrew Stewart*, our mission plane, into the small airstrip

at Karimui (Ka-ri-moo). He had patrolling to do at several outstations. Since this was too arduous for Mrs. Barnard, she stayed at the SDA medical-aid post near the airstrip, happy to help with the many needs of the people close at hand.

On seeing a mother sitting all alone on the grass some distance away holding a small infant, she wandered over, wanting to show her friendliness to this timid woman. Admiring babies—how it breaks down barriers!

Stooping beside her, Mrs. Barnard made gestures that indicated that she would love to see her babe, which was lying in a *bilum* (a string bag used for carrying babies in New Guinea) lined with cold green jungle leaves. Yes, it was so young, maybe two weeks old, so small and frail and dirty. Those hands were so tiny! But then the missionary shuddered. Was she seeing straight? Where one of its wee fingers should have been there was only a swollen, oozing sore. Oh dear! However could this happen?

Her first thoughts were to try to persuade the mother to come to the clinic for medical aid for her child. She called for an interpreter to come to translate, then she asked the mother how it happened. On hearing the simple explanation, Mrs. Barnard exclaimed, "Oh! Surely not!"

This was her third child, but sad to say the only one living. The other two had died when only a few months old, maybe because of malaria, pneumonia, or dysentery. And now this poor mother, steeped in the ghastly superstitions of

heathenism, was fearful of her third child's being taken from her and so had literally bitten off the finger of her precious babe in the belief that this would save it from dying as had her other children. Now it was festered and swollen, and was badly in need of attention. As Mrs. Barnard did the best she could to treat the sore, her heart ached. How she longed for the gospel of Christ to enter this woman's heart to take away all the evil superstitions that fill the minds of these people. How she longed for Jesus to come soon to end all the sorrow and suffering that fills our world.

Our gifts of love through mission offerings will help carry the message of the love of God to all the benighted of earth. Let us all have a part in giving it so that Jesus may come soon.

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## SABBATH, JULY 30

### The Moses Plan

by H. Paeske

[Hellmuth Paeske (Pas-kay) is a minister in West Germany who specializes in the preparation of evangelistic material. As the lay activities secretary of the Marienhoehe (Ma-ree'ahn-hoe-a) Seminary church, he teaches the students how to do practical missionary work.]

The academic year had just begun, and the student body and local church gathered to consider the challenge of witnessing to the community around the college. They began to discuss the great chal-

lenge that lay before them.

They discovered that the area designated for their missionary activities covered a territory with 200 towns! Furthermore, 390,000 people lived in this area, which surrounds the college in all directions! How could they possibly make an impact?

Stunned by the magnitude of the challenge, all fell silent searching for a solution to the overwhelming task. Suddenly one of the girls exploded: Why not just follow Moses' example and form groups of 10, each with a leader?

Her enthusiastic proposal was immediately grasped by every individual present. The Moses plan was the answer! They quickly began to analyze how they could implement the Moses plan in the Darmstadt area. The 50 participants divided into 10 groups, each with a leader, and went to work. They systematically calculated that visitation, with a goal of heart-to-heart contact, would bring them in touch with all the homes in the area within four years.

Instead of simply reaching a goal of a specific number of papers to be passed out, it was to be in terms of hearts reached. They were surprised to find how many of these contacts were fruitful because of previously sown seed.

A seed had been planted in the heart of Mrs. Emma ten years before. While a nurse on night duty, she had been so impressed by the Christian friendliness of two Adventist doctors that she was led to ask: "Please tell me how I can become like you?"

"It must be our faith. My colleague and I are Seventh-day Adventists. We would like to have you come get acquainted with our church," the doctor replied. He brought her some religious pamphlets the following day.

In the long years before her next contact with Adventists she worked in England, and later married a Buddhist. For twelve long years the tiny seed lay dormant.

She had moved back to the Darmstadt area just in time for the Moses plan. A neighbor of Mrs. Emma was visited by one of the visitation groups and cordially invited to the prayer and Bible-study class at the school church. After the two Adventist ladies left she went next door to Mrs. Emma, with whom she was a close friend, and told how her heart had been warmed by the friendly visit, and suggested that Mrs. Emma accept the invitation in her place.

Hearing the name of Adventists again, Mrs. Emma was immediately interested. It was not long before she began to understand why the Seventh-day Adventist physicians she had met so long ago at the hospital had been so different. Imagine the joy of the Moses band when they saw this woman, the first fruit of their witnessing, faithfully attending church week after week, and later deciding to be baptized. Equally rewarding to them was the baptism of her Buddhist husband, which soon followed.

The Marienhoehe Seminary students invite their fellow members around the world to join them in the Moses plan, and they thank you

in advance for the offering that will provide a representative church home on the Darmstadt (Darm'shtät) campus.

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## SABBATH, AUGUST 6

### Soul-saving Literature Work in Norway

by Trygve Asheim

[Editor, Norwegian Publishing House]

(Note.—Norway, a part of the Northern Europe-West Africa Division, is neighbor to some of the countries of the Euro-Africa Division being featured this quarter. Listen as Brother Asheim fills us in on a few details that set this area apart during the first quarter of this year, when we assisted with our gifts for the expansion of the Norwegian Publishing House.)

Not all of our church members around the world may know exactly where the country of Norway is situated. Following the indication of the name, however, you will rightly find your way on the globe if you search toward the north. The kingdom of Norway occupies the western part of the Scandinavian peninsula, extending more than a thousand miles from a point parallel with central Labrador to a point north of the Arctic Circle. For several weeks in summer the sun does not set, while during a similar period in the winter the sun is not seen at all.

To this country the Adventist message was brought first by literature printed in America. In 1878 Elder Matteson arrived in Oslo,

where his meetings stirred the whole city. Within nine years' time four churches, with a membership of a little more than two hundred, were formed.

Already in 1879 Elder Matteson launched in Oslo the first Seventh-day Adventist publishing house to be established outside of North America.

Since that time books, magazines, tracts, and all kinds of Seventh-day Adventist literature have come from the presses by millions and millions of pages, being spread around the country in ever-increasing numbers by faithful members and literature evangelists. Many lives have been blessed and enriched by this literature, and many of our church members, like Hans Nord, had their first contact with the Adventist faith through a book, a magazine, or a tract from our Norwegian Publishing House.

One of our present literature evangelists is a worker whose first interest was awakened by one of our books. This is his story:

About eighteen years ago Brother Hans Nord was ill and had to stay in bed for about ten weeks. He had no particular interest in religion and regarded the Christian way of life to be dark and dreary. However, being confined to bed, Hans began searching his father's bookshelves for something to read. There he found the book *The Best in Life*, by Elder Alf Lohne (now a general vice-president of the General Conference). This book had been bought many years before, and now Brother Nord read it through with great interest. He was in-

trigued with the prophecies of the Bible, and the thrilling message of the second coming of Christ made a profound impression on his soul. Later he read also other Seventh-day Adventist books that he discovered in his home.

During this time Brother Nord obtained literature from other denominations. He had read different kinds of religious books. This brought distress and confusion to his mind, so he entreated the Lord, asking for His guidance so that he might avoid error and be able to find the true way to heaven.

A week later he noticed in one of the newspapers an advertisement that raised the question: "What are the Bible predictions of the time in which we live?" The advertisement contained an invitation from the Voice of Prophecy Correspondence School to receive a Bible course on the subject, free of charge. This he gladly accepted, feeling that this was God's answer to his prayers.

When Brother Nord began to follow the new light that he had received, he met with severe opposition. However, he found strength in the Lord to remain unshaken in his faith. He accepted Jesus as his Saviour and was baptized into the fellowship of the remnant church.

It all began with a book that had been brought to the Nord family by a faithful literature evangelist years before. He is now happy that the Lord guided him into the message; moreover, that it has been his privilege to take part in the literature ministry himself as a messenger for our Lord Jesus Christ.

After having been accommodated for more than ninety years in the same building, the Norwegian Publishing House sorely needs more space and improved operating facilities in order to carry on and expand their work.

As a result of the fine offering overflow of the first quarter, 1977, plans for a new modern publishing plant are being worked out, and the expansion so sorely needed is becoming a reality. We wish to take this opportunity to thank all our brethren and sisters around the circle of the world for the part each has had in making this a reality. May God bless each giver and hasten the day when all have heard God's message for these times.

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## SABBATH, AUGUST 13

### Six Months—No Salary

by Marcel Fernandez

[For the past several years Brother Fernandez has been the president of the Union Seminary at Nanga-Eboko, Cameroon.]

Felix was a young married government employee in the French Cameroon of Africa. His family already consisted of two wives and several children when he met one of our literature evangelists and began studying the Bible. He was a regular listener of our religious broadcast *The Voice of Hope* each Sabbath morning. But when he requested to be baptized there were two obstacles in his way: polygamy

and Sabbath observance. After praying and counseling with the church elders, Felix took the only step he could. He sent away his second wife. The remaining problem of Sabbath would be an easy one, he thought. His work was taking the census for the government in the villages scattered all through the bush.

"All I'll have to do will be to work a little harder each of the remaining days of the week, and I'll be completely free to go to church and worship the Lord on the Sabbath." This, in substance, was what Felix wrote to his superior in the government administration. He was confident the letter was simply a necessary formality, which would at the same time let his superiors know of his new convictions in religious matters. To his dismay, the reply of the man above him was negative and quite heartless: Felix must work on Saturdays . . . or lose his job!

The young man and his Adventist friends did all in their power. They prayed and wrote letters to the intractable chief to help Felix get his Sabbaths off. "Felix is under contract," was the reply all received. "If he wants to cancel his contract he will have to pay back an amount equal to six months' salary."

But our friend's salary was already low. Should he sacrifice his family in order to obey God? Again and again he prayed. Again he begged his superior to be more understanding. Finally an offer came: "Work another six months, but without salary, and you will be

free. Besides, you will be able to observe the Sabbath during this time."

"Six months without salary." Without salary! Without salary!! These words kept crowding into the young man's head, making his heart beat painfully. What could he do without salary? Once again he laid his problem before God, this time adding: "Lord, I accept this challenge. I'll work six months without pay. I know how to repair cars. May I ask You to help me to find some cars to repair each evening after my regular job, so that I can feed my family?"

Felix then acted according to his prayer. And the God whom he had seemed to challenge was equal to the test the young government employee had put to Him. For the next six months, evening after evening, our brother found enough cars to repair after work for him to care for the needs of his family. He also found the time to plant a garden. The lovely vegetables he harvested from it were a big help to his wife in her daily cooking of their meals.

When Felix had finished paying off his debts our organization granted him a scholarship to study at the Nanga-Eboko (Nang-a-Ee-bo'ko) Seminary, where he spent four years increasing his knowledge of the Bible and completing his general education. Then he went to work in the same area where he had previously worked as a census official. For the past four years he has been preaching and spreading the gospel there. In one town, where previously there had been no Adventist believers, he formed sev-

eral groups, baptized many precious souls, and even won a teacher of manual arts, who is now serving in one of our schools in the Cameroon. Thank God that His Spirit searches out and calls, even today, men such as Felix.

The opening phase of mission work has largely passed. National brethren must now take charge of the work in their homelands.

However, with such a great need for qualified, consecrated men, only the Spirit of God can overcome all the existing obstacles that confront our fields and our African youth, and can guide in the expansion and completion of the task committed to us.

We are praying God will impress you to be liberal on the thirteenth Sabbath so that the French-speaking Seminary at Nanga-Eboko can be equipped to help young men and women consecrate themselves, in spite of all the difficulties, to the service of God and their fellow men.

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## SABBATH, AUGUST 20

### Everything to Do

by David de Keuster

[Business manager of the Adventist Seminary of Nanga-Eboko, Cameroon, Africa]

A new visitor is always surprised, on arriving at the Adventist Seminary of Nanga-Eboko (Nang-a-Ee-bo'ko) in the Cameroon, to notice the scattered buildings and lack of a real school campus for this school



known also as the Adventist College for French-speaking Africa. Since its founding the institution has grown here a little, there a little, without a real master plan. It didn't occur to anyone that this would become the workers' training college for all the French-speaking countries of Africa. It was originally decided that it would be good to have a little primary school on the Nanga-Eboko mission station. So great was the desire for learning among the African population that this school grew very quickly. Then, one by one, buildings were added to accommodate the first two years of the secondary school. Some years later, as the reputation and enrollment of this institution grew, it was decided to prepare pupils for the intermediate examination, and finally to continue the second stage and prepare them for college entrance. The happy day came when all agreed that this school should become a seminary to train workers for Equatorial Africa. Thus the Bible school at Niamvoudou (Nyam'voo-do) was transferred to Nanga-Eboko. Its location, only 103 miles (165 kilometers) from Yaounde' (Ya-oon'day), the capital, and its easy access by both the Cameroon railway and by the much-traveled north-south road has favored this place.

In an effort to speed up the work in Africa, the General Conference named the Nanga-Eboko Seminary as the training institution for theology students from African countries. The central location of Cameroon and the political stability there led to this choice. The 17 coun-

tries represented at the school are administered by three different divisions: the Euro-Africa, the Trans-Africa, and the Northern Europe-West Africa divisions.

The evangelizing of these countries constitutes a great challenge, for in many of them our work has scarcely begun, and others are still unentered. The Adventist Seminary of Nanga-Eboko faces the enormous task of preparing the leadership, which by the power of God will be able to accept such an important challenge.

The existing buildings of our seminary, planned with other needs in mind, are no longer adequate, because the Nanga-Eboko Seminary has grown to 315 students in four courses: 42 in theology; 6 in pedagogy; 50 in home economics training for the wives of married students; and the rest from the seventh grade through first-year college.

The lack of personnel is one of our greatest problems. To train all these students we have to rely to a large extent on European teachers, which will not be the solution indefinitely. We must prepare qualified indigenous personnel to replace the overseas workers.

There is also an appalling lack of staff housing for the seminary.

We are ashamed of the woefully inadequate dormitories our students occupy. Drastic crowding is evident everywhere. They look forward to the day when theological and senior students can be separated from the younger ones. The small dining room is a temporary build-

ing, which fills with the smells of the meals cooking outside over wooden fires. Imagine toilets without running water, bathrooms with insufficient water. No, the old buildings of the seminary won't do any longer. We must build a new college for our theological students.

An auditorium large enough to accommodate all these students, new classrooms, modern teaching equipment, a well-stocked library, a gymnasium, and playing areas. True, we have made progress (classrooms, library), but our financial means no longer permit us to face up to all our vital needs. There is still so much lacking!

In spite of our ancient building, the Adventist Seminary of Nanga-Eboko has a very good reputation, to the extent that a large number of leading personalities of the Cameroons send their children to the school here, for our system of education is much appreciated. Each year more than 20 young people accept Christ as their Saviour.

Dear brethren and sisters of the Sabbath Schools of the whole world: Our appeal this morning is a very pressing one. In view of the immense task of training a working force for all of French-speaking Africa, we feel that our Adventist Seminary of Nanga-Eboko cannot face up to its responsibilities without assistance. We pray the work in Africa will become a personal matter for you! It is time today to prove once again your dedication to the advancement of the work by your gifts. Your help for three colleges will prepare workers so greatly needed.

## SABBATH, AUGUST 27

### An Unusual Front-Line Campaigner

by André Makong

[Director of the Bamileke (Ba-meh'leh-keh) district in the East Cameroon Mission]

For Jeremiah Henkova, the loss of his legs was not a great tragedy. His native town, Bangangté (Bangang'tay), was in such great need of the gospel that one preacher alone was not sufficient for the task. Although handicapped, Jeremiah did his part, for a veritable fire burned in him from the time he learned the truth.

Since the time some years ago when Jeremiah lost his legs below his knees in a train accident, he was given a tricycle which he could propel with his arms. Social security also gave him a pension of 25 dollars a year. But instead of complaining, Jeremiah is always smiling. He pedals from one end of the town to the other to do evangelism. Today he is in one winding alley, tomorrow in another, his Bible always tied to his wooden seat.

Jeremiah arranged a meeting with his uncle who lived on the plateau. Imagine his trip up a hill so steep that he cannot pedal up. A kind passer-by comes to his rescue and pushes him to the top. He parks his tricycle and leaning on his two crutches he crawls into the house of his uncle whom he longs to bring to Jesus.

UNCLE: Why, hello there, Jeremiah! You have come at the right

time, for your aunt and I were just talking about you. We really can't understand what has happened to you. People tell me you are possessed.

JEREMIAH: That's true, I am possessed, by Christ, since I met Him and He became my Saviour. My way of looking at things and my plans have completely changed. My future no longer seems gloomy, but bright. That is why I have to tell everyone I see why I am so happy and why I work every day for my best Friend.

UNCLE: But doesn't your sect have an evangelist? Why should you, a cripple, have to go from door to door?

JEREMIAH: Yes, we have a pastor. He's the one who brought me the wonderful teachings of Jesus—so many things I never knew before. But he alone can't take to everyone the good news that Jesus is waiting to give us power to be like Him, and that He is soon coming for His children.

UNCLE: I suppose you are trying to get everybody in our town to join your sect?

JEREMIAH: God grant that all Bangangté may become Adventists. Tell me, why do you always call our church a sect?

UNCLE: Why, you are too small and insignificant to be a church. It has been only a year since you started to work here, hasn't it?

JEREMIAH: It's true, we have just begun here in the western part of the Cameroon; but in the center, the south, and the north, our church has been firmly established for 50 years.

UNCLE: But what made you wait

so long to come to the West? You are way behind. Christianity no longer has any appeal to the Bamilekes. Our god, you know, is money. I do not think anybody will pay any attention to you now.

JEREMIAH: We are not asking people to follow us. We invite them to come to Jesus and listen to His Word. The Adventists came to us so late because they have so few workers. We know only a few will accept Him and follow where He leads. But God is with us and will give us the power of His Spirit to reach the 107 villages around here. We may have only one worker, but we really work with him.

UNCLE: Tell me, what attracted you most to this church? You would not be ridiculed if you had remained a Catholic as you started out.

JEREMIAH: But I would never have discovered the true teachings of the Bible. I would never have understood what it meant for Jesus to die on the cross, nor what He is doing in heaven for me now. If I had not understood the prophecies I would not have been preparing for His return. I would never have known that reverently keeping the seventh-day Sabbath holy is a sign that Jesus is recreating me in His image.

The following week uncle came to church with his crippled nephew, and was impressed to register for Bible studies.

If only there were more workers to join the five working in the entire country. Just one of these understands the dialect in an area of 1.5 million people.

We are eager to train some of

the more promising youth in our college at Nanga-Eboko. It is from there that they will go to reinforce the efforts of many Jeremiahs. Part of your generous offering on this thirteenth Sabbath will go for this purpose.

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## SABBATH, SEPTEMBER 3

### Modern-day Demons

by Raymond H. Woolsey

[Currently book editor at the Review and Herald Publishing Association, formerly editor at the Philippine Publishing House]

In these days of rapid scientific advance, when the boundaries of human intelligence are being pushed back on many fronts, it may seem almost old-fashioned to speak of devils and demons. Many people think they belong to the myths and legends of yesteryear. But we who believe in the Bible know that Satan is a very real devil. We also know that at times when Jesus was on earth, for instance, demons, or devils, possessed people in such a way that they took control of their bodies and even of their minds.

Even so, we are likely to think of devil-possession as a phenomenon limited mostly to the less civilized portions of the world. It may come as a surprise to some of us to learn that devil worship is becoming very popular in such countries as Canada and England. Some ministers have cited it as a reason why church attendance in England has dropped

to seven out of 100 of the population.

The following incident occurred some time ago in the Philippines. It is attested to by our own Adventist pastors.

A young woman named Warla, a Roman Catholic girl, left her home in Carles, Iloilo (Ee-lo-ee-lo), in the Central Philippines, to earn her living. She soon found herself in the small town of Caburihan (Kabur-i-han), selling dried fish in the public market. A certain young man began paying her particular attention. At first Warla enjoyed conversing with him, especially as the realization developed that he was courting her. But then Warla noticed that the young man had the strange power of appearing or disappearing before her very eyes.

Troubled over this strange situation, Warla returned to the security of her family; but the young man followed her, along with several of his companions. From time to time they would call at her home and ask Warla to accompany them on an excursion. If Warla refused to go with them she became rigid and straight, with her eyes open, but apparently lifeless.

Warla's parents cast about for help from these evil powers. They invited some Seventh-day Adventist workers to visit, and a series of cottage meetings was arranged. The young man in question and his companions would always leave when the Adventists came for the meetings.

Warla and her family accepted the Bible message of hope and sal-

vation as presented to them by the Adventists, and arrangements were made for their baptism at a district meeting some nine miles (15 kilometers) distant. The family arrived at the meeting place on Friday, and in the evening attended vespers. During the sermon Warla gave a scream and fell to the floor, rigid and unfeeling. The church members prayed for her, and she regained consciousness, but when the meeting was over she would not leave the chapel, for there appeared to her demons just outside the chapel door.

Members of the choir stayed after the service for practice, and Warla remained in her seat. Suddenly, the choir members saw Warla rising straight up from her seat toward the ceiling. Some of the men ran to her and by standing on the pew were able to reach her feet and pull her down. All night the church members, including a woman from the mission headquarters, prayed for her. At one point this woman, sitting beside Warla, took up her Bible and read a text. Instantaneously, it seemed, without her quite being able to tell how, Warla was no longer at her side, but at the doorway, screaming. "No, no, no! I'll not go with you," Warla cried. "I will be baptized." Then she fell again stiffly to the floor.

On Sabbath afternoon twenty-eight people were baptized in the open sea, while Warla lay in a rigid posture on the sand. After the baptism the workers gathered around Warla and prayed some more. After a while she stood and gave the church members admonition to remain faithful to their vows. "I am

now ready to be baptized," she said.

Two pastors conducted Warla into the water. After a brief song by the congregation on the shore, one pastor raised his hand and began the committal. Before he could complete the "Amen," Warla began to shoot up out of the water by his side, "like a rocket," as the members described it. The pastor grabbed her baptismal robe and pulled her back down and baptized her. Remarkably, from the moment she was baptized Warla has never again been troubled with devils, or demons.

"There were more than a hundred devils around us," Warla said of her baptismal experience later. "They made a rush to grab me, but a glorious light appeared from above and all the devils ran away." Warla has followed her own admonition and has been a faithful church member, rejoicing in the deliverance from a fate worse than death itself.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Philippines is growing rapidly. At the end of March, 1976, there were more than 181,513 members there—more than half the membership of the Far Eastern Division. They are very faithful in lay evangelism and in Sabbath School evangelism. They rejoice in their fellowship with Adventist believers around the world. The homes of most of them are very humble, as are their houses of worship, but they love the Lord and are eager for His soon return.

Because of lack of transportation, it is difficult for church members to travel very far to attend church services. The tendency, therefore,

is to have many small churches. With a shortage of pastors, one pastor may have in his district fifteen, twenty, or more churches. It is impossible to visit them all very often. There is a strong need for more schools to train more pastors to give proper guidance to these dear people, and to help them in their zeal for bringing still others to a saving knowledge of the gospel. Add your prayers as you give your offerings this quarter for the furtherance of God's work in the earth.

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## SABBATH, SEPTEMBER 10

### Four Stars of Victory

by E. Zech

[Erika Zech is the wife of one of our teachers from the Marienhoehe (Ma-reé-ahn-hoe-a) Seminary. She is a very active lay member doing mission work from door to door. She and her husband formed a Bible-study circle in their home for people who have been found by The Bible Speaks activity. The Bible Speaks plan has become a very popular way in Germany for doing missionary work from door to door. As an introduction, an opinion poll is taken as a part of the lessons. It is similar to the Voice of Prophecy Correspondence Course. This has proved a good method to make first contacts with the people, and afterward to offer the free Bible-study course.]

"I weep all day long. It is terrible to live without any hope. How cruel life is!" The fragile young woman lay back exhausted on her pillow. The lay Bible workers could hardly keep back their tears. What could they say to encourage this despondent woman in her terminal illness?

"The doctors tell me that I have

only a short time to live. I worry all the time about what will happen to my three children. Do you believe there will be a resurrection of all the dead?"

Bracing herself, one of the Bible workers spoke words of encouragement to her and told her of the weekly prayer circle they had in the church, and of the wonderful experiences of answered prayer that they had had.

During the next few days the Adventist women went to visit this family just as often as possible. They prayed with them and studied the precious promises in the Word of God. Two weeks after their first visit this woman, with her whole family, was able to attend Sabbath services in the Adventist church in Darmstadt, West Germany.

But Mrs. Kunz was still very frail and feeble. Then she began to improve day by day. She took an interest in reading the Bible, joining in the hymn singing when the Bible workers visited in her home, and listening with deep interest to the studies given. When an evangelistic effort was held in the city she and her family attended.

At the close of the series of meetings both Mr. and Mrs. Kunz asked for baptism. Her strength was beginning to fail, and she felt that perhaps soon she would be laid to rest. The following Sabbath she and her husband were baptized. God gave them real joy and peace in serving Jesus. Several weeks later she entered into her final sleep with the assurance of being safe in the arms of Jesus.

God used her faith experience to impress two previously interested people to make their decision. Soon after, these followed her in baptism.

This is one page taken from the seminary church at Marienhoehe that was made possible by two faithful members. How thankful they were that they had not delayed in telling their neighbors the good news. Sorrow has brought victorious growth to God's church, ever since the time of the apostles.

The new church at the Marienhoehe Seminary will provide an adequate home for our Adventist family there, and with your financial help on the thirteenth Sabbath you can share in the great final victory at the coming of our Saviour.

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## SABBATH, SEPTEMBER 17

### Collonges Witnesses a Miracle

by G. Steveny

[President of Seminaire Adventiste, Collonges, France, since 1970; also professor of religion since 1967.]

The doctor did not hide his pessimism. The days of Roger were limited. The medical diagnosis had just fallen as sharp and cutting as a guillotine blade. Roger had the most serious type of leukemia! The college president at our Collonges (Kah-lohn'zh) Seminary in France listened compassionately to

the voice of Roger's wife on the telephone. Her voice was choked with sobs. She could foresee catastrophe for her little family, and with anguish she asked whether the president would come visit her husband.

En route to the hospital the president began to review the story of Roger and his wife. This young man had begun his career as a physical therapist. He could have continued his life with success, but the Lord touched his heart.

Roger left everything and came to Collonges. He was beginning his second school year when he was struck down by this recent illness.

It was the beginning of a long struggle. Competent specialists were called to assist in battling the disease. It was now necessary to take him 120 miles away to the city of Lyon to a specialized university hospital.

The president found Roger submissive and full of faith that prayer on his behalf would be heard. At the seminary and in our French Adventist churches many prayers were being said on his behalf. They were all praying: "Not our will, but Yours!" A great serenity soon surrounded Roger and his family. Every day his wife, who was expecting their second child, would go to a neighboring town where she worked as a secretary in a bank. As the sole support of her family, she divided her time between her work, her child, and her husband. Her courage was strong, and her faith in God was admirable. Never did she utter a word of complaint or revolt. Faith,

hope, and love were alive in her.

This all happened several years ago, but Roger's case was well known, so many in the college community witnessed the miracle of his healing. Gradually he became stronger and stronger. In time he was able to begin again the normal duties of life. Today a large church in France is benefiting from Roger's enthusiastic ministry.

This story is somewhat exceptional, and yet each of the students at Collonges has his own story in which the benevolent hand of God can be seen. And what is true for each individual is equally true for the institution taken as a whole. The vast area that our Collonges Seminary serves is vital to our world work as a church. The Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help provide a much needed library and office building for this strategic educational center.

[Let me tell you another short story today.]

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## Help

by Frederic Zurcher

[Chairman of department of education, French Adventist Seminary, Collonges, France]

"We need a lady who speaks and writes good French," the letter read.

"This is essential. Typing is also required, but she need not be an expert. . . . We are desperate for a secretary. Any help you can give us in finding one will be greatly appreciated. . . . The division and

the General Conference have given up all hope of locating a French secretary for us, and we are now looking for a suitable person ourselves."

Can't you feel the urgency in that letter? Would you believe that letters such as this are not uncommon? Why should we receive such messages of despair? The answer is very simple. Our seminary in Collonges (Kah-lohn'zh), France, is the only college preparing workers for all the French-speaking world.

We cannot keep up with the demand for workers in some of the French-speaking areas. Specialized personnel is badly lacking whether it be secretaries, teachers, pastors, doctors, or printers, and of course we could easily extend the list.

What can we do? Produce more workers, of course! But to do so we need improved facilities, and fast. For the past thirty years the growth rate of this school has been only one major new building every ten years. That, my friends, is much too slow. While we save the money to build, the price of building triples. Thus, instead of constructing three buildings, we are able to build only one, because the funds came in too slowly.

We have just introduced a new teacher-training program, but here again we have no facilities to carry out the program.

There is no office space, and there are no classrooms dedicated to the education department. If only you could see the good spirit of the students who have to meet in whatever room happens to be available at the



time. Sometimes it is in the boys' dormitory, a science room, or in the secondary school.

Thank the Lord that facilities are not essential to have a living experience with Him. If you could have heard Joelle testifying in her home church in Nice you would be convinced. Joelle is a student who really did not want to come to the seminary, but now she feels that it is the best thing that has ever happened to her.

Simone is another fine student who, after her baptism, decided to come to Collonges without any thought given to the fact that it might cost more money than she had. Opportunities for work were limited, and she could not find work either on or off the campus. But the Lord knew of her need and answered her prayer. A dear woman in the church felt impressed to pay her total expenses directly to the school. Simone was thrilled to learn the good news, but the same thought kept coming back to her mind. How could she possibly pay tithe on such a large amount? She prayed earnestly about it and decided to visit the business manager in order to find enough work to pay her tithe faithfully.

Brother Jordan listened attentively. "Simone," he interrupted, his eyes full of tears, "God has already answered your prayers. I just received a letter from someone who felt impressed to send you a gift, which you will be happy to know is the exact amount you will need to pay your tithe each month." Together they knelt and thanked God for His goodness.

Collonges is an international center. Each year students come from more than thirty nations. For the 1975-1976 school year, 388 students were registered, 131 of them in the department of theology. Students from Austria, Italy, Spain, and Yugoslavia study their first two years of theology in their own countries and come to Collonges to complete their training. Thus this educational center in France contributes to the development of the work in these countries, as well.

Don't you believe, brothers and sisters, that something should be done to help our educational institution in France? Please pray for us and ask the Lord to help you decide what special sacrificial effort you should make when the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering is taken.

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## SABBATH, SEPTEMBER 24

### Jose (Zho-zay') Finds Some Wheels

by Siegfried Schwantes

[Head of the theology department at the French Seminary, Collonges-sous-Saleve, since 1972]

Jose was born in a small village in Portugal, the son of a deeply religious family. Even though his educational opportunities were very limited, Jose always felt a deep thirst for learning. While in military service he came in contact with

an Adventist medic who introduced him to the Advent message. His receptive mind proved to be fertile ground for the seed of truth, and a few months later he was baptized into the Oporto church.

Jose felt the call to prepare himself for the gospel ministry. His immediate relatives turned their backs on him, but with the help of his wife, now baptized also, he began to lay aside a part of his earnings in order to make his dream a reality. Eventually he enrolled in our Spanish seminary in the city of Valencia. Never daunted by the meagerness of material resources, he worked his way through school mainly as a literature evangelist during the summers.

The next hurdle was to earn money to come to our senior college in France to complete his training for the ministry. The exchange rate between Portuguese escudos and French francs was unfavorable for him, but Jose would not allow this inconvenience to deter him. Thus, in September, 1974, he arrived at Collonges with his small family, very rich in faith, but very short on cash.

Just then the recent economic depression was hitting Europe, and jobs were scarce everywhere. But Jose was able to arrange a part-time job as a gardener in a large villa near the seminary to meet the family's bare financial necessities. Knowing that he was without transportation, a fellow student offered to sell Jose a motorbike for \$180.

Thus Jose began to agonize over the temptation, to buy the bike or to save the money for school ex-

penses and trust God to help with his transportation problem. As his hands mechanically pulled the weeds in the flower beds, his thoughts revolved around the question of whether to buy or not to buy the bike. It was in tiptop condition, a fine bike—just the thing he needed to go to work and on shopping trips. No better way to economize and go places quickly in an emergency, he thought. But all the while he realized he would be left completely "broke" by such a transaction!

Eventually his better judgment got the upper hand. The long list of advantages in owning a motorized bike began to fade in the light of the harsh realities of life. What point is there in having a fine bike if the children might go hungry? So the bike was forgotten.

A few weeks later, in the cold of winter, his wife lost one of her customers for whom she did house cleaning, and the little family became really hard pressed. Every cent counted in their mini-budget. How thankful Jose was that he had not bought the bike!

The school year continued, and a beautiful early spring came to Collonges (Kah-lohn'zh). Jose was quietly studying one day when there was a knock at the door. His history professor had come to offer him work as a gardener twice a week on some country property in Switzerland. The proposal could not have come to anyone in greater need, and an appointment was made by telephone with the woman on the estate.

But an awesome obstacle stood in the way. The property was 30 miles from the college, and there was no

public transportation. He could not meet the appointment, much less engage in work so far away without some means of transportation. A schoolmate offered to lend him a bike, but to pedal 30 miles seemed a formidable and very time-consuming task. The date of the appointment approached, and still Jose had found no solution to the problem.

One afternoon he went to do some garden work in a neighboring villa where he held a part-time job. Upon arrival at the villa he directed his steps to the garage where the garden tools were stored. Peering into the semidarkness, he saw in the corner a motorized bike, which he had never noticed before. He was dumbfounded. He drew near the dust-laden bike, touched it, and thought, "If only it were in running condition..."

He took the tools and went out to the garden to do his chores. Later in the day he saw the lady of the house and told her of his discovery of the bike and asked whether there was any possibility that they would sell it. She smiled and said she would mention it to her husband.

Later, as he was pushing a wheelbarrow of dirt, Jose was met by the owner of the house, who immediately asked, "Jose, are you interested in the bike?" Jose blurted, "Most certainly, sir." The man replied, "Well, you may take it home. It's yours."

Jose profusely thanked the man and immediately understood why the Lord hadn't allowed him to buy the first bike some months before. He also realized more fully that God cared for him and had a plan

for his life.

Jose will soon finish his studies. Part of the time he works in the college library to earn some of his school expenses. There are many other students at Collonges with similar stories. They come from Portugal, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Belgium, and France. All are eager to complete their studies and enter the Lord's work. The quality of their education depends on a good library among other things.

The present library, with its limited space and resources, no longer meets the needs of a growing seminary whose influence radiates to every country of the globe where French is spoken. Your offering on this thirteenth Sabbath will help provide this much-needed new library, and you will thus help provide the education necessary for workers in this challenging field.

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## THIRTEENTH SABBATH PROGRAM

### September 24

Have a souvenir display of things from the Euro-African Division, if possible, or large pictures depicting scenes from the mission field. This may be attractively done in one corner, a table, or a full wall of the Sabbath School room.

- 9:15- 9:29 Inspirational song service.
- 9:29- 9:30 Program participants enter.
- 9:30- 9:34 Silent prayer and opening song.
- 9:34- 9:36 Prayer—brief. Remember the mission field to benefit from the offering overflow.
- 9:36- 9:59 Special thirteenth Sabbath mission program. Usually the adult and not more than two of the children's divisions participate.

9:59-10:37 Class period—six-point program, 8 minutes (including taking of lay-activities report, 2 minutes, and brief tie-in with last week's lesson). Lesson study, 30 minutes.

10:37-10:40 Closing exercise—close promptly.

Note.—Posters, announcements, and/or bulletin inserts provided free by the conference announcing the thirteenth Sabbath projects may be used. Plan all details of your program early—at least two weeks in advance. Instruct division leaders whose children are participating so that each may know the amount of time allotted. For additional program material see Children's Edition, *World Mission Report*.

## The Grace of Giving

What a wonder it is that the Lord over all,  
Whose wealth is unbounded, unknown,  
Takes notice of everything done, large or small,  
And so values the gifts from His own.

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,  
All the land, and the silver, and gold;  
The cattle and sheep upon thousands of hills,  
All the wealth, and the riches untold.

"God giveth us richly all things to enjoy"  
From out of His bountiful store;  
For "Every good gift cometh down from above,"  
And daily He blesses us more.

He gave unto us the "unspeakable gift,"  
Of Jesus, the Son of His love;  
To ransom our souls from the bondage of sin,  
And bring us to Glory above.

Such wonderful love! 'tis the least we can do,  
And a very small thing on our part,  
To render the worship and praise due to Him,  
And grant Him first place in the heart.

'Tis our privilege then to return unto Him  
A portion of what we possess;  
The steward who's willing and faithful in this,  
The Lord will assuredly bless.

And Jesus beholds how we give unto Him;  
The widow's two mites may seem small,  
But she gave with a heart full of love to her Lord,  
And to Him—"She gave more than they all."

A cup of cold water, He'll not overlook  
If given as unto the Lord;  
How little it takes for the Saviour to note,  
And in glory to richly reward.

Who cheerfully, willingly gives to the Lord,  
His promise of blessing is sure;  
For God will provide an abundant reward—  
Through eternity, it will endure.

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## The Greatest of These

Mrs. E. Culley

What force impels a mother's heart  
To sacrifice herself—surrender all—  
To stand the tests, and take her part  
In answering when life's duties call?  
'Tis love.

What power possessed the martyr's mind,  
In dungeon, persecution, flame,  
To stand for truth, in death to find  
Life thro' the Saviour's name?  
'Tis love.

What keeps the missionary's soul  
Undaunted, faithful to the call,  
Resolute toward the goal,  
Denying self, renouncing all?  
'Tis love.

What grace divine the Master showed,  
To pay the penalty of sin.  
Abundant life He thus bestows,  
A vital power which works within!  
'Tis love.

Help me, dear Lord, this grace to find,  
This blessed acquisition gain.  
May it diffuse my heart and mind,  
Above all else may this remain—  
This love.

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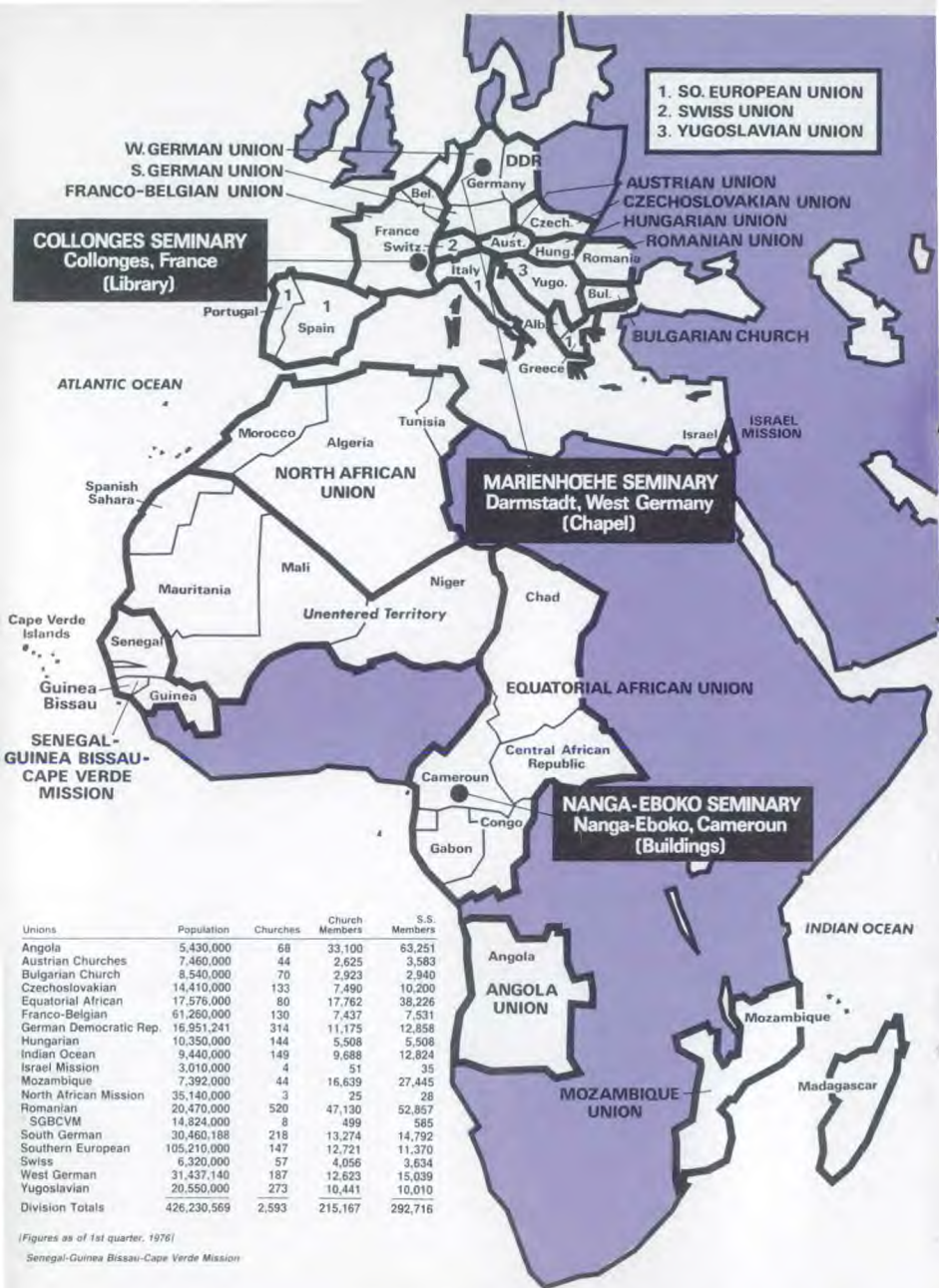
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