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Dear Members of God's Family:

Days of reaping are joyful days. I still remember the early years of my denominational work at our school in Hapur. As soon as the monsoons were over the fields were ploughed, fertilized, and furrowed. Selected wheat seed was sown and the earth carefully spread over the seed. How happy we were when the seed sprouted covering the brown earth with a carpet of green. Around Christmas the heads began to form

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"Build up, build up,
Prepare the road! Remove the
obstacles out of the way of my people."

Principles in Accountability

E. A. Hetke

In college, a course is taught known as *Principles of Accounting* where the student learns the elementary truth that balance is necessary in business. In order to maintain credibility, credits and debits must be placed in the proper columns, for misplacing them can lead to a chaotic state.

Accountability too, has its ledger system, but it has much more. Accounting largely deals with figures; accountability deals with people and their God. Accountability has to do with all the elements that go into making up life in its entirety.

God's word gives specific instruction as to what may be expected in the system of Christian accounting. Romans 14:11,12 ties confession to accountability. "... As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God."

What is the nature of our accounting to God? "... God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." Eccl. 12:14. That is a very broad area of living to be accounted for, but Matt. 12:36 includes an even wider scope. "... every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment."

With every aspect of our lives being held accountable to God, what should be our attitude to life here and hereafter?

Life at its longest is short. "The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away." Ps. 90:10.

How often mortals account the 70 or 80 years of earthly life span more important than eternity. With eternity at stake we are willing to barter the future by lying, here and now, to get out of a difficult situation which we usually have gotten into by our own doings. We steal,

here and now, to gain some earthly advantage at the cost of heaven and its riches. We deny God, here and now, by actions, words and deeds thus giving up the opportunity of a life-time to be with Him in Paradise forever.

Theft of church funds seems to be all too prevalent of late. It appears that it is now easier to steal from God than from the brethren. Is stealing from God any less an earthly or heavenly crime than stealing from another human?

Is money the only commodity that can be stolen from God? Cannot time or influence also be robbed of Him?

Seldom is theft committed openly whether the crime be committed against man, primarily, or against God alone. How then are we held to accountability?

Some sins remain hidden to all but God and one's own conscience. Other sins are soon discovered. But before God's judgment even the "secret things" are brought to the attention of the universe.

On the occasions when man's sin is discovered, the usual request, after acknowledgment of the wrong has been made is, "Please don't tell anyone. I'll repay the amount or make the loss right. Give me another chance!"

In God's judgment, the universe will know as sins will be revealed so there will be no need to ask God for confidentiality. Repayment will be too late whether the offer be made for immediate reimbursement or on an installment basis. A second chance will not be possible for the day of probation would have closed.

What then should our attitude be toward dishonesty in all of life's aspects? First, to acknowledge our dependence on God's power to keep us living a sinless life. Second, to accept Christ's shed blood as prepayment for the repayment we by right should give. Third, to accept his offer of salvation now and live by faith a victorious, overcoming, consistent Christian life which will give no need for a second chance.

Pastor E. A. Hetke writes from Poona. Since the last GC session he has served Southern Asia Division as its secretary.

Adventpura Mini-Marathon

Attracts Young and Old

John McGhee

They ran, jogged, walked, and talked their way through the six-mile marathon. People, aged 5 to 45, some grey-haired, others crew-cutted—all happily converged early at the starting line that bright Sunday morning, May 2, 1982.

The Adventpura Mini-Marathon, co-sponsored by the health and youth departments of the Pakistan Union of Seventh-day Adventists, after months of preparation began with a bang! Pastor George C. Johnson, president of Pakistan Union, got a jump out of all participants as he ignited the starting fireworks at precisely 5:35 a.m.

While a lane was kept open for the runners who were out to clock their fastest six-mile run time, the vast majority enjoyed a more leisurely pace. The pack spread out in bunches along the 500 metres.

Two six-year-old girl friends holding hands ran together passing up some of the 45-year-old men on the track. But everywhere there were smiles, good-

natured pats and signs of warm fellowship rather than grim competition.

Nazir Abdullah, a silver medallionist of Pakistan Adventist Seminary and College, completed the run in 43 minutes and 45 seconds, taking the blue ribbon back to school with him. Mr. Beecher Lafever, science teacher at Pakistan Adventist Seminary and College and 18 years senior to Nazir, took the red ribbon 45 seconds later.

Prerequisites for the marathon included a minimum of 15 days of regular vigorous exercise. The rewards were hard to evaluate but a few included:

1. Free Pakistani or Western-style breakfast for all who entered.
2. Fun and fellowship for all 62 starters and 47 finishers.
3. Motivation to begin or maintain a regular exercise program.
4. Running shirts available for purchase bearing the message "Adventpura Mini-Marathon".

Diane Butler and her husband Terry, director of the ministerial, communications,



Nazir Abdullah

and stewardship departments of Pakistan Union were largely responsible for motivating and making the marathon a reality. Mrs. Z.M. Zubaid and Mrs. Ivan Jones were extremely popular with the runners for their delicious breakfasts which their teams of willing workers prepared.

The Adventpura Mini-Marathon will be remembered as one race where all who finished the course won the race. If the same warm fellowship and tolerance to individual pace so apparent that bright morning is maintained in Heaven's Major Marathon which is in progress now, the Adventpura Mini-Marathon will not have been held in vain.

John McGhee was health-temperance and youth director for Pakistan Union until he recently returned to the US.

God's plan for salvation makes ample provision for redemption from sin, restoration from a fallen state, forgiveness for sins committed and the power to live victoriously. It does not make provision for a second chance after the judgment.

Our accountability may be given in only two ways. The first and preferable way is by having the blood of Christ overcredit all our debits; the second is to stand before the judge

of the universe with no credits to cover the balance due. We must then stand in our own righteousness. If Isaiah's term for man's righteousness in Isa. 64:6 is any indication then without Christ's righteousness we have a negative balance, "... and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags."

May the considerations for eternal life and its attending bounties help us make the right temporal choices.

1000 Days of Reaping

John Willmott

These are days of opportunities. We praise the Lord for what He is doing through His Church throughout the world. The World Church has set a goal of 1000 Days of Reaping when a million precious souls are expected to be brought into the fold of God. Beginning September 18, 1982 it is the plan of the Church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to baptize 1000 souls a day for 1000 days. Our Church in Southern Asia has pledged to cooperate with this plan baptizing 100 precious souls a day for 1000 days, beginning



September 18. This means we will double our membership by June 1985 by adding 100,000 members to our present membership of 100,000. We are indeed happy to promote this main business of the Church in the different areas of the Division.

1. We are planning to prepare a goal chart with a logo which should be displayed in every church as a reminder for total participation in achieving this objective. There will be a provision in the chart to mark periodically the churches achievement in baptisms. The chart displayed at the section office will maintain the record of achievement by the section, and likewise at the Union and Division.
2. We are recommending that the monthly lay activities promotion period be devoted to featuring the 1000 Days of Reaping;

Dr. John Willmott, as division ministerial advisor, has the special responsibility of providing the impetus for the 1000 Days of Reaping program.

and further that our pastors and leaders make special reference each Sabbath in connection with this major evangelistic thrust during the 1000 days.

3. September 18, 1982 is set apart as the inaugural baptism day and as a day of fasting and prayer to help every church member to examine his own standing before God and enter into a deeper spiritual experience and revival, and further that this be a day when a special commitment is entered into with the Lord for sharing this message with others by engaging in witnessing activities.
4. After the inaugural baptism day of September 18, we desire to urge our churches to have a major baptismal day set apart on the Sabbath closest to every 100th day. This will provide an opportunity for us to have 10 major baptisms during the 1000 days.

LAY ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT HAILS "1000 DAYS OF REAPING"

The Lay Activities Department appreciates the opportunity afforded by the "ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF REAPING" period to reaffirm the collective aim of all departmental programs and efforts. There are three avenues through which the LA Department will participate in the attempt to help the Church in Southern Asia achieve its objective of 100 converts per day—

- (1) training laymembers for active witnessing and church leadership;
- (2) equipping laymembers with adequate tools and aids for witnessing and church leadership;
- (3) enlisting laymembers in programs of witnessing and in church leadership capacities.

TRAINING

In every section training programs will be conducted to develop the laymember's abilities in communicating the Gospel message in the context of his own spiritual experience. Using the Bible and his personal testimony, every Seventh-day Adventist should be able to give a convincing presentation of the Gospel.

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and the green wheat, interspersed with yellow mustard blossoms, waved in the winter breezes. We prayed for the winter rains to ripen the grain and in a few weeks the heads bent over with the weight of the developed grain. Many times we anxiously looked as dark clouds gathered and prayed that no hail storm would come and mow down the ripening grain. As the winter gave way to spring and early summer, the fields become a mass of gold. When the farm manager thought that the fields were ready to harvest, the principal announced that there would be no classes for the next few days. Students and staff, armed with sickles and pitchforks, worked from dawn to dusk, cutting, bundling and stacking the golden sheaves. The fields were gleaned by the girls to make sure that no grain would be lost. Each day was a busy, tiring day. There was no time for arguments or misunderstanding. Every person was assigned a particular work and knew what was expected of him. The days of reaping brought satisfying results and there was much celebration when the work was over.

One Thousand Days of Reaping—reaping the fruits of Christ's sacrifice. God has invested all He has to ensure a bountiful harvest of souls saved in His kingdom. Members of God's family have sown and will continue to sow the Gospel seed. The sunshine of God's love and the dew of the Holy Spirit will develop and ripen the grain. Jesus Christ, in His illustration of the corn of wheat dying and bringing forth much fruit, symbolised His own death which would result in a vast harvest out of every nation, and kindred and tongue and people.

The church in Southern Asia has responded to the challenge of A Thousand Days of Reaping beginning September 18 by accepting a goal of 100 baptisms a day till the General Conference session in 1985. The world needs a true revelation of God and an understanding of His purpose for each life. This revelation can best be demonstrated in the lives of His followers. Only as one acknowledges Christ as Lord of his entire being will there be a longing to so represent Him so that the loveliness of His character will attract others to Him.



Experiencing the joys of true fellowship the Christian will have an intense desire to introduce his Saviour to his friends and neighbours.

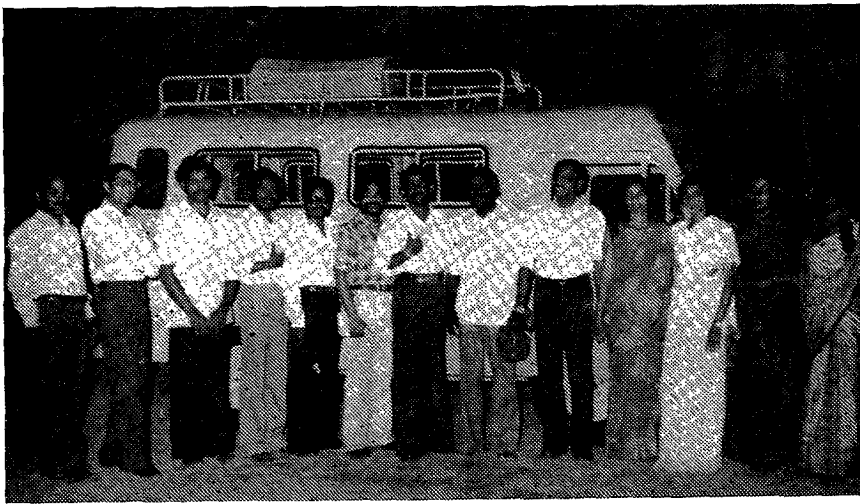
September 18 is being set apart as a day of fasting and prayer. This special day will give all members of the family of God an opportunity to renew their personal commitment to the proclamation of the good tidings of salvation. The fields are white—ready for harvesting. How will you respond to the challenge of A Thousand Days of Reaping.

G. J. Christo
President
Southern Asia Division

My Commitment

In appreciation of God's mercy in accepting me into His Family, and sensing in His commission my calling as His witness, I choose:

- to accept Jesus as Lord in every sphere of my life.
- to let my life be an expression of true discipleship.
- to actively participate in communicating the Gospel to my neighbours and friends.
- to unite with the church in achieving the objectives and sharing the blessings of the ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF REAPING.



The principal and his staff daily plied between the school and the meeting place by van.

Madras School Reach Out

The Madras Adventist High School carried out a two-week evangelistic campaign, May 2-16, on the outskirts of Madras city.

Members of the staff and the principal, Mr. George Kelly in conjunction with the members of the Arumbakkam church and its pastor, J. John, conducted a series of meetings at a hamlet called Ayanambakkam, about 18 kms. from the city.



Principal George Kelly making a point.

Problems of daily transportation back and forth across the 36 kms. and electricity failure

only sweetened their efforts. As a result seven people were baptised on May 22 by Pastor John Willmott.

Children, 50 and more, gathered daily to hear stories and learn new songs from the school teachers. Pastor J. D. Johnson of the English church showed slides.

The follow-up work by the school took the form of two branch Sabbath schools. Ayanambakkam is also the inspiration for "Project Village". under this project the village will be the centre of such activities as social welfare work, health lectures, sanitary work, story-telling and Bible studies. The principal hopes to involve many students and members of the school staff in these activities. □



Thoughtless Joking

R. H. Pierson

Deanna was overweight, and she was sensitive to any allusions to this fact. But her husband Rocky found delight in "kidding" her about the "excess baggage" she was carrying around. As we visited the Bostock home for Bible studies, we found ourselves growing increasingly more ill at ease because of Rocky's "jesting."

Obviously hurts ran deep between them, and eventually,

along with everything else, Deanna became "fed up" with her husband's heartless practice of joking at her expense.

The Servant of the Lord has something to say about this. It is important.

"Never should either party indulge in a joke at the expense of the other's feelings. Never should either the husband or wife in sport or in any other manner complain of each other to others, for frequently indulging in this foolish and what may seem perfectly harmless joking will end in trial with each other and perhaps estrangement" (*Adventist Home*, p. 177).

"Don't even talk about such things," Paul says, "they are not fit subjects for Christians to talk about" (Ephesians 5:4, *Phillips*).

"Minute Manna for Marrieds" is a series of articles provided by the Home and Family Service of the General Conference.

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Eight young people commit their lives to Christ

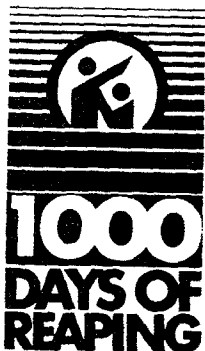
The Sabbath of July 3 witnessed eight young people of the Salisbury Park community formally testify for Christ through baptism. They were two girls, Nora Moser and Rajshri Gaikwad; and six boys, Rajkumar Parmananthan, Sanjay Isaiah, Johnny Chavan, Immanuel Gunamony, Prameed Raju and Devdas Ghatge.

For several weeks on Sabbath afternoons they had met in three separate groups studying the teachings of the Church according to the Scriptures led out by Dr. J. M. Fowler, Pastor and Mrs. Justin S. Singh and Wesley James. It was an occasion for joyous celebration in many homes. A worthy desire had been fostered and culminated in a public proclamation of Christ as their Lord of life and personal saviour. □



Clockwise: Pastor Lowell C. Cooper baptizing Sanjay Isaiah; Pastor Justin S. Singh, Prameed Raju; and Dr. John M. Fowler, Immanuel Gunamony.

DIVISION BAPTISM GOAL	
<i>Union</i>	<i>Baptisms</i>
Bangladesh	3,850
Burma	8,250
Central India	33,000
Northern	20,000
Pakistan	3,025
South India	68,000
Sri Lanka	2,000
Division Total	1,38,125



For an all-round



Young people actively planning Adventist Youth related activities including the Master Guide program. Left to right: Noel Zubaid, Kenneth Khan, Michael Ditta, Julius Gill, Ivan Mall, Edwin Alam, Johnson Gill, and Obed Asif.



Clockwise:

1. Michael Ditta, the first year student, is seen here completing the new Leadership Course requiring a token of accomplishment from Terry Butler.
2. David Alam Saddique is seen here spending many hours a day on the grounds at PASC.
3. Edgar Bashir finds employment training in the carpet factory.
4. Faithful and diligent workers are always in demand in the help shell peanuts for Peanut Butter, processing, freezing, or help packing and corn.
5. Irshad Yaqub and Edwin Alam are seen here in the kitchen.
6. Mohamed Tufail and Johnson Gill are seen here to operate press machine.

Thirty miles west of Lahore, in Chuharkana Mandi village, lies the beautiful, 40-acre, green campus of Pakistan Adventist Seminary and College. Approximately 400 students a year, from every corner of Pakistan keep the campus alive with activities, hope, aspiration and fun. PASC presents a challenge to personality development and inter-personal relationships as students, ranging from those in class I to college seniors, relate to each other and to their teachers in the course of a school year.

At the college level, students can obtain four-year degrees in Religion, Education, and Health Education; and two-year certificates in Business Administration, Christian Salesmanship, Secretarial Science, and Bible Instruction. Two-year courses in Urdu are offered in Ministerial Training and in Village Health Practitioner.

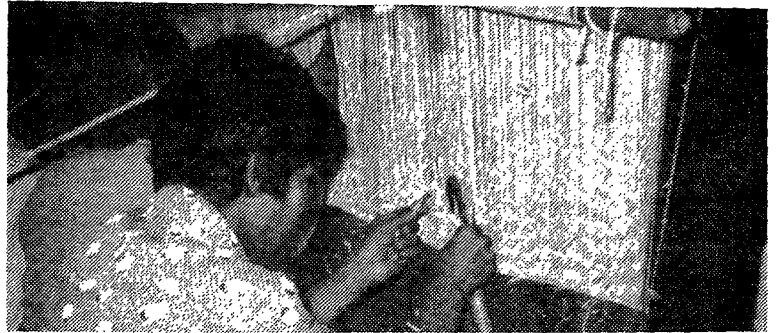
Because of the opportunities available among the village people, students can become involved in several aspects of service including health clinics, branch Sabbath schools, Vacation Bible Schools and various evangelistic out-thrusts.

A variety of work opportunities offers students not only financial assistance but also valuable training in useful skills. The grounds, kitchen, press, offices, food factory, farm and dormitories, supply ample work experience where habits of thoroughness, punctuality and dependability can be formed.

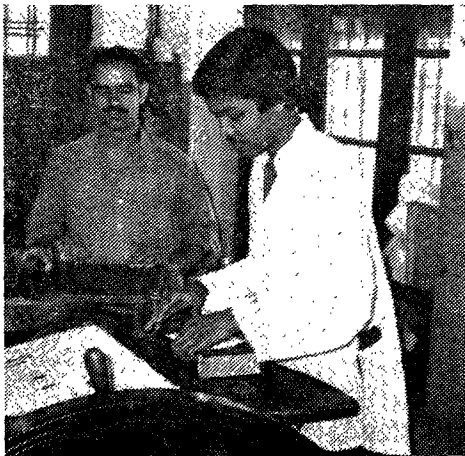
Students graduate from PASC prepared to fill responsibilities in the work of the church in Pakistan. And their places at PASC are filled by new students.

IN ADVENTIST SEMINARY AND COLLEGE PREPARE STUDENTS FOR SERVICE

development, students engage in a variety of work opportunities, social activities and church programs.



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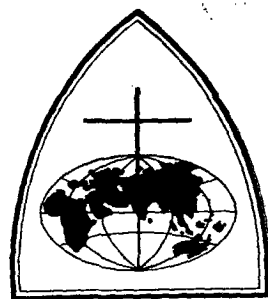
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INTERNATIONAL *More Gospel 'tongues'*

The latest Scripture Language Report of the United Bible Societies reveals that books of the Bible have now been published in 1,739 languages and dialects, an increase of 29 over the previous year. Complete Bibles have been issued in 277 languages, the New Testament in a further 518, and another 944 languages have translations of a single book of the Bible.

The continent with the largest number of Bible translations is Africa, with 104 complete Bibles, 163 New Testaments, and 239 single books. Asia has 88 complete Bibles, 119 New Testaments, and 231 single books.

—Northern Light

PACIFIC ISLANDS *Tongans to have Bibles replaced*

Thousands of Tongans whose homes were swept away when Cyclone Isaac ripped across their Pacific islands this spring soon will have every one of their lost Bibles replaced by the Bible Society. The cost to replace the missing Bibles for 3,190 households comes to more than \$10,000, according to Chan Y. Choi, Asia Pacific secretary of the United Bible Societies.

—Adventist Review

AFRICA *Alcohol and drug prevention congress held in Kenya*

Billed as the major Congress of the 80's for prevention programming, the ICPA World Congress for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Dependency scheduled

for August 29 through September 2, 1982, in Nairobi, Kenya, will see an array of authoritative speakers and workshop leaders.

They include renowned survey specialist George Gallup, Jr.; Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Awadi, World Health Organization president and health minister of Kuwait; Dr. Jan-Erik Wikstrom, minister of education of Sweden; Dr. Johannes Virolainen, speaker of The Government House, Finland; Monica M. Gutierrez, minister of justice for Chile; Dr. Carlos Norberto Cagliotti, executive director of drug program, Argentina; Dr. Tokeski Hirayama, research director, Japan Cancer Society; Dr. Roy Graham, provost of Andrews University, Michigan, U.S.A.; Dr. Keith Schuhard, developer of parent support organizations in U.S.A.; and, to open the Congress, the President of Kenya, Daniel Arap Moi.

The Congress will consist of lectures, workshops, discussion periods, plus afternoon safaris to game parks and other areas, and a final banquet of nations at which over 70 countries are expected to be represented.

—Adventist Review

UNITED STATES *Major change in Andrews University M. Div. Program*

The Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University has announced a major change in its curriculum for the master of divinity program, according to Dr. Gerhard F. Hasel, seminary dean.

The new curriculum is characterized by a strong emphasis upon a wholistic and integrated understanding of salvation and of Seventh-day Adventist heritage.

Also emphasized are a clear commitment to the training of a dynamic, soulwinning ministry and the integration of the entire seminary faculty in training students for pastoral-evangelistic ministry, according to Hasel.

The master of divinity degree program is the primary academic program to provide professional training for ministers in the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America. The new curriculum will be effective for all incoming students beginning in September.

"One of the innovative elements of the new curriculum is that each student will belong to a small group assigned to a local church. Each group will be led by the church pastor and a seminary professor. It will serve as a pastoral-evangelistic team involved in the local church setting. In addition to allowing for professional growth, these groups will offer the student spiritual support as well," says Hasel.

—Au News

HONDURAS *Flood victims receive help*

The president of the Honduras Mission, Mario Munoz, called the Inter-American Division office to report that hundreds of church members were suffering from floods that ravaged that country recently. One Adventist family of 12 perished when their home was swept away in the swirling waters. Luis Alana, Central American Union SAWS director, called from Nicaragua to report similar conditions there. SAWS has responded to this catastrophe by sending financial aid, 700 bales of clothing, food sufficient to feed 800 persons twice a day for a week, blankets, and medicine.

—Adventist Review

How Much Is It Worth?

J. N. Hunt

In man's eyes, a human soul is sometimes worth very little. What is a soul worth in the eyes of God? Do we appreciate and understand the price that Heaven paid?

A missionary once told me of watching a little orphan girl in Angola being auctioned off as a slave. Tribal law required surviving children to be sold as slaves when both parents died. What a pathetic sight! The little girl with downcast eyes fearfully waiting while the village headman called for bids. A villager offered a few escudos; others bid various articles. Finally, one man offered a pig! This was the highest bid. A human being was exchanged for a pig! Could the cost of a soul be reduced to less? The thought is hideous, repulsive. But do we, even as Seventh-day Adventist Christians and ministers, really comprehend the value of a soul? Says Ellen White, "I saw that God's people are on the enchanted ground, and that some have lost nearly all sense of the shortness of time and the worth of the soul." EW 120.

What is a soul really worth in the eyes of God? Do we appreciate and understand the price that Heaven paid? "Well you know that it was no perishable stuff, like gold or silver, that bought your freedom. . . . The price was paid in precious blood, as it were of a lamb without mark or blemish—the blood of Christ" (1 Peter 1:18, 19, N.E.B.).

Can we compare the worth of a soul to that which human beings consider most valuable? Can we find enough diamonds or gold or currency of the nations to buy a single soul?

If we collected all the gold and diamonds ever mined and all the crowns of all the ruling monarchs that ever reigned on earth, and added all the currencies of the nations of earth, and stacked all of it up in one huge heap, and placed on the other side the little orphan girl from Angola, which would be of greatest value in the eyes of God? There is no question. The wealth of the world dwindles into insignificance when com-

J. N. Hunt was an associate director of the General Conference Publishing Department before his recent, untimely death.



"The more closely we resemble our Saviour in character, the greater will be our love toward those for whom He died."

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pared with the worth of a single soul for whom our Lord died.

Why is it, then, that we spend so much of our time on "perishable stuff" and so little working to save souls for eternity? Should there not be—for most of us—some drastic changes in our priorities?

Obviously, human life is more valuable than material things; even non-Christians recognize this. The wealthiest person on earth will gladly exchange all his riches for life. It is said that Queen Elizabeth I cried out on her deathbed, "All my possessions for a moment of time!" A physician or a mother will stay by the sickbed of a child day and night to preserve its life. Rescue teams will perform heroic deeds to save human life from disaster. Seventh-day Adventists abstain from everything that shortens life and will eat almost anything they think will lengthen life! Nothing is too costly, no regimen too rigorous, to preserve life for a few more years in this sinful world.

But the value of the soul far transcends this. We will go to almost any length to save someone from death, but how much more is it worth to save a life that will measure with the life of God? Why is it that we do so much for this little, insignificant span of life, this mortal body, and so very little to save souls for eternity?

Certain men and women, who have stood close to God, have seen more clearly than most of us the value He places on the eternal salvation of one human being. After Israel's great sin at Sinai, Moses ascended the mountain again to plead for the people's lives. "And Moses returned unto the Lord, and said, Oh, this people have made them gods of gold. Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin—; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written" (Ex. 32:31, 32). With the exception of Christ in Gethsemane and on Calvary, no other on earth has ever dared put his own eternal life on the line that human souls might be saved. Moses, I believe, understood heaven's evaluation of a soul. His heart beat in unison with the heart of his Saviour for sinful mankind. Even if it meant eternal separation from the Father, both were

willing to pay the price. No wonder it is said of Moses, "And the Lord spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend" (chap. 33:11). This common love for the lost becomes the closest bond between Christ and His workers on earth. "The more closely we resemble our Saviour in character, the greater will be our love toward those for whom He died." 5T 167.

Finally, if we are to understand the true value of a single soul, we must look to Jesus on the cross. We must keep trying to plumb the depths of the waters crossed and measure the denseness of the darkness He passed through to find the sheep that was lost. "The value of a soul, who can estimate? Would you know its worth, go to Gethsemane, and there watch with Christ through those hours of anguish, when He sweat as it were great drops of blood. Look upon the Saviour uplifted on the cross. Hear the despairing cry, 'My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?'" COL 196.

What was it that wrenched from Christ's soul that anguished cry and the bloody sweat? It was His Father's wrath against sin, the withdrawal of the divine presence, the Son of God suffering the eternal separation from God for every living soul on earth. This is the price that none of the ransomed will ever know. It is true that our finite minds cannot fully estimate the worth of a soul, but if we come to the cross and try to understand what Jesus suffered, dying eternal death in our place, then we may more accurately estimate how much each soul is really worth.

As the cross of Calvary speaks this truth to our hearts, how will we respond? How much longer must the Saviour lavish on us His incalculable love before this earth and all it considers valuable fades into insignificance? How long until the winning of one more soul for heaven shall have top priority in our life? □

1000 DAYS OF REAPING

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In 1984, just past the midway mark of the "ONE THOUSAND DAYS", a division-wide Laymen's Congress will be held. 1984 has been designated as "Laymen's Year" for the Southern Asia Division. Besides generating enthusiasm and unity the Congress will serve as a major launching pad for the final twelve months of the "ONE THOUSAND DAYS OF REAPING."

EQUIPPING

Aids for conducting Bible studies and evangelism campaigns, though not numerous, are

readily available. The Bible Correspondence Course, in any of several languages, provides valuable guidance in developing one's own message presentation. Two special magazines, one dealing with the life and work of Christ, the other with the beliefs and teachings of Seventh-day Adventists are being produced in language editions. (Field units must guarantee orders of at least 16,000 copies for any one language to be printed).

A "Layman's Handbook for Local Church Leadership" is expected to be off the press in early 1983. This item, to be eventually produced in several languages, will enable the laymembers to participate in church leadership in a more effective way.

ENLISTING

Every member of every church will be challenged to adopt some witnessing program in his life. The primary mechanism to achieve this will be the Territorial Assignment plan. In this plan the territory served by a local church is divided up into smaller segments. Individual members or witnessing teams of the local church then accept one or more of these small territories as "the place in which God calls us to work for Him."

OBJECTIVES OF "1000 DAYS OF REAPING"

- *To commit one's total being to the claims of Jesus Christ upon his life
- *To involve every local church in evangelism
- *To mobilize total departmental resources for every-member witnessing
- *To double church membership

THE YOUTH DEPARTMENT WELCOMES THE "1000 DAYS OF REAPING"

The Youth Department joyfully accepts the "1000 Days of Reaping" program, recommended by the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. "We firmly believe that God is leading His Church in this, one of the most glorious event of all ages—the Second Ad- ing challenges ever proposed. We feel excited about the prospects of this determined thrust toward warning and preparing the world for the most glorious event of all ages—the Second Advent of Jesus Christ," states Justin Singh, division youth advisor.

Through the use of various youth program and resources available with the Youth Department, an earnest effort will be put forth to mobilize the Adventist youth to participate in the "1000 Days of Reaping" thrust, which calls first for a total personal commitment and then for faithful witnessing.

1. *Spiritual Commitment.* The "1000 Days of Reaping" is the call of the church to its members for a personal commitment to the Lord Jesus, pledging to obey implicitly His instructions given in the Holy Bible and in the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy. This commitment must result in a complete harmony between the message and the life-style of its people. The AY Department will encourage and foster this solemn discipleship commitment among the youth through its bulletins, weeks of prayer, camps, AY class program, Pathfinder clubs, Voice of Youth Evangelism and other youth activities.

2. *Annual Youth Baptism Month.* During the "1000 Days of Reaping," the AY department has targeted 50,000 youth baptisms. The first Sabbath of the month of March has been set aside for a division-wide youth baptism celebration day. Special emphasis will be given in preparing the youth from Adventist homes for baptism.

3. *Voice of Youth Evangelism.* Four sets of specially prepared sermons for the youth to be used in youth evangelism crusades during the 1000 Days of Reaping are available. The Youth Department plans to challenge every Adventist school, day or residential, to conduct one Voice of Youth crusade during a school year. For follow-up work, special Youth Vacation Follow-up scholarships have been set aside.

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STEPS toward meeting the objectives of the 1000 days of reaping

- Daily investment of time in spiritual growth activities through Bible study and prayer
- The use of church members' homes as evangelistic centres
- Extending the hand of friendship to neighbours to communicate the "better living" principles of the gospel
- The training of others in effective and systematic witnessing endeavours
- Total participation of lay members in local church evangelism
- Workers' participation in village, town, and city evangelism
- Concentration on unentered receptive areas
- The enlisting of regional workers for city evangelism and the setting up of multi-language churches and companies
- Faithfulness in tithing by all believers
- Appointment of church boards to carry on normal regular programs of evangelism and be responsible for the use of evangelism funds
- The setting up of "1000 Days of Reaping" committees at all levels of administration to coordinate departmental and related resources for united action and total mobilization of the entire membership

4. *Adventist Youth Leader*: a brand new Senior AY class program introduced in the division for the first time. The use of this witness-oriented program will open new trends among the youth in witnessing such as we have not seen before.

5. *Division-wide Youth Congress*. A proposal to convene a senior division-wide youth congress in New Delhi, April 1985, has been voted by the division committee. The gathering of the Adventist senior youth at New Delhi will be a victory and praise celebration for what God can do through the youth in Southern Asia.

THE TEMPERANCE & HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO PREPARE THE HEART SOIL.

Question: What can the Health & Temperance Department do in the 1000 days of reaping?

The responsibility of the Health and Temperance Department in the 1000 Days of Reaping is preparation of the heart-soil.

The business of the church is people. No church can really be effective in the community by opening its doors a few hours a week on the Sabbath day. The genuineness of the church's worship is measured by its care and concern for those in its immediate neighbourhood and beyond, thus Christ counselled when He said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven." Matt. 5:16.

If the church is ever to attract people to its doors, it must do two things:

1. Go to the people—teach them where they are.

"Wherever a church is established, all the members should engage actively in missionary work. They should visit every family in the neighbourhood and know their spiritual condition. If professed Christians had engaged in this work from the time when their names were first placed on the church books, there would not now be such widespread unbelief, such depth of iniquity, such unparalleled time. If every church member had sought to enlighten others, thousands upon thousands would today stand with God's commandment keeping people." 6T 296.

2. Meet people on the level of their needs.

"He designs that the great subject of health reform shall be agitated and the public mind deeply stirred to investigate; for it is impossible for men and women, with all their sinful, health-destroying, brain enervating habits, to discern sacred truth, through which they are to be sanctified, refined, elevated, and made fit for the society of heavenly angels in the kingdom of Glory." 3T 162

God does not ask any church member to do that which is beyond his ability. Thus He devised a comprehensive plan of personal work that would enable every church member to be effective in ministry and reach people on all levels.

The work God has ordained is medical missionary work. "Do medical missionary work. Thus you will gain access to the hearts of people. The way will be prepared for more decided proclamation of truth." Ev. 514.

Medical missionary work is a ministry of love, kindness, compassion, sympathy and understanding. For detail and scope of God's chosen method of ministry, see *Ministry of Healing*, 139-216 and *Medical Ministry*, 237-289, 299-335.

Never at any time have people been more health conscious than today. Around the world people have been conditioned to the importance of health. This very favourable climate gives the church untold opportunity to reach people in an area of common interest. The latest report from the Surgeon General states: "Cigarette smoking is clearly identified as the chief preventable cause of death in our society and the most important public health issue of our time," the *Time* magazine, March 8, 1982. What an opportunity is given to our 5-Day Plans and personal ministry. Literally the church is surrounded by a vast gold mine. It is there for mining and the Lord in His great wisdom has supplied the means.

It is for the church to rise up and use these means—the practical demonstration of the great health truths that will lead earnest searching souls to seek for those further truths that lead to eternity.

In His personal ministry Christ gave us a practical example of how this work is to be done, and bids us, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." We need have no question concerning the results of the 1000 days of reaping, if we but follow our Master's example. □

UNTIL TOMORROW

SAVARIMUTHU, G., 89, died on June 24, 1982, in Washington, D.C., USA. He was born in 1893 at Vadakankulam, Tamil Nadu. On July 2, 1920; he married Mariammal Soosaimariyan, and in 1929 he was baptised into the Seventh-day Adventist Church by Pastor H. A. Hansen in Jaffna, Sri Lanka. He began work as a literature evangelist in 1932 and continued until his retirement in 1952, at which time he returned to India. In 1975 he went to the USA to live with his children. He is survived by his wife; two children, Joseph Louis and Beatrice Juanita; and many additional relatives and friends.



RAI, Mrs. Sarah Nirmala, 69, passed away on July 8, 1982. Born on September 17, 1912, and a niece of Pastor N. G. Mookerjee, she came in contact with the Ad-

ventist truth early in life. She received her high school education at Vincent Hill School, Mussoorie. After completing Senior Cambridge she joined Spicer College, then situated at Krishnarajapuram, and completed junior college. On July 30, 1942, she was married to Daniel Michael Rai. Together they worked at Salisbury Park and in North India. After her husband's death she returned to Poona in 1960 as headmistress of the Spicer Marathi Elementary School. She

worked in this capacity until she retired in 1972 after giving the church 35 years of service. Among those bereaved are her two children, Bina and Anil; four grandchildren; and a host of friends.



ASIRWADAM, P. D., 65, died in his home at Nuzvid on April 19, 1982. He was born in Mommdivaram, East Godavari District, A.P. He received his basic education at Narsapur, and

then worked at the mission hospital there for several years. He graduated in 1942 from the Krishnarajapuram Training School at Bangalore and then worked briefly at the Oriental Watchman Publishing House in Poona, and in the Andhra section. He then obtained a call to Giffard Mission Hospital, Nuzvid. In 1961 he moved to North Andhra to enter into evangelistic work and in 1966 was ordained to the gospel ministry. Because of his proficiency in both English and Telugu, he aided in the translation of a number of denominational books from English to Telugu. In 1975 he officially retired, but continued to work translating Sabbath school quarterlies. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, two sons, seven grandchildren and a twin sister.

MY NEIGHBOUR'S BIBLE

I am my neighbour's Bible; He reads me when we meet;
Today he reads me in my home; Tomorrow, in the street

He may be relative or friend; Or slight acquaintance be;
He may not even know my name, Yet he is reading me.

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NEWS FLASH



* Layman B. L. Albert of Kashipur found pleasure in sharing his faith with those he loves. Last year he brought his children into the fold after carefully studying with them the truth he cherishes. May 22, he presented Mr. and Mrs. Piyare Singh as candidates ready for baptism. Miss Shalini Chand was baptized along with them. Flanking them are Pastor A. M. Franklin, the officiating minister, and B. L. Albert on the left and Church Pastor Jagdish Massey on the right.

Alexander S. Job, M.Sc., F.R.G.S., Ph.D., head of the Geography department at Spicer Memorial College, has recently authored a book entitled, *Map Reading for Secondary Schools*. *Map Reading* is the sixth textbook by Dr. Job. Other titles are *Ambar Certificate Geography Workbook, Parts I and II*; *Learning Geography by Stages, Stages 6-8*. These Geography textbooks and workbooks are used in ICSE schools and published by Pitambar Publishing Company, Educational Publishers.



* A Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence school has recently been opened in Oriya. Attending and officiating in the opening ceremony were Pastors E. A. Hetke from the division, R. S. Shinge of Central India Union, J. V. Prasada Rao, U. C. Dass, K. P. Philip, B. G. Sable and approximately 40 men and women. Today over one thousand lessons have been sent throughout Orissa.



* Madras High School welcomed approximately 40 children to Vacation Bible School this summer. Principal George Kelly had prepared the way by sending letters to all parents of MHS students announcing the VBS which was to be held immediately following the completion of the school term. Ten teachers helped in the busy VBS program. All songs, stories, crafts and general activities were selected and organised in such a way that each child would be able to learn more about their friend, Jesus. Pastor J. D. Johnson of the Madras English Church distributed a VBS certificate to each child at the closing program.



* Star student Literature Evangelist in Sri Lanka for 1981-82, is Mr. Samuel Arulanundam. In 424 hours of sales work. Samuel reports a sales total of Rs. 10,335. This figure represents a large distribution of books and materials now placed in various homes and offices of his customers. Presently Samuel is continuing his studies at Lakpahana Adventist Seminary.

The faculty and staff of the Neyveli High School recently conducted a month-long evangelistic campaign in the town of Panruti. At the conclusion of this series of meetings 22 people were baptised. The school's Bible teacher is in charge of visiting and caring for these new church members. Excitement at the possibilities for witnessing here has now activated ambitious outreach program plans for the school.