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SMOKING 100 A DAY; ATTENDED TEHRAN FIVE-DAY PLAN



Middle East College Welcomes Doctors Stanley Bull, Joseph Khoury

The Middle East College teaching staff gained academic stature for the 1965-66 school year with the arrival on campus this summer of Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Bull and Dr. Joseph Khoury. Doctor Bull is a representative of Loma Linda University under the recently approved affiliation agreement between the two institutions and Doctor Khoury joins the regular teaching staff.

Both Doctor Khoury, a graduate of the University of Utah, and Doctor Bull, a graduate of the University of Michigan, will teach in the division of education and psychology. Doctor Khoury has been appointed chairman of the division. Mrs. Bull will head the English department.

The affiliation plan between Loma

Linda University and Middle East College provides for representatives of the university to live on the Middle East campus in order to contribute to the teaching program of the college and to serve as consultants. Doctor Bull is the first representative to join the college under the plan. He is professor of behavioural sciences at La Sierra.

Born at Aramoun, Lebanon, Doctor Khoury returns to teach in his homeland. Before joining Middle East College he worked for the United States government and the State of Utah in curriculum planning for secondary schools.

Seen in the picture, left to right, are Dr. Vine, Elder Wilcox, Dr. Khoury, and Dr. and Mrs. Bull.

A reporter whose religion had failed to solve his problems, a young man who had once smoked 170 cigarettes in a single day, and a gentleman who had scarcely been speaking to his wife for years were among those attending a Five-Day Plan to stop smoking in Tehran, September 6 to 10. They were all helped.

The program was conducted at the Adventist Center in Tehran by Dr. Herschel Lamp and Elder A. A. Haddad, medical and temperance department secretaries respectively of the Middle East Division. It was the first such program in Iran and only the second in the division territory.

The young man who smoked 170 cigarettes in a single day was only 19 years old. It took him 21 hours, he needed only one match, and he smoked right through the shower. Attending the program the first night, he had already smoked his usual daily 100 cigarettes, but he resolved to stop. Yet the second day he smoked 25, but the third day only six, and the fourth day was a complete victory.

The fourth day, Elder Haddad and Doctor Lamp, who had been praying for the young man's success, added some personal encouragement. They invited him with them on a recreational outing to nearby 18,700-foot Mount Demavend. While waiting to join them, he felt compelled to smoke and began to look for a store to buy cigarettes, but applying the 60-second technique he had learned from Elder Haddad at the meetings, he was ready by the time he reached the counter to make a candy purchase instead. His report at the close of the day, given at the evening meeting, called from the audience a tremendous response of joy for the victory.

Having begun smoking when he was

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Elder Haddad and Dr. Lamp join Hovik Sarrafian, director of the Iran Temperance Society, Elder Harding, Iran Section president, and Elder Bohannon, director of the Adventist Center to launch the 5-day Plan. Second view shows the audience.

Tehran Five-Day Plan

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fourteen during a year filled with severe personal losses, the young man had come to want to stop and had tried previously. He learned of the visit to Tehran by the Five-Day Plan team, but he didn't know where or when they would hold meetings. Walking randomly, but by providential direction, he passed the Adventist Center the same day the meetings were to begin and saw the window display advertising the program. According to the advertising survey, 13 others of those who attended were brought in primarily by this window display.

The gentleman who hadn't been speaking to his wife didn't come especially to stop smoking, although he was smoking more than a pack a day. His problem was the pint of vodka or more a day that he had been drinking now for several years. He hoped that whatever it was that helped a person stop smoking might work for drink as well. So he stayed after the meeting for some personal counsel. Doctor Lamp arranged an appointment.

Conscious of what little help can be given in a single counsel period compared with the needs, Doctor Lamp sought earnestly for power from heaven. The drinking problem was complicated by the domestic problem, but help was offered and the gentleman was willing to cooperate. The next evening meeting brought a new face in the audience, that of the gentleman's wife. It was the first time they had gone anywhere

together for a long time. Eagerly she sought the doctor to express her thanks for what had been done for her home and her husband.

Prompted by the relating of this experience, Doctor Lamp observed that the Five-Day Plan provides many opportunities for our workers to help people with problems not directly related to smoking. Those who attend these meetings seek counsel on problems of weight, diet, emotional difficulties, and similar matters.

Reporters have their problems and like many others they hope for help from their religion. One was assigned by his newspaper to attend the first meeting of the Five-Day Plan. It was the first time he had been in an Ad-

ventist meeting place, and his work permitted him to attend only once. But he reported that after 25 years of getting no help from religion, this single meeting "lifted one of the biggest burdens of his life."

During the series of meetings, 135 persons, all smokers, registered their names. Many of these also reported their professions, smoking habits and experience. There were 62 who had previously tried to stop smoking without success. The 135 were smoking a total of 135 packs of cigarettes a day, they reported. The group, practically all men, ranged in age from the twenty-five per cent who identified themselves as students to the over ten per cent who were listed as retired.



Elder Anees Haddad tells about will power. John Minassian is translating.

Students Report Exciting Summer Canvassing

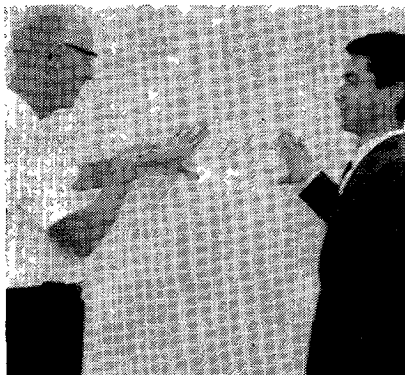
Individual reports from literature evangelists scattered throughout the various sections of the division during the summer months show outstanding experiences and raise hopes that when the total report is tabulated for the quarter it will set a new record.

One student, Bahij Mina, working for his fourth summer in Lebanon, delivered LL 900 worth of books in one home. It happened at Bhamdoun, a mountain resort town between Beirut and Damascus, at the home of a man from Qatar, who had come to spend the summer. He looked over the books in Bahij's bag, then calmly stated his order: twenty *Bedtime Stories*, twelve *Your Baby*, and eight *Your Way to Health and Happiness*. The cost was LL 300. Bahij stopped a few days later to see how the man liked his books. The man complained, "My brother is trying to take them away from me. He wants the same number of each kind." He not only ordered the same number for this brother, but two days later re-ordered the same thing for a second brother.

God added blessing to blessing. When Bahij called at the Office of Social Development in Beirut, a lady official ordered LL 500 worth of literature. His total sales for the summer will go beyond LL 3,000.

The student workers were assisted during the summer by special trainers. In Alexandria, U. A. R., a credentialed literature evangelist, Youssef Samuel, reported good sales providences while working with students. Using books priced at \$5.00 or less, he participated during the two months of July and August in sales worth \$1,250. He gave help to fifteen students.

Not all the providences were sales stories. Trainer Bishara Taweel and student Fouad Youssif, visited the home of an elderly lady near Aley, Lebanon. The lady was a Seventh-day Adventist who had recently arrived from America but had not established a church relationship. In fact she was troubled by some doubts and it appeared that her attitude toward the church was changing. After a visit for about two hours, she was strengthened and ex-



Elder D. L. Chappell and Bahij Mina.

pressed her thanks. She bought *The Desire of Ages* in Arabic and read it through in two months. She and her daughter attended evangelistic meetings held during the same period by Elder Chafic Srour in Aley.

When confronted with difficulties the literature evangelists were not stopped but found ways to continue their work. For instance the governor of Jerusalem ordered Nadim Bibi to stay out of the homes on the basis that it was not fitting for a young man to visit ladies in

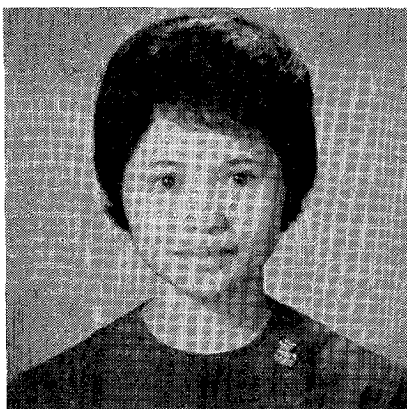
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FROM HERE AND THERE

MIDDLE EAST DIVISION

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Smith were visitors to the division during the last part of August. Dr. Smith, who is dean of the school of dentistry at Loma Linda University, consulted with leaders at the division headquarters in Beirut and met with the staff at Benghazi Hospital. He brought with him interesting slides which pictured some of the progress in the work at Loma Linda. His visit was an encouragement to our medical workers and pointed up the contribution missionary dentists make to the work of the denomination.

MISS KINTANAR JOINS HOSPITAL



Miss Irma Kintanar, most recent worker to join the nursing staff at the Benghazi Adventist Hospital, brings a wide variety of experience with her. A graduate in 1959 of the Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital, her experience includes a year at that hospital, two years at White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles, one year at the Cook County Hospital in Chicago, and a year at the Manila Sanitarium and Hospital. A special welcome social was held in her honor at Benghazi July 30.

Elder William McGhee, formerly editor of the Middle East Press, was among the graduates who received degrees at the Summer Commencement, August 19, of Andrews University. He received the Bachelor of Divinity degree.

MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE

Ahed Samaan, the college librarian, is currently on leave studying library science at Peabody College in Nashville, Tennessee. He expects to return for the 1966-67 school year.

The faculty of Middle East College met for three days, September 28 to 30, to prepare for the 1965-66 school year. Plans for the year were discussed, along with means of maintaining and raising the spiritual, social, and academic standards of the institution. The faculty

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Left to right, mothers Robinson, Saliba, and Fern show their new-born babies: Charyl Jean, May 31; Lina, July 15; and Carolyn Grace, August 26.

Youth Attend 1965 Summer Camps; Bible Marking Plan Introduced

By Anees A. Haddad

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From Turkey in the north to Egypt in the south, and from Lebanon in the west to Iran in the east youth leaders gathered their young people under the skies for the twelfth successive year of summer camping in the Middle East.

Introduced for the first time was a plan to give each camper a new Bible with his name on it and then devote one or two periods daily to a Bible-marking plan. The project was launched in Jordan by Elder Robinson, the Section president. I was there, and I saw it in full operation, and I can testify that there was not a single other activity that was more popular with the young people. At the end of the camp, each camper returned home with a new Bible, his very own, which included about twenty-five studies on our basic doctrines. How proud the boys and girls were as they carried their Bibles like little preachers! It was a very inspiring sight.

Brother Hanna Malaka, youth leader for the Egypt Section, directed a summer camp at Haneoux Ville which attracted about one hundred and fifty campers. The spirit was superb. The Section officers were on hand to support the program. On the closing day of the camp five boys and girls went through the waters in a lovely baptismal service.

In Iran this year the youth camp was conducted by the new MV Secretary, Brother Johnny Minassian, who recently completed a term of military service. Boys and girls were delighted with the cold refreshing water that gushes from the well on the campus of the Adventist Academy into the swimming pool.

Even though Brother Curtis Miller was short on help this year, he reports that their camp July 29 to August 8 by the beautiful blue lake of Abant was the best ever. Some campers have already asked to fill application blanks for camp next year. These were new campers who are not of our faith and who were greatly moved by what they saw. Most of these young people come to Sabbath school and continue to have a direct contact with the church.

Two camps were conducted in Lebanon: one for senior youth and the other for the junior youth. Here

also the plan was followed to give a Bible to each senior camper. The result was a deep spiritual experience!

Elder Manouk Nazirian and his staff members gave untiring and unstinted service. The more they poured out their hearts to the young people the bigger was their reward.

It would appear this summer that our camp ideals were even clearer than in previous summers. This gave a distinctive atmosphere to our camps and made them steppingstones in the Christian growth of every boy and girl. Health of mind and body, group activ-

ities, friendships, teamwork, training in self-reliance, knowledge of the outdoors, learning to know God better,—these were the ideals stressed in each camp. There was manifest a practical demonstration of a daily life where first things were made first, and God had His rightful place in the program of each day.

We believe the influence of the 1965 camping season throughout the division was strong for Christ. We also believe many boys and girls were inspired by their leaders to make lasting decisions for God. May He seal it for them and give them the grace and power to keep it. As the 1965 camping season comes to a close, we thank God for its every blessing, already looking forward to 1966 when the MV World celebrates the fortieth MV Camping anniversary.

Division School System Opens Doors To Over 2,300 Student for 1965-66

The 28 schools comprising the Adventist education system of the Middle East Division opened their doors for the 1965-66 school year to more than 2300 students from the first kindergarten class to the senior year of college, according to the report of the division education department headed by Elder C. V. Brauer. Over 80 per cent of these students come from non-SDA homes; nearly one fourth from a non-Christian background. The school year began with 155 teachers to guide these youth, 30 or 40 of whom are baptized each year.

Statistics gathered from the 1964-65 close of school reports showed that 19 elementary schools were operated in the division field, employing 100 teachers and enrolling 1,826 students. The schools, including the English schools for overseas personnel and the Middle East College elementary school, are distributed as follows: Lebanon 6, Egypt 3, Iran 3, Jordan 3, Iraq 2, and Libya 1.

Elementary school teachers varied from 44 in Lebanon to one in Libya, where a one-teacher school is operated for members of the hospital staff. Other countries were as follows: Egypt 18, Iraq 18, Iran 11, and Jordan 8. Student enrollment also varied with Lebanon's 986 students topping the list. In Iraq there were 452, Egypt 172, Jordan 150, Iran 56, and Libya 10.

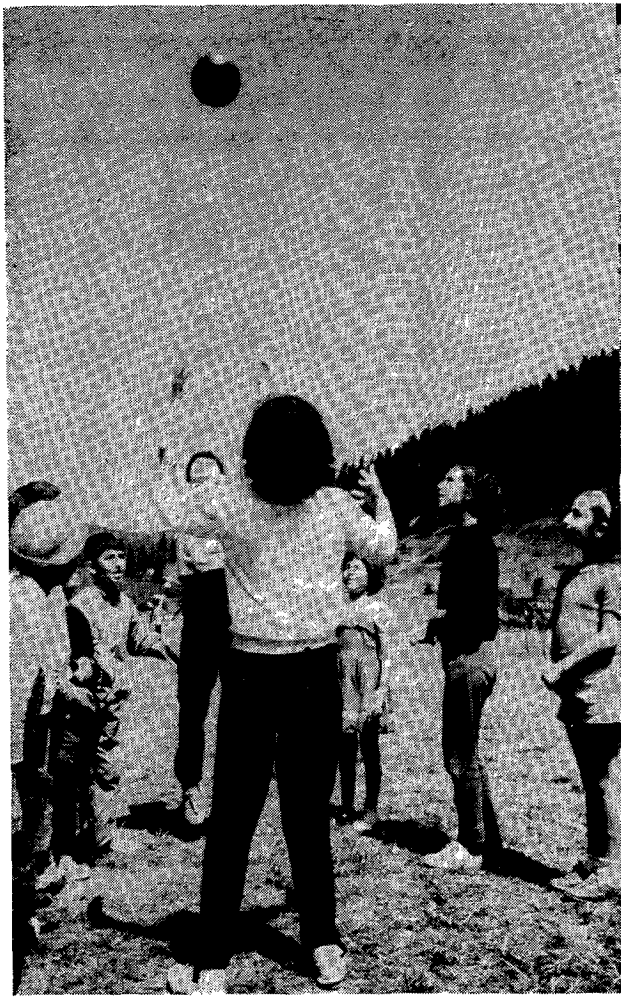
There were nine schools offering education on the secondary level in the division: four in Lebanon, two in

Egypt, and one each in Iran, Iraq, and Jordan. These schools enrolled 357 students: 163 in Iraq, 119 in Lebanon, 32 in Jordan, 29 in Iran, and 14 in Egypt. They employed 39 teachers as follows: Lebanon 14, Iran 9, Iraq 7, Egypt 5, and Jordan 4. Three schools, one each in Lebanon, Iran, and Egypt, had boarding facilities.

Commenting on the report, Elder Brauer pointed out that Middle East College has recently strengthened its educational department and now offers the Adventist youth in the Middle East the opportunity to obtain a teacher training that will prepare them to make a strong contribution to the building up of our schools. The need is for better-trained consecrated teachers to take up the outstanding soul winning challenge of the schools and to provide a Christian education for the children of the church.

Church Ends Segregation

The Religious News Service of New York reports that probably the last church in England to seat the men on one side of the church and the women on the other has dropped the practice. Until a few weeks ago the Anglican Church of All Saints in London has had a sign pointing out where men and women should sit, continuing a practice begun a hundred years ago in the church, although in more recent years the privilege was given young married couples to sit together in certain sections of the church.



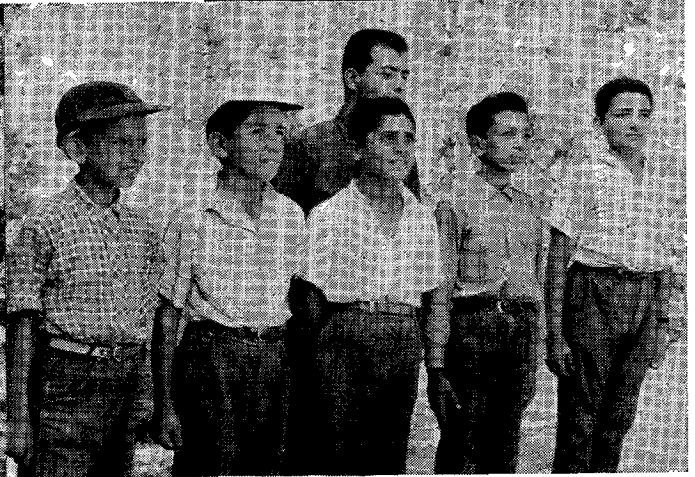
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- 1. *A ball game at Lake Abant, Turkey.*
- 2. *A unit in Turkey prepares the campfire pit.*
- 3. *Award winner for the crafts exhibition at Baskinta, in the mountains of Lebanon.*
- 4, 5. *Units stand inspection at the Ajlun Forest Camp in Jordan.*





1. Above: Campers and visitors gather for a group picture at the Iran Adventist Academy during the Iran Section's 35th annual camp meeting there.

2. Upper right: Elder R. A. Wilcox, the division president, speaks on "The Seven Pillars of Wisdom." John Minassian is translating.

The Iran Section held its 35th annual camp meeting August 19 to 28 on the grounds of the Adventist Academy at Tajrish. Featured during the camp meeting were a series of evening evangelistic lectures by Elder R. A. Wilcox, the division president.

More than 200 persons gathered on the final Sabbath for a day of spiritual feasting which included morning sermons by Elder Kenneth Harding, president of the Section, at the main tent, and Elder Robert Darnell, the division secretary, in the young people's auditorium. Sabbath afternoon Brother John Minassian related providences connected with his military service, the new health book was dedicated, and a special youth meeting featured a simulated newscast about the end of the world.

The evening services which drew many Adventists and their friends from the Tehran area as well as the regular campers were built around "Seven Pillars for Christian Living." These were obedience, confidence, courage, prayer, sacrifice, power, and victory, and provided subjects for the individual talks. In response to the appeals a number decided to unite with the church.

An inspiring highlight was the story of John Minassian. He told of the letters he wrote, the interviews with officers, the special providences Sabbath by Sabbath, until at last the order came granting him the Sabbath free, and then the necessity of repeating the experience after he was transferred. On one cold

Sabbath he was ordered to stand aside and wait, after expressing his inability to join in the drill exercise. He waited two hours, freezing in wet boots, but not daring to move even his feet lest an officer tell him, "If you are cold, get out here, march and jump." Commenting on his experience, he showed how it led him to make extra effort to do his best. In the end he had records of 100 per cent in both lessons and conduct. Where most men were given "good" character ratings, he was given "excellent." Sixty out of a hundred officers, he said, have never heard of Adventists, so when they hear of the problem they have to ask why.

Among those who carried special responsibilities during the camp was Elder Jack Bohannon, the camp superintendent. He was assisted by John Minassian, who also led the youth meetings and did a major part of the translation work. Committees were organized to care for the various needs of the camps. Mrs. Gasparian headed the food committee, Mrs. Bohannon the music committee and Mrs. Abadir the flower committee. Regular meetings were held daily for the primary, junior and youth groups. Anoosh Keshishzade led the primary meetings and H. Sarraffian the meetings for juniors.

The daily program included a morning devotion and meetings for departmental promotion. Elder Kenneth Harding led out in a series of daily meetings for the worker group.



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3. Center right: The piano in the main tent tempts little fingers to pick out a melody while other members of the family relax between meetings.



4. Below: The audience fills the tent for a departmental meeting. The tent withstood two storms which sent the audience indoors, but did only minor damage to the tent.

5. Lower right: Three ladies meet privately to study the Bible during a morning hour set aside for personal and family devotions.



Sabbath School

Water is life. Water in Egypt made the barren desert a fruitful green land like the garden of the Lord. Today the world needs the water of knowledge. We are told that some will say, "We knew that the judgments of God would fall upon the earth, but we did not think they would come so soon." Then their neighbors will exclaim, "You knew! Why didn't you tell us?"

First we must thank God for our knowledge—knowledge which led us from darkness to light. Then we must recognize that knowledge brings with it responsibility. "Feed the flock of God which is among you" (1 Peter 5: 2) the Holy Word declares. I ask, Is there anything that hinders you from telling others what you know?

During the liberation of the Philippines the admiral commanded the pilot on the bridge, "Advance." He gave no other word, although the guns on the shore were aimed at them. By morning the Philippines with their 75,000,000 inhabitants were free. Let us advance, because we have truth like a lamp in our right hand, knowing that every device against the truth will fail. Let us advance because we are working with God. Let us advance because we are His witnesses. "A true witness delivereth souls." (Proverbs 14: 25)

We have knowledge because like the people of Berea, we have searched the Scriptures daily. I wonder, are you in the habit of daily studying the word? Consider how Jesus cultivated the heart of the Samaritan woman, gave her a foundation of faith, and then told her to go and tell her people. Have you seen what the water of life will do for a man whose life is dry and stony? God desires that we like Ezra seek the law of the Lord, to do it and to teach it. (Ezra 7: 10) The first miracle of Christ was to fill empty vessels. Do you feel empty or full? Are there in the church vessels that need filling? If so we are in need of more knowledge of God. This we receive in our daily worship. A great blessing of the Sabbath School is the emphasis it places on the daily study of God's word.

Faithfulness in our study will beget generosity. We will be faithful in what we give, not forgetting that the "earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof" (Psalm 24: 1) and that it is God "that giveth thee power to get wealth." (Deuteronomy 8: 18) We read that our fathers before us gave themselves first to God, then they gave the offering of thanksgiving and the sacrifice of peace. They did it willingly and God gave them a reward.

Brethren, this human drive to give generously to God is our way to finish the work and to prepare others to take their place in finishing the work. Paul wrote to Timothy: "Charge them that are rich in this world . . . that they do good, that they may be rich in good works, ready to distribute." (1 Timothy 6: 17, 18) You are God's work and His workers. O Sons of the Church, who will soon see Jesus in the cloud, let us complete the great work as faithful stewards to a faithful Creator.

—William Gayed

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gave review to a master plan for college development drawn up by Mr. Simpson, an architect and engineer who recently completed a study of the campus needs.

Brother Jad Katrib completed his studies this summer at Andrews University, receiving an M. A. degree. He returned in September with his family to Middle East College, where he has resumed his work as principal of the secondary school.

MIDDLE EAST PRESS

R. E. Anderson, the press manager, visited Iraq, Iran, Egypt, and Cyprus during recent months. He took the first 100 copies of the new Farsi health book to Iran and while in that country met with Section leaders to plan new literature. In Iraq he co-sponsored with Basim Fargo a booksale at Baghdad netting \$84. His visit proved to be an encouragement to the book and periodical house work and to literature workers in those fields.

Two new arrivals in the homes of Middle East Press staff workers include a son, Pierre, born to Mr. and Mrs. Gaby Faiz and a son, Raffy, born to Mr. and Mrs. Krikor Yessayan. These two children were born on August 11 and September 10, respectively. We welcome these new additions to our press family and wish God's richest blessings on them.

IRAN

The 1965-66 school year begins at the Iran Adventist Academy with Brother Vigain Marcarian as acting principal, Reuben Sarkissian business manager, and John Minassian teaching Bible. These are all changes from the last school year. M. H. Morovati, the academy principal, is on study leave at Andrews University.

Lotfy Abadir was recently invited to join the Tehran Center as an evangelist. He will associate there with Elder Jack Bohannon, the director of the center.

JORDAN

Tewfic Midinatt, a graduate from Middle East College, has begun work in the Jordan Section as a teacher. He is in charge of the El Husn School.

LIBYA

A campaign conducted several months ago by workers at the Benghazi Adventist Hospital in the interest of health education is reflected in the letters received from readers of CALL TO

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Mrs. Margaret Watts admires baby Thomas, kept alive at a mission station.

Thomas, Miracle Baby Saved in Solomon Islands, Demonstrates Medical Opportunities

*By Mrs. Margaret Watts
Wife of the President
of the Bougainville Mission,
Solomon Islands*

As the first faint rays of light heralded the dawn of another day, a new life began. A tired little mother sighed contentedly at the realization that the long night of anxiety and pain was over. A wave of happiness surged through her as she pressed her newborn son to her side.

This event, the miracle of birth, had not taken place in a well reputed hospital, nor in a well organized labor ward, or on a hospital bed; in fact it was not even on a bed at all!

High in the mountains of Bougainville, in the Solomon Islands, on a narrow ridge, stands a lonely little native village, isolated and not easily accessible. Each native family lives in a small, two-roomed hut constructed of bush timbers, with a leaf roof and plaited bamboo walls. At the rear of each building is a separate kitchen which houses an oven of stones and ashes. It was on the dirt floor of one of these smoky cook-huts, amidst the firewood and the baskets of food, that Varivatevi (Varee-var-tev-ee) retired to await the arrival of her babe.

Her feeling of contentment and

happiness was short lived, for it soon became evident that all was not well. The other womenfolk of the village gathered around, each longing to be able to help, but no one was able. They could not understand what was happening but they watched this brave mother struggle for life. In the early hours of the next morning the struggle was over.

Grief enshrouded the entire village. Relatives and friends wanted to show their love for the mother by doing their best for the motherless child.

But how was the little fellow to be kept alive - they had no milk and no baby's bottle. Their only solution was to pass the new born babe from one nursing mother to another, in an effort to satisfy the hunger pains that racked his little body. This manner of feeding proceeded for two weeks but the village folk could see that it was far from satisfactory. The little body was emaciated and the babe cried continually. Fearing that the little one would also die, the relatives gathered the babe in their arms and began the long hike down the mountainside. The trail that led to help passed through dense jungle and thirteen times they had to wade through a fast flowing river as it also wound its way down the mountain.

Sometimes the precious bundle had to be held high above the head of the carrier to prevent it being carried away by the rushing stream in its hasty flight to the sea.

Here at our Headquarters mission I was shocked as I pulled back the inadequate covers and gazed in horror at the near lifeless form of the little one.

Thomas, as we named him, was soon bathed, clad in clean clothing (the first he had ever had on his body) and drank lustily from a clean bottle of warm milk. The little fellow soon responded to the care we were able to give and quickly filled out into a healthy, robust baby.

Thomas is still with us - he has just had his first birthday. He is a happy little boy. As I look into his happy, smiling face, I wish that his mother too, could have this joy. If - - Yes! if only she had had proper medical care this would be her privilege today and Thomas would know a real mother's love.

Unfortunately this is only one case of many. These isolated people desperately need more medical help. We, of the Bismarck-Solomon Union Mission were overjoyed to know that the 13th Sabbath offering for the fourth quarter of this year is for our Union.

With your help, dear Sabbath School members, a well-equipped hospital is being established, offering expert medical care to thousands in the area, and these sad experiences, like that of Varivatevi and little Thomas will become fewer.

Won't you give liberally? We are counting on you.

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HEALTH, it was reported by Jabbour Semaan, editor-in-chief at Middle East Press. Not only did the magazine circulation climb in that country, but government officials have written letters of appreciation for the work the magazine is doing and a number of Libyans have written requesting to study health lessons by correspondence.

NORTHERN EUROPEAN ADDRESS

The Northern European Division reports that mail being sent to the old address is sometimes not delivered and reminds correspondents that their new address is 119 St. Peter's Street, St. Albans, Herts., England.

Vacation Bible Schools Win Youth, Parents Throughout Division Territory

The mother of a thirteen-year-old boy in Istanbul thanks the Seventh-day Adventist Vacation Bible School for giving her son spiritual help. In Egypt, 19 parents of VBS students started attending church. Students attending the school in Isfahan begged for an Adventist day school in their city. These are some of the reports coming to the desk of Elder D. L. Chappell, division Sabbath School department secretary, as the summer vacation Bible school season draws to a close.

Boleslau, the boy in Istanbul, attended his third VBS this year. After attending the first school in 1963 he became a member of the Pathfinder Club and went to the annual junior camps. During a recent two-month series of meetings in the Istanbul church, he served as an usher. He brought his parents and eight friends to the meetings frequently. Now his parents attend church regularly and have invited Elder Miller to have a weekly cottage meeting in their home. All this because, as his mother states it, "Our boy is really tied to your church. You have given him far more spiritual help than the priest ever gave him."

Statistics on the number of children attending vacation Bible schools in the division this summer are not complete, but a report from Egypt shows 740 students in ten schools, an increase of 80 over 1964. Elder William Gayed, director of the VBS work in Egypt, cites outstanding results. Five students have been baptized, 270 are enrolled in regular Sabbath School classes, and 19 parents have started attending church.

Miss Anoosh Keshishzade, principal of the Tehran elementary school, took her staff to Isfahan for a vacation Bible school. Elder Aghassian, pastor of the Isfahan church, reports a program so interesting that attendance climbed from 90 on the opening day to 130. The children's hearts were won, so that here in this city where there is no Seventh-day Adventist church school, they begged for "a regular school like this."

In Benghazi, Libya, more than a hundred boys and girls from both the American and Libyan communities joined the school program. Conducted at the American Community school by

Mrs. Laura Dennis, the program drew upon members of the community Sunday School for assistance. Cooperation was excellent and the Sunday School workers were especially thrilled with the materials. The pictures, workbooks and lesson books are always of top quality. One Christian lady said, "You people must have outstanding publishing houses from which you get your materials."

Reports in from Jordan, Elder Chappell said, show that their two schools had a 100 per cent increase in enrollment. They were assisted in their work by Miss Izella Stuvenga, principal of the overseas workers church school in Beirut. She also gave help to the vacation Bible school in Baghdad. The Lebanon Section opened up a new area to the VBS plan by conducting schools in Aley and Suk el Gharb.



George Khabbaz is pictured here with a copy of the HOPE Magazine. Baptized recently, he was first contacted during a HOPE missionary campaign.

Hope Readers Tell How Magazine Leads Them to the Truth

"Your magazine bears the greatest message I have ever heard, the message of hope, light, and life for people who are in despair like me." So a reader wrote the editor of HOPE magazine.

Jabbour Semaan, editor-in-chief of the Middle East Press where HOPE is published, reports many other such readers. One says, "I find in your magazine rest to my heart and comfort to my soul. . . . I feel that a strong bond exists between me and the HOPE."

The bonds between readers and the magazine are bonds which lead the readers to accept the message of the remnant church. This is the experience of a Protestant pastor in Egypt who wrote: "I have been reading the HOPE for many years and have been concealing my interest in your program because of fear of some. Now I wish to state frankly that I am very interested and wish to learn more about you." He asks for literature and requests, "Please pray for us as we pray for you."

This pastor asked for the "Light for Today" correspondence course advertised in HOPE. He is not alone. With-

in recent months 128 readers have written requesting to study this Bible course.

It is not unusual for readers to enquire about the Seventh-day Adventist church and request to meet a worker. These contacts have led to Bible studies. A reader in Lebanon wrote: "Dear Sir, I wish to draw nearer to God. . . . It is my desire to study your truth. . . . Please contact me by telephone to arrange for the day and the time of our study together." The study was arranged.

The missionary work of the church using HOPE wins souls. This is how George, pictured above, now a baptized member of the church, was first contacted. His story in detail has been selected for use during the HOPE Magazine campaign in the churches October 9 to November 6. Materials for a sermon and three missionary meetings have been sent to the church pastors. The appeal for this campaign has been summed up by Elder Chappell: "In no other way can you preach so many sermons in so many homes with so little work."

Cavanssing Experiences

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their houses. Brother Nadim did not allow this to keep him from placing books in the homes. He sent for his sister in Beirut to accompany him, and teamed together they received a blessing of good success.

All Aziz Issa, an elderly worker in Iraq, could get by way of permission to sell books, was a permit to visit schools and government buildings. Armed with this permit, Brother Aziz headed for the southern part of the country, where the population is 99.5 per cent Muslim, and in seven weeks sold \$420 worth of books. Also working in Iraq, Basim Aziz made a good record of religious sales along with his other books. He was the first student to work in Iraq since 1962, and in harmony with his religious interest, used part of his time assisting Elder Majeed in evangelistic meetings at Kirkuk.

In season and out of season they sold their books. Boulos Youssif was watching the gate at the Division office in the place of his father when a stranger from Syria asked if this was the place where he could buy a health book like the one he had seen in the home of a friend. Thinking quickly, Brother Boulos remembered that a copy was kept on the display table in Elder Chappell's office. He sold this to the man, and replaced it the next day with a new copy from the book and periodical house.

And Nathan Dawood, who began work this summer as a ministerial intern in the Iraq Section, couldn't get his eight summers of canvassing work out of his blood. He asked for permission to canvass in Kuwait for a month before beginning his work. The result: \$723 worth of additional Adventist literature is now serving the people of Kuwait.

The first copies of the new Armenian *Your Baby* were hardly on the shelves of the Lebanon book and periodical house when Adrine Azadian added them to her bag of books. The first day she sold five copies, the second day eight, and finished the week with a half-day Friday and sales of four copies.

Two Sections planned special recreation for the student workers. In Lebanon September 14 featured a picnic lunch by a stream near the famous ski center at Faraya, rides by boat through Jeita Cave, and a climb to the site of Our

Lady of Lebanon statue at Harrisa. The Iran Section sponsored a gathering that began with miniature golf, proceeded with a swim, and ended with a feast of sandwiches, cookies and ice cream provided by Mr. Harding.

BECKY DRAWS A LINE

Seven-year-old Becky Shandruck, of Trinidad, Colorado, heard her father, a minister, invite a painter to church. The painter, confused with the directions, said, "I guess you'll have to draw me a chalk line so I can find it." Next

day Becky went to work with the chalk and by church time the line was complete. The painter had no trouble finding his way to church.

CHURCH OF GOD MOVES TO JERUSALEM

The Church of God at its 60th annual general assembly voted to move its world headquarters from Missouri to Jerusalem. The headquarters are expected to be officially opened in October of 1966. The church has 74,500 members.



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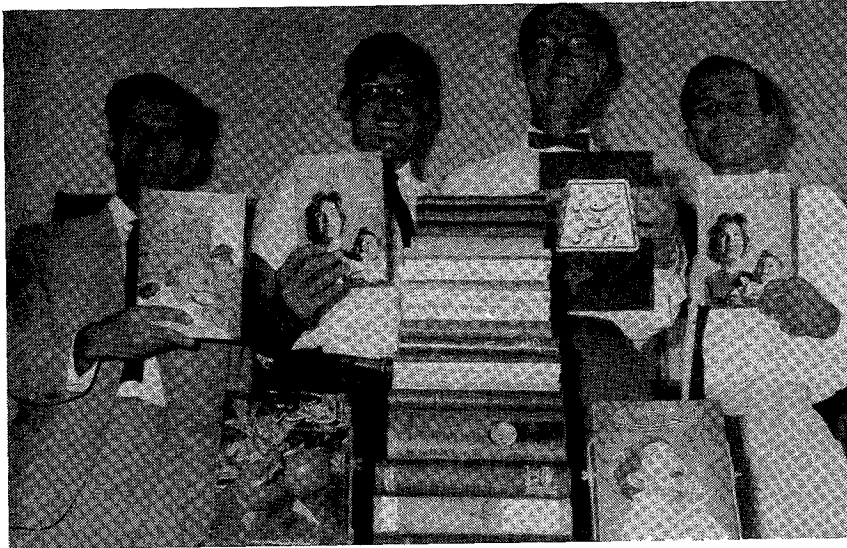
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The stack of Middle East Press publications reaches upward as Naim Awais, Arabic editor, R. E. Anderson, manager, D. L. Chappell, division publishing secretary, and Jabbour Semaan, editor-in-chief, add the latest books.



Game time at the El-Husn vacation Bible school in Jordan. Mrs. Michael Katrib was director.



Students at Middle East College tended flowers, trees, and grass this summer. Seen is a delightful corner of the campus lawn.

Books Dedicated

Four new books in three languages rolled off the presses this summer and were dedicated to the service of God. They are *Your Way to Health and Happiness* in Farsi, *Your Baby* in Armenian, and *Bedtime Stories* and *Your Baby* in Arabic.

The Farsi book is the first large book in that language published by Seventh-day Adventists. Special ceremonies were held August 28 at the Iran camp meeting to dedicate the book, during which Elder Harding, the Section president, told the story of how the book was planned and prepared, and how Doctor Saleh, chancellor of the Tehran University, agreed to write the introduction. Elder Wilcox offered the dedicatory prayer.

The Armenian book was introduced at the Beirut Armenian church September 11, when a dedicatory prayer was offered by Elder Manouk Nazirian during the missionary period. The Arabic books were dedicated at Museitbeh, Sabbath October 2, during a church service featuring the publishing work.

Church Calendar

SPECIAL DAYS

- Nov. 6 Hope Campaign closes
- Nov. 6-13 Week of Prayer
- Nov. 20 Ingathering Campaign begins
- Dec. 4 Silver Vanguard
- Dec. 11 Tithe Promotion

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

- Nov. 6 Hope Subscriptions
- Nov. 13 Sacrifice Offering
- Dec. 4 Church Missionary
- Dec. 25 13th Sabbath

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