

Light the World With Literature!

We are living in an age of great scientific progress and enlightenment; we are also living in a time of trouble and deep spiritual darkness—spiritual darkness in the homes and hearts of men and women everywhere. Isaiah, the gospel prophet, pictured the situation plainly: "For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples" (*Isaiah 60:2*).

Many people are groping for a better way of life. They are searching for something which will bring them lasting joy. What is the answer to the world's needs? Is there hope? Is there light in this time of darkness?

Yes, there is light—the divine light of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world! Jesus said: "I am the light of the world" (*John 8:12*). Jesus also said: "You are the light of the world" (*Matthew 5:14*). That means *you*. That means *me*. That means *every* Seventh-day Adventist. Can we harmonize these two statements of the Master? Most certainly! Jesus is the great Light. We become lights as we reflect His grace, charm, and beauty.

The Lord has given to His people aids to enable them to dispel darkness. One tried-and-proven aid is Seventh-day Adventist literature. Indeed, we can *light the world with literature!*

To a large degree, the publishing arm of the church will light the world with

BY DAN A. MCADAMS

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Department*

a knowledge of the plan of salvation and the truths found in the sacred Scriptures. This thought is based on the following statement: "And in a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power and who lightens the earth with his glory" (Ellen G. White: *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 7, pp. 139, 140).

The Seventh-day Adventist Church now operates 44 publishing houses, issuing literature in 260 languages and dialects. We have today the best-equipped printing plants and the most beautiful literature in the history of the church. We have the books. We have

the magazines. Now God is looking for men, women, and youth with hearts aflame for the message who will go forth as beams of light bringing hope and happiness into the homes of people everywhere through gospel literature. Now is the hour to *light the world with literature!*

The call of the church for total evangelism constitutes a challenge to every member. Many years ago Ellen White reported: "Night after night I am standing before the people, bearing a very positive testimony, and pleading with them to be wide awake, and to take up the work of circulating our literature" (*Review and Herald*, April 20, 1905).

The Seventh-day Adventist Church needs at least one literature evangelist in every congregation. Is there a light-bearer of truth in your church? Pray for those engaged in this work. Pray for more workers. Perhaps God needs *you*. The people who are living in spiritual darkness need you. You need the enriching experience which you will gain as you go forth to work for the Master as a literature evangelist. I appeal to you to respond to this great challenge by joining our faithful literature evangelists around the world who have resolved to *light the world with literature!*

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LITERATURE EVANGELIST

Do you like people? Do you want a job that will provide you with many opportunities to meet people? Do you want your job to be a very important part of the Middle East Division's program of total evangelism? We can hear you answering "Yes!" to these three questions. So why not become a literature evangelist and help light the Middle East with literature? Prospects for financial success and security are excellent. But more than that, you will be earning stars for your crown! Want more information? Contact any one of the following gentlemen—soon!

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Christians First

In his recently-released book *Faith on Tip-Toe*, Pastor Robert H. Pierson, president of the General Conference, refers to six words found in *Acts 11:26*: “. . . the disciples were called Christians first. . .”

The text clearly identifies Antioch as the first place where the followers of Jesus were known as Christians, yet the emphasis that Pastor Pierson places on these six words is worthy of our consideration as we think of evangelism throughout the Middle East.

Indeed, we are *Christians first*—Christians before being Arabs, Armenians, Iranians, Greeks, Turks, Americans, or members of any other culture or nationality. Our supreme loyalties are to God.

Writes the GC president: “If we are first Christians we shall lose racial animosities and national hatreds. In our hearts there will be love and understanding one for another.” There will also be a deep and sincere desire to see the gospel triumph among all peoples in all lands.

In the first century God found it necessary to tear down the walls men had built up around their particular religious communities in order to show them that all men are equally eligible to become heirs of God’s kingdom.

Peter, on Simon’s housetop in Joppa, needed a vision from heaven in order to show him that he should not consider the Gentiles any less capable of becoming followers of Jesus than his own people. Before that vision Peter would have been unwilling to accept an invitation even to enter the house of Cornelius, a Gentile. Now he had learned that God considers all men as equals insofar as sonship is concerned. Now he had learned that true brotherhood must carry with it deep personal love for men of all races and religious communities, excluding none.

This is a vital lesson for the church in the Middle East today—and it must be learned soon. We cannot merely assent to it mentally; we must demonstrate practically genuine brotherhood and deep-rooted joy in receiving into our fellowship all those who willingly follow the way of the Master.

In the “Cotton Patch” version of Paul’s epistles, Clarice Jordan, thinking particularly of the racial problems affecting the southern states in America, chose to substitute the word “Negro” wherever the word “Gentile” appears in the letters of Paul, thus attempting to teach brotherhood to the people of that area.

Perhaps we in the Middle East need to do some word substituting in order to bring to our hearts in a practical way the full force of what God would have us do for the millions of these lands.

A. C. Webster

Istanbul Church Cares

Since 1961 the Istanbul Seventh-day Adventist Church has distributed CARE food parcels to the needy—Christian and Muslim alike. These packages, distributed monthly, contain rations of milk powder, cracked wheat, flour, and cooking oil. At times as many as 300 families have participated in the Istanbul church's CARE program, which is directed by Miss Yeb-raksi Gomig, Turkey Section Bible worker.

Miss Gomig is seen here presenting a tin of oil to a man bedfast with a broken leg sustained in a fall while at work. During this time the family has been without an adequate income.

RFK Deplores Smoking Kids

New York Senator and Presidential-candidate Robert F. Kennedy said recently: "Over 4,000 children start to smoke every day. A million children now in school will be dead of lung cancer before their time if present rates continue."

Parents Aid IAA's School Program

BY M. H. MOROVATI

Principal, Iran Adventist Academy

The current school year has opened a new chapter in the history of Iran Adventist Academy. God gave us a fine increase in enrollment: from 19 up to 70, with 40 more applications we desired to accept, but could not. The growing enrollment has stretched our existing classroom, dormitory, and dining facilities to the breaking point. Expansion of present facilities is greatly needed.

More than 55 of our 70 students are from non-Christian homes. This makes our task very great. But the good name of the academy is being established in Iran, and prospects for doubling the



New Education Secretary In Iraq Holds Ph.D.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Iraq has become the MED's second section to elect an education secretary holding a degree on the doctoral level.

Dr. Adeeb Fargo was named secretary of education and public relations at the Iraq Section Biennial Session in Baghdad on March 1. Dr. Joseph Khoury was elected secretary of education of the Lebanon Section last year.

President Salim Majeed and Secretary-Treasurer Basim Fargo were given the other departmental responsibilities. Committee members are Pastor Majeed, Mr. Fargo, Pastor Hilal Dose, Mr. Ghanim Fargo, Miss Majeeda Shamon, Mr. Samir Dawood, and Pastor Said Tooma.



Students and Teachers at IAA: A new chapter

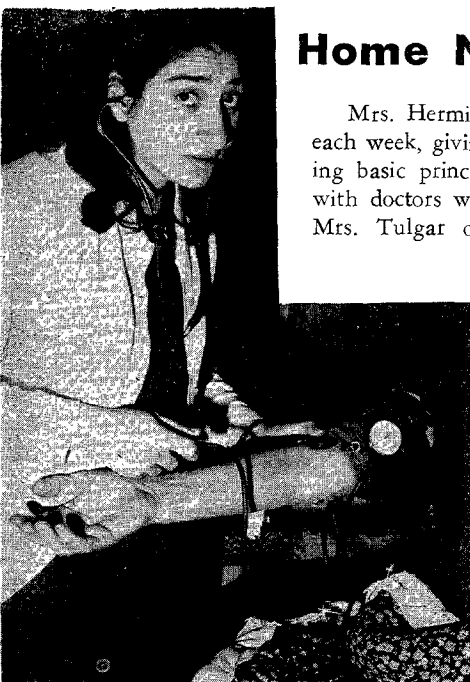
Home Nurse Aids Sick

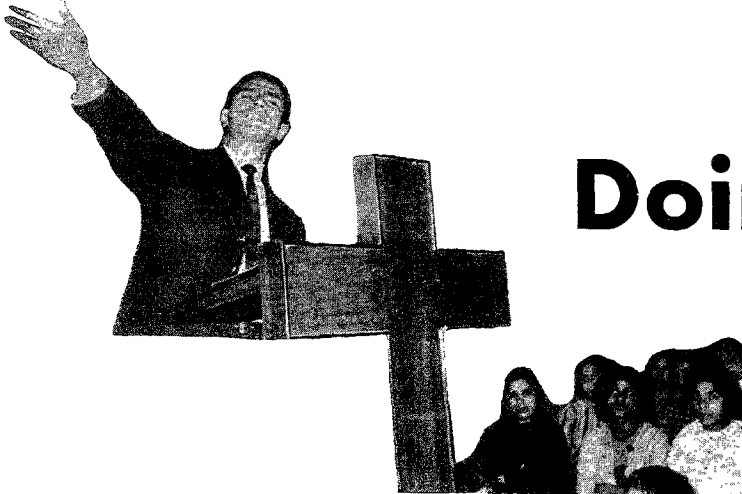
Mrs. Hermine Tulgar visits many Istanbul-area homes each week, giving injections, changing dressings, and teaching basic principles of healthful living, as she cooperates with doctors who appreciate her home visitation program. Mrs. Tulgar often has opportunities to pray with her patients, and she frequently invites them to Adventist church services.

She is pictured here taking the blood pressure of a Yugoslavian refugee. This man was stricken with a heart attack while his wife was hospitalized for surgery. Mrs. Tulgar arranged for the care of the couple's children until they were in better health.

enrollment for the next school year are certain.

For the first time, we have organized a home and school association. A committee of nine members was elected to counsel on improvements and social affairs. The chairman is an army general. Another member is a colonel who also acts as school physician. These person-ages are ready to spend their precious time for the growth of the school. Their willingness to help is a sign of their appreciation for the Christian education which their children are receiving at Iran Adventist Academy.





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For the word of the cross is folly to
being saved it is

Fayoum, Egypt — An early spring campaign had just opened when MED Evangelist George Khoury got sick. Pastor Farouk Rizk came on, winning 13 for baptism.

ASSUIT, EGYPT — Section President Habib Ghali is preaching to hundreds in his current campaign in Assuit, reports Division President Frederick C. Webster. The Assuit District had 15 baptisms during the first quarter.

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ISFAHAN-JULFA DISTRICT, IRAN — Pastor Haik K. Salakian's district is dedicated to making more meaningful the prayer "Thy kingdom come"—and the members of his church are going to use Sabbath school evangelism as their tool.

Iran Section President Harold L. Gray says, "They received Mr. Sabbath School—General Conference SS Secretary Gerald R. Nash—and Division SS. Secretary Curtis Miller on their recent itinerary with real enthusiasm. They pledged themselves to real Sabbath school evangelism through branch Sabbath schools, investment, and other Sabbath school endeavors. Pastor Salakian's report of five new branch Sabbath schools indicates that the Julfa Church's enthusiasm is being put to work."

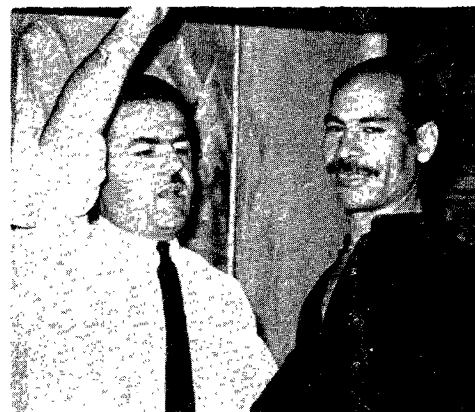
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BAGHDAD, IRAQ — The Hilal Dose-Said Tooma-Basim Fargo-Nathan Dawood evangelistic company has been conducting a "very successful" effort. Meetings are held three nights a week and are well attended with up to 250 coming.

BASRAH, IRAQ — MED Lay Activities Secretary Manoug Nazirian reports on the six-week campaign he and Bourj Hammoud, Lebanon, Pastor Aram Aghassian conducted for the Basrah Armenian community:

Basrah, a most important commercial center, has a prominent place in the history of Iraq and Islam. Built by the Arabs in 636, it soon became a leading center of Arabic culture and Islamic thought.

The effort was held in our beautiful church which is located in one of the best sections of Basrah. Pastor and Mrs. Samir Dawood (she is the former Nadia Tahawi who worked at Middle East Press) are now located in Basrah and doing very well.



Assuit, Egypt — Evangelist George Khoury baptizes one of the ten who joined the church following revival meetings. Associated with the Japas-Khoury team were Pastors Fakhry Naguib, Nathan Malaka, and Michael Fahim.

Some 300 Armenian families and descendants of those who settled in others are still called refugees because of massacres during World War I.

There is one Armenian Orthodox school with about 300 students. The school is the center of all social and cultural activities. The Armenians in Basrah belong to an Armenian church. I have discovered that the church is a greater hindrance to the preaching of the word of God than the church itself.

Our effort lasted six weeks—Friday, Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday. We showed five temperance films.

Unfortunately, our church is closed. The Armenian quarter is three kilometers from Basrah in areas five, ten, and 15 kilometers



Abukorkas, Egypt — A short revival held by Evangelists Salim Japas and George Khoury, District Leader Naguib Mossad, and Pastor Benjamin Boutros, was concluded by the baptism of six persons prepared by Pastor Mossad. Above, two future members watch as Evangelist Khoury officiates at the baptism.



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who are perishing, but to us who are
lover of God. --St. Paul



Fayoum, Egypt — Fauzia Naguib (holding books) was invited to the revival by Amin Basjarian. She in turn brought up to 15 school friends. Fauzia, now in a candidates' class, says she wants to be a missionary.

Basrah. Some are native Armenians—
as far back as the 16th century. The
moved to Basrah to escape the Armenian

Basrah and one Armenian national
a club which is actually the center
Basrah Armenians. The majority of
nationalistic, anticommunist political
political parties in the Middle East
the message than the Armenian Ortho-

to March 22. We held meetings
ing. We presented 18 subjects and

from the Armenians. The nearest
and most of the scattered families live
church. Those living in such places

had to take two busses to reach the church. In my estimation, the No. 1 problem
in this effort was the distance.

We advertised the meetings through the distribution of handbills, going from
house to house and inviting the people to come.

The attendance opened at about 50. The largest crowd numbered around 90.
The last meeting attracted 53.

Among those who attended the meetings were political leaders, the son of a
priest, the principal of the Armenian school, a wealthy shipowner, and Basrah's
foremost public speaker.

The results were very encouraging. We think there's an excellent interest
among Basrah's Armenians now. Over 50 persons requested literature. After
securing the addresses we delivered the literature. We visited many families.
Doors opened for Bible studies. We know that about 15 families have started
to study their Bibles. Seven persons participated in our communion service. Pastor
Aghassian and I were privileged to conduct this first effort in Basrah.

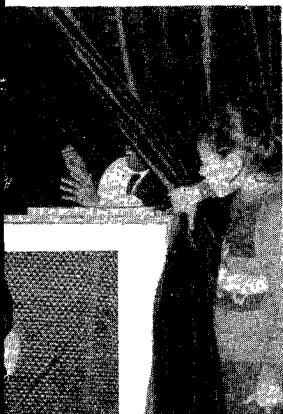
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IRBID, JORDAN — A new church was organized Sabbath, March 8, with
President Webster joining Jordan workers for the occasion. Adventists have been
active in the Irbid region for many years: there's a church and a school in nearby
Al Husn. Evangelists Japas and Khoury conducted a highly successful series of
meetings in the area last December.

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THE ADVENTIST CENTER, BEIRUT, LEBANON — More than 30 persons have re-
ceived Bibles for regularly attending evangelistic services over a ten-week period.
Evangelist Harley D. Bresee, director of The Center, manages the continuing
program. MED President Frederick C. Webster is the current speaker.

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Fayoum, Egypt — Meet Zuzu
Issac, baptized by Evangelist
Japas at the end of the recent
revival campaign. His decision
angered his father greatly who
turned him out of the home. In
the photo Zuzu holds a hand-
made projector. He wants to be
an evangelist himself!

Fayoum, Egypt — Ramsi
Fabim, being baptized by Evan-
gelist Japas, is a diligent student
of the Bible. His own studies
convinced him of the truth of the
Sabbath doctrine. He will be a
strong pillar of the Fayoum
Church.



Wanted: 2,626 Full-Time Evangelists

Health and welfare evangelism, literature evangelism, medical evangelism, public evangelism, Sabbath school evangelism, temperance evangelism: there are many types of evangelism. But the one goal of each type is the same: to win men to Christ.

Evangelism was born in the Middle East. The Holy Spirit was the pervading power. Evangelism sprang to life with pentecostal success. Today it's different. Or is it? *Evangelism* isn't dead, but maybe some of the *evangelists* are.

That resurrecting, lifegiving Holy Spirit power can still be claimed by men today. The Holy Spirit wins men to Christ—and we can be thankful for a few Adventists in the Middle East who let that Power use them to make them evangelists.

On the back page of this issue there's picture of a group of men telling a story. Each one is involved in the plot, but the story itself is about Maroun Khoury (third from the left in the picture). We think his story shows us how we can all be full-time evangelists. Here it is in capsule form:

Scene: Syria. Time: Many years ago. Because of the sudden death of his father, Maroun Khoury has to drop out of the seminary to cary on the family tourist business. He manages the office successfully. In time he is elected mayor of the city.

Enter Pastor Ziki Hannawi (far right). While distributing SDA literature in Mayor Khoury's city, he is arrested and charged with heresy. Mayor Khoury, always remaining close to the religious leaders as a compensation for his personal frustration at not having been able to become a priest himself, accompanies the church authorities to see Pastor Hannawi. The pastor's books and papers are confiscated and burned in his sight. He is forbidden to continue his work. Pastor Hannawi remains serene throughout the ordeal—which greatly impresses the mayor.

Time passes. Vocational yearnings intensify. Businessman Khoury sells out, returns to the seminary, completes his preparation, and is ordained to the
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TRANSITION

GENERAL CONFERENCE Lay Activities Secretary *J. Ernest Edwards* is now visiting the Middle East in the company of Division Lay Activities Secretary *Manoug Nazirian*. Pastor Edwards will conduct Middle East College's Spring Religious Emphasis Week, May 3-11, and participate in a Lay Activities Council, May 13 and 14.

THE DIVISION The midyear meeting of the executive committee is scheduled for May 15-17.

BENGHAZI By early March the new Adventist Hospital was operating at capacity with prospective patients waiting for admittance. According to Medical Director *D. Clifford Ludington*, the new laboratory did 50% more work during the initial month of operation than the old lab had handled in its best month.

REPORT CARD Field Secretary and Editor *Robert Darnell*, on doctoral study-leave at the University of Michigan, has taken one more big step toward his Ph.D.: comprehensive examinations.

MARRIED Al Husn School Principal *Fareed Sammour* and Teacher *Wasmieh Fanek*, on March 11, in a ceremony con-

ducted in Al Husn, Jordan, by Pastor *Najeeb Azar*.

BORN *Hagop*, to Mr. and Mrs. George *Manougian* of MEC, February 17 . . . *Sevan*, to Mr. and Mrs. *Hirant Tulgar* of Istanbul.

ARRIVALS Pastor and Mrs. *Jon Green* (she's the former *Eppy Hasso*), in *Benghazi*, March 5. They're going on to *Baghdad* (*Eppy's* family's home) to do pastoral-evangelistic work just as soon as circumstances permit. In the meantime, the Greens are busy in *Benghazi's* public health program . . . Mrs. *Virginia Lamb*, dietitian from *Hinsdale, Illinois*, in *Benghazi*, April 5.

VISITORS *Jordan* Section President and Mrs. *Willard J. Clemons* and family, completing their move to *Amman* . . . Northern European Division Publishing Secretary *Bruce M. Wickwire* (*Barbara Clemons' father*), heading for *London* after an *Africa* itinerary . . . Dr. *Moses Hagopian*, flying in from *Baghdad* to tell *Ras Beirut 5-Day Plan* registrants how he stopped smoking 100 cigarettes a day (sometimes he had three or four burning at once!) . . . Chemistry Prof *M. D. Campbell* and family, transferring from *Spicer Memorial College,*

India, to *Southern Missionary College, Tennessee* . . . Former *MED Treasurer* and Mrs. *Vincent A. Fenn*, landing here to study a little *French* in preparation for treasurer's work in the *Central African Union, Bujumbura, Burundi*, but who will leave instead for *Salisbury, Rhodesia*, where Pastor *Fenn* will be treasurer of the *Trans-Africa Division*, thus having the distinction of having served as treasurer of the smallest and largest (in membership) overseas divisions of the *Seventh-day Adventist Church*.

DEPARTURES Dr. and Mrs. *Don Fabrbach* and family, from *Benghazi*, in mid-April, to take 12-year-old *Janie Fabrbach* to *Loma Linda University Medical Center* in *California* for special care needed as a result of chest and heart injuries sustained in an explosion of abandoned war materiel. We'll do our best to have the full story of *Janie's* accident and how her life was saved in the next issue of *The Messenger*.

EVACUATION POSTSCRIPT We're going to have another "evacuation" here this summer but (hopefully) not under the kind of war emergency that prevailed last June. Many of this summer's "evacuees" will come back to the Middle East after furlough. Some are going to the States on permanent return. Inasmuch as most of them don't leave until late June, we'll list names next time. One family, however, is departing on May 29: Division Cashier and Assistant Auditor *Richard W. Wilmot*, his wife *Naomi* (efficient secretary to Division secretaries), and their sons *Rick* (the trumpeter) and *Steve* (the clarinetist). Their journey home will end in *Mt. Vernon, Ohio*, where Mr. *Wilmot* will become treasurer of *Mt. Vernon Academy*. Each member of the *Wilmot* family will be missed here—very much.

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The President Is an Evangelist Too!

Pastor Webster, please tell us something about your own evangelistic program.

We are holding a series of meetings at The Adventist Center here in Beirut. Evangelist Harley Bresee is the director there. Our current campaign will run six weeks—two programs each week. We've got good help. Pastor Bresee is our manager; he takes care of all the advertising. Pastor Chafic Srour and Pastor Salam Aboujauda have served as translators. Pastor Ray Jacobs is our question-and-answer man and, as you must know, your own father and mother, Pastor and Mrs. Robert C. Mills, have been providing very special music. Many others have been helping too, including Pastor Maroun Khoury, Artist Antoine Guiragoss and Mrs. Dorathey Bresee. No real evangelistic program can ever be just a "one-man show."

Have you had good attendance?

Around 200 on Friday evenings, 100 on Sunday nights.

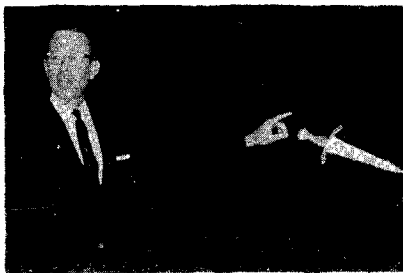


Are you following a central theme in your meetings?

As a matter of fact, yes. The theme is "Happiness." We've been advertising this series of programs as "The Happiness Clinic." We are trying to show people how they can be genuinely happy.

Have you been able to visit any of your "patients" in their homes?

Yes, Pastor Bresee and I have been visiting in the homes, and we find that the people have appreciated the messages that we've been presenting. Perhaps this approach to our message is a little different from some of the other points of approach used here in times past.



Pastor Webster, you're the president of the whole Middle East Division. This task alone must fill more time than you have. How can you take time to hold evangelistic meetings personally?

Charlie, we are all here for one purpose—to witness for God's kingdom. I believe that everyone of us should work for the saving of souls. I hope for positive results from this effort, and I hope that my example of conducting an evangelistic campaign will be helpful to other workers in our field.

Do you have personal evangelistic plans for the future?

Yes, indeed! Perhaps not for this year, but we do want to hold more meetings in years to come.

In your opinion, Pastor Webster, what is the greatest spiritual need of the people in the Middle East today?

The greatest need? We need the Holy Spirit! And we believe He will come upon us as we study the Word of God more earnestly and pray more fervently.

* President and Mrs. David J. Bieber of Loma Linda University, Riverside, California, visited Middle East College recently. MEC is academically affiliated with LLU.

* Eleven candidates for Bachelor of Arts degrees were introduced February 12. The president of the Senior Class of 1968 is Elias Matouk.

* Physical Education Instructor Leif Jensen and 12 students directed the Winter Quarter Religious Emphasis Week sponsored by The College Park MV Society.

* MEC President Kenneth H. Vine has announced the appointment of Gary Gene Johnson to be chairman of the biology department beginning in June.

* Trustees have approved MEC's plan to join Adventist Colleges Abroad, an association of SDA institutions of higher learning outside North America. Dr. Vine believes that membership in ACA "may lead to the enrollment at MEC of 25 to 30 American students as well as students from other countries.

* The 1968 Summer School will open July 2, offering courses in English, history, psychology, religion, and science.

* Thirteen students earned places on the Winter Quarter Honor Roll, Academic Dean Ignatius Yacoub has announced. Maida Azadian and Vartouhi Terzibashian led the list with perfect 4.00 grade point averages. Other honor students were George Issa, Elias Matouk, Wisam Awais, Nabil Razzouk, Nasir Swaidan, Mohammad Shakibnia, Basim Aziz, Adel Kronfly, Amal Daher, Salim Khalaf, and Najah Awad.

* The 1968-69 Student Association will be led by President-elect Zora Hagobian and Vice President - elect Mohammad Shakibnia, both from Iran. They and other SA officers were elected in early April.

MIDDLE EAST COLLEGE FACULTY AND STAFF 1967-68.



Kenneth H. Vine, President; George Ghazal, Business Manager; James Stephan; Joseph Khoury, Muna Abou Deeb, Leif Jensen, Edmond Haddad, Ernest W. Waring, Ella Haddad, Marlene Gilleroth, Bert Gilleroth, Wilma Hepker, Dale Hepker, Mary Yacoub, Stegfried J. Schwantes, Hannah Abboud, Samir Shahin, Marie Nashed, Gabiela Melki, Widad Faimann, James S. Russell, Carolyn Russell, Lloyd Nolin, Doris Morris, Leslie Morris, George Khoury, Jad Katrib, Ahd Samaan, Balduz Pfeiffer, Ignatius Yacoub, Ibrahim Hanna, and David J. Bieber, President, Loma Linda University

EVANGELISM: from page 5

BOURJ HAMMOUD, LEBANON — Public Relations Secretary Minas Megurditchian reports that at least 750 people attended the first-night program of Pastor Aram Aghassian's Armenian-language campaign in the Bourj Hammoud Church—one of the largest Christian sanctuaries in the Beirut area.

MOUSEITBEH, BEIRUT, LEBANON — The Mouseitbeh Church and Dar as-Salam International are linked through Pastor-Evangelist William Armour Potter who is pastor of the former and an associate of the latter. During long winter weeks, Pastor Potter planned, prayed, and pushed. Before very long, his flock began to sense their shepherd's concern—evangelistic concern. Then he brought out his big Bolex and, with many of his church members appearing as "stars," he shot a short promotion film.

Promoting what?

The Society of the 70—which was formally organized at a Saturday-night church supper and dedication service.

Society of the 70 members are now making many visits each week. Scores of Bibles and study guides have been placed in homes of loved ones, friends, and total strangers. Like the original society of seventy, there's great rejoic-



Ashruba, Egypt — Property has recently been purchased for a new church. Church leaders present when the deal was closed included (in western dress) MED Evangelist George Khoury, Pastors Fakbry Naguib Mossad, Section President Habib Ghali, and Treasurer Husni Wadie Kolta.

ing. Already with new faces showing up at Sabbath services, the harvest is promising—and Pastor Potter's Society of the 70 may become a Division-wide evangelistic project.

RAS BEIRUT, LEBANON — The other Dar as-Salam associate is Evangelist Richard Lee Fenn whose evblings in the Ras Beirut area have led in the direction of evangelism through temperance. Since December Evangelists Fenn and Potter have conducted between 50 and 60 temperance film programs in their office projection room and at the American Community School. Total attend-

ance: just about 1,700—mainly young people. Dar as-Salam's temperance thrust has had impact for outside of Ras Beirut: the International School of Kuwait recently requested an opportunity to have the films shown there. In the meantime, however, Evangelist Fenn is preparing for the day when Ras Beirut will be the scene of a full-scale public preaching program—Adventist style. He's editing English "Bible Speaks" study guides for use in the Middle East and paging the text references to match the Collins RSV Bible issued by the Bible Society.



Neither fire nor time can kill. . .

The Maroun Khoury Story

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Orthodox priesthood—which he finds very disappointing because of the conduct of fellow priests. He wanders to the Catholic Maronite rite.

More time flies. By early summer of 1966 he is a parish priest near Beirut. In a tiny market he notices a friendly, prosperous-appearing man. He learns that the man is a Seventh-day Adventist, a teacher at Middle East College (that would be Jad Katrib, second from the right). *Seventh-day Adventist!* Father Khoury has not heard that name since the book-burning incident years before. *But Hannawi was such a humble-appearing man; this professor is obviously a success. I must investigate this religion!*

Shortly he visits the Division office where he talks at length

with Field Secretary Robert Darnell (not pictured) who asks MEC Professor Ignatius Yacoub (third from the right) to give the priest Adventist Bible studies.

Subsequently Father Khoury is baptized by Evangelist George Khoury (fourth from the right) and, while his family studies with Pastor Salam Aboujauda (center), the ex-priest becomes an associate of Evangelist Harley D. Bresee (fourth from the left).

Lebanon Section President Chafic Srour (far left) confirms to MED President Webster the new faith and zeal of Pastor Khoury.

Moral: There are seeds which even fire and time cannot kill. God help us—all—to be full-time evangelists, ever ready to plant, to water, to harvest.