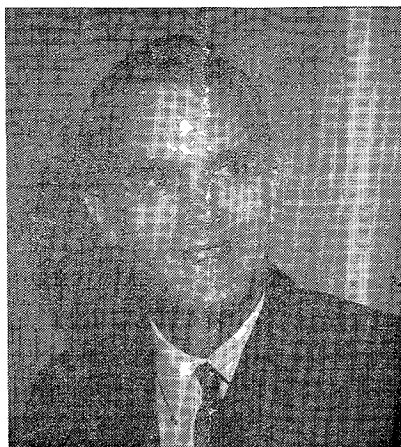


Roland Vertallier Holds French Effort In Beirut

Elder Roland Vertallier, pastor-evangelist of the Bordeaux church in France, arrived in Beirut September 16, with his wife to hold a public effort directed especially to the French speaking community. The co-operation of the Southern European Division in making it possible for Elder Vertallier to come to the Middle East is greatly appreciated.

Associated with Elder Vertallier is Elder Harley Bresee, director of the Adventist Center and his wife who have given much of their time and talent to the smooth running of this series of lectures. Mrs. Danae Casselas from Alexandria, Egypt, and Nathan Dawood, former worker in Iraq, have been active in visiting the interested persons, holding Bible studies, and helping with the publicity. As the meetings progressed it was found necessary to translate the lectures into Arabic



R. Vertallier



Mrs. R. Vertallier

for the benefit of many who wished to attend but were not fluent in the French. Elders Maurice Katrib and Chafic Srour filled this need.

Elder Vertallier says, "Never before have I been so impressed with the importance of co-operation of the local church members. When it seemed that the meetings were irreparably closed because of the curfews imposed due to the political unrest, and with no other means of publicity than the local

pastors and the church members, our meetings were begun again and the attendance soon reached a new high."

The difficulties met and surpassed during the weeks the Vertalliers have been in the Middle East have not been few, but through it all their courage and enthusiasm have never wavered. Those attending the lectures have been an excellent class of people and have shown growing interest in all they have heard.



Mrs. Danae Casselas and Nathan Dawood in front of the Beirut Adventist Center. (See story page 8).



To Win Souls is Wise

I heard recently that in a city where one of our churches had been working diligently in literature distribution, home visitation, and the gift Bible program an article appeared in the local newspaper which read as follows: "Are you being bothered by people who are seeking to save your soul? Don't worry. They will not bother you much longer. Appropriate measures have been taken so that these people will not be allowed in hell."

Though I can't offer adequate documentation for the article referred to, it is not only amusing in its style and structure, but it expresses a very deep truth.

Those who occupy themselves in taking the truth to others and direct their interests and energies toward saving the souls of their neighbors will certainly be more readily among that company that shall hear from the lips of our Lord, "Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundations of the world." Matthew 25:34.

Solomon said, "He that winneth souls is wise." Proverbs 11:30. Certainly this is true if it can help us to gain heaven and escape hell.

"It was the Saviour's purpose that after He ascended to heaven to become man's intercessor, His followers should carry on the work that He had begun. . . . There are some who are willing to go to the ends of the earth in order to carry the light of truth to men, but God demands that every soul who knows the truth shall seek to win others to the love of the truth. If we are not willing to make special sacrifices in order to save souls that are ready to perish, how can we be counted worthy to enter into the city of God?" *Christian Service*, p. 8.

"Our work is plainly laid down in the Word of God. Christian is to be united to Christian, church to church, the human instrumentality co-operating with the divine, every agency to be subordinate to the Holy Spirit, and all to be combined in giving to the world the good tidings of the grace of God." *Ibid.*, p. 14

"Divine and human agencies are combined in the work of saving souls. God has done His part, and Christian activity is needed now. God calls for this. He expects His people to bear a part in presenting the light of truth to all nations." *Ibid.*, p. 83.

"Go to your neighbors one by one, and come close to them till their hearts are warmed by your unselfish interest and love. Sympathize with them, pray for them, watch for opportunities to do them good, and as you can, gather a few together, and open the Word of God to their darkened minds. Keep watching as he who must render an account for the souls of men, and make the most of the privileges that God gives you of laboring with Him in His moral vineyard." *Review and Herald*, March 13, 1888.

The most notable work of evangelism that this world has ever witnessed had its beginning right here in these lands, when 120 men and women went out from Pentecost's upper room to tell men about Jesus. That work was done by a dedicated, united, and spirit-filled church.

Those characteristics must be a living and vital part of today's church as it prepares for an even greater work, around the world and here in the Middle East.

A. C. Webster

MINISTERIAL INSTITUTES IN LOCAL SECTIONS

The Middle East Division Ministerial Association, directed by L. C. Miller, in co-operation with Division and Section officers, is currently conducting special institutes for the ministers of the Division.

The initial institute was conducted in the Jordan Section, September 22-24, by L. C. Miller, assisted by Division Evangelist, George Khoury and Section President, W. J. Clemons. Institutes were later conducted in Lebanon (November 11 - 13) and Egypt (November 19-22). Elders Chafic Srour and R. L. Jacobs joined Elders Miller and Khoury in the Lebanon institute, while in Egypt General Conference Field Secretary, V. M. Montalban gave the daily devotional sermons and the Middle East Division officers, F. C. Webster, R. L. Jacobs, and R. C. Mills shared vital topics with L. C. Miller. The concluding institute is scheduled for Iran, December 10-14.

"The purpose of the institutes is to increase our ministers' devotion and dedication to their high calling," states Ministerial Secretary L. C. Miller. "For this reason we presented five key topics entitled: *The Minister, The Minister Called, I have Chosen You, The Minister is Loyal.*

"In order to have a better prepared ministry for the practical aspects of pastoral and evangelistic work, instruction was given in how to use the voice in public speaking, pulpit manners, sermon preparation, use of time, pastoral counseling, gaining decisions, preparation for baptism, conducting baptisms and communion, holding membership, putting members to work, and church administration."

SEEKING HAPPINESS IN JORDAN

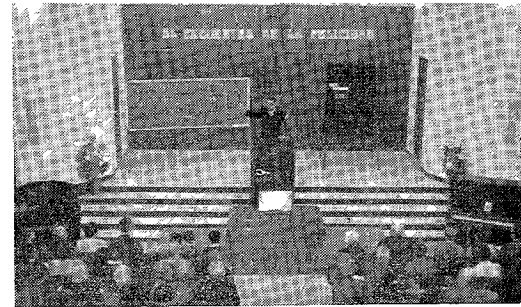
Elder George Khoury, Middle East Division evangelist, presented a series of meetings in the Amman School auditorium and concurrently in the Madaba area where Kameel Haddad is the district leader. The series was called "Seeking Happiness," and the attendance and interest were outstanding in both places.

Associated with Elder Khoury were Elder Angely Gayed, pastor of the Amman church, Basim Aziz, ministerial graduate of Middle East College, and Nathan Malaka, student worker from Middle East College. Many other workers and laymen gave their faithful support to the meetings by inviting friends as well as attending faithfully themselves.

In connection with these meetings Naila Azar and Samir Haddad were baptized and others are being prepared to take this important step in the near future. At the time of writing this report Elder Khoury is again in Madaba following up the great interest created by the first series. The hall in the very center of town where meetings are being held has been entirely too small for the more than 100 persons attending.

—W. J. Clemons

Each institute was climaxed by a special communion and testimony service in which ministers and their wives rededicated themselves anew to God's service in the gospel ministry. Many participating expressed their feeling that the Holy Spirit was present to bless during these meetings and that more ministerial institutes will be both beneficial and welcome.



Salim Japas preaching, Madrid, Spain.



Vallecas Church, Madrid, Spain where S. Japas conducted one of the campaigns

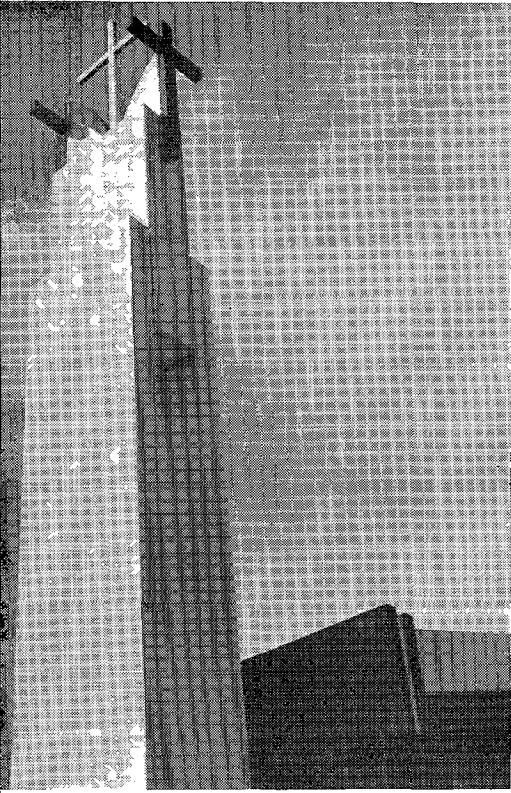
SALIM JAPAS CONDUCTS CAMPAIGN IN MADRID

Elder Salim Japas writes from Madrid, Spain: "Saludos de Espana! I am praying that this will be my best effort. It is inspiring to see the young people and the brethren here in Madrid full of profound conviction for the Truth. There is a contagious enthusiasm in the church which, with the blessing of God, is sure to make the Work progress. Those who have become interested are faithful in attending. Many are coming on Sabbath to the church services. We are planning to establish a third church in Madrid before the end of the year. The 'enemy' is doing all he can to hinder our work, but with God's help we will still go forward. The Radio programs have been suspended, and we are no longer permitted to print the lessons for the Bible Investigation program."

Elder Japas has been conducting two efforts simultaneously—one in the church in Alenza, and the other in Vallecas.



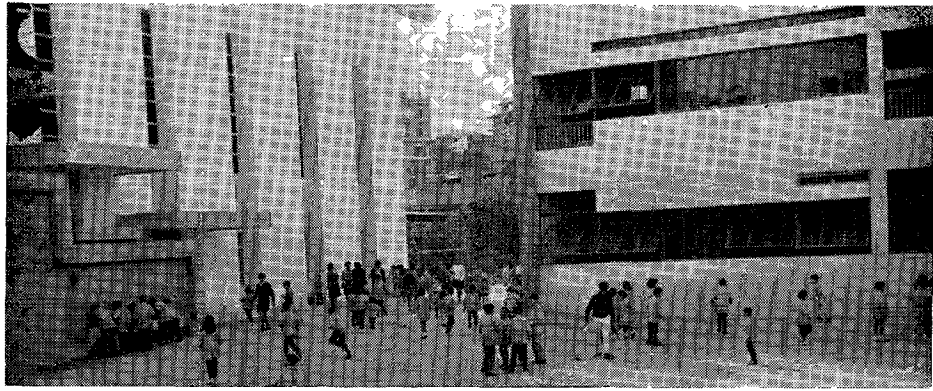
Group of workers who attended Ministerial Institute, Amman, Jordan.



Power of the new Boucherieh Church at the foot of the Septieh hill, showing the interesting and attractive arrangement of crosses. Within a few weeks this new church will be ready for dedication.

QUOTE :

"While so great a work remains to be done, shall not we, as Christ's followers, arouse to a sense of our God-given responsibility, and be active in doing our part?"—E.G. White



Boys and girls enjoy recreation on the grounds of the new "MESS" (which is proving to be no "mess" at all!)—with the new Boucherieh Church on the left and the Middle East Secondary School (grades 1-12) on the right. Principal Jad Katrib, his splendid staff, as well as the 265 students are all very busy and happy—this latter inspite of the fact that much remains to be done to complete the building and grounds.

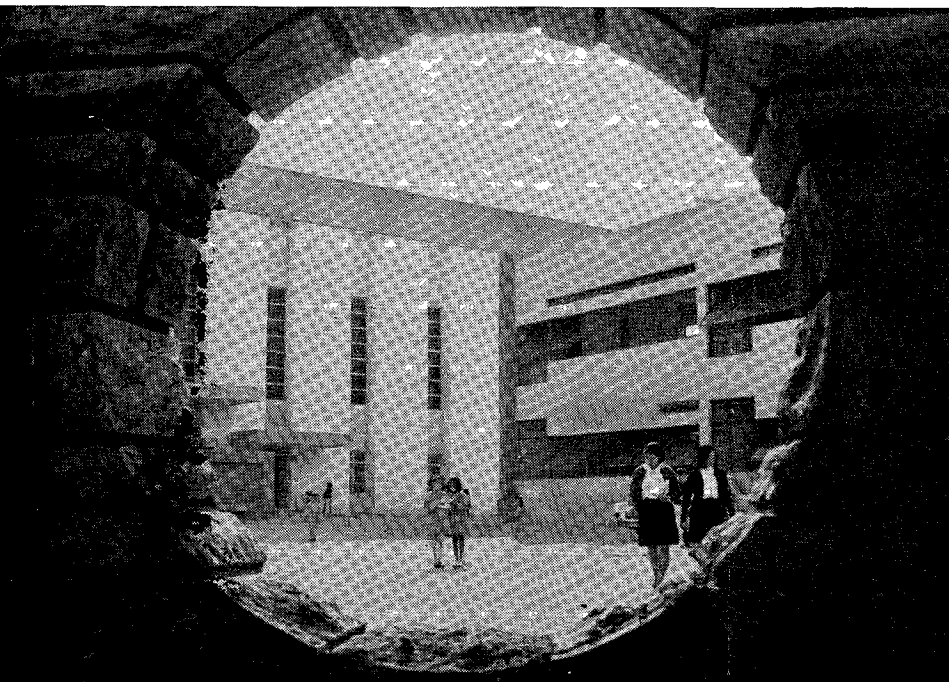
INGATHERING SUCCESS!

Tuesday, December 2, 1969 - LL 7000.00 "ingathered" through co-operation of following groups: Middle East College, Armenian church and school, and teachers and students of the Musseitbeh School.

CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS EXCELLENT START



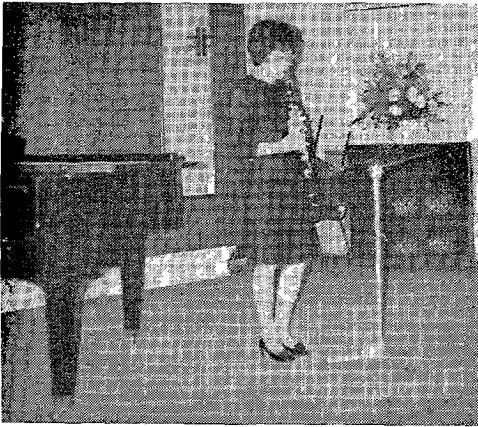
Melody Miller explains the flannel-graph to the Branch Sabbath School members who meet faithfully each Sabbath afternoon in the home of Elie Abourjaily on Septieh Hill.



A "Peek" at the new Boucherieh Church and the Middle East Secondary School where youth are being "nourished" instead of the orange grove as before.



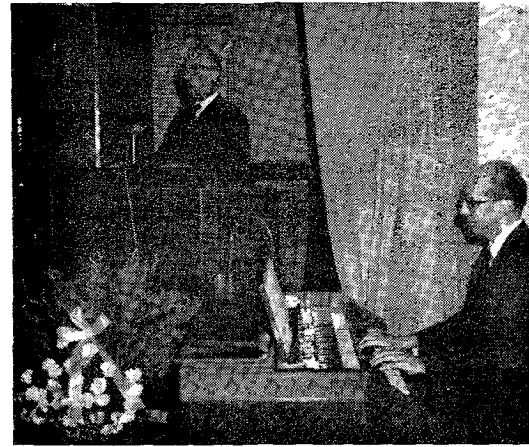
The Harold S. Johnson family—wife Marjorie, Stephen and Karen, returned from furlough to teach in Beirut Overseas School.



Mrs. B. L. Gilleroth presenting a clarinet solo.



Three happy Bishmezzine teachers—Helen Sarkis, Joseph and Mary Mansour.



Elder R. C. Mills singing, "Nothing Between My Soul and the Saviour," at the Ordination Service of D. O. McDaniel, and Dr. Melvin West at the organ.



Mrs. Issa Kharma with some of her happy pupils.

NEW COURSE IN SCIENCE and the BIBLE

Dr. Harold Coffin of the Geoscience Institute is the author of Home Study Institute's newest course—*Science and the Bible*. The eighteen-lesson, three-hour college course is an up-to-the-minute, thorough-going study of creationism and evolution. More than a year of work has gone into the preparation of the course, and it promises to be one of the most useful and popular series of studies by correspondence offered through Home Study Institute.

The course is designed not only for the college student who needs to fulfill science requirements but it is also aimed at the minister, teacher, and alert church laymen who want a solid background in creationism.

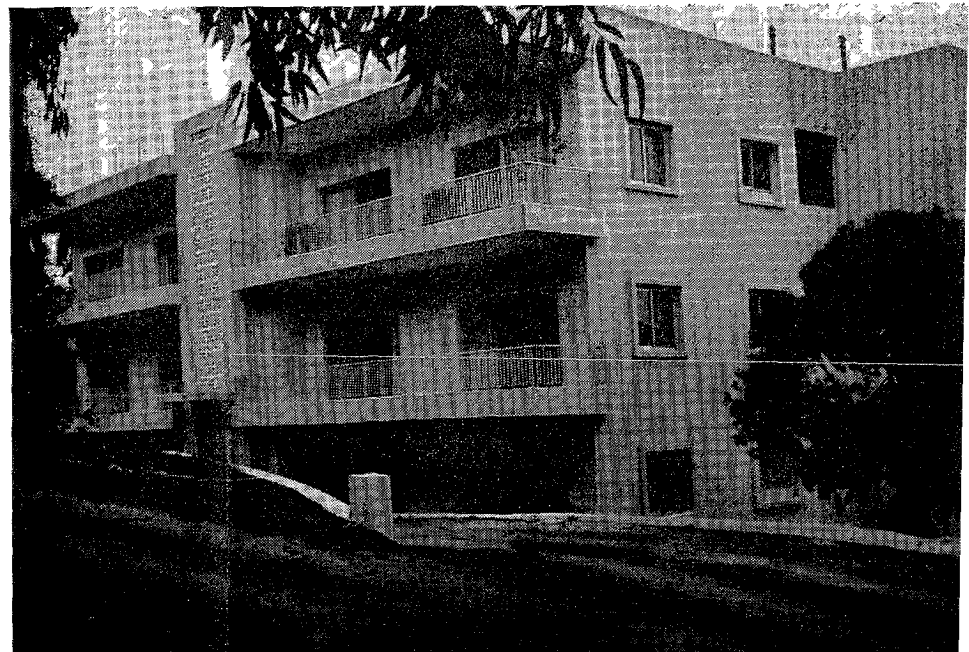
For more details and enrollment information write: Home Study Institute, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C. 20012, U.S.A.



Naila Azar and Samir Haddad who were baptized in connection with the recent effort conducted by George Khoury in Jordan.



Dr. Grant Macaulay and family (Dr. and Mrs. Macaulay, Douglas and Diane). This talented family is at Middle East College this year on an exchange basis with Loma Linda University



The new Division Compound Apartment Building, occupied for the past year, housing six families—the M. Nazirians, the S. Japas, the H. S. Johnsons, the Hugh Cowles, the F. C. Websters, and the R. L. Jacobs.

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Colporteur Victories

For our student colporteurs the past summer was a time of hard and useful work—a real battle, well fought by most of them. More than seventy students have returned to Adventist schools in the Middle East Division, having earned scholarships.

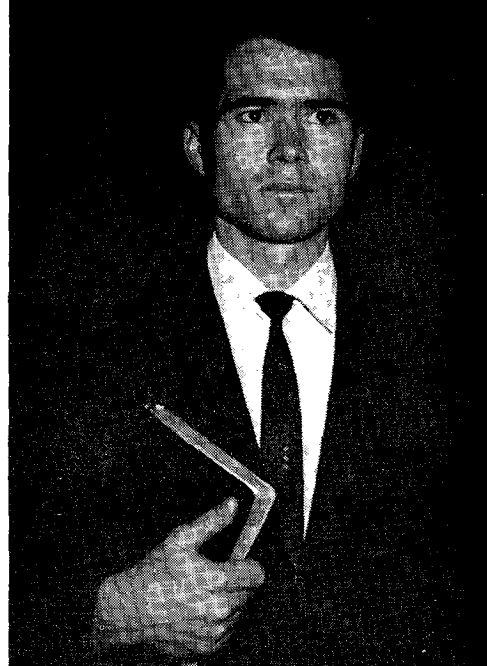
The report for the four summer months shows a net gain in 1969 of more than \$10,000.00 in sales over the summer of 1968. This is an encouraging increase in sales, especially taking into consideration the unsettled conditions and odd times our colporteurs faced. A compilation of the reports for the year dating from the summer of 1968 to the summer of 1969, shows that there was a total delivery of \$40,100.00 in comparison with \$18,296.00 for the previous year.

One of the ministerial students who did an excellent work this summer canvassing for the first time in unentered territory, made a recordbreaking sale of literature. In one month he sold almost as much as all our colporteurs sold in the first year of our canvassing work in the Middle East. Now he assures me that he is planning to make literature evangelism his life work. He says, "I cannot flee from the responsibility of sharing my faith and speaking for God while canvassing. . . . This whole thing is now in my blood."

While we mention our student colporteurs and commend them for their good work and excellent achievements, we cannot but mention two of our regular evangelists also. One of them is at the top of the list in sales, Brother Nathan Ratib in Jordan, who sold in a year's time more than \$9,000.00 worth of literature with more than 25% being religious books. Another colporteur evangelist whom I would like to mention in great admiration and respect is Mrs. L. Leontides of Cyprus. This good sister is a real lesson to some of our younger colporteurs who seem to be tired the first week of their canvassing work. Sister Leontides does this work the year around. She delivered more than \$6,000.00 worth of literature last year, but more than that, her missionary spirit is contagious. She is a blessing to our church in Cyprus.

Student colporteur Michael Habib has the highest sale of literature for a period of five weeks ever to be recorded in the history of the publishing work in the Middle East. Other student colporteurs who merit special mention because of their high deliveries for the summer months, in order of achievement are: Samir Hanna, Radi Guindi, Gabriel Bejjani, Younan Dawood.

—Maurice Katrib, Publishing Secretary



Dean O. McDaniel

Ordination and Appointment of Dean McDaniel

In connection with the biennial meetings of the Middle East Division a special service was conducted at which time Dean O. McDaniel was ordained to the gospel ministry.

V. M. Montalban, General Secretary of the General Conference, presented the message and Martin Kemmerer, Assistant Treasurer of the General Conference, offered the ordination prayer. The charge and welcome were presented by F. C. Webster and L. C. Miller respectively. A male quartet composed of pastors sang, "Go Tell Someone About Jesus," and following the "Welcome" R. C. Mills sang, "Nothing Between My Soul and My Saviour."

Elder McDaniel is a graduate of Walla Walla College and has received the M. A. degree from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. He arrived in Cyprus July 24, 1967, and has given himself wholeheartedly, not only to learning the Greek language, but to searching for souls, making most effective use of the Gift Bible Plan. He was elected president of the Cyprus Section for the new biennium.



Ministers officiating at the ordination of Dean O. McDaniel.

Ingathering for Christ

Jesus Christ has not only commanded us to evangelize the lost world, but He has given us also avenues through which this command should be carried out. One of these avenues is the INGATHERING, which had its beginning in 1903 and has now extended to all countries where there is Seventh-day Adventist work.

This worthy project has been sanctioned by Heaven. The Messenger of the Lord says, "Some may question the propriety of receiving gifts from unbelievers. Let such ask themselves: 'Who is the real owner of our world? To whom belong its houses and lands, and its treasures of gold and silver?' God has an abundance in our world, and He has placed His goods in the hands of all, both the obedient and the disobedient. He is ready to move upon the hearts of worldly men, even idolaters, to give of their abundance for the support of His work; and He will do this as soon as His people learn to approach these men wisely and to call their attention to that which it is their privilege to do. If the needs of the Lord's work were set forth in a proper light before these who have means and influence, these men might do much to advance the cause of present truth. God's people have lost many privileges of which they could have taken ad-

vantage, had they not chosen to stand independent of the world." *Christian Service*, pp. 167, 168.

The Ingathering Campaign serves a double purpose:

1. It provides funds to promote the humanitarian and evangelistic world program of the church.

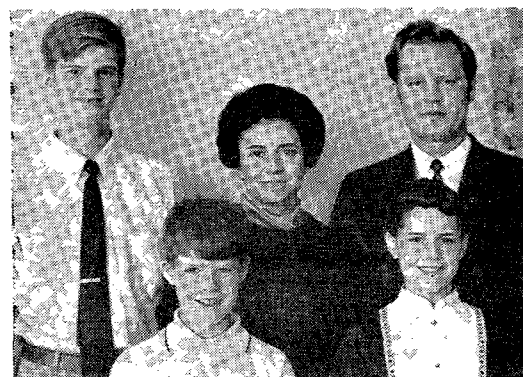
2. It is a means of making contacts in the homes of people and presenting them with a special brochure describing the world-wide work of Seventh-day Adventists and offers them the opportunity of enrolling in a Bible correspondence course.

November 15 - January 3, 1970 is the Ingathering Campaign date for the Middle East Division. The Division goal is LL 55,000.00.

In order to achieve real success in Ingathering, there are several important things to consider: the need for divine help and guidance; one hundred percent membership participation; organization in forming teams and in assigning territory; knowing the art of presenting a canvass; visiting every home; doing a faithful follow-up work.

As we each join wholeheartedly in the Ingathering Campaign, may we have a smile on our face, a prayer in our heart, and enthusiasm in our voice.

—Manuk Nazirian, Lay Activities Secretary



Dr. Jack Bohannon, wife Donna, children (left to right) Dale Allen, Don Scott, and Lori Sue.

BOHANNON RECEIVES DOCTORATE

On September 17, Dr. Jack Bohannon and family returned to Iran after an absence of a little more than two years. During this time Elder Bohannon studied at Michigan State University and on July 28, 1969, he received his doctorate in speech and communications.

A letter from the chairman of the Guidance Committee working with Dr. Bohannon at the University states: "I am happy to say that Mr. Bohannon has maintained a superior record with us. In every aspect of his program he has done excellent work — his courses were completed with virtually an "all-A" record; his dissertation is a superb piece of work; and his over-all comprehension of the field of Speech is Similarly excellent. . . . It has been a real privilege for us to be able to work with him on his doctoral program and to have the opportunity of associating with him."

The Bohannon family is currently working in Shiraz, Iran with the Robert Hydes. This city has never been systematically worked before, and these consecrated workers ask to be remembered as they work in behalf of the thousands of people living there who have never before known of the Gospel.

VOP on Radio Cyprus.

Another Adventist first will be recorded in January, 1970 when the Cyprus Broadcasting Commission will begin release of the Voice of Prophecy. This 20,000 watt medium wave station will reach most Middle East countries. The Voice of Prophecy will broadcast at 10 p.m. Saturday in English. Follow-up will be with our free health correspondence courses. — Walter R. L. Scragg, Associate Secretary Radio-TV Department, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, in *News Release*.

Biennial Session Appointment

The biennial meeting of the Middle East Division committee convened from September 30 to November 4, 1969. Elected for the ensuing biennium were the following Section officers:

Cyprus	President	Dean O. McDaniel
	Secretary-Treasurer	Moses Elmadjian
Egypt	President	Habib Ghali
	Secretary	Shafik Ghali
	Treasurer	Antar Yacoub
	(Contingent upon transfer arrangements for Husni Kolta becoming effective.)	
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In conjunction with the Middle East Press Board, the following additional appointments were made:

Editor-in-chief	Maurice Katrib
Assistant Editor	Salim Majeed

BENGHAZI ADVENTIST HOSPITAL NATIONALIZED

On Sunday, November 23 1969 the Benghazi Adventist Hospital was nationalized by the Libyan Revolutionary Government in harmony with its policies since deposing King Idris on September 1, 1969.

As this issue of THE MESSENGER goes to press, negotiations are going on pertaining to the future of the institution.

FROM HERE AND THERE

Philip Saaty, who recently completed the requirements for an M. A. degree in chemistry on the La Sierra campus of Loma Linda University, returned to Baghdad on September 22, 1969 where he is teaching in the Dar El-Salaam school.

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Miss Ruby Ratzlaff, formerly a worker in the Southern Asia Division, arrived October 10, to teach grades 1-2 in the Beirut Overseas School.

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Dr. Abd Al Karim Antar passed away October 12, and was buried in the College Park cemetery. He is greatly missed in the College Park church where he was active in soul-winning activities until the week of his death.

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Elder and Mrs. F. C. Webster and "Mother" Brian arrived from furlough and attendance at the Autumn Council in Washington, D. C. During their furlough they participated in the Patomac and Michigan campmeetings and visited many former Middle East workers and members in different parts of the United States.

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V. M. Montalban and Martin Kemmerer, General Field Secretary and Assistant Treasurer of the General Conference, respectively, gave valuable help in connection with the annual committee meetings of the Division and in the local Sections where they visited. Elder Montalban conducted the Fall Week of Spiritual Emphasis at Middle East College.

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Faiz Haddad is the new principal of the Amman Secondary School, replacing Miss Hana J. Nasr, who has retired after many years of faithful service in the educational work of the Division.

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Jasir Rihani is serving as principal of the Irbid, Jordan school which is operating this year as a four teacher school.

The Pacific Press Publishing Association of Mountain View, California, recently presented 49 books to the library of Middle East Secondary School.

Shown with a display of the books included in this gift are representatives of the publishing house (left to right): Ross Wollard, Book Department Manager; Arthur S. Maxwell, Editor of Signs of the Time and author of several of the books presented; and Leonard F. Bohner, General Manager.



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BIBLE VISIT IN CEMETERY

"But Frère Natan, I am sure we should take a taxi. We seem to have a long way to go yet and we are wasting time." Mrs. Cassela spoke in her accustomed earnest way and her faithful guide and companion, Nathan Dawood smilingly reassured her.

"Yes, Madame, you are right. Here is one now. We will make better time if we take it and ask the driver where this address can be."

So with address in hand, they cruised along the street inlisting the help of the taxi driver. Finally the numbers were very close to the one which had been given by an interested person at the Roland Vertallier French campaign at the Adventist Center.

"Now it must be right here, though I cannot see just where. But perhaps we should let the taxi go and on foot we will find the place more quickly no doubt." They paid the driver and started out searching every possibility as they went.

Nathan's usual smile showed his perplexity as he said, "I can't understand why we have an address which should be on the right side of the street when

there is only the cemetery there!"

Do you think, Frère Nathan, that someone could have played a joke on us by getting us to come to this place? Surely no one is living over there!" Despite the puzzling situation, Mrs. Cassela saw the funny side also.

Nathan just smiled to reassure Mrs. Cassela, then answered, "You wait here, Madame, and I will go across to the cemetery entrance and see what I can find out."

In a few minutes Nathan appeared again at the cemetery entrance this time with a mischievous smile on his face, and called, "Come on across, Madame, this is the place."

Very much surprised and even more perplexed, Mrs. Cassela crossed the street and Nathan led her to the small house just inside the entrance, saying, "I found the caretaker who lives in this house and it is *he* who has been attending the meetings, and he *did* hand in his address so that we could visit him and bring him the copy of the lecture."

The mystery was explained and soon they were given a warm welcome—inside the cemetery, but also inside a very humble but hospitable home. They had a short Bible study and prayer with this interested man, and he continued coming to the French meetings until he moved to another country. However, he had not come alone — a friend who came with him continues to be a faithful attendant and shows much interest in the truths presented by Elder Vertallier.

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Miss Esther Feltus, veteran missionary in the Far Eastern Division, is teaching grades 3-4 in the Beirut Overseas School. Although on sustentation, Miss Feltus offered her services voluntarily to fill this special need.