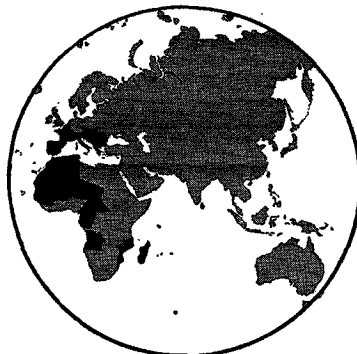


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## *“Au Revoir”*

**By M. V. Campbell**

It is never a pleasure to bid “good-bye” to one’s friends. When Mrs. Campbell and I arrived in Southern Europe four years ago, we hoped we would have the joy of association with our new-found friends for many years. As time went on, we appreciated more and more the warm-hearted, loyal workers and members with whom we labored. It is with sorrow that we now leave these friends whom we have learned to love so well.

Southern Europe, together with its territory in Africa, Asia, and the islands of the sea, is a most interesting field. My trips through this vast division, and my association with our ministers and missionaries who are laboring in its fields, have been a great inspiration to me. Most of the territories are difficult to evangelize, and very few give full liberty to the public preaching of the Third Angel’s Message. Yet the work has made great progress in these fields, and sometimes it would seem to be in inverse ratio to the religious liberty which is granted.

The new work which has been assigned to me — general vice-president of the General Conference — will take me to all parts of the world. It will bring me into contact with many more of the great family of Adventist workers who have dedicated their lives to God to prepare the world for His coming. Undoubtedly it will be an interesting work, and perhaps it will occasionally bring me to Southern Europe.

There is one feature of this change of work which has brought me great satisfaction. It is the man who has been selected to take my place as president of the Southern European Division. Pastor M. Fridlin needs no introduction to the field. He has served for twelve years as secretary of the division. Prior to that, he was president of the French Equatorial African Union — one of our great foreign mission territories. Perhaps there is no man who is more widely known throughout the division than the new president. Invariably he is everywhere highly respected and loved. He will,



M. V. Campbell

I know, give a progressive and successful administration.

It would be so much more satisfactory if I could meet each of my old comrades of the division, and of the unions and local fields to express my personal appreciation for their many kindnesses, and to state personally my pleasure in having been associated with them even for a short time. As it is impossible to make this individual visit to each one, I take this occasion through THE QUARTERLY REVIEW, on behalf of Mrs. Campbell as well as myself, to say "Good-bye." May God bless each one of you, and keep you faithful until the coming of the Lord.

## *A Message From Our President*

By M. Fridlin

The forty-eighth session of the General Conference, which took place this year in Cleveland, Ohio, from June 19-28, is past history as I write this message of greeting to you. It was indeed an especially blessed meeting, and the delegates felt the presence of God during those days of prayer, meditation, and church business.

The session brought about a number of changes in our territory. The brethren have placed upon my shoulders the heavy burden of the presidency of the Southern European Division. W. A. Wild has been elected secretary, and radio secretary of the division, and he will also replace me as editor of THE QUARTERLY REVIEW. B. J. Kohler, newly-elected treasurer of the division, will take up his duties during the month of October, 1958. H. L. Henriksen and P. Tissot will continue to serve as assistant treasurers, and G. Haberey as division auditor. F. Charpiot will be in charge of the home missionary department, and will safeguard the interests of the publishing department until a new publishing department secretary can be appointed. R. Gerber will take care of the Sabbath school and temperance departments of the division. He has also been elected president of the Swiss Union in replacement of J. J. Aitken who has been appointed president of the South American Division. G. Cupertino will continue to serve as secretary for the Ministerial Association and Press Relations.

We are glad to welcome to our Berne office P. Steiner, former president of the Bogenhofen Seminary in Austria. Brother Steiner will carry the Educational and Y. P. M. V. departments.

We all sincerely regret the departure of our former beloved president, Pastor M. V. Campbell,



M. Fridlin

who for four years gave such strong leadership to this division. His work has always been very much appreciated here at the division office, and throughout the field. His wise counsel and broad vision for the Lord's work will be missed in the future. We are happy, however, that he has been elected one of the general vice-presidents of the General Conference in Washington, D. C. Thus he will have occasion to continue to defend the interests of this division where he has served so faithfully. We wish him a full measure of success in his new position, and may God's richest blessing accompany both him and Mrs. Campbell.

As the new president of this division, I wish to send, through these columns of THE QUARTERLY REVIEW, my best and heartfelt Christian greetings to the beloved workers and church members in our territory. I am not a stranger to you, as I have had the opportunity and pleasure of visiting you in your fields and churches during the past twelve years. I am fully aware of the heavy burden the Lord has entrusted me with; and with the apostle Paul I cannot but exclaim, "Who is sufficient for these things?" It gives me much courage and strength to know that I can rely upon your help and sincere co-operation for the future. A solemn responsibility rests upon all of us in these serious times.

It is the responsibility to finish the work of our Lord. As never before, we need to seek God for divine help, divine wisdom, and divine guidance. And I am so glad that God is always willing and ready to help us when we call upon Him in sincerity and truth. During this quadrennial period that has now begun, may He give each of us just the experience we need to fit us to stand firm in His wonderful message until Jesus comes again.

Before us lies the great, unfinished task. We must never forget our vast, unwarmed fields. We must lay plans to enter them soon — before probation's hour closes. We must plan for more funds to be raised, so that we can go forward. We must get a larger vision, new hope and courage, and more faith and confidence in the almighty power of our God. We must accomplish greater achievements for our Master.

The "*leitmotif*" of the General Conference session was a prayer that is familiar to all of us: "THY KINGDOM COME!" May it be the sincere, daily prayer and motto of every believer in this vast Southern European Division. But the coming of God's kingdom depends upon the faithful performance of duty of God's children. So let us work and pray, and pray and work until our motto becomes a glorious reality.

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## ANGOLA — AN OPEN DOOR

(Concluded from June number)

By G. Cupertino

Luz and Lucusse are our two "outposts" in eastern Angola. It was at Natepa, half-way between these towns, that we held the second convention for the workers and lay preachers.

A journey of twenty-four hours by steam train (eucalyptus wood is used instead of coal) brought us to Leua, where Brethren Candejas and Pires (directors of the two above-mentioned missions) met us. Hastily-improvised preparations for our stay were made. This necessitated the putting up of beds in a hut where we had to store away our provisions from the voracious white ants, which, for lack of any other food, would "devour" the girders of the roof. These details taken care of we were ready to fulfill the customary social obligations: to receive the queen of the locality, who brought the usual presents with her.

Then we hastened to meet the delegates to the convention. Coming from far, in families, — because the women and children were also desirous of

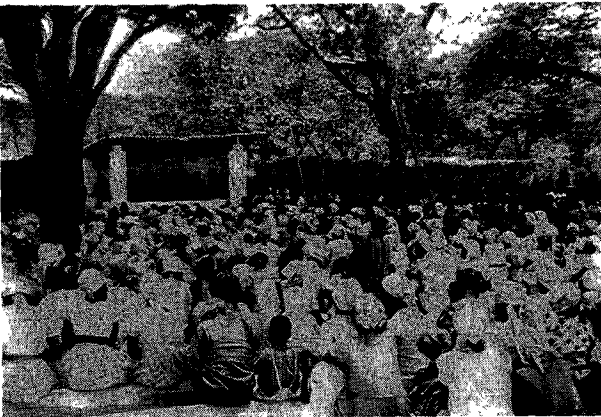
participating in this spiritual banquet, — they were making ready to settle down in this small Adventist village which was to take us in. Their preparations were being carried on with songs and smiles upon their lips. Some water from the river, a little maize and manioc mixed with beautiful African sunshine, suffice to satisfy the needs of these humble people.

The ten-day convention passed off according to the program outlined: devotional meetings, doctrinal studies, methods for missionary work, health instruction, and practical work to demonstrate how to enter the villages and preach the gospel. Generally speaking, everything went off for the best. However, one night a lion prowled about the encampment, and this of course caused no little excitement.

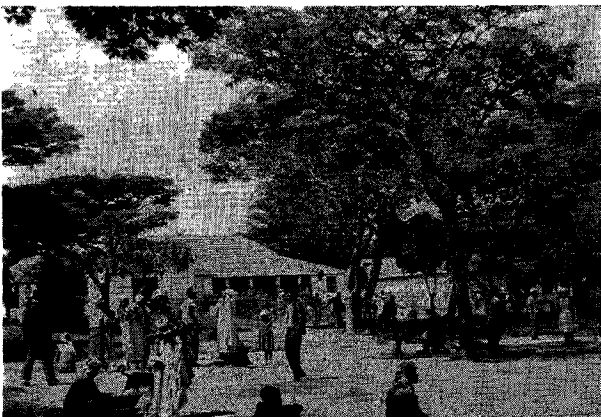
The first Sabbath of the convention was given over, as was the case wherever conventions were held, to the workers, and the second to the lay



Lay preachers' convention Natepa, Angola. Personal soul-winning goals are listed on the blackboards.



Sabbath morning service, Bongo, Angola.



Patients waiting for treatment at the Bongo Hospital.

preachers. The practical result of each of these conventions was the spontaneous consecration of all delegates to the Master's service, and their determination to win greater victories in the future. Without exception workers and laymen set personal goals for baptisms. With the Lord's blessing, the prospects for the future are very encouraging in these regions which are so difficult to reach with the gospel.

After Natepa, we returned to Bongo where not less than five hundred persons, including the sisters, took part in the third convention, which, when it came to attendance, was the most important of all. Continued interest was manifested throughout the meetings which were attended by some of the pupils from the mission school. Choral numbers, and especially the congregational singing by such a large assembly, were greatly appreciated by all, and did not fail to give a special spiritual tone to this gathering.

Every day groups met to study in a practical way the obstacles one commonly encounters when doing missionary work in the African bushland. Suggestions and counsel were also given to the workers and their wives that will help them prepare themselves better for the Master's service.

The two Sabbaths of the assembly were the high points. The morning program began with Sabbath school, and continued with the sermon. Try to imagine 960 singing children arriving for worship after the day's lesson study. Special meetings were held in the afternoon, and in the evenings slides or films were shown. And all this with the participation of the welcome African sun during the day, and at night of a beautiful starry sky where shines the Southern Cross. It was a privilege we appreciated all the more, because it was right in the midst of the rainy season.

When the time came to set goals for baptisms, a goal of 1,165 was set. This will demand great faith and hard work. A large baptismal ceremony has been planned for the entire Bongo region.

We would mention again that Dr. Parsons and his co-workers on the Bongo station, gave their greatest co-operation to the activities of this convention. The instruction by W. A. Wild; E. Ferreira, the president of the Union, the undersigned, and all the other instructors, created an uplifting and earnest atmosphere which permits us to believe that this gathering was a real success.

I shall mention just one conversation which shows the spirit of devotion to service that reigns at the Bongo Mission. "Brother Cupertino," said Nurse Alberta Hodde, who came towards me hold-



Spiritual concert, Algiers.

ing in her arms two of the orphans the mission has adopted, "my first salary after arriving here was very much inferior to the one I was receiving in the United States ; but I do not regret for a single moment to have come to Bongo. There is so much to be done for these poor natives, and it is all so interesting. . . ."

After a few days for further committee meetings at Nova Lisboa, we set out for Cuale where Dr. Moretti, while waiting for the new hospital to be completed, holds a plurality of offices — doctor and mission director. His co-workers, Brother and Sister Valente, help with the teaching and treatments at the dispensary.

When the construction of the hospital, which is being carried on under the capable supervision of Brother Ribeiro, will have been completed, a very fine work can be undertaken in this sector of Angola. Remarkable possibilities are offered us here, provided we can furnish the funds necessary to equip this new medical institution.

The blessings and encouragement received at the preceding meetings, were renewed at the Cuale Mission. While waiting for the time when the work of evangelism can be strengthened by the medical ministry, the workers and lay preachers are determined not to fall behind their brethren of the other mission stations. Their baptismal goal of four hundred, set in faith and with courage, is worthy of the accompanying prayers of those who read these lines.

As one leaves this soil of Angola, one cannot but exclaim : "Ebenezer" ! and "The Lord will provide."

Brother Wild and I parted at Brazzaville, he to visit North Cameroun, and I to continue on my way to take part in the workers' meeting and annual union assembly for the North African Union Mission. This meeting was held in Algiers, in our own

beautiful church, which is a fitting monument to the Advent cause in this city.

In spite of the grave conditions existing in the country, our brethren and sisters in North Africa are of good courage. Coming from Algeria and Morocco (those from Tunisia could not be present), they did not complain of their difficulties. On the contrary, the theme of every conversation and meeting was that of the progress of the work. Brethren M. Fridlin and F. Charpiot from division headquarters in Berne, were present for this assembly, and their spiritual messages and counsel concerning administration, contributed greatly to its success.

On Sabbath afternoon, the union president, H. Pichot, had the joy of presenting five of his workers for ordination. They are : E. Haran and A. Quirici from Morocco ; P. Gilson, Y. Rouillet and R. Senty from Algeria. It was a very touching ceremony.

The assembly ended on Sunday with a beautiful spiritual concert directed by H. Pichot, and rendered by a choir of forty-six voices and some soloists.

Today Africa is on the march toward new destinies. It is also the native land of many souls who hope to find their eternal homeland in heaven.

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## UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN

After twelve years of very interesting work in the Southern European Division, it is difficult to say good-bye to our many friends and co-laborers. Europe has become home to us, and it is with mingled feelings that we leave to take up our work in South America. As we go into a new and unknown field, a bit of our hearts remains behind with our believers in the Southern European Division. We ask the believers here to remember us before the heavenly throne, as we shall do for the work of this division and our many friends here. And if we meet no more in this life, we look forward to that great day when we shall meet our dear friends "over yonder."

— J. J. and Mrs. Aitken



## GOOD NEWS FROM OUR RUMANIAN SCHOOL

A few days ago we were happy to receive an encouraging report concerning the commencement exercises of our Rumanian Theological Seminary in Bucharest for the school year 1957-58. These exercises began on Thursday evening, June 5, when, according to this report, the senior class presented a very interesting program. Soul-saving is the goal of the graduates, and the class motto was, "Let Jesus Christ dwell in us through faith."

The opening sermon of these closing exercises was held by Elder M. Manca, one of the seminary teachers. On Sabbath morning Elder R. Artenian, the president of the seminary, chose as sermon subject, "Jesus Christ the firm foundation of the church." On Saturday evening H. Gehann, a teacher of music, and one of the best organists of the country, conducted in a masterful way Haendel's oratorio the Messiah, executed by the choirs of our different Bucharest churches.

On Sunday morning the graduating class presented another beautiful program, the theme of which was "Let us prepare the way for the coming of the Lord." An audience of over one thousand persons was present, including the committee of the Rumanian Union, and a good number of workers. Pastor Stefan Nailescu, the president of the union, gave the charge to the graduates, and delivered a message on "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world."

This was the thirty-fourth year of our Rumanian training school. During 1957-58 the seminary enrolled sixty-three students: Freshmen, 18; sophomores, 22; juniors, 14; and seniors, 9. These promising young men are being trained for service by seven faithful teachers. The picture which accompanies this article shows the nine graduates with the teacher counsellor sitting in the centre of the front row.



Rumanian Theological Seminary graduates, 1958.

Certainly the readers of the *QUARTERLY REVIEW* will rejoice to learn of this good news from Rumania. We wish this school God's richest blessing and future success.

— M. Fridlin

### A TESTIMONY

Napoléon Bonaparte, whose name some years ago made Europe tremble, spoke of Jesus while in captivity at St. Helena.

"When conversing, as was his habit, about the great men of the ancient world, and comparing himself with them, he turned, it is said, to Count Montholon with the enquiry, 'Can you tell me who Jesus Christ was?' The question was declined, and Napoleon proceeded, 'Well, then, I will tell you. Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne, and I myself have founded great empires; but upon what did these creations of our genius depend? Upon force. Jesus alone founded His empire upon love, and to this

very day millions would die for Him... I think I understand something of human nature; and I tell you, all these were men, and I am a man: none else is like Him; Jesus Christ is more than man... All who sincerely believe in Him, experience that remarkable supernatural love towards Him. This phenomenon is unaccountable; it is altogether beyond the scope of man's creative powers. Time, the great destroyer, is powerless to extinguish this sacred flame... This it is which proves to me quite convincingly the Divinity of Jesus Christ.'"  
— H. P. LIDDON, *The Divinity of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ*, p. 150.

## CONTRIBUTING TO THE *REVIEW*

By F. D. Nichol

[We are publishing the following statement at the request of F. D. Nichol, editor of our general church paper, the *REVIEW AND HERALD*. Elder Nichol is interested in receiving reports from the overseas fields. We are sure that our workers and especially our missionaries will be happy to comply with the request of our beloved editor of the *REVIEW AND HERALD*, and thus help to keep the flame of our world-wide mission work burning brightly in the hearts of our believers. These articles need not necessarily be written in English. You may write them in your mother tongue, and send them to the Division office, 17 Höhweg, Berne, Switzerland, where they will be translated. We thank you for your co-operation. — Editorial note.]

Increasingly during the years one of the great objectives of the church paper has been to bind the home field to the great overseas fields where more than 70 per cent of our membership now resides. I think it imperative that we be thus bound together if we are to maintain unity and to secure from the home base a constantly increasing liberality. Now, we feel that the church paper, the *REVIEW AND HERALD*, can today be of distinct service in holding our people together, even as it has been in the days gone by. Actually, that service is rendered in no small degree by our overseas missionaries and other leaders who send in to the *REVIEW* a continual stream of reports. These reports enable our people in the home base ever to have vividly before them a picture of just what is taking place out in the far corners of the earth. That means that they can see how their mission offerings, their liberality, their sacrifice have been translated into great victories for the Advent Movement. And to the extent that the hearts of our people in the homeland are kept sensitive to the fact that the Advent Movement is growing and gaining greater victories all the while, to that extent will offerings grow to expand the work overseas.

And so I appeal to you to send in to us ever and anon heart-warming, human-interest stories of the growth of the message in all the corners of the earth. I don't care if you are up in Eskimoland, down at the lowest tip of South America, or over in the South Pacific, Africa, or elsewhere. We are interested in what is happening in the Advent Movement in every corner of the earth.

You don't have to write a long story. You don't have to be a literary light of the first order to be able to write something good. If your story has real merit, if there is something heartwarming about it, we might be able to help you a bit with a split infinitive and a few dangling participles. If you are thinking of sending us something of length, drop us a line ahead of time, and we will write you, to help you shape it in such a way that it will accomplish the maximum. Don't fail to send us good pictures, if possible, and always use airmail. We like promptness. It is the essence, always, of good journalism.

One last thought. Don't send to us dry formal reports of a conference session, or anything akin to it. It's not that we don't think that conference sessions are important, but a formal report of them is generally as dry as the hills of Gilboa of dew and rain. Tell us what happened as a *result* of that conference meeting — the new work that began, the new developments, the souls saved. Give us something that pulsates, that has warmth, that has color, that will burn into the hearts of the souls of men and women and into their pocket books as well, that the treasury of God may be filled to overflowing.

By F. D. Nichol

## THE DAY RETURNS

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The day returns and brings us the petty round of irritating concerns and duties. Help us to play the man. Help us to perform them with laughter and kind faces. Let cheerfulness abound with industry. Give us to go blithely on our business all this day, and bring us to our resting beds, weary and content and undishonored, and grant us in the end the gift of sleep. Amen. — ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON.

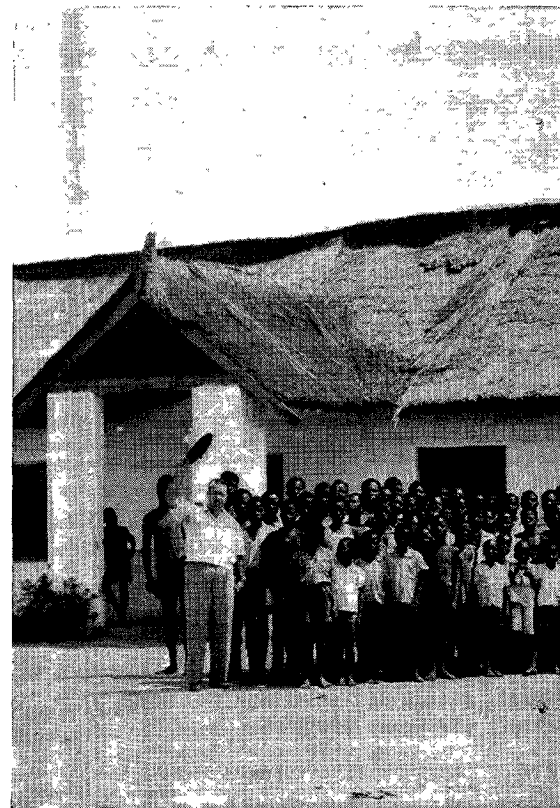




Basket-weaving, Quilenges, school, Angola.



Dr. A. Bergman treating patient at the Koza, Cameroun, hospital.



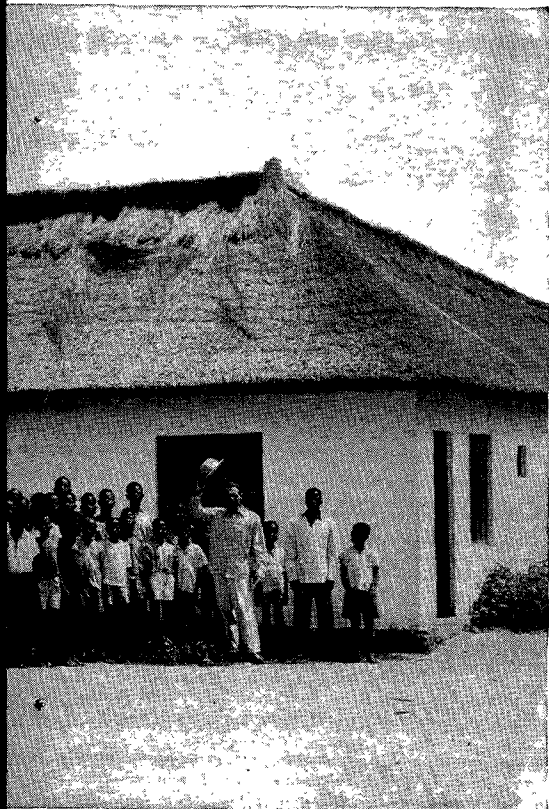
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Girls winnowing rice at the Bongo, Angola, mission station.



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Mrs. Waber, a missionary nurse, treating burned child at the Kribi, Cameroun, dispensary.

**STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DIVISION OF S. D. A. FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 1958**

Name of Conference or Mission	Number of Churches	Previous Membership	Baptism	Vote	Letter	Total Gains	Apostasy	Death	Letter	Missing Members	Total Losses	Net Gain	Present Membership	Ord. Ministers	Credentialed Missionaries	Lic. Ministers	Licensed Missionaries	Bible Instr.	Etern. School Teachers	Colporteurs	All other Regular workers	Total workers	Number of Sab. Schools	Sab. School Membership	Average Attendance		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26		
<b>SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DIV. AUSTRIAN UNION CONF.</b>																											
Alpine Conference	19	1178	23	1	4	28	3	5	10	—	18	10	1188	7	2	1	1	2	—	4	—	17	19	1209	829		
Danube »	21	1509	32	1	11	44	8	10	12	—	30	14	1523	7	1	2	1	1	—	13	—	25	21	1673	1017		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>2687</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2711</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>2882</b>	<b>1846</b>		
<b>CZECHOSLOVAKIAN U. C.</b>																											
<b>Total:</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>7441</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>No Report</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>7441</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>6000</b>	<b>5400</b>		
<b>FRANCO-BELGIAN U. C.</b>																											
Belgian Conference	15	965	18	—	2	20	5	4	5	—	14	6	971	7	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	15	—	—	—		
French »	66	3276	60	4	48	112	8	5	58	—	71	41	3317	30	2	16	8	3	1	35	3	19	18	997	723		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>4241</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>4288</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>3776</b>	<b>2900</b>		
<b>HUNGARIAN U. C.</b>																											
<b>Total:</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>6710</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>-488</b>	<b>6222</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>7000</b>	<b>6500</b>		
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<b>Total:</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>33683</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>No Report</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>33683</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>51986</b>	<b>45000</b>		
<b>SWISS U. C.</b>																											
French Swiss Conference	27	1460	9	1	6	16	14	8	10	—	32	-16	1444	11	1	3	4	—	3	14	—	36	28	1365	1047		
German Swiss »	32	1979	29	1	16	46	2	13	19	—	34	12	1991	11	1	6	3	3	3	23	—	50	32	1946	1260		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>3439</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>3435</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>3311</b>	<b>2307</b>		
<b>JUGOSLAVIAN U. C.</b>																											
<b>Total:</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>8248</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>No Report</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>8248</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>9000</b>	<b>8500</b>		
<b>ANGOLA UNION MISSION</b>																											
Bongo Mission	23	5014	—	—	—	42	8	—	—	—	50	-50	4964	8	—	9	10	—	47	—	2	1	8	—	—		
Cuale »	1	994	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	3	-3	991	3	—	1	3	—	25	—	—	32	37	3042	2690		
Lucusse »	1	165	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	165	2	—	1	1	—	12	—	—	16	12	1059	1020		
Luz »	1	847	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	847	3	—	7	1	—	25	—	—	36	65	4371	3273		
Namba »	1	1119	—	—	—	20	—	—	15	—	35	-35	1084	1	—	2	1	—	15	—	—	19	13	2443	2372		
Nova-Lisboa »	22	2286	—	—	—	41	6	—	—	—	47	-47	2239	3	—	8	—	—	32	—	—	43	62	5234	4930		
Quilengues »	1	137	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	2	-2	135	—	—	1	1	—	12	—	—	14	12	688	406		
European Churches	2	135	8	4	2	14	—	—	—	—	—	14	149	2	—	—	11	—	1	—	—	14	5	415	316		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>10697</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>-123</b>	<b>10574</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>24793</b>	<b>21218</b>		
<b>FRENCH EQ. AFR. U. M.</b>																											
East Mission	8	1297	36	—	—	36	12	4	40	—	56	-20	1277	3	—	2	14	—	—	—	—	19	—	—	—		
Kribi »	5	359	13	—	—	13	1	3	7	—	11	2	361	3	—	1	—	—	8	20	—	63	61	3499	2091		
Nanga-Eboko »	5	2180	207	—	40	247	15	8	—	—	23	224	2404	2	—	5	—	—	25	32	—	64	124	5297	3710		
North Cameroun »	2	331	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	331	2	—	—	—	—	15	3	—	20	19	831	968		
Sangmelima »	2	386	29	—	37	66	—	1	—	—	1	65	451	3	—	1	—	—	9	22	—	35	8	914	492		
Yaoundé »	6	865	33	—	12	45	—	3	37	—	40	5	870	1	—	3	—	—	17	33	—	54	27	2555	1916		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>5418</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>5694</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>14385</b>	<b>9935</b>		
<b>INDIAN OCEAN U. MISSION</b>																											
Diego-Suarez Mission	8	228	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	228	4	2	—	8	1	—	—	—	15	—	—	—		
Fianarantsoa »	10	316	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	316	2	—	4	3	—	3	1	—	13	25	326	290		
Majunga »	13	1061	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1061	6	—	—	11	—	11	4	—	32	15	887	480		
Réunion »	8	342	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	342	1	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	5	8	605	450		

Seychelles »	1	94	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	94	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	3	1	88	65	
Tamatave »	1	130	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	130	3	—	—	1	—	5	2	—	11	5	300	210	
Tananarive »	27	1473	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1473	7	2	1	3	—	31	5	22	69	43	3721	2495	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>3644</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>3644</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>6900</b>	<b>4800</b>	
<b>ITALIAN UNION MISSION</b>																									
Italian Mission	55	2401	95	4	8	107	7	7	6	—	20	87	2488	12	—	15	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Sardinia Mission Station	2	44	1	—	—	1	2	—	2	—	4	3	41	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>2445</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2529</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>2760</b>	<b>2645</b>
<b>NORTH AFRICAN U.M.</b>																									
Algerian-Tunisian Mission	12	641	24	—	3	27	2	1	16	—	15	8	645	4	—	4	7	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	
Moroccan Mission	7	245	9	1	5	15	—	—	8	—	8	7	252	4	1	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	17	11	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>886</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>901</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>594</b>
<b>PORTUGUESE UNION MISSION</b>																									
Azores Mission	3	125	1	—	4	5	—	—	1	—	1	4	129	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	2	29	—	
Cape Verde »	4	277	11	1	—	12	6	—	—	—	6	6	283	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	3	3	
Madeira »	1	140	5	—	—	5	—	1	2	—	3	2	142	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	1	
Portuguese Conference	18	1508	49	1	4	54	3	7	6	—	16	38	1546	8	—	5	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	3	
St Thomas Mission	1	251	8	—	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	8	259	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	5	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>2301</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>2359</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>3013</b>	<b>2629</b>
<b>BULGARIAN MISSION</b>	39	3197	—	—	No	Report	—	—	—	—	—	—	3197	9	—	4	10	—	—	—	—	—	23	39	
<b>FRENCH W. AFRICAN MISSION</b>	1	18	—	—	No	Report	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	1	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	
<b>GREEK</b>	5	190	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	190	3	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	5	5	
<b>ISRAEL</b>	1	36	—	—	3	3	—	1	—	—	1	2	38	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	4	1	
<b>MOZAMBIQUE</b>	8	988	—	—	3	3	3	1	—	—	4	1	987	4	1	4	5	—	—	—	16	1	3	34	
<b>SPANISH CHURCH</b>	15	1241	44	2	9	55	14	1	11	—	26	29	1270	8	1	8	4	—	—	—	—	14	—	35	

### RECAPITULATION

<b>SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DIV.</b>																										
Austrian Union Conference	40	2687	55	2	15	72	11	15	22	—	48	24	2711	19	7	2	27	—	—	—	—	167	222	—	—	
Czechoslovakian »	114	7441	—	—	No	Report	—	—	—	—	—	—	7441	33	2	3	3	19	—	8	—	68	160	6000	5400	
Franco-Belgian »	81	4241	78	4	50	132	13	9	63	—	85	47	4288	42	2	17	22	3	1	39	6	132	90	3776	2900	
Hungarian »	166	6710	175	14	45	234	557	115	50	—	722	488	6222	43	5	11	12	6	—	—	—	2	79	175	7000	6500
Rumanian »	551	33683	—	—	No	Report	—	—	—	—	—	—	33683	108	—	35	87	—	—	—	—	40	270	500	51986	45000
Swiss »	59	3439	38	2	22	62	16	21	29	—	66	4	3435	23	2	9	7	3	6	37	—	87	60	3311	2307	
Jugoslavian »	230	8248	—	—	No	Report	—	—	—	—	—	—	8248	33	1	11	5	11	—	—	—	—	61	300	9000	8500
Angola Union Mission	52	10697	8	4	2	14	105	17	—	15	137	123	10574	26	—	29	29	—	169	2	1	256	271	24793	21218	
French Eq. Afr. »	28	5418	318	—	89	407	28	19	84	—	131	276	5694	17	—	15	14	107	134	—	—	—	287	257	14385	9935
Indian Ocean »	68	3644	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3644	26	2	9	30	1	62	15	22	167	113	6900	4800	
Italian »	57	2445	96	4	8	108	9	7	8	—	24	84	2529	21	1	19	27	4	—	44	—	116	85	2760	2645	
North African »	19	886	33	1	8	42	2	1	24	—	27	15	901	12	2	7	8	—	—	—	—	32	18	783	594	
Portuguese »	27	2301	74	2	8	84	9	8	9	—	26	58	2359	18	—	7	4	4	5	21	5	64	37	3013	2629	
Bulgarian Mission	39	3197	—	—	No	Report	—	—	—	—	—	—	3197	9	—	4	10	—	—	—	—	—	23	39		
French West African »	1	18	—	—	No	Report	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	1	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	4	1		
Greek »	5	190	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	190	3	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	5	5		
Israel »	1	36	—	—	3	3	—	1	—	—	1	2	38	1	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	4	1		
Mozambique »	8	988	—	—	3	3	3	1	—	—	4	1	987	4	1	4	5	—	—	—	16	1	3	34		
Spanish Church	15	1241	44	2	9	55	14	1	11	—	26	29	1270	8	1	8	4	—	—	—	—	14	—	35		
<b>Totals 2nd QUARTER, 1958</b>	<b>1561</b>	<b>97510</b>	<b>919</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>1216</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1297</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>97429</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2198</b>	<b>143870</b>	<b>120771</b>	
<b>Totals 2nd QUARTER, 1957</b>	<b>1644</b>	<b>91577</b>	<b>1239</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>1408</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>92332</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1668</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>122179</b>	<b>103957</b>	

# IN THE SERVICE OF THE KING

By F. Charpiot

"Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the Lord, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks" (Jeremiah 16 : 16).

"Canvasser-evangelists are needed, to *hunt and fish* (italics ours) for souls." — *The Colporteur Evangelist*, p. 31.

A literature evangelist knocked at the door of a humble dwelling. He waited, but no one came to the door. He knocked a second time, listened, but all was silent within. He thought, "There is no one at home," and started on his way, but reluctantly. A voice seemed to say, "Try again!" Retracing his steps, he knocked once more, and listened breathlessly. An invisible, impelling power seemed to move his arm. Again he knocked, louder and longer. Was someone moving about inside? Yes, this time he was sure he had heard a noise. Then the door half-opened, and a woman's haggard, anguished face appeared. With her bewildered eyes she gazed upon the stranger. Then in a trembling, gasping voice she replied to the colporteur's greeting: "What do you want?"

At once the King's messenger felt he had come face to face with a soul in deep distress — with a human tragedy, as there are so many human tragedies in our world darkened by sin. Looking with tender pity upon the woman, he said quietly, "Madame, I have a message for you. May I talk with you for a few moments?" The woman hesitated. Fear and great emotion could be read in her eyes. But the colporteur's open expression encouraged her. He took half a step forward. He had won. The door opened enough so that the King's messenger could enter. Once inside, he explained his mission. He talked to the woman about the problems, the worries, the sufferings of life; but she, with a faraway look, seemed not to listen. Then he took from his brief-case a copy of *Steps to Christ*. He spoke about the tender solicitude of a heavenly Father. "What we need," he said, "is Jesus Christ, a loving Saviour." He spoke directly to her heart.

Surprised, the woman looked at the stranger. Tears began to fill her eyes. "Is this man standing before me one of God's angels, clothed with humanity?" she asked herself. Then she listened with utmost attention. Suddenly, she sobbed: "It

is God Who sent you here just at the fatal moment. Come and see!" The colporteur followed the woman into an adjoining room. There a rope was hanging from a beam in the ceiling. The literature evangelist had knocked at the door at the very instant the woman, in despair, was making ready to take her life. The angel of the Lord who walks by the side of the King's messengers, had urged the colporteur to keep on knocking at the door until it opened upon the sinister tragedy of woe and death, to let in the Light, the Hope, and the Life. He had rescued the woman's life. Bible studies followed this first meeting. In finding Jesus, this woman recovered strength to live, and she became a happy, faithful Adventist sister.

This experience is a true one. It happened in the Balkans before the second World War, and it is not an isolated case. It has been repeated many times in the annals of literature ministry. But if such tragic cases are not everyday occurrences, nevertheless the messenger of God accomplishes a mission of love at every door. He is working in the service of the King for a suffering, perishing world.

Here are two other brief experiences. A literature evangelist rang the bell at a certain home. The door was half-opened, and a woman of about fifty years of age appeared. Her face bore the marks of grief and tears. Politely, she refused to let the colporteur enter, saying she could receive no one just then. The colporteur quietly insisted. "No, come back later," was her reply.

"Madame, I see that you are in deep distress. I have a message for you," said the colporteur. "I have not the heart to listen," she replied hesitatingly. "Yesterday I buried my husband." The colporteur continued: "Madame, I can sympathize with you in your sorrow, and I believe that God has sent me to your home at this hour." The lady invited him to enter. He spoke to her of a loving God Who sympathizes with us in our bereavement. He spoke of the hope of meeting our loved ones in a better world. The woman listened intently. Finally, she was happy to buy a *Steps to Christ*. After the colporteur's short prayer, a peaceful light brightened her face of mourning. She heartily thanked him, and said, "Yes, it is God Who sent you to me." As the King's messenger left that home, great joy and new strength filled his heart; and a prayer of thanksgiving ascended to the Master of the harvest.

A second experience : A literature evangelist came to the home of a business woman who two months previously had lost her husband. Now she must fight life's battles alone, and her financial worries almost crushed her. "I have no time to read," she told our brother when he stated his mission. But he talked to her of a Friend Who is our Helper, our Counsellor, Who has the solution to all our problems, and Who can supply strength sufficient for the daily need. "It is Jesus !" he said. Then the lady was willing to listen as he presented a beautiful volume of *Desire of Ages*, and soon she ordered a copy, and promised to make it her bedside book.

On other occasions, the literature evangelist meets a mother who is anxious to safeguard the health of her family, and to insure the right training and happiness of her children. Or he may meet a sincere soul who is trying to solve life's problems, and who is seeking for light to understand the true meaning of life.

Thus, day after day, the King's messenger finds, as he goes from door to door, occasion to speak a word of hope and comfort. He presents a message that enriches the lives of those he meets. He is on the King's business, and in communion with heaven. Frequently, he sees the fulfillment of these words from the Spirit of prophecy : "Circumstances alter cases. God will impress those who are longing for guidance. He will say to His human agent, 'Speak to this one or that one of the love of Jesus.' No sooner is the name of Jesus mentioned in love and tenderness than angels of God draw near, to soften and subdue the heart." — *The Colporteur Evangelist*, page 61.

We are living in the day when "the Devil is come down, . . . having great wrath" (Rev. 12 : 12). In this time of gigantic technical progress, of unprecedented material advantages, humanity is passing through the greatest moral crisis in its history — a crisis that unrelentingly will sweep it along toward the judgments of God. The seven last plagues (Rev. 16) will soon bring to a violent and terrible end the reign of evil on our planet. The world of the 20th century has turned its back upon its God. It is plunged in incredulity, materialism, a thirst of pleasure ; the satisfaction of natural passions, of a heart corrupted by sin, of perverted appetites, of unrestrained egoism, and vice of every nature. According to the expression of the prophet : "For my people have committed two evils ; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water" (Jer. 2 : 13).

In this text we find the fundamental cause of the confusion, disorder, and evils of our present age ; and the formidable dangers which threaten the

world. Today, God is sounding a final call of mercy to a suicidal race. He has entrusted the Advent people with the solemn and sacred mission of carrying a last message of love and hope to the world, before "the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up" (2 Peter 3 : 10) — before the great day of the Lord and the coming in glory of the King of kings. We have a wonderful hope to offer a condemned world ; for, "Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness" (2 Peter 3 : 13).

Literature evangelism is "ordained of God." Our publications are a means "of bringing before the world as fast as possible the books necessary for their spiritual education and enlightenment." "The canvassing work is missionary work of the highest order, and it is as good and successful a method as can be employed for placing before the people the important truths for this time." "This is the very work the Lord would have His people do at this time." — *The Colporteur Evangelist*, p. 5.

Besides the direct influence he himself exerts in his contacts with individuals and families, the faithful, consecrated colporteur sows "beside all waters" the divine seed of the truths of God's Word, contained in the books and periodicals he leaves in the homes. God watches over that seed, and He has promised : "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth : it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (Isaiah 55 : 11).

Humanity is rushing madly toward grave and overwhelming upheavels, toward unknown disaster, toward awful suffering and evils. We must make haste to bring to the world the blessed seed of the truths destined for this last generation. The hour is solemn, and time is hastening to its close. The destructive judgments, foretold in the prophetic Word, are imminent.

Let us arise and accomplish our holy mission. Let us shed abroad the light of the message of divine love. Let us bring the message of the hope of the soon return of Jesus to perishing souls. Let us snatch them from the spiritual darkness that covers the earth, and lead them to Him Who is the Light of the world, the Light of life, and the Source of present happiness and eternal bliss.

"The canvasser whose heart is meek and lowly and humble can accomplish much good. . . . Canvasser-evangelists are needed to hunt and fish for souls." — *The Colporteur Evangelist*, p. 31.

Who will respond to the call of the Master ? Who will arise and enlist in the service of our King ?

## THE TWO "VOICES" OF MADAGASCAR

The two "voices" of Madagascar are *La Voix de l'Espérance* (the French Voice of Hope) and *Ny Feon' Ny Faminaniana* (the Malagasy Voice of Prophecy). These Bible correspondence courses reach all the inhabitants of Madagascar who do not have a radio.

Sunday, July 7, was an important date for these two courses because of the fête that was celebrated in the Ambohitatovo (Tananarive) church.

For a whole month previously, special effort had been put forth by the Bible correspondence students to finish their lessons promptly, and by the personnel in charge of the courses to give satisfaction to the students. So this date had been looked forward to with much expectancy. Some of the students had never set foot inside an Adventist church. Now the opportunity was theirs. How many desires were thus fulfilled by this contact with the friends of the "Voice of the 'Gathering'" whose silent words had not failed to find an abode in their hearts. And what a precious privilege to make the acquaintance of those with whom we had shared the message of God!

For the occasion the auditorium had been decorated with some paintings depicting the lessons learned by those who were to receive their diplomas. The Malagasy course was represented by a woman holding aloft a flaming torch: "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts" (2 Peter : 1 : 19.). A second painting reminded us of God's unfailing promise: a rainbow above the world wrapped in dark, threatening clouds. The words *La Voix de l'Espérance* stood out in bold relief and attracted everyone's attention. There were three other paintings setting forth the three appeals of divine mercy for this time of probation which is soon to close. Perhaps you can imagine the surprise and reverence awakened by the meditation of such paintings. They were a silent sermon to those who were unacquainted with the import of the three angels' messages.

The meeting opened with remarkable enthusiasm. Following prayer by A. Ramamonjisoa, the pastor of the church, the young people from Ambohitatovo rendered a beautiful song which predisposed our hearts to receive the Bread of Life. Our union president, Pastor P. Girard, who is also in charge of the Bible correspondence courses in the

two languages, addressed the assembly. Great was our joy as we listened to his study on the Word of God — that arm wielded skilfully and decisively by our Saviour as He faced temptation. God's Word is truth, for our Lord Himself said, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth" (John 1 : 17). God's Word is life — eternal life. "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand forever" (Isaiah 40 : 8). "May the lessons of the Bible correspondence courses help you to find Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life," were the closing words of Pastor Girard's address.

Miss Eulalie Rambeloson, the soloist for the *Ny Feon' Ny Faminaniana* radio broadcasts, lifted our thoughts heavenward as we listened to her soulful song.

Then the great moment came. The hearts of the students seemed to beat faster than ever for joy — joy mingled with suspense. The diplomas were to be distributed to the persevering students: in all 330 diplomas — 94 for *La Voix de l'Espérance* and 236 for *Ny Feon' Ny Faminaniana*. To date this is the largest distribution, but with the help of the Lord we hope to go beyond this record figure in the near future.

We would not forget to mention the musical contribution by the radio *Ny Feon' Ny Faminaniana* choir, ably directed by Pastor Rajoelison. He is also the devoted radio speaker for the Malagasy program. This contribution not only gave great pleasure to the audience, but was an evidence as well of the close co-operation between the Bible correspondence courses and the weekly broadcasts over Radio Tananarive.

To the many baptisms already recorded, we may add four more during the past quarter. Four other persons are awaiting the day when such a ceremony can be held for them.

God is working great miracles by means of the Bible correspondence courses in Madagascar. Stirring appeals and touching testimonies come to us daily, and the door is wide open to the powerful voice of the angel preaching the everlasting gospel. For this we praise our God.

May peace, joy and hope be the glad heritage of all Bible correspondence course students. Let us unitedly pray for the progress and rapid finishing of God's work on Malagasy soil, and in every other region of earth.

— Minason Rakotonirainy

# THUNDER, LIGHTNING, and a STILL, SMALL VOICE

I feel very unworthy of the honor of belonging once again to the family of Adventist believers which I so shamefully betrayed for ten years. I shall tell you what God in His mercy did to reclaim me.

One Sabbath morning, about seven o'clock, I and one of my brothers were lying on camp beds in a cabin out in the country, waiting for a thunderstorm to pass over. I was going to work on that Sabbath day, in spite of God's commandment and the voice of conscience. I had left the truth shortly before this incident. Suddenly lightning struck and killed one of the two mules we had left standing in the field. The mule that was too young to work, was spared. God was trying to show me that I, too, would have been killed had I persisted in my folly.

A year later this same extraordinary happening was repeated. Again we were working in the field on the Sabbath day, when we were overtaken by a terrific storm. For some reason the idea came to me to leave the place where we had taken refuge and to flee to a house about 300 yards distant. We had run only about 70 yards when lightning struck at the very place where we had been a few moments before. I was terrified, and said to myself, "Is God speaking to me?" But as soon as the storm had subsided, and with it my fears, once again I hardened my heart.

Two years later I decided to marry and to found a home — but a home without God and religion. Just at this time my brother Angelo, who was an Adventist, brought me my old Bible which I had long since laid aside. But once again God spoke to me, and this time through my wife who knew nothing whatsoever about the Advent message, although she was a sincere Catholic, and had previously been a member of the Catholic Action. She had discovered my old, forsaken Bible, and would read in it when I was absent. From time to time she would ask me to explain some of the doctrines of the Holy Scriptures. As she continued to read the Sacred Word she was weaned away from Catholicism, and last winter — ten years after I had left the Adventist church — she said to me one day: "Tell me, in our present state can we be saved?" "No," I answered. "Then," she continued, "why do we not seek for salvation? I, too, would be willing to become 'evangelica' which means Protestant.

At last my stubborn, hardened heart was melted. I could not resist this appeal. A repentant sinner, I decided to come back to the fold; but not alone, for my wife, with me, descended into the baptismal waters. Our two little girls also are with us in the truth.

— A Sicilian brother.

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## THE GOLDEN RULE

The golden rule is the principle of true courtesy, and its truest illustration is seen in the life and character of Jesus. Oh, what rays of softness and beauty shone forth in the daily life of our Saviour! What sweetness flowed from His very presence! The same spirit will be revealed in His children. Those with whom Christ dwells will be surrounded with a divine atmosphere. Their white robes of purity will be fragrant with perfume from the garden of the Lord. Their faces will reflect light from His, brightening the path for stumbling and weary feet.

No man who has the true ideal of what constitutes a perfect character will fail to manifest the sympathy and tenderness of Christ. The influence

of grace is to soften the heart, to refine and purify the feelings, giving a heaven-born delicacy and sense of propriety. — ELLEN G. WHITE, *Thoughts From the Mount of Blessing* (1956), p. 135.

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# Here and There

**Pastor Walter Schubert** of the General Conference Ministerial Association in Washington, is a present welcome visitor in Southern Europe. With G. Cupertino, Division Ministerial Association secretary, he is attending workers' meetings in Austria, Italy, Spain, and Portugal.

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At the time of the **Franco-Belgian Union session**, which was held in Paris September 3 and 4, **F. Lavanchy** was re-elected president of this union, and **A. Henriot** secretary-treasurer. **Charles Veuthey**, who served so faithfully as publishing department secretary for the past thirteen years, laid down the burden, having reached the age limit for sustentation. **E. Sauvagnat** will replace him in this capacity.

During the last quadrennial period, 787 members were added to the **Franco-Belgian Union** by baptism, and 133 by vote. The **present membership** of this union is 4,288. **Tithe** increased rapidly: the receipts for 1954 were 75,678,000 French francs; for 1955, 77,069,000 French francs; for 1956, 86,529,000 French francs; and for 1957, 104,668,000 French francs. What a beautiful testimony to the faithfulness of our workers and members in France and Belgium!

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**E. Ludescher**, who is in charge of the Dogba Mission in **North Cameroon**, French Equatorial Africa, reports the opening of **two new outstations** in the Mora district.

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**Good news** has come to us from our **Angola Union Mission**. **Pastor E. Ferreira**, the union president, writes in a letter dated August 19: "In the camp-meetings we had in the Namba Mission field, 213 people were baptized. A week later another camp-meeting was organized in Bongo, with an attendance of more than 5,000 people, and a very inspirational baptismal service took place. Six hundred and eighty-nine new believers were baptized." **Brother Ferreira** states that they have good hopes that they will reach 1,500 baptisms in Angola this year.

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A new radio work will be opened in **Angola**, Radio "Nova Lisboa" having accepted our religious broadcast in Portuguese. The Angola Union Mission has been authorized to sign a contract for one year, and we are confident that the proclamation of the everlasting gospel over the antennas of this station, will reach many listeners in that interesting field.

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**Extracts taken from letters sent in by French Voice of Hope listeners:**

**From a priest:** "For me, your broadcasts are an occasion of meditation and enrichment in my efforts to proclaim to men the love of God. I wish to express my greatest admiration of your courage in the service of Christ."

**From a nurse:** "I wish to thank you from the depths of my heart for your message of this evening, which adds immensely to what I dare tell my dear patients. Your talks are quite right and very understanding. I thank you for the peace your words of Monday brought me, and to so many others who dare not write to you, and in whose name I send you a hearty 'Thank you!'"

**From a future baptismal candidate:** "I will observe what your lessons have taught me. I will read my Bible, and, above all else, I will be baptized and take part in the communion."

**From a distressed soul who cannot solve the Sabbath-keeping problem:** "I am coming to you to be born again. Help me to come to God."

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**A Karl**, director of the **Italian Bible correspondence school** in Florence, reports that they hope to organize two new churches of members won in 1958 by the Bible course. In two places seven students have already been baptized, and a good number of others are preparing for this rite.

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The work is onward in **Southern France**. **Two new church halls** have been opened, one at Aix-en-Provence, the other at Montpellier. **Pastor A Zürcher** is now holding evangelistic meetings in the Montpellier hall, with a very good attendance.

**A Kinder**, a former worker of the Austrian Union, who has spent the past year at the Collonges Seminary to learn the French language, left France on September 16, 1958 to connect with the **Nanga-Eboko training school** of the French Equatorial African Union Mission, as head of the industrial department.

**Further missionary sailings:** **J. Lafrancesca**, a worker in the North African Union Mission, has accepted a call to connect with the French Equatorial African Union Mission as assistant secretary-treasurer of the union. **Brother and Sister Lafrancesca** will sail for their new field of labor in October.

**Maurice Verfaille** and his young wife left Belgium in September for the Indian Ocean Union Mission. **Brother Verfaille** will serve as preceptor at the Soamanandrany Seminary in Tananarive, Madagascar. We wish these out-going missionaries much joy and success in their work, and the Lord's richest blessing.

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**An interesting testimony** was given during the missionary service at our Collonges Seminary on Sabbath morning, September 6.

A student from New Caledonia related his experience. He had been studying in his homeland to become a priest, and was on his way to Marseilles, France, to continue his studies in a Catholic seminary. On the boat, which takes fifty days from New Caledonia to Marseilles, he entered into conversation with a Protestant pastor. This conversation upset him very much. He realized there was something better in life than he had understood. The very last day of the voyage, another man on board began to talk with him about God. It was our brother **Paul Nouan**, who was returning permanently from New Caledonia to France. After a few conversations, this young priest decided to enroll as a student at our Collonges Seminary instead of continuing his studies in a Catholic school. Let us pray for this young man; that his stay in our institution may result in his baptism, and his becoming a powerful servant in the cause of God.