

## WORLD CHURCH

**Adventist Growth in Cambodia.** In the past 18 months the Adventist Church in Cambodia has grown exponentially, reports M. Daniel Walter, director of the Cambodia Attached District.

The recent Adventist work



started 18 months ago with two Adventist Development and Relief Agency workers. However, today there are 185 baptized members worshipping in 36 companies throughout the country. Total average attendance on Sabbath is more than 1,000. Walter is training 36 lay church leaders to give leadership in various companies.

One lay leader, Pho Kheng (right, above), a former army commander who had his legs blown off by a land mine, has 50 people worshipping in his home, of whom 23 have been baptized.

### SDA Family Loses Home in Indonesian Earthquake.

The Far Eastern Division reports that the home of an Adventist family in Jailolo, north Moluccas, was destroyed when two earthquakes erupted in eastern Indonesia on January 22.

An Adventist church in

## More Baptisms in Southern Mexico

When 10,000 Adventists and guests gathered by the lake in Catemaco, Veracruz, Mexico, for a baptism on January 16, you would have thought a new city had emerged overnight.

Pathfinders guided the visitors to various sites. Medical personnel from a local Adventist hospital set up clinics in tents, and area police directed the heavy traffic. However, the high point of the day was the 614 persons, selected randomly from all parts of the conference, who joined the Adventist Church.

The baptism was the result of outreach programs held throughout the conference. More than 20 pastors took part in the ceremony. Earlier in the month, local pastors baptized 1,226 persons. Since 425 baptismal candidates arrived late, they were baptized on the subsequent Sabbaths of January.

Baptisms during January for the conference totaled 2,265, says Jaime Castrejon, Inter-American Division ministerial secretary. The total represents 50 percent of the conference's baptismal goal for 1994.

Kusu was totally destroyed and most church properties in the area were damaged, reports Akinori Kaibe, FED communication director. The temblors measured 6.8 and 5.6 on the Richter scale, respectively.

### Norwegian Sanitarium Sold.

The Norwegian Union has sold Jeloy Sanitarium, a 70-bed rehabilitation center in Jeloy, Norway, about 35 miles south of Oslo.

Daniel Joensen, an Adventist physiotherapist who bought the sanitarium, guaranteed continual employment for sanitarium workers and said that the institution's Adventist atmosphere will be maintained, says Ray Dabrowski, General Conference communication director.

Opened in 1938, Jeloy Sanitarium became a church-owned institution in 1971. The Norwegian

Union sold Jeloy because of the considerable financial commitment necessary to maintain the hospital's class one accreditation.

**Second Ordination Service Conducted in Sudan.** John Moi (extreme right) and John Pel (center, left) were ordained into the gospel ministry on January 24 in the second Adventist ordination service ever held in Sudan. The ceremony was conducted in Khartoum.

"Several young men from Sudan are in various schools



preparing for the ministry to care for the fast-growing church here," says Svein B. Johansen, Middle East Union president.

## NORTH AMERICA

### Central States President Dies.

After a long struggle with cancer, Central States Conference president J. Paul Monk, Jr., died on February 22 in Shawnee, Kansas. He was 54.



Monk served the Adventist Church as a minister, journalist, and administrator

for 30 years, nine of them as conference president.

In 1971 Monk became one of the first Black Adventist chaplains for the United States Army. After seven years of active duty he served in the Army Reserves, National Guard, and finally the U.S. Air Force, retiring as a lieutenant colonel.

Monk (above) also served as the tenth editor of *Message* magazine, the oldest Black religious journal in North America.

**NAD Membership Reaches the 800,000 Mark.** Adventists in North America total 803,015 as of September 30, 1993, reports Monte Sahlin, assistant to the North American Division president for ministries.

The North American Division has the sixth-largest membership of the Adventist Church's 11 world divisions. Three divisions—Eastern