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MICUS: A SPECIAL MINISTRY

The dynamics of Adventism prompt many young men and women to pursue advanced academic degrees. Current estimates place at 80,000 the number of Seventh-day Adventist youth studying in colleges and universities around the world. Approximately one half attend our own schools, while the other half take their courses in non-Adventist institutions.

Some of these students could be attending one of our colleges or universities, but have chosen not to do so for reasons such as family situation, distance from home, or lack of sufficient finances. Most of them study in secular institutions because we do not offer the programs in which they are interested or simply because there are no postsecondary Adventist institutions in their homeland.

Students attending our own schools benefit from the Christian atmosphere on campus, Bible classes, religious services, missionary programs, and the support of teachers and chaplains. In contrast, those enrolled in other institutions of higher learning face serious challenges: the influence of nonbelieving professors, the questionable life-style espoused by many on campus, political pressures, and at times academic activities and examinations on the Sabbath. Nonetheless, they also have unique opportunities to share their faith among their colleagues and teachers.

Collectively, both groups represent a highly talented and motivated sector of our membership, making critical decisions in their lives. Within a few years they will begin setting the future direction for our movement as lay leaders in local congregations and

as staff in our schools, health-care institutions, administrative centers and other specialized services for the global church.

Sensitive leaders in several areas of the world have recognized the special needs of students in secular campuses and have taken steps to fulfill them by appointing chaplains, providing scholarships, supporting the establishment of student associations, organizing seminars, and actively seeking their involvement in church life. Unfortunately, these efforts have not always been sustained or broadly imitated.

Three General Conference departments—Church Ministries, Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries, and Education—have joined forces to provide support to those seeking to minister to the spiritual, intellectual, and social needs of Seventh-day Adventist college and university students on a worldwide basis. The recently appointed MiCUS Committee (Ministry to College and University Students), whose membership is listed in page 2, has been given a small budget to begin implementing a program initially designed to:

1. Assist the world divisions in organizing seminars and retreats for Adventist students attending secular colleges and universities.
2. Cooperate with the divisions in providing workshops for Adventist campus chaplains and ministers pastoring in university towns.
3. Develop materials to support the nurture and outreach activities of all Adventist college and university students. This first issue of *DIALOGUE* is part of that initial program.

Leaders in each world division have been encouraged to establish

counterparts to the MiCUS Committee in order to implement this coordinated program at the regional and local levels. Students, chaplains, teachers, and others interested in this ministry are invited to send their comments and suggestions on this first phase of the program. They should be addressed to the regional representatives of the MiCUS Committee, also listed on page 2.

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commitment to his faith. He worked hard at his studies. He kept up with his life-style and his friendships. In tests he did well, and the Sabbath absence was not noticeable in the grades he made.

By the end of the first year of study, Onguti's faith and life-style had left its mark on students and staff. Then he invited church leaders to conduct stop-smoking seminars for students and teachers on the campus. R. N. Baird, health/temperance director of the Southern Asia Division, conducted the first Adventist-sponsored meeting on the campus. The seminar was a success—not just in terms of people throwing away their cigarettes, but in the recognition that Seventh-day are people who live and share the abundant life.

Today, Seventh-day Adventists have entered into an arrangement with the medical college at Manipal. Each year the church is able to send five students to that prestigious institution. And the college is sending its faculty on periodic upgrading visits to Loma Linda University.

Meshach Onguti—an Adventist student in a non-Adventist university campus—a true pioneer.

John Fowler