# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

# **Motivated for Missions**

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hey arrived at Andrews University by airplane, van, automobile - enthusiastic young men and women from Europe, South America, Canada, and the United States. They came during the last days of December to participate in the first international missions conference for Adventist young adults, "GO '91."

The conference was organized to inform this important sector of our membership about the church's mission programs, to inspire a positive response to God's call to missions, and to equip people for that exciting task. The program included outstanding speakers, practical seminars, informative exhibits, and a chance to sing, pray, and meet new friends. Several mission agencies reported on their activities and recruited volunteers. Judging by the comments of the 400 young men and women in attendance, the conference achieved its goals.

#### Young Volunteers and Global Mission

The first Adventist student missionary was sent out in 1959. Ever

since, there has been a growing interest in volunteerism among the youth.

This year, more than 1,000 Seventh-day Adventist college-age youth have answered God's call to serve as missionaries outside their home divisions. An even greater number doing volunteer service in their own divisions. All have been willing to leave family, friends, school, and jobs to serve and to witness.

Because of the commitment of these youth volunteers, thousands of people are experiencing God's love every year. As a result, many of these people begin a new life in Jesus Christ and join the world fellowship of the Adventist Church.

With the launching of Global Mission to reach "every nation and and tribe and tongue and people" with the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Adventist Youth Service is recruiting motivated young men and women to enter new areas. These youth are being selected and trained to be Christ's active representatives at home and abroad.

#### Adventist Youth Service

The Adventist Youth Service (AYS) program helps young people fulfill their call to serve. As volunteers, they join a distin-guished tradition that includes thousands of Adventists who have devoted their time and energy to carry out the mission of Christ. When asked about the effect of their mission experience, most AYS volunteers will tell you, "I'll never be the same again!" In fact, after completing their training in their homeland, many choose to go abroad again, this time as regular missionaries.

Once AYS volunteers are given their assignments, they cover their own travel expenses to their place of service. If the assignment involves travel overseas, the General Conference assists them with their passports, other travel documents, and in making airline reservations. Room and board, a monthly stipend, and insurance coverage are ususally provided during the period of service.

Each year, the world divisions send our office requests for volunteers with specific skills. There are always openings for people with skills in teaching, technical work, health services, and church-based ministries. The ability to speak another language helps, but is not mandatory. The box entitled "Adventist Youth Service: Current Openings" will give you an idea of the type of assignments available.

### Who Can Apply?

Any Adventist youth age 18 - 30, who has been baptized for at least

a year, is welcome to

apply.

If you are currently employed or a student in a non-Adventist college or university and are interested in becoming an AYS volunteer, contact the Church Ministries director in your home division office. You can find their addresses on page 2 of this journal. You will receive the necessary forms to complete and return, and you will be evaluated for the



GO '91 involved 400 young adults.

assignment that best fits your skills.

If you are presently enrolled in an Adventist college or university, the chaplain's office will provide you with the AYS forms. You will be screened by a committee of your peers and faculty members. When approval is given, a call of your choosing will be assigned to

"GO '91" attracted 400 young people motivated for missions. If you share their enthusiasm dedication, answer God's call to serve today.

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Agat, Guam, beginning June, 1992 for 11 months.

EAD-UG: One female, to teach the daughter of a missionary family in Kampala, Uganda; room and board in home of overseas family; for 12 months (the General Conference AYS office to work out the starting time); complete knowledge of English needed;

The conference included informative booths.

monthly stipend given.

EAD-TU: One male or female needed to teach children of missionary; room and board provided; for 12 months; complete knowledge of Danish required; monthly stipend and travel to assignment provided.

EUD-IU: One female, nurse (or similar training), medical, geriatric; to assist in care and leisure activities of elderly residents; 12 months assignment; room and board provided; complete knowledge of Italian language required; monthly stipend provided.

FED: A large number of male and female teachers to fill June and August positions in Japan, Korea, Taiwan, and Thailand; teaching English as a second language; 9-12 months assignments; room and board provided; only

English required; month-

ly stipend given.

FED: A large number of volunteers needed to fill a variety of teaching positions in the Guam-Micronesia Islands Carlos, Chuuk, Ebeye, Guam, and the other islands. The majority of teachers in the Adventist Church School system in the islands are volunteers. Most of them are 2-3 year college students, and others are college graduates; 10-month assignments; only English

required; room, board, stipend

provided.

MEU: Four male seconday teachers, two elementary teachers and two male maintenance workers for Heliopolis, Egypt, beginning September, 1992 for 9 months. Room and board provided and small stipend; only English required.

SAD: Two male teachers to teach German as a second language in Brazil; 12 months, begin-

> ning as soon as possible; room and board with Adventist family; complete knowledge of German required; stipend provided.

SUD-CIU: One mechanic, male, Pune, India; 4 months, as soon as possible; to teach and work in Adventist college, in the automotive department; room, board, and stipend provided; only English required.

## ADVENTIST YOUTH SERVICE Current Openings

The list below gives an idea of the type of assignments that are currently available. The code letters at the beginning of each entry indicate the name of the world division and the local union that have listed the call.

AWR: Adventist World Radio in Asia and Inter-America. Five male or female students to fill a variety of positions for programmers, engineer assistants, secretarial and radio technician. Room and living allowance provided. English required, although Spanish in Inter-America would be helpful. Position in Costa Rica, available as soon as possible for 12 months. Asia calls to



Participants considered options for mission service.