“I Thought You’d Like to Know”

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- Three NAD church members lost their lives in the tornadoes that ravaged the southeast region of the United States last week. The Piedmont, Alabama Church was completely destroyed.

- On May 2, the Alberta Conference sustained serious damage as fire burned four offices. The conference administration is now looking for a place to re-locate.

- The Mid-America Constituency, at their meeting on May 1 & 2, re-elected all incumbent officers and directors. Elder Maurice Valentine was elected to serve as Secretary/Vice-President for Administration.

- Within the past few weeks I have had the privilege of visiting two of our college campuses. I was deeply impressed by our young people on both campuses.
  - While at La Sierra University a young man approached me asking for assistance in finding a destination for a container load of potatoes that the students had originally wanted to send to Japan. When the mayor of the intended city refused further container shipments they were in need of a new place. He told me that the students had raised $5000 to accomplish their task.
  - While at Union College the students praised God because that week they had raised the money to install windows in the home of a lady in the community. A group of students had also installed those windows under the guidance of a local builder.

- The Columbia Union Constituency delegates recently voted unanimously to return all officers and Vice-Presidents. A tremendous spirit of unity prevailed at the meetings.

- Ray Pichette accepted the call to be president of the Illinois Conference.

- The NAD staff recently collected shoes to be distributed at a local Community Services Center. This is one of our ways of putting into practice the principles of the Division-wide REACH initiative.