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message preparation in sharing God's truth.

These are some of the features you will discover at www.lbm.org. Consider this a personal invitation to visit our new website for your first time, and then visit it often in the days ahead. It has been designed to be a blessing to you.

This website is an exciting addition to the products and services we already offer. For those of you who prefer a more personal encounter with a human, we will continue

to take orders by phone for our monthly newsletter, Bible study lessons, and bookstore needs, as in the past. The Ministry's phone number remains the same: 509-779-4444. However, to serve you better, our toll-free number (877-585-1111), as well as a new line (509-779-4460), will now access you directly to our bookstore. So call or visit us online. Either way, we would love to hear from you.

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of salvation before the spread of TV breaks this interest. In the ECD we will be distributing about 130 million Sow I Billion tracts to the total population of about 230 million in this region in the next two years. The responses we are already receiving are overwhelming and we do not have the capacity to provide even a quarter of the lessons needed.

May I also thank LBM for sponsoring one of our very successful evangelists (Herry Mhando) in the region. God is using this evangelist to bring thousands and thousands of new believers every year in various countries in our division and elsewhere. The financial support LBM is giving for the work of this evangelist is bearing much fruit for the Lord. The evangelist also receives containers of literature which church members use as they team up with him.

LBM is a great partner in accomplishing the mission of the church in ECD. We appreciate the great contributions made. To support them is to support the work in ECD and the rest of the world, too. Thank you, LBM, and a big

thank you to all who are contributing to the success of LBM. May God continue to bless the ministry of Light Bearers.

Geoffrey Mbwana, President
East-Central Africa Division

Elder Mbwana expressed two concerns that relate to future outreach in Africa—the aggressive availability of television to the masses and our recent Church initiative called “Sow I Billion.” Based on increasing media development in that part of the world, as well as our current push to reach 1 billion people with the gospel, literature for Africa is needed as never before. Elder Mbwana's testimony confirms our belief that it is time to increase both the quantity and speed of our literature output, to go as fast and as far as possible. This is why we stepped out in faith this past February and committed to purchase a new press that has the potential to increase our speed and output by at least 25 percent. Thank you for supporting this vision. Please continue to pray earnestly for an increase in gospel literature to blanket the world in these closing hours of earth's history.

Events Schedule

- **June 11-12**
Barrie SDA Church, Ontario, Canada
Herb Montgomery—☎(905)775-6013
- **June 17**
3ABN Live
James & Risë Rafferty—☎(800)752-3226
- **June 19**
Washington Conference One-Day Spiritual Convocation—Auburn Academy
Ty Gibson—☎(509)779-4444
- **June 26**
Washington Conference One-Day Spiritual Convocation—Bremerton SDA Church
Ty Gibson—☎(509)779-4444
- **June 28–July 3**
East Coast Convocation, Fletcher, NC
LBM—☎(828)687-5125
- **July 6-10**
LBM Convocation, Malo, WA
☎(509)779-4444
- **July 13-17**
Gladstone Camp Meeting, OR
Ty Gibson—☎(503)652-2225
- **August 4-7**
National ASI—Cincinnati, OH
Ty Gibson—☎(301)680-6450
- **August 4-8**
Varnhem, Sweden
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MISSION UPDATE

The Newsletter of Light Bearers Ministry

Literature Does A Double Work

BY JAMES RAFFERTY

We don't get many visitors here in the “boondocks” of Malo, Washington, especially visitors from Central Africa. That is why this past March we were so surprised and delighted to receive three travelers who came to share the wonderful effects, both in the field and in the church, of the literature we print for Africa. On their way to Spring Council, Elder Geoffrey Mbwana, President of the East-Central Africa Division, along with Treasurer Sergie Ferrer and Executive Secretary Blasious Ruguri, took a considerable detour out of their way to visit Light Bearers Ministry. This visit from Division leadership in Africa was extremely encouraging. Elder Mbwana left us with the following testimony of the impact our literature is having in his Division:

God has used Light Bearers Ministry [LBM] to support the work of the church in the countries of the East-Central Africa Division [ECD] in a wonderful way. We have received many containers with tracts, Bible Study lessons, and small booklets for free distribution. These have come to us not only in the English language, but more so in the local languages of the people.

Kiswahili, kiNyarwanda, Luganda, etc., are some of the languages in which we have received these materials. The effects of this ministry in evangelism and nurture of new members are overwhelming.

Our lay people and pastors are actively engaged in evangelism. However, our greatest need is in providing working materials for use in carrying out Christ's commission. From the time we began receiving literature for evangelism from LBM, the work has grown tremendously. We have seen more and more of our church members involved in evangelism than before. The availability of these working tools in the hands of the church members has made them more confident in reaching out to meet others and introducing them to the Lord Jesus Christ. For many years pastors in the region have been training members for evangelism, yet materials provided in their hands for use were very much insufficient. With what we are receiving from LBM, we have much happier pastors and laity.

I have personally used the materials from LBM in several of my public evangelistic meetings. These materials

are greatly appreciated by both pastors and church members. I have seen more of the church members joining the evangelistic bands and working with greater confidence. Materials have not just made evangelism successful in terms of baptisms, but have also increased the number of church members participating in evangelism. The provision of these materials has assisted in winning new members who are better informed about their new faith. They do not just hear the message, they also read it for themselves, and have something at home with them to continue studying.

As a result of the Sow I Billion initiative and the Year of World Evangelism, the need for literature this year and in the next few years will be growing to scary levels. In Africa people who read so readily welcome literature and enjoy reading. The limited scope of the media is a great opportunity for literature work. The church in Africa is very much aware of this and would like to call for all assistance in providing the literature while this situation lasts. The use of the public media is aggressively growing, yet there is still time that we can do our best to spread these “leaves”

COOL QUOTES

The proud human heart is there revealed. We insist on paying for what we have done. We cannot stand the humiliation of acknowledging our bankruptcy and allowing somebody else to pay for us. The notion that this somebody else should be God Himself is just too much to take. We would rather perish than repent, rather lose ourselves than humble ourselves.

Moreover, only the gospel demands such an abject self-humbling on our part, for it alone teaches divine substitution as the only way of salvation. Other religions teach different forms of self-salvation. Hinduism, for example, makes a virtue of refusing to admit to sinfulness. In a lecture before the Parliament of Religions in Chicago in 1893, Swami Vivekananda said: 'The Hindu refuses to call you sinners. Ye are the children of God; the sharers of immortal bliss, holy and perfect beings. Ye divinities on earth, sinners? It is a sin to call a man a sinner. It is a standing of libel on human nature.* Besides, if it has to be conceded that human beings do sin, then Hinduism insists that they can save themselves.

John Stott, *The Cross of Christ*, p. 162
(**Speeches and Writings* by Swami Vivekananda, pp. 38-39)

When a man is getting better he understands more and more clearly the evil that is still left in him. When a man is getting worse he understands his own badness less and less. A moderately bad man knows he is not very good: a thoroughly bad man thinks he is all right. This is common sense, really. You understand sleep when you are awake, not while you are sleeping. You can see mistakes in arithmetic when your mind is working properly: while you are making them you cannot see them. You can understand the nature of drunkenness when you are sober, not when you are drunk. Good people know about both good and evil: bad people do not know about either.

C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*, p. 93

None but the Son of God could accomplish our redemption; for only He who was in the bosom of the Father could declare Him. Only He who knew the height and depth of the love of God could make it manifest. Nothing less than the infinite sacrifice made by Christ in behalf of fallen man could express the Father's love to lost humanity.

Ellen G. White, *Steps to Christ*, p. 14

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OUR NEW WEBSITE

BY TY GIBSON

It will be a continual source of information about the worldwide mission outreach of this ministry through publishing, evangelism, television and radio.

Quick! Without a moment's delay, go to your computer and check out our new website at www.lbm.org. It's been a long time in coming, as many of you have continued to remind us (thank you, by the way, and sorry for the delay). I won't bore you with all the details regarding why it took sooooo long to get it done. Let's just say we think you will notice immediately how much work went into it. So just be glad it's finally finished and pardon the fact that it took more than a Jonah's forever. We sincerely desire that this website will be a major blessing to you.

What will you encounter at the Light Bearers website?

For starters, of course, it will be a continual source of information about the worldwide mission outreach of this ministry through publishing, evangelism, television and radio. As projects develop and move forward to completion, the website will keep you abreast. The website also provides a lot of other information about Light Bearers: a catalog of all of our past mission projects, our statement of financial accountability and the history of the ministry.

But you will find much more as well:

Prophecy Studies. As you study the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation, remember www.lbm.org. You can do one of three things: (1) Simply download all of our Bible prophecy studies to your computer and have the material available for printing whenever you need any part or all of it. (2) Remember that this library of studies is always there for you at our website. As you study the prophecies, go to the site and print out the material that deals specifically with whatever you happen to be researching at the time. (3) Use these online studies as an evangelistic tool to share with family, friends and acquaintances. Tell them, "Hey, there's this very interesting website that has FREE studies that explain all the end-time prophecies of Daniel and Revelation. Go check it out and be informed."

Health Info. We know you and many others have enjoyed our Health Nuggets by Risë Rafferty. While the Health Nuggets are currently being replaced by

health tracts, you may still find all of the back issues online as the Health Nugget Library. These are still a wealth of helpful insights regarding nutrition, exercise and many other topics that have to do with maintaining good health. As with the prophecy studies, you can use this health information as an outreach tool. Just tell others that you have benefited from the Health Nugget Library at www.lbm.org and ask them to take a look at it.

Make a Prayer Request. We believe in the power of prayer to reach the heart of God and to effect changes here on earth in our everyday lives. And we consider it a privilege to pray for you and your needs. Every Wednesday morning our entire staff comes together to lift prayer requests before the Lord. If there is something of particular interest you would like us to pray about on your behalf, you may go to our website and make that request. We will then read your request in our prayer meeting and offer it up to God, asking for His intervention.

The Book Store. Soon you may place online orders to the Light Bearers Resource Center. At our website you will find books, audio messages, videos and evangelistic materials for outreach and your own personal spiritual growth. Please do take time to browse through the Resource Center.

Bible Q&A. We are excited about this feature. The website provides an opportunity for you to ask any Bible question you may have. If it is a serious question that may be of general interest (and if we know the answer), we will post our response. Even if you don't agree with the answer, it will at least serve to stimulate all of us to further study.

Quotation Library. Here you will find a continually building library of intellectually stimulating and challenging quotations from great thinkers down through history, as well as many modern and ancient one-liners of wisdom and wit. You can draw upon this wealth of quotations for your personal correspondence or