

Events Schedule

- **May 2-7**
Platte Valley Academy Week of Prayer
Herb Montgomery—☎(308)647-5151 x227
- **May 13-14**
Wenatchee SDA Church, WA
Ty Gibson—☎(509)670-0580
- **May 13-15**
UCC Pathfinder Retreat
Herb Montgomery—☎(509)838-2761
- **May 25-28**
Volunteer Park SDA Church, WA
James & Risé Rafferty—☎(425)774-6278
- **June 3-4**
Florida Conference Camp Meeting
Ty Gibson—☎(407)644-5000
- **June 3-5**
Weimar College Graduation, CA
Herb Montgomery—☎(530)637-4111
- **June 10-11**
Penticton SDA Church, BC, Canada
James Rafferty—☎(250)492-3135
- **June 10-18**
Arizona Conference Camp Meeting
Herb Montgomery—☎(480)991-6777
- **June 17-19**
Washington Conference Camp Meeting
Ty Gibson—☎(425)481-7171
- **June 24-25**
New York Conference Camp Meeting
Ty Gibson—☎(315)469-6921
- **June 29-July 9**
GC Session—St. Louis, MO

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Light Bearers is a non-profit ministry based in the beautiful northeastern mountains of Washington State. Our purpose is to help proclaim the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ through the spoken and published word.

Come Lord Jesus!

There is no doubt about it—you need a spiritually rejuvenating break from the rat race! So why not plan now to join us this summer for one of our two Annual Convocations.

WESTERN OPTION:

July 12-16, here at Light Bearers in Malo, Washington. Tent camping, motor home hookups, a few local hotels. Contact 509-779-4444 or info@lbm.org for information and registration.

EASTERN OPTION:

July 25-30, at the College Church on the Southern Adventist University campus in Collegedale, Tennessee. Some campus housing available, local hotels, local campgrounds. For information contact Helen at 423-236-2908 or hbledsoe@southern.edu.

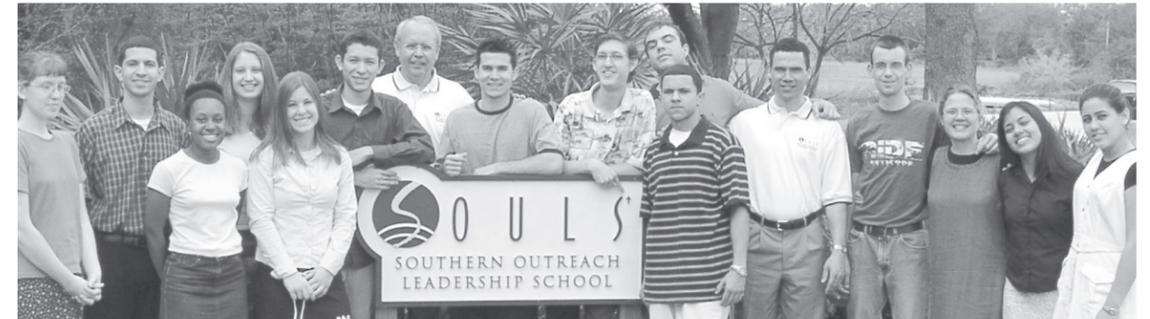
LIFT HIM UP

3ABN Schedule (Sky Angel Channel 9710)

Tuesday—4:30 p.m. (PST), 10:30 p.m. (PST)
Thursday—11:00 a.m. (PST)
Saturday—10:30 a.m. (PST)

MISSION UPDATE

The Newsletter of Light Bearers Ministry



I'm a SOULS man. Or at least I was for about a week this last March.

It was my third (now annual) Revelation intensive at the Southern Outreach Leadership School, located near Orlando, Florida. This is the place where a dozen or so young people spend up to one year focusing on gospel outreach in their community, churches and educational settings.

The classroom part, which I really enjoy, consisted of in-depth, four-hour-a-day sessions. I appreciate the way young people think and the honest questions they ask.

But my trip this time was different from previous ones. For one thing, my family had not been able to come. And for another, I forgot the power adapter for my computer. What that meant in practical terms was that all my spare time outside the classroom was spent with the students—and that was no disappointment.

We went from studying together to

the basketball court (where we played in the pouring Florida rain) to the weight room, and on my last night there we ended up in my temporary living room, talking with Ryan, Jonathan F. and Carlos about spiritual themes until 1:30 a.m.

With so many hours of indoor Bible study, the exercise part was great (though I did overdo it a little). I'm always pushing exercise now that I have been so blessed in my own personal health issues, especially when I come in contact with willowy, energetic Adventist young men. We even played a game of capture-the-flag that last evening, which really brought out each of my 42 years. However, I did pass on swimming the pond with the alligator. (I'll do a pool with water I can see through *anytime*).

A few of these college-age students were fresh in their walk with the Lord, and that brought back memories of my first years as a Christian. Together

we discussed boy-girl relationships, God's character, music, health and, of course, the gospel in Revelation. Getting to know each one of the SOULS students, who are dedicating this time in their lives to reaching souls for Christ while working through the varied challenges this world brings, was a wonderful experience for me.

At SOULS I learned a valuable lesson, which is the best part of teaching, and that is the importance of personal contact. Thank you, Rick, James, Sarah, Patrick, Jonathan M, Jonathan F, Amber, Rebecca, Lizandra, Ryan, Carlos, Miguel, Teri, Rose, Cherie and Marco.

And Ethan too. It was a great week with all of you and the Lord.

If you know a young person who could benefit from a year at SOULS, call Patrick at (352)348-9373.

By James Rafferty

COOL QUOTES

We must first peer into the darkness, feel strangled and entombed in the hopelessness of living without God, before we are ready to feel the presence of His living light.

Abraham Joshua Heschel, *God in Search of Man*, p. 140

Naturally the first emotion of man towards the being he calls God, but of whom he knows so little, is fear.

Where it is possible that fear should exist, it is well it should exist, cause continual uneasiness, and be cast out by nothing less than love.

. . . Until love, which is the truth towards God, is able to cast out fear, it is well that fear should hold; it is a bond, however poor, between that which is and that which creates—a bond that must be broken, but a bond that can be broken only by the tightening of an infinitely closer bond. Verily, God must be terrible to those that are far from Him.

George MacDonald, *Second Series, The Fear of God*

The matchless love of God for a world that did not love Him! The thought has a subduing power upon the soul and brings the mind into captivity to the will of God. The more we

study the divine character in the light of the cross, the more we see mercy, tenderness, and forgiveness blended with equity and justice, and the more clearly we discern innumerable evidences of a love that is infinite and a tender pity surpassing a mother's yearning sympathy for her wayward child.

Ellen G. White, *Steps to Christ*, p. 15

It is a momentous thing to be the instrument, under Providence, of the liberation of a race.

Abraham Lincoln

If you're coming to help me, you are wasting your time. But if you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together.

Aboriginal Australian Saying

We shall never be able, I say, to rest in the bosom of the Father, till the fatherhood is fully revealed to us in the love of the brothers. For He cannot be our Father save as He is their Father; and if we do not see Him and feel Him as their Father, we cannot know Him as ours.

George MacDonald, *First Series, The Hands of the Father*

MISSION UPDATE

LIBERATION —FOR LIBERIA—

BY TY GIBSON

The precious people of Liberia are in desperate need of light from heaven to warm and heal their broken hearts.

Situated on the western coast of Africa, on a landmass slightly larger than Tennessee, Liberia was founded in 1822 by American slaves set free by US President James Monroe. Hence the name chosen for the new state, which means “liberation.” The capital city was named Monrovia, after their benefactor. Liberia is Africa’s oldest republic, established as such in 1847 by a written constitution patterned after the Constitution of the United States. But the hope for a free and peaceful way of life has never come to pass.

Liberia is mostly made up of indigenous peoples, with descendants of the former slaves comprising only about 5% of the current 3.5 million population. The country has known little real liberation, either political or spiritual. Civil war, deeply entrenched ethnic hatred, political corruption, drug trafficking and poverty have destroyed Liberia’s economy and brutalized its people.

During the fourteen-year civil war that ended in 2003, little children were forced to bear arms on the front lines for cowardly warlords who used them as worthless, disposable rabble. Over 50,000 of these children were killed, fighting for nothing they could understand. One report suggests that nearly the entire population has either been victim or perpetrator of unspeakable crimes. Sixty-five percent of the people have been or are presently refugees. Unemployment is 85%. Life expectancy is 47 years. The whole nation is a trauma ward of ghastly suffering.

A spiritual profile of Liberia looks like this: 40% traditional spiritualistic beliefs, steeped in witchcraft and superstition; 40% Christianity, much of which is mingled with spiritualism; 20% Islamic. There is little clear sense of God’s love. A dark shadow looms over the heads of Liberia’s people as a

threatening oppressor. That darkness is called God.

The precious people of Liberia, so seriously abused by their leaders and lied to by their religions, are in desperate need of light from heaven to warm and heal their broken hearts. Fortunately their official language is English, which makes it easier to provide literature on a variety of biblical topics. With a stunning median age of 18 years for males and 17 years for females, we have hope that these young hearts are open and pliable.

The Savior longs to communicate with the war-torn men, women and children of Liberia, so He has given us our marching orders: “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:18-20).

Recently your prayers and financial assistance enabled Light Bearers to send a cargo of liberation to the people of Liberia. As of this writing a ship carrying a container filled with spiritual treasure more valuable than the collective wealth of the whole world has traversed the high seas of the Atlantic to Antwerp, where it continued into the South Atlantic, scheduled to arrive in Liberia on April 16. One person after another in that ravaged land will read of the freedom purchased for them by the shed blood of Jesus Christ. What hope will swell in their hearts as they learn of their Liberator’s love!