



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 lbm.org for information and registration.

In addition to our featured speakers—Steve Wohlberg, Dr. David DeRose, Gordon Pifher (II a.m. Sabbath), James Rafferty, Ty Gibson and Herb Montgomery—join us for a vocal concert by Vonda Beerman at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12, and again at 3 p.m. on Sabbath, July 16. Calvin and Cheryl Hartman (Adventist Frontier Missions) will be with us to share a special front-line missionary report at 5:30 p.m. on Sabbath afternoon.

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. Contact 877-585-1111 or lbm.org for general information and registration. For housing information contact Helen at 423-236-2908 or hbledsoe@southern.edu.

In addition to our featured speakers—Herbert Douglass, Skip MacCarty, Herry Mhando, Risè Rafferty, Ty Gibson and James Rafferty—join us for a vocal concert by Michael Harris at 6:30 p.m., Monday, July 25, and specials throughout the week.

Events Schedule

- July 12-16 Light Bearers Ministry Camp Meeting
July 25-30 LBM Eastern Camp Meeting, Collegedale, TN
July 25-30 Korean Camp Meeting, Atlanta, GA
August 3-6 ASI, Sacramento, CA
August 4-6 SOULS Graduation/Retreat
September 9-10 Singles Retreat, Curriers, NY
September 16-24 Post Falls, ID, Evangelism
September 16-October 8 Wenatchee, WA, Evangelism
September 29-October 28 West Virginia, Evangelism
October 8 Deer Park SDA Church, WA
October 14-16 Montana Conference Women's Retreat

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MISSION UPDATE

The Newsletter of Light Bearers Ministry

How's Your Chronology?

By Herb Montgomery

"God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."—Jesus

Let's do a refresher course in grammar. (I promise it won't hurt.) Our lesson is on the above statement by Jesus. Listing the subject and the three verbs that follow in the order in which they appear should look like this:

God loved gave believe

God is the subject, but look at the order in which the three verbs take place.

First, God loved. Then God loved so much that He gave. And third, He gave that we will believe. We live in a Christian culture that ignores this simple sequence. Honest, sincere Christians present a gospel that subtly changes the order of this verse, and that changing alters its entire meaning.

Today's gospel says this: God loves you so much, that if you will believe in Him, He will give.

God loves believe give

In Jesus' chronology in Scripture, God's giving is based purely upon His love. He loves us so much that He simply gives, whether we respond or not.

The modern chronology presents God's giving based on our believing—something we do first. It represents a God who says, "If you... then I'll..."

Now draw two columns on paper, with "God #1" above the first one and "God #2" above the second. In the first column, list the characteristics of Someone who loves others so much that He simply gives to them, regardless of how they respond to Him. In the second column, list the traits of Someone who would give to others, once they made the first move. When you're done, look hard at both columns and ask yourself which column fits

you. We naturally become the type of person we picture our God to be, and often our picture of God is false.

Now look at your list again and ask yourself which column represents your church. Two types of churches are available today, as seen in these two columns. It's amazing how far a wrong picture of God can spread.

What would happen among God's people if we saw Him accurately? As we individually became changed, our corporate witness would change in turn. But notice the starting point. It's not in being critical of others, but in carefully examining our own picture of Him.

What does your picture of God look like? Upon this, all else depends.

"But we all with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit" (2 Corinthians 3:18, NASB).

COOL QUOTES

Fallen man is not simply an imperfect creature who needs improvement; he is a rebel who must lay down his arms.

C.S. Lewis,
Mere Christianity, p. 56

The immediate end of the commandments never was that men should succeed in obeying them, but that, finding they could not do that which yet must be done, finding the more they tried the more was required of them, they should be driven to the source of life and law—of their life and His law—to seek from Him such reinforcement of life as should make the fulfillment of the law as possible, yea, as natural, as necessary.

George MacDonald,
Unspoken Sermons, Series II,
“The Way”

God’s dream is not to be alone, [but] to have mankind as a partner in the drama of continuous creation. By whatever we do, by every act we carry out, we either advance or obstruct the drama of redemption.

Abraham Joshua Heschel,
Who Is Man?, p. 119

Our greatest illusion is to believe that we are what we think ourselves to be.

Henri Amiel

There are those who profess to serve God, while they rely upon their own efforts to obey His law, to form a right character, and secure salvation. Their hearts are not moved by any deep sense of the love of Christ, but they seek to perform the duties of the Christian life as that which God requires of them in order to gain heaven. Such religion is worth nothing. When Christ dwells in the heart, the soul will be so filled with His love, with the joy of communion with Him, that it will cleave to Him; and in the contemplation of Him, self will be forgotten. Love to Christ will be the spring of action. Those who feel the constraining love of God, do not ask how little may be given to meet the requirements of God; they do not ask for the lowest standard, but aim at perfect conformity to the will of their Redeemer. With earnest desire they yield all, and manifest an interest proportionate to the value of the object which they seek. A profession of Christ without this deep love, is mere talk, dry formality, and heavy drudgery.

Ellen G. White,
Steps to Christ, pp. 44-45

MISSION UPDATE



LONG STORY SHORT—HE’S FAITHFUL AGAIN!

BY MICHAEL AND BRENDA COOPER

In October 2003 we, along with Ivy Salomon and Connie Bradshaw, met with the leadership of the North Haiti Mission for an impromptu meeting. When we asked how our SDA church in Georgia could help the Mission in Cap-Haitien, President Abdonel Jean-Philippe said, “We need Bible studies in French.” We thought, “This will never happen.” How could we ever get enough Bible studies down here to make a difference? They don’t even have a copy machine. And we are only allowed to bring 140 lbs each with us on the airplane. We said, “Let’s pray about it,” hoping to appease them.

I have to admit that I didn’t give the matter much thought after I got back home. But about two weeks later, I saw James Rafferty and Ty Gibson on 3ABN promoting Light Bearers Ministry. They explained how Light Bearers prints Bible studies and literature for third-world countries in their own languages. They mentioned the Dominican Republic, but not Haiti.

I called and asked Bob Nehler if Haiti was on their list. He said that Haiti had been put on the list two weeks ago. (Exactly two weeks before,

we had prayed about the literature.) Bob told me there were 26 countries on the list, and the list was going to be narrowed down to 13. He didn’t know if Haiti would make the cut. After I told him the situation, he was convinced not to take Haiti off the list, and he mailed me five sample sets of Bible studies in French and some magazines. They were perfect! The process of getting freight and shipping lines to take the materials to Cap-Haitien began.

It took about a year to work all of this out, even with some doubts that it *would* work out. Long story short, God was faithful again!!

This past January, over 20 tons of Bible studies and literature arrived and was stored at the Mission. When I arrived in Cap-Haitien on a mission trip just one week later and saw all of it stacked to the ceiling in six rooms, tears came to my eyes. God is so good. I remembered back in October of 2003 when these materials had been requested, and I had thought “We can never do this.” And I was right. We couldn’t—but God could, and He did.

President Philippe told me that the first Adventist literature came by boat

100 years ago, and now, during their Centennial Celebration of 100 years of Adventism in Haiti, another shipment of literature has arrived by boat. They are even building their new Mission office in the design of a boat. In this building, laymen will be trained. Our last 13th Sabbath offering went to help with this project. President Philippe also shared that recently the SDA youth in the Cap-Haitien churches went out into the streets one Sunday and handed out 1000 sets of Bible studies!! Praise God! We are going to hold an evangelistic meeting in July. This will be a great time of seed-sowing.

Connie and I were invited Easter morning to speak at a Baptist church in Haiti. Although we were unprepared, we prayed and God gave us the words to say. After the service, the pastor asked how we could help their church. I told him we could give them some Bible studies in French that had just been delivered to Cap-Haitien. He said he would like to have some of those. He came to where we were staying the next night. The SDA pastor for that area was there with us and talked to the Baptist pastor about the Bible studies.

The Baptist pastor then asked the SDA pastor to study with him. He said, “If you can show me in the Bible what you believe, I will change my church to SDA.” Connie and I thought, What if we had not gotten up to speak? Although we weren’t prepared, God had other plans!

If anyone would like to join God in this work in Haiti, please contact us. We would be thrilled to take you on a mission trip there or take to the mission any donation you may feel led to give. We are working on a non-profit status and we will be Haitihelpers. Hopefully this will be done by July or August.

Please remember Light Bearers Ministry in your prayers and offerings. These people are doing God’s work all over the world. They are fulfilling the Great Commission. Thank you for helping us to do God’s work in Haiti.



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