

## Events Schedule

- **January 30–February 4**  
Thailand—Week of Prayer  
James Rafferty—[abelpan@missioncollege.edu](mailto:abelpan@missioncollege.edu)
- **January 31–February 4**  
Grace Point SDA Church, Brentwood, TN  
Herb Montgomery—☎(615)476-9100
- **February 10-11**  
University of Georgia Campus Ministry  
Herb Montgomery—☎(678)525-4026
- **March 3-5**  
Westminster SDA Church, SC  
James Rafferty—☎(864)638-0653
- **March 3-17**  
Summersville, WV, Evangelism  
Herb Montgomery—☎(304)872-6958
- **March 10-12**  
North Florida Camp Meeting  
James Rafferty—☎(386)454-1351
- **March 17-18**  
Diamond Lake SDA Church, WA  
James Rafferty—☎(208)437-2034
- **March 20-25**  
Highland Academy Week of Prayer, Portland, TN  
Herb Montgomery—☎(615)325-2036
- **March 31–April 2**  
Lewisburg SDA Church, WV  
Herb Montgomery—☎(304)392-6151
- **April 7-9**  
Southern Union ASI (Cohutta Springs)  
Ty Gibson—☎(731)373-9741
- **April 7-9**  
Westminster SDA Church, SC  
Herb Montgomery—☎(864)638-0653

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## The Great Second Advent Movement—Its Rise and Progress J.N. Loughborough

This is a published classic that traces the spiritual roots of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Travel back to the birth of the second advent movement. John Norton Loughborough was an eyewitness of the founding of the SDA church, having traveled extensively with James and

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Ellen White told him in his later life to tell what he had seen. The church leaders were instructed to free him to go among the churches, recalling how the Lord had led in the early years. Brother Loughborough wrote a history of how the church began, calling it *Rise and Progress of the Seventh-day Adventists*. Ellen White stated in Letter 105, 1903, "Elder Loughborough's book should receive attention. Our leading men should see what can be done for the circulation of this book."

When the plates of the book burned in the Review fire, he revised and updated his eyewitness account, and renamed it *The Great Second Advent Movement*, printing it in 1905, just when Ellen White was calling for the pioneers' stories to be told.

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## LIFT HIM UP

3ABN Schedule (Sky Angel Channel 9710)

Monday—10:30 a.m. (PST)

Tuesday—4:30 p.m. (PST)

Friday—6:30 p.m. (PST)

Saturday—10:30 a.m. (PST)

# MISSION UPDATE

*The Newsletter of Light Bearers Ministry*

## Fit This Into Your Heart

By Ty Gibson

“G od’s love is meteoric, His loyalty astronomic, His purpose titanic, His verdicts oceanic. Yet in His largeness, nothing gets lost; not a man, not a mouse, slips through the cracks. How exquisite Your love, O God!” (Psalm 36:5-7, *The Message*).

The enormity of all that God is, all that He has made and all that He does is absolutely breathtaking. To think that He created this vast, edgeless universe, and therefore exists above, beyond and outside of it, staggers our minds with wonder. He is so big, so high, so holy, so distinctly other than all that we are, and yet—here is an even more astounding reality—He is at the same time so utterly personal, so willingly humble, so perfectly aware of and devoted to every one of us. Believe this one truth, and your life will take on extraordinary meaning. Believe it

not, and you will eventually succumb to despair.

What are you facing right now? Face it in the light of God’s love.

Are you weighed down by your failures? God feels that weight with you and wants you to know that He loves you with a “meteoric” love as high as the heavens—a love that has no ceiling or floor. There is no boundary beyond which He will cease to love you with a love that knows all the wrongs you’ve ever done and loves you still, without condemnation.

Are you cut down by insensitive people? They don’t know how to love you. Let them off the hook, and look to God for sensitivity and “astronomic” loyalty. He values you and has a plan for your complete well-being and happiness.

Are you let down by false accusations and being misunderstood? God knows your heart. You can

patiently wait on Him for an “oceanic” verdict, perhaps in His near providence, or at least in the great and final judgment when all things will be made right.

Are you pushed down by out-of-control situations that threaten to take away your laughter? Laugh on, because God is totally aware of what you are going through and has provided a way of exit from the chaos, or a way of wisdom to fix it. Find that way and take it. There is peace waiting for you on the other side, just a conscious faith-step away within God’s “titanic” purpose for your life.

So pause right now and believe that you have not slipped through the cracks of God’s awareness and love. Say with David, “How exquisite Your love, O God!” Go ahead, say it, out loud. Then lift your head and face life with total confidence and move forward.

# COOL QUOTES

In the love of God has been opened the most marvelous vein of precious truth, and the treasures of the grace of Christ are laid open before the church and the world. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." What love is this,—what marvelous, unfathomable love!—that would lead Christ to die for us while we were yet sinners. What a loss it is to the soul who understands the strong claims of the law, and who yet fails to understand the grace of Christ which doth much more abound. It is true that the law of God reveals the love of God when it is preached as the truth in Jesus; for the gift of Christ to this guilty world must be largely dwelt upon in every discourse.

Ellen G. White, *Review & Herald*, 3-20-1894

The cross of Calvary challenges, and will finally vanquish, every earthly and hellish power. In the cross all influence centers, and from it all influence goes forth. It is the great center of attraction, for on it Christ gave up His life for the human race.

Ellen G. White, *Sons and Daughters of God*, p. 242

The preaching of Christ crucified has been strangely neglected by our people. Many

who claim to believe the truth have no knowledge of faith in Christ by experience. It is this neglected part of the ministry which will be found the great instrument in the conversion of souls and in leading to the high standard of holiness which every church needs in order to become a living church. . . . The unconverted need Christ lifted up before them, expressing His love for fallen men by giving His life to save them from eternal ruin. . . . There must be a life-giving power in the ministry. Life must be infused into the missionaries in every place, that they may go forth giving the trumpet no uncertain sound, but with heaven-sent, awakening power, such as can be found only in the preaching of Jesus Christ—His love, His forgiveness, His grace. Justification by faith is to be accepted by every soul, not according to some lifeless, dead idea, but according to the truth presented in the gospel. It is Christ that we need. It is Christ that every sinner needs.

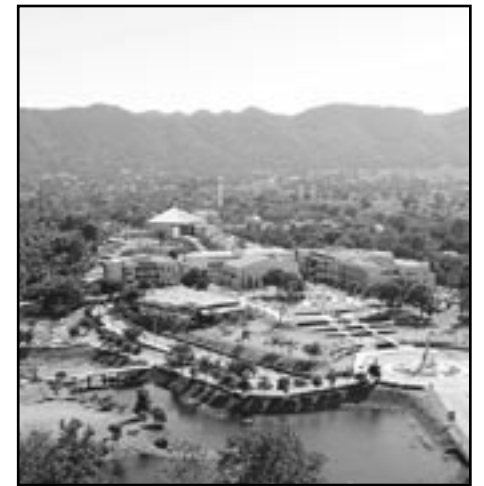
Ellen G. White, *1888 Materials*, pp. 843-844

There is one great central truth to be kept ever before the mind in the searching of the Scriptures—Christ and Him crucified. Every other truth is invested with influence and power corresponding to its relation to this theme.

Ellen G. White, *The Faith I Live By*, p. 50

BY JAMES RAFFERTY

# THAILAND ADVENTIST MISSION COLLEGE



**P**icture in your mind an Adventist mission college where 60 percent of the students come from a Buddhist background. You are picturing a country in which Buddhism is the religion of 95 percent of the population. The country is Thailand or *Prathet Thai*, which means "land of the free." Thailand's flag is red, white and blue. And while they have a king who is held in great respect, the government is a constitutional monarchy composed of two houses—a House of Representatives and a Senate. They also have a prime minister (which is similar to a president), who is elected from among the representatives. The capital is Bangkok (*Krung Thep* means "city of the angels"), and it has a population of seven million people. English is widely spoken and understood, especially in Bangkok.

Adventist Mission College is about 150 kilometers (90 miles) from Bangkok. It is a beautiful, modern campus founded in 1998. Their present enrollment is more than 900 students from over 32 countries. For one week I will be privileged to visit on campus to hold a week of prayer for the students. So what do you share with a group of college students from all over the world who are mostly Buddhist? That question

*Jesus died for our sins, for the sins of the entire world—Buddhist and Muslim, Christian and atheist.*

has been foremost in my mind for the last two months.

The conclusion I have come to is that I need to share a truth that is of first importance, a truth that the King James language calls the "first of all" of the gospel. Here are Paul's inspired words:

"For I delivered to you first of all ('of first importance,' NAS) that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures" (I Corinthians 15:3-4, NKJV).

This is the number one and most important truth the Bible offers to all people. Jesus died for our sins, for the sins of the entire world—Buddhist and Muslim, Christian and atheist. Jesus is the "Savior of all men" (I Timothy 4:10).

"For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time" (I Timothy 2:5-6).

There is probably no more important time than right now to testify of this most important truth. This world is reeling from war, disease, natural disasters and evils of all descriptions. People of every nation, tribe and language need to know of the God who so loves them that He gave all He had that they would not perish but have life forever. (See John 3:16.) The key to taking the gospel message to the world is to lift up Christ. He declared in the Bible: "And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all *peoples* to Myself" (John 12:32, NKJV).

Jesus was speaking of His being lifted up on the cross to die for our sins. When we lift Him up and point others to what He has done for them, He, through the Holy Spirit, draws all people to Himself.

We are compelled to tell the world that they have a Savior who has tasted their death in their stead. (See 2 Corinthians 5:14-15; Hebrews 2:9.) This Savior is the author of their faith

and has given a measure of faith to everyone. (See Hebrews 12:2; Romans 12:3.) The light of His love enlightens every person on Planet Earth. (See John 1:9.) Every breath of air, drop of water, even life itself is showered upon the world by God who sends rain and sunshine on the good and the evil, in order to show His unconditional love toward all. (See Acts 17:28, 14:16-17; Matthew 5:45.) This is the grace of God that brings salvation to all. (See Titus 2:11, NAS.) It is the everlasting gospel (good news) that will go to every nation, kindred, tongue and people, bringing in its proclaimed witness the second coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (See Revelation 14:6; Matthew 24:14.)

Please pray for the people at Mission College in Thailand, and pray for me "that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel" (Ephesians 6:19, NKJV).