



Preludes of Hope

Our interest in the prophetic books of Daniel and Revelation is no great secret, at least for those familiar with Light Bearers Ministry. In the last 10 years we have produced a total of 49 outlines, (15 *Unsealing Daniel* (plus a full-color chart), 20 *Unlocking Revelation*, and 13 focusing on Revelation 14, entitled *God's Last Message for the World* (Lift Him Up).

What may not be so well-known is that we now have a new set of outlines available on Revelation entitled *Preludes of Hope*. Some consider these new studies to be the best of them all. One reader told us after receiving the lessons, "These are the best lessons on the book of Revelation that I've ever seen. Tears poured from my eyes as the great love of God poured from these lessons to me." That's as good a reason as any for a new set of studies, and for you to make sure you have them. These lessons cover the entire book of Revelation in 10 parts. (We hope to have a companion Bible Study set on our website soon.) The focus of these studies is the *gospel in Revelation*. It is a supplement to our other outlines, and also to any of our mainline Adventist prophecy meetings. This series will make a powerful addition to your evangelistic outreach for either pre-work or follow-up, as well as enlarge your own grasp of Bible prophecy. They are written in a simple style, intended to ground our hearts in the gospel of God's great love against the backdrop of Revelation.

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LIFT HIM UP

3ABN Schedule (Sky Angel Channel 9710)

Tuesday—4:30 p.m. (PST)

Saturday—10:30 a.m. (PST)

MARCH 2006

Events Schedule

- **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 25**
Springfield SDA Church, OR
James Rafferty—☎(541)746-8263
- **March 31–April 2**
Lewisburg SDA Church, WV
Herb Montgomery—☎(304)392-6151
- **April 7-8**
NET SDA Church, FL
Herb Montgomery—☎(352)636-9348
- **April 7-9**
Southern Union ASI, GA (Cohutta Springs)
Ty Gibson—☎(731)373-9741
- **April 13-16**
Northwest Chapter ASI—Victoria, BC
Ty Gibson—☎(360)816-1400
- **April 14-15**
Watsonville SDA Church, CA
James Rafferty—☎(650)245-1433
- **April 20-30**
Mount of Blessing SDA Church, Flagstaff, AZ
Herb Montgomery—☎(928)774-1602
- **April 21-23**
Los Angeles Chinese SDA Church Retreat
James Rafferty—☎(626)757-1978
- **May 5-6**
Everson SDA Church, WA
Ty Gibson—☎(360)592-2437

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MISSION UPDATE

The Newsletter of Light Bearers Ministry

Blessed are the Peacemakers

By James Rafferty

“Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God” (Matthew 5:9).

Today's world, torn between terrorism and military might-makes-right, needs peacemakers.

Much of the Muslim world is presently anything but peaceful about recent cartoons that they say deeply offend their religion. Riots, buildings set ablaze and loss of life are the latest results of what the Western world believes to be their right to freedom of expression and of the press. Each day tensions worsen, while the West refuses to apologize or even understand.

Enter Joey Boy, a true peacemaker of the 21st century. Joey is not a politician. Nor is he a religious person. He is, in fact, a rapper—as in rap music—from Thailand.

An article on a Thai-language Muslim website said recently that a song recorded on two of Joey's CDs “clearly insults the Koran,” the Muslim

holy book. But instead of defending his freedom of speech or complaining about loss of profits, this Thai rapper apologized to “all Muslims” at a news conference. “I did not intend to insult the Koran in any way,” said Joey Boy (whose real name is Abhisit Opasiemlikit). “If I knew that there was an insulting sound or element in my song, Suki and I would not have created it.” Joey Boy has also requested a meeting as soon as possible with Thailand's top Muslim leader to formally apologize. And Sony BMG Music Entertainment Thailand has recalled the CDs that contain the song and plans to destroy them.

I have just returned from a week of prayer at Thailand Missionary College, where I experienced the goodwill of a gracious and gentle people. The Thai people are natural peacemakers, amply represented by Joey Boy. Though steeped in moral vices and a works-focused religion, they are fitting examples of Christ's

warning to the presumptuous Pharisees that “tax collectors and harlots will get into the kingdom of God before you do” (Matthew 21:31, NLT). In their culture, merely talking about the gospel of Jesus Christ is not enough. To these people the gospel must be preached “as a witness” (Matthew 24:14, NKJV).

During the week of prayer at Mission College I spoke to hundreds of students from not only Thailand, but over 32 countries, including Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, China, Malaysia, and the Philippines. Over half the students were Buddhists and over 100 responded to our final-meeting appeal for Bible studies, baptism and personal salvation. God's people among the “Gentiles” are those who “by nature do the things in the law” (Romans 2:14, NKJV). May we who claim the gospel do, by God's grace, those same things for His glory.

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COOL QUOTES

It is for our own benefit to keep every gift of God fresh in our memory. Thus faith is strengthened to claim and to receive more and more. There is greater encouragement for us in the least blessing we ourselves receive from God than in all the accounts we can read of the faith and experience of others. The soul that responds to the grace of God shall be like a watered garden. His health shall spring forth speedily; his light shall rise in obscurity, and the glory of the Lord shall be seen upon him. Let us then remember the loving-kindness of the Lord, and the multitude of His tender mercies. Like the people of Israel, let us set up our stones of witness, and inscribe upon them the precious story of what God has wrought for us. And as we review His dealings with us in our pilgrimage, let us, out of hearts melted with gratitude, declare, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon

the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all His people." Psalm 116:12-14.

Ellen G. White,
The Desire of Ages, p. 348

I more than doubt whether, until our small services are sweet with divine affection, our great ones, if such we are capable of, will ever have the true Christian flavor about them. And then such eagerness to pounce upon every smallest opportunity of doing the will of the Master could not fail to further proficiency in the service throughout.

George McDonald,
Sir Gibbie, p. 314

A cheerful heart brings a smile to your face; a sad heart makes it hard to get through the day. . . . A miserable heart means a miserable life; a cheerful heart fills the day with song.

Proverbs 15:13, 15,
The Message

MISSION UPDATE

BY TY GIBSON

BOLIVIA HARVEST

With such a history as this, the name of Christ needs to be vindicated in the minds of the Bolivian people.

As one of only two landlocked republics in the Americas and surrounded by five other nations with poor road systems into its secluded location, Bolivia is a country not easily accessed—and a country in desperate need of the gospel.

Of its population of 8,857,870 precious souls, 85% are Catholic, 10% are Protestant, and 75,000 are Seventh-day Adventists. With a median age of 20 for men and 22 for women, 35.7% of the population is under fifteen years of age.

Bolivia was once part of the ancient Inca Empire. But with the arrival of the Spanish Conquistadors in the 16th century, the Incas were crushed (under the blessing of the Holy Roman Catholic Empire), and Bolivia's predominantly Indian community was reduced to slavery. Catholicism was forced upon the people as the only option to torture and death. Mass slaughter occurred in the name of Christ. This Catholic takeover forced the large indigenous populace to live under the dominance of their cruel invaders, creating a sharply contrasted society of poverty and wealth that continues to this day. The less than 5% European segment, mainly of Spanish decent, has ruled the political

and economic life of Bolivia for the entirety of its "colonized" history. Two financial extremes persist in a tightly controlled political structure, with the impoverished Indians making up two-thirds of the census on the one hand and the European elite on the other.

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The mineral wealth that originally attracted the Spanish invaders began to dwindle by the end of the 17th century. This caused Spain to lose interest and allow the country to win its independence in 1825. Bolivia was named after Simón Bolívar, the man who led out in its liberation. Internal conflicts weakened Bolivia to the point that it became vulnerable to the abuses of neighboring nations. Several thousand square miles and its outlet to the Pacific were taken by Chile after the War of the Pacific (1879–1884). In 1903, a piece of Bolivia's Acre Province, rich in rubber, was ceded to Brazil. And in 1938, after losing the Chaco War of 1932–1935 to

Paraguay, Bolivia gave up its claim to nearly 100,000 square miles of choice land. Political instability ensued. For an idea of how intensely nonstop Bolivia's political and social turmoil has been, consider that since gaining its independence in 1825, there have been 200 successful coups or revolutions.

Most recently, in December 2005, Evo Morales of the "Movement Toward Socialism" party (MAS), and a close friend of Fidel Castro, won the presidential election. Morales is a Bolivian Indian. He has clearly stated that he will nationalize the Bolivian natural gas industry, rewrite the constitution toward Socialism with intent to achieve greater rights for indigenous people, and legalize the growing of coca, for the sole purpose of exporting cocaine. But he says, "There will be zero cocaine, zero drug trafficking, but not zero coca." This policy, along with his plans to limit foreign investment and his close ties with the leftist governments of Venezuela and Cuba, makes him refer to himself as

the "United States' biggest nightmare."

But here's the good news: Bolivia has a literacy rate of 87%, and we just happen to have some astounding literature for them to read. An entire container of truth-filled magazines, tracts and Bible studies has been shipped from Light Bearers with their name on it. This gospel cargo recently arrived in time for a massive, free-distribution effort preparatory to a nationwide evangelistic campaign to be conducted by Evangelist Jere Patzer (a.k.a. the North Pacific Union President), along with numerous local and imported speakers. The potential is incredible. The combination of the literature and the follow-up public preaching will result in the salvation of many souls. We can rejoice that the God of heaven will be exalted before the Bolivian people as a God of infinite love who is, in truth, opposed to the coercive treatment they have endured.

On behalf of your brothers and sisters in Bolivia, thank you for your prayers and financial support that make shipments like this happen.

2006 CONVOCATION DATES

West Coast Convocation, Jasper, OR

July 11-15, 2006

East Coast Convocation, Collegedale, TN

July 24-29, 2006

Make your plans now!

We hope to see many of you there!