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Union with good news. They said that they had decided to join the Seventh-day Adventist Church, together with all their members—450 in number. The pastor said, “Teach us all the necessary doctrines, and then baptize us.”

This is what the Spirit-anointed evangelistic ministry can do in our generation. To God be the glory.

In all seven evangelistic campaigns a total of more than 3,300 souls were baptized. Special thanks to all the financial supporters of Light Bearers Ministry. I consider all of you as our “Make-It-Happen” team members for our city evangelistic campaigns all over the world. All the containers of truth-filled literature shipped by Light Bearers have made our preaching more effective. You have empowered us to go on, and forever we shall be grateful.

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!

LIFT HIM UP

3ABN Schedule

Tuesday—4:30 p.m. (PST)

Friday—6:30 p.m. (PST)

Saturday—10:30 a.m. (PST)

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Events Schedule

- **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 14-15**
Monroe SDA Church Youth Group, MI
Herb Montgomery—☎(734)289-1559
- **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
- **April 28-29**
Bakersfield SDA Church, CA
Ty Gibson—☎(661)397-2000 or 832-2620
- **May 5-6**
Everson SDA Church, WA
Ty Gibson—☎(360)592-2437
- **May 5-6**
Redmond SDA Church, OR
James Rafferty—☎(541)504-1938
- **May 8-12**
Lewisburg Adventist Jr. Academy, WV
Herb Montgomery—☎(304)392-6151
- **May 19-20**
Chula Vista SDA Church, CA
Ty Gibson—☎(858)755-3721
- **May 19-20**
St. Maries SDA Church, ID
James Rafferty—☎(208)686-7700

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MISSION UPDATE

The Newsletter of Light Bearers Ministry

You Are the Light of the World

By Herb Montgomery

In Revelation, we find four trumpets and a third of the earth's resources being assaulted.¹ Historically, protestants have interpreted the first three trumpets as depicting the downfall of Rome. When John received his vision, the known world was divided into three parts: the Roman Empire (or Europe), Africa and Asia. The events in Europe, the seat of Christian history, are the “third” to which these trumpets point. Yet when we get to the fourth trumpet, Europe would now experience a darkening of sun, moon, and stars. “The fourth angel sounded, and a third of the sun and a third of the moon and a third of the stars were struck, so that a third of them would be darkened and the day would not shine for a third of it, and the night in the same way.”² The heavens would continue to shine on the world, but the light in Europe would be eclipsed. After the fall of Rome (the first three trumpets), Europe would be enveloped, not in physical darkness, but in spiritual

darkness known as the Dark Ages.

To truly understand this prophecy, we must understand these biblical symbols. Jesus said He is “the Light of the world.”³ Elsewhere He is referred to as the “sun” of righteousness,⁴ the “morning star,”⁵ or the “Sunrise.”⁶ Why? Jesus is the “true Light” that “enlightens every man”⁷ with the light of truth about the character of God. He is the “exact representation”⁸ of what God is like. He who has seen Jesus “has seen the Father.”⁹ And if light equals truth about God's character, then darkness would equal lies about our heavenly Father. Heaven's truth about God would be eclipsed by lies in the geographical heart of Christianity; i.e., Christian Europe. Christianity, which was to continue Jesus' mission, obscured it. Stop for a moment and ponder how many dark pictures of God are in the world today that can be traced back to the church of the Dark Ages. Where does this leave us as the church of today?

Dear reader, we are living in a time when we are called to be like Jesus—to be “the light of the world.”¹⁰ We are called to redeem the time! Are there darkened corners in your spheres of influence? Do those around you have dark pictures of our loving heavenly Father? Misconceptions abound everywhere. Give the trumpet a certain sound. Lift the loud cry, “O Zion, You who bring good tidings, get up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, You who bring good tidings, lift up your voice with strength, lift it up, be not afraid; say to the cities of Judah, “Behold your God!”¹¹

¹ Revelation 8

² Revelation 8:12 NASB

³ John 8:12 NASB

⁴ Malachi 4:2 NASB

⁵ 2 Peter 1:19 NASB

⁶ Luke 1:78 NASB

⁷ John 1:9 NASB

⁸ Hebrews 1:3 NASB

⁹ John 14:9 NASB

¹⁰ Matthew 5:14 NASB

¹¹ Isaiah 40:9 NKJV

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COOL QUOTES

Our publications should go everywhere. Let them be issued in many languages. The third angel's message is to be given through this medium and through the living teacher. You who believe the truth for this time, wake up. It is your duty now to bring in all the means possible to help those who understand the truth to proclaim it. Part of the money that comes in from the sale of our publications should be used to increase our facilities for the production of more literature that will open blind eyes and break up the fallow ground of the heart.

Ellen G. White, *Testimonies to the Church*, Vol. 9, p. 62

From city to city, from country to country, they [canvasser-evangelists] are to carry the publications containing the promise of the Saviour's soon coming. These publications are to be translated into every language, for to all the world the gospel is to be preached. To every worker Christ promises the divine efficiency that will make his labors a success.

Ellen G. White, *Testimonies to the Church*, Vol. 9, p. 34

It is the darkness of misapprehension of God that is enshrouding the world. Men are losing their knowledge of His character. It has been misunderstood and misinterpreted. At this time a message from God is to be proclaimed, a message illuminating in its influence and saving in its power. His character is to be made known. Into the darkness

of the world is to be shed the light of His glory, the light of His goodness, mercy and truth. . . . The last rays of merciful light, the last message of mercy to be given to the world, is a revelation of His character of love.

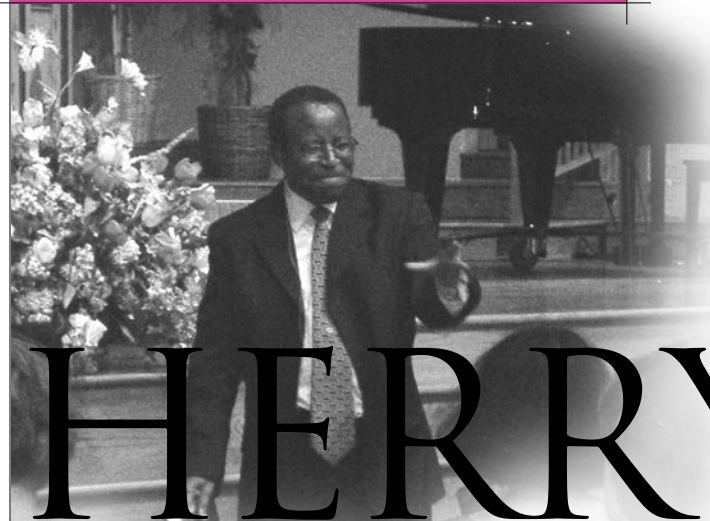
Ellen G. White, *Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 415

Through centuries of persecution, conflict, and darkness, God has sustained His church. Not one cloud has fallen upon it that He has not prepared for; not one opposing force has risen to counterwork His work, that He has not foreseen. All has taken place as He predicted. He has not left His church forsaken, but has traced in prophetic declarations what would occur, and that which His Spirit inspired the prophets to foretell has been brought about. All His purposes will be fulfilled. His law is linked with His throne, and no power of evil can destroy it. Truth is inspired and guarded by God; and it will triumph over all opposition.

During ages of spiritual darkness the church of God has been as a city set on a hill. From age to age, through successive generations, the pure doctrines of heaven have been unfolding within its borders. Enfeebled and defective as it may appear, the church is the one object upon which God bestows in a special sense His supreme regard. It is the theater of His grace, in which He delights to reveal His power to transform hearts.

Ellen G. White, *The Acts of the Apostles*, pp. 11-12

MISSION UPDATE



HERRY MHANDO

Purposeful evangelistic visitation in combination with Christ-centered evangelistic preaching proved to be a powerful tool

First of all I want to thank the leadership of Light Bearers (LBM) for allowing me to be part of their ministry for the last 8 years. My wife Esther and I and our ministry of evangelism have never been the same since LBM embraced us. The whole world needs to hear the message of God's love, and since joining with Light Bearers our evangelistic campaigns have been global.

The year 2005 was packed with seven evangelistic campaigns: Dar es Salaam, Bukoba and Singida in Tanzania; Nyamira in Kenya, Lubumbashi in Democratic Republic of Congo; and Dallas and Jersey City in the USA.

Of these seven campaigns, four had special features that made them very unique—features that contributed to their success.

NYAMIRA, KENYA:

Our lay members in Kenya are globally known for their evangelistic spirit. They are active in bringing friends to the meetings every night. But something surprised us one evening. The Bishop of the Pentecostal Church postponed his meetings and

asked all of his members to attend Herry Mhando's meetings. The Bishop and all of his members came to our meetings. We baptized 1,600 souls in this campaign, and many of these had come because this Brother had highly commended our meetings to his church members. We can surely consider him a prospective Seventh-day Adventist.

At the end of this campaign, the conference organized a special congregation in the city for those who were newly baptized. The conference also employed two new pastors for this congregation. In less than six months they had brought in many new souls, and their tithe is higher than any congregation in the entire conference.

DALLAS and JERSEY CITY CAMPAIGNS:

After five weeks in Dallas and two weeks in Jersey City, we baptized a total of 75 precious souls. What was unique in both of these cities was

the intensive evangelistic visitations. Families invited us to visit their homes for prayer, and we had so many requests that some days we visited until 3 o'clock in the morning. The majority of those who made decisions for baptism were those who were visited at home. Brand-new members were led to decisions and many former members were reclaimed.

Purposeful evangelistic visitation in combination with Christ-centered evangelistic preaching proved to be a powerful tool for a glorious harvest of souls in North America.

LUBUMBASHI, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO:

These meetings were held at the Lupopo Stadium in the city center of Lubumbashi. More than 30 pastors were there as full-time members. These included the Union President, Union Executive Secretary, Union Treasurer and all Union departmental directors; Field President and all his officers

and Field departmental directors; and all the pastors in the city. For five weeks they labored along with us. The involvement and unity from this level of leadership was amazing and rare.

During those five weeks we witnessed 1,002 precious souls being buried with Jesus in baptism. As the program was coming to an end, we organized eight new congregations and raised money enough to employ four new pastors who will take care of those new congregations for six months.

Among the pastors of other denominations who came to our meetings was a Pentecostal pastor. He attended. He heard. He saw what was happening there. A few days after the campaign was over and we had left the country, this pastor (with all of the elders from four congregations in the city) came to meet the leaders of the

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