

Events Schedule

- **October 13-21**
24/7 SDA Church, Seattle, WA
Ty Gibson—☎(206)423-1991
- **October 27-28**
Jefferson Academy SDA Church, TX
James Rafferty—☎(903)679-3842
- **October 27-28**
The Sydney Entertainment Centre, Australia
Festival of Worship 2006
Ty Gibson—☎(02) 9868 6522
- **October 29–November 11**
Tucson Catalina Hills SDA Fellowship, AZ
Herb Montgomery—☎(520)297-5171
- **November 3-11**
Papatoetoe SDA Church, New Zealand
Ty Gibson—☎649-278-7786 info@papsda.co.nz
- **November 4**
Springfield SDA Church, OR
James Rafferty—☎(541)746-8263
- **November 10-11**
Los Angeles Chinese SDA Church, Alhambra, CA
James Rafferty—☎(626)757-1978
- **November 17-18**
Myrtle Creek SDA Church, OR
James Rafferty—☎(541)863-3815
- **November 25**
Lewisburg SDA Church, WV
Herb Montgomery—☎(304)647-5925
- **November 30–December 9**
Evangelism in Othello, WA
Herb Montgomery—☎(509)488-5500
- **December 15-16**
Birmingham, North England Conference, GB
James Rafferty

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... Interview with Ratsara *continued from page 3*

Paul: For sure we could use a million and a half sets of study guides per year.

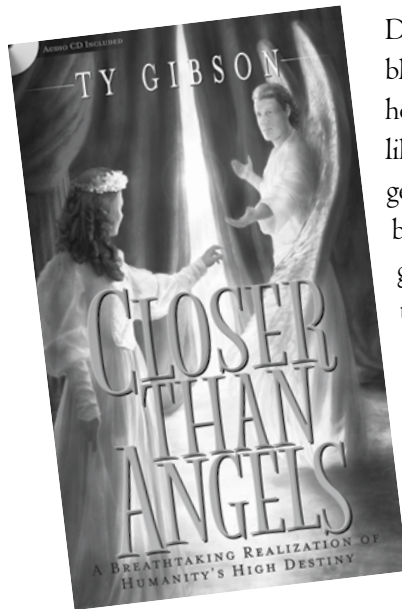
Ty: That's about 40 million pieces of literature per year.

Paul: We have 2 million members we are mobilizing. If even half of them get one or two Bible Studies going each year, we will use all that literature. And our experience tells us we can expect at least that level of involvement, if we have the literature.

Ty: Thank you so much for sharing with our friends. Is there one final message you would like to relate?

Paul: We are determined to turn every church into a Bible School with an ongoing teaching ministry. Thank you for all you have already done for Africa. I am pleading with you, please help us make this vision a reality. Send us the truth in the form of literature.

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Saturday—11:30 am (PST)

MISSION UPDATE

The Newsletter of Light Bearers Ministry

The Angel Realm

By Ellen G. White

I have seen the tender love that God has for His people, and it is very great. I saw angels over the saints with their wings spread about them. Each saint had an attending angel. If the saints wept through discouragement, or were in danger, the angels that ever attended them would fly quickly upward to carry the tidings, and the angels in the city would cease to sing. Then Jesus would commission another angel to descend to encourage, watch over, and try to keep them from going out of the narrow path; but if they did not take heed to the watchful care of these angels, and would not be comforted by them, but continued to go astray, the angels would look sad and weep. They would bear the tidings upward, and all the angels in the city would weep, and then with a loud voice say, "Amen." But if the saints fixed their eyes upon the prize before them and glorified God by praising Him, then the angels would bear the glad tidings to the city, and the angels in the city would touch their golden harps and sing with a loud voice, "Alleluia!" and the heavenly arches would ring with their lovely songs.

There is perfect order and harmony in the Holy City. All the angels that are commissioned to visit the earth hold a golden card, which they present

to the angels at the gates of the city as they pass in and out. Heaven is a good place. I long to be there and behold my lovely Jesus, who gave His life for me, and be changed into His glorious image. Oh, for language to express the glory of the bright world to come! I thirst for the living streams that make glad the city of our God.

The Lord has given me a view of other worlds. Wings were given me, and an angel attended me from the city to a place that was bright and glorious. The grass of the place was living green, and the birds there warbled a sweet song. The inhabitants of the place were of all sizes; they were noble, majestic, and lovely. They bore the express image of Jesus, and their countenances beamed with holy joy, expressive of the freedom and happiness of the place. I asked one of them why they were so much more lovely than those on the earth. The reply was, "We have lived in strict obedience to the commandments of God, and have not fallen by disobedience, like those on the earth." Then I saw two trees, one looked much like the tree of life in the city. The fruit of both looked beautiful, but of one they could not eat. They had power to eat of both, but were forbidden to eat of one.

Then my attending angel said to me,

"None in this place have tasted of the forbidden tree; but if they should eat, they would fall." Then I was taken to a world which had seven moons. There I saw good old Enoch, who had been translated. On his right arm he bore a glorious palm, and on each leaf was written "Victory." Around his head was a dazzling white wreath, and leaves on the wreath, and in the middle of each leaf was written "Purity," and around the wreath were stones of various colors, that shone brighter than the stars, and cast a reflection upon the letters and magnified them. On the back part of his head was a bow that confined the wreath, and upon the bow was written "Holiness." Above the wreath was a lovely crown that shone brighter than the sun. I asked him if this was the place he was taken to from the earth. He said, "It is not; the city is my home, and I have come to visit this place." He moved about the place as if perfectly at home. I begged of my attending angel to let me remain in that place. I could not bear the thought of coming back to this dark world again. Then the angel said, "You must go back, and if you are faithful, you, with the 144,000, shall have the privilege of visiting all the worlds and viewing the handiwork of God."

Early Writings, pp. 39-40

CONSIDER THIS . . .

Many are bearing a yoke that Christ never placed upon them. It is galling to the neck, and it brings no rest to the soul. I said to Brother A, The Lord has not placed the sins of the people upon you. You are not the sin-bearer. Jesus, the world's Redeemer, was able to tread the wine press alone. He bore our sins in His own body on the tree, and there is not an angel in heaven who is able to bear the sins of one soul. No human being can bear the guilt of his own sin. Then how inconsistent for him to think that the Lord has laid upon him the sins of his fellow men. If it were so indeed, his life would be crushed out. From henceforth please remember that not one of you is able to be a sin-bearer. Do not feel that you are under the necessity of talking of the faults and errors of others.

Ellen G. White,
Manuscript Releases,
vol. 12, p. 8

Justice and grace are essentially different but they work in perfect harmony. Every man will receive justice from the hand of God. Every soul that God has created will eventually acknowledge that he has received a reward or punishment in accordance with his work. Man reaps what he has sown.

The grace of God is of priceless value. It is through the goodness and mercy of God that it is conferred.

The wonderful plan of redemption, which human beings cannot fully understand, shows that the Creator deals justly and loves mercy. Because He loved man,

He gave His Son as a sacrifice for sin. The plan of salvation was laid open before the foundation of the world was formed. In counsel together, the Father and the Son determined that Satan should not be left unchecked to exercise his cruel power upon man. It is God's will that all shall be saved, that not one shall perish; but He does not compel obedience. He leaves all free to say whether or not they will take advantage of His offer of mercy. In giving Jesus, He poured out all heaven in one gift, making it possible for man to come into possession of eternal riches.

The love of God, as shown in the gift of His Son, should be talked of and dwelt upon. Why are our lips so silent? Why do we not praise the Lord? Every hour of our Saviour's life was spent in praising God.

Ellen G. White,
Manuscript Releases,
vol. 18, pp. 345-346

We should treat as a sacred treasure every line of printed matter containing present truth. Even the fragments of a pamphlet or of a periodical should be regarded as of value. Who can estimate the influence that a torn page containing the truths of the third angel's message may have upon the heart of some seeker after truth? Let us remember that somebody would be glad to read all the books and papers we can spare. Every page is a ray of light from heaven, to shine into the highways and the hedges, shedding light upon the pathway of truth.

Ellen G. White,
Review & Herald,
August 27, 1903

INTERVIEW WITH RATSARA

BY TY GIBSON

I am pleading with you, please help us make this vision a reality. Send us the truth in the form of literature.

On October 6 and 7 I had the privilege of speaking to the leadership of the world church at the General Conference Annual Council. I was asked to deliver a short message and to pray for church leaders as a representative of supportive ministries. There was an overwhelmingly positive response. It was extremely evident that church leaders are eager to work in partnership with lay ministries. I can testify first hand that this church is led by a group of godly, open-minded leaders who are urgent to see the gospel go to the world by whatever means God might ordain.

During my time at the event I took the opportunity to interview Elder Paul Ratsara, of Indonesian descent, President of the Southern African-Indian Ocean Division (SID—He agrees that they should have tried to come up with a shorter name for this division).

Ty: Elder Ratsara, please tell our readers the scope of your field of labor.

Paul: SID includes 23 countries in the southern part of the African continent, and the islands of the

Indian Ocean. The population is more than 200 million.

Ty: How many Adventists are there?

Paul: About 2 million, spread among 8,000 churches and 12,000 companies; so there are 20,000 congregations.

Ty: What is your familiarity with Light Bearers Ministry?

Paul: I am very aware of the work of Light Bearers for Africa. One recent example is the major impact Light Bearers literature has had in the Sahel Union. Countless souls in that union have been won to Christ through this precious literature. Now that I am the SID President I plan to use Light Bearers' literature to do the same throughout the entire division. My vision and prayer is one soul won to Christ by each member each year. But that is only possible if Bible Study Guides are put in the hands of each member, and there is no organization I know of in the world that can do that other than Light Bearers. So I

am hoping you will enter this soul-winning partnership with us.

Ty: From your experience and observation, what is the greatest need your division has?

Paul: Without question our greatest need is for literature. Our goal is not merely quantitative growth, but qualitative growth. We don't just want to baptize masses of people; we want to give them clear biblical education to base their conversion upon. So we realize that Light Bearers' literature will ground the converts in a solid, intelligent commitment to Christ and the truth. We want each decision to be born out of deep reflection upon the truth of Scripture, so that each one is not merely a church member, but a disciple and a soul-winner. This is one example. You cannot imagine the impact of Light Bearers on our division.

Ty: Can you give our readers an example.

Paul: Yes. On October 21 we are

having a mass Bible School graduation as a result of Bible Lessons sent by Light Bearers. A little over 10,000 will graduate, which means they have been through a complete series of Bible Studies, and looked up all the answers under the guidance of a church member. At least half of these will be cleared for baptism and the others will continue preparation with further study.

Ty: Praise God! That is great.

Paul: Yes, but while this is great, we have had to stop enrolling people for Bible Studies because we have no lessons left. Think of this, presently we have well over 100,000 names of people who have requested Bible Studies. It is painful to tell them, "No, we cannot enroll you because we have no study guides." We desperately need more literature. I cannot stress the need enough.

Ty: How much literature could you actually put into circulation?

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