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 Tuesday—4:30 pm (PST)  
 Thursday—7:00 am (PST)  
 Saturday—12:00 pm (PST)

## Events Schedule

- **February 11-21**  
 Mission College, Thailand  
 James Rafferty—☎(66)34-1627
- **February 16-17**  
 Mosaic Christian Fellowship SDA Church, TX  
 Herb Montgomery—☎(972)880-9269
- **February 19-24**  
 Laurelbrook Academy, Dayton, TN  
 Ty Gibson—☎(423)775-3339
- **February 23–March 4**  
 Turlock SDA Church, CA  
 Herb Montgomery—☎(209)609-8779
- **March 16-17**  
 Leominster SDA Church, MA  
 Ty Gibson—☎(978)537-8781
- **March 16-18**  
 Singles Retreat in Shawnee On Delaware, PA  
 James & Risë Rafferty—☎(908)672-5533
- **March 16-25**  
 Mesa Palms Community Worship Center, AZ  
 Herb Montgomery—☎(480)985-3140
- **March 30-31**  
 Mount Shasta SDA Church, CA  
 James & Risë Rafferty—☎(530)926-1433
- **April 8-14**  
 Mount Vernon Academy, OH  
 Herb Montgomery—☎(740)397-5411
- **April 14**  
 Cottage Grove SDA Church, OR  
 James Rafferty—☎(541)942-5213
- **April 20-21**  
 Good News Tour, Mountain View, CA  
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# MISSION UPDATE

*The Newsletter of Light Bearers Ministry*



## Ready, Set, Print!

By Ty Gibson

**P**raise God, we are in the new printing facility and, as of January 25, 2007, truth-filled literature is coming off the press. Oregon is beautiful, the new buildings are wonderful and God's Spirit is heavy upon our hearts with the urgent conviction that Jesus is coming soon and we need to lighten the whole world with the glory of His character (Revelation 18:1). Light Bearers Ministry has been raised up for a specific mission. We are on special assignment by divine mandate to flood the earth with the gospel of Christ by means of printed material shipped in mass to villages, cities and nations in the local languages of the people. In brief, here are some of the areas we are planning to target in 2007:

### Geneva, Switzerland

This is an unusual part of the world for Light Bearers to give attention to. Western Europe was the heart of the Protestant Reformation. Geneva was John Calvin's home base for years as he advanced the protest against the Papal

hierarchy. With a population of about 7.5 million, nearly 6 million (79%) identify themselves as Christian, but only 16% actually attend church. Switzerland is the one of the most secularized nations of the world.

### South Africa

Historically a nation of severe racial strife, South Africa has a population about 44.4 million people with an extremely conflicted and angry profile.

### Burundi

This is one of the poorest and most suffering nations of the world. Burundi is a tiny country, only about one-tenth the size of Oregon, crammed with 7.5 million people, most of whom live in bleak desperation.

### The Congo

By landmass, this is the third largest country in Africa with a population of just under 60 million. Since 1999 the Congo has been involved in what has been called "the African World War" and "the world's deadliest conflict since World War II." The pain and

bloodshed these people have endured is staggering. We must come to their aid with the gospel.

Expect to read more about these and other areas of focus in future *Mission Updates*. As the new year gets under way, please prayerfully consider how you might be able to partner with us to reach as many people as possible, as fast as possible, for the coming kingdom of God.



*Pressman, Robert Feber, with the press up-and-running. PTL!*

# CONSIDER THIS . . .

Is Christianity really adequate any more? We opine that the only inadequacy in the whole realm of Christianity is not that it has failed in providing adequate principles of life and conduct for this civilization, but rather that those entirely adequate principles and teaching of Christianity, even if they are known, have not been sincerely and adequately tried.

We appeal for a restudy of Christianity. We ask a rethinking of those principles and teachings which are emphasized in the prophetic warnings and instruction of the Book; for that wisdom which can declare the conduct, the ideals, and aspirations of any civilization centuries in advance, must not be false. That wisdom must surely be competent to advise courses of action to take and principles of operation to follow, if any can be given to ease earth's ills.

C. Edwin Moseley, Jr.,  
*Is Christianity Adequate?*  
The Message Magazine,  
Vol. 5, No. 4, 1939.

Those who sincerely desire truth will not be reluctant to lay open their positions for investigation and criticism, and will not be annoyed if their opinions and ideas are crossed.

Ellen G. White,  
*Review and Herald*, July 26, 1892

Success depends not so much on talent as on energy and

willingness. It is not the possession of splendid talents that enables us to render acceptable service, but the conscientious performance of daily duties, the contented spirit, the unaffected, sincere interest in the welfare of others. In the humblest lot true excellence may be found. The commonest tasks, wrought with loving faithfulness, are beautiful in God's sight.

Ellen G. White,  
*Prophets and Kings*, p. 219

Those whom Christ commends in the judgment may have known little of theology, but they have cherished His principles. Through the influence of the divine Spirit they have been a blessing to those about them. Even among the heathen are those who have cherished the spirit of kindness; before the words of life had fallen upon their ears, they have befriended the missionaries, even ministering to them at the peril of their own lives. Among the heathen are those who worship God ignorantly, those to whom the light is never brought by human instrumentality, yet they will not perish. Though ignorant of the written law of God, they have heard His voice speaking to them in nature, and have done the things that the law required. Their works are evidence that the Holy Spirit has touched their hearts, and they are recognized as the children of God.

Ellen G. White,  
*The Desire of Ages*, p. 638



BY JAMES RAFFERTY



As I stood in line at Heathrow airport I

asked myself, "What am I doing going to Africa at this time of the year?" After all it was Christmas week and my wife and two children were literally on the other side of the world. Some much needed confirmation that God was leading me on this ten-day trip to Botswana was just moments away.

"Only flight 4729 to Frankfurt, no other flights, no standbys, only flight 4729 to Frankfurt." That was my flight, London to Frankfurt and then on to South Africa, but I still did not realize what was going on. As I settled into the check-in line I began listening to people talking all around me. Flights to Frankfurt had been cancelled the day before. All the flights that day had also been cancelled and now this flight, though delayed, was the only one being checked in. Not until I reached Johannesburg did I come to understand the whole story. My delayed flight finally left at 3:30 p.m. At 5 p.m.

*For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.*

no more international flights would leave Heathrow. That was Wednesday. Normal operation did not resume until Saturday, leaving 40,000 passengers stranded.

So where was I going? To a Youth Congress in Maun, Botswana. They expected 500 young people and ended up with over 800. We started at 6:00 a.m. and went until 9:30 p.m., sometimes later, for ten days. It was very hot for the first weekend with no AC anywhere, but we prayed for rain and it came everyday and cooled things down to a bearable level. I spoke on the book of Revelation, emphasizing the gospel in prophecy and did an afternoon seminar on courtship/dating. The three main speakers, including myself, did counseling from 3-6 p.m. throughout the week. As Botswana has the second highest ratio of HIV infection in the world (24% of the population), you can only imagine what some of these young people are facing. The life expectancy from birth is 40 years, and a large number of children have lost at least one parent.

There were some powerful personal encounters with these young people, many of whom have been brutalized by sin, but one young person stands out in my mind. Raped by a family member when she was 12 years old, this young lady was now 21, suicidal and suffering intense migraine headaches. Just weeks before she had made a third attempt at taking her life. As we talked I could feel the despair rolling off her entire being. A major problem was that she had never talked to anyone about what happened to her 9 years earlier—not her mother, not a pastor, not even God. As the tears flowed down her cheeks, I could feel the slow release of intense pain. It was a beginning, a wonderful beginning, to the healing power of God's love. I sensed God's presence as much in these counseling sessions, as in the meetings, because in this time and place personal encounters like this were a matter of life and death.

This was the Scripture God directed me to during this trip:

"Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and

through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life. And who is sufficient for these things?" (2 Corinthians 2:14-16, NKJV).

Do you sense even a small desire to respond to the need and call of God? You may not be able to travel overseas, but let me encourage you to get involved in helping "diffuse the fragrance of His knowledge in every place." Some of these young people in Botswana have no Bible, and yet they want to live for God. How many Bibles do you have gathering dust? Take a few moments to pack them up and send them to us at our new location in Oregon and include a donation to cover the cost of shipping them overseas if you can. Your gifts will diffuse the fragrance of His knowledge to many in desperate need.