

We are blessed to have in our trust a brand new 1.5 million dollar web press and a new facility, owing not a penny on either, with great potential for blanketing the earth with literature like the leaves of autumn. Our goal is to hasten the return of Christ by obeying the mandate of our Savior in Matthew 24:14: "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world as a witness to all nations, and then shall the end come." By the guidance of Inspiration we have found that flooding the world with powerful publications is the most cost-effective medium of communication we can employ to fulfill the gospel commission.

We are looking for large-hearted brothers and sisters who love the world with the love of Jesus and will partner with us in this extremely exciting mission. If you are receiving this newsletter we encourage you to join the mission through your prayers and financial support. Thank you for your interest in this ministry. It is a pleasure to acquaint you with what we're all about.

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**Prophetic Pictures of God**  
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Thursday—7:00 am (PST)

Saturday—12:00 pm (PST)

## Events Schedule

- **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**  
Mountain View SDA Church, CA  
Ty Gibson—☎(909)363-6664
- **April 20-21**  
Rocklin-Sunset Oaks SDA Church, CA  
Herb Montgomery—☎(916)771-3869
- **April 22-25**  
Community Services Retreat at the Leoni  
Meadow Christian Retreat Center, Grizzly Flats, CA  
Herb Montgomery—☎(925)685-4300
- **April 23-26**  
Walla Walla General Hospital, WA  
Ty Gibson—☎(509)525-0480
- **April 27-28**  
Volunteer Park SDA Church, Seattle, WA  
James Rafferty—☎(206)325-5544
- **April 27-28**  
Grants Pass SDA Church, OR  
Ty Gibson—☎(541)476-6313
- **April 27-28**  
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Herb Montgomery—☎(928)537-4294
- **May 4-13**  
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# MISSION UPDATE

The Newsletter of Light Bearers Ministry



## The "Third" Angel's Message

By James Rafferty

In the very last book of the New Testament, "The Revelation of Jesus Christ," the apostle John sees a vision of three angels presenting to the world the everlasting gospel (Revelation 1:1; 14:6). These three angels carry messages of vital importance that prepare the world for the return of Christ (Revelation 14:14-20). The three messages are described as following one another: the first is "followed" by the second and the second is "followed" by the third (Revelation 14:8-9). There are a few ways we can understand the idea of following in our present vocabulary:

- 1) I may be following a car as I drive on the road. We have no connection, I just happen to be in line behind that car.
- 2) I can follow a person in line. We have some connection in that we are going to the same place.
- 3) I can follow the example and decision of another person.

This last meaning is the closest to the understanding of the word in Revelation 14. In the original language, the word "followed" here implies the idea of joining or uniting. "And the third angel followed them"—them being the first two, and followed meaning to "join him as his attendant, accompany him, to join one as a disciple, side with his party" (Greek, *Strong's Concordance*).

It makes sense, then, to understand the "third angel's message," biblically speaking, as inclusive of the first and second messages as well, for each one joins, or accompanies, the next. Therefore, in order to proclaim the third angel's message in its wholeness, we must include the "everlasting gospel" proclaimed by the first angel, which initiated the trilogy of messages.

In this way we understand that the three messages comprise the "third angels' message." The third angel is not alone, but rather united in holy union

with the two that precede it. They join forces to proclaim the everlasting gospel with maximum power.

A little recognized aspect of the third angel's message that contributes to its power is the health message. When the third angel's message is seen to be a united whole with the first two messages, a call to healthful living becomes evident. The first angel directs us to the health message with the words, "give glory to Him." One of the ways we are called upon to give glory to God is by eating and drinking in a way that honors our bodies as God's temple (I Corinthians 6:19-20; 3:17). Paul admonishes us, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (I Corinthians 10:31). The biblical call to healthful living is, therefore, part of the message John was shown in Revelation 14, the "third angel's message" for all the world, even for you and me. Amen.

# CONSIDER THIS . . .

Christ has given “to every man his work.” He expects every man to do his work with fidelity. High and low, rich and poor, all have a work to do for the Master. Every one is called to action. But if you do not obey the voice of the Lord, if you do not do his appointed work in firm reliance upon Christ as your sufficiency, if you do not follow his example, “unfaithful, slothful servant” will be registered against your name. Unless the light which has been given you is communicated to others, unless you let your light shine, it will go out in darkness, and your soul will be left in awful peril. God speaks to every one who knows the truth, “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” Communicate the knowledge of the truth to others. This is God’s plan to enlighten the world. If you do not stand in your allotted place, if you do not let your light shine, you will become enshrouded in darkness. God calls upon all the sons and daughters of the heavenly family to be fully equipped, so that at any period they can step into the ranks ready for action. The heart made tender and sympathetic by the love of Jesus will find the precious pearls designed for the casket of the Lord Jesus.

The Lord’s vineyard is a more extensive one than the present working force is able properly to cultivate. Therefore it is necessary that every one should labor to the full extent of his

ability. Whosoever refuses to do this, dishonors the Lord of the vineyard, and if he continues inactive, the Lord will disown him. As the human agent endeavors to labor, God works in him and by him. When the Lord sees that little real effort for the conversion of souls is put forth in regions beyond, when he sees that golden opportunities are lost, and that the spiritual physician is devoting his energy and skill to those who are whole, neglecting the maladies of those who are ready to die, he is not pleased. He cannot pronounce the “well done” upon such work; for it is not hastening but hindering the progress of his cause, when rapid advancement is most necessary. Time and energy and means are devoted to those who know the truth, instead of being used to enlighten the ignorant. Our churches are being tended as though they were sick lambs by those who should be seeking for the lost sheep. If our people would minister to other souls who need their help, they would themselves be ministered unto by the Chief Shepherd, and thousands would be rejoicing in the fold who are now wandering in the desert. Instead of hovering over our people, let every soul go to work to seek and to save the lost. Let every soul labor, not in visiting among our churches, but in visiting the dark places of the earth where there are no churches.

Ellen G. White,  
*Review & Herald*, June 25, 1895

# GETTING (RE)ACQUAINTED

BY TY GIBSON



Each month we have new readers of our newsletter who are just getting acquainted with the work of Light Bearers. Allow me to introduce our mission to you, and remind our old friends why we exist.

In 1985 James Rafferty and I became friends through our newfound faith in Christ. Eager to share the amazing truths we were learning from God’s word, we began to hold small-group Bible studies in various homes around our city. The reception was excellent. People were enthusiastic to get into the Bible and discover its message. Pretty soon the presentations were being taped and circulated beyond our local area. Invitations began to come our way to travel to other areas and preach the gospel. We determined to give ourselves over to whatever God might have in mind for us. Before we knew it, the invitations were so

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constant that we were faced with the obvious fact that God was placing a call on our lives. Teaching the word of God from place to place for the revival of the church and the evangelization of the public is where we began in ministry, and that aspect of our work continues to this day. Most weekends or weeks we are somewhere in the world conducting seminars. It is an awesome privilege. In these seminars is where we have met most of you who receive this Mission Update each month.

But early on we were deeply convicted that God had something else in mind as well, a means of exponentially expanding our scope of communication. Our own spiritual experience was greatly impacted by truth-filled literature, especially the writings of Ellen White and the early Adventist pioneers. It was natural for us to have a desire to share literature with others in order to court their hearts into the love of Christ. We began to

come across statements in the Spirit of Prophecy like these:

“In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power and who lightens the earth with his glory” (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 7, p. 140).

“If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures” (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 4, p. 390).

That’s all the encouragement we needed. We had our marching orders. Immediately we began to think in terms of producing inexpensive literature and sharing it with all whom we possibly could. We knew God had anointed us to fill a great need far and wide beyond our little world here in America. He gave us a heart for the world at large and filled us with a passion to use the power of the press to impact

millions for Christ.

To get started we used a couple of the first Apple Macintosh computers and a copy machine. Next we bought a small offset press. Then another, only larger and faster. Then another, larger and faster than that one. Then another, larger and faster still. We began to consider the whole world our territory. As a result, one nation after another has been the recipient of precious gospel cargo in their own language. Nicaragua, Honduras, Mexico, Peru, Bolivia, Guyana, Albania, Bulgaria, Romania, Greece, Russia, Nigeria, Zambia and Zimbabwe, just to name a few. These countries, and many others, have received container shipments carrying millions of gospel publications. To date, Light Bearers has printed and distributed over 400 million pieces of literature in more than thirty languages, and we feel like we’re just getting started.

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