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make mention of you often in my prayers and thank God for the blessing you are in our spiritual growth, as He would have it.

“Randy Floyd will be released from prison in about 6 months and we have a vision for starting a ministry to our brothers and sisters in prison, as well as those who have been paroled and need help in their daily spiritual and physical needs. Please keep us in prayer as we do you.

“God bless you all,  
James and Fay Castillo”

Praise God! What a powerful testimony of God’s grace and the triumph of truth. It is a blessing to know that the Daniel and Revelation outlines LBM sends to prisons and homes all over North America are changing lives by the grace of God. Truly, as Christ said, the harvest is ripe for the reaping, not only in the overseas mission fields but right here in our own backyard.

## NOW HIRING

Light Bearers is accepting resumés for the following position:

- Administrative Secretary (*Job descriptions available upon request*).

Resumés may be submitted to Don Otis by email, [Donald.Otis@Kellogg.com](mailto:Donald.Otis@Kellogg.com), or sent to Light Bearers Ministry, 37457 Jasper Lowell Rd., Jasper, Oregon 97438.

## LIFT HIM UP

3ABN Schedule

Monday—12:30 pm (PST)

Tuesday—8:00 pm (PST)

Thursday—7:00 am (PST)

Saturday—12:00 pm (PST)

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## Events Schedule

- **May 4-13**  
Pleasant Hills SDA Church, CA  
Herb Montgomery—☎(925)934-5803
- **May 11-12**  
Abbotsford SDA Church, BC  
Ty Gibson—☎(604)853-9703
- **May 20**  
Commencement Address for Highland Academy,  
Portland, TN  
Herb Montgomery—☎(615)325-2036
- **May 26**  
Springfield SDA Church, OR  
James Rafferty—☎(541)746-8263
- **May 27-June 2**  
Kingsman SDA Church, AZ  
Herb Montgomery—☎(928)757-9577
- **June 2**  
Springfield SDA Church, OR  
James Rafferty—☎(541)746-8263
- **June 2-3**  
Auburn Adventist Academy Graduation, WA  
Ty Gibson—☎(253)939-5000
- **June 8-9**  
Battle Creek Tabernacle SDA Church, MI  
Herb Montgomery—☎(269)962-1228
- **June 13-16**  
Montana Camp Meeting at Mount Ellis  
Academy, Bozeman, MT  
Ty Gibson—☎(406)587-3101
- **July 3-7**  
Light Bearers Convocation  
Jasper, OR—☎(541)988-3333
- **June 11-15**  
Arizona Camp Meeting at Camp Yavapines  
Prescott, AZ  
James Rafferty—☎(480)991-6777 x129

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# MISSION UPDATE

*The Newsletter of Light Bearers Ministry*



## Irrefutable Evidence

By Ty Gibson

**T**he Cross is the convergence point where meets the purest expression of truth, beauty and goodness on the one side, and the darkest manifestation of deception, vileness and evil on the other. There on that bloodstained hill where God hung surrounded by humanity in abject loneliness, we witness the empathetic equation of love worked out to the nth degree of self-sacrifice. There too we gasp at the sight of what sin really is in its fully unveiled ugliness.

God revealed His eternal love with perfect self-abandonment, and Satan ripped the mask from his black heart to display the ultimate expression of self-aggrandizement. The Cross is the point of critical mass in the conflict between good and evil. By loving without relent under the torment of sin at its powerful worst, Jesus thrust into motion the chain of events that would inevitably unfold to finally eradicate all wrongdoing from the universe. In His expiring breath Jesus became the nuclear reactor that released the sum total of love’s energy

into the world, by which evil’s demise is guaranteed. “For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil” (I John 3:8).

Before Christ came to Earth, Satan was well armed with falsehood against the character of God (Colossians 2:15). His arsenal was formidable. He had leveraged his cause against God by spinning lies before the minds of humanity and the angelic community with a stunning success, having taken to his side approximately one-third of the angels and the entire human race (Revelation 12:4, 9; Genesis 3:1-5; Job 1-2). No actual demonstration was on record to prove God to be ultimately self-giving and other-centered.

Claims were made to be sure, first by the pre-incarnate Christ, a.k.a Michael, at the inception of the dispute in heaven, and by various enlightened humans down through the ages such as Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Moses and the other prophets. But all was testimony by faith, prophetic poetry

and promise foretelling forthcoming evidence of a higher sort, a more concrete kind of evidence.

And then it happened, the most astounding thing ever at all to occur. God interjected Himself into space and time to reveal who He is at heart with stunning and indisputable clarity. At the moment of the incarnation, when infinite God condescended to become forever one with the human race, a new set of circumstances began to unfold before the universe for observation. The character of God came under examination on a level and in an environment never before afforded to the intelligent creation in all of universal history.

When Jesus died, the victory was won in principle. Satan is right now in the throes of death; he is presently in the process of bleeding to death, as it were. All the life-current of his dark principles and wicked lies is flowing from his cold veins. He knows he is already defeated by the singular, well-placed blow with which Christ has struck him. There is no hope of his recovery.

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## CONSIDER THIS . . .

“And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.” What does that mean? The work must be carried on, and this little world was chosen in which to carry on this work. All the universe of heaven was interested in the great work. Every world that God has created is watching to see how the battle between the Lord of light and glory and the powers of darkness will end. Here is Satan, who has been seeking with all his power to shut out the true character of God, so that the world could not understand it, and under a garb of righteousness he works upon many who profess to be Christians, but they represent the character of Satan instead of the character of Jesus Christ. They misrepresent my Lord. They misrepresent the character of Jesus every time that they lack mercy, every time that they lack humility.

Satan, by instigating in man a disposition to transgress the law of God, mystifies the character of God. Someone must come to vindicate the character of God, and here is Christ, who stands as the representation of the Father, and He is to work out the salvation of the human race. {1888 126.1}

*The Ellen G. White 1888 Materials*, pp. 125-126

I have been shown that our publications should be printed in different languages and sent to every civilized country,

at any cost. What is the value of money at this time, in comparison with the value of souls? Every dollar of our means should be considered as the Lord's, not ours; and as a precious trust from God to us; not to be wasted for needless indulgences, but carefully used in the cause of God, in the work of saving men and women from ruin.

Ellen G. White,  
*Life Sketches*, p. 214

Let the leaflets and tracts, the papers and books, go in every direction. Carry with you, wherever you go, a package of select tracts, which you can hand out as you have opportunity. Sell what you can, and lend or give them away as the case may seem to require. Important results will follow.

Ellen G. White,  
*Review and Herald*, June 10, 1880

Those who are suffering for Christ's sake, who will not yield the truth for error, who, perhaps, are incarcerated within prison walls, these need comfort and encouragement. This is the kind of work that is deciding our destiny. There is a precious reward awaiting those who are faithful in their ministry. They will have a home in the mansions that Christ has gone to prepare for them that love him and wait for his appearing.

Ellen G. White,  
*Youth Instructor*, Aug. 19, 1897

# THE WORD OF THEIR TESTIMONY

BY JAMES RAFFERTY



Recently I was in Mt. Shasta doing a weekend series when I met James and Fay Castillo. As we had opportunity to visit, they shared with me their testimony of God's leading from his incarceration in 1999 to their becoming Adventists while James was in prison. James has been out of prison for four years now and he and Fay are working on developing a small ministry for prison outreach. Here is their story:

“In 1999 I was arrested and, in August of 2000, was sentenced to a 6 year prison term. After being processed into the prison system, I was sent to Wasco State Prison in Southern California.

“While this process was taking place God was working behind the scenes to get my attention. I had a ‘cellie’ that got me to start reading the Bible, memorizing scripture and praying.

*“I can tell you that there are prisoners that pray for your ministry who are very grateful for and blessed by the studies and health information that you send at no cost to them.”*

Through many different Bible studies, none of which seemed to have a solid biblical foundation for what they were teaching, I found myself praying to God something like this. . . ‘Lord, I don't ever want to share anything that's not truth with someone, so please help me.’

“It wasn't long after that I was transferred to Folsom State Prison where I met a young man named Randy Floyd. We worked together at the paint plant, and it was there that I began to learn about the truth as the Bible teaches it and the SDA Church. I was also introduced to the writings of Ellen White and read the *Conflict of the Ages* series; I also did the Amazing Facts Bible Studies series.

“Please understand this. My wife was raised Mormon and, up to the 7th grade, I was raised Catholic and many of the Bible studies we had done certainly cut across what we learned growing up. My wife was pretty fed up with all the established churches. So

after I did the Amazing Facts Studies, and I was sure I'd found a church that was teaching Bible truth, I sent them to my wife. She did the studies with the mind to find something wrong with them—needless to say she could not.

“Now, back to studying with Randy. Eventually we got to be cellies and I got a crash course on Daniel and Revelation. Another brother a couple of cells down, Tom Havanski, told us about Light Bearers Ministry (LBM) and we ordered the Daniel/Revelation; *Lift Him Up* studies and these truly enhanced our study time.

“It wasn't long after this that I was transferred again to a camp at Pelican Bay. It was here that these studies bestowed by God's hand were used to magnify the glory of His name. I was blessed to share the SDA beliefs with many men there and for one hour, six days a week I had Bible study time in the Chapel where we studied the LBM Daniel and Revelation studies.

“There was one Brother that could

not read. So we taught him to read using the LBM studies and the Bible. At times we had eight or nine men, but most of the time there were four or five of us. I pray the seeds planted will spring up to the seeding of many others and the reaping of a great harvest for the kingdom of heaven.

“It is now four years after my release from prison. I know of brothers I met in prison that are now baptized members of the SDA church who once said we were wrong about the things we were sharing with them. My wife and I still share LBM studies with people we know in prison as well as friends and family that are in need of knowing the truth as the Bible teaches it.

“I can tell you that there are prisoners that pray for your ministry who are very grateful for and blessed by the studies and health information that you send at no cost to them. (Making them available where otherwise they would not be.) I also

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