

## OPEN DOORS AND GREAT NEEDS

Light Bearers Ministry exists for the purpose of placing truth-filled literature in the hands of men and women in the most needy and receptive areas of the world. We accomplish this ministry with the utmost economy, stretching every dollar to its maximum potential for the advancement of God's kingdom. We buy large amounts of paper and negotiate the best possible price. We then print, box, palletize and ship the literature by container-load over land and sea. Once at its destination, the precious gospel cargo is freely distributed in the villages and on the streets of cities into the hands of those for whom Jesus died.

There are basically two categories of financial givers that enable us to carry forth this mission. Those few wealthy individuals who are able to give occasional large gifts. And then there are the many who are not wealthy but their combined monthly giving can swell to exceed the giving of the wealthy few. It is this kind of consistent monthly giving that keeps us operational and makes it possible for us to target more and more areas with the gospel. We need many partners who can give whatever is possible on a monthly basis. A thousand people giving \$25 per month is approximately \$25,000, which can place in circulation about 1,250,000 truth-filled publications. Even \$10 a month can produce about 500 pieces of literature and pay for shipping it to where it will be read and make a major difference in some precious people's lives.

There are many people who receive this monthly newsletter but do not share in the mission this ministry carries forth. May we take this opportunity to ask you to join us in this great work of gospel proclamation. Please prayerfully consider what commitment of monthly support you might be able to make to Light Bearers Ministry. Thank you on behalf of the many who will be blessed by your giving.

## Bibles and Spirit of Prophecy for the Mission Field

Light Bearers is accepting Bibles and Spirit of Prophecy books to place in the hands of needy people around the world. Box them up and send them to:

Light Bearers  
37457 Jasper Lowell Rd.  
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## Events Schedule

- **September 14-22**  
Eugene Fairgrounds, OR—Evangelistic Series  
Ty Gibson—☎(541)688-5081
- **September 27-29**  
3ABN Camp Meeting, West Frankfort, IL  
Ty Gibson—☎(618)627-4651
- **September 28-30**  
Montana Conference Men's Summit,  
Rollins, MT  
James Rafferty—☎(406)752-5300
- **October 3-6**  
Wahroonga SDA Church, NSW Australia  
Ty Gibson—☎(02)9487 1374
- **October 12-20**  
Papatoetoe SDA Church, Papatoetoe, Auckland  
Ty Gibson—info@papasda.co.nz
- **November 2-3**  
Central California Conference Annual Men's  
Spiritual Retreat—Soquel Conference Center  
Ty Gibson—☎(559)352-8681
- **November 9-10**  
Immanuel SDA Church, Willowdale, ON  
Canada  
James Rafferty—☎(416)223-1992
- **November 9-10**  
Upper Columbia Conference Family Fellowship  
Ty Gibson—☎(509)838-2761

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of our Lord Jesus Christ through the spoken and published word.*

# MISSION UPDATE

*The Newsletter of Light Bearers Ministry*



## Silent Messengers

By James Rafferty

**W**e often receive letters or emails at Light Bearers sharing reports from the field and the blessings God bestows upon the flood of literature going out to the world. This week we would like to share with you one of these reports from Riverside Farm in Zambia, East Africa where Light Bearers has been sending tracts and VOP Bible study lessons for over 15 years.

"My name is Meiring Pretorius and I have been working at Riverside Farms for about 5<sup>1/2</sup> years. It has been a blessing to my wife and I to be fulltime in His service. I am in charge of the evangelism department, including the Pioneers for Riverside. I want to extend my appreciation for the support Light Bearers is giving the ministry here in Zambia. For the 5 years I have been here I have personally seen the blessings of the various books and VOP studies. It has a tremendous impact here in Zambia. Many lives have been changed

and are still touched and strengthened by the 'silent messengers.' People here are very open to literature and are hungry for spiritual food.

"I am presently training 5 churches on how to do outreach and I am using the studies as a platform and an entering tool in house-to-house and public evangelistic meetings. I never do a public meeting without these studies. God uses these lessons as a powerful tool during evangelistic campaigns. Praise His name continually! 'In God we boast all the day long' (Psalm 44:8). The lessons serve also as a follow-up tool when the campaigns finish.

"We trained 3 teams recently to do 18 evangelistic campaigns all round Zambia. These teams run simultaneously starting this month (May) and will finish in October. With all 18 campaigns the VOP lessons will be used as a study tool by those attending the meetings.

"In January this year I introduced

the idea of VOP schools to all our Pioneers. Many are now using this method for their own outreach. People enroll with the Pioneers for lessons and he has a team that marks them.

"Riverside Pioneers hand in reports to me and with the reports they also write their interesting experiences. Recently we decided to take about 50 of these mission stories and put it into a booklet. I hope to finish it soon.

"Please extend my appreciation to the rest of your staff.

Greetings in Christ!

Meiring Pretorius, Riverside Farms,  
Zambia, Africa

With the church world-wide growing by the millions due to increased media outreach, now is the time more than ever to increase the production of Bible studies and tracts. These silent messengers are the surest way to ground people in the truth and empower them to go forth and share with others. Thank you for your support and prayers.

# CONSIDER THIS . . .

To Daniel was given a vision of fierce beasts, representing the powers of the earth. But the ensign of the Messiah's kingdom is a lamb. While earthly kingdoms rule by ascendancy of physical power, Christ is to banish every carnal weapon, every instrument of coercion. His kingdom was to be established to uplift and ennoble fallen humanity.

Ellen White,  
Letter 32, 1899

Many, if left to impulse, represent God as stern, watching to denounce and condemn, who would not receive the soul in error as long as he had a legal excuse of not helping him. This is not God who is thus represented; for He is full of goodness and mercy and truth. Christ came to remove all such feelings, and thoughts of God. He wants every erring soul to "look and live." He would have them feel that God's yearning, fatherly love is toward them. He has revealed that which is not apprehended.

Ellen G. White,  
*Spalding and Magan Collection*,  
p. 67

We should not think that unless those who have injured us confess the wrong we are justified in withholding from them our forgiveness. It is their part, no doubt, to humble

their hearts by repentance and confession; but we are to have a spirit of compassion toward those who have trespassed against us, whether or not they confess their faults. However sorely they may have wounded us, we are not to cherish our grievances and sympathize with ourselves over our injuries; but as we hope to be pardoned for our offenses against God we are to pardon all who have done evil to us.

Ellen G. White,  
*Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing*, pp. 113-114

In His wisdom the Savior teaches us to approach God with the confidence of a child. He instructs us to call Jehovah by the endearing name of "Father," that we may not separate from Him in awe and coldness. Constantly He points us to the emblems of fatherly love, seeking to encourage faith and confidence in God. He pleads with us to have a correct idea of the Father. He throws back the accusation of the enemy, declaring, "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him." He would have the memorials of redeeming grace arrest our attention, that we may know that all the goodness, mercy, patience, forbearance, seen in Him, belong to God.

Ellen G. White,  
*Signs of the Times*, January 20, 1898

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# BENEATH THE SURFACE

BY TY GIBSON



Botswana is a land where 24% of the population try to survive on less than \$1 a day, and many others have even less, and this is one of the better economies in Africa. This is a land where 1 in 3 people you pass on the street are infected with the AIDS virus. Only its neighboring country, Swaziland, has a higher incident of HIV among all the nations of the world. The disease is spreading so rapidly and claiming so many lives that the average life expectancy in Botswana has plummeted from 64 years in 1990 to 50 in 2007, giving them one of the shortest life-expectancy rates in the world. Infant mortality due to HIV is staggering. It is a common sight to see emaciated bodies crawling to bed mats or to roadsides to die. Through Botswana eyes, the future looks very bleak.

Ironically, Botswana holds within its borders the world's largest and richest diamond mine, called Jwaneng, from



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which the government receives fully 50% of its revenues. The mine was discovered when termites digging for water transported tiny diamond grains to the surface.

Such wealth lying beneath the surface of such poverty and pain!

An allegory presents itself here. Beneath the surface of Botswana's dying bodies there are human hearts in which the Savior has implanted a wealth of eternal potential. Each of these struggling souls may experience a life that measures with the life of God into eternity future. Of far greater value than all the diamonds of Jwaneng is each and every man, woman and child of Botswana. Just one of those lives is worth more than all the wealth of the world . . . literally.

By your enabling, on September 11 Light Bearers Ministry loaded up and sent off 41,239 pounds of precious gospel cargo destined for Botswana. After its journey across the ocean, the literature will arrive in late October. Words of life for a dying people! There is no greater gift that can be

given than the knowledge of the Savior's love. It is the impartation of moral power, of motivational energy, of hope.

If you were to meet the average Botswana in your everyday world, you would likely become friends, laugh together, eat together and share bonds of affection. These are real people with names and histories, men and women like you and me, but born on another continent with horribly unfair disadvantages. And they are not as far away as it seems. You could hop a plane and be in their world in a matter of hours, landing right in the middle of circumstances that would shock all your senses. You would learn their names, see their homes, hold their hands and come face-to-face with their needs. They are flesh of your flesh, bone of your bone, heart of your heart. Most astounding of all, it lies within your power to touch their lives in a powerful way, to make an eternal difference for them. Thank you for joining with us to do just that. Imagine the beaming faces as they open the

boxes of literature and read with eager hearts of God's great plan for them. Those faces are real. On that day when God shall wipe away the tears from all eyes, you will have the opportunity to meet some of these precious people who received and believed the good news.

