

“Two weeks ago Riverside church members went into Kafue to hand out the *See With New Eyes* tracts. We managed to give out more than 4000 sets on the Sabbath afternoon. Praise our Father. Where there is hunger we need to have food available. We are so thankful for what Light Bearers Ministry is doing for us here in Africa. I can now see that the literature ministry is the “wings” of the gospel.

“We have already used about three quarters of the container that you had sent. We are pushing the work here for the time is short. In January we have a Pioneer retreat at Riverside and I want to clear out the container. Many of the Pioneers are anxious also to receive the Tonga and Bemba Discover lessons.

“Next year we are moving to neighboring countries in our evangelistic efforts and want to use the Discover lessons and tracts as an outreach tool there as well.”

—Meiring Pretorius, Riverside Farms

It is obvious that printed literature makes a huge difference not only for the workers who hand it out, but for those who receive it as well, so much so that this team of dedicated workers is planning to expand their literature outreach to neighboring countries. Praise God! Again, we thank you and praise God for the His multiplied blessings.

Publishing Update

Country	Literature count	Date shipped
Lesotho	2,642,938	March 31
Fiji	2,600,543	April 2
South Africa	2,081,040	May 8
South Africa	2,207,910	May 20
Ghana	2,614,654	September 2
Nigeria	2,064,715	September 10
Guyana	1,756,670	September 17

BOOK OF THE BOOKS

3ABN SCHEDULE

MONDAY—10:00 PM (PST)

TUESDAY—12:30 PM (PST)

WEDNESDAY—12:00 AM (PST)

FRIDAY—11:00 AM (PST)

SATURDAY—6:00 PM (PST)

Events Schedule

- **October 31–November 2**
Johannesburg, South Africa
James Rafferty—papuj@sid.adventist.org
- **November 3-5**
Port Elizabeth, South Africa
James Rafferty—papuj@sid.adventist.org
- **November 6-10**
Cape Town, South Africa
James Rafferty—papuj@sid.adventist.org
- **November 7-8**
Leominster SDA Church, MA
Ty Gibson—☎(978)537-8781
- **November 20**
Bible Study, Franktown, CO
Ty Gibson—☎(303)814-1454
- **December 5-6**
Cottage Grove SDA Church, OR
James Rafferty—☎(541)942-5213
- **January 2-3**
Cottage Grove SDA Church, OR
Ty Gibson—☎(541)942-5213
- **January 10**
Pleasant Hill SDA Church, OR
Ty Gibson—☎(541)746-1750
- **January 16-17**
Grants Pass SDA Church, OR
James Rafferty—☎(541)942-5213

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

MISSION UPDATE

The Newsletter of Light Bearers Ministry



The Secret of the Lord

By Ty Gibson

Lean in a little closer. I have a secret to tell you. Actually, it's God's secret, and He wants all of us to know it. Listen carefully. Here's the first clue:

“The secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him, and He will show them His covenant” (Psalm 25:14).

Did you catch that? “The secret of the Lord” is none other than “His covenant.” That's what He is so eager to “show” you and me.

Of course it's not a secret because He is keeping it to Himself, but because we don't tend to get it. And the reason we don't get it is because we tend to believe things about God that block our perception of the precious secret He is constantly trying to speak into our hearts. David says that once you and I “fear Him”—that is, we become awestruck at the goodness and beauty of His character (Hosea 3:5)—then our minds are prepared to hear and understand His secret. The mind opens, or closes, to God's whisper in accordance with what we believe about Him. As long as we believe ill of Him our hearts can't

see what He is so eager to show. “The whole spiritual life is molded by our conceptions of God; and if we cherish erroneous views of His character, our souls will sustain injury (*Review and Herald*, January 14, 1890).

The question is, are you mentally and emotionally ready to hear “the secret of the Lord”? Do you believe God is good, righteous, true and self-giving in all His ways? If so, then His covenant will unfold to your mind. You'll get it. It will make sense to you. You will not believe it's too good to be true, but that God is too good for it not to be true.

So what is this secret of the Lord? David has already told us that the secret God holds in His heart is His covenant. Here's the second clue:

“I will make an everlasting covenant with you, My faithful love promised to David” (Isaiah 55:3, NIV).

There we have it, the essence of God's secret, the vital substance of His covenant—“My faithful love promised to David!” This is the thing He wants you and me to know most deeply, most clearly, most intelligently. HIS LOVE

IS FAITHFUL! It's a constant, reliable, unstoppable, trustworthy love. A love that nothing can change or repress. A perfectly self-giving love that would rather die than let you go, which brings us to the final and most telling clue. God the Father says to God the Son, “I will . . . give You as a covenant to the people” (Isaiah 42:6, NKJV). Paul says, “He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death” (Hebrews 9:15, NKJV). Jesus is the secret truth of God's covenant fully disclosed. He revealed and proved that God's love is faithful “by means of death,” by a supreme act of self-sacrifice! His death is the embodiment of God's covenant because it demonstrates beyond question that God's love is so faithful that He will stop at nothing to save us. Calvary tells the secret of the Lord with magnificent clarity.

I once heard someone say, “When I look at myself I can't see how I could be saved. But when I look at Jesus, I can't see how I could be lost.” So it's obvious where we need to be looking.

CONSIDER THIS . . .

In the light of divine revelation, through the atoning Sacrifice, we may see the glorious plan of redemption whereby our sins are pardoned, and we drawn near to the heart of infinite love. We see how God can retain all his justice, and yet pardon the transgressor of his law. And we are not simply forgiven, but we are accepted of God through the Beloved. The plan of redemption is not merely a way of escape from the penalty of transgression, but through it the sinner is forgiven his sins, and will be finally received into heaven—not as a forgiven culprit pardoned and released from captivity, yet looked upon with suspicion and not admitted to friendship and trust; but welcomed as a child, and taken back into fullest confidence. The sacrifice of our Savior has made ample provision for every repenting, believing soul. We are saved because God loves the purchase of the blood of Christ; and not only will he pardon the repentant sinner, not only will he permit him to enter heaven, but he, the Father of mercies, will wait at the very gates of heaven to welcome us, to give us an abundant entrance to the mansions of the blest. Oh what love, what wondrous love the Father has shown in the gift of his beloved Son for this fallen race! And this Sacrifice is a channel for the outflow of his infinite love, that all who believe on Jesus Christ may, like the

prodigal son, receive full and free restoration to the favor of Heaven.

Ellen G. White,
Review and Herald
September 21, 1886

“The glory which thou gavest me, I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one.” This glory is the character of Christ, and through his righteousness, what a prospect is opened before the children of God! They may be one with him, as he is one with the Father; they are chosen in him, united with him in interest, and “as he is, so are we in the world.” What a privilege is ours, to be called the sons and daughters of God, to be the objects of God’s special love! In the prayer of Christ the relation of the believer to Christ is plainly revealed as one most tender and abiding. Christ loves the heavenly beings that surround his throne, but what shall account for the great love wherewith he hath loved us, who have accepted him as our personal Savior? The rainbow encircling his throne is a pledge of his covenant of love. All heavenly gifts come to us through the work redemption has wrought, and the graces of his Spirit, the pledge of his word, are but the streams of life that flow from the fountain of his love.

Ellen G. White,
The Youth Instructor,
December 8, 1892

WINGS OF THE GOSPEL



By James Rafferty

As we near the close of another year that is bringing us closer to the return of Jesus Christ, there are a number of blessings that we are eager to share with you concerning the publishing work. First, we have another much needed press operator. Joshua, who lives in the local Springfield area with his family, is a young man who has been a real encouragement to all of us, and especially our long understaffed publishing team. From his many years of press experience, he is already running the press with relative ease. As a Christian, Joshua is delighted to be working in ministry rather than secular printing, and we are so thankful that God brought him our way.

The next blessing we have experienced this year is a new plate-to-press system. This eliminates two steps in press set-up, allowing us to

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process new jobs faster, resulting in less day-to-day costs. This new system is environmental friendly; it can produce plates for our long press runs and allows us to be less dependent on outside services.

Another recent blessing has been the installation of a new rack system. This project has been in the works for some time. Picture if you will Costco’s warehouse with its tall metal racks loaded with merchandise. Now picture similar metal racks, only loaded with gospel literature. The difference is that our new rack system is deeper and set up on rollers so that we can load literature 4 and 5 pallets deep, as well as all the way up to the ceiling. This frees up valuable floor space and gives us the ability to store partial loads so that we can do larger print runs and work on 2 or 3 containers at a time.

Thinking about how much these three blessings are going to impact the printing of literature gives us

confidence that God is preparing for a major push in the months ahead. Signs indicate that we are nearing home. God has kept us stocked with paper and ink thanks to your generous support. So far this year we have sent out 7 containers of literature totaling almost 16 million pieces. (See the following list.)

We are pressing ahead to meet our budgeted goal of 11 containers for the year. Presently we are printing literature in Portuguese to fill 3 containers for the country of Angola. For more information on our publishing goals and present projects, be sure to visit our website at lbm.org.

Consider a recent report from the field where this gospel-filled literature made a powerful impact. It comes to us from Riverside Farms in Zambia, Africa, where we shipped a container of literature in 2007, including Bible lessons, Bibles and *See With New Eyes* tracts.

“Hi James,

“I had a wonderful time during my evangelistic meetings in July. Praise the Lord for the 107 souls that were baptized. During the meetings (in the bush) we had more than 400 students doing Discover Bible lessons. As the sound of the preaching went out every evening, it reached more than 2 km around the campsite. People were sitting at their homes listening to the messages. When the call for baptism was given one night, a lady who had been listening at her home came the next morning to register her name for baptism. God was working mightily. Many others are ready that will follow later. The church wants to start a new company of believers there. God is so wonderful. People are hungry here in Zambia. During the last Sabbath we had a baptism and graduation for the Discover students. More than 400 students received a Discover certificate, “Bibles for Africa”.