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Abombi. "I cannot let those people on the Congo River wait any longer to hear the gospel. Stay here with our relatives and I will go on with the other two children. I'll come back and get you after the baby is born."

Our hearts were touched with the dedication of this young couple. Now, two months later at our church planter convention, this couple and their new baby girl Leandra have gathered with our 30 other church planters to give reports. Although many of them did not begin work until late 2009, we are thrilled with the reports of the 250 people who are studying for baptism.

At our meetings we told them about the container of Bible studies that is soon to leave Light Bearers for DRC. They shouted praise to God for this wonderful help. We plan to do major evangelistic thrusts in dark areas this year and these Bible studies are a major part of our plans. There are no Bibles out in those areas. Thus, as people collect all of the Bible study tracts, those very tracts will become their Bibles as they read and reread the precious truth-filled texts over and over again.

We believe that through these tracts thousands will gladly let go of despair as they grasp the hope in the Scriptures. As they try to comprehend the immeasurable love of God compared to the hatred and fear they have known, they will want to join God's remnant church in hastening the second coming of Christ.

The truth is, that our church planters were so anxious to begin using the new Bible studies that we made two photo copies of the complete set for each church planter. Until the container arrives, they will use these copies over and over again to study the Bible with new believers. We can't wait until the container arrives and we can actually give the tracts away!

So, we want to say thanks...in advance to Light Bearers Ministry. Thanks also to those who help to support their work. Please, don't become weary in well doing! Be assured that the tracts that are sent are doing a mighty work. Someday in Heaven you will hear thrilling stories of how this literature touched countless lives in dark areas like the Congo.

APRIL 2010

## Events Schedule

- **April 2-3**  
Pasco Riverview SDA Church, WA  
Ty Gibson • (509)547-4998
- **April 2-10**  
Lewiston SDA Church, ID  
James Rafferty • (208)743-1981
- **April 8-11**  
ASI Mid-American Union, Thornton, CO  
Ty Gibson • (402)484-3000
- **April 13**  
Bible Study, Light Bearers Ministry  
Ty Gibson • (541)988-3333
- **April 14**  
7 Trumpets Study  
Fall Creek SDA Church, OR  
James Rafferty • (541)937-3526
- **April 15-18**  
Coeur d'Alene Adventist Church  
Ty Gibson • (208)664-5473
- **April 21**  
7 Trumpets Study  
Fall Creek SDA Church, OR  
James Rafferty • (541)937-3526
- **April 27**  
Bible Study, Light Bearers Ministry  
Ty Gibson • (541)988-3333
- **April 28**  
7 Trumpets Study  
Fall Creek SDA Church, OR  
James Rafferty • (541)937-3526
- **April 30-May 8**  
Revelation Reaping Series  
Grants Pass SDA Church, OR  
James Rafferty • (541)476-6313

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



59th  
General  
Conference  
Session

- Planning on attending the General Conference Session this summer? Light Bearers' Annual Convocation will happen shortly after, July 6-10, 2010.
- Why not plan on joining us!
- You won't be sorry you did!

# MISSION UPDATE

*The Newsletter of Light Bearers Ministry*



## Blessed Assurance

By James Rafferty

The word of God is filled with assurance for all those who put their trust in Jesus. "For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in *much assurance*; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake" (1 Thessalonians 1:5). Assurance is a part of the new covenant experience spoken of in Hebrews 10:22-23, "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for He is faithful who hath promised;)"

Friends, God is encouraging us to have assurance because "He is faithful." When someone asks, "Do you have assurance of salvation?" you do not need to wonder about it. We have "much assurance" because

He is faithful who has promised.

"And this is the testimony: *that God has given us eternal life*, and this life is in His Son. *He who has the Son has life*; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, *that you may know that you have eternal life*, and that you may *continue to believe* in the name of the Son of God" (1 John 5:11-13, NKJV, italics supplied).

Mark this last point with care. The reason that God has given us assurance is so that we may not only "know" that we have eternal life, but also that we may "continue to believe." Assurance should not cause us to become presumptuous—to settle down in a "once saved always saved" attitude and cease growing in faith. Peter fell into this trap, saying to his Master, although everyone else will forsake you, I won't. His bottom line, "I've been saved, I'll never turn

from Christ."

The Bible does not teach the idea that once we have accepted Christ we can never turn from Him. But there is something that God very definitely wants us to know—we can be assured that He will finish the work He has begun in us. "Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:6, NKJV). The word "assurance" means "entire confidence" (1 Thessalonians 1:5, Greek). Entire confidence is the effect of righteousness—even the righteousness of Jesus Christ. "And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever" (Isaiah 32:17). God wants to instill assurance within our hearts so that in good times or tough, we may continue to believe in Jesus Christ. Amen!



# CONSIDER THIS . . .

Each one of you may know for yourself that you have a living Saviour, that he is your helper and your God. You need not stand where you say, 'I do not know whether I am saved.' Do you believe in Christ as your personal Saviour? If you do, then rejoice. We do not rejoice half as much as we should. This entire congregation should be filled with rejoicing because of the way in which God has been revealing Himself in this meeting.

Ellen White,  
*General Conference Bulletin*,  
April 10, 1901

When we have an assurance which is bright and clear of our own salvation, we shall exhibit cheerfulness and joyfulness, which becomes every follower of Jesus Christ.

Ellen White,  
*Evangelism*, p. 630

We should not make self the center and indulge anxiety and fear as to whether we shall be saved.

Ellen White,  
*Steps to Christ*, p. 71

Faith, saving faith, is to be taught. The definition of this faith in Jesus Christ may be described in few words: It is the act of the soul by which the whole man is given over to the guardianship and control of Jesus Christ. He abides in Christ and Christ abides in the soul by faith as supreme. The believer commits his soul

and body to God, and with assurance may say, Christ is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day. All who will do this will be saved unto life eternal. There will be an assurance that the soul is washed in the blood of Christ and clothed with His righteousness and precious in the sight of Jesus.

Ellen White,  
*1888 Materials*, p. 495

Our peace is in the assurance that his love is exercised toward us. If faith grasps this assurance, we have gained all; if we lose this assurance, all is lost.

Ellen White,  
*Review and Herald*,  
February 5, 1895

When, as you labor for the salvation of souls, sinners are convicted of their sins and you have evidence that Christ has had compassion on them, that new hope is springing up in their hearts, it is not correct to say, "We prayed for him, and he gave his heart to God and was saved." This is misleading. It is their privilege to say, solemnly, seriously, gladly, "I believe that Jesus Christ has forgiven my sins." Encourage every soul to have hope and faith, but never . . . say of any man, "He is saved." . . . It is not wise to boast. Peter fell because he did not know his own frailty.

Ellen White,  
*This Day with God*, p. 260

# THANKS . . . IN ADVANCE

By Barry Mosier

Thank you, Light Bearers Ministry for the container of tracts for the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)! Although it is not here yet, by faith we can see it on its way.

It has been almost two years since we came as a family to consider moving to DRC. It was not a pleasant thought since rebel groups still controlled the eastern part of the country. In the prior ten years, five million people had died in the war devastating the country. Rape, murder and the use of child soldiers had given the country the worst human rights record in recent history. Our son, Keith Mosier, had started Congo Frontline Missions ([www.congofrontlinemissions.org](http://www.congofrontlinemissions.org)) in the dark city of Kisangani. He and Tanzanian Pastor Msafiri Mtenzi were the first foreign missionaries to return to this remote city along the Congo River since the war had subsided.

Needless to say, our decision of whether or not to move weighed heavy on us. As our family of four departed from the city of Goma to fly to Kisangani to see the work, our airplane crashed into a busy market upon takeoff. Forty-seven people



died in the crash, mostly those on the ground. By God's grace, our whole family escaped the flaming inferno before it exploded. You can read the whole account of the crash in the book *Flight I22* from Pacific Press. We still praise God that we are alive and able to continue serving Him. Through that experience we felt the Lord calling us to work in DRC to help bring hope to these war-ravaged people. A year and half ago, we moved to Kisangani.

Much of the area is almost impenetrable due to lack of roads. We have prayed earnestly for the Lord to send us help. The Lord directed our cry to Light Bearers Ministry. After we translated Bible studies into the Lingala language, Light Bearers quickly set the lessons up in an attractive format. Now they have printed a container full of tracts and are preparing to ship them to us!

After our last lay evangelism training session on our new campus in the jungle, we hired 20 new

church planters to reach the vast Lingala speaking areas to the north and west. It was very difficult to find willing Adventists to go who could speak the Lingala language. Some of them traveled far from home to reach their new work stations. Let me share one of their stories.

"Abombi, I just can't go on," sighed Naiti. "It's only a few weeks

until our baby is due. I have already ridden 350 miles on a bicycle through this mud and rain and we still have 150 miles to go. I must rest."

"Naiti, you know that after I graduated from Congo Frontline Missions evangelism training, I accepted a call to be a church planter in the village of Lotokila," replied



Abombi, Naiti & new baby