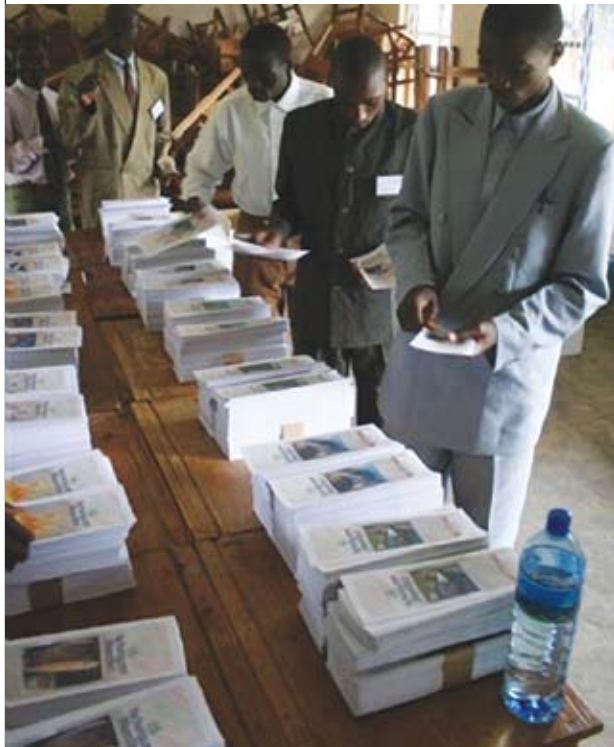


On Sabbath I came to church with my colleague, and she was so impressed with the way James spoke the truth, so much so that as a parting comment she said to me, "Thank you for inviting me. I think I might end up being an Adventist!!!" And that to me was a great revelation that God wants to be lifted up and then He will pull people to Himself. And the other thing, without any comment from me or anyone, she started kufihla intambo yakhe emhlophe yamagqirha (hiding her ancestral necklace given by traditional witch doctor!!!) during the day, proving how true the Scripture in John 12:32 is: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me."

So may God bless you and bro Phanda, and please don't forget to thank the Elder for me and may God also continue blessing him and his family and your families too.

Kind Regards, Busisiwe Hoho



Lay missionaries gathering tracts in Tanzania

Tanzania

The two containers with tracts for Kibidula Farm Institute have safely arrived. The first ones to benefit from the 15-part Bible studies in Swahili were Kibidula's 35 lay missionaries who had their bi-annual meetings recently. They were very happy to get these tracts, which will allow them to have Bible studies with the people in their remote villages where they work.

Irma Bauder

MAY 2010

Events Schedule

- **April 30–May 8**
Revelation Reaping Series
Grants Pass SDA Church, OR
James Rafferty • (541)476-6313
- **May 11**
Bible Study, Light Bearers Ministry
Ty Gibson • (541)988-3333
- **May 14-15**
Laurelwood Academy, Jasper, OR
James Rafferty • (541)726-2435
- **May 14-15**
Stoneham Memorial SDA Church, MA
Ty Gibson • (781)438-2977
- **May 25**
Bible Study, Light Bearers Ministry
Ty Gibson • (541)988-3333
- **May 26-29**
Shoreline SDA Church, WA
James Rafferty • (206)363-2355
- **May 27-28**
3ABN Pillars of Our Faith Camp Meeting
West Frankfort, IL
Ty Gibson • (618)627-4651
- **June 11-12**
Bandon SDA Church, OR
James Rafferty • (541)347-4914
- **June 18**
Fall Creek SDA Church, OR
James Rafferty • (541)937-3526
- **June 18-19**
Upper Columbia Conference Camp Meeting
College Place, WA
Ty Gibson • (509)838-2761
- **July 6-10**
Light Bearers' Annual Convocation—Jasper, OR
James Rafferty & Ty Gibson • (541)988-3333

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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



A God Named Desire

By Ty Gibson

“We are creatures of intense desire. We emerge from the womb longing for touch and affection. Desire pulsates within us every waking moment of our lives. Our hearts are fueled by hungry yearnings for connection, for relationship, for a sense of belonging. We plunge into life, giving ourselves away to him or her, to this or that, drinking in every promise of fulfillment. And yet, we always emerge from the quest for love still feeling a persistent and insatiable desire for something more. *A God Named Desire* is about that something more.”

Those are the words on the back cover of a new book I am hoping you will be eager to read and share. It's entitled, *A God Named Desire*, with the subtitle, *What if You're the Object of an Unstoppable Love?*

I wrote this book not only for friends like you who already know the Lord and want to drink deeper drafts of His life-giving love, but

also for those who were raised with enough religion to make them feel obligated to God, but not attracted to Him. I'm convinced that God is more beautiful than they (or any of us) have ever imagined, and if we can see Him for whom He really is, we will be drawn.

The book is also written for those who have gotten enough education to make them feel skeptical about the existence God, but not settled into unbelief. I think there are compelling ideas they've never considered that just may cause them to believe in God with enthusiasm.

The book is based on the prophecy of Haggai in which Jesus is named, "The Desire of All Nations" (2:7). Think of the monumental implications of this name. This means that as we meander through life with all our conflicted desires, there is within all our hearts an underlying desire that only Jesus can satisfy. Countless people are in desperate need to encounter the Savior, and once they do, it dawns

on them that Jesus is the One they longed for all along.

In *A God Named Desire* you will learn how modern science is discovering that human beings are not mere self-preserving biological survival machines as the theory of evolution dictates, but rather, that we are literally engineered for self-giving love. You will discover the core essence of God's character in two amazing ancient words that few people understand today. In the light of this truth, you will experience the powerful attraction to the heart of God that you were made for. You will encounter how very specific and personal God's love is for you, and many related truths along the way.

A God Named Desire will sweep you up into God's heart and strengthen your faith with new insight and power. If you have any loved one to whom you would like to introduce the love of God, then this book will answer their need.

CONSIDER THIS . . .

He left the glory of heaven, He parted with His riches, He laid aside His honor, not in order to create love and interest for man in the heart of God, but to be an exponent of the love that existed in the heart of the Father. He came into the world to make man accept the fact that although man had sinned against God, "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Jesus paid the price of all his riches, He assumed humanity, He condescended to a life of poverty and humiliation, in order that He might seek and save that which was lost.

Ellen White,
Youth Instructor,
September 5, 1895

The only way in which the fallen race could be restored was through the gift of His Son, equal with Himself, possessing the attributes of God. Though so highly exalted, Christ consented to assume human nature, that He might work in behalf of man and reconcile to God his

disloyal subject. When man rebelled, Christ pleaded his merits in his behalf, and became man's substitute and surety. He undertook to combat the powers of darkness in man's behalf, and He prevailed, conquering the enemy of our souls, and presenting to man the cup of salvation.

Ellen White,
Review and Herald,
November 8, 1892

The sinner cannot contradict or answer the charge of Satan against him, but our Advocate presents His wounded hands, and makes an effectual plea in behalf of the repenting one who has placed his case in the hands of Jesus. Our Saviour silences this bold accuser by the unanswerable argument of the cross. Jesus stands to plead His own blood in behalf of the sinner. He has unveiled the disguised tempter, and shown him in his true light, as a malignant enemy to Christ and man.

Ellen White,
Review and Herald,
September 22, 1896

MISSION UPDATE



Pathfinders handing out Bibles in Liberia

MISSION REPORTS— LIBERIA, KENYA, SOUTH AFRICA & TANZANIA

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Liberia

We are very pleased to have such a ministry like Light Bearers that is supporting the work of God around the world. Our country is a hundred-fold blessed by this ministry. The materials from Light Bearers have reached our people in every county of this country and souls have accepted the faith through them. Testimonies have been given by people who received them. For example, a woman went through the *Steps to Christ* Bible lessons and at the end of lesson 16, she gave her life to Christ and was baptized. All over the country we use these tracts and lessons for our evangelistic campaigns, personal Bible studies, home visitations and so on. We baptized over 1000 souls last year and the materials used for these efforts were from Light Bearers. Just this month we have distributed about 1000 tracts, Bibles and Bible lesson series. Keep it up!

Pastor James Golay

Kenya

Here is a brief report on the VOP work in Ukunda, a small town in the southern part of Mombasa, on the Kenyan Coast. The meeting was done in the month of January:

The East African Union Mission Adventist Muslim Relations Department in conjunction with the East-Central Africa Division Hope Channel organized for a one week Interfaith Dialogue with Muslims. In our efforts to reach out to the community, the local churches established the Discover Bible School onsite. Within the one week of the meeting being over, 350 students were enrolled (196 completed and graduated) and 74 were baptized (among them were two Muslims), and 11 more still remain to be baptized. Among the students there were nine Muslims, three graduated.

Thanks, Pastor S. Lumwe

South Africa

Dear Bro Maxhoba,

I just wanted to thank you for allowing God to use you in bringing James Rafferty to camp meeting. I have always been afraid of Daniel and Revelation, and I never saw Jesus as the Savior in them, but after this weekend I am inspired to go back and read these again, and this

time I am sure to see Jesus.

You know, I was actually discussing with my friends how vindictive and boastful we've become as Adventists, thereby pushing people away from Christ

through our words and actions. So in a way, the Lord answered our prayers when the man of God said we need to first find Jesus, and then show Him to others. Let Jesus pull His people up to Himself.



James preaching at Port Elizabeth