

well, to My Lord's satisfaction? This is the matter that weighs foremost on my mind as I move through the day.

I am encouraged by the fact that this is God's work, not mine. I know that there are forces mobilized for the effort. Angels are even now removing obstacles and providentially opening the way for men and women to be at the meetings. The Holy Spirit is stimulating minds to desire something more than this life can offer and prompting their hearts toward the truth. For months, numerous Bible workers have been utilizing the literature sent by Light Bearers a year in advance, visiting homes and leading individuals through a systematic presentation of the gospel.

It's now 10 p.m. My bag is packed and by the door. My alarm is set. My son Jason puts his arms around my neck and says goodnight and goodbye. Sue asks if I have my passport. As my head hits the pillow a prayer lingers in my thoughts, "Lord, prepare me and strengthen me to accurately and attractively communicate Your message."

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# MISSION UPDATE

*The Newsletter of Light Bearers Ministry*

## In Christ Alone

By Krystyn Holliday

This poem was written by a young lady some years before she accepted Christ as her personal Savior. The poem reflects the work of the Holy Spirit wooing her heart to something better than the emptiness of this world. It is our prayer that these words will bless and draw your heart closer to Jesus Christ.

Dear Heavenly Father,

I'm calling out to you, Lord, help me each and every day.

Break these chains around my soul of all my earthly ways.

Tear down every barrier around my heart I have put up.

See the emptiness inside me, so when I come to You, You'll fill me up.

I pray for the ability to let go of my own desire and wanting;

For the strength to keep my eyes on You when other things seem so tempting.

Give me sight to see You when I am caught up in this blinding world and I become weak.

Touch my hand so I know however far I might fall, I am never out of Your reach.

You've shown me how through living life my way how blind I've become.

But when I repent, You forgive me of everything; Your love is so awesome.

I come to You this day, I lay my life before You and I give You my heart.

With it safely in Your hands, never again will I fall apart.

Break down my walls; take apart every last bit of me.

Reshape my heart; change my life to how You want it to be.

Wash my sins; cast them away so they'll never return.

Open my eyes to see what I did wrong, so then I will learn.

My own understanding had put clouds of confusion before my eyes.

But now I have full faith in You; now the storm has cleared from the skies.

Every morning when I pray, fill me with Your Holy Spirit.

Let it shine from me brightly so when others are near, they also can feel it.

And when I read Your Word let me hear Your voice in my soul.

Lead me down the narrow path. Make me feel whole.

I spent my life looking for something to complete me, somewhere to call home.

But what I searched the world to find, I found in You alone.

Amen.

## CONSIDER THIS . . .

The wind is heard among the branches of the trees, rustling the leaves and flowers; yet it is invisible, and no man knows whence it comes or whither it goes. So with the work of the Holy Spirit upon the heart. It can no more be explained than can the movements of the wind. A person may not be able to tell the exact time or place, or to trace all the circumstances in the process of conversion; but this does not prove him to be unconverted. By an agency as unseen as the wind, Christ is constantly working upon the heart. Little by little, perhaps unconsciously to the receiver, impressions are made that tend to draw the soul to Christ. These may be received through meditating upon Him, through reading the Scriptures, or through hearing the word from the living preacher. Suddenly, as the Spirit comes with more direct appeal, the soul gladly surrenders itself to Jesus. By many this is called sudden conversion; but it is the result of long wooing by the Spirit of God, a—patient, protracted process.

Ellen White,  
*The Desire of Ages*, p. 172

While the wind is itself invisible, it produces effects that are seen and felt. So the work of the Spirit upon the soul will reveal itself in every act of him who has felt its saving power. When the Spirit of God takes possession of the heart, it transforms the life.

Sinful thoughts are put away, evil deeds are renounced; love, humility, and peace take the place of anger, envy, and strife. Joy takes the place of sadness, and the countenance reflects the light of heaven. No one sees the hand that lifts the burden, or beholds the light descend from the courts above. The blessing comes when by faith the soul surrenders itself to God. Then that power which no human eye can see creates a new being in the image of God.

Ellen White,  
*Ye Shall Receive Power*, p. 15

As you see the enormity of sin, as you see yourself as you really are, do not give up to despair. It was sinners that Christ came to save. We have not to reconcile God to us, but—O wondrous love!—God in Christ is “reconciling the world unto Himself.” 2 Corinthians 5:19. He is wooing by His tender love the hearts of His erring children. No earthly parent could be as patient with the faults and mistakes of his children, as is God with those He seeks to save. No one could plead more tenderly with the transgressor. No human lips ever poured out more tender entreaties to the wanderer than does He. All His promises, His warnings, are but the breathing of unutterable love.

Ellen White,  
*Steps to Christ*, p. 35

# HEADING FOR AFRICA

*A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN ITINERATE PREACHER. . .*

By Ty Gibson

I write this in the early morning of Tuesday, August 31. Sue and I just arrived home last night from a series of meetings in Denver, in which the Lord blessed marvelously. She is still asleep. As the sun rises, I will rush through the day to complete a list of items with the title, “Before Africa,” because tomorrow morning at 3:15 a.m. I will head to the airport to catch my plane from Eugene to Portland, then to Washington DC, then to South Africa, then to Lusaka, Zambia. I will arrive on Thursday, September 2, preparatory to beginning a series of evangelistic meetings on Sabbath, September 4. Ryan Thornton, a 17 year old student from Laurelwood Academy, is traveling with me. A few months back, for some reason he asked if he could go with me, and for some reason I said, “Yes.” He’s a great kid and I am glad to have him with me. James Rafferty will follow along in four days to join us for the series.

You will be reading this *Mission Update* just as we’re returning home from this trip, but I thought I would share with you some of the mundane and sacred processes leading up to the meetings and what my prior musings are.

*What will I say? How can I best convey God’s heart? My mission is clear: to present the key truths given to us as a remnant people.*

For starters, there are the practical issues at hand, because I have only one day home before departure.

While juggling her own work responsibilities, Sue will spend the day running various errands on my behalf and washing all our clothes from our recent travels so I can pack for Africa tonight. Her energy level is amazing and, from years of knowing her, she’ll do it all interspersed with laughter and not a single complaint. She is pure gold.

The packing is a “science” (smile), because I do not check any luggage. I only take what I can fit into two carry-on bags of the limited size the airlines allow, a 22-inch rollaboard and a computer bag. My method is to tightly roll my clothing and press each piece in little bricks. You would be amazed at how much stuff you can pack in these small bags with this technique (NOTE: for fun, see the list at the end of this article).

Then there is the matter of catching up on emails and phone messages. I

know I will not be able to do all of them, which always makes me feel bad. But the fact is that email is out of control. There is no way I can keep up, so I take a deep breath and determine to answer as many as I can in 90 minutes. There are also office matters that need attention, and I find myself praising God for my and James’ super efficient assistant, Stephanie. It feels good to know she is so dependable and makes up for my lack.

There are other practical matters to tend as well—like making sure I drink enough water to restore my vocal organs, getting a good long run in so health is maintained, making a trip to Costco (it’s therapeutic), getting fitted for a Tux for an upcoming wedding (congrats to Eric & Blair), etc.

The more significant issue at hand is to plan out the series of meetings, deciding which topics to address and which ones to forego, and getting all the material in my head for ready verbal delivery. I woke up this

morning knowing I should have done this before now, but I also know that, really, I couldn’t have done so due to other meetings over the last few months. So I will spend a significant portion of the day “cramming.” This is when you claim the promise, “The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you” (John 14:26).

I feel the gravity of the coming opportunity. In a few days, thousands of precious people for whom Jesus died will be gathering together in the open air of the Lusaka city center. I will stand before them and words will pour forth from my mouth. I am somewhat nervous, hopefully in a good way. What will I say? How can I best convey God’s heart? My mission is clear: to present the key truths given to us as a remnant people, and to do so in the rich, heart-converting light of the Cross as the consummate revelation of God’s love. Will I do