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**Light Bearers Ministry
Annual Convocation**

When Jesus came into our world and died on the cross it was an act of perfect love for every member of the human race, including you. We invite you to join us for a few days as we explore the unparalleled beauty and transforming power of this amazing love.



James Rafferty is Co-director of Light Bearers Ministry. Since becoming a Christian, James has sensed God's calling to preach and teach the gospel of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit has opened doors for him to share in Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, Australia and America. He has also conducted seminars on Daniel and Revelation for hundreds of pastors from every Christian denomination. James is a featured speaker on 3ABN. James and his wife, Risé have two children, Jeiel and Kierra.



Ty Gibson is Co-director of Light Bearers Ministry, which has put into circulation more than 400 million gospel publications in over 30 languages. Ty is seen weekly on 3ABN leading viewers through the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation as well as other biblical books. He has authored eight books, including the bestsellers, *See With New Eyes, An Endless Falling in Love* and his newest release, *A God Named Desire*. Ty lives in Oregon with his wife Sue.



David Asscherick is an ordained minister and co-founder of ARISE. A dynamic and relevant speaker, his frequent appearances on 3ABN are a favorite of young and old alike. In addition to his extensive traveling, teaching and preaching, David is also an avid outdoorsman and reader. He and his wife, Violeta, have two energetic boys, Landon and Jabel.



Angelo Grasso is the Seventh-day Adventist Chaplain to Harvard University in Cambridge, MA., and for STRIDE, a young adult missionary training center, also located in Cambridge. Angelo's ministry centers around the philosophy that Biblical discipleship must be the heart of every missionary endeavor. He and his wife Katherine, have two children, Elishah and Emma.



Dr. David DeRose is a board certified physician in both Internal Medicine and Preventive Medicine. In addition to hosting a weekly radio program, he is a published researcher and has lectured widely, presenting complex health topics in an understandable way. Dr. DeRose will practice at the NEWSTART® Medical Clinic. His wife, Sonja, who is also a physician, and his children, Victor, Angela and Michael will join him at Weimar.

MARCH 2011

Events Schedule

- **March 4-5**
Milpitas SDA Church, CA
James Rafferty • (408)263-8137
- **March 6-19**
Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa
James Rafferty • +27-46-603-8111
- **March 8**
Bible Study, Light Bearers Ministry
Ty Gibson • (541)988-3333
- **March 13-19**
Seminar Schloss Bogenhofen, Upper Austria
Ty Gibson • +43-(0)7722-63125-100
- **March 27**
Women's Retreat, Area 3 Annual CWR, Albany, OR
Risé Rafferty • (541)258-7827
- **April 1-3**
Washington Conference Bible Worker/Prayer
Warrior Conference, WA
James Rafferty • (253)681-6008
- **April 8-10**
Lentz SDA Church, Portland, OR
James Rafferty • (503)774-7290
- **April 9**
Monterey Bay Academy, La Selva Beach, CA
Ty Gibson • (831)728-1481
- **April 12**
Bible Study, Light Bearers Ministry
Ty Gibson • (541)988-3333
- **April 22-30**
Grants Pass SDA Church, OR
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Our purpose is to help proclaim the gospel
of our Lord Jesus Christ through the spoken and published word.*

MISSION UPDATE

The Newsletter of Light Bearers Ministry



Dear Proof . . .

By Ty Gibson

How can I prove to my neighbor that he should keep the Sabbath? I've tried every angle I can think of, and he doesn't get it. I need some new ammo.

First of all, Stop! Put your "ammo" away and adopt a totally different witnessing strategy. Arguments tend to wound and alienate people, not win them.

The approach you are using could be the biggest obstacle to your neighbor embracing the truth. Your goal to prove him wrong and you right is completely misguided. Jesus modeled a different way of reaching people. So if you are willing to try another method, I would suggest you begin by doing these three things:

1. Stop arguing with your neighbor and genuinely become his friend (this may take some time). These two insightful statements are pure gold:

"In laboring in a new field, do not think it your duty to say at once to the people, We are Seventh-day Adventists;

we believe that the seventh day is the Sabbath; we believe in the non-immortality of the soul. This would often erect a formidable barrier between you and those you wish to reach. Speak to them, as you have opportunity, upon points of doctrine on which you can agree. Dwell on the necessity of practical godliness. Give them evidence that you are a Christian, desiring peace, and that you love their souls. Let them see that you are conscientious. Thus you will gain their confidence; and there will be time enough for doctrines. Let the heart be won, the soil prepared, and then sow the seed, presenting in love the truth as it is in Jesus" (*Gospel Workers*, p. 119).

"Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Savior mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, 'Follow Me'" (*Ministry of Healing*, p. 143).

2. Once you have won his respect and trust, and that will take time, then look for opportunities to share the gospel with him. The gospel! What your neighbor needs is a revelation of Christ as His self-sacrificing Savior. Every true biblical doctrine is, in fact, a revelation of God's extravagant love. When communicated in that light, the truth has genuine converting power, which brings us to the final point.

3. Restudy the Sabbath for yourself and come to understand that the Sabbath is not a factual point to be argued and proven, but rather a brilliant biblical truth to be shared as a window into God's good character. The Sabbath says this: A benevolent Creator originally made the world for love, joy and peace, and the same Creator gave His own life to save us back into His love. Once you begin to grasp the Sabbath in this positive light, you will tend to communicate it in a winsome manner.

CONSIDER THIS . . .

Christ drew the hearts of His hearers to Him by the manifestation of His love, and then, little by little, as they were able to bear it, He unfolded to them the great truths of the kingdom. We also must learn to adapt our labors to the condition of the people—to meet men where they are. While the claims of the law of God are to be presented to the world, we should never forget that love, the love of Christ, is the only power that can soften the heart and lead to obedience.

Ellen White,
Evangelism, p. 57

In the Sermon on the Mount He [Christ] sought to undo the work that had been wrought by false education, and to give His hearers a right conception of His kingdom and of His own character. Yet He did not make a direct attack on the errors of the people. He saw the misery of the world on account of sin, yet He did not present before them a vivid delineation of their wretchedness. He taught them of something infinitely better than they had known.

Ellen White,
Desire of Ages, p. 299

But few who have moved in the society of the world, and who view things from a worldlings standpoint, are prepared to have a statement of facts in regard to themselves presented before them. The truth even is not to be spoken at all times. There is a fit time and opportunity to speak when words will not offend.

Ellen White,
Testimonies for the Church,
vol. 3, p. 182

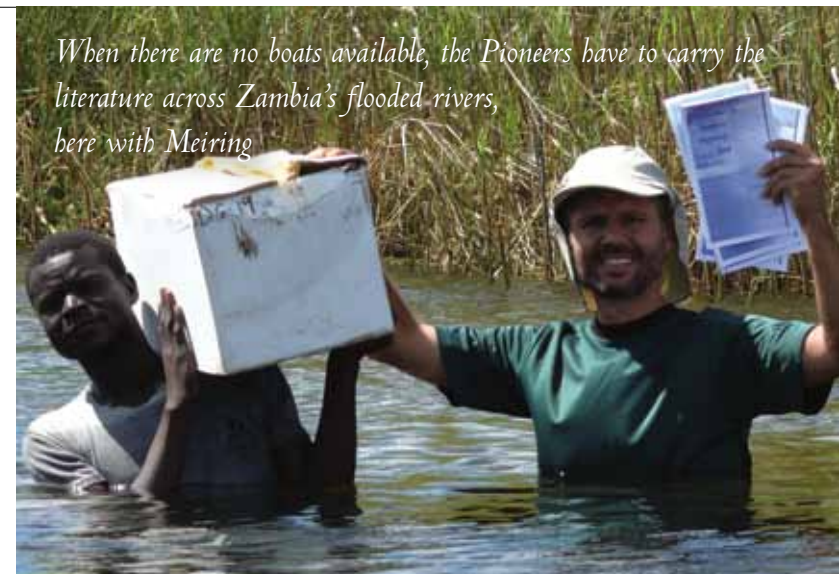
We should learn from Christ's method of teaching and be careful not to cut off the ears of the people by presenting truths which, not being fully explained, they are in no way prepared to receive.

The truths that we hold in common should be dwelt upon first and the confidence of the hearers obtained; then, as the people can be brought along, we can advance slowly with the matter presented.

Ellen White,
Testimonies for the Church,
vol. 3, p. 426

THE POWER OF PAPER

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When there are no boats available, the Pioneers have to carry the literature across Zambia's flooded rivers, here with Meiring

The place of literature in evangelistic activities cannot be overemphasized. Literature evangelism is so simple, easy and effective that no one has an excuse for not getting involved in soul winning. This ministry has proved to be a blessing since the evangelical revivals of the late 1800s and beginning 1900s when publishing houses and Bible societies sprung up in various countries to take the gospel to the world. We should not forget how the gospel truth was kept through the Dark Ages by the Waldenses and other groups, writing pieces of Holy Writ on paper and handing it out to people wherever and whenever they could. Its success stands without a question on the pages of history. It is a God appointed method for winning souls to Christ.

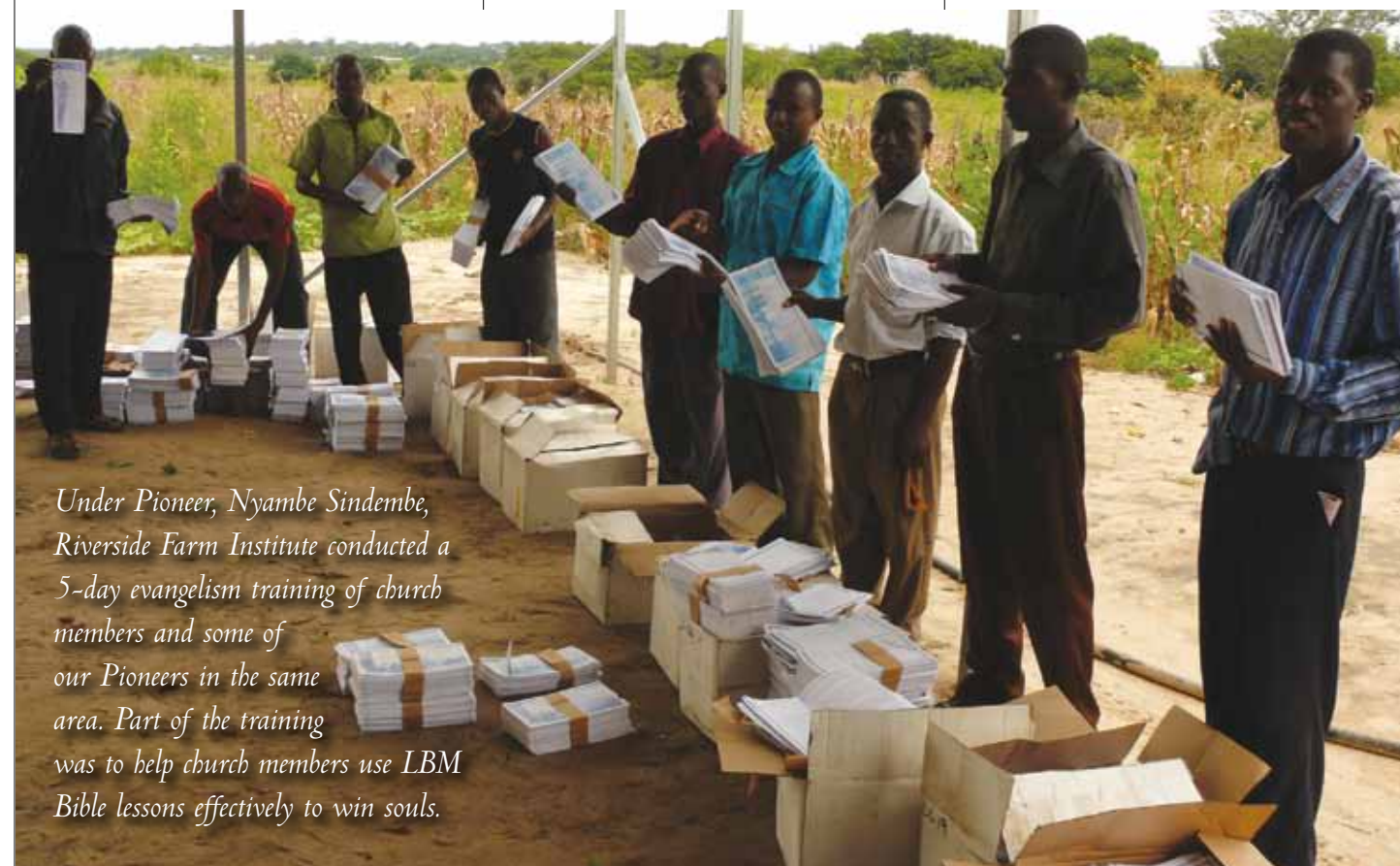
It sparks revival and reformation. It is like a forest fire blown by God's Spirit setting ablaze hearts all over the world. Riverside Farm Institute has taken this line of work seriously as God has commanded us, and Light Bearers Ministry helps us to get the needed material every year by sending at least two containers. God's methods always bring success. One way Riverside does this work of literature evangelism

is through the work of our Bible Pioneers. These workers are our church planters and pioneers in new fields of labor. To enter into new areas with the everlasting gospel message, door-to-door evangelism together with literature is highly successful. The soil is prepared and the "seed" is sown as far and wide as possible and reaches where the preachers cannot go. There

is always a good harvest after such efforts.

Riverside Farm Institute has 63 paid Bible workers, sponsored by various donors. The workers are located in different parts of Zambia. They target towns, villages, market places, prisons, school, hospitals and many other areas of their districts with literature. Pieces of literature are not just given out but

the Bible lessons sets printed by Light Bearers Ministry are used effectively to help people to study the Bible. During 2010 our Pioneers recorded 42,332 students studying the Bible lessons and 406,957 pieces of literature given out. More than 7112 people decided to follow Christ and many as a result of the Bible lessons. Praise God for these wonderful opportunities.



Under Pioneer, Nyambe Sindembe, Riverside Farm Institute conducted a 5-day evangelism training of church members and some of our Pioneers in the same area. Part of the training was to help church members use LBM Bible lessons effectively to win souls.