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speaker

STIRRED HEARTS

LAST SABBATH I heard a sermon about a fascinating invitation that God gave to the Israelites as they journeyed through the desert en route to the Promised Land.

God invited them to provide the building materials in order for the sanctuary to be built. We're talking gold, silver, and precious stones (Exodus 35:4-9). Yet their gifts were only accepted if they came from "willing hearts" (v. 5).

The irony of it all is that these Israelites had just come out of several generations of slavery in Egypt. For about four hundred years they were nothing but the property of others. It seems ridiculous to think that God would ask them to provide the treasures with which to build His house! You'd think that they would be the last people you could count on.

Where were they supposed to get the treasures from? The answer is found several chapters earlier. In Exodus 12:35 we read that before the Israelites left Egypt, the

Egyptians themselves gave them treasures to take with them on their way out. So God didn't ask of them what they could not give. Before He asked them, He placed the gifts in their hands!

When the people heard this invitation, their hearts were "stirred" and they came bringing their gifts (Exodus 35:21; 36:2). They were so

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excited to contribute that eventually Moses told them to stop because "the material they had was sufficient for all the work to be done—indeed too much" (Exodus 36:7). There was no pulling teeth. It was a privilege to contribute to God's temple.

It's a beautiful story. And it all comes together in the New Testament. In Ephesians 2:21, Paul says that we are God's "building" and "holy temple." Then in chapter 4 he uses the analogy of the body. We are members of the body of Christ. We have all received a "measure of

Christ's gift" (Ephesians 4:7). Those gifts are to be used for the building up of the body, or the temple, which is the church.

We all have a part to play in the body of Jesus, "from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does

its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love"

(Ephesians 4:16).

We're like those Israelite slaves. God is asking for our gifts. But He's not asking us to give what we don't have. All we have to offer is what has been placed in our hands by the very God who is inviting us to contribute. So may our hearts, as the Israelites of old, be "stirred" from the amazing privilege of knowing that God is counting on us to contribute to the building up of His house!



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AMAZING THINGS HAPPEN

THE MISSION FIELD is an exciting place to be. Special and unique experiences occur as human agents make themselves available as ambassadors for Christ. The truth of the gospel maneuvers its way into out-of-the-way places and reaches hearts in unexpected ways, and when it does, amazing things happen. Two frontline workers who know this are Whiteson Sichone and Givers Munkondya. These two brothers are part of a group called the "pioneers," named such by Riverside Farm, a missionary training institution in Zambia that utilizes Light Bearers' literature for its aggressive outreach programs. Here are two stories brought to us



WHITESON SICHONE

The Fake Convert

Mr. Loti Mulenga is a very prominent Catholic leader. But he admired Seventh-day Adventist preachers for the way they could interpret the Bible. He approached one of our Bible pioneers and asked him how it would be possible for him to learn to preach like they

do. The pioneer directed him to one of Riverside Farm's Evangelism Schools in Isoka.

There was a problem, however. Only baptized members are permitted to enroll in the evangelism course. Mr. Mulenga knew that it would not be possible to study at an Adventist school as a Catholic clergyman. That's when he decided to pretend to be interested in Adventism, concealing the fact that he only wanted to know how to preach. He acted his part so well that the people believed him to be sincere and baptized him, after which he enrolled in the evangelism training school with his covert agenda.

But Mr. Mulenga's plan failed while God's plan succeeded.

After studying the Bible and discovering truth after truth,

PAPER MINISTERS

"Papers and books are the Lord's means of keeping the message for this time continually before the people . . . The same ministry of angels attends the books that contain the truth as attends the work of the minister."

Ellen White
Pastoral Ministry, p. 110

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Ellen White
Reflecting Christ, p. 252

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"Our publications have a most sacred work to do in making clear, simple, and plain the spiritual basis of our faith."

Ellen White
Testimonies for the Church,
vol. 7, p. 150

especially in the prophecies and the three angels' messages, he confessed his dishonesty and told what he

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had done. Now Mr. Mulenga was truly convicted that the Seventh-day Adventist church was preaching the truth. He no longer needed to pretend, for now he fully believed the message.

Mr. Mulenga has gone home a changed man, eager to share what the Lord has done for him. Now his plan is to preach the powerful message he has discovered to his previous church members.



GIVERS MUNKONDYA

I Never Knew About the Sabbath

It was in June 2013 when we did an evangelistic series in the village of Nzoche, in the North Eastern part of Zambia. During the first week of the series we decided to visit Mr. Jastone Sikaonga, the pastor of the nearby Free Methodist Church, although he was not attending the meetings.

We had some Light Bearers' Bible

lessons with us. As we told him about the lessons he became interested in them. It was on the 21st of June that he started attending our afternoon Bible study as well as the evening meetings. He also attended the Sabbath meetings with us after we had given him an invitation to have fellowship with us.

By the time we reached the second week he was attending all the meetings and asked us for some additional reading material and expressed a desire to study the lessons on his own. During his study he encountered some challenging truths that were new to him. He needed our help to find answers and asked for our assistance. With the aid of the Light Bearers' lessons, we took him step by step through the Bible and showed him the answers he sought. One of the greatest struggles he had was over the Sabbath, which he never knew about. After he had studied sufficiently he decided to surrender his life to Christ and follow what the Scriptures teach.

His fellow pastors and church members, however, did not like the decision he had made and from

that time on they rose up against him. Things turned sour. The church, who sponsored two of his daughter's school fees, withdrew their sponsorship. He had also been sponsored by the church to further his own education. This also ceased immediately. Nearly all the people with whom he had



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NOVEMBER 8-10

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fellowshipped with were now
rejecting him for standing firm in
his new faith.

And yet the truth is so sweet
that even though Satan has tried
to discourage and weaken his

commitment through several trials,
Jastone still has decided to get
baptized and he is confident God
will take care of him.

NOW HIRING

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We are looking for a full-time Resource Center Manager. The ideal candidate will possess exceptional customer service skills, have a background in retail management, be computer literate and adept at learning new software applications. Duties include maintaining a web store, generating advertising and becoming familiar with all the audio, video and print materials of Light Bearers. This position requires excellent organizational and interpersonal skills.

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