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JOIN THE WITNESS

DURING THAT SECRET interview at Jesus' place of retirement on the Mount of Olives, when the city was hushed in slumber, it wasn't the flickering lamp or torchlight, or the pale light of the moon, that shown into the heart of Nicodemus, that "master of Israel." It was the burning words of an obscure Galilean whom this leader had sought out. Nicodemus was drawn by Jesus' teaching, authority and wonderful manifestation of divine power, not only in cleansing the temple, but also in receiving the poor and healing the sick. It matched what he had found as he had anxiously studied the prophecies relating to the Messiah.

Can you sense the excitement he must have felt in that Bible study, driven by events swirling around him? This was the One who was to come!

But something was not right. As Nicodemus opened the dialog, his attempt to express and invite

confidence fell flat. The words that came out expressed unbelief instead.

Jesus, in His gentle and penetrating manner, brushed past the awkwardness and formalities, and laid bare the foundational principles of truth. You know what He said.

Or do you? Listen again, and reflect.

You must be born again—of water, and of the Spirit. The Son of man must be lifted up. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. Nicodemus, I am the one that God gave to the world. He gave Me! I've come to save, not condemn. The condemnation is already here, through unbelief. It will remain if men love darkness when the light shines.

Light dispels darkness, but so many run from the light, like the cockroaches when you flip the switch. What is the principle that is so threatening?

It is what Jesus put His firm finger on in His second solemn statement of "Verily, verily I say unto you," We speak what we do know, and testify what we have seen; and you have not received our witness.

"BOTH THE REDEEMED AND THE UNFALLEN BEINGS WILL FIND IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST THEIR SCIENCE AND THEIR SONG."

Who are the "we?" It seems that there was only Jesus and Nicodemus present that night in the dark. Were others there? Jesus' testimony later would make this clear, "I am not alone" (John 16:32; John 8:29). Present that night with Jesus and Nicodemus was the Father. It was the Father, the One whose kingdom it is, as well as the Holy Spirit, that were, along with Jesus, gently but strongly like the wind moving Nicodemus' heart in the direction of Jesus.

WENDY HARRIS
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THE GOLDEN TRACTS

THE CALLS STARTED coming in as fast as I could keep up.

“I heard about your Bible study guides, I’m a district pastor in Mindoro, I have 13 churches with small groups in each. May I have four boxes? I’ll be there tomorrow.”

“I’m from South Central Luzon Conference, may we have 26 boxes for our district?”

“I’m from 1000 missionary movement, we have ongoing Bible studies throughout the community and the world, how many can we have?”

“We have a feeding program and outreach ministry at the market every week with Bible interests, can we have some of your Bible study guides?”

Ever since we received the container of literature from

Light Bearers ministry a couple of months ago, we continue to get regular calls and traffic at our door to pick up the “golden” tracts of sharing materials. Not only are local dialect Tagalog materials hard to come by, but the pastors and ministry leaders cannot afford them even when they are available. They are so overjoyed that these Bible guides are free and that they

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Do you sense the significance of this three-fold witness? Do you want to join the witness?

Both the redeemed and the unfallen beings will find in the cross of Christ their science and their song. It will be seen that the glory shining in the face of Jesus is the glory of self-sacrificing love. In the light from Calvary it will be seen that the law of self-renouncing love is the law of life for earth

and heaven; that the love which “seeketh not her own” has its source in the heart of God; and that in the meek and lowly One is manifested the character of Him who dwelleth in the light which no man can approach unto (*Desire of Ages*, pp. 19-20).

[Reflections on John 3; *Desire of Ages*, chapter 17.]

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are welcome to have as many as they can effectively use in a timely manner.

As our medical aviation ministry has grown throughout the Philippines, we have seen firsthand the need for literature of any kind, especially in the local dialects. Our travels have also connected us with many of the pastors, church leaders, and supporting ministries around the country. This has shown to be a big blessing as we network together and share ideas and resources—like these precious Tagalog tracts!

Even though there are many Seventh-day Adventists in the Philippines, there are still large isolated areas and multiple people groups that have hardly been touched with the gospel. We are doing everything we can to speed the process to reach these areas, and these Bible guides are a great tool to help accomplish this!

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