

MISSION UPDATE

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SUPER KNOWLEDGE

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We are creatures of “knowledge.” Our entire existence is shaped by what we know and how we know. According to the Bible, there is a regular, run-of-the-mill knowledge, and then there is a kind of knowledge that operates at a deeper, wider, higher level.

“We know that we all have knowledge (gnosis). Knowledge (gnosis) puffs up, but love edifies” (1 Corinthians 8:1).

Paul wants us to understand that knowledge without love is worthless—and worse than worthless, it makes us arrogant.

In Ephesians 1, Paul prays that we will receive, “the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge (*epignosis*) of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened” (Ephesians 1:17-18).

Here he uses the Greek word for knowledge, *gnosis*, with the prefix *epi*, which is a grammatical amplifier. *Epignosis* is deep knowledge, crucial knowledge, super knowledge. Later, in Ephesians 3:19, Paul prays that we will “know the love of Christ which passes knowledge (*gnosis*).” There is a knowing that surpasses all common knowledge. If you know the love of Christ, you are intelligent on an otherworldly level. *Epignosis* isn’t necessarily a greater *quantity* of knowledge,

but rather a higher *quality* of knowledge that informs everything else you know.

Jesus indicted the Pharisees because they had “taken away the key of knowledge (*gnosis*)” from the people (Luke 11:52), which He earlier identified as “justice and the love of God” (verse 42). Think about what Jesus is saying. To know the “justice and the love of God” is to possess “the key” that unlocks all other knowledge. Knowing God experientially operates like a clarifying lens that helps us make sense out of everything else in life.

Peter tells us that *epignosis* exerts a transformative influence over us:

“Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge (epignosis) of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge (epignosis) of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust” (2 Peter 1:2-4).

Epignosis—the super knowledge of God’s love—is pretty powerful. It is the means by which grace and peace multiply in our lives. Through it we become partakers of the divine character and escape the corruption that pervades our world and causes so much pain. 🔥



THERE IS NO GREATER POWER THAN THE POWER OF TESTIMONY

ERNEST CHAZYA

At Riverside Farm Institute we feel that God has been working in many amazing ways, so we just must share some of them with you!

Our Education Department now runs two classes of students each year. Towards the end of each program, before the students graduate, a three-week crusade is held. Three thousand copies of Light Bearers Bible lessons are reserved for the evangelism and lifestyle students who, together, hold the crusade.

In our Evangelism Department, we currently have 47 Bible workers who are based in different provinces of Zambia. These soldiers of the cross gather as much literature as their pockets can hold. They are able to take tracts by the thousands! Various local churches and companies also use thousands of these silent messengers as they run their church and district evangelistic crusades across the country.

In Zambia, we have various student groups which are active in evangelism. Coming from high schools and universities, the students work through forums and campus ministries to use gospel tracts to help in their efforts to evangelize. For example, two young men were part of a team of students who conducted a crusade in one of the hottest places in Zambia—Lusitu, located in the Southern Province. A student named Chinyama described Light Bearers Bible lessons as a “fire that cannot be quenched once it starts.” He described it as such because of what he had seen in the life of one young man, named Milimo Sichazya, who studied through the lessons. When asked how his life has been impacted by

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Laypeople who are enthusiastic about evangelism also collect these tracts to aid in their efforts to share their faith with friends and family members on a one-on-one level.

The literature is making a difference in our students here on campus. Miriam, one of our students in the tailoring course, was struggling. After a few months of learning and studying the lessons twice a week, Miriam shared how she had grown. It was a Sabbath morning, and it was the tailoring students’ turn to teach Sabbath School. The theme was “Undo,” which was inspired by what they are usually told every time they do not make a particular design as per instruction: “Can you undo what you have done?” So they chose this particular theme to demonstrate God’s expectation for the human race when we do the opposite of His will for our lives.

Miriam stood up to give her presentation. She started by telling the church how thankful she was to the Lord for

bringing her to Riverside Farm Institute. She shared with the church how careless she had been in her dress and hairstyle, and that she had been ignorant about the knowledge of the true Sabbath day for a long time. Miriam also shared how her knowledge of Bible truth had increased and that it changed her faith. She confessed that growing in this faith would not be an easy journey to take because of her friends and family. But she boldly declared that in the power of the Lord, she would stand firm on the new truth and faith she had found.

Miriam completed the Light Bearers Bible lessons and was baptized just before she graduated from the tailoring course. Prior to, and on the day of her departure, Miriam benefited from a Bible and books that we received from Light Bearers. Our prayers are needed to help her find a church near to her now that she has gone home to the Eastern Province of Zambia.

Please pray that God will continue to work in Zambia as we use the literature from Light Bearers! 🔥



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IMPORTANT CONVOCATION UPDATE: We had planned to explore the Minor Prophets. We have now decided to change this year’s Convocation theme in order to address the vital topic of the Protestant Reformation since this year is its 500th anniversary. We hope you’ll join us for this special event!

SPEAKING SCHEDULE

JUNE 2-3

Kansas-Nebraska Conf. of Seventh-day Adventists Camp Meeting
Lincoln, NE
Ty Gibson
www.ks-ne.org

JUNE 2-5

Seventh-day Adventist Church
Northern Conference Youth Rally
Johannesburg, South Africa
Jeffrey Rosario
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JUNE 5-10

South Central Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Camp Meeting
Huntsville, AL
Ty Gibson
www.scc-adventist.org

JUNE 8-10

Three Angels Broadcasting Network
Spring Camp Meeting
West Frankfort, IL
James Rafferty
3abn.org

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JULY 4-8

Light Bearers Convocation
Jasper, Oregon
James Rafferty, Ty Gibson, David Asscherick, Jeffrey Rosario, Fred Bischoff, Rise Rafferty
www.lightbearers.org

JULY 18-22

Oregon Conference Camp Meeting
Gladstone, OR
Ty Gibson
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