

COME, LORD JESUS!

There is no doubt about it—you need a spiritually rejuvenating break from the rat race! So why not plan now to join us this summer for one of our two Annual Convocations.

WESTERN OPTION:

July 12-16, here at Light Bearers in Malo, Washington. Tent camping, motor home hookups, a few local hotels. Contact 509-779-4444 or info@lbt.org for information and registration.

EASTERN OPTION:

July 25-30, at the College Church on the Southern Adventist University campus in Collegedale, Tennessee. Some campus housing available, local hotels, local campgrounds. For information contact Cindi at 423-236-2816 or cindiyoung@southern.edu.

LIFT HIM UP

3ABN Schedule (Sky Angel Channel 9710)

Tuesday—4:30 p.m. (PST), 10:30 p.m. (PST)

Thursday—11:00 a.m. (PST)

Saturday—10:30 a.m. (PST)

ADDITIONAL STAFF NEEDED

Light Bearers is currently accepting resumés and actively scouting to fill the following positions:

- a skilled press operator
- a skilled graphics designer

Resumés and inquiries may be submitted to James Rafferty by post:
PO Box 1888, Malo, WA 99150, or email (james@lbt.org).

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Events Schedule

- **March 20-26**
SOULS, Orlando, FL
James Rafferty—(352)551-4866
- **March 31, April 14, 28 (7-8 p.m.)**
Deer Park SDA Church, WA
James Rafferty—(509)233-8463
- **April 7-24**
NSW Australia Camp Meeting
Ty Gibson
- **April 8-10**
Post Falls SDA Church, ID
James Rafferty—(208)773-4471
- **April 22-23**
Redwood City SDA Church, CA
Herb Montgomery—(650)245-1433
- **April 25-30**
Papatoetoe SDA Church, New Zealand
Ty Gibson—leanne@papsda.co.nz
- **May 2-7**
Platte Valley Academy Week of Prayer
Herb Montgomery—(308)647-5151 x227
- **May 13-14**
Wenatchee SDA Church, WA
Ty Gibson—(509)670-0580
- **May 13-15**
UCC Pathfinder Retreat
Herb Montgomery—(509)838-2761
- **May 20-28**
Irving SDA Church, TX
Herb Montgomery—(214)564-0223
- **May 25-28**
Volunteer Park SDA Church, WA
James & Risë Rafferty—(425)774-6278

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Light Bearers is a non-profit ministry based in the beautiful northeastern mountains of Washington State. 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



Dr. Herry Mhando

On behalf of the Musoma people and the church of Mara Conference of Tanzania at large, I would like to send a vote of appreciation to you for your assistance during the Musoma Crusade, which was

conducted by Dr. Herry Mhando and his team.

The crusade lasted for six weeks, from November 27, 2004, to January 8, 2005. Indeed it was a blessed occasion to Musoma. During the crusade days, the assistance team to Dr. Mhando conducted lay training seminars, which resulted in the graduation of 238 lay members.

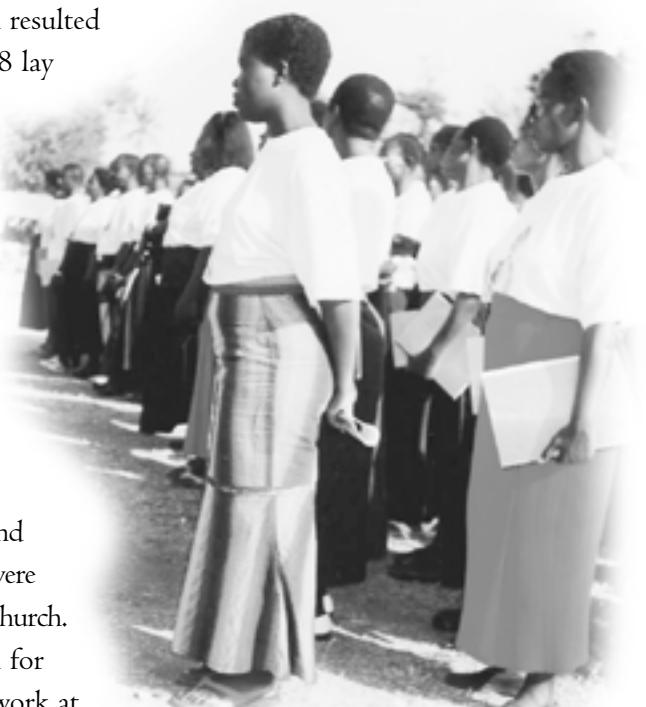
We received one container having more than 800 boxes of tracts and books.

They were distributed to the people living in and around Musoma town. More than 2,000 people accepted Christ as their personal Savior and a total of 1,613 people were baptized and joined the church.

Thank you very much for your support of God's work at

Mara Conference. We pray that God will continue blessing you as you plan to assist His work in this world.

Sincerely yours,
Pr. James Machage
President, Mara Conference



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COOL QUOTES

A sullen submission to the will of the Father will develop the character of a rebel. The service is looked upon by such a one in the light of drudgery. It is not rendered cheerfully and in the love of God. It is a mere mechanical performance. If he dare, such a one would disobey. His rebellion is smothered, ready to break out at any time in bitter murmurings and complaints. Such service brings no peace or quietude to the soul.

E.G. White
Signs of the Times, July 22, 1897

Only those who have gone through days on which words were of no avail, on which the most brilliant theories jarred the ear like mere slang; only those who have experienced ultimate not-knowing, the voicelessness of a soul struck by wonder, total muteness, are able to enter the meaning of God, a meaning greater than the mind.

Abraham Joshua Heschel
God in Search of Man, p. 140

Every one of us is something that the other is not, and therefore knows something—it may be without knowing that he knows it—which no one else knows: and . . . it is everyone's business, as one of the kingdom of light and inheritor in it all, to give his portion to the rest.

George MacDonald
Third Series, *The Inheritance*

In his justly famous essay "The Humanitarian Theory of Punishment," C.S. Lewis bemoans the modern tendency to abandon the notion of just retribution and replace it with humanitarian concerns both for the criminal (reform) and for society as a whole (deterrence). For this means, he argues, that every lawbreaker "is deprived of the rights of a human being. The reason is this. The Humanitarian Theory removes from punishment the concept of desert. But the concept of desert is the only connecting link between punishment and justice. It is only as deserved or undeserved that a sentence can be just or unjust." Again, "when we cease to consider what the criminal deserves and consider only what will cure him or deter others, we have tacitly removed him from the sphere of justice altogether; instead of a person, a subject of rights, we now have a mere object, a patient, a 'case.'" By what right may we use force to impose treatment on a criminal, either to cure him or to protect society, unless he deserves it?

John Stott
The Cross of Christ, pp. 101-102

Our happiness comes not from what is around us, but from what is within us; not from what we have, but from what we are.

Ellen G. White
My Life Today, p. 185

MISSION UPDATE

LETTERS FROM YOUR HEARTS

BY JAMES RAFFERTY

Every month Light Bearers receives letters and emails from all over the world. Some of these come to us from countries where the gospel of Jesus Christ is not allowed free access, like Egypt:

"Received the cassette tape (*Offense of the Cross*) you sent. Thank you very much! I'm thankful too for sending me the Revelation 14 and *Unsealing Daniel* studies. Those studies increase my knowledge about prophecy. And I'm very eager to study also *Unlocking Revelation*, so if you won't mind to send me this study. Thank you!"

A—Cairo, Egypt

We hear from new converts, on fire for God, who long to bring their former church family to a knowledge of this light of truth that means so much to them:

"Thank you for the Light Bearers packet with the 2300-year prophecy time line, prophecies of Daniel and Revelation, and *Unsealing of Daniel* study guides. I'm a new convert (4/2000) from Catholicism, having come into the SDA church through the *Discover Bible Guides*, and my passion is to bring the three angels' message to others, especially Catholics!"

JM—Florida

You don't even begin to know how much good your materials are doing. As men get the truths into their minds and hearts, they tell others.

Some have seen Christ in a new light and now joyfully recognize Him as their refuge and strength and look forward to the end rather than fearing it:

"I had been home sick one Sabbath and turned my TV on 3ABN and . . . *Lift Him Up* . . . caught my attention. For years I had feared the book of Daniel because it was all about the end-time and I was afraid of what my fate would be at that time. As these two gentlemen explained the sixth chapter, I realized that Christ was working for me to be saved and I now see that the end is something to look forward to for all Christians. Please send me the *Unsealing of Daniel* study guides so that I may learn more about Daniel's prophecies and what they mean for us."

TF—Jamaica

Then there are those who write to express how grateful they are for how much they are learning:

"I can't begin to express how much your program has meant to me. I look

forward to them and some I view twice. You have packed so much information into each lesson. You have increased my understanding and enthusiasm of the gospel a great deal."

MD—Oregon

"Thank you for the *Unsealing of Daniel* Bible study. It's hard to put it down—I find it so thorough and well written, giving essential background for the student. The chart is the most complete I have found—I've already shared it. God bless your work of developing and printing materials that is going around the world."

JB—Tennessee

Some of the most heart-warming letters are the ones we receive from inmates in prison:

"Thank you for your past kindness in providing those of us in this prison environment with cost-free materials from time to time. The three studies you provided us a year or so ago have

become very worn and ragged—and I would very much appreciate renewed copies. Thank you for your generous contributions to our situation here."

JM—Inmate

"As I give Bible studies to [other inmates], I turn them to your resource materials. You all explain it to the very detail—and a lot better than I could. . . . I really do appreciate all that you have done for not only myself, but many others here. You don't even begin to know how much good your materials are doing. As men get the truths into their minds and hearts, they tell others. There are many guards that have been asking questions. . . . Thank you once again."

NN—Inmate

These testimonies come from men behind bars who have found freedom in Christ. They appeal to us, who are not behind bars, to be free as they are and to appreciate Christ and His message of salvation.