

MISSION UPDATE (OCT 2015)

THE NEWSLETTER OF LIGHT BEARERS



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GLOBAL IMPACT

IN 1985, A few of us new converts—James Rafferty, Sue Gibson, and myself—received what we knew to be specific direction from the God of the universe. We were young and on fire for the Lord (now we're older but still on fire for the Lord). James and I were conducting small group Bible studies in homes and traveling to preach in local venues. We were driven by these astounding prophetic words:

“I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory” (Revelation 18:1).

Here John foretells a time when the message of the gospel will go global. People all over the world will have their hearts and minds “illuminated” with the glorious truth of God’s love embodied in Christ. We realized that something massive and dramatic would have to happen in order for the message

to be placed within the reach of everybody on the planet. And then, somewhere along the line as we were preaching and teaching, we read these practical marching orders:

“And in a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power and who lightens the earth with his glory” (Ellen White, *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 7, p. 140).

That’s it!

Immediately we were certain that God wanted us to publish truth-filled literature that would go out to the world by the millions, and the publishing ministry of Light Bearers was born. In just a matter of months, God provided our first building and publishing equipment. The vision was clear: print and distribute as much literature as possible, as fast as possible, giving

people around the world free access in their own languages to the saving knowledge of the gospel in the context of the three angels’ messages of Revelation 14.

**WELL OVER A HALF BILLION PUBLICATIONS
IN MORE THAN 40 LANGUAGES HAVE BEEN
DISTRIBUTED AROUND THE WORLD . . .**

Since then, well over a half billion publications in more than 40 languages have been distributed around the world free of charge. And this is no time to slow down our efforts. We are more on fire than ever to scatter truth-filled literature like the leaves of autumn all over the earth. Thank you for sharing this vision with us and empowering us by your prayers and support to keep it happening.



FRED BISCHOFF
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A POWER TO WITHSTAND

DID YOU KNOW that Jesus speaks the truth (John 8:40), and the devil speaks the lie (8:44)? That difference may seem elementary to anyone who knows something of what we call “the great controversy.” But the lie must be very subtle at times, as it appeals to our self-interest and focus. The devil is a master at this deception (Revelation 12:9; 20:3, 8, 10). Remember Jesus pointedly warned against this very danger, especially during the time just prior

to His second coming (Matthew 24:3-5, 11, 24).

We are now at that time, and have been, according to the prophecies, since the beginning of the Advent movement. Within our own history there is abundant evidence of the many attempts Satan has made to deceive. After all, if he can confuse God’s workers, his bigger schemes are more successful.

Consider this wise counsel from 110 years ago:

“I have had presentations regarding the deceptions that Satan

is bringing in at this time. I have been instructed that we should make prominent the testimony of some of the old workers who are now dead. Let them continue to speak through their articles as found in the early numbers of our papers. These articles should now be reprinted, that there may be a living voice from the Lord’s witnesses. The history of the early experiences in the message

FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

“The waymarks which have made us what we are, are to be preserved, and they will be preserved, as God has signified through His word and the testimony of His Spirit. He calls upon us to hold firmly, with the grip of faith, to the fundamental principles that are based upon unquestionable authority.”

Ellen White
*Counsels to Writers and
Editors*, p. 52

OUR PAST EXPERIENCES

“Our people need to understand the reasons of our faith and our past experiences. How sad it is that so many of them apparently place unlimited confidence in men who present theories tending to uproot our past experiences and to remove the old landmarks!”

Ellen White
Selected Messages, vol. 2, p. 25

A RIGHT APPLICATION

“The burden of the warning now to come to the people of God, nigh and afar off, is the third angel’s message. And those who are seeking to understand this message will not be led by the Lord to make an application of the Word that will undermine the foundation and remove the pillars of the faith that has made Seventh-day Adventists what they are today.”

Ellen White
Selected Messages, vol. 2,
p. 103

will be a power to withstand the masterly ingenuity of Satan's deceptions. . . ." (*Counsels to Writers and Editors*, p. 26).

We are pleased to share with you the latest in our efforts to reprint the writings of these witnesses and make "the history of the early experiences" available. Because you and I need that "power to withstand"!

PIONEERS' WRITINGS IN NEW EGW APPS

The Adventist Pioneer Library Collection is now part of the writings available on the mobile EGW "apps." Visit the new Ellen White website, EllenWhite.org, for more information.

TITLES NOW IN PRINT

In our last report we told of six reprinted books now available:

- *The Complete Testimony of the Fathers of the First Three Centuries Concerning the Sabbath and First Day*, by J.N. Andrews
- *History of the Sabbath and First Day of the Week*, by J.N. Andrews
- *The Autobiography of Elder Joseph Bates*, by Joseph Bates*
- *The National Sunday Law*, by A.T. Jones*
- *O Grande Movimento Adventista* [Portuguese version of *The Great Second Advent Movement*], by J.N. Loughborough
- *No Poder do Espírito* [Portuguese version of *In the Spirit's Power* (the Armadale Sermons)], by W.W. Prescott

Since then we have added the following:

- *Memoirs of William Miller*, by S.S. Bliss
- *The Divine-Human Family*, by W.W. Prescott
- *In the Spirit's Power* (the Armadale Sermons), by W.W. Prescott
- *A Lei Dominical Nacional* [Portuguese version of *The National Sunday Law*], by A.T. Jones
- *Word to the "Little Flock,"* by James White
- *El Gran Movimiento Adventista* [Spanish version of *The Great Second Advent Movement*], by J.N. Loughborough*
- *The Great Second Advent Movement*, by J.N. Loughborough [new 2015 edition]*
- *Studies in Christian Education*, by E.A. Sutherland

All of these powerful materials are available through our Light Bearers Resource Center. For orders of five or more of one title, we offer retail discounts of 10% to 30%, wholesale (for resellers) up to 50%. Contact our Resource Center for details.

OLD INVENTORY

We are donating the remaining inventory of our 1992 edition of *The Great Second Advent Movement* to English speaking countries overseas. Already 12 cases are on their way to South Africa, and 70 cases are headed to the Philippines, courtesy of Strawberry Meadow Association.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

We feel strongly that God desires us to make available a free PDF collection of the pioneers'

works with a Text-to-Speech application that will read any desired title to you. The technology to do this has advanced to the place where the readings are quite easy to listen to. This project will require some funding, so if God impresses you to help, please let us know. For more information about this project, feel free to contact us.

**During October we are offering special pricing on this item. See advertisement on page 4.*

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James Rafferty

OCTOBER 2-3

SEEDS, Wisconsin Conference Church
Planting Rally, Wausau
http://wi.adventist.org
Ty Gibson

OCTOBER 10

Cascade Seventh-day Adventist
Church, Bend, OR
www.cascadesda.org / 541.749.9005
James Rafferty

OCTOBER 15-17:

Gospel Summit
Mt. Rubidoux Seventh-day Adventist
Church, Riverside, CA
951.276.8374
Fred Bischoff & Risë Rafferty

OCTOBER 17

Cascade Seventh-day Adventist
Church, Bend, OR
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James Rafferty

OCTOBER 21-24

Gospel Summit
Breath of Life Seventh-day Adventist
Church, Memphis, TN
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901.375.4023
Fred Bischoff



BUNDLE AND SAVE!

A bundle of the three English books (*The Autobiography of Elder Joseph Bates*, *The National Sunday Law*, and the 2015 edition of *The Great Second Advent Movement*), for \$20 (a \$43 value).

Online redemption code: **APL3**
Offer ends October 31, 2015. Shipping and handling not included.



SPECIAL PRICING

The Spanish translation of *The Great Second Advent Movement*, entitled *El Gran Movimiento Adventista*, for \$7.99 (a \$16 value).

Offer ends October 31, 2015. Shipping and handling not included.

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