

MISSION UPDATE

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TO BE HIS

DAVID ASSCHERICK

“DAVID, I’M SO JUDGMENTAL. I’m just so judgmental of others. I need Jesus. I love Jesus. He can change my heart, because I’m very judgmental of those who are not like me.”

And there were tears that ran down the cheeks into a beautiful smile. Those tears and that smile belonged to Judith. Judith is one of my church members here in Kingscliff. She has four sons who are named Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. I’m not kidding. And these boys are lovely, wonderful, and polite young men. They are a credit to their mom and dad and to their God.

I know I’m probably not supposed to have “favorite” church members, but Judith is one of my favorites. The sincerity, joy, and genuine love that flows from this woman are both an inspiration and a rebuke to me. Judith is a woman who knows Jesus, and it shows.

I had just finished preaching a particularly challenging sermon. I knew that many in the congregation would struggle to hear and apply what I’d said. But I’d said it anyway. I came down from the platform and walked to the back of the church. That’s when Judith greeted me with tears, confession, and that beautiful smile.

I had preached, but Jesus had spoken.

I was immediately rebuked. The truth was *my own heart* had not been as touched and moved as had Judith’s. I thought it was a good sermon—content, delivery, exegetical soundness—but Judith had encountered Jesus. He had put His finger on her need and she had surrendered to the Great Physician’s diagnosis. But she had received His medicine and cure too.

Me?

Well, I had just preached a sermon. You know, done my job. Created and clicked through my slides. Made my appeal. Said my closing prayer.

And, honestly, I thought it was pretty alright.

But when I saw Judith’s tear-filled smile, I knew that I had missed all that God was offering that morning at church. The preacher was preached to by the woman who’d been preached to by the preacher who had just preached.

Jesus wants more of you. And more of me. He wants to meet us and heal us. He wants to save us. Because it’s not enough to be near Him or to be associated with Him or to work for Him.

We need to be *His*.

Like Judith is. 



EAST-CENTRAL AFRICA DIVISION REPORT

JAMES RAFFERTY

EACH YEAR LIGHT BEARERS Ministry sends containers of literature to developing countries all over the world. Each container holds about 2 million tracts and often includes Bibles and other inspired books like *The Great Controversy* and *The Desire of Ages*. The cost for these containers is covered by the large and small donations sent to us for this purpose. You, then, are the reason we are reaching millions of people with the message of the everlasting gospel. You give to God's cause at Light Bearers and we print and ship the literature and then request a report from the field as to how the literature was used. Containers leave Light Bearers and travel for several weeks and even months to their final destination. Once there, the container is unloaded and stored

in a safe location. It is then made available through the local division, union, conference, or supportive ministry for outreach. It may take months, or even a year, to utilize all the material sent. Then we often receive a full report noting how the literature was used to impact lives and hearts for God's kingdom. The following report is from the country of Kenya, on the continent of Africa. This report lets you know how your support has made a huge difference for eternity.

Thanks to the kindness of Light Bearers Ministry, East-Central Africa Division (ECD) was able to distribute Bible studies and books to the members within the division. Most of the literature was given to local churches to give out to its members. Some went to the Central Kenya Conference. *The Great Controversy*, *Desire of Ages*, *Signs of the Times* were among the literature that was handed out in the evangelistic campaign that took place at the University of Nairobi.

Here are the local churches that were blessed by your donation:

- Nkoroi Seventh-day Adventist Church is a center that distributes Bible lessons. Sister churches collect the lessons from this church and give them to individuals who take them door-to-door.
- Kiserian Main Seventh-day Adventist Church is a church that received literature and is also a church that is a center for Bible lesson distribution.

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- Kiserian South Seventh-day Adventist Church, Matasia Seventh-day Adventist Church, Rongai East Seventh-day Adventist Church, Kandisi Seventh-day Adventist Church, Kataka Seventh-day Adventist Church, and Shouri Moyo Seventh-day Adventist Church.

It was decided that the Bible lessons were distributed to individual churches because they organize evangelistic campaigns twice or so a year. Personal evangelism is also done by members from these churches and it is a challenge for them to look for materials for the work. Now that the churches have these materials, it will be easier for the members to avail of them. Lessons and books were also given to the theology students at University of Eastern Africa Baraton.

The Kenya Conference is very active in reaching souls in prisons with the Bible lessons. A trained pastor and prison officer will be leading a very big graduation of inmates in Kamiti prison on May 7, 2019 as a result of the lessons received from Light Bearers.

Athi River Prison in Kenya was given a two-acre piece of property because a Seventh-day Adventist Church was established as a result of Bible lessons donated from your office. Recently a prison officer visited our office requesting more lessons. We gave him 100 lessons the first time and he kept on coming for more. Kamiti GK Prison gave Adventist inmates a place to worship and an office to keep their things after Sabbath. As a result, many received Jesus and were baptized.

ECD appreciates the donation and is truly grateful. We anticipate many souls won through your literature. Please do not hesitate to bless us with more materials in the future, as the need for this literature is great.

Thank you so very much and God bless you.

East-Central Africa Division

You may have noticed in reading this letter, but in case you didn't, it can be very challenging for members to do outreach because they lack materials to work with. This is a common problem that this literature solves, allowing eager members to engage in winning souls.

I hope you were blessed by reading how your support in this simple mode of literature ministry is making a huge impact for Jesus in countries and prisons all over the world. Amen. 🕯️



MAKE A DIFFERENCE THERE FROM HERE!

Your support makes it possible for us to send literature to churches in Kenya and across the globe. Consider partnering with us to spread light to the world.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2-5

Norwegian Union Pastoral Gathering
Krokkleiva, Norway
Ty Gibson
<http://www.adventist.no>

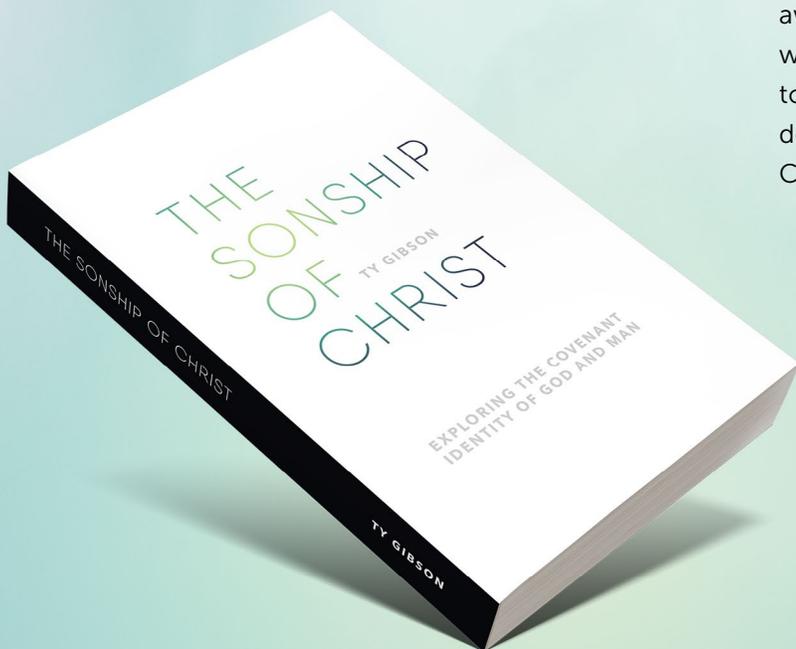
NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 1

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