



# MISSION UPDATE

## YEAR-END REPORT

# MILLIONS MORE

This has been a wonderful, faith-strengthening year for Light Bearers Ministry, and somewhat challenging as well. We praise God for His leading in 2004 and for the incredible opportunities He has placed before us. As the world moves fast and furiously toward the final events foretold in prophecy, God has opened heaven's windows of blessing, providing us with greater ability to aid the church in proclaiming the gospel in every corner of the world.

For nearly twenty years, Light Bearers has understood the vital role literature distribution plays in lightening the earth with God's glory (Revelation 18:1). It has become our highest priority and unstoppable passion to spread truth-filled literature over the surface of the earth like the leaves of autumn. So deeply-rooted is this sense of calling that we took a leap of faith this last January and ordered a new six-color web press, equal in cost to our entire 2004 budget (\$1.4 million).

To provide space for the new press and to facilitate larger quantities of incoming paper and outgoing literature, this last spring we began constructing an addition onto our existing publishing house. By November the project was far enough along to receive the press.

Our printers received the first phase of their training on the new press at the manufacturing plant in Ontario, Canada, in late October. Then the 73-foot long machine was delivered and installed here at our facility the second and third weeks of November. Additional training is being provided, and we look forward to being in full-tilt production soon.

### FAITH STRENGTHENING

Here's the faith-strengthening part: Through your faithful support, God has confirmed this decision by providing all the funding needed on or before each payment due date. This means that the press was completely paid for upon delivery. Not one dollar is owed. Praise God! And thank you!

## CHALLENGING

Now here's the challenging part: Because we have devoted so much money to the new press, and because many of our friends and supporters earmarked their contributions for the new press, we find ourselves very strapped financially at year-end. While we are extremely thankful for the fact that you got behind us to acquire the new press, we are also in need of your continued support in order to meet the financial obligations for the ongoing production of literature. In other words, while we committed to the purchase of the

Already 10,022 baptisms have been reported in Kigali alone. Through the downlink, 40,000 to 50,000 baptisms are estimated overall. Commenting on the impact of the literature, Mark said, "I've always admired the work of Light Bearers Ministry. Their selfless service for the Master in communicating the gospel through millions of pieces of literature distributed around the world has touched the lives of countless people. I was delighted that It Is Written TV could team up with Light Bearers in providing over 2 million pieces of literature for our satellite evangelistic series

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new press, at the same time we also exceeded our literature production goal for 2004. We budgeted to put out 15 containers of truth-filled literature in 2004, and will likely put out 20 by the end of year. We praise God for His grace! Anything extra you can do to help sustain this ministry as 2004 closes, and we launch into the new year, would be greatly appreciated.

Why did we make the weighty decision to purchase the new press? First of all, we had to move forward in this direction because our existing six-color press is nearly forty years old, with multiplied millions of impressions on it. Breakdowns are frequent, costly and time consuming. Secondly, the new press is a totally automated system that will increase both the speed of our production and the quality of our literature. We believe it will be a pivotal tool in God's hand to supply countless free publications to every nation, kindred, tongue and people.

## LITERATURE IN THE WORK OF SOUL WINNING

Allow us to share one recent example of how vital and effective literature ministry is in the work of soul winning: our recent collaboration with Mark Finley and Shawn Boonstra of It Is Written. This past March Light Bearers sent 2,125,110 pieces of literature to Kigali, Rwanda, for free distribution preparatory to Mark's and Shawn's evangelistic meetings. By the time of their arrival in Kigali, the literature had helped generate much interest. Tens of thousands of people came to hear the message.

in Rwanda. For the first time in history, the Rwandans were able to have their own Bible course in the Kinyarwanda language. Only eternity will reveal the results of the efforts put forth by Light Bearers." Shawn rejoiced with these words: "The excitement of working together with Light Bearers to spread the everlasting gospel in Rwanda is hard to describe. Just imagine more than two million pieces of literature, and the opening of the first Kinyarwanda language Bible school. God is blessing the work of Light Bearers tremendously, and I'm proud to be associated with their efforts. They are playing a unique role in finishing the work that is desperately needed at this hour."

## PICTURE THIS

Picture it in your mind—men, women and young people all over the world reading the words of life for the first time. A man leaning against a city building with a tract in his hands and tears in his eyes as the truth of the Savior's love dawns in his mind. A woman sitting in a village hut pondering the words she has just read; such thoughts have never entered her heart, ever. A teenage boy telling his friends, "Did you know that there is one true Creator God? And He loves us so much that He came to this world and died so we can have the gift of eternal life? It's true. I've just read it in this booklet. Would you like to read it?" It's not hard to imagine these scenarios, because they're happening every day, over and over again. And such will be the experience of millions more in the days ahead as we continue our partnership of mercy.

# 2004 LITERATURE MINISTRY REPORT

IT IS WITH GREAT JOY THAT WE REPORT THE FOLLOWING  
LITERATURE PROJECTS FOR 2004.

Mexico	I container	2,603,153 publications
Iceland		118,680 publications
Zambia (Riverside Farms)	I container	1,212,061 publications
East-Central Africa Division	3 containers	6,276,320 publications
Tanzania	2 containers	4,150,640 publications
Tanzania (Kibidula Farms)	I container	3,002,780 publications
Canada		103,460 publications
West Congo Union Mission	I container	2,260,420 publications
La Voz Esperanza (U.S./ Mexico/Latin America)	2 containers	3,312,000 publications
Fiji	I container	1,340,320 publications
Colombia	I container	3,585,150 publications
California (HopeNet)		20,000 publications
Rwanda (It Is Written)	I container	2,125,110 publications
Strawberry Meadows		480,000 publications
Grenada		228,424 publications
Kenya	I container	2,184,560 publications
South Africa	I container	2,130,700 publications
Sahel Union	I container	2,084,040 publications

**WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS IN PROGRESS FOR THE LAST TWO MONTHS OF 2004:**

**HAITI**

Because of recent storm devastation and current civil disobedience, we have been asked to ship for reception in January, 2005. We plan to ship in December unless conditions of civil unrest should escalate. This is our first project for Haiti. All materials are printed and awaiting shipment.

**LIBERIA**

Returning missionaries have appealed to Light Bearers for materials for this country torn by civil war. This is a case of desperate poverty and spiritual need. We plan to ship in late November or early December.

**AFRICA**

The General Conference, in coordination with the Voice of Prophecy, has asked us to print and ship six containers of "World Discover" Bible lessons for Africa. We will start this printing in late November.

We hope to have shipped at least 20 containers by year's end.

**COME VISIT US: WWW.LBM.ORG**

We are excited to have our new website up and running. Hundreds of visitors log on each month. It would be well worth your time to make this site a regular place of exploration. Not only can you stay updated on the worldwide evangelistic work of Light Bearers and how you can become involved, but you can also find:

- verse-by-verse studies on Daniel and Revelation available for free download
- a rich "library" of quotations from some of the world's clearest spiritual thinkers
- a place where prayer requests are taken very seriously

And we are presently working on adding a full on-line bookstore.

**Events Schedule**

- **December 3-4**  
Shenandoah Academy, VA  
Ty Gibson—☎(540)740-3161 x220
- **December 11**  
Deer Park SDA Church, WA  
James Rafferty—☎(509)276-6097
- **January 3-4**  
Florida Conference Ministerial Meetings  
Ty Gibson—☎(407)644-5000
- **January 7-8, 2005**  
Ephrata SDA Church, WA  
James & Risë Rafferty—☎(509)754-4513
- **January 7-8**  
Valley Center SDA Church, CA  
Herb Montgomery—☎(760)749-3559
- **January 28-29, 2005**  
Chandler SDA Church, AZ  
Ty Gibson—☎(602)442-5167
- **January 29, 2005**  
Inchelium SDA Church, WA  
James Rafferty—☎(509)722-4300
- **February 10**  
3ABN Live  
James & Risë Rafferty—☎(800)752-3226

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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)

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