

2005 CONVOCAATION DATES

July 12-16—Malo, Washington
 July 25-30—Collegedale, Tennessee

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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)

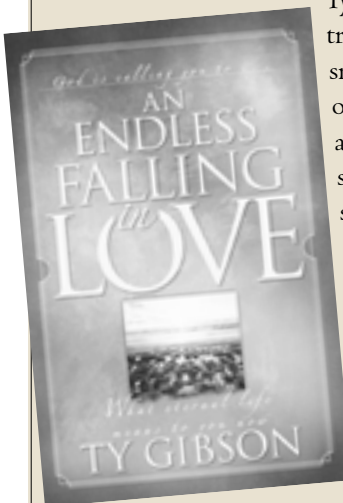
ADDITIONAL STAFF NEEDED

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

- a skilled press operator
- a skilled graphics designer

Resumes and inquiries may be submitted to Ty Gibson by post (PO Box 1888, Malo, WA 99150) or email (ty@lbn.org).

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Events Schedule

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- **January 7-8**
Ephrata SDA Church, WA
James & Risé Rafferty—☎(509)754-4513
- **January 7-8**
Kalispel/Whitefish, MT
Herb Montgomery—☎(406)863-9263
- **January 21-22**
Valley Center SDA Church, CA
Herb Montgomery—☎(760)749-3559
- **January 28-29**
Chandler SDA Church, AZ
Ty Gibson—☎(602)442-5167
- **January 29**
Inchelium SDA Church, WA
James Rafferty—☎(509)722-4300
- **February 6-12**
Enterprise Academy, KS
Herb Montgomery—☎(785)263-8211
- **February 10**
3ABN Live
James & Risé Rafferty—☎(800)752-3226
- **February 18-19**
Seattle, WA
Herb Montgomery—☎(253)735-6269
- **March 3-5**
Stockton SDA Church, CA
Herb Montgomery—☎(209)462-4357
- **March 10**
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Ty Gibson & James Rafferty—☎(800)752-3226

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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

THANK YOU!

By James Rafferty & Ty Gibson

After months of anticipation and financial strain, buoyed by your prayers and support, the new press is finally in place! It's quite a beast—actually, a big blue beast. It takes up most of the 70 x 26-foot new addition, sprawling from one end to the other and from side to side. It utilizes three computers and runs at a potential speed of 1250 feet of paper per minute, though we'll run it at about 1,000. Ink capacity is 15 pounds for each of its six units. It can polish off a 29,000-foot roll of paper in 20 minutes, give or take a minute, which equals a container of literature in 30-34 hours. And all that work makes it thirsty enough to soak up 50 gallons of water a day.

Two press operators are required to feed in all that paper, ink and water, all while keeping the delivery end clear of the constant outflow the press produces. (By the way, now that the press is paid for, we can move forward to hire two much-needed additional staff, including a good pressman. See details on page 4.)

We are very excited about the possibilities this press brings of increasing our literature production and quality in the years ahead. Sending



LBM employees and some families, left to right, front to back—Faye Van Meurs with Matthias, Megan Van Meurs, Mike & Gayle Harper, Christopher Fleck, Jeiel Rafferty, Micah Van Meurs, Jasper Van Meurs, Herb Montgomery, Tobie & Bill Ebrecht, Casey Reiswig, Risé & James Rafferty and Keirra Rafferty, Jason Valbert, Jamie Valbert, Leah Gibson, Bob Nehler, Ty Gibson, Sybil Nehler, Sue Gibson.

out twenty or more containers in 2005 would be a tremendous blessing to the world field. But more than being excited about greater literature output, we are humbled by the outpouring of God's blessings and also by your trust and support. We want to give a huge THANK YOU! to every person who had a part in this purchase—first, from the staff at Light Bearers for

making this leap of faith a reality, and second, on behalf of the millions of people around the world whose lives will be eternally changed by the gospel literature printed on this press.

With sincere gratitude and an eye to the eastern sky,

James Ty
 Co-directors

COOL QUOTES

The grace of Christ must mold the entire being, and its triumph will not be complete until the heavenly universe shall witness habitual tenderness of feeling, Christlike love, and holy deeds in the deportment of the children of God.

Ellen G. White,
Amazing Grace, p. 235

Looking unto Jesus we obtain brighter and more distinct views of God, and by beholding we become changed. Goodness, love for our fellow-men, becomes our natural instinct. We develop a character which is the counterpart of the divine character.

Ellen G. White,
Christ's Object Lessons, p. 355

What God cares about is not exactly our actions. What He cares about is that we should be creatures of a certain kind or quality—the kind of creatures He intended us to be—creatures related to Himself in a certain way.

C.S. Lewis,
Mere Christianity, p. 145

Don't kid yourself, you love God only as much as you love the person you love least.

Author Unknown

It is by loving, and not by being loved, that one can come nearest the soul of another.

George MacDonald,
Phantastes, chap. XXIV

The sanctification of the soul by the working of the Holy Spirit is the implanting of Christ's nature in humanity. Gospel religion is Christ in the life—a living, active principle. It is the grace of Christ revealed in character and wrought out in good works. The principles of the gospel cannot be disconnected from any department of practical life. Every line of Christian experience and labor is to be a representation of the life of Christ.

Love is the basis of godliness. Whatever the profession, no man has pure love to God unless he has unselfish love for his brother. But we can never come into possession of this spirit by *trying* to love others. What is needed is the love of Christ in the heart. When self is merged in Christ, love springs forth spontaneously. The completeness of Christian character is attained when the impulse to help and bless others springs constantly from within—when the sunshine of heaven fills the heart and is revealed in the countenance.

It is not possible for the heart in which Christ abides to be destitute of love. If we love God because He first loved us, we shall love all for whom Christ died. We cannot come in touch with divinity without coming in touch with humanity.

Ellen G. White,
Christ's Object Lessons, p. 384

MISSION UPDATE

A BRAND NEW YEAR

BY HERB MONTGOMERY

*So this year, live a little. Better yet, live a lot.
Don't just exist. Live the way God intended for us.
Live in self-giving love for others.*

Well, the holidays are over and a new year has begun. Whether your celebrations were snow-covered traditions straight out of Currier and Ives, or you basked in the sun amid desert palms, I hope the spirit of the season will linger long in your hearts this year. If the holidays have taught me anything, it is that we were not meant to live for ourselves, but for others. Contrary to popular thought, our most fulfilling moments are to be found in the doing of kindnesses for someone else. That's what it's all about.

In flipping through the chronicles of God's people in the Old Testament, we find that God's way of life included times of celebration. He instructed us to pause and lift our gaze from self-centered pursuits and to remember things higher and greater than ourselves.

Regarding tithing, Moses wrote, "You are not allowed to eat within your gates the tithe of your grain or new wine or oil, or the firstborn

of your herd or flock, or any of your votive offerings which you vow, or your freewill offerings, or the contribution of your hand. *But* you shall eat them before the Lord your God in the place which the Lord your God will choose, you and your son and daughter, and your male and female servants, and the Levite who is within your gates; and you shall rejoice before the Lord your God in all your undertakings."¹

Did you catch that? The Israelites were not permitted to eat their tithes and offerings in isolation, but rather they were to bring them to the Lord, and then (don't miss this) eat their tithes and offerings in celebration together with family, servants and Levites, rejoicing before the Lord for the way He had blessed them in their undertakings.

What amazes me most is that

God seems to be commanding His people to expend time and energy in appointed periods of rejoicing as a community, celebrating His past goodness. Could it be that God knows that an endless routine of getting, be it even so practical as providing for our families, engrains in us an emphasis on that *getting* rather than giving? Does God really desire that we as a family or as a community set aside specific occasions to stop and selflessly say "Thank You" to Him? Are our celebrations today designed to etch a self-centered focus more deeply into our moral fibers, or are they sacred in nature, widening our notice of those around us and the One to whom we all belong?²

May a larger portion of the holiday spirit linger long in our hearts this year, that as we look forward to another year of conquest and

acquisition, we will not be so quick to forget the reason we all exist, and that reason is Love. We were intended to share the ebb and flow of this life with our fellow travelers.³ We were created in love and for love, to find our greatest happiness in serving others, not ourselves.

So this year, live a little. Better yet, live a lot. Don't just exist. Live the way God intended for us. Live in self-giving love for others. Expend some energy on family, friends, neighbors and strangers. And when this new year is over and we look back on all that we have done, may we truly agree with our Savior that it is "more blessed to give than to receive."⁴

¹ Deuteronomy 12:17-18, NASB

² cf. 2 Corinthians vs. Isaiah 14:12-14

³ John 17:22

⁴ Acts 20:35