

LIGHT BEARERS MINISTRY

MISSION UPDATE

September 2003

CONVOCATION MESSAGES ON TAPE

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A DIVINELY PRESCRIBED COMBINATION

by Herb Montgomery

Having spent ten years as a colporteur, I have three texts that are permanently etched in my mind and heart that surface anytime I think about the work of the printed page. The first is found in Isaiah 52:7, “How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that **publisheth** peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that **publisheth** salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy

God reigneth!” The second is one of urgency found in Habakkuk 2:2, “And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it **plain upon tables**, that he may run that **readeth** it.” And lastly is a text that still today keeps me focused. It’s a seldom-noticed verse tucked away in 1 Chronicles 12:32 describing the children of Issachar, whom, in this regard, I hold as role models of what I



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long to be. “And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do . . . ”

We are living in times that make the *effective* communication of the Gospel vital, and I know of no more effective means of sharing the Gospel than in making it “plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.”

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God speaks to all age groups through His written words.

Recently Light Bearers Ministry was invited to participate in an Outpost Centers International (OCI) health/evangelism effort in the Ukraine. The Ukraine is an area of 603,700 square kilometers of flat, fertile, forested plain with few natural boundaries. It has a population of approximately fifty million people. Widespread intermarriage of Ukrainians and Russians has blurred ethnic divisions. The Ukraine is rich in natural

resources—reserves of coal, iron ore, oil, and natural gas. Its agricultural production is one of the world's highest. The nation is now beginning to climb out of its post-Communist economic straits, but not without cost. Living standards have generally declined; corruption is rampant. National debt is unchecked, and energy payments to the Russians are in arrears. For centuries, the Ukraine was dominated and fought over by a succession of powers. Independence

was declared in 1991, but the multi-party democratic system's failure thus far to achieve economic reform has caused many to remember the Communist era nostalgically.

Christianity was severely persecuted under Communism. The Ukraine has enjoyed religious freedom since 1990, yet there are still restrictive conditions for non-traditional groups. Religiously, the people of the Ukraine fall into categories of belief ranging from Christian, Jewish, and Muslim to the secular non-religious. The largest religious following is Catholic.

OCI has been working for the spread of the Gospel in eastern European countries since the fall of the Berlin wall. In March of this year, OCI was able to organize fifty-one evangelism teams and conduct fifty-two health expos and evangelistic efforts in the Ukraine. Light Bearers had the distinct privilege of providing the printed materials needed by such an endeavor—for both the health expos and the meetings. We were able





Tracts and outlines carry the message home for further study.

combination with the literature produced by Light Bearers Ministry.

Light Bearers is privileged to be a part of such life-changing experiences for so many of the Ukrainian people. May God continue to bless each of us as we share the truth of His unfathomable love. 🏠

to send almost 2 million health expo and evangelism fliers, 260,000 handouts and questionnaires, and almost 30,000 sermon outlines to be passed out in support of the evangelistic campaigns. These materials were printed in both Russian and Ukrainian. The meetings were most always held in public, rented halls in towns where the Adventist Church had no presence. These efforts resulted in 381 baptisms with hundreds more being prepared in baptismal classes.

The reports we have received have been heartwarming:

They share the openness of the people to the gospel: “They are already very comfortable meeting with us. Tonight we will invite them to spend their first Sabbath worshipping with us.”

They tell of heart-changes in the hearers of God’s message: “These meetings are helping people understand the character of God better.”

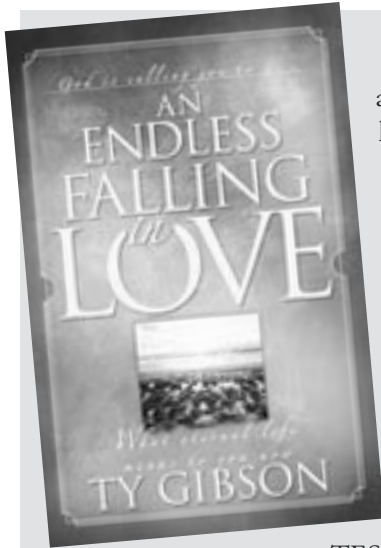
They speak of “our deep gratitude to Light Bearers Ministry for all the good literature you printed and shipped over.”

An insightful author once wrote,

“Very much more can be accomplished by the living preacher with the circulation of papers and tracts than by the preaching of the word alone without the publications. The press is a powerful instrumentality which God has ordained to be combined with the energies of the living preacher to bring the truth before all nations, kindreds, tongues, and peoples. Many minds can be reached in no other way” (*Publishing Ministry*, pp. 44-45).

Surely we can see the truth of this statement in the work of OCI in the Ukraine in

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James Rafferty—☎(203)795-0607
- ◆ **September 12-13**
Braintree SDA Church, MA
James Rafferty—☎(978)440-7838
- ◆ **September 19-21**
Garden City SDA Church, KS
Ty Gibson—☎(620)335-5234
- ◆ **September 19-20**
Andrews SDA Church, KY
James Rafferty—☎(828)321-4057
- ◆ **September 25-28**
Vancouver SDA Church, WA
Herb Montgomery—☎(360)686-3191
- ◆ **October 3-5**
Greater Boston Academy Alumni, MA
Ty Gibson—☎(781)438-4253
- ◆ **October 3-5**
Andrews SDA Church, KY
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- ◆ **October 6-10**
Greater Boston Academy Week of Prayer, MA
Ty Gibson—☎(781)438-4253
- ◆ **October 8-11**
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- ◆ **October 11**
Brewster SDA Church, WA
Herb Montgomery—☎(509)689-3537
- ◆ **October 11**
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Ty Gibson—☎(978)440-7838
- ◆ **October 24-25**
Central Oregon Convocation, Bend, OR
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ATTENTION

We are sorry to have to let you know that there will be no Health Nugget for the month of September. Watch for the next one in November.

Lift Him Up

3ABN Schedule
(GE- 4 Satellite;
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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