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return, He is so beautiful He is simply worthy of being served. God loves us, not because we are loving people, but because He IS love. And love is simply what Love does, regardless of our moral condition. We can't change that. It doesn't matter what our past may hold. We are still the objects of His supreme affection. He will stop at nothing, save our freewill, to ensure we spend eternity together with Him. If we truly believe this, His love will awaken in our hearts a reciprocal love for both God and the others we journey with along this way.

If there happen to be any of my young Korean friends reading this, let me close by saying—God loves you, He truly does. And I still want you to remember, it did take seven of you (much larger than me) five tries to throw me in the lake. I wish you God's richest blessings. Until next time . . .

\* Jon Foreman



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Tuesday—4:30 p.m. (PST), 10:30 p.m. (PST)

Thursday—11:00 a.m. (PST)

Saturday—10:30 a.m. (PST)

## Events Schedule

- **September 11–September 24**  
Wenatchee, WA, Evangelism  
Ty Gibson—☎(509)663-4032
- **September 16–24**  
Post Falls, ID, Evangelism  
James Rafferty—☎(208)687-0066
- **September 21–24**  
Solina SDA Church, KS  
Herb Montgomery—☎(785)787-0745
- **October 6–29**  
Clarksburg, West Virginia, Evangelism  
Herb Montgomery—☎(304)659-3976
- **October 8**  
Deer Park SDA Church, WA  
James Rafferty—☎(509)276-6097
- **October 14–16**  
Montana Conference Women's Retreat  
Risë Rafferty—☎(406)587-3101
- **October 21–23**  
Teen Retreat, Camp Mivoden, WA  
James Rafferty—☎(509)838-4882
- **October 28–30**  
Redmond SDA Church, OR  
James Rafferty—✉croriv@earthlink.net
- **November 10–19**  
Irving, TX Evangelism  
Herb Montgomery—☎(214)564-0223

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# MISSION UPDATE

*The Newsletter of Light Bearers Ministry*

## PRELUDES OF HOPE

By James Rafferty

I recently received an email from Jasper, our Resource Center manager, with some very exciting news. Some new studies are now available from Light Bearers Ministry via the web site. Here is what he emailed:

The *Preludes of Hope* are available on the web site now.

From the home page <http://lbm.org>, click the store link and look for the free downloads link (near the top of the page).

The series is listed in the Lessons section under "Free Downloads."

You can also use the following link—[http://lbm.org/store/information.php?info\\_id=22](http://lbm.org/store/information.php?info_id=22)—to add into emails you are sending out. It will take you directly to the *Preludes of Hope* page.

Thanks to Jasper, this new series is available on the web before it is even in print. Why a new series on Bible prophecy when we already have 49 prophecy outlines in print? Simple. The books of Daniel and Revelation

call for our special study in these last days. Take a look at this powerful statement:

"When the books of Daniel and Revelation are better understood, believers will have an entirely different religious experience. They will be given such glimpses of the open gates of heaven that heart and mind will be impressed with the character that all must develop in order to realize the blessedness which is to be the reward of the pure in heart. . . .

*"One thing will certainly be understood from the study of Revelation—that the connection between God and His people is close and decided. . . .*

"Those who eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of God will bring from the books of Daniel and Revelation truth that is inspired by the Holy Spirit. They will start into action forces that cannot be repressed. The lips of children will be opened to proclaim the mysteries that have been hidden from the minds of men. . . .

"As we near the close of this

world's history, the prophecies relating to the last days especially demand our study. The last book of the New Testament Scriptures is full of truth that we need to understand. Satan has blinded the minds of many so that they have been glad of any excuse for not making the Revelation their study. But Christ through His servant John has here declared what shall be in the last days; and He says, 'Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein'" (*Testimonies to Ministers*, pp. 114-117).

As an entirely new approach to the book of Revelation, *Preludes of Hope* are an overview of the entire book focusing on the gospel of Jesus Christ. In fact, we are presently working on Bible studies complimentary to this new series that should be available by year's end. So take a look at this powerful new series for free. Download your own personal copy and share the Revelation of Jesus Christ with your friends and neighbors.

## COOL QUOTES

All who engage in ministry are God's helping-hand. They are co-workers with the angels; rather, they are the human agencies through whom the angels accomplish their mission. Angels speak through their voices, and work by their hands. And the human workers, co-operating with heavenly agencies, have the benefit of their education and experience. As a means of education, what "university course" can equal this?

With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world! How soon might the end come,— the end of suffering and sorrow and sin. How soon, in place of a possession here, with its blight of sin and pain, our children might receive their inheritance where "there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away." Rev. 21:4.

Ellen G. White,  
*General Conference Bulletin*,  
July 1, 1902

We want to know whether the universe simply happens to be what it is for no reason or whether there is a power behind it that makes it what it is. Since that power, if it exists, would be not one of the observed facts but a reality which makes them, no mere observation of the facts can find it. There is only one case in which we can know whether there is anything more, namely our own case. And in that one case we find there is. Or put it the other way round. If there was a controlling power outside the universe, it could not show itself to us as one of the facts inside the universe—no more than the architect of a house could actually be a wall or staircase or fireplace in that house. The only way in which we could expect it to show itself would be inside ourselves as an influence or a command trying to get us to behave in a certain way. And that is just what we do find inside ourselves. Surely this ought to arouse our suspicions? In the only case where you can expect to get an answer, the answer turns out to be Yes.

C.S. Lewis,  
*Mere Christianity*, p. 24

## MISSION UPDATE

BY HERB MONTGOMERY

# YOUNG PEOPLE ENCOUNTER THE GOSPEL

*Love is simply what Love does, regardless of our moral condition. We can't change that. It doesn't matter what our past may hold. We are still the objects of His affection.*

In July I had the unique privilege of speaking at the East Coast Korean Camp Meeting in Frostburg, Maryland. It was quite an experience! From 9 a.m. to 12 noon I spoke to the English-speaking adults; from 7-9 p.m. I shared with the high school and collegiate groups. I know we're not supposed to have favorites, so I won't mention to you that the high school group was my favorite to share with.

We started out by focusing on why having a correct picture of God is so foundational to the Christian life. We then spent the rest of the week comparing contemporary misconceptions of God's character with what the Bible teaches, with special emphasis on the type of person we perceive God to be when we look through the transparency of the life of Jesus. We looked at why we are all here; what God is up to; if God loves us so much, why does He allow so many bad things to happen to us; forgiveness; and we ended with an encounter with the Cross. I would have to say that

although all the presentations were received with enthusiastic responses, the presentation that touched the deepest chords of resonance was Wednesday night's presentation on why God allows so much suffering. I am reminded, quite vividly, when I do presentations for youth that we adults spend a lot of time answering the questions that no one out there is asking, and the questions that people are asking tend to make us too uncomfortable to answer. But God is not discomforted by our hard questions. He does have answers. If we are open to considering things in a new way, His word does hold the answers.

Many young people responded by sharing that they had never felt the feelings for God that they found themselves encountering throughout the week. This all climaxed on the final Sabbath. The last talk presented God's love as revealed through the

self-abandoning sacrifice of Jesus at Calvary. We made an appeal and about 75% of the young people came forward, either making first-time decisions for Jesus or decisions of deeper commitment. Although follow-up was prepared for them, it quickly became overwhelming. The coordinators mentioned they had previously never had that large of a response at camp meeting. They were simply unprepared for the number of young people who came forward.

God loves our youth. He's not put off by their questioning, their searching for their own identity, their experimentation trying to find out what life's all about. Rather, He is drawn even closer to them by their honesty, sincerity and idealism. He wants to reach their hearts as well as their heads. Of all the things that we try to do to minister to our youth, a simple but relevantly practical encounter with God's love in a way

that answers their questions, and makes sense, is what reaches them. Pat answers don't work with us, and we shouldn't expect them to work for our youth. I find that if a young person is going to try God, it has to be real. They aren't satisfied to settle for playing religion; they want to encounter God in a real way. I recently had the privilege of meeting an artist who once wrote, "We were meant to live for so much more."\* Our youth perhaps sense this truth more often than we do.

Many of the young people I had the opportunity to meet at the Korean camp meeting are presently still in touch through email. We're searching for answers to their questions together, and I'm amazed at the serious depth of their thoughts and questions. The answers are out there. God is good. Even if we were to get nothing in

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