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who carry the wrong picture of God and that alone is keeping them from the intimate relationship with Him they were created for.”

Dear reader, what could God do with your life if you simply gave Him your next five years? You don't have to move or quit your job. Just simply give Him your life as it is. Let Him use you in your present sphere of influence to share His love with those around you. Imagine what the next five years could hold. Will you let Him have them? I promise you, nothing compares to the awe you experience when someone meets their God, who passionately loves and accepts them, for the very first time. Try it. You'll love it!

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Events Schedule

- **September 22-23**
Worcester SDA Church, MA
Ty Gibson—☎(508)867-3156
- **September 28–October 7**
Solusi University, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe
James Rafferty—solusi@solusi.ac.zw
- **September 29–October 1**
Mosaic Christian Fellowship SDA Church, Fairview, TX
Herb Montgomery—☎(972)880-9269
- **October 13-15**
Central California Conference Young Adult Retreat
Camp Wawona, Wawona, CA
James Rafferty—☎(650)281-4647
- **October 13-21**
24/7 SDA Church, Seattle, WA
Ty Gibson—☎(206)423-1991
- **October 13-22**
Glendale SDA Church, AZ
Herb Montgomery—☎(623)934-3295
- **October 27-28**
The Sydney Entertainment Centre, Australia
Festival of Worship 2006
Ty Gibson—☎(02) 9868 6522
- **October 27-28**
Jefferson Academy SDA Church, TX
James Rafferty—☎(903)679-3842
- **November 4**
Springfield SDA Church, OR
James Rafferty—☎(541)746-8263
- **November 10-11**
Los Angeles Chinese SDA Church, Alhambra, CA
James Rafferty—☎(626)757-1978
- **November 30–December 9**
Evangelism in Othello, WA
Herb Montgomery—☎(650)654-5000 x306

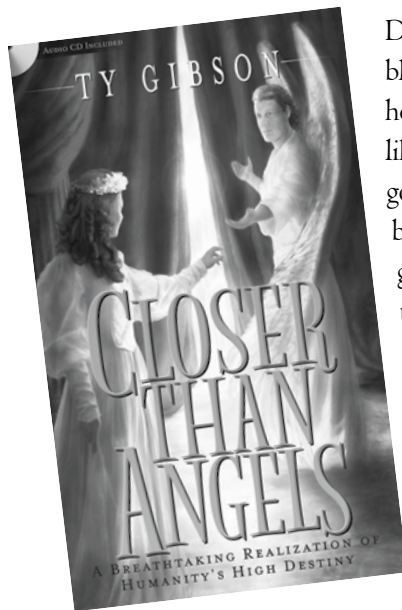
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MISSION UPDATE

The Newsletter of Light Bearers Ministry

“Beer Bottles to Bibles”

By James Rafferty

I finally met Dick and Carol Hanson at our camp meeting in Jasper, Oregon in July. As a semi-retired pastor, Dick had been sending Light Bearers Ministry (LBM) boxes of books, Bibles, and religious literature for overseas. Carol has her own interesting story of supporting God's work:

Dear LBM,
Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$280 to use for purchasing as many bibles as possible for your current projects.

Earlier this year, a girl friend and I began walking together for exercise. We would notice, especially on garbage pickup day, that there were a lot of bottles and cans in our neighborhood garbage. Oregon has a 5-cent deposit on beverage cans and bottles, so when we saw all these deposits going to the landfill we decided to start collecting cans, pop and beer bottles etc., along the curbside as we walked each

morning. Nearly every day we would find a few to add to our collection. Which we would then turn in for the deposit. It was a slow-growing collection of money for the Lord until one day I had an “inspired” thought. “Why not check out the curbside recycling bins that everyone puts out for the garbage man to take away each week? God's work might as well have the money!”

What a dramatic increase in our collection as we spent a couple of hours each Thursday morning, trying to keep ahead of the garbage truck! Oh, it was so much fun! I admit to being hooked on gathering “beer bottles for Bibles,” as well as other types of cans and bottles. Sometimes there would be several bags of these kinds of bottles in front of just one house. While we were happy to find so many bottles, it was sad because we knew the people shouldn't be drinking the stuff. But then we'd rejoice that “bad could be turned into good.”

Our husbands were humored by our enthusiasm and wondered what the neighbors thought. But to us it was a joy to know that the money would be used for the Lord's work.”

Carol Hanson
Clackamas, Oregon

I hope this story inspires you to do what you can for God's work. In fact, my prayer is that it will inspire a “bottle for Bibles” revolution among God's people. We were able to purchase 360 Bibles with this donation. (The cost was \$284, not including shipping). Each week we receive requests from overseas for literature and Bibles. What a blessing to have something to send that will be an eternal blessing to many souls! Thank you Carol, and each one of you who give for God's work.

COOL QUOTES

A story is told of the watchman at Calais lighthouse. He “was boasting of the brilliancy of his lantern, which can be seen ten leagues out at sea, when a visitor said to him:

“You speak with enthusiasm, sir, and that is well. I like to hear men tell what they are sure they have and know; but what if one of the lights should chance to go out?”

“Never, never! Absurd, impossible!” replied the sensitive watchman, in consternation at the mere supposition of such a thing. ‘Why, sir,’ he continued, and pointed to the ocean, ‘yonder where nothing can be seen, there are ships going by to every port in the world. If, tonight, one of my burners were out, within six months would come a letter, perhaps from India, perhaps from Australia, perhaps from some port I never heard of before,—a letter, saying that on such a night, at such an hour, at such a minute, the light at Calais burned low and dim; that the watchman neglected his post; that vessels were consequently put in jeopardy on the high seas. Ah, sir,’ and his face shone with the intensity of his thought, ‘sometimes, in the dark nights, and in the stormy weather, I look out upon the sea, and feel as if the eye of the whole world were looking at my light. Go out? Burn dim? That flame flicker low or fail? No, sir, never!’”

Shall Christians, shining for tempted sinners, allow their

light to fail? Forever out upon life’s billowy sea, are souls we see not, strange sailors in the dark, passing by, struggling, it may be, amid the surges of temptation. Christ is the light, and the Christian is appointed to reflect the light. The ocean is vast, its dangers are many, and the eyes of far-away voyagers are turned toward the lighthouse—the church of Jesus Christ. The church is set to be the light of the world. Are its revolving lamps all trimmed and brightly burning?

Think of this, professed Christians. A failure to let your light shine, a neglect to obtain heavenly wisdom that you may have light from God, may cause the loss of a soul. What is the life lost at sea, in comparison with the eternal life which may be lost through your unfaithfulness? Can you endure the thought? Can you go on from day to day indifferent and careless, as though there were no God, no hereafter; as though you were not Christ’s servant; as though you had no blood-bought privileges? It is of the highest consequence that you stand at your post, like the faithful watchman, that your light may shine out before others. You should be so impressed with the importance of your work, that to the question, “What if your light should go out?” your whole soul would respond, “Never, never! for then souls would be lost!”

Ellen G. White,
The Signs of the Times,
May 24, 1910

MISSION UPDATE

THE NEXT FIVE YEARS

BY HERB MONTGOMERY

How have your last five years blended with His continuous, untiring effort to etch His name, character, glory and love in your heart?

It’s been six years since I came to Light Bearers Ministry. And all that’s happened during that time inspires me to look forward to what lies ahead. God has miraculously worked in my life. Has He worked in yours?

Reflect on just your past five years. Has God done mighty things? Are you where you were five years ago? Are you even the same person you were five years ago? Surely God’s work of reproducing His love in us has made marked advances in our lives. How have your last five years blended with His continuous, untiring effort to etch His name, character, glory and love in your heart? Can you see His guiding hand? I certainly can! We serve a great God—the most loving Being in existence.

A look back on my last few years brings many high points to mind. There were difficult valleys to travel, but the mountain tops cause my heart to soar yet today. There were trips, such as the three weeks I spent in Pakistan. I recall my translator pausing in the middle of one meeting. When I glanced over to see why, tears streamed down his cheeks as he said to me, “I’m so sorry. I don’t mean to stop,

but I have never seen God and His love for me the way you are describing Him right now.” There was the dear Pentecostal pastor who stood up as one of my meetings ended and said that, after pastoring for 35 years, he was going home a different person because he was now worshiping a different God.

At one series in Trinidad over 500 Hindu worshipers came out each night. Their response to God’s love was tremendous. But the response of one Adventist Bible worker who served during the meetings stands out the most. Toward the end of the three-week series, she came and asked to be re-baptized with those being baptized the upcoming Sabbath. Although raised an Adventist and understanding all our beliefs, she had met Jesus for the very first time in those presentations. Tears flowed freely as she described encountering God’s love for her personally as she never had before.

On a trip I made to Poland over

3000 young people made decisions for Jesus. Yet one young man stands out among them. He came up to me afterward and threw his arms around me. He didn’t speak English and I don’t speak Polish, but after finding a translator I learned that fifteen years before he had committed a terrible sin and had been haunted by guilt ever since. Unable to believe that a holy God could forgive what he had done, he never felt God’s acceptance or love, but only a fearful expectation of hell. Now, with trembling voice and tears in his eyes, he said, “Thank you. Thank you so much. Today, after fifteen years of wrestling with shame, today, I, for the very first time, feel God’s forgiveness and His love for me. Thank you for giving me back my Savior.” We talked further, but truly he was a changed man.

Stories come to mind from here in the states, like the man who watched his sister die in a fire when he was five years old. His alcoholic mother and

father abandoned him at age seven, and he was adopted at age nine. After encountering more of life’s tragedies, someone gave him a series of CD’s I had recorded a year earlier. When I met him, he responded:

“Imagine the pain I kept bottled up inside all those years of resenting God for allowing this. Then a friend gave me a CD from a seminar you gave about God’s character. For the first time in my life I am free of any resentment toward God. I AM FREE because I finally know true forgiveness through Christ, that He only desires good things for me, and He never wanted me to endure the pain and sorrow I have lived with all these years. I’ve never felt this happy before, and I thank God for bringing YOU into my life. My friends even notice the peace and joy in me. No more anger, no more bitterness. . . . There are so many more people like me

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