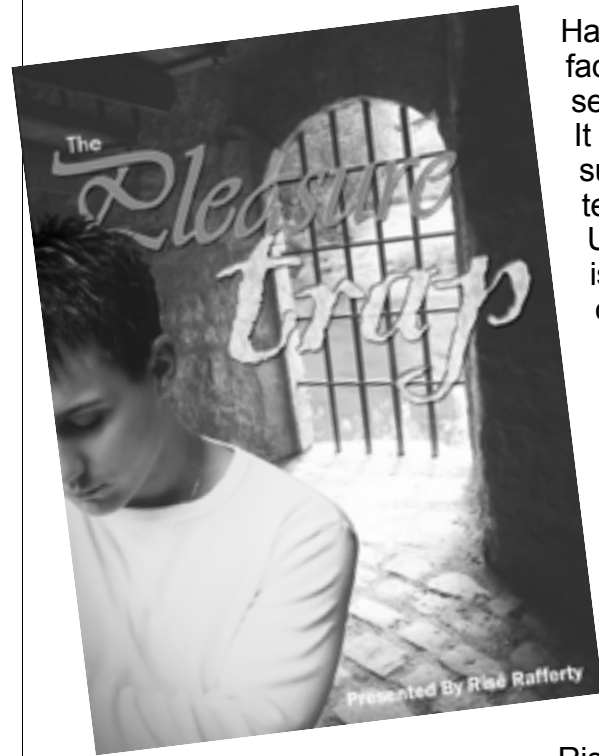


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MISSION UPDATE

The Newsletter of Light Bearers Ministry

ON THE MOVE

By James Rafferty

In July of this year Light Bearers Ministry (LBM) called a special board meeting at the General Conference session in St. Louis. To understand the reason for this meeting we need to go back a few months to the winter of 2004.

At that time we were searching to fill two new and important positions in the Ministry. We were, and still are, in desperate need of an experienced printer and a layout and design person. But as LBM has grown over the years, filling new positions has been difficult due to our remote location. This present need of staff proved no exception.

Faced with this challenge, while Ty was “down under” for a month in Australia and New Zealand, I began in April to pray specifically for God’s leading. “Lord, provide

personnel for the Ministry or lead us to a new location where these needs can be met.”

Just a few days later two more people applied for the jobs we were offering. One was an experienced press operator and the other had four years of college in layout and design.

“Yes!” was my immediate response, “God is providing for us to stay here.”

About that time Jim Hiner from Oklahoma Academy paid LBM a visit. Elder Hiner asked about the Ministry and specifically why we were located so far out in the wilderness. After hearing about our personnel needs he asked if we would ever consider relocating. When I told him about my recent prayer, Jim invited LBM to move to

Oklahoma Academy.

“I just know God is not leading us to move,” I recall thinking at the time. But just a couple of weeks later both the printer and the graphic designer turned us down due to our location. The designer was not ready to move so far out and the printer couldn’t find a suitable place to live in the area.

It was at this time that I first began to believe that the Lord just might be leading LBM to move to a new location. I recall what impressed me then. When Elder Hiner asked what led us to live so far out, I rehearsed to him God’s leading as I had done so many times in response to that question. But this time was different. The story of how God led us to Malo not only confirmed His past leading, but also

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 gave the confidence that He could lead us to another location better suited to our present, growing needs. We have always believed that God led us here, and still do. But lately we have come to recognize that His leading in the past does not negate His further desire to lead in the present. If we can trust that He has led in the past, we can also believe that He will continue to lead into the future for greater effectiveness in spreading the gospel. Ty still thinks that the biggest miracle in all of this is my willingness to move. And he's probably right.

Once I was open to the move it was an issue of praying about the best location. From that point on everything seemed to fall into place. The LBM board made a decision in May for the Ministry to move somewhere better suited to our staffing, trucking and electrical power needs. Starting in May, we considered over a dozen locations, visiting several. After compiling a stat sheet we narrowed the list to the three best options. At the conclusion of the designated search period, the LBM Administrative Committee made a recommendation for the location that received the highest marks in the most categories on the stat sheet. On July 8, at that special board meeting held at the General Conference session, a unanimous vote accepted the recommendation to relocate to Jasper, Oregon.

There are a number of reasons for selecting Jasper:

- An offer has been made of property with a newly built publishing house and office complex. This means that the Ministry will be able to relocate at no cost for new facilities. In itself, this is a miracle that indicates God's call and leading. This will save the Ministry a

and rail stations on the west coast. Presently the Ministry is located up a steep dirt road that is covered with ice and snow for about half the year. We sometimes need to hire a bulldozer to push semi-trucks up the 12% grade during the winter, and then gently guide the trucks down to prevent them from sliding off the edge.

year, although we cannot be absolutely certain that it won't take longer. When buildings are being built, there are a number of factors involved that may alter projected plans. We will keep you updated of any changes in our timeline.

In a nutshell, we are relocating because we have simply reached a ceiling at our present location that prevents

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very large sum of money.

- The new location will place the Ministry near a population base from which to draw much-needed employees. As previously stated, in our present situation almost anyone we hire must be moved into the area; and of those who apply for the positions offered, most decline when they discover the remoteness of our location. Even those who do come to work for the Ministry often begin thinking about moving after one or two winters.

- The new location will place the Ministry twenty miles from the I-5 corridor, on level property with a paved road in a moderate climate free of hazardous, ice-covered roads, which is perfect for our trucking needs. We haul multiple containers of literature each year by semi-truck to shipping ports

- The new location has easy access to stable, three-phase electrical power. The lack of such power at our present location is one of our greatest challenges. We have built an industrial park-type operation on the side of a mountain in an area of the United States that is still categorized as "frontier." Because of this lack of a proper power supply, the manufacturer of our new six-color web press has said they may have to drop the warranty on the press. We struggle against many electronic and mechanical problems with our equipment due to unstable and inadequate power.

- The new location is still in the country, and yet not remote.

As for when the move will be made, we are projecting that it will be in February or March of the coming

further growth. We love this area. From a purely personal standpoint, it is a great place to live and we have no desire to move. But we don't exist for purely personal considerations, and the Ministry does not exist to meet our personal likes and dislikes. Our very first priority is to reach as many people as we can, as fast as we can, as efficiently as we can. And we are certain that we can better fulfill this mission in the new location. Your continued prayers and support are greatly appreciated as we venture forward by faith into this new and exciting phase of Light Bearers Ministry.

COOL QUOTES

Through the ages that have passed since the days of the apostles, the building of God's temple has never ceased. We may look back through the centuries and see the living stones of which it is composed gleaming like jets of light through the darkness of error and superstition. Throughout eternity these precious jewels will shine with increasing luster, testifying to the power of the truth of God. The flashing light of these polished stones reveals the strong contrast between light and darkness, between the gold of truth and the dross of error.

Paul and the other apostles, and all the righteous who have lived since then, have acted their part in the building of the temple. But the structure is not yet complete. We who are living in this age have a work to do, a part to act. We are to bring to the foundation material that will stand the test of fire—gold, silver, and precious stones, "polished after the similitude of a palace" (Psalm 144:12). To those who thus build for God, Paul speaks words of encouragement and warning: "If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire" (1 Corinthians 3:14-15). The Christian who faithfully presents the word of life, leading men and women into the way of holiness and peace, is bringing to the foundation material that will endure, and in the kingdom of God he will be honored as a wise builder.

Ellen G. White, *Acts of the Apostles*, pp. 598-599

Every one of us is something that the other is not, and therefore knows something—it may be without knowing that he knows it—which no one else knows; and . . . it is everyone's business, as one of the kingdom of light and inheritor in it all, to give his portion to the rest.

George MacDonald, *Unspoken Sermons*, Series III, "The Inheritance"

As Jesus endured agony and often was in lonely prayer and in agony of spirit pleading with His Father, so we, if we are truly Christ's followers, will often feel agony of soul, and will pour out our earnest prayer to our Father. We shall groan in spirit after God. But these seasons when the soul is enshrouded in darkness will not drive the true Christian from God. I was shown that the disciples of Christ, without an exception, are not their own. Jesus has bought them with a dear sacrifice, His own blood. He claims them. Their time, their strength, are His. Their will, their mind, are subject to His will. Their will is yielded, given up. They wait and watch for the will and counsel of God to be manifested concerning them.

Ellen G. White, *Manuscript Releases*, vol. 21, p. 252

There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, "Thy will be done," and those to whom God says, in the end, "Thy will be done."

C. S. Lewis