

LIGHT BEARERS MINISTRY

YEAR-END REPORT

GREETINGS

DEAR FRIEND:

Here we are at the end of 2003. The year has gone by so fast that much of it is a blur. But God's goodness has been crystal clear month after month. It is a pleasure to bring you this year-end report, highlighting what the Lord has done through your partnership with this ministry. We feel a deep sense of responsibility and accountability to you as stewards of your support. You will rejoice at knowing that the gospel has been brought within the reach of many hungry souls.

HISTORY & MISSION STATEMENT

First, we would like to give a brief history and mission statement as an introduction for those of you who are new friends of the Ministry. Light Bearers Ministry (LBM) was established about eighteen years ago as a teaching ministry. As new converts, we found that there was an intense hunger for Bible truth. Spontaneously we began sharing our own experience with God. A seminar ministry was born. In response to a non-stop flow of invitations, we have had the awesome privilege of conducting seminars on a variety of topics in local churches for these 18 years. We have seen lives transformed through the gospel.

About three years into this teaching ministry, God distinctly impressed us to start an evangelistic publishing house. It quickly got off the ground and grew into an international supplier of truth-filled literature. Today, over 350 million publications in more than 35 languages have been put into circulation free of charge. It is the mission of LBM to proclaim the gospel of Christ through the spoken and published word as fast and as far as possible.

SO WHAT HAS THE LORD WROUGHT THROUGH THIS MINISTRY IN 2003?

As of October 31, 2003, we have shipped the following 15 containers, approximating 51 million publications:

CONTAINERS	COUNTRY
1.5	Zimbabwe
1	Dominican Republic, for North Pacific Union Conference evangelism
.5	St. Kitts, West Indies/Canada
3	South Africa
2	Zambia, for Voice of Prophecy cost sharing
1	Bolivia
1	Nigeria
2	Tanzania
1	Philippines, for North Pacific Union
1	Ecuador
1	Tanzania for Kibidula Farms

There are at least seven more projects yet to be completed for November and December:

FINAL 2003 CONTAINERS

Sudan	Mexico
Ghana	Rwanda (tentative)
Zambia	Ethiopia (tentative)
Columbia	

This means that by the end of December we hope to have shipped 22 containers or approximately 77 million truth-filled publications. Praise God!

TEACHING MINISTRY

Presently LBM employs three seminar speaker-evangelists—ourselves and Herb Montgomery who joined us three years ago. At the close of 2003, the three of us will have conducted meetings in over 50 cities, addressing thousands of eager learners. It is impossible to adequately represent in a letter such as this the powerful impact these teaching events have on people's hearts. One time after another we see men and women set free from deep-rooted misconceptions about God's character. We hear repeated testimonies from real people telling us that the seminar they attended completely transformed their relationship with God. We believe that when the love of God in Christ is presented, hearts are radically moved.

LBM also sponsors a full-time African evangelist, Herry Mhando and his wife Esther, through the Tanzanian Union. They travel internationally conducting campaigns in dozens of churches, training hundreds of local members and utilizing and distributing four or five containers a year from LBM. This last year they held meetings in England, Canada, Tanzania and Zimbabwe, resulting in thousands of baptisms.

Many of you have also been blessed by the pen and voice of Risë Rafferty, who works part-time as a writer and speaker for LBM in the area of health. Her year included a monthly *Health Nugget*, a number of seminars and some new on-site programs for 3ABN.

We praise God for the privilege of serving Him in this capacity. Thank you for enabling us to continue this teaching ministry.

PUBLISHING OUTREACH

The majority of the financial resources we receive are devoted to an ever-growing publishing outreach. Near the end of 2002, we established a goal for 2003 to produce and ship fifteen containers of truth-filled literature to

needy locations around the world. That would amount to approximately 53 million publications with the potential to reach literally millions of souls for Jesus. Beyond that projected plan, we decided to also accept any requests for literature from other ministries.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Light Bearers is a ministry with a passion for publishing and proclaiming the matchless beauty of God's love. We believe that the core issue in the great war between good and evil is the character of God. Satan's primary objective is to misrepresent the kind of person God is. Jesus came to our world to set humanity free by revealing the truth about God's character. The gospel commission is a call to the church to exalt the incarnate, crucified, risen Christ as the true and accurate picture of God.

Our support base is not built by marketing techniques or fundraising campaigns. By and large, those who fund our work do so because they have been personally blessed by the message God has put in our mouths and in our pens. In other words, those who finance this ministry believe that God wants a special message proclaimed—a message that holds the person of Christ central to every doctrine. Those who support our work do so because they also know we conduct this ministry at a high level of integrity and cost-effectiveness.

Dollar for dollar, Light Bearers places the gospel within the reach of more individual people than any other way you could invest your soul-winning funds. With a 2003 budget of \$1.4 million, we will put truth-filled literature within the reach of more than 70 million men, women and children. All this literature is produced and put into circulation for less than an average of two cents per piece.

And exactly on whom are your resources spent? On the most receptive people in the world, the very ones Jesus specified would be most open-hearted: "the poor, the halt, the lame," those who are convinced by personal experience that this world has nothing of real value to offer. We specialize in reaching out to the vast, poverty-stricken masses of the third world. It makes sense—financial sense and heart sense—to devote a large portion of our energy and resources to this segment of Earth's population. They can be reached literally for pennies, and they are eager to embrace the truth.

We began 2003 with a projected income of \$1.4 million. It looks like we will close the year at about \$1.5 million, of course praying and hoping that we will significantly exceed that amount so that we can begin to move forward with some vital needs.

Here is the basic breakdown of 2003 fund expenditures through the month of October:

PUBLISHING

Materials, Equipment, Shipping	\$600,477
Staff	\$204,288

SEMINARS/EVANGELISM

Speakers	\$143,339
TV Production and Broadcast	\$30,983
Evangelism	\$31,209
Convocations	\$17,237

ADMINISTRATION

Staff	\$109,727
Support Staff	\$79,156
Support Program Expenses	\$195,296

\$1,415,712

PLANS FOR 2004

PROJECTS

If funding is available, our present facility and staff are capable of producing 20 to 25 shipments of literature in 2004, or 70 to 100 million publications. Possible projects include:

COUNTRY	LANGUAGE
Tanzania	Swahili
Malawi	Chechewa & English
Uganda	Luganda & English
Sahel Union, in Africa	French & Portuguese
Rwanda, for It Is Written	kiNyarwanda
Haiti	French
Latin America, for Amazing Facts	Spanish
New Guinea, for General Conference Sow 1 Billion Project	English & Pidgin English
Russia, for General Conference	Russian
Madagascar	French & Malagasi
Cambodia	Cambodian
Sudan	Moru, Bari & Juba Arabic
Philippines, for Ty Gibson's evangelistic meetings, Mindanao	English
Ethiopia	Amharic

NEW PRESS

In order to add efficiency and higher quality to our publishing work, it is our plan in 2004 to trade out our present 6-color web press and acquire a new, or slightly used, one to replace it. Our research reveals that we can go in the direction of new for about \$1,000,000 or used for about \$800,000. At present, we have \$79,000.

Thank you so very much for your trust, your prayers and your support. May the Lord bless every effort to prepare ourselves, our loved ones and the world for His soon return.

In Service for Jesus,



Ty Gibson and James Rafferty
Co-Directors of Light Bearers Ministry



EVENTS SCHEDULE

- ◆ **November 1-22**
Kaneohe SDA Church, HI, Evangelism
Ty Gibson—☎(808)247-4345
- ◆ **January 9-10**
Diamond Lake/Newport Church Retreat, WA
James & Risé Rafferty—☎(208)437-4196
- ◆ **January 16-17**
Arlington SDA Church, TX
Ty Gibson—☎(214)564-0223
- ◆ **February 6-7**
Myrtle Creek SDA Church, OR
Ty Gibson—☎(541)839-6800 or 863-5183
- ◆ **February 27-28**
Dallas North Brazilian SDA Church, TX
Herb Montgomery—☎(972)234-1117

LIFT HIM UP

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)

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