

Dear Friends of Light Bearers,

As 2015 draws to a close, we are looking back over the year assessing God's leading, and what a year it's been!

Light Bearers is a partnership that exists because God has given you and us a shared vision and passion. At some point you connected with this ministry because you resonate with the message we proclaim and the mission God has led us to execute.

The message is paramount for us, and we know it is for you also. You've come to know Light Bearers as a ministry that faithfully preaches the full doctrinal and prophetic message of Scripture in the glorious light of God's love. We are not content to merely preach theological facts with Jesus off to the side. Christ and His righteousness, the good news of His saving grace, and the attractive beauty of God's character—these are the powerful themes that must permeate our message. We praise God you share this conviction.

Our mission is simple: to communicate this message as fast and as far as possible, both within the church and throughout the world. To achieve this mission, we employ the most effective communication tools available:

ONE Preaching: Light Bearers has four on-fire speakers who are devoted to proclaiming the truths of God's words: James Rafferty, David Asscherick, Jeffrey Rosario and Ty Gibson. Each year we host multiple revival and evangelistic events around the world in local churches, universities and public venues. Not one week goes by that we are not somewhere in the world sharing the everlasting gospel.

TWO Publishing: Each year we put into circulation mass quantities of gospel literature, focusing our attention on the poorest countries on earth. This work is extremely powerful and cost-effective, placing the truth within the hands of millions of people each year for mere pennies per publication.

THREE Training: Each year we run two three-month ARISE discipleship programs, one in the United States and one in Australia. Students who attend ARISE learn the entire biblical message and are trained in soul-winning ministry in the community, preparing them to be effective in sharing the gospel.

FOUR Resourcing: We create cutting-edge, culturally-relevant television programs, DVD series, audio messages and publications. These media materials are designed for equipping God's church with effective sharing resources.

Right now something massively important is happening in our world, and all of us can be part of it. In Revelation 14 we read about three angels, symbolizing God's people, that proclaim three vital messages to every nation on earth. Then, in Revelation 18:1 a fourth angel joins them:

“After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory” (Revelation 18:1).

The illuminating light of God's love, in the context of the three angels' messages, is to be proclaimed with great power on a global scale. This is precisely the purpose for which Light Bearers exists. In this year end report, we are excited to share with you a few snapshots of our work during 2015.

Thank you so very much for being a part of this ministry.

Handwritten signatures of Ty Gibson, James Rafferty, and David Asscherick.

Ty Gibson, James Rafferty and David Asscherick,
On behalf of the entire Light Bearers team

PUBLISHING

During 2015, Light Bearers (LB) has shipped 12 containers, each holding about two million pieces of gospel literature in the form of Bible study guides, topical tracts, magazines, books and Bibles. This brings the total number of publications put into circulation to 635,359,746. Here are the projects completed this year, for which we are about \$200,000 short of meeting budget. Your help is vitally needed as we close out the year.

BOTSWANA (2 CONTAINERS)

POPULATION: 2,039,000

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH, SETSWANA

RELIGION: 70% CHRISTIAN, 20% NO RELIGION, 6% MUSLIM, 4% OTHER

ADVENTISTS: 40,197

Church leaders and members in Botswana have laid aggressive goals to win souls for Christ. The two shipments of literature we've sent will be used by 51 churches as well as by schools and various community projects.



KENYA

POPULATION: 44,350,000

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH, SWAHILI

RELIGION: 83% CHRISTIAN, 11% ISLAM, 6% OTHER

ADVENTISTS: 459,426

The General Conference has launched a worldwide initiative for city evangelism and LB literature will be used to blanket Nairobi in support of city-wide evangelistic efforts. Churches in the district outside of Nairobi will also receive literature from this shipment.

SOUTH AFRICA (2 CONTAINERS)

POPULATION: 52,980,000

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH, AFRIKAANS, NDEBELE

RELIGION: 80% CHRISTIAN, 15% NONE, 2% MUSLIM, 2% OTHER, 1% JUDAISM

ADVENTISTS: 121,938

There are multiple ministry efforts planned throughout South Africa, including many evangelistic campaigns and street ministries. James Rafferty will be a speaker at the South Africa campmeeting this December. Some of the literature we have sent will be used in conjunction with his meetings.



GUATEMALA

POPULATION: 15,470,000

LANGUAGES: SPANISH

RELIGION: 90% CHRISTIAN, 10% OTHER—JEWISH, MUSLIM, SRI SATHYA SAI BABA

ADVENTISTS: 237,494

This shipment is part of a ministry partnership between LB and Water for Life on behalf of the Central Guatemala Conference. Studies will be brought into villages and towns where Water for Life drills wells for general public use.

ZAMBIA (2 CONTAINERS)

POPULATION: 14,540,000

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH, BEMBA, TONGA, CHICHEWA

RELIGION: 85% CHRISTIAN, 5% MUSLIM, 5% ATHEIST, 5% OTHER—HINDUISM, BAHAI, INDIGENOUS BELIEFS

ADVENTISTS: 800,000

These two shipments were sent in response to an urgent request from the leadership at the Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division.

The material will be used for evangelistic meetings scheduled in four conferences. Also, the Bible Pioneers of Riverside Farm Institute, a sister ministry of LB, will use some of the literature for ministry in towns and villages all over Zambia.





GHANA

POPULATION: 25,900,000

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

RELIGION: 71% CHRISTIAN, 18% MUSLIM, 8% TRADITIONALIST, 3% OTHER

ADVENTISTS: 107,351

This shipment of literature will be utilized by more than 4,000 churches in seven different regions within the Southern Ghana Union and ten regions within the Northern Ghana Union.

TANZANIA

POPULATION: 49,250,000

LANGUAGES: SWAHILI, ENGLISH

RELIGION: 33% CHRISTIAN, 33% MUSLIM, 33% INDIGENOUS RELIGIONS

ADVENTISTS: 470,651

This shipment is to follow-up Ted Wilson's evangelistic campaign in Dar es Salaam. 50,000 people attended the meetings. In connection with this effort, there are 692 churches that will use the literature sent to them.



SWAZILAND

POPULATION: 1,250,000

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH, SISWATI

RELIGION: 90% CHRISTIAN, 9% OTHER, 1% MUSLIM

ADVENTISTS: 7,380

Twenty-three churches will use this shipment of Bible studies to "harvest souls that have been befriended" in their various territories.

LESOTHO

POPULATION: 2,074,000

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH, SESOTHO

RELIGION: 90% CHRISTIAN, 10% OTHER—MUSLIM, HINDI, BUDDHIST, INDIGENOUS BELIEFS

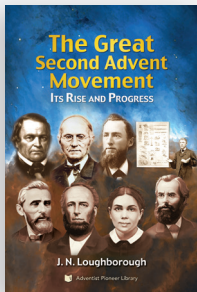
ADVENTISTS: 8002

LB literature will be used in 180 Lesotho evangelistic campaigns. Their goal is to enroll 9,000 people in LB Bible studies.



ADVENTIST PIONEER LIBRARY

As Seventh-day Adventist Christians, we have a rich theological heritage in the writings of our “pioneers.” Light Bearers is committed to bringing these valuable materials within the reach of God’s church. In 2015, the following additional projects were completed and added to our Adventist Pioneer Library lineup of resources:



THE GREAT SECOND ADVENT MOVEMENT: ITS RISE AND PROGRESS

BY J. N. LOUGHBOROUGH

New 2015 edition, replacing the 1992 edition.



NO PODER DO ESPÍRITO (PORTUGUESE)

W. W. PRESCOTT

In the Spirit's Power—the Armadale sermons, their background and connections, newly translated.

A WORD TO THE LITTLE FLOCK

BY JAMES WHITE, ELLEN
WHITE, AND JOSEPH BATES

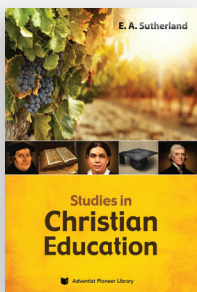
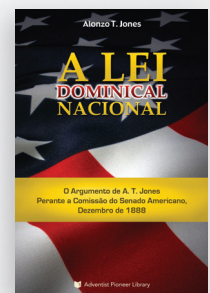
Early 1847 publication to Sabbath-keeping Adventists.



A LEI DOMINICAL NACIONAL (PORTUGUESE)

A. T. JONES

The National Sunday Law—Jones’ testimony before the Senate committee in 1888, newly translated.



STUDIES IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

BY E. A. SUTHERLAND

Includes appendices of Ellen White’s documents on the Madison School and self-supporting work.



EL GRAN MOVIMIENTO ADVENTISTA

J. N. LOUGHBOROUGH

The Great Second Advent Movement—first Spanish edition of this classic, newly translated.

ON THE GO?

We’ve added *Daniel and the Revelation* by Uriah Smith as a digital book and *Studies in Christian Education* as an audio book, both available online at www.egwritings.org, under the Adventist Pioneer Library section!

of choice for their soul-winning efforts. Church leaders in Europe are so excited about *Truth Link* that the Inter-European Division is currently translating the studies into every language of their territory.

Here's some of the feedback we're getting:

The Truth Link lessons are a breath of fresh air with their emphasis on God's love and their central focus on Jesus. I thank God a million times over for finding this incredible study guide.

B. Kruger

I have been very blessed by the new Truth Link Bible studies. WOW!

B. Christiansen

Our church has decided to use Truth Link as its main means of evangelizing in the community because of the simple manner in which they present important biblical concepts and also because of their attractive, contemporary layout.

A. Garcia

Loving the Truth Link studies. Incredible job!

L. Gordon

I am a youth pastor in Serbia and need to know how to get the Bible studies called Truth Link. I need to have them!

D. Rajic

I am one of the youth leaders at Helderberg College in South Africa. I have recently come across your new Bible study series called Truth Link. The series is absolutely amazing! This resource will greatly help us in reaching the student body on campus!

A. Gordon

The Truth Link Bible study guides present the most beautiful, balanced picture of God to share with

the world. How dare I keep this glorious truth to myself?

C. Doss

We have the feeling when we are using the study guides that we are sitting at the feet of Jesus, and He is teaching us the things we need to know.

S. Donk (Netherlands)

I just got the Truth Link Bible studies through the Walla Walla Village Church, and I love them! These have made more sense to me than anything has in a long time.

R. Trethewey

This week a teenage girl gave her testimony at our local academy. She said she had always hated herself and her life. Then one day she read the first lesson in the Truth Link series. She read it and reread it for about three hours. Afterward, she gave her heart to Jesus and accepted His love for her. She comes from a non-SDA home but is now a follower of Jesus preparing for baptism.

Hallelujah!!! What a powerful testimony! As you know, I took my Youth Sabbath School through the whole set, ages 15-18, and they LOVED them.

D. Asscherick

TRUTHLINK.ORG

In addition to being available in print, *Truth Link* is also a free online course. As lesson one is completed, access is granted to lesson two, and so on through the entire series of 27. This method leads the online student in a progressive unfolding of truth. Once the course is completed, the student receives a graduation certificate. Tell your family and friends about truthlink.org.



ARISE REPORT

In 2015, Light Bearers graduated 62 students from our ARISE discipleship programs in Australia and the United States. These students completed a comprehensive three-month curriculum we call *The Story*, which moves through the entire narrative of Scripture from Genesis to Revelation. We seamlessly break down the Bible into seven chapters: Pre-Creation, Creation, Fall, Covenant,

Messiah, Church, Re-Creation. And it is nothing short of powerful.

In addition to their engagement in a daily classroom schedule, they get practical training in the community through 150+ hours of outreach projects that include door-to-door ministry, feeding the homeless, public university campus ministry and assisting with an evangelistic series. One highlight of their outreach was partnering with the Adventist Churches in the Eugene area to hold a free two-day health clinic that provided free dental, vision and medical care to more than 1,000 people.

In Australia, the North New South Wales Conference eagerly employs as many of our graduates as they can. In 2015, 11 graduates were hired as Bible workers to help local churches make an impact for the Kingdom in their communities.

INTERNSHIP

In the United States, after our 2014 ARISE program, we were blessed to keep nine graduates to be part of a internship. This afforded them the opportunity to continue learning and immersing themselves in a life of full-time ministry. A major element of the internship was helping to build up a new church plant in Eugene. The interns were vital to the growth of the Storyline Adventist Church by bringing people to church, leading small group Bible studies, organizing young adult events, and visiting members.

Our beloved interns have now completed the program and we thank them and God for their time with us. Some went on to be overseas missionaries, teachers and college students. A few chose to stay in the area to continue serving the church plant they helped start.

FILMING

In addition to our two on-site programs, God has made a way for us to take the ARISE course online for those who are unable to attend in person. We brought in a film crew to record the classes this year and will make them available online sometime in the new year. You will now be able to go through this powerful program at your own pace at home or in a group at your church.

In His gospel commission, Jesus said we are to go, teach and baptize. ARISE educates men and women to do just that. Whether graduates go on to full-time ministry in some capacity or find their place in society in other vocations, a common thread ties their experiences together:

One of the greatest realizations I have made in ARISE is that God is love . . . It was deeply comforting and freeing to learn that God hurts when we hurt. . . . Esther Hardy

One of the best times of my life, lavished with the knowledge that transforms into the love of God.
Walden Tindugan

ARISE students become deeply grounded in the knowledge of God's love, preparing them to be effective witnesses.

ARISE 2016

If you or someone you know is looking for the kind of training ARISE offers, details for our 2016 programs can be explored at lightbearers.org.



PREACHING REPORT

Paul speaks of the “foolishness of preaching.” And it really is a foolish practice if you think about it. A person stands in front of a group of seated individuals and makes a series of passionate declarations with the hope of persuading them to believe the good news of God’s saving grace.

CONVOCATION

For the 2015 Light Bearers Convocation, we preached our way through the book of Hebrews under the theme, *Something Better*. We discovered that Jesus is superior in every way to the Old Testament sanctuary system because He is the grand reality to which the whole thing pointed. In Christ, every aspect of our salvational needs is

met. He is our once-for-all Sacrifice and our all-sufficient High Priest.

TABLE TALK

Four guys around a table preaching to one another. That's *Table Talk*. Well, it's more of a conversation, but we do get preachy because our topic, always, is the word of God. In 2015 we filmed season three, *The Hard Questions Series*. Powerful insights emerged as we discussed difficult questions like: If God is love, why is there so much suffering? Can those who have never heard of Jesus be saved? Why is there so much killing in the Old Testament? This popular television series is also available on DVD for personal or small group study.

MESSIAH

While recording the audio commentary for the Sabbath School lesson on the Gospel of Luke, James discovered what he calls, "the Gabriel connection," a vital link between Luke and the book of Daniel. From this study he developed a new sharing book titled *Messiah*, which establishes the 70-week prophecy from the New Testament, especially from Luke's gospel. This book is an excellent evangelistic resource for sharing. Providentially, the door opened for James to present this new material on 3ABN. The program was so well received that thousands of books were ordered, leading 3ABN to air the program a second time. We believe God is working in a powerful way to establish the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation with the central focus on Jesus.

REIMAGINING GOD

It is no secret that we as a church are losing a large percentage of our young adults. Once they leave

home, many of them leave the church also. Painfully aware of this tragic situation, the pastors and chaplains at Andrews University and the Pioneer Memorial Church invited Ty to preach a 10-part series with the hope and prayer that something powerful would happen. And it did. More than 1000 people attended each morning and then again each evening. One student after another responded:

"This week of prayer series really blew my mind. It truly did help me Reimagine God."

"I have been an SDA my entire life, but I have never encountered a picture of God the way it was presented last week."

"I admit, I've been to weeks of prayer that have been tiresome and boring, but this one brought life and interest. It was a very enjoyable experience."

"I honestly believe that this was the best week of prayer that I have been to. It was practical and yet very important for our time today. I can't wait for all the sermons to go on YouTube so I can relive it again."

"I thought the speaker and topic were fantastic and extremely relevant in my life. I was incredibly blessed."

Why such high interest, and from young adults no less?

Quite simply, because God's character is beautiful, and that's where the power lies!

We are praising God for these and many other preaching opportunities throughout 2015. The gospel is so powerful that when people hear it they are drawn to Jesus.



WHEN YOU GIVE TO LIGHT BEARERS . . .

You can be assured that every gift you give to Light Bearers will be put to maximum use with the highest financial standards of integrity. By giving, you help us with these primary efforts:

- Printing and shipping mass quantities of free, truth-filled literature around the world
- Conducting a variety of evangelistic, revival and training events around the world
- Producing cutting edge audio, video and print materials for sharing

Light Bearers is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and all donations are tax-deductible. Committed to the highest standards of Christian stewardship, we are audited by an outside accounting firm and accountable to a board of directors who meet twice annually for financial review.

The financial support you entrust to Light Bearers is handled with prayer, integrity and careful planning for maximum impact for the spread of the gospel. We greatly appreciate your support. Thank you for being a part of this ministry!



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TY GIBSON

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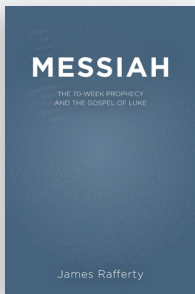
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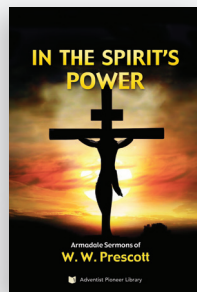
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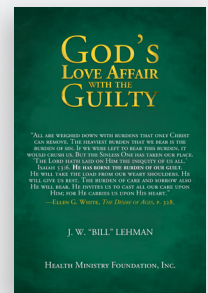
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