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opportunity to demonstrate or use what he has learned. The successful man, then, makes good use of his time and then watches and avails himself of his opportunity to serve when it presents itself. For instance, Abraham Lincoln, in his spare time, learned to be President of this country, and so when his chance came he was ready to fill the office admirably. To make a success in anything one must start out by mastering the most elementary fundamentals and then keep on progressing in advancement step by step.

“Honest men who gain wealth do not do it because they naturally knew a great deal or were naturally skillful. It was because they used well their time and their chance. They, too, had put forth the necessary effort to equip and train themselves to be successful when their chance came. Those who do not make profitable use of their time cannot possibly live successfully.

“Nobody can tell just what electricity is. And what about time? What is time? --Nobody here knows.

“In the beginning, the evening and the morning were the first day. Day is a measurement of time, and God created it. The day, as you know, is composed of twenty-four hours, an hour being merely a shorter measurement of time. Since the earth can measure but twenty-four hours each time it turns on its axis, Earth, then, has as its only means of time measurement its rotation on its axis and its circuit

through its orbit. Do you realize that were it not for this we would be without time? Instead, it would be eternity. Therefore eternity has no time. Time is manufactured. Daniel refers to 'Time, times, and half a time' which explains what time is. It is a span measured by the completion of a full round of the earth in its orbit. That is one time. The repetition of it makes times. Then what is eternity? It has no measurement, for it is never to repeat itself like the years do. Time is given us that we may know what part of eternity man has existed on this earth.

“Which do you think is the more important: time or eternity?--Time is everything, for without it there is no eternity; still eternity is not time because it cannot be measured. Time saved is even more important than money saved, for you can not save money if you do not save time.

“If earth, through its constant movement and change of location in the universe, represents time, then everything might represent time. Plants represent time, for you can tell by its size how old a plant is. In another form human beings represent time. Trees represent time by their growth. The Bible represents time, for it took time for man to live the history It records, to write It, to print It, to manufacture the paper on which It is printed and the machinery that prints It, to grow and process the material for Its cover,--it all represents time. The workman's wages represent time paid in money. Neither gold or diamonds are

obtained without the representation of the time element being present both in the commodities themselves and again in the money that people give in exchange for them.

“Through this discussion you can see that time is vitally connected with material though it is invisible. It is far more important to save time, for time is priceless; it is just like salvation. But the sad fact is that but few people realize how valuable time is. In view of the great value of time what sin it must be to waste it! Yet to all are given time and chance.

“In one hundred years there are about 36,500 days. In a general sense that amount in terms of dollars is not much, for today money is measured by billions of dollars. But a person's lifetime is in reality very short, and composed of three periods: childhood, prime, and old age. It is usually in his prime period of life that man is most productive, and since it is but a part of his lifetime, he should never waste a minute of that time.

“We should see that we get 100% value out of every minute we live. To accomplish this we must conserve our energy by eliminating useless and unnecessary effort. In that way our endurance is lengthened and we can actually accomplish more. Since it does take time and effort to talk, for instance, we should avoid useless talk, and learn to make every word count for good only. Lost time can never be recovered regardless how we

wasted it. It is gone for eternity. Therefore how valuable time is!

“We should perhaps ask ourselves this question more often than any other: Am I doing something now that I may regret in eternity? And if we are we should at once set about to substitute worthy pursuits for the useless or worthless one. The Christian's great duty is to accomplish the things that God wants done. Doing that makes us rich in one way or another. Should a man then rob us, God will reimburse us. Really, no one can cheat us if we engage ourselves in doing the things God wants done, but the man who tends only his own interests never actually gets very far, especially when his accomplishments are evaluated in the light of eternity. And 'there is no limit to the good a man can do if he does not care who gets the credit.'

“Chance is what brings us eternity. Therefore, if we make use of time and chance, we do not have to worry about eternity.

“Are you personally aware that time and chance are given to each of us, and that if we would be successful now and in the hereafter we must as judiciously invest our time as we would our money? Are you a time 'spendthrift' or a time wizard? Are you just existing, or are you preparing for your great 'chance'? Each must answer this question for himself. Soon that great chance will come to every soul, and when it comes

it will prove the faithfulness or the unfaithfulness of our stewardship over the time that was given us to prepare for it. As you stand now, are you ready?

“'Our time belongs to God. Every moment is His, and we are under the most solemn obligation to improve it to His glory.... Of no talent He has given will He require a more strict account than of our time.'

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“'...We shall individually be held responsible for doing one jot less than we have ability to do. The Lord measures with exactness every possibility for service. The unused capabilities are as much brought into account as are those that are improved. For all that we might become through the right use of our talents God holds us responsible. We shall be judged according to what we ought to have done, but did not accomplish because we did not use our powers to glorify God. Even if we do not lose our souls, we shall realize in eternity the result of our unused talents. For all the knowledge and ability that we might have gained and did not, there will be an eternal loss.'

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“'Whatever the line of work in which we engage, the word of God teaches us to be 'not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord.' 'Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might,' 'knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.' " --*Christ's Object*

Lessons (1941 edition) pp. 342, 363, 346; (1900 edition) pp. 345, 365, 349.

“In the day that we must account for our stewardship WE WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE A GOOD ACCOUNT OF EVERY OTHER TALENT ENTRUSTED TO US IF WE CAN SHOW THAT WE HAVE MADE THE MOST PROFITABLE USE OF OUR TIME. That is how important time is. May God help each of us to be wise time investors. " --*Symbolic Code, Vol. 11, No. 4, pp. 3 - 11.*

Inspiration Says: "...Business hours should be faithfully employed. To be wasteful of time or material is dishonesty before God. A few moments are squandered here, and a few moments there, which amount in the course of a week to nearly or quite a day, sometimes even exceeding this. 'Time is money,' and a waste of time is a waste of money to the cause of God. When those who profess the faith are dilatory and reckless of time, showing that they have not a heart interest in the prosperity of the work, unbelievers who are employed will follow their example. If all would use their time to the best account, very much means would be saved to the cause of truth. When the heart is in the work, it will be done with earnestness, energy, and dispatch. All should be awake to see what needs to be done, and apt and quick to execute, working as though under the direct supervision of the great Master, Jesus Christ. *Ellen G. White --4 Testimonies: 451.*

A SPIRITUAL SAFARI

Africa certainly is one of the most fascinating and beautiful of continents on the globe. It is the home of lions, giraffes, hyenas, elephants, cheetahs, leopards, and flushed with countless more fauna, birds and critters of all types. Africa is also a land of contrasts. There are the lush verdant forests, dense jungles, and the sometimes dry arid prairies. There are majestic, breathtaking mountain peaks, and then the low, flat valleys. There are wide rivers and dry plains. Abject poverty covers much of the continent, yet there is the affluent--the rich. This was the land where the huge jet landed on February, 3, 1999, carrying Brothers Terry Harrison and Anthony Hibbert, destined for a three and a half month missionary journey that would eventually take them across Africa.

The first stop was Johannesburg, South Africa. The plan was to visit six countries where the Association had contacts. Three of these countries already had established groups. The others had persons who had been in contact with the headquarters, but were not yet organized. The goal for the two workers was to visit, encourage, and assist in any way possible--including evangelism, problem solving, and organization. In some cases, the workers did not know what they would find. They knew that traveling would be difficult--very different from home in the U.S.. They expected that life would be far less

convenient, and even dangerous at times, but this was not what was uppermost in their minds. What they wanted more than anything, was to please God and lead souls closer to Him and to His precious truth.

With the exception of a sister, they were not able to make contact in South Africa. So, they moved on to Zambia, hoping to meet the group in Johannesburg on their return.

The old tattered truck was stuck again in another deep mud trap. So they all had to once again jump out of the entrenched vehicle and dig, push, dig again and push again, until it was finally extricated. It was slow going up the nearly twenty mile stretch to the camp where the brethren could be found. Darkness had already settled on the isolated, Zambian, dense bush country. The road was filled with deep mud holes--at best loose, soft soil, which caused the 4-wheel drive truck to dance, rattle, rock, and swerve through seven foot high thick weeds and mud as it tried to make its way up from Kaoma. The two workers wondered if they would make it at all to the camp that night. But they and the driver were determined to make it--at least they would give it their very best.

Suddenly someone cried out "Snake!" The driver who, was digging, shined the flashlight in the direction of the right embankment. Everyone watched with amazement as they saw the hind portion of a large serpent hiding in the thick brush. Someone hit it with a shovel and fortunately

the creature quickly slid away allowing the tired travelers to go back to extricating the truck that had for the fourth or fifth time landed in a mud hole.

Actually, that was not the only time they ran into a snake. Some days later they would meet a four foot spitting cobra near their hut. Bro. Terry unknowingly, while trying to retrieve a battery charger that had fallen to the ground, had his hands perhaps as close as a foot away from the venomous reptile. Fortunately the cobra was too busy swallowing a chicken, and chose to ignore the probing hand. It was not until someone cried out some minutes later that he realized how close he had come to being bitten.

After more digging and another push, the crew was back on the journey only to be stuck again. This time they were unable to free the vehicle and had to carry their bags another mile or more through the dark bush paths and more mud to a neighbor's hut. This neighbor and his family they discovered later, had no food and had not eaten for some time. Of course, they gave them some funds. The next morning they were met by Bro. Litia, a faithful group leader, who assisted them to the camp which was more than a mile away.

The work in Zambia had become somewhat static. These dear brethren, led by Bro. Litia and Sis. C. Kakula, had endured many hardships, yet they held firmly to their faith in God and His message. They had not given up hope that the work in Zambia

would revive again. So for ten days brothers Terry and Anthony studied, prayed, and counseled with those precious souls. Several of the brethren walked eight hours through difficult terrain and crossed a river on foot to attend the meetings. New plans were laid to re-establish the work in Zambia. Bros. Harrison's and Hibbert's stay was truly wonderful. They themselves were strengthened by the brethren's faith and courage. The work in Zambia is expected to grow and blossom. Of course, not without more hard work and the blessings of the Holy Spirit.

From Kaoma, the two workers traveled overnight to the River Town of Mongu, Zambia. There they took a small canoe-like boat down a canal and across the famous Zambezi River to the tiny village of Kalabo. There they met with several believers and conducted more meetings. The sister with whom they would stay, was so happy when she first met them that she practically danced for joy. For the next day and two nights, the little flock poured over the Word of God with joy. It was another grand experience, parting was not easy as the two brethren launched out on the water and waved goodbye--they left with the knowledge that this little flock was more encouraged to carry on with the message and draw closer to the Master.

Two exhausted men crawled out of a jammed mini-bus and loaded their bags onto a taxi which took them to a small guest house. They had arrived in

Livingstone after an eighteen-hour, bumpy, dusty, cramped ride on a bus, a boat, and mini-bus. Brothers Harrison and Hibbert were looking for a group in the second most popular place in all of Zambia. The town was named after a medical missionary who discovered the nearby, world famous, majestic Victoria Falls considered the most beautiful falls in the world. His name was Dr. David Livingstone.

They were able to locate the group and conduct a meeting with twelve or so active, stalwart believers. These dear brethren had been holding on to the faith, living and teaching the message, striving diligently to uphold the faith. Bro. Hibbert had previously met two of the leaders of the group--Bros. Hachibondo and Mwimbi when he visited Africa the first time in 1987-1988. He was very happy to see them again and especially to know that they had remained faithful.

Two days and two nights after leaving Livingstone, Zambia, the two workers crossed over into Tanzania. It had been another arduous journey, but they still had far to go in order to reach their destination.

The little truck wound its way up the hillside, then stopped as they asked a passer-by if they knew Pastor Abihudi and his wife, and where they resided. The willowy, white-haired man spoke confidently in his native tongue of Swahili, and directed the driver further up the hill. Neither Bros. Terry or Tony understood

what was being said, but assumed that the passerby was directing them aright. And he had. Twenty minutes later they pulled up in front of a quaint small house atop a hill, on the very edge of the national park, where it was common to see giraffes, and hear hyenas or lions at night. From their very arrival, they could sense that they had come to a home where the God of Heaven abides. Their first impressions were true. They were about to have one of the most blessed experiences of their journey.

A small, affable man and glowing lady, slowly moved toward the two workers who had just stepped down from the truck. The couple beamed with joy as they greeted the two brethren. "We were expecting you," Sis. Abihudi declared. Someone had written and informed them of our coming, but they did not know when. However, she pointed out that just two days earlier she had a dream in which she saw two men fitting their description coming to give them Bible studies. So immediately upon seeing them they knew that the two visitors were the ones to teach them the words of life.

Pastor Abihudi is a retired SDA Conference pastor who loves the truth. He and his wife met a missionary couple from America. The missionary wife, Sis. Beatrice Thomas, loves the Rod's message. One day Sis. Abihudi visited Sis. Thomas and told her of a series of perplexing but marvelous dreams she had about a great judgement--a slaughter in the SDA church, and a special group of people who would in the power of

God go out and proclaim the gospel to the world and gather in millions into God's fold, and about a great kingdom established before the second coming of our Lord. Sis. Abihudi did not understand the meaning of the dreams, but was deeply impressed by them. Sis. Thomas was startled, but quickly recognized that the Holy Spirit had revealed to Sis. Abihudi the very message she loved so much. After questioning her, Sis. Thomas realized that she had never come in contact with the Shepherd's Rod and so could not have acquired this information from reading Rod literature. In fact, she was not even fluent in English. Sis. Thomas explained that everything she described was in the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy, and was brought to light through a message called the "Shepherd's Rod." Sis. Thomas, was not able to share everything with Sis. Abihudi partly due to the language barrier. However, what little she heard convinced the pastor's wife that it was truth. She happily passed the message on to her husband, Pastor Abihudi who also expressed a deep interest in the new light.

Unfortunately, the Thomases had to leave Tanzania, and so this family was not able to get the message in full. So you could imagine their joy to have the two men come and teach them more about the present truth message.

For the next week, the brothers gave two to four studies daily. Every morning at 5 am, the family arose for worship, which usually included a short Bible study; then more

lessons throughout the day. Since their home was close to the Adventist College, SDA students and locals attended the meetings. Day after day the little home was filled with the light of God's Word, and the presence of holy angels. There was no question that the Spirit of God was ablaze and souls were being convicted of the truth. They could feel it. God was there, and he had answered the prayers of His children thirsting for a deeper drink of the waters of life. It is impossible to describe the full impact of the meetings, but suffice it to say, that the little house was a beacon of light for benighted souls. By the end of the week, twelve people had embraced the message. However, as with all the others, we need to pray that they will continue to hold fast to the truth that "sets us free."

On the way back down the hill to the Usa River, an elderly man climbed on to the back of the truck and, along with several others, clung tightly to the sides of the bouncing vehicle. Bros. Hibbert and Harrison did the same until they reached the main road.

"Where are you going?" the old man asked. "To Mwanza," Bro. Hibbert replied. "Who do you know in Mwanza?" He paused, then answered his own question. "I guess you're doing the work of the Lord."

Bro. Hibbert looked curiously at the old man, agreed with him, then went on to explain that they were going to visit a certain pastor whom he named. "I know

him," he replied excitedly. "I live close to him. When you reach Mwanza, you must come to my house. I want you to come to my house and give me the real message. I want to learn present truth. Its time to stop feeding on milk; I need meat!"

A day or so later they arrived in Mwanza. It so happened that the pastor they sought was not there. So through a chain of providential circumstances, they wound up staying at the old man's house. As it turned out, this same old man was a retired SDA pastor who had held a very big position in the East African Union. The workers spent a week studying and sharing the message with this pastor and his family. Another brother joined in and they all delightfully embraced the truth. One of the young men even expressed a desire to attend a future DLI class.

It would take all night journeying by boat across one of the world's largest lakes to reach Uganda. Lake Victoria was gorgeous and peaceful. The journey was a far cry from the usual land travel which was not only long and laborious, but sometimes dangerous and cramped. A boat ride from Mwanza was not only more comfortable but practical as Mwanza was just across the lake from Uganda's capital, Kampala.

It took a few days to locate the group in Uganda. But praise be to God they were found. If they had not, then they would have missed another grand experience--the

blessings of feeding more famished souls with the bread of life.

The group in Uganda have had numerous obstacles to face. For a while the work was stagnant. But just when hope seemed lost, God worked miracles for these faithful believers who, rather than casting away their confidence, pressed on to the light and are gaining the victory over the enemy of God and man. They had overcome severe illnesses, fires, thefts, and numerous catastrophes, as well as the death of one member. It seemed that they would not be able to rebound. But praise be to our Blessed Savior, they have revived, and what a revival it has been.

Besides encouraging the regular or more grounded believers and helping them to further organize and administer the work, seeing many patients, and counseling, Bros. Terry and Tony were able to study with an entire church of fifty or more members who wholeheartedly accepted the glad tidings! For one week the workers taught and answered questions before a packed church. Sometimes the little building was not sufficient to house the swelling numbers. So some stood outside peering in from the doors or windows. Elders, deacons, and members, joyously grasped the truth as if having discovered gold, as day by day the message was presented to them. We are told that even now, the entire church is still holding firmly to Elijah's message. This marked another outstanding experience in the African safari for the Lord.

At present, since Bros. Harrison's and Hibbert's departure, the work has taken other great leaps. They [Ugandan brethren] are constructing a camp, and other churches have shown interest in the message. As with the other areas, please do not forget these dear souls in your prayers.

It was not a particular rough flight, but at times the small six passenger plane was jolted by roaming clouds or playful air currents which seemed to effortlessly jerk the tiny metal bird. They were on their way over hopelessly arid plains and mountains toward Ethiopia. But first they had to land in the tiny border town of Moyale, Kenya, and walk across the border. It would be the first time Davidians from the USA would visit the Bible land of Ethiopia. They had left Uganda, two days earlier by bus to Nairobi, Kenya, where they bought two seats on the little plane. It was the most inexpensive and safe way to travel to Ethiopia, at least so they were told. A number of people had begged them not to go by road to Moyale. It was just too dangerous, they said. Many bandits lurked about awaiting unsuspecting travelers to attack and rob. In fact, they were told that it could take days to reach the border, because a police escort was necessary, and that meant traveling would be very tedious, slow and hot. So, with time at a premium, the two workers decided to fly to the border.

They crawled out of the mini bus in the historic town of Harrar, Ethiopia. It had taken them four days of travel from

Moyale, and several buses and vans to reach the ancient enclave. The town was at least five hundred years old, and had survived Moslem and Italian rule. They were looking for a brother Thomas _____, and several others who had been studying the message for some time. They would eventually locate the brother at the SDA church where he resided. At one time he was the district leader. He still worked for the denomination, but in another capacity. He gladly welcomed them. While there, they encouraged him and had discussions with him. Unfortunately, they could not meet the other group members who were scattered around the area. It would take much time to bring them all together, and for some, it was not possible to meet at that time because of obligations which they could not alter. But the workers were assured that the members of the group were growing in the faith.

A few days later, they reached Jimma, another popular area of Ethiopia. They were looking for a number of brethren they had on their list. To begin their search, they had to visit the only local SDA church. They did not know any of the contacts, but through a series of efforts, they finally located most of the contacts who were in prison. That's right! They were political prisoners who accepted the Rod's message while incarcerated. One had been released recently. After locating him, he in turn led them to the others. So naturally the brothers went to prison to meet the men. They talked together and prayed together.

Now, friends, you should know that they understood the message and loved the truth. Truly God has His children everywhere!

At the local SDA church they were welcomed and new contacts were made. Several showed interest in learning more about the message and our work. Thus there is the possibility of having a group in Jimma. Please pray for them.

Darkness had fallen over the little Kenyan village. The two men unloaded their bags onto the side of the road. They did not know where the camp was located, but they were certain that it was not far away. They approached a shop keeper who was just closing. He informed them that they were close to the camp. A local realizing that they needed help, agreed to lead them to the site. The storekeeper offered to keep the bags at the store until the next morning. Two miles later, amid the darkness, lamps, smiles and hugs they greeted the several residents of our Davidian camp. It was the beginning of another blessed experience.

The group in Kenya had been organized in 1997 by Bro. Stanford who conducted a mini DLI. It was then that the camp was constructed with four main buildings. However, there were matters that had to be worked out in order that the work could continue to grow and prosper. Thus during their stay the two workers labored to assist in any way they could in this area.

Their working with the established believers did not hinder their reaching out to new

ones. That Sabbath they separated. This was done in order that they could cover more areas within a short time. Bro. Harrison went with two members from the camp. Bro Hibbert went with others from the camp.

“What truth do you have for me now?” a sister said to a surprised Bro. Terry who was standing outside of the church. He wondered what prompted such a question. After all, they had not met before, and he did not think that he had said anything as such to lead her to ask such a question. He concluded that she was searching and that the Holy Spirit had impressed her to speak to him.

He smiled. “Sure we can get together,” he said. She subsequently invited Bro. Terry and the brothers who accompanied him to lunch where they had a discussion. It was discovered that she had a daughter in the States, and that she would be visiting at a later date. Thus, the potential exists for this sister’s family to receive the truth. Bro. Terry is presently in contact with her.

Meanwhile, Bro. Hibbert was studying with a group of church members at the local primary school. The group, perhaps about twenty or so, were anxiously snatching up every bit of truth. “This is the truth,” one stood and declared. “And I’m determined to stand for the truth.” The attending pastor who was trying to discourage others from continuing with the study was sorely frustrated at his lack of success and left the

group to feed on more truth. It was a great victory for God.

Early the following Monday morning, a distressed believer made his way up to the camp in spite of the darkness. He explained that the church leaders had refused to marry he and his fiancé because they refused to give up the message. They were scheduled to be married in just a few hours, and everything had been arranged. Apparently church leaders were angry because they could not stop the new group members from studying. This couple had attended the Sabbath meeting. As a result, their names were reported to the leaders, who felt that they had to do something to stop the spread of the message. Refusing to perform the wedding they felt would be an excellent tool of intimidation. Not only did they refuse to officiate at the ceremony, they discouraged almost the entire bridal party and threatened anyone who planned to attend. Praise be to God their plans failed.

Bros. Hibbert and Harrison performed the wedding, Although most of the bridal party did not participate, several had enough courage to attend. The new believers attended and some who were skeptical about the message started to inquire and agreed to Bible studies. So what the leaders thought would deter the truth, became one of its greatest blessings. *How true it is, you can do nothing against the truth, only for it.* Amen!

Our brethren looked carefully for their contacts who had promised to meet them at

the airport, a luxury they had not had during all their travels in Africa. Generally they would have to go and look for their contacts, not have their contacts come to them. Thus, they hoped that indeed someone would meet them at the airport. They were in Ghana, West Africa. Bro. Terry spotted a sign with their names. Behind it were several beaming faces, including the two most influential contacts--A. Bovoni, and M. Craab. *They were there!* They escorted the brothers to the capital city of Accra, where they met several family members and fellow Christians who had been eagerly awaiting their arrival. From there they took a three hour car ride to the third largest city in Ghana. There they spent the next eight to ten days in giving regular Bible lessons.

One thing that surprised them at first, was that everyone they met initially were not Adventist. These precious brethren had come in contact with the Rod through the literature. They knew that the message was true but could not fully grasp it all not being fully knowledgeable of the Adventist faith. They longed to gain a clearer understanding of the truth. Having heard that workers were coming from the Headquarters raised their hopes and expectations. The teachers began with the basic Adventist doctrines and continued up to the additional light. By the end of their stay, two Protestant pastors, and a number of others had embraced all the truth. Later on the teachers were led back to Accra. There they met another

non-Adventist group, about fifty in all. "We want to hear your message," the leader declared. "We meet every morning at 4 a.m. for prayer so after we pray you can teach us." So every morning (except Sundays) they arose and taught them first the fundamental Adventist message, and then the added light of the Rod. Although all the group did not attend, a large number came from near and far to listen to the message. It was another truly blessed experience. As they prepared to leave the country, the leaders said with trembling voices, and tears in their eyes, "thank you for coming to teach us. . . Thank you so much for giving us the truth. . . God really sent you to us." That moment, like so much of their trip, has been indelibly etched into their hearts and memories. No amount of money can purchase such experiences. What made it so precious too, was that these were souls who had not known the Adventist message yet, because of their willing hearts, the Holy Spirit was able to reveal to them that light which will one day lighten the earth with its glory.

While working with the group in Accra, they rendezvoused with a moderate sized Adventist church in Tema, Ghana, just an hour away from Accra. There they were able to contact three brethren who had been taking the Bible correspondence course. As a result, the entire leadership of that church, for two Sabbaths, and for several hours, listened intently as the workers presented the message and answered questions. On both occasions, they gladly accepted the

new light and vowed to faithfully teach the message.

A week or so later, they moved on to the second largest city, and found a brother who had completed the correspondence course and wanted to become a Davidian teacher. They also met and studied with a small Adventist church group of about 12 - 15 who were very receptive of the message. They too promised to teach the message to their other parishioners. Once again they were amazed to see that there are so many just waiting for the truth, waiting for someone to deliver the message to them.

Two days later they were on a plane heading back home. On their second stop in South Africa, they were still unable to meet with the South African group. They reached home safely, thankful for God's protection through countless dangers and difficulties, but most of all for having used them, unworthy, wretched men, to share His mighty Word and feed hungering souls with the Bread of Life.

As you can see, there are many, no doubt thousands, who are willing to embrace the truth, if only there were teachers. Much of Africa is desperately poor in material things, but their souls are rich in faith and hope. Please, please, dear reader, remember Africa in your prayers. And if you can help financially or otherwise, please contact the Office.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

PIERCING REPROOFS IN A LOVING APPEAL

For such a time as this we can but thank the Lord for His strong rebuke and deep cleansing word for those who will receive it. Nothing can be hid from the all seeing eye and searching survey of the Holy Spirit. And yet the love of God is not passive, but active. Yes, active in a solemn appeal to all who would forsake all for their Lord and Saviour. To each one of us individually, this gracious act of love is extended. Will you hear? Will you repent and receive the Lord's forgiveness that your sins may be blotted out? And even more will you accept Him as your Lord as well as your Saviour. Will you gladly receive the new life that awaits you? These questions only you can answer. By your life, no less will your answer be revealed. May it testify wholly on behalf of truth.

"Many are eagerly participating in worldly, demoralizing amusements which God's word forbids. Thus they sever their connection with God and rank themselves with the pleasure lovers of the world. The sins that destroyed the antediluvians and the cities of the plain exist today--not merely in heathen lands, not only among popular professors of Christianity, but with some who profess to be looking for the coming of the Son of man. If God should present these sins before you as they appear in His sight, you would be filled with shame and terror.

"And what has caused this alarming condition? Many have accepted the theory of the truth who have had no true conversion. I know whereof I speak. There are few who feel true sorrow for sin, who have deep, pungent convictions of the depravity of the unregenerate nature. The heart of stone is not exchanged for a heart of flesh. Few are willing to fall upon the Rock and be broken.

"No matter who you are or what your life has been, you can be saved only in God's appointed way. You must repent; you must fall helpless on the Rock, Christ Jesus. You must feel your need of a physician and of the one only remedy for sin, the blood of Christ. This remedy can be secured only by repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Here the work is yet to be begun by many who profess to be Christians and even to be ministers of Christ. . . What surpassing love and condescension, that when we had no claim upon divine mercy, Christ was willing to undertake our redemption! But our great Physician requires of every soul unquestioning submission. We are never to prescribe for our own case. Christ must have the entire management of will and action.

"Many are not sensible of their condition and their danger; and there is much in the nature and manner of Christ's work averse to every worldly principle and opposed to the pride of the human heart. Jesus

requires us to trust ourselves wholly to His hands and confide in His love and wisdom.

“We may flatter ourselves, as did Nicodemus, that our moral character has been correct and we need not humble ourselves before God like the common sinner. But we must be content to enter into life in the very same way as the chief of sinners. We must renounce our own righteousness and plead for the righteousness of Christ to be imputed to us. We must depend wholly upon Christ for our strength. Self must die. . . Genuine faith is followed by love, and love by obedience.

“. . . Very many follow on in their own ways and indulge their sinful desires and yet profess to be disciples of Christ. They have never submitted their hearts to God. Like the foolish virgins they have neglected to obtain the oil of grace in their vessels with their lamps. I tell you, my brethren, that a large number who profess to believe and even to teach the truth are under the bondage of sin. Base passions defile the mind and corrupt the soul. Some who are in the vilest iniquity have borrowed the livery of heaven, that they may serve Satan more effectively.

“Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin.’ . . . Such an experience must be ours if we would be prepared to stand in the day of God. Now, while probation lingers, while mercy's voice is still heard, is the time for us to put away our sins. While moral darkness covers the earth like a

funeral pall, the light of God's standard-bearers must shine the more brightly, showing the contrast between heaven's light and Satan's darkness.

“. . . God spared not His own Son, but delivered Him to death for our offenses and raised Him again for our justification. Through Christ we may present our petitions at the throne of grace. Through Him, unworthy as we are, we may obtain all spiritual blessings. Do we come to Him, that we may have life?

“How shall we know for ourselves God's goodness and His love? The psalmist tells us--not, hear and know, read and know, or believe and know; but--‘*Taste* and see that the Lord is good.’ Instead of relying upon the word of another, taste for yourself.

“Experience is knowledge derived from experiment. Experimental religion is what is needed now. ‘*Taste and see that the Lord is good.*’ Some--yes, a large number--have a theoretical knowledge of religious truth, but have never felt the renewing power of divine grace upon their own hearts. These persons are ever slow to heed the testimonies of warning, reproof, and instruction indited by the Holy Spirit. They believe in the wrath of God, but put forth no earnest efforts to escape it. They believe in heaven, but make no sacrifice to obtain it. They believe in the value of the soul and that ere long its redemption ceaseth forever. Yet they neglect the most precious opportunities to make their peace with

God. They may read the Bible, but its threatenings do not alarm or its promises win them. They approve things that are excellent, yet they follow the way in which God has forbidden them to go. They know a refuge, but do not avail themselves of it. They know a remedy for sin, but do not use it. They know the right, but have no relish for it. All their knowledge will but increase their condemnation. They have never tasted and learned by experience that the Lord is good.

“To become a disciple of Christ is to deny self and follow Jesus through evil as well as good report. Few are doing this now. Many prophesy falsely, and the people love to have it so; but what will be done in the end thereof? What will be the decision when their work, with all its results, shall be brought in review before God?

“The Christian life is a warfare. The apostle Paul speaks of wrestling against principalities and powers as he fought the good fight of faith. Again, he declares: 'Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.' Ah, no. Today sin is cherished and excused. The sharp sword of the Spirit, the word of God, does not cut to the soul. Has religion changed? Has Satan's enmity to God abated? A religious life once presented difficulties and demanded self-denial. All is made very easy now. And why is this? The professed people of God have compromised with the power of darkness.

“There must be a revival of the strait testimony. The path to heaven is no smoother now than in the days of our Saviour. All our sins must be put away. Every darling indulgence that hinders our religious life must be cut off. The right eye or the right hand must be sacrificed if it cause us to offend.

“. . . Every association we form, however limited, exerts some influence upon us... Thus by acquaintance and association with Christ we may become like Him, the one faultless Example.

“Communion with Christ--how unspeakably precious! Such communion it is our privilege to enjoy if we will seek it, if we will make any sacrifice to secure it. . . Those who have had the deepest experience in the things of God are the farthest removed from pride or self-exaltation. They have the humblest thoughts of self, and the most exalted conceptions of the glory and excellence of Christ. They feel that the lowest place in His service is too honorable for them.

“My brethren, God is grieved with your envying and jealousies, your bitterness and dissension. In all these things you are yielding obedience to Satan and not to Christ. When we see men firm in principle, fearless in duty, zealous in the cause of God, yet humble and lowly, gentle and tender, patient toward all, ready to forgive, manifesting love for souls for whom Christ died, we do not need to inquire: Are they

Christians? They give unmistakable evidence that they have been with Jesus and learned of Him. When men reveal the opposite traits, when they are proud, vain, frivolous, worldly-minded, avaricious, unkind, censorious, we need not be told with whom they are associating, who is their most intimate friend. They may not believe in witchcraft; but, notwithstanding this, they are holding communion with an evil spirit. . . To this class I would say: 'Glory not, and lie not against the truth. . .'

"When the Pharisees and Sadducees flocked to the baptism of John, that fearless preacher of righteousness addressed them: 'O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance.' These men were actuated by unworthy motives in coming to John. They were men of poisonous principles and corrupt practices. Yet they had no sense of their true condition. Filled with pride and ambition, they would not hesitate at any means to exalt themselves and strengthen their influence with the people. They came to receive baptism at the hand of John that they might better carry out these designs.

". . . Such persons are among us, unseen, unsuspected. They serve the cause of Satan more effectively than the vilest profligate; for the latter does not disguise his true character; he appears what he is. God requires fruit meet for repentance. Without such fruit our profession of faith is of no value.

"Those who laud and flatter the minister, while they neglect the works of righteousness, give unmistakable evidence that they are converted to the minister and not to God. We inquire: 'Who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?' Was it the voice of the Holy Spirit or merely the voice of man which you heard in the message sent from God? The fruit borne will testify to the character of the tree.

"No outward forms can make us clean; no ordinance, administered by the saintliest of men, can take the place of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The Spirit of God must do its work upon the heart. All who have not experienced its regenerating power are chaff among the wheat. Our Lord has His fan in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His floor. In the coming day He will discern 'between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not.'

". . . When the teachers are sanctified, soul, body, and spirit, they can impress upon the people the importance of such sanctification.

". . . We must know that Jesus is indeed ours, that His spirit is purifying and refining our hearts. If the ministers of Christ had genuine faith, with meekness and love, what a work they might accomplish! What fruit would be seen to the glory of God!

"There is a wide difference between a pretended union and a real connection with

Christ by' faith. . . . This spiritual relation can be established only by the exercise of personal faith. This faith must express on our part supreme preference, perfect reliance, entire consecration. Our will must be wholly yielded to the divine will, our feelings, desires, interests, and honor identified with the prosperity of Christ's kingdom and the honor of His cause, we constantly receiving grace from Him, and Christ accepting gratitude from us.

"When this intimacy of connection and communion is formed, our sins are laid upon Christ; His righteousness is imputed to us. He was made sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.

"A union with Christ by living faith is enduring; every other union must perish. Christ first chose us, paying an infinite price for our redemption; and the true believer chooses Christ as first and last and best in everything. But this union costs us something. It is a union of utter dependence, to be entered into by a proud being. All who form this union must feel their need of the atoning blood of Christ. They must have a change of heart. They must submit their own will to the will of God. There will be a struggle with outward and internal obstacles. There must be a painful work of detachment as well as a work of attachment. Pride, selfishness, vanity, worldliness--sin in all its forms--must be overcome if we would enter into a union with Christ. The reason why

many find the Christian life so deplorably hard, why they are so fickle, so variable, is that they try to attach themselves to Christ without first detaching themselves from these cherished idols.

"After the union with Christ has been formed, it can be preserved only by earnest prayer and untiring effort. We must resist, we must deny, we must conquer self. Through the grace of Christ, by courage, by faith, by watchfulness, we may gain the victory.

"As a people we are sadly destitute of faith and love. Our efforts are altogether too feeble for the time of peril in which we live.

"Parents flock with their families to the cities because they fancy it easier to obtain a livelihood there than in the country. The children, having nothing to do when not in school, obtain a street education. From evil associates they acquire habits of vice and dissipation. The parents see all this; but it will require a sacrifice to correct their error, and they stay where they are until Satan gains full control of their children. Better sacrifice any and every worldly consideration than to imperil the precious souls committed to your care. They will be assailed by temptations, and should be taught to meet them; but it is your duty to cut off every influence, to break up every habit, to sunder every tie, that keeps you from the most free, open, and hearty committal of yourselves and your family to God.

“Instead of the crowded city seek some retired situation where your children will be, so far as possible, shielded from temptation, and there train and educate them for usefulness. . .

“My brethren, you are disregarding the most sacred claims of God by your neglect to consecrate yourselves and your children to Him. Many of you are reposing in false security, absorbed in selfish interests, and attracted by earthly treasures. You fear no evil. Danger seems a great way off. You will be deceived, deluded, to your eternal ruin unless you arouse and with penitence and deep humiliation return unto the Lord.

“Again and again has the voice from heaven addressed you. Will you obey this voice? Will you heed the counsel of the True Witness to seek the gold tried in the fire, the white raiment, and the eyesalve? The gold is faith and love, the white raiment is the righteousness of Christ, the eyesalve is that spiritual discernment which will enable you to see the wiles of Satan and shun them, to detect sin and abhor it, to see truth and obey it.

“The deadly lethargy of the world is paralyzing your senses. Sin no longer appears repulsive because you are blinded by Satan. The judgments of God are soon to be poured out upon the earth. ‘Escape for thy life’ is the warning from the angels of God. . .

“My brethren, beware of the evil heart of unbelief. The word of God is plain and close in its restrictions; it interferes with your selfish indulgence; therefore you do not obey it. . . It is not the instrument whom you slight and insult, but God, who has spoken to you in these warnings and reproofs.

“In the instruction given by our Saviour to His disciples are words of admonition especially applicable to us: ‘Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.’ Watch, pray, work--this is the true life of faith. ‘Pray always;’ that is, be ever in the spirit of prayer, and then you will be in readiness for your Lord's coming.

“. . . He has spoken to us in both the Old and the New Testament; He is speaking to us still by His Spirit and His providences. His instructions are designed to make men true to God and true to themselves.

“Jesus took upon Himself man's nature, that He might leave a pattern for humanity, complete, perfect. He proposes to make us like Himself, true in every purpose, feeling, and thought--true in heart, soul, and life. This is Christianity. Our fallen nature must be purified, ennobled, consecrated by obedience to the truth. Christian faith will never harmonize with worldly principles;

Christian integrity is opposed to all deception and pretense. The man who cherishes the most of Christ's love in the soul, who reflects the Saviour's image most perfectly, is in the sight of God the truest, most noble, most honorable man upon the earth." *Testimonies for the Church, Volume 5, pp. 217-235 (Please read the entire section).*

"But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)" **Ephesians 2:4, 5.**

"Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen." **Rev. 1:5, 6.**

"Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. . . How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation;. . ." **Hebrews 2:1, 3.**

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." **Romans 12:1,2.**

"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!" **Romans 11:33**

"Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." **Romans 12:9-21.**

"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." **1 Corinthians 13:13.**

SUMMARY REPORT OF THE
WACO/MOUNTAINDALE
COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 30,1999

Mountaindale started communications with Waco in August of 1998 during our Session for the purpose of beginning dialogue for better relations and possible unification.

Motion made by Mountaindale 1998 Session:

"We allow the committee to communicate with Waco to gather all information in harmony with our guidelines as well as all legal ramifications. Committee is to report back to session. They are only to gather information, all decisions must be made by Session."

On November 19, 1998 we received our first response from Waco. It was a couple of months later that the chairperson of the committee received notice of that letter as she was in the field with no set address. Once it was received, communications began with the other committee members. Several were to be out of the country until May thus we were unable to plan the meeting before that time.

MOUNTAINDALE Session elected Committee members present were:

1. C. Thomson - chairperson
2. A. Prado
3. T. Harrison
4. A. Hibbert
5. D. McCoy
6. G. Green
7. Absent was P. Bridgewater - he was on mission in Trinidad.

Those present from WACO were:

1. N. Archer
2. M. Wallace
3. T. Davis
4. R. Johnson
5. N. Williams
6. L. Wilson
7. N. McCallum

Sis. C. Thomson was elected to chair the meeting and to maintain order. The meeting began at 10:40 AM and concluded at 6:05 PM with time out taken for lunch. At the commencement of the meeting, the committee from MOUNTAINDALE made it very clear to the WACO brethren that we were bound by the motion made by our Session and could not make any decision toward a merger. Although we stated several times the guidelines given to us by the 1998 Session, many efforts were made to coerce the MOUNTAINDALE committee to enter into a contract of merger with WACO without first trying to resolve what proved to be irreconcilable differences in 1991 resulting in their leaving us and forming another Association. For example, the WACO committee members made it clear that they

still believe that Waco, Texas must still be the present headquarters although they will tell you they don't hold that to be a salvation issue. The Waco brethren were wanting to negotiate the actual details of a merger that very day and when they realized that we could not under our Session guidelines, the spirit of contention, accusation, and argument characterized their behavior. The lengthy discussions that followed were controlled mainly by the WACO committee members. They never would answer the question as to what had changed from 1991 when they felt that they must split from us to go to Waco.

Below are the guidelines that were given to the committee from MOUNTAINDALE'S Session of 1998:

1. Find the official stance on unification.
2. Find out if Waco is still a salvation issue.
3. The relocation of MOUNTAINDALE headquarters is not up for discussion.
4. Taking on the debt of Waco is not up for negotiation.
5. We do not want a joint Session.
6. Reconciliation of both sides is suggested.
7. No pull and tug of members - no proselytizing.
8. To find out if they are willing to sell Waco.
9. Whose address is to be on the literature.

The WACO Committee's response to the above guidelines:

1. Their 1999 Session authorized them to begin negotiation for a merger.
2. They repeated several times that Waco headquarters is not a salvation issue but they still strongly believe that headquarters MUST be in Waco upon their interpretation of the Word. (Note: It was obvious that they were contradicting themselves on this point).
3. As they are still very convicted on the headquarters being in Waco they evaded the question but feel that Mountaindale could be a branch. They appealed that the headquarters issue be re-discussed.
4. Most of the Waco brethren were angered by this guideline. They stated they have been paying their debts and that Mountaindale need not worry about the Waco mortgage.
5. Waco would like a joint Session with a proposed 50/50 voting (delegate) representation. Or they would like a joint convocation with no voting implements.
6. No comment on this - was discussed with #7.
7. Waco feels these areas can only be stopped when we unify. They feel the headquarters is such an important issue that they must continue proselytizing Mountaindale Davidian group. Bro. Archer further stated that if we do not unify with them, they will increase their efforts to proselytize.
8. Their only response to this was - What God wants, He will get.

9. This they feel will depend on where the location of headquarters is established.

Near the close of the day, one Waco committee member made a few personal suggestions that we could consider if we do not unite. They are as follows.

1. That we share tract translations.
2. Both Waco and MOUNTAINDALE Bible workers and ministers meet together to discuss weighty matters and strategies.
3. That we have joint Sessions but not allow those without membership cards to speak. (In other words, they could come to our Session and sit through it but not be able to comment.)
4. That we send out details of this meeting with ballots to the field within 90 days.
5. That we each turn over the names and addresses of new believers to any Bible worker in the area, be they from Mountaindale or Waco.
6. That we cooperate together in hunting/fishing and planning for the upcoming General Conference in the year 2000.
7. That we make a joint venture for educating our youth.

The one question brought to the MOUNTAINDALE committee by Waco was: "Are we looking for a full merger if the Waco brethren agree that MOUNTAINDALE is headquarters?"

In summary of this report it must be pointed out that there seems to be an urgency to conclude or effect a merger before the year 2000 by the Waco committee. Basic honesty appeared to be lacking with the Waco brethren. Straight questions could not receive straight answers. This concludes our report of that meeting and we pray that the brethren take time to fully realize the impact of what is behind this merger plan. In the light of the events of the meeting, it appears nearly impossible to work together. We need to be on our knees more or the enemy will come in to tear down God's work and divert our minds from what really needs our attention.

Respectfully submitted;

Carolyn Thomson,
Committee Chairperson

As per the 1998 Session's mandate, "Committee is to report back to Session. They are only to GATHER information. ALL decisions must be made by Session". Thus this report, as well as a verbal presentation will be submitted by the MOUNTAINDALE committee at the year 2000 Session for ratification and a decision.

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

SPANISH FIELD REPORT

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. "Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvelously: for I will work a work in your days, which ye will not believe, though it be told you." Habakkuk 1:5.

Truly the Lord is doing a mighty work here in California. The work is growing and new believers are embracing the truth of the Shepherd's Rod message, in spite of fierce opposition from Pastors and Elders, God is keeping us strong. Right now we have many Bible studies throughout the greater Los Angeles area. We have about 15 teachers giving Bible studies. Our all-day meetings held every 3 months bring close to 100 believers from California and other places who rejoice in the message and the promises God has for his people.

The work in the Spanish field that started here in California has spread to many other places in the US and the world. These include Mexico, El Salvador, Texas, Arizona, Canada, and Oregon. Many other places have been visited by the brethren who have a burden for souls in their native Latin American countries.

We are also rejoicing because of the fact that about 70% of the Shepherd's Rod

message has been translated into Spanish. Praise God for this wonderful blessing.

Time and space will not allow me to mention the many other wonderful things God is doing not only here in California, but also in Texas, Mexico, El Salvador, and other places where we see the Spirit of God working mightily for His people and His glory. It is my prayer that He which hath begun a good work here in California will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. I solicit your prayers in behalf of the work in the Spanish field.

Thank you and God bless you.

Rene Reyes
Bible Worker

CONNECTICUT ON THE MOVE

It all began with a tape. Pastor Jan Marcussen, a popular independent SDA Pastor, preached before a packed audience from the _____ SDA pulpit. The crowd was enthused as he attempted to teach the subject of the 144,000. He even mentioned Ezekiel 9, to the surprise of the several Davidians in the congregation. The sister sitting beside the Davidian teacher appeared excited about the presentation.

"You can have this", he said to her, handing her a study tape. "This is the real truth about the 144,000". She looked surprised.

“Thank you”.

Some weeks later she wrote in for more study tapes. She was so excited that she passed it on to another family. A Bible study was arranged, and out of that a group has arisen.

In spite of persecution, the little flock has held firmly to the truth. Several others have since expressed interest, and joined the group. One is even now attending the DLI Bible Teacher class.

The group is growing in knowledge and grace. Please pray earnestly for them.

ST. LUCIA UNDER FIRE

Like nearly all the townships, the little village of Anse la Raye, nestles by the Caribbean Sea amid bluffs and picturesque hills. The clear blue waters, sunny skies, and tropical pristine landscape, tells of a mostly unspoiled earthly paradise. Its outlying bush is famous for its proliferation of poisonous snakes. Snake bites are not altogether unusual among the farmers and those who regularly work in the dense woodlands. But, then, neither is friendliness. The kind, affable people will quickly make you feel at home. That is, unless you are a Rod believer and decide to attend the local SDA church.

The Anse la Raye SDA congregation have for years waged an impassioned war against the Rod and its adherents. Even non SDAs associating with Davidians, or who happen to walk in to church at the same time that a Rod believer does is subject to the most fierce persecution. Earlier this year they built a block wall around the church to prevent believers from entering, except they come through the gate at the permission of its keepers. To avoid more controversy, Rod believers listened to the service outside or sometimes within the confines of the walls, but not in the church building which was normally guarded by 2 or 3 anti-Rod soldiers.

The war began back in the 1950's when the then Anse la Raye SDA Church, as a whole, accepted the message. The Conference tried desperately to dissuade them, but utterly failed. Undeterred, the thirty member congregation held firmly to the truth. Embarrassed and having failed to deter the stalwart church from the added light, the Conference decided to abandon the old congregation and build a new one. To their dismay, the members left the old church and joined the new. In fact, they helped them build the new one. This they did because Davidians do not have houses of worship separate from the denomination. As you no doubt are aware, SDA Rod believers are firmly convinced from the Scriptures that the SDA denomination is God's last denomination on earth. Thus the old church became a meeting place for

afternoon Bible studies rather than for worship.

Fearful that the message would spread and "infect" the new church, they sought to rid themselves of the so-called "germ". They vilified, ostracized, and abused anyone who showed interest in the truth. Their actions, of course, only made matters worse for them. More members embraced the life-saving call. And so thirty years later, the controversy still rages.

But in March, 1999 the continual battle against the Truth reached a climax when a long standing Davidian believer, Bro. Raphael Lowrencin, while standing outside the church building listening to the service, was asked to step back, which he did. Apparently he did not move back far enough, because, without giving any cause for provocation on his part, Bro. Lowrencin was grabbed by his tie, manhandled and chucked out on to the street. Church officials then reported to the police that Bro. Lowrencin had attacked them. Knowing the church officials' normally unsubstantiated claims, and having become weary of them, the police was not particularly convinced of their story. Their case looked bad when Bro. Lowrencin presented his smashed umbrella and they saw his disheveled appearance--a marked contrast to church officials' tidy look. Not satisfied with abusing the brother, they convinced an unsuspecting judge to issue a restraining order against all Davidians which barred the brethren from

entering the church property. A hearing was held to contest the order. The church hired the president of the St. Lucia Bar Association to argue their case. The result was predictable. In May, 1999 the Judge upheld her order--all SDA Rod believers and their associates or parties, cannot enter the premises of the Anse la Raye church.

But you can do nothing against the truth, only for it. " 'The Wrath of man shall praise Thee,' says the Psalmist: 'the remainder of wrath shalt Thou restrain.' God means that testing truth shall be brought to the front and become a subject of examination and discussion, even if it is through the contempt placed upon it. The minds of the people must be agitated. Every controversy, every reproach, every slander, will be God's means of provoking inquiry and awakening minds that otherwise would slumber."

Realizing that the court's decision was unconstitutional and carried disturbing precedents, a nation-wide radio host agreed to do an interview about the case. The medium through which God would work to try and awaken "souls who would otherwise slumber," was a former weight lifter who won every world major title except one. Being St. Lucian by birth, he returned home to help his native land. Rick Wayne is a frank, courageous, highly acclaimed talk show host who tackles difficult, pertinent issues. Before the court's upholding of the order, Brothers John Seraphin (Davidian Minister) and Bro. Lowrencin laid the case

out before the listeners both on radio and television. It brought the painful issue before a fascinated public. SDA Pastors called in to the program to bolster their side, but were defused.

In July, 1999 Brother Anthony Hibbert was asked to go to St. Lucia with Bro. Seraphin to give another interview with Rick Wayne on the case. The second interview, like the first received several calls. When the interview was over, a deadly blow had wounded the Church's unjust cause. The show was aired live simultaneously on radio and television, then aired again on radio only, then a third time on television.

"Please don't do any more interviews," a SDA sister pleaded. "Please--please don't do any more, we are looking too bad."

"We saw you on television," said another sympathizer, waving to us as we traveled on business through the busy capital.

"That's terrible--what they are doing. How could Christians do that?" said another.

"I want to understand more about your message. I want to understand what's going on," said another SDA member.

Nearly everywhere the workers went, from Anse la Raye through to the heart of St. Lucia, whether near or far, these were the sentiments expressed by SDAs and non SDAs alike. In the little village, having

come to the realization of the truth of what was really taking place, church members were sorely rebuked on every hand for their unchristian behavior. So much so, that their hostility decreased, no doubt for fear of the locals and general public. In short, the church was shaken to the core. As a result, Davidian backsliders expressed a desire to return to the message. Regular SDA members expressed a desire to know the message of the hour. And so, what was seemingly a curse, turned out to be a blessing, and God's name was glorified. Praise God! An appeal has been made to the St. Lucia higher court. Even though we seem to have a strong case we are praying that God's will be done. We are expecting the hearing to take place sometime in October 1999. Whatever the outcome will be, we can be certain that God is never outdone. His truth, His name WILL be glorified, and souls hungering for the Truth, will come to the knowledge of the Word. Indeed, even the "wrath of man will Praise Thee." Truly it's hard to "kick against the pricks!"

FLESH AND BLOOD HATH NOT DONE THIS

Flesh and blood hath not done the work in thee, but our father which is in heaven.

"Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works toward the children of men."

While God has been blessing the work in many parts of His global vineyard, we are especially grateful for His rich blessings on the work in the Caribbean. Visits were made this year to several of these islands including Grenada, Barbados, St. Vincent, St. Lucia and Trinidad. However, Trinidad has been especially blessed. For many years this beautiful and strategic island has been a major battlefield. Present truth has had to contend with many enemies especially within the Rod itself.

Trinidad swarms with Jesuits. The reason for this is that the Adventist College (C.U.C.) is there. It is a large Caribbean center for Seventh-day Adventists. As a result every wind of doctrine blows in this country. The most heretical doctrines, doctrines of demons, doctrines of Fordites, Jesuits, Brimsmead, etc., all are there creating winds, waves and whirlwinds. Their advocates are also men with the cunning of the first great deceiver.

But thank God for the Rod. Like it, there is no other. Armed with the omnipotence of the Holy Spirit in the meekness of Christ, it is invincible--and none is able to stand before it.

Two of our workers, Brothers Patrick Bridgewater and Errol Stanford have been doing some faithful work there attended by God's richest blessings. Oh what confrontations they had with the advocates of these various winds of doctrines. The new popular theology of the Jesuits

undermines every pillar of the Adventist faith, including the Sabbath and the Sanctuary. But, praise be to our God in heaven above, He gave us the victory in all these confrontations.

And, there is more. A six week Present Truth (Rod) Seminar was held there a few months ago by Bros. Bridgewater and Stanford. It was very well attended. Despite the great and grave ravages done by the enemies of the Rod message, it was well attended and well received by most. Many are now rejoicing in the Elijah message. Praise the Lord!

Has Satan been inactive? By no means! Problems arose in all directions, but through prayer and faith and faithful efforts from His servants, the Lord gave victory over those problems. You might be pleased to know one of our best teachers presently was formerly a prominent member of the Bashan group. God is really gathering His sincere, truth-loving children under His own heavenly banner.

By God's grace, plans are being made to build a center in Trinidad to train and educate workers and spread the gospel of health as the right arm of the third angel's message.

Please join us in prayer, beloved brethren. Join us in praise to the mighty God of Israel. Pray that all our plans succeed not only for Trinidad, but for the entire world-field.

In closing we say, "O that men would praise the Lord for His goodness and for his wonderful works toward the children of men."

"Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace! O Judah, keep thy solemn feasts, perform thy vows: for the wicked shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off." Nahum 1:15.

THE GOSPEL OF HEALTH

REGULARITY IN EATING

Ellen G. White

Regularity in eating is very important for health of body and serenity of mind.

Children are generally untaught in regard to the importance of when, how, and what they should eat. They are permitted to indulge their tastes freely, to eat at all hours, to help themselves to fruit when it tempts their eyes, and this, with the pie, cake, bread and butter, and sweetmeats eaten almost constantly, makes them gormands and dyspeptics. The digestive organs, like a mill which is continually kept running, become enfeebled, vital force is called from the brain to aid the stomach in its overwork, and thus the mental powers

are weakened. The unnatural stimulation and wear of the vital forces make them nervous, impatient of restraint, self-willed, and irritable...It is difficult to arouse them to a sense of the shame and grievous nature of sin.

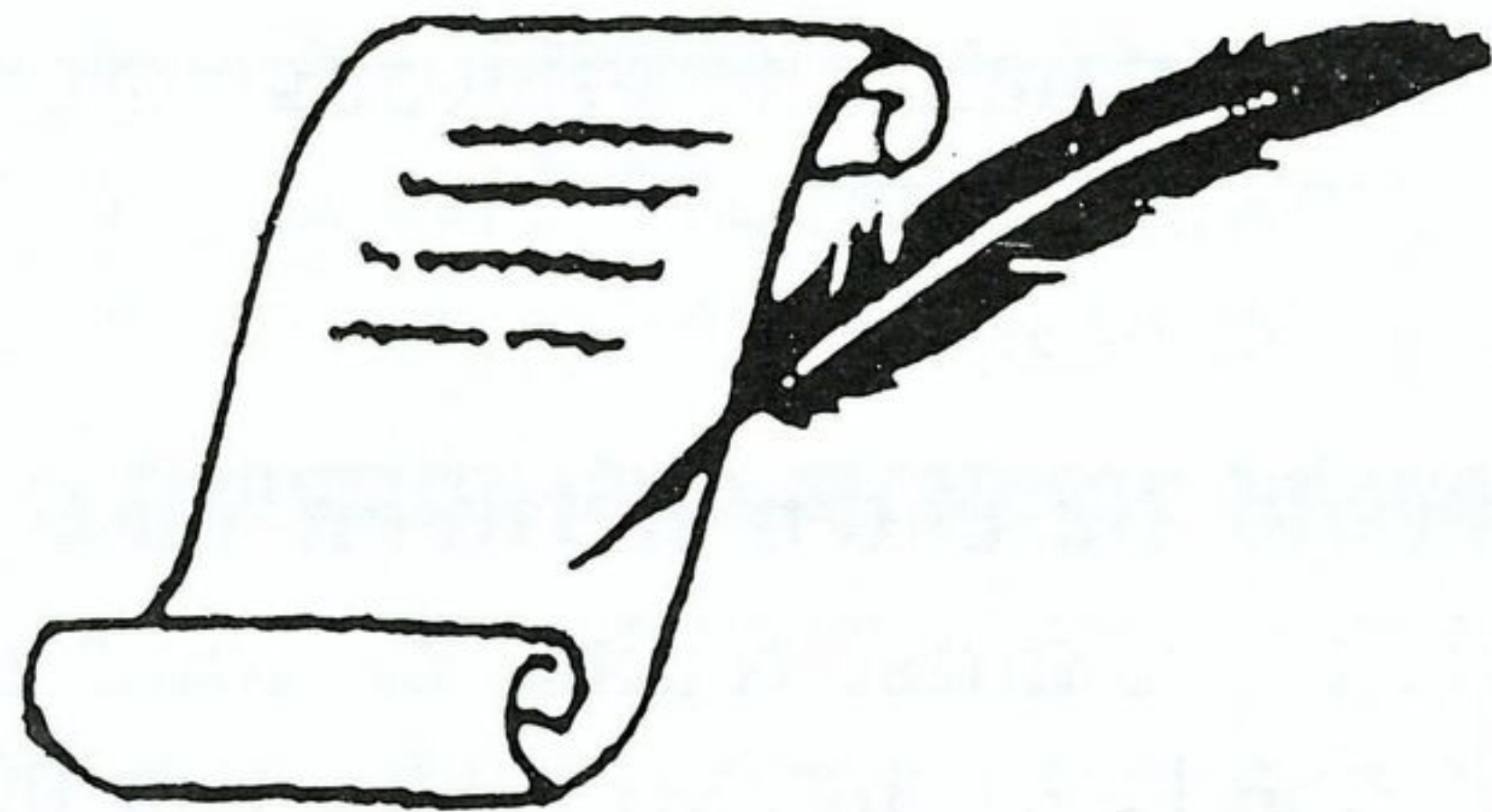
Nothing should be eaten between meals, no confectionery, nuts, fruits, or food of any kind. Irregularity in eating destroy the healthful tone of the digestive organs, to the detriment of health and cheerfulness.

Another pernicious habit is that of eating just before bedtime. The regular meals may have been taken; but because there is a sense of faintness, more food is eaten. By indulgence this wrong practice becomes a habit and often so firmly fixed that it is thought impossible to sleep without food... The sleep is often disturbed with unpleasant dreams, and in the morning the persons awake unrefreshed and with little relish for breakfast. When we lie down to rest, the stomach should have its work all done, that it, as well as the other organs of the body, may enjoy rest.

Every prohibition of God is for the health and eternal well-being of man.

When they (God's people) break away from all health-destroying indulgences, they will have a clearer perception of what constitutes true godliness. A wonderful change will be seen in the religious experience. --*My Life Today*, p. 146.

THE MAIL BAG



Dear Brothers in the Lord:

Urgent request for tracts

Greetings to you all in Jesus' name. I have sent this request letter through a friend who has traveled to the U.S.A.

I have just retired from the church work after 40 years of service in the various divisions of the church with evangelism.

My main setback is lack of tracts. Please I need tracts on various subjects, old magazines and copies of "*The White House Recruiter*" a copy of which I saw with an old friend. Please, add all other materials which will enhance my evangelism.

God bless you

Elder _____
Yours in the Lord,

Nigeria

Hello, Brothers in the faith:

I hope you're doing fine. Thank God I can send this little note, I am so happy, and I want to know more about this precious message. Will you please send me all the literature you have in Spanish.

I am _____, and a sister has talked to me about the Shepherd's Rod. I want to be saved, but in the Laodicean condition I can't. I request more literature for I just have the few words that sister Virginia has told me. She lives in Oakland...please send every thing you have in Spanish, specially the 5 books of the Answerer. Thank you.

Your Brother in Christ

California

Dear Brethren:

How are you? For my self I am well. I am just writing these few lines to ask you to explain Daniel 2--the meaning of the various parts of the image of Daniel 2, also the other verses of the chapter. God bless you.

Thank you,
Yours,

Guyana

To whom it may concern:

Please use the enclosed money for the expenses of printing present truth material. A return receipt would be greatly appreciated for this freewill offering. May the Lord bless you in all that you do.

Sincerely,

Florida

Dear Brethren:

Grace and peace from heaven unto you. Greetings to you in his name. We thank you all for promoting the Lord's work; we also thank the two workers who came to Ghana to reveal to us the truth which was hidden from us by our churches. We now know it.

We would also spread the message of the hour to many lost and hungry souls who need salvation. We have got some brothers and sisters who would like to study the truth and be saved. They would be very glad to receive some of your free literature, preaching cassettes and other Davidian books with copies of the Davidian Fundamental beliefs.

These Christian materials would help them to study and know the real truth which has been hidden from us for the past years. We are enclosing their mailing address to you and hope you would send them their

packages. Greetings to Bros. Terri Harrison, Tony Hibbert, Dwight McCoy and all the brethren.

May the Lord bless and keep you.

Ghana

I and a group of believers are studying the location of headquarters and would like to receive any information that you may have that would shed light on this subject. Please be as detailed as possible.

Thank you and God bless.

_____@webtv.net

**BUENOS DIAS QUERIDOS
HERMANOS:**

**ESTUVE NAVEGANDO POR SU
PAGINA EN INTERNET Y ME
PARECE MUY BONITA, SOMOS
CREYENTES DEL MENSAJE DE LA
VARA DEL PASTOR DESDE HACE
TRES ANOS, Y NOS GUSTARIA
CONSEGUIRE EL TRATADO NO 7
PORQUE NO LO TENEMOS EN
ESPANOL Y TAMBIEN LOS
RESPONDEDORES DEL 1 AL 5, POR
FAVOR DIGANOS COMO
PODRIAMOS HACER PARA
RECIBIRLOS DE SU PARTE,
PERDONE EL ABUSO PERO ES MUY
IMPORTANTE PARA NOSOTROS,**

SOMOS UN GRUPO DE SIETE
PERSONAS QUE ESTAMOS
ESTUDIANDO EN VENEZUELA. POR
FAVOR ENVIAME SU RESPUESTA A
TRAVES DEL EMAIL.

GRACIAS Y QUE DIOS LOS
BENDIGA.

_____@yahoo.com

EN VENEZUELA

Hi:

I found out about you from a patron from
the library where I work. He is the one who
wants the information in Spanish.

Thank you for your help. We'll be waiting
for the answer. God bless!

_____@hotmail.com

Dear Friends:

Greetings in the name of our Most High
God. My question has to do with
effectively drinking water. I have this
problem when consuming the recommended
daily allowance of water. I seem to be
releasing the water too frequently instead of
it absorbing into my system. I was
wondering if my method of
drinking--whether it be when I drink, how I
drink, how often I drink, etc. I just want to

make sure I am drinking effectively to help
ensure a healthy body.

Thank you for your response. I will give
the brethren here your regards. Say hello to
the brethren there.

May God bless and keep you and may we
all find a place in the Kingdom.

_____@ncci.com

Dear Brethren:

I am a truth seeker and I like to learn as
much as I can to grow spiritually and to
share with others. Send me anything that
can help me get prepared for the great and
dreadful day of the Lord. Anything that
can help me assure myself I have done all I
can for myself and others.

_____@sprintmail.com

Dear Friends:

In addition to the free tapes, I would also
like some free literature, like the tracts
and/or the Shephard's Rod literature. I
would also like to know of a study group in
my area. Thank you.

_____@aol.com

Dear Brethren:

I have felt SDAs have quit studying and I have known this for a while. I am always interested in learning more about present day Bible prophecies. Please send what you have and thanks in advance.

_____@webtv.net

Hello:

What is your proof that Houteff is the prophet that is to come before the great and terrible day of the Lord in the spirit and power of Elijah?

_____@cwjamaica.com

Dear Brethren:

Keep publishing the word of God. It is a lot of help to those who are seeking the TRUTH.

_____@skyinet.net

Dear Brethren:

I have been SDA since 1993. Was raised Catholic. Backslid after about 2 years of coming into the SDA message. Now returning and searching for more truth and deeper relationship with Christ and total victory over sin.

_____@hotmail.com

The Executive Council

Dear Brethren:

“Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.” Eph. 1:2,3.

Praises be unto God who sent you to Africa, and for visiting Zambia, and in particular Livingstone at the appointed time. I believe that these missionary journeys were very timely indeed, more so as we see the new millennium just roaming around the corner. We were blessed by your presence.

The open discussion lesson you gave on the headquarters issue left nothing much to be desired to most of us as I later found out from those I interviewed. Why did I undertake this interview? After your presentation which was made simpler, clearer to the point, I was prompted to restudy the issue from the documents that were sent to me when the issue was hot, like the “Timely Reply to the Waco Dilemma” and “From Engedi to Eneglaim”. After studying the subject from both sides, and reviewing your presentation, I did not understand why at that time I decided to go for Waco! I suspect I didn’t honestly study the subject in depth. The message is very clear that Waco was not to be a permanent HQ for the message of the hour,

and the reasons are too obvious for any honest mind to gainsay. In short personally I was persuaded that Waco was no more to remain the HQ of the message than was beautiful California. I therefore wanted the brethren to harmonize the HQ remaining at Waco with not a single standard obtaining now which led the Prophet to choose it. Also seeing he commenced selling it himself, first the excess and then the whole - what could be plainer than that? The brethren were at pains to try to harmonize, but there was no weight of evidence to justify this return beyond any reasonable doubt. Some of the cardinal reasons why Waco was chosen by the prophet at that time we were told was being outside the city, centrally located in America and thus cheap in postage. This is no longer the case. I would like to believe as well that in the time of Br. Houteff the focus of the message was first America (rightly so as most Adventists were living in America at that time). . . We understand that today postage is no more cheaper to post from Waco than in Mountaindale. Besides the prophet had commenced selling the property of Waco, a definite indication that it was not to be a permanent lodging camp up to the establishment of the pre-millennial kingdom. (It is very important to well understand this fact - of starting selling the property).

Weight of evidence teaches that NOW Waco does not simply qualify to house the HQ of this grand publishing work, but that Mountaindale sure does by prophetic

design - not only for being outside the city and in eastward direction, but also for being the Association that merged with Yucaipa under the original by-laws and constitution after it was reorganized in 1961 after the blow. History also therefore, shows that Mountaindale is the true Davidian Association. Had Mountaindale misapplied the S. ROD, Yucaipa would no doubt not have agreed to merge or otherwise they would have given a condition that Mountaindale fall and abide under Yucaipa's constitution. If Mountaindale was a false Association, it was made true {right} by its merging with Yucaipa the true. The Session Voice twice by majority said no to Waco - that alone to me should be enough - "A return" is very important and serious event which prophecy cannot overlook to forewarn. But prophecy even symbolically or parabolically is quiet and yet we are not only looking and returning back - we will do well here to remember Lot's wife - but also by might and power. . . lets not lose sight of this priceless fact of truth. To maintain that we must remain in Waco irrespective of the conditions now obtaining, we become no better than the Laodiceans - satisfied with the present attainments. Indeed what makes a place holy is the presence of the Holy Spirit, and if it departs that place is no more... Strong facts build upon the solid rock of Bible Truth must be accepted even if they may seem to interfere with our cherished desires and ideas.

My wife and I are convinced upon Bible authority that the eastward course is the right direction, and that the east coast of United States qualifies to house the HQ of the S. Rod message - provided that HQ teaches and preaches only that which is published and is located away from the cities. With effect from the date of this letter we have therefore decided to apply for our fellowship with NY Mountindale HQ. We would therefore appreciate it if the Executive Council will send us two application forms for fellowship.

We believe that this time we have examined the subject more thoroughly than before. At the same time we would hold that the most important thing for all of us to do in Davidia is to send the message to our mother and that our issues {like HQ location} should never, never be allowed to distract us from our mission for this is what the Devil would like to see. The message must go forward, and sure it will even if we ourselves fail out by involving ourselves in useless themes, for the stones will truly cry out to finish the gospel, so whether we work or not the message must be proclaimed to every Adventist anyhow. Let the burden to every Davidian be to sigh and to cry in the church. . . .that's our mission, any more or less to that is but either addition or subtraction to the word of God. We are told that if we are to save anything at all we need to save time for it is everything. We will be reckoned as good stewards if we put to good use all our time. This only teaches us that let us not put our

minds to certain problems that arise in Davidia as the prophet put it "let the vain thing die for themselves."

Let's redeem time now by becoming time wizards and desisting from being time spendthrifts.

May the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to whom the promise of the kingdom was first given be with us all.

Yours faithfully for the finishing of the work not by might or power but by His Spirit.

Zambia
Central Africa

Although the fig tree shall not blossom,
neither shall fruit be in the vines;
the labour of the olive shall fail,
and the fields shall yield no meat;
the flock shall be cut off from the fold,
and there shall be no herd in the stalls:

Yet I will rejoice in the Lord,
I will joy in the God
of my salvation.

The Lord God is my strength,
and he will make my feet like hinds' feet
and he will make me to walk upon
mine high places. **Habakkuk 3:17-19**

~YOUNG WORLD~

Growing in Grace

"At the beginning of the day, do not, dear youth, neglect to pray earnestly to Jesus that He will impart to you strength and grace to resist the temptations of the enemy in whatever form they may come; and if you pray earnestly, in faith and contrition of soul, the Lord will hear your prayer. But you must watch as well as pray. Jesus has said: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened...."

"Children and youth may come to Jesus with their burdens and perplexities, and know that He will respect their appeals to Him, and give them the very things they need. Be earnest; be resolute. Present the promise of God, and then believe without a doubt. Do not wait to feel special emotions before you think the Lord answers. Do not mark out some particular way that the Lord must work for you before you believe you receive the things you ask of Him; but trust His word, and leave the whole matter in the hands of the Lord, with full faith that your prayer will be honored, and the answer will come at the very time and in the very way your heavenly Father sees is for your good; and then live out your prayers. Walk humbly and keep moving forward.

"For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly." Ps. 84:11.

"O fear the Lord, ye His saints: for there is no want to them that fear Him. The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing." Ps. 34:9, 10.

"Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears are open unto their cry. The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit." Ps. 34:13-18.

"Here are promises, rich and abundant, upon conditions that you cease to do evil and learn to do well. Then set your aim in life high, as did Joseph and Daniel and Moses; and take into consideration the cost of character-building, and then build for time and for eternity. . . .

"We are weak and without wisdom, but God has said: "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." James 1:5. Only learn to be thorough, never to let go your hold upon God, to persevere in His service, and you will be an overcomer through the blood of the Lamb." **Messages to Young People, p. 124**

**The 144,000
Who are They?**

Rev. 7:1-4

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QUIZ

By Sis. Pamela

Read Rev. 7:1-4 and the other recommended reading below the questions to answer this quiz

1. Are the winds real or symbolic?

2. What then do the winds symbolize?
Dan 12:21; 7A Bible Commentary & 5T:152 (2)

3. How many people were sealed and where were they sealed from?

4. Was this ancient Israel or Modern Israel?
9T:164; 5T:94; PK:713-714

5. Why could it not be ancient Israel?

6. Who is modern Israel today
Rev. 14:1-4; COL:406; EW:14, 42-43

7. What 2 groups are the focus of Rev. 7?

8. Is the 144,000 literal or symbolic?
Rev.7:4; Early Writings, p. 15; Compare with Rev. 7:9

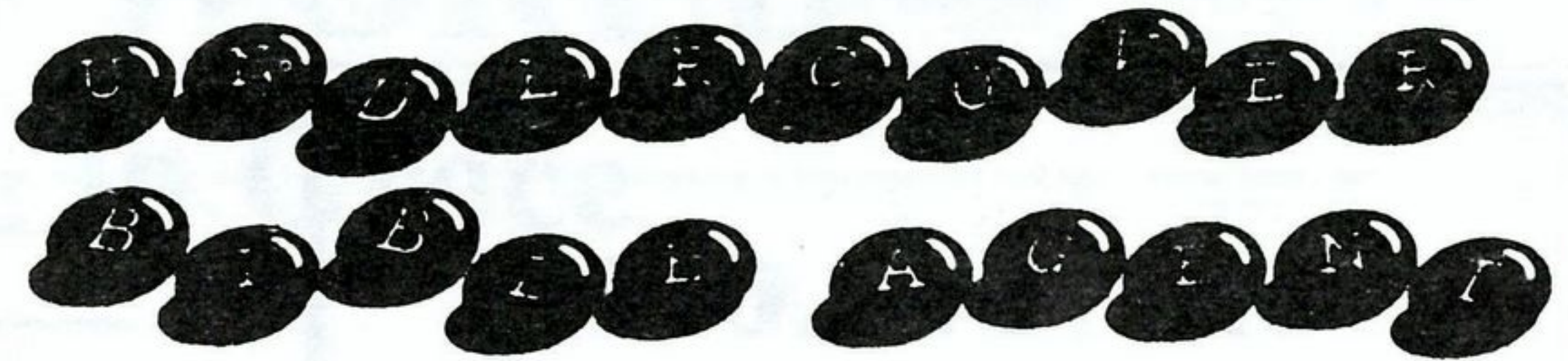
~BIBLE TRIVIA~

1. How many angels are spoken of in Revelation 7:1-2?
2. Where are we instructed in the Bible to eat herbs & fruits?
3. Which is the most popular and most translated book in the world?
4. "Many are called but few are _____."
5. Which tree did Jesus condemn because it had no fruit?
6. How many angels slew 185,000 soldiers from the Assyrian army?

"The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it." Proverbs 30:17

PUZZLE

Rev. 7:1-4



W D N A T S E A
 A I A N G E L S
 T N N T S A E R
 E E G D O L D E
 R C E E S E U N
 S I L K L D O R
 E O S E A S L O
 A V G F O U R C

Find the following words in the PUZZLE above

ANGELS
 SEALED
 WATERS
 FOUR
 LOUD
 EAST

CORNERS
 WINDS
 ROD
 STAND
 VOICE
 SEA

Bible Trivia ANSWERS

1. 9 Total [4 holding winds, 4 given to hurt & 1 having the seal]
2. Gen. 1:29, 30
3. The Bible
4. Chosen
5. Fig tree
6. 1 Angel

QUIZ

1. How many books make up the Bible?
2. Which prophet prayed for the sins of a mountain?

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2. David was King Solomon's Father. **1 Kings 2:1**

HOLDING THE FOUR WINDS

HURT NOT
TILL WE HAVE SEALED
THE SERVANTS OF OUR GOD



THE GREAT MULTITUDE
REV. 7. 9

THE FIRST FRUITS
REV. 7. 14

REV. 11. 18

THE JUDGMENT OF THE DEAD

THE WRATH OF GOD

E.W. p 36

THE ANGER OF THE NATIONS



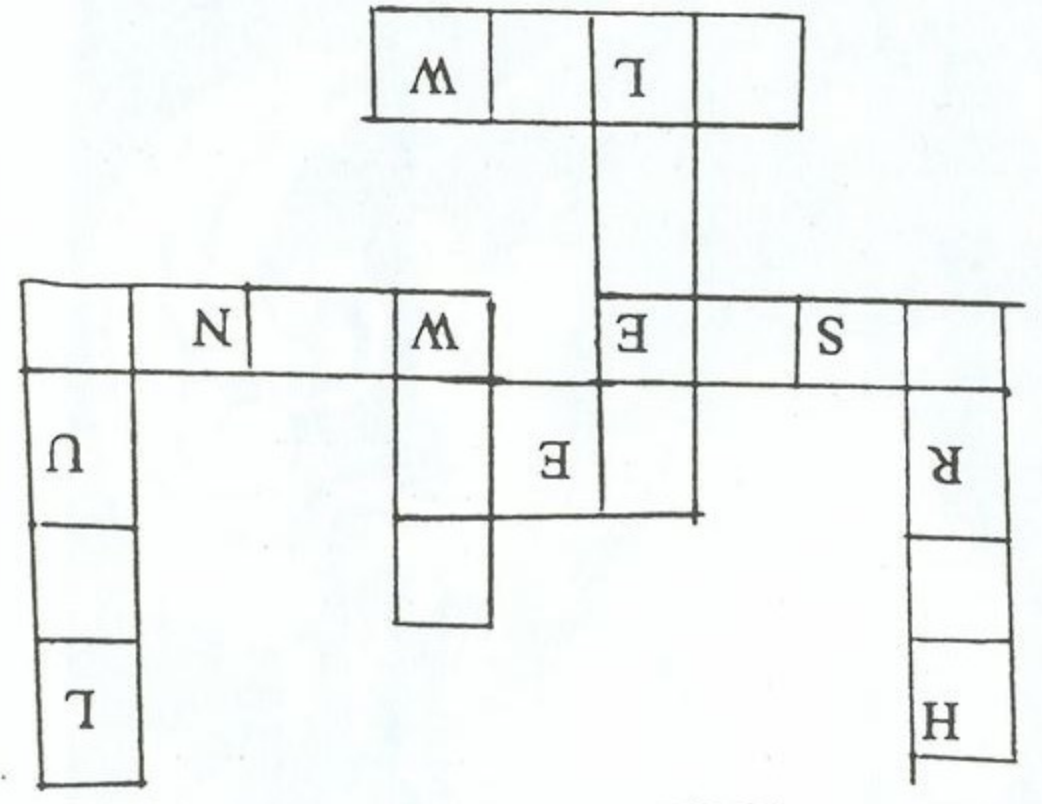
AGES 3-10

Parents, please read Revelation 7:1-4 then explain it and help your child with the following activities

PUZZLE

Use the 3 and 4 letter words below to complete the puzzle

- WIND
- SEAL
- EAST
- HURT
- SEA
- SAW
- BLOW
- LOUD



1. How many angels do you see in the picture?

2. Color the angels' dress yellow

3. Color the globe--world green and blue

4. Color the palms in the great multitude's hands green

5. Color the faces of the first fruits/144,000 so they look like they come from all the races, e.g. Tan, brown, etc.

Put in the **MISSING VOWELS** to discover how many people were sealed in Rev. 7:4.

"T_H_R_ W_R_ S_L_D_ N_H_NDR_D_F_RTY

_ND_F__R_ TH__S_ND_F_LL_TH_TR_B_S_F

TH_CH_LDR_N_F_SR_L"

Answer these **QUESTIONS** from Rev. 7:1-4

1. Where were the four angels standing?
See Rev. 7:1

2. What were they holding?
See Rev. 7:1

3. What do the winds represent? Ask mommy or daddy to help you with the answer for this one. Ask him/her to read Testimonies for the Church, Volume 5, p.152. Dan. 12:1

4. What did the angel ascending from the east have?
See Rev. 7:2?

5. How many people were sealed?
See Rev. 7:4

UNSCRAMBLE the words and then put them in order to discover what John heard in Rev 7:1

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