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"There are many precious truths contained in the Word of God, but it is 'PRESENT TRUTH' that the flock needs now." Early Writings, p 63.

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GREATER and LESSER LIGHT, part 5

"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, [it is] because [there is] no light in them." Isaiah 8:20.

Last time we understood that God gave the Spirit of Prophecy to Ellen White to specify to His people "the course that He would have them pursue" and "the position that we should now occupy" in these last days. In order to achieve this, God's will is that sister White's writings are to clearly "define what is truth and what is error", to "correct specious errors and to specify what is truth", "to correct those who err from Bible truth", which will "save us from accepting strong delusions" in these last days.

We then learned that the Spirit of Prophecy never contradicts the Bible. This is because they are both just 1 word - the word of Jesus through the Holy Spirit. They both shine with only 1 light of truth - the sun of righteousness Jesus Christ.

We then discovered that God has provided enough evidence to prove that He gave the Spirit of Prophecy to Ellen White, which means that all her writings are inspired of God. We now have a choice to make in humbly following this lesser light so that we can correctly understand the greater light of the Bible, or to proudly reject her writings believing she is not inspired of God and then follow our own even dimmer light.

This led us to understand that the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy are either from God or from the Devil. The writings of sister White are either all truth or all error; either all light or all darkness! There are no grey areas with the Spirit of Prophecy! If the Spirit of Prophecy disagrees with your opinions, ideas, interpretations and beliefs regarding what the Bible teaches, then it is your opinions, ideas, interpretations and beliefs that are in error and are false, not the Spirit of Prophecy. It is the Lord God Jesus Christ speaking directly to you through the writings of Ellen White, and if you reject her writings in one or more areas, then you are actually rejecting the Lord God Jesus Christ and Bible truth.

But with some, the strength of their own opinions, ideas, interpretations, and beliefs are greater than their faith in all the Spirit of Prophecy being inspired truth from God. This doubt will lead them to find some reason or excuse to justify their rejecting the testimony of Jesus in one or more areas, and to then have an urgent desire to share with others their reasons for doubting sister White's writings.

And what are some of these reasons or excuses of doubt the Devil gets people to come up with against the Spirit of Prophecy? This is what we will be examining in this Newsletter.

Now there are a lot of different reasons or excuses of doubt that people use against the Spirit of Prophecy. These range from the belief that you can't trust sister White's writings in some areas, or you can't trust her writings after a certain date, to you can't trust her writings at all. In connection with these assertions, all kinds of so-called proof and human reasoning is offered as support for these claims. And when you closely examine all these claims and beliefs you will find that nearly all of them can be grouped together in one of two major areas:

1 – The claim and belief that the writings of Ellen White have been altered, or manipulated, or tampered with, or changed, or that she has been influenced to state what she writes.

2 – The claim and belief that the Spirit of Prophecy is part inspiration from God and part human opinions of Ellen White in what she writes.

Let's examine each of these two major areas and see if these claims are really true or not.

What about the claim and belief that the writings of Ellen White have been altered, or manipulated, or tampered with, or changed or that she has been influenced to state what she writes?

"I have a statement to make. When the Lord presents before me any matter and instruction and I have a message to bear concerning the said matter, then I shall, to the best of my God-given ability, make known the matter, presenting the mind and will of God just as clearly as my human capabilities, guided and controlled by the Holy Spirit, shall bring all the matter before me to present to others. In regard to the serious matters given me **I have not given anyone--man or woman--any right to have the least control over my work the Lord has given me to do.**

"Since twenty-one years ago, when I was deprived of my husband by death, I have not had the slightest idea of ever marrying again. Why? Not because God forbade it. No. But to stand alone was the best for me, that no one should suffer with me in carrying forward my work entrusted to me of God. And no one should have a right to influence me in any way in reference to my responsibility and my work in bearing my testimony of encouragement and reproof.

"My husband never stood in my way to do this, although I had help and encouragement from him and oft his pity. His sympathy and prayers and tears I have missed so much, so very much. No one can understand this as myself. But my work has to be done. **No human power should give the least supposition that I would be influenced in the work God has given me to do in bearing my testimony to those for whom He has given me reproof or encouragement.**

"I have been alone in this matter, severely alone with all the difficulties and all the trials connected with the work. God alone could help me. The last work that is to be done by me in this world will soon be finished. I must express myself plainly, in a manner, if possible, not to be misunderstood.

"I have not one person in the world who shall put any message in my mind or lay one duty upon me. I am now to say to you, Brother F, when the Lord gives me a burden for you or for anyone, **you shall have it in the way and manner the Lord gives it to me.**--Manuscript 227, 1902." Selected Messages, book 3, p 66-67.

This inspired passage written in 1902 reveals that sister White allowed no one, not even her husband James White, to influence her to write what she did. This then clearly destroys the claim that some put forth that James White was the protector of the Testimonies, and after his death in 1881 you cannot trust anything written by sister White because it could have been altered, or manipulated, or tampered with, or changed. This then means that you can indeed trust what sister White has written to be all inspired truth of God even after the death of her husband in 1881.

So then what about any of the other claims that someone, from her copyists all the way up to the General Conference, has altered, or manipulated, or tampered with, or changed sister White's writings?

“My copyists you have seen. They do not change my language. It stands as I write... -- Letter 61a, 1900.” Selected Messages, book 3, p 90.

“I am still as active as ever. I am not in the least decrepit. I am able to do much work, writing and speaking as I did years ago.

“I read over all that is copied, to see that everything is as it should be....--Letter 133, 1902.” Selected Messages, book 3, p 90.

“There are those who say, “Someone manipulates her writings.” I acknowledge the charge. It is One who is mighty in counsel, One who presents before me the condition of things.--Letter 52, 1906.” Selected Messages, book 3, p 64.

These inspired passages reveal that when the copyist took sister White’s words and then typed these out on paper that sister White would then “read over all that is copied, to see that everything is as it should be”. These inspired passages also reveals that the only One who sister White allowed to manipulate her writings was the Lord God Jesus Christ Himself. This then destroys the claim that some non-inspired person has altered, or manipulated, or tampered with, or changed sister White’s writings. Which then means that you can indeed trust what sister White has written to be the inspired truth of God.

But others put forth the claim that when sister White’s original books were enlarged and published, that the changes could not have all been approved by sister White and therefore you cannot trust these later editions to be the inspired truth of God.

“I read all the book manuscript before it is sent to the printer. So you can see that my time must be fully occupied. Besides writing, I am called upon to speak to the different churches and to attend important meetings. I could not do this work unless the Lord helped me.--Letter 133, 1902.” Selected Messages, book 3, p 90-91.

This inspired passage reveals that when any books were being compiled from her writings, or were being enlarged from an earlier publication, that sister White would “read all the book manuscript before it is sent to the printer” to make sure it was all the truth. Now this was written in 1902, and as there were almost 80 publications of her writings by 1902, then this meant that all of these publications had been personally read through by sister White before they were published. This then destroys the claim that any changes made between earlier and later editions could not have been all approved by sister White and therefore could not be trusted to be the inspired truth of God. Which then means that all of these later publications could be trusted to be all truth by sister White herself.

Now, others claim that only the original writings of sister White, or only her first editions of her publications and books, can be trusted to teach truth from God. But any compilations of her writings, or any later enlarged editions of her books, cannot be trusted to teach only truth from God. In order to try and prove this claim, they rely heavily on showing the differences between her first published materials verses later enlarged editions, and then these differences are referred to as “changes”, with the inference that none of these changes can be trusted to be 100% truth.

For instance: The 9 volumes of Testimonies for the Church were mainly derived from earlier publications titled “Testimonies for the Church” numbers 1-33. These earlier publications are referred to by some as the “Original Writings”, which they state can be trusted to teach 100% truth, while the later 9 volumes are referred to as the changed writings, which cannot be trusted to be the truth.

Another example: The 1911 edition of the Great Controversy is mainly derived from the 1888 edition of the Great Controversy, which are both derived from the 1884 edition of the Great Controversy. The 1884 edition is referred to as the original writing of sister White which they state can be trusted to teach 100% truth, while these 2 later editions are referred to as the changed writings, which cannot be trusted to be the truth.

But this claim that these Original Writings are alone trustworthy, while all later enlarged editions are untrustworthy, is based upon a big and glaring flaw. This flaw is that these so-called Original Writings are not actually original writings at all. This is because these 33 earlier publications, and even the 1884 Great Controversy book, were themselves compilations from even earlier writings!

God revealed His truth to sister White through visions and dreams, and she would write down all that the Lord had revealed to her. This meant that if the Lord revealed to her 5 different subjects in one vision/dream, then she would write down all that she could remember on those 5 subjects. This writing was then considered to be a Manuscript, it was given its own number and the day, month and year it was written. Now, if she remembered, or if God revealed to her, more details of that particular vision/dream at a later date, she would then write down this additional information and it was then given a different Manuscript number with its own date. But if some of these subjects dealt with a particular individual, then she would write that individual a personal letter with what the Lord had revealed to her, and would then retain a copy of this letter for her own records. This letter was then given a Letter number with the date it was written.

Now when the book of the Great Controversy was being written, sister White did not just write it all through from the first word to the last word in the book. But she would have material gathered from these Manuscripts and Letters on file that happened to be dealing with this subject, and then these were placed in the proper section/chapter areas in the book manuscript. This meant that publications/books, like these 33 numbers of the Testimonies to the Church and even the Great Controversy, were actually compilations made from her original Manuscripts and Letters on file.

“How are my books made?...She (Marian Davis) does her work in this way. She takes my articles which are published in the papers, and pastes them in blank books. She also has a copy of all the letters I write. In preparing a chapter for a book, Marian remembers that I have written something on that special point, which may make the matter more forcible. She begins to search for this, and if, when she finds it, she sees that it will make the chapter more clear, she adds it.

“The books are not Marian's productions, but my own, gathered from all my writings. Marian has a large field from which to draw, and her ability to arrange the matter is of great value to me. It saves my poring over a mass of matter, which I have no time to do. So you understand that Marian is **a most valuable help to me in bringing out my books.**” Selected Messages, book 3, p 91, from Letter 61a, 1900.

“We (Ellen White and Marian) have stood side by side in the work, and in perfect harmony in that work. And when she would be gathering up the precious jots and tittles that had come in papers and books and present it to me, 'Now,' she would say, 'there is something wanted. I cannot supply it.' **I would look it over, and in one moment I could trace the line right out.** We worked together, just worked together in perfect harmony all the time.” Selected Messages, book 3, p 93, from Manuscript 95, 1904.

These facts reveal that these Manuscripts and Letters are the actual “Original Writings”, and it was from these writings that most all of her publications/books have been compiled, including the 33 numbers of the Testimonies to the Church, as well as the 4 volumes of Spiritual Gifts, the 4 volumes of the Spirit of Prophecy, etc. This shows that none of these publications are the so-called “Original Writings” at all, and those who try and convince you otherwise do not know what they are talking about. So do not allow yourself to get caught up in the “Original Writings” movement, because it is just a deception to try and lead you to doubt most of the later writings of sister White - which is exactly what Satan desires.

Now in regard to the book of The Great Controversy: some believe that the 1884 edition is the original Great Controversy book. But this is not correct. The 1884 edition is actually an enlarged edition from previous published books on the Great Controversy!

The first Great Controversy book is titled: “The Great Controversy, Between Christ and His Angels, and Satan and His Angels”, and was published in 1858, which is commonly known as Spiritual Gifts, vol 1.

This first 1858 Great Controversy book was then greatly enlarged into 4 volumes that were titled: "The Spirit of Prophecy". Volume 1 was subtitled "The Great Controversy Between Christ and His Angels and Satan and His Angels", and was published in 1870. Volume 2 was subtitled "The Great Controversy Between Christ and Satan. Life, Teachings and Miracles of Our Lord Jesus Christ", and was published in 1877. Volume 3 was subtitled "The Great Controversy Between Christ and Satan. The Death, Resurrection and Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ", and was published in 1878. Volume 4 was subtitled "The Great Controversy Between Christ and Satan. From the Destruction of Jerusalem to the End of the Controversy", and was published in 1884.

These 4 volumes of the Great Controversy were then in-turn greatly enlarged. Volume 1 was enlarged and became the foundation for the book "Patriarchs and Prophets", published in 1890. Volumes 2 and part of 3 were enlarged and became the foundation for the book titled "The Desire of Ages", published in 1898. Part of Volume 3 was enlarged and combined with "Sketches from the Life of Paul" (published in 1883) which became the foundation for the book titled "The Acts of the Apostles", published in 1911. Volume 4 was enlarged and became the foundation for the book titled "The Great Controversy During the Christian Dispensation", published in 1888, and it was again slightly revised and published in 1911 and titled: "The Great Controversy Between Christ and Satan".

This means that the original Great Controversy book was first published in 1858 and not in 1884. It was then greatly enlarged in 1870, 1877, 1878 and 1884, portions of it were again greatly enlarged in 1888, 1890, 1898 and 1911. So when you compare these greatly enlarged editions with the original 1858 book, you will notice that there are big differences and changes between them. Since there are all these changes from the original edition, should these changes make you suspect that these later editions are no longer from sister White and are therefore teaching error? No, because we read earlier that sister White read through and approved these enlarged areas in the book manuscripts before they were published. But there are indeed many people who want you to doubt all these enlarged editions, especially the Devil and his agents!

And to help remove any doubt about sister White being fully aware and approving the enlarging of the 1884 Great Controversy into the 1888 edition and then being slightly revised into the 1911 edition, here is what she writes about both these editions.

When the 1884 Great Controversy was being enlarged into the 1888 edition of the Great Controversy, sister White wrote:

"I am writing out more fully the volume of Great Controversy (1888 edition) containing the history of the fall of Satan and the introduction of sin into our world; and I can have a more vivid sense of this great controversy between Christ, the Prince of light, and Satan, the prince of darkness, than I have ever had before." Testimonies, vol 5, p 625-626, from Letter April 20, 1888.

"I was moved by the Spirit of the Lord to write that book (1888 edition of the Great Controversy), and while working upon it, I felt a great burden upon my soul. I knew that time was short, that the scenes which are soon to crowd upon us would at the last come very suddenly and swiftly, as represented in the words of Scripture: "The day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night" (1 Thessalonians 5:2).

"The Lord has set before me matters which are of urgent importance for the present time, and which reach into the future. The words have been spoken in a charge to me, **"Write in a book the things which thou hast seen and heard, and let it go to all people;** for the time is at hand when past history will be repeated." I have been aroused at one, two, or three o'clock in the morning, with some point forcibly impressed upon my mind, as if spoken by the voice of God." Selected Messages, book 3, p 113, from Letter 1, 1890.

"In the preparation of this book (1888 Great Controversy), competent workers were employed and much money was invested in order that the volume might come before the world in the best style possible....

"The Lord impressed me to write this book, in order that without delay it might be circulated in every part of the world, because the warnings it contains are necessary for preparing a people to stand in the day of the Lord.--Manuscript 24, 1891." Selected Messages, book 3, p 113.

"While writing the manuscript of "Great Controversy," (1888 edition) I was often conscious of the presence of the angels of God. And many times the scenes about which I was writing were presented to me anew in visions of the night, so that they were fresh and vivid in my mind.--Letter 56, 1911." Selected Messages, book 3, p 112.

When the 1888 Great Controversy was being slightly revised for the 1911 edition of the Great Controversy, sister White wrote:

"The book Great Controversy I appreciate above silver or gold, and I greatly desire that it shall come before the people....

"Recently it was necessary for this book (1888 edition) to be reset, because the electrotype plates were badly worn. It has cost me much to have this done, but I do not complain; for whatever the cost may be, I regard this new edition with great satisfaction....

"When I learned that Great Controversy must be reset, I determined that we would have everything closely examined, to see if the truths it contained were stated in the very best manner, to convince those not of our faith that the Lord had guided and sustained me in the writing of its pages.

"As a result of the thorough examination by our most experienced workers, **some changing in the wording has been proposed. These changes I have carefully examined, and approved.** I am thankful that my life has been spared, and that I have strength and clearness of mind for this and other literary work." Selected Messages, book 3, p 123-124, from Letter 56, 1911, To F.M. Wilcox, July 25, 1911, from Sanitarium, California.

These statements from sister White reveal that she was closely involved in both the enlarged 1888 edition, and also the 1911 edition, and approved all the changes which were made in both these editions.

But if enlarging an inspired book by an inspired author makes the newly enlarged book suspect of teaching error and thus should be avoided, then the entire New Testament of the Bible should no longer be trusted to be truth from God when it was added with the Old Testament to make up the complete Bible!

Also, if enlarging an inspired book by the inspired author themselves makes the new enlarged book suspect of teaching error and thus should be avoided, then the entire book of Jeremiah should no longer be trusted to be truth from God!

"And it came to pass in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, [that] this word came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, Take thee a roll of a book, and **write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spake unto thee, from the days of Josiah, even unto this day....** And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying...go thou, and read in the roll, which thou hast written from my mouth, the words of the LORD in the ears of the people in the LORD'S house upon the fasting day: and also thou shalt read them in the ears of all Judah that come out of their cities....

"Then read Baruch in the book the words of Jeremiah in the house of the LORD, in the chamber of Gemariah the son of Shaphan the scribe, in the higher court, at the entry of the new gate of the LORD'S house, in the ears of all the people....Now it came to pass, when they had heard all the words, they were afraid both one and other, and said unto Baruch, We will surely tell the king of all these words....

"So the king sent Jehudi to fetch the roll: and he took it out of Elishama the scribe's chamber. And Jehudi read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the princes which stood beside the king....And it came to pass, [that] when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, he cut it with the penknife, and cast [it] into the fire that [was] on the hearth, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that [was] on the hearth....

“Then took Jeremiah another roll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah; who wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire: **and there were added besides unto them many like words.**” Jeremiah 36:1-2, 5-6, 10, 16, 21, 23, 32.

These verses reveal that after the original book of Jeremiah had been written, it was destroyed by the king, and when it was re-written it was enlarged to include “many like words” inspired by God. This meant that this enlarged book of Jeremiah was actually the second edition, and yet it was all inspired by God, just like the first edition had been. So all the differences and changes appearing in the second edition of the book of Jeremiah could be trusted to teach the truth just like the first edition, because all these changes were inspired by God through His prophet. In fact, this second edition was better than the original edition because of all the greater light that was added! It is the same with the enlarging of some of the books of sister White.

So then since sister White was involved in greatly enlarging her first edition of the Great Controversy with other later editions, then these changes were made with inspired testimonies of greater light and therefore can be trusted to teach truth, and should be read and studied. And sister White did indeed have more inspired truth to share upon areas that she had already written upon.

“My work has been in the field since 1845. Ever since then I have labored with pen and voice. **Increased light has come to me as I have imparted the light given me. I have very much more light on the Old and New Testament Scriptures, which I shall present to our people.**-- Letter 61a, 1900.” Selected Messages, book 3, p 90.

This inspired passage reveals that even though sister White had already shared many truths she had received from God, she still had “very much more light” to “present to our people”. This greater light from God could shed deeper and significant insights into subject matter which had already been published, which would then justify enlarging these publications with this greater light so that more people could be benefitted. But of course the Devil would try and prevent that from happening, and would lead people to believe that these changes to sister White’s original book were something to be feared and to be avoided at all costs. And this is exactly what many of us see and hear happening among our people. Now I hope you can understand a little more clearly today this battle going on in this Great Controversy between Christ and Satan.

But even with all that has been shared, some will not be convinced, and will continue to restrict their reading of the Spirit of Prophecy to just the earliest publications, rejecting as error any later publications. And how can we hope to reach these individuals and show them their misunderstanding, unreasonable and extreme erroneous beliefs?

“I was directed by a messenger from heaven not to take the burden of picking up and answering all the sayings and doubts that are being put into many minds. “Stand as the messenger of God anywhere, in any place,” I was bidden “and bear the testimony I shall give you. Be free. Bear the testimonies that the Lord has for you to bear in reproof, in rebuke, in the work of encouraging and lifting up the soul; ‘teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.’” Ms 61, 1906, p. 1. (“Hold Fast the Beginning of Your Confidence,” June 3, 1906.)” Manuscript Releases, vol 1, p 35.

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MINISTRY NEWS

HEALTH - MEDICAL MISSIONARY WORK

The Health and Medical Missionary work in the Central African nation of Zambia is continuing, but needs more support to meet the demand for herbal and natural materials for treatments. To the glory of God, precious souls are receiving valuable instruction on health, as well as natural treatments for various ailments as funds permit. Praise God for His healing grace, and the testimonies for the glory of God.

We again solicit and greatly appreciate your prayers and continued support in furthering this great Medical Missionary work, especially for precious souls to be won to Jesus Christ through this mighty entering wedge of Health Reform.

ONLINE VIDEOS

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Currently we have over 10,300 people who have viewed these videos, and over 126,000 minutes have been logged, and with God's blessing and your prayers many more to come. Please keep this great evangelistic outreach endeavor in your thoughts and prayers, and may God lead 1000's more precious souls to watch these and become convicted on the Present Truth before it is too late!

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We praise God for allowing us to gather together as one Home Church family in Christ Jesus, and look forward to having you also join with us!

TO OUR READERS AND SUPPORTERS:

"Let There Be Light" Ministries is not using your prayers and donations to build itself into a kingdom, but is concerned with getting the Present Truth into the hands of the common people quickly, effectively, and wisely. Instead of working towards acquiring expensive video and T.V. production equipment, satellite or shortwave facilities, we would rather use the Lord's money in publishing and distributing materials which give the full present truth gospel, as well as supporting many full-time foreign ministers and workers around the world who have proven themselves to be reliable and stable. With their monthly support and present truth materials supplied them, these ministers and workers then have the ability to more effectively spread the spoken and printed truth, establish the people in it, and carry this precious truth into the very homes of those who sit in darkness. This is how the Loud Cry of the Third Angel will be spread, and is now being spread! If the Lord impresses you to help in these endeavors, your donations will be greatly appreciated--not just by this Ministry, but by many others as well! **MAY GOD RICHLY BLESS YOU!**

MINISTRY NEEDS

"Let There Be Light" Ministries is committed to the spreading of the full present truth gospel message worldwide, and has been doing so since 1986. This Ministry has operating expenses covering the areas of: printing, publishing, and writing of present truth books, booklets, tracts, and other literature; DVD, video and audio taping, production, and distribution; supporting several ministers and workers in foreign Countries; mail order – both domestic and foreign; traveling to hold meetings – both locally, nationally, and internationally; answering correspondence and questions regarding the message of truth; offering National and International Bible studies; sending free present truth literature to contacts in many poor Countries; etc.

Your gracious prayers and support is greatly appreciated and needed. Without the Lord's guidance, blessings, and your support, this Ministry could not continue to reach out worldwide with the precious message of Revelation 14:6-12 & 18:1-5.

May our God and Saviour continue to lead and guide all those who have helped us reach souls who sit in darkness with the precious light of gospel truth. May our supporters remember that they share in each and every soul who has been reached by this Ministry and converted to the Lord and His present truth!

GENERAL FOREIGN MISSION WORK NEEDS

We are currently supporting several workers in many different Countries on a monthly basis. We check into the economy of each area and supply a base support which is adequate depending on their situation, but not extravagant. This base support is to ensure that the monthly needs of each worker and family is met for that month so that the worker may devote full time to the ministry work. In addition to this, we are sending extra materials for evangelism, and money for printing, publishing, holding meetings, traveling, and other necessary areas in spreading the Present Truth in their Country. And as the work extends, especially will the expenses for evangelism expand. Whatever you can send to help in this necessary and vital area is greatly appreciated.

The work of spreading God's present truth is not to be limited, but must extend world-wide to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people before our Saviour can come (Matthew 24:14). What better way of spreading the Present Truth Gospel than by having workers who speak the native language, who reside in that particular Country, who can live and preach the truth, visit the interests in their homes, and spread the printed truth translated into their native language!

"Our publications should be printed in other languages, that foreign nations may be reached. Much can be done through the medium of the press, but still more can be accomplished if the influence of the living preacher goes with our publications....The Lord has moved upon men of other tongues and has brought them under the influence of the truth, that they might be qualified to labor in His cause." Testimonies, vol 3, p 204-205.

Please financially help us to continue supporting our current ministers and workers on a consistent basis, so that the spreading of the truth will not be interrupted but can quickly lighten this dark world with the glory of God.

"Every opportunity should be improved to extend the truth to other nations. This will be attended with considerable expense, but expense should in no case hinder the performance of this work. Means are of value only as they are used to advance the interest of the kingdom of God. The Lord has lent men means for this very purpose, to use in sending the truth to their fellow men." Testimonies, vol 3, p 208.

SPECIFIC MONTHLY FOREIGN MISSION WORK NEEDS

KENYA, East Africa:

Printing of booklets and tracts in Kenya.
Purchase Bible and SOP books.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA:

Monthly operating expenses for publication work already established there.
Printing of booklets and tracts in PNG.
Purchase Bible and SOP books.

PHILIPPINE Islands:

Monthly operating expenses for publication work already established there.
Printing of booklets and tracts in Philippines.
Repair of current vehicle - \$2,500.
Purchase Bible and SOP books.

UGANDA, East Africa:

Monthly operating expenses for publication work already established there.
Printing of booklets and tracts in Uganda.
Purchase Bible and SOP books.

ZAMBIA, Central Africa:

Monthly operating expenses for publication work already established there.
Purchase of new printer - \$5,600.
Monthly operating expenses for Herbal and Health Clinic.
Printing of booklets and tracts in Zambia.
Purchase Bible and SOP books.

ZIMBABWE, Africa:

Donations of any amount to help purchase a vehicle—\$8,000 total cost.
Monthly operating expenses for publication work already established there.
Printing of booklets and tracts in Zimbabwe.
Purchase Bible and SOP books.

Please be sure to mark all donated monies for any of the above Ministry or Foreign Mission needs. 100% of all donated monies will go where specified. Unspecified donations will go where needed. Thank you very much for making this evangelistic work possible, and may God's richest blessings attend you and yours.

LETTERS to "LET THERE BE LIGHT" Ministries

My Dear brothers and sisters in our Lord.

Grace and peace to you all in the mighty name of God.

(To God be the glory) It is by God's direction to have come along your website which is of greatest blessings for us. Whether you respond to my mails or not, but I can pray for your family, friends, Church, Ministry as long as I live....

May our Almighty God guide you, keep you, bless you and strengthen you in every walk of your life. Let us praise God in spirit and in truth.

Stay blessed. Yours in Him. B.S., India.

Robert,

A good discussion for sure and thank you for your reply. I hear what you are saying and from your standpoint I can see how you make a valid point. However I do believe that a review of what she actually wrote is in order....

C.D., USA.

(Combination of 2 letters) Dear ones,

Heb 6:10-11.

Christian greetings from _____ and family. I have widened my online scope of reaching our contacts and I believe the Lord is himself doing the big part and we just becoming instruments to do what we were not doing. The pictures of bro _____ and his church.

Elder Bob gave a contact which I have kindly followed and it is yielding results which furthermore needs your great support as usual.

Bro. _____ is a simple minister in Namibia...who has agreed to be united with us to accomplish the great gospel commission in his region. I have been sharing with him a lot of the present truth messages which he is eagerly and deeply interested in learning. He had also introduced me to all his church members and they agreed to invite me for a camp meeting in Namibia by the first week of October 2025. They have requested me to carry for them printed materials of present truth in form of booklets....

It is in my thinking that I...change the timing of this camp/conference in Namibia to December 2025...because this would strengthen our unity as in John 17 and that it appeared to have lost contacts and communications from these dear brethren, we can once again make good use of them.

I hope this could be good sighting schooling days have just started to close third term of the year 2025 and we may need children to attend. I pray for His will to be done and also influence all in the region have a united mind to accomplish what is good for the work to be done in that area. However, we haven't fixed the dates but soon we shall and pray for us.

God bless you. B.N., Africa.

Dear brother Robert

Happy Sabbath. May the good Lord continue be with your work.

(The) End is upon us. How are we prepared for the crisis ahead of us.

Shalom, B.A., Internet.

Dear beloved, my spiritual brother elder robert, in Christ.

Hearty greetings to you in Jesus' name. It is great privilege to me to have write you by God's grace.

My name is _____ (in) India. I am doing (good) in the Lord and I hope that you are so good in the presence of God. I have been spreading the gospel and captured souls for Christ from last several years as in individual for full time work on faith based. I have two children. I am distributing tracts in unreached areas, especially where gospel was not yet preached Rom.15:20....

Brother, indeedly, I have many experiences with many troubles, persecutions and tempted by preaching gospel in these areas. I was beaten by Hindu idol worshipers and put in police station often for reason of preaching. I was mocked and criticized by others, who are not christians....Hindu people think that Christians are untouchable and low caste people in India. Here, please pray for them to get more souls for His kingdom built....

I convey my best wishes to you and your blessed family. Please remember us in your daily prayers as we pray for you daily. Amen....

B.J., India.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM FOREIGN WORKERS

FROM KENYA, EAST AFRICA

Dear brother Bob,

1Jn. 3:1.

I hope this finds you well. It has been a while now, but all is well. August will be a stretch of camp meetings. I'll be starting on 3rd to end on 24th. I'll be with _____ in _____ on 9th through 16th, and come down with him again in _____ on 17th through 24th.

Hoping all will be fine. Keep us in your prayers.

God bless. B.I., Kenya.

FROM PAPUA NEW GUINEA

(Combination of 2 letters) Hello dearest elder Bob,

1 John 3:1.

Our PNG _____ 6 days Youth Camp from 22nd – 28th June, was grateful and blessed with many new youths from new areas attend. We held some theory & practical training on medical and literacy (colporteur). We based our studies on character building and how to avoid danger or evils surrounding our environments and societies.

We held our camp in the village dominated by the SDA conference church with Lutheran churches. During and after the camp, the entire community have compared the great difference between the two (groups of) Sabbath keepers, and more interestingly is about our youth's outward appearance and the camp behavior with SDA conference youths.

This is our 18th camp for our youths since from 2007. During this 18 years by the grace of God, we have produced many good talented preachers and missionaries which are now active in the gospel fields.

Last week from 06th - 12th July I conduct a revival meeting with our little folks living up into the high remote mountainous villages. After the Sabbath service we held a Spirit field Lords' Supper.

Praise God finally we made the payment for the Riso printer....We will update when the printing machine arrives in hand....

Many thanks for monthly support, praise God. I will let you know when I collect the money. Right now I am on the sick bed for two weeks after finished from _____ church revival program.

Praise be to God, for the Risograph printer is with our appointed agents to work (print) on. This used full asserts donated by LTBLM with team up with human agents to spread God's present truth.

Keep looking up my dearest friend.

B.K., Papua New Guinea.

FROM THE PHILIPPINES

(Combination of 2 letters) Dear brother Bob,

3 John 2.

Hello brother Bob! I hope and pray that all is well with you too. We are fine and doing good through the grace of God. I'm so sorry for not writing you as soon as I'd like to because we have been so busy recently in settling the recent crisis that arise in our churches here because of Jerry Gabo's issues, and along with it we are also busy with our travels for our missionary work.

The Lord open a lot of work for us now in various new fields. We went to Northern part of _____, to visit a brethren that transfer there. They are also a Filipino-American brethren from there in the US that went here 10 years ago. We've seen them once and since then we haven't seen them again. They transfer from one place to another and now they already settled in _____ in Northern _____. The lady is a Filipina and the guy is American. They are present truth believers already. They are the only believers there in Northern _____. Thank God that I contacted sis _____, the Filipina lady and set an appointment for us to visit them. It's been a long time that we really wanted and planning to work there in Northern _____ to establish churches there but we have been waiting for God's providence. And when I saw that this is the time, when I have contacted sister _____, we head on there.

We saw their situation there especially the missionary fields that needs to labor for. It is such a vast field and really need a missionaries that will work there. Although it is very far from our place, because we are from the South, and they are from the North. It takes one day to be there, take a bus from here to _____, and another bus from _____ going there. We are so happy to see again this couple for a long time and they happy to see us too, and grateful that we visited them. We are planning to be back there this coming month and start to work there so that there will be additional believers to be with them and established a church not only there but in the nearby town there.

After our work there in _____, we directly head on to _____. I was texted by a present truth believer there and invited me if I can visit them there. They have their own group of believers in _____. I knew and was with them since 1992 when the present truth started here in the Philippines. But because of so many divisions that happened here, we separated from each other. The Lord bring us back together since 2015, until it was destroyed in 2021 through Joseph Rosales, a young minister of our church here that separated from us and become independent because of personal interest.... Thank God that they were not deceived by Joseph, although he tried to (very) hardly.

After four years, they contacted me and again invited me to be a speaker in their church. They are experiencing also a shaking in their group, because the leaders in their group didn't want them to invite us unless we submitted or be under their ministry. Their group is spreading that we are in error because we believed in the latter rain and the loud cry. Their group believed that we are only in the midnight cry season and the loud cry and the latter rain is still in the future. That's the reason why they are in a shaking. They don't accept the decision of their leaders so they separated from them, and form a little group where they are free to exercise their will. And they made a schedule that every first Sabbath of the month, I will be the speaker. These people owned a private school, from Kinder to Senior High School. Along with this, they incorporated in their curriculum for the students to teach the students Bible studies. For few years already, they are using your Bible Correspondence. Every year, they are asking me a copy of it and gave it and required it to their students as an assignment and project that needs to be done. And beside from the Correspondence, they have a subject every day for all the students for an actual Bible studies. They are also given me an schedule every first week of the month to be a Bible teacher, for the whole day for 5 days. That was why, this past first week of July, me and another missionary that I invited, we gave Bible studies to the students there. They also gathered all the teachers there, and allowed us also to give Bible study for the teachers. And then during Sabbath, we spent Sabbath with the brethren there, with some of the students and teachers that are interested. It was a very tiring effort because you speak the whole day, but it was an amazing experience.

During Sabbath, we gather only in the school of the _____. We present to them the importance of unity, and that is also what they wanted. Mommy _____, the owner of the school really wanted and calling for all the group of the present truth believers for unity for she believes that Jesus will not come if His people are not united. She is very influential, and maybe God will use her to reach the unity among His people.

But you know Brother Bob, the enemy is working and not happy for this. He is preventing this to happen. And we are soliciting your most earnest prayers. Mommy _____, is now in the hospital. Her blood pressure gets high to 230/130. And the doctors found out that she has an un-ruptured aneurysm. They did an operation to her, they called it coiling of the veins. We didn't know what will be its effect to her, but praying for her best. Her family are asking to pray for her. Please include her in your prayers.

After that experience, we went home. And since we were away for few weeks, the enemy is also busy in troubling the church that we left here. Jerry Gabo really wanted to get the brethren here (on his side), that is why he and his ally is troubling the church here. Maybe he knows that

we are busy in our work in different places, he wanted to enter again in the church in _____, hoping that he will deceived the brethren here. But thank God that the brethren here in _____ didn't believed him. Since the camp meeting in _____ last April, and after they separated from us, they are strong in their goal to build a new group of believers and very eager also to deceive others through his false doctrine and false accusations. We are also busy in trying to reach out those brethren that he deceived and trying to show them the truth, his wrongs and his true intentions. Please pray that some will come to the realization and God help them.

Brother Bob please continue to pray for us and for our work here. We will become so busy because a lot of work are now in our front. We are asking that God will provide us our needs especially spiritual discernment and wisdom to do it according to His will and also power of the Holy Spirit so that the message that we give to people will have power to convict their hearts and convince their minds to accept it as truth. We are also praying for our health and strength to do it earnestly. We have now several churches that we are taken care of and we are now opening additional burdens. We hope and pray that God will help us in our work....

We just arrived yesterday from our long missionary trip in _____. We spent a few weeks there with some ministers of the gospel to reach out our brothers and sisters there that were being confused and deceived by the deceptions and lies of Jerry Gabo trying to separate them from our church. We went to the individual house of the members and talked to them and shared to them what we knew and the stand and position of the church as a whole....Jerry is really determined to have his own separate church to be led (by him) and for this reason he is making his own doctrines (which are minor (issues)) and making false accusation to those in the ministry to justified his reason to separate because he wants to be a leader in the church. So sad indeed!! We never thought that that was his intention in coming back from his almost 20 years of backsliding in the world. We thought that he was so sincere in his repentance, that's why we were so happy and excited in his come back. We never thought that he will be the cause and agent of the enemy to bring great trouble and division in the church. But still praise the Lord, the whole _____ and a greater part of _____ brethren stand for the truth, only _____ was greatly affected.

But when we went in _____, the brethren there were enlightened through God's help. We will continue pray for the brethren there that were being deceived, hopefully they will be awakened soon too. Please include them also in your prayers!

Thank God also brother Bob, that there are several individuals that are new active members of the church here and still some more prospects and interests. These new individuals are now active in attending our every night Bible studies and worship and also every Sabbath through online service. We've been laboring to them through online platform because we are far from each other. Some of them are from _____, _____, _____, _____ and in _____ region. We have also our new prospects and interests here in our nearby town that we haven't seen in person, but they are also attending our regular Bible studies. We are planning to visit them in their own homes to meet and encourage them in person. We are planning to give them their own Bibles, SOP books and Bible Correspondence for them to study for their own. We are again planning to do ground work to the nearby cities here for tracts distributions.

Brother Bob, since I am incline also in the Medical Missionary field, it is really my longing and dream to put up and established even a little or mini sanitarium should I say or small treatment room here in our place for the help of church and for the outside of the church. We have constructed already the small building here, we just need some improvement for the building like putting comfort room, ceiling (because the roof is hot without ceiling) and put tiles on the floor. I also wanted to enroll on the online course of Naturopathy/Alternative Medicine so that I can get a licensed and no one will question me or the operation. I have seen the benefits and blessing of it here because a lot of people here in our area knew me already. And if they are sick, they went here and asked help from me, asking what they need to do, what's the best herbal medicine for them. I already helped a lot of sick people here, and been healed through God's healing power. And we can help a lot more people if we begin this mini sanitarium, because they can undergo cleansing program, hydrotherapy, massage, at the same time give them Bible study, health lecture and cooking demo. We have several young people here that can assist me in this work that I am training for. And we will help each other in this work too. Brother Bob, I am praying that God willing, it will be materialize according to His will. And if you can help me/us here in this plan, we will greatly appreciate for God's glory. We know that in this time, a lot of people are sick and looking for healing and hope that they haven't seen in the world. As we know, medical missionary work or the health reform is the opening wedge to get in the gospel message.

Till here for now brother Bob. Please continue to include us and our work here in your prayers. May God help us to be faithful in Him and in His cause. God bless!

In loving care, S.B., Philippines.

FROM UGANDA, EAST AFRICA

Dear Elder Robert.

Christian greetings from this way.

The tares were planted by the foe (and these) noxious seeds poison, (and) what is the work of poison? According (to) Wheat and Tares booklet page 5 "Now What is a tare? Literally a tare is small black bitter seed which causes nausea and vomiting. It also contains a strong soporific poison which causes sleep. And if enough is ingested, it brings death. So in other words it causes the sleep of death".

The groups formed in the SDA Church, The Pathfinders, Adventurers, etc., there are Scouts and girl guides and Freemasons for they have Master guides, militant training, swearing in using candles, wearing military fatigue, Freemasonic symbols!...

When the Messenger of God was laid to rest, (she prophesied that) many changes will come :- "I am charged to tell our people, that do not realize, that the devil has device after device, and he carries them out in ways that they do not expect. Satan's agencies will invent ways to make sinners out of saints.

"I tell you now, that when I am laid to rest, great changes will take place.

"I do not know when I shall be taken; and I desire to warn all against the devices of the devil.

"I want the people to know that I warned them fully before my death." Manuscript 1, February 24, 1915.

We have been having on line Church Studies with ___ as the host....thanks be (to) God (that) the very members mentioned your book 'Abomination of Desolation' as the best detailed source for the apostasy in the SDA church....

The work this side has suffered several attacks. The enemy of all righteousness has created gaps in the way work, brethren seem interested on carrying it alone, breaking away from Gospel Order.

Since there seems to no progress (among our movement) like other churches in (the) areas of physical structures, i.e. Church building, Schools and health facilities, the people we share with have that old mentality that a church must (be) a specific building where worship is conducted. They are like the Samaritans who worshipped (in their temple in) the mountains, (while) getting directed to what Jesus wanted - (to) worship (God) in Spirit and truth, (and this) is a battle (and) we need your earnest prayers. I have shared books and tracts, (and) I apologize for taking long to write that side. The spirit was willing but the flesh has failed me.

Thanks a lot for your prayers and support. May God of our Father's bless our humble efforts.

I remain Yours. In the blessed Saviour, B.K., Uganda.

FROM ZAMBIA, CENTRAL AFRICA

Dear Elder Robert Sessler,

Greetings to you and the family of God with you.

I write to report to you how the Lord Jesus Christ had given me the opportunity to save Him in His vineyard.

After receiving calls from different home churches requesting for materials for distributions and studying, by the grace of the Lord, I managed to distribute or give out about 10 Bibles in local

languages and many booklets of different titles which we had kept in the house for a different program. Nevertheless, these materials could not cater to all the demands I had received.

Other places, like outside the country in Malawi and also in far distances or other Provinces within this country, I couldn't send anything up to date. The shortages of most of our materials has been caused by the breakdown of our printing machine which br. _____ has been using. Secondly, we have not received the printing support for some past months. Hence it has been so difficult to reprint any of our tracts and booklets. (Editor's Note: If the Lord impresses our readers, please help in supporting this publication work!)

The above mentioned distributions of the Bibles and booklets we had was done in July and August 2025. The month of September was a hard month for my family as my wife had to undergo a lot of unhealthy troubles and most of the time I was close by her. This time was so trying of my faith, (but) praise God she is now stable under herbal treatment. This is why we usual pray that the Lord may provide means or support for means to buy enough herbs and supplements for our brethren that for under these type of health disorders.

Moreover, we have received many requests and calls from our new and older members to take Bibles and many other booklets to them and also to go and study with them on many topics, especially those to do with separation messages. These calls are coming from within the country and outside the country, like those requests you posted to me from Malawi. We have many openings but no less means to see us respond to these souls. May the Almighty God together with the Lord provide means for us to do the last message of mercy!

Currently, communications have started amongst ALL the united brethren in Africa to rekindle the spirit we started with so that we can have another camp meeting next year that will attract all the brethren in faith those in Africa and worldwide to come together, especially leaders. Pray with us so that the will of God may be done.

Lastly, but not the least, we need another new printer RisoGraph machine and herb and supplement support for us to do more work in the medical missionary. For a very good new RisoGraph machine we need about \$5600 (and about \$500 for the herbs and supplements). I will continue to send you more other reports remaining on the same.

May the Lord talk to the hearts of those souls who are able to support the purchase of this machine with great blessings. Thank you.

Your brother in faith, B.W., Zambia.

FROM ZIMBABWE, SOUTHERN AFRICA

(Combination of 2 letters) (Greetings Elder Bob)...

The report has three distinct events as shown. One of the events was funeral service of one of our prominent member in the present truth. He died due to kidney complications after an unsuccessful surgery in Zambia in June. The funeral service was held at the brother' home in _____. I was presenting before the mourning congregants the subject of the State of the Dead.

I had an opportunity to secure an appointment to preach at a police station during their daily parade as well. Printed materials were distributed to the officers. I also was invited to give guidance and counseling to an A level Science class at _____ high school and managed to distribute the printed tracts on the Sabbath question....

We keep on working to win souls to the Lord. We arranged for a camp meeting on the 21st of August up to the 24 the of August. The meeting was very fruitful and successful. It was attended by believers from 3 provinces. One unique feature of this meeting was the prayer session which was conducted every morning and evening. Most of the believers who objected to organization finally embraced it.

We finally had a holy communion. We ended the meeting with a resolution to work and devise ways to win more souls. We printed some tracts that were carried by believers to distribute to their respective provinces.

Later on last month, in my province we have since won 4 souls through house to house Bible study program. We hope to continue this kind of work in the future.

Grace be to you from God.

Kind regards, B.N., Zimbabwe.