

IN HIS STEPS



Son, go work today in my vineyard... *Matthew 21:28*



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Is Your Church the Light to the World?

There are many churches with very capable and gifted members who hold responsible positions in the world. But their churches do not radiate the light of God.



We have church members holding responsible positions in the world, church members who can make a big difference in spreading the gospel. Yet our churches often sleep.

The most essential function of science is to recognize the Creator in His created works. The most essential function of religious experience is to become acquainted with God by His providence. However, far greater than this is the experience of knowing Jesus, which enables a person to lay hold on eternal life. The problem today is that scientists do not recognize or acknowledge God as the first great cause of what they study. Religionists do not study and recognize God's providence and many who claim to be Christians do not know Jesus. The result is that our world is lying in moral darkness, just as it was before the first coming of Christ. The present condition of our world is prophesied as a condition of the last days just prior to Christ's return. (Isaiah 60:2) "The great apostasy will develop into darkness deep as midnight, impenetrable as sackcloth of hair." *Christ's Object Lessons*, 415.

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“God designs that the light shining through his delegated agencies shall keep before the minds of the world God and the judgment. Every true Christian is a bright and shining light, and irradiates the darkness, so that men cannot put God entirely out of their minds..”

Present Truth, November 4, 1886

In past ages, during periods of intense darkness, God sent light into the world through His servants. Noah, Abraham, Moses, Elijah, Daniel, Nehemiah and others were all lights to their generation. Jesus wants to bring more light to our dark earth and if you have chosen to follow Him, He wants to do it through you. He said, “You are the light of the world; ... let your light so shine ...” (Matthew 5:14, 16). He also cautioned us about hiding the light that we have. He said men do not light a lamp and then put it under a basket and He likened His church to a city that is set on a hill and cannot be hid. If we are true Christians we are to keep before the world the facts that there is a God in heaven and that He is coming to this world again soon for a final judgment. It should be impossible for men to put God completely out of their minds as we associate with them.

To keep us mindful of God is one of the main reasons that the church exists. This is the reason that we have hired so many dozens of pastors and Bible workers in the poorer countries of the world, such as Africa and India and the islands. We have been told plainly that “the kingdom of glory will not come until the good tidings of His grace have been carried to all the earth.” (*Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing*, 108, 109)

The pastors and Bible workers supported through your donations are taking the three angels’ messages to people that have never before been reached. Although I said that “we have hired,” it would be more accurate to say that we could not send any pastor or Bible worker to any field in the world except the Holy Spirit impressed it upon the hearts of God’s people to supply us with funds to do this. I have requested of the Lord the privilege of witnessing the eternal reward the supporters of the gospel ministry receive—that time of rejoicing—when they are shown the souls that their gifts have brought into the fold of God, not just the reward of

eternal life, but the reward of experiencing the joy of the friends they will have throughout eternity who are there because of them. It is going to be more exciting than you can imagine.

In 1886 Ellen White wrote extensively in the periodical *Present Truth* about this subject. “The church who walk in the light are radiant with the truth from God’s Word. They are the mediums of heavenly illumination to the world, dispelling the moral darkness. The position of the church is to be the light of the world.

“Should any be pleased to enjoy the light of truth themselves, and feel indifferent in regard to the welfare of their neighbours, close by their own doors, and make no special effort to reveal to them the light of truth, then they are not obeying the injunctions of the Word of God; their light is hid under a bushel.

“There is many a church in our land composed of men of intellect, men of power, men of wealth, and may be thought to be a strong church. Its members can do much in worldly enterprises; they can build churches, endow colleges, and do many great works; they may have imposing forms and ceremonies, but these do not emit light from the throne of God to the world. They dazzle, but do not illuminate. That church which does not heed God’s Word is weak and dark, it receives not Heaven’s light, therefore cannot reflect it to others.” *Present Truth*, November 4, 1886.

I hope that you and your church “walk in the light” and “are radiant with the truth from God’s Word,” and not like the church in the last paragraph, who “do not emit light from the throne of God to the world.”



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Roof Replacement at Steps to Life

Due to severe weather in Kansas this year, we had to replace the roof on our ministry building.



Work began in earnest on replacement of the ministry roof, bright and early the morning of Monday, September 26, 2011. A crew showed up just as the sun was rising over the eastern horizon. The last ridge-cap was set in place several days later.

Because of the recurring claims we have had to make against our insurance policy as a result of two lightning strikes and damage from a spring hail storm, our current insurer has informed us that they will not be renewing our policy.

Although Satan continues to exert his malevolent powers to cause God's people as much trouble as he can, we

rest in the abiding presence of our Lord and Saviour, claiming the clear promises in His word:

“But let all those that put their trust in Thee rejoice: Let them ever shout for joy, because Thou defendest them: Let them also that love Thy name be joyful in thee.” (Psalm 5:11)

Please keep our ministry in your prayers as we seek to complete our work in the Lord's vineyard and hasten the return of Jesus.

If you would like to assist us in covering the cost of the deductible for the roofing project, please mark your donation *Building Fund*.

Captions—top row from the left:

Shingles and other materials are staged in anticipation of the big job of replacing the ministry roof.

Workers begin the task of removing the old shingles on the front (east) side of the ministry.

Work progresses to the back (west) side of the ministry.

Captions—bottom row from the left:

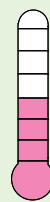
A glorious sunrise outshines the new roof.

A rare sunrise rainbow graces the new roof.

Mission Project Updates

Bunyore School, Kenya

We are filing for the official governmental certificate to start the bakery. A small store has been planned from which to sell the bread and other goods. We are in the process of negotiating for a cow for fertilizer and building a small sleeping stall. We are still in need of a sturdy industrial sewing machine and more carpentry tools. We are approaching the end of the first year of our school and a community gathering has been planned. Our students have grown in the Lord and in the Advent faith. In addition to the Lord and the hard working team in Kenya, we also want to thank each of you who have supported this large project through your prayers and your financial donations.



\$16,056
raised

Colombia Training Facility

Much progress is being made to make the training facility in Colombia a reality. When up and running many sincere candidates can be trained to work as Bible workers, medical missionaries, and evangelists, allowing them to be prepared to spread the Three Angels' Messages to the approximately 46 million people of Colombia. This facility can also be used to train workers in general for South America.

In line with our goals, the Ministerial Training Course is being translated into Spanish with units 1 and 2 completed. The main educational facility is nearing completion with only the floors and roof

yet to finish. They are just about ready now to begin Phase 2 of construction which is the dorms for students and the bathing and restroom facilities. We solicit your prayers and financial support to see this project to completion. It will mean much to help the work go forward in Colombia and Latin America. We offer a sincere thank you for your assistance and prayers.



\$6,000
needed
\$1,491
raised



Tabloid Project

I asked Pastor Michael from Papua New Guinea if the outreach tabloids are worthwhile. He replied with excitement in his voice, "O yes, nearly all of our baptisms originate from people reading the tabloids. Then they approach us to have Bible studies." I asked how the people know how to approach them and he replied, "they know us as the people who give out the tabloids." "Christ had come, not as a king, but as a sower; not for the overthrow of kingdoms, but for the scattering of seed; not to point His followers to earthly triumphs and national greatness, but to a harvest to be gathered after patient toil..." *Christ's Object Lessons*, 35. It truly is a good work worthy of support. We are just so grateful to our supporters who realize that with 'no seed'

there is 'no harvest.' "Ever since the fall of Adam, Christ had been committing to chosen servants the seed of His word, to be sown in human hearts." *The Acts of the Apostles*, 44. To all our supporters, the Lord's richest blessings! We just shipped eight containers worldwide (3.8 million). We need your gifts to cover our new December/January printing to reach our 3.8 million tabloids goal. \$150,000 will keep the Loud Cry moving. Please send funds to *Steps to Life* marked *Tabloids*, or directly to:

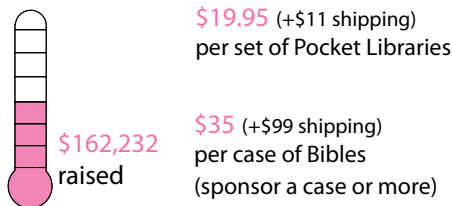
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*The amount reflects the joint efforts of Steps to Life and Cornerstone Publishing



Bibles and More

This project has blessed many believers around the world. You can sponsor a case of 24 Bibles for \$35, plus \$99 shipping per case. We send them to third-world countries for evangelism. We are also sending pocket-sized Spirit of Prophecy libraries to pastors and Bible workers. They are \$19.95 per set, plus \$11 shipping. If you would like to help with this project, mark your donation *Bibles* or *SOP Pocket Libraries*.



Orphanages

Our orphanage fundraiser continues. We are trying to help orphanages in Africa. These children are receiving not only loving care, but also a Christian education, so they can become earnest workers for the Lord and finish His work.

The orphanages have tremendous needs and your help will be appreciated. Mark your donation *Orphanages* and we will put it where the greatest need is at the time.

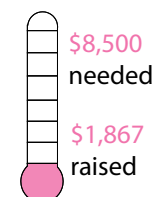


Nigeria Sanitarium



This building probably does not look appealing to you for a sanitarium. It is only the beginning. Preparations for renovation are under way.

Funds raised through the 13th Sabbath are now being put to use in renovating the donated property for the sanitarium in Nigeria. There is much to be done before the facility can be fully operational. The foundation of some of the buildings has been shored up and work on ground improvement and water drainage has been started. Renovation of the actual buildings and improvement in the sanitary conditions still need to be done. Bathing and toilet facilities and an additional kitchen need to be constructed. This will allow for a 16 room sanitarium. We would appreciate your prayers and offerings as this work moves forward.



Extreme Drought Affects Wells at the Ministry



You would have to be a hermit not to know that some parts of the United States are incurring some of the worst drought conditions on record. South central Kansas, where Steps to Life is located, is in one of those areas.

What you may not know is that our ministry depends on wells for our water supply. We first recognized that we had a problem when our water-cooled HVAC system was not cooling adequately during our 100°+ record heat. We initially attributed that to the extreme heat. However, after some excellent detective work by a couple of our staff members, we discovered that our water filters were becoming clogged with sediment, preventing the

free circulation of water, which kept the system from cooling down as it should.

Next the automatic shut-offs for the fixture in our men's room ceased to function properly. It requires a certain amount of pressure to shut off, but with the clogged filters on the main water supply, adequate pressure never built up. Finally, one of the private residences near the ministry began having significant sediment problems in their household water supply.

After seeking advice from a local well and pump company, our staff pulled the pump from the main well to determine if it was malfunctioning. After running a series of tests, it was determined that although there was approximately 25 feet of water in the

well, it pumped down quickly and did not recharge rapidly enough to prevent the pump from drawing air. As a result, sediment was pulled into the water system, which clogged the filters.

The only solution to this issue, according to the experts, is to drill a new and deeper well. Although we have received some "mercy drops" of rain recently, it has not been sufficient to abate completely our drought conditions. Thus we have no real choice other than to drill a new well.

We sincerely request that you make this issue a matter of prayer, not only for us at the ministry, but for all who are suffering from the various calamities, whether it be drought, floods, tornados, or earthquakes.



The sunflowers are not blooming in the sunflower state. Kansas is suffering from drought.

“Satan works through the elements also to garner his harvest of unprepared souls. He has studied the secrets of the laboratories of nature, and he uses all his power to control the elements as far as God allows. When he was suffered to afflict Job, how quickly flocks and herds, servants, houses, children, were swept away, one trouble succeeding another as in a moment. It is God that shields His creatures, and hedges them in from the power of the destroyer. ...

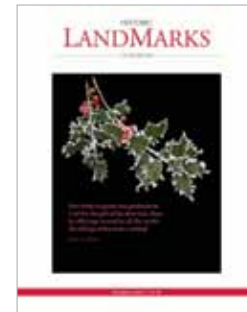
“In accidents and calamities by sea and by land, in great conflagrations, in fierce tornadoes and terrific hailstorms, in tempests, floods, cyclones, tidal waves, and earthquakes, in every place and in a

thousand forms, Satan is exercising his power. He sweeps away the ripening harvest, and famine and distress follow. He imparts to the air a deadly taint, and thousands perish by the pestilence. These visitations are to become more and more frequent and disastrous.

“The power and malice of Satan and his host might justly alarm us, were it not that we may find shelter and deliverance in the superior power of our Redeemer. ... Those who follow Christ are ever safe under His watch-care. Angels that excel in strength are sent from heaven to protect them. The wicked one cannot break through the guard which God has stationed about His people.” *The Faith I Live By*, 328.

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—OF ADVENTISM—

in December 2011!



The December issue of *LandMarks* will arrive in a few weeks, but we want to give you a short preview.

“Where This World is

Headed” is the feature article of this month. The door of salvation is still open, but Jesus is almost finished with his priestly duty of cleansing the sanctuary. He’s coming soon and this is the scary part for most of the world.

Have you felt discouraged before? The article “What About Discouragement?” points out that even if our numbers seem small, we need not to be discouraged. Life is full of disappointments, but our light affliction is but for a moment.

Maybe you have noticed our new “A Call to Prayer” section. This month we feature India as a matter of prayer. An opportunity that comes only once in centuries is arising. India has been evangelized for the past 200 years, yet only 2% of the population is Christian. We have to admit that the western world’s mission efforts have been unsuccessful. That’s until now. With the help of globalization, circumstances are changing in India and the Christian world has a chance of a lifetime. Will we be there?

Of course, this issue of *LandMarks* offers much more, something for everyone.

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Camp Meeting 2012—Break from Tradition

Traditionally the annual Steps to Life camp meeting has been held around the 4th of July holiday. This has caused several complications with scheduling as the 4th falls on a different day of the week each year. We have also had requests from some of our attendees to have camp meeting when it is not so hot. So we are going to break with tradition in 2012 and have camp meeting earlier, near a holiday that occurs on the same day of the week each year.

The Steps to Life camp meeting will be held over Memorial Day weekend, May of 2012. We will begin with the evening meeting, Wednesday, May 23rd, and conclude with a morning meeting, Sunday, May 27th, followed by breakfast and breaking of camp. If this works well, we may make plans to do this each year. We wanted to give everyone plenty of notice so that you could plan time off from work and home. We hope to see you all May 23-May 27, 2012, for Steps to Life camp meeting. Please watch future *Landmarks* and *In His Steps* newsletter for more information as camp meeting time draws closer.

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