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# IN HIS STEPS

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



## *White Robes Required*

### Are You Ready?

By Hilde Nunez

**M**any of you have perhaps read *Pilgrim's Progress*, an allegory that has been written to deliver a deeper and broader meaning of a believer's Christian experience here in this world. The main character, Christian, experiences many challenges and obstacles after leaving his hometown, the City of Destruction, which represents this world, to travel to the Celestial City, representing our heavenly home.

There are some lessons for God's last day generation to glean from Christian's experience when he comes to the Delectable Mountains, where he is allowed to see Immanuel's Land. This revelation not only strengthens his faith, but also warns and instructs him against sinning.

Well we know from God's word that real people have been shown the glories of Immanuel's land and have left on record the glories of that place where no sin, sorrow, or sickness is known—only joyful, holy bliss, because the Father and the Saviour, our Lord Jesus Christ, are there.

John the Revelator was one of the real persons given a view of a scene in heaven, of which he wrote, "What are these which are arrayed in white robes? And whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Revelation 7: 13, 14).



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From this revelation we are given some very important information about those who finally make it to Immanuel's land: they are clothed in "white robes," and it is these who are so clothed who will be "before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple." They are God's saints and are therefore arrayed in robes of righteousness. Job said, "I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: my judgment was as a robe and a diadem" (Job 29:14). White robes represent purity and the righteousness of Christ.

"The white-robed ones who surround the throne of God are not composed of that company who were lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God and who choose to drift with the current rather than to breast the waves of opposition. All who remain pure and uncorrupted from the spirit and influence prevailing at this time will have stern conflicts. They will come through great tribulation; they will wash their robes of character and make them white in the blood of the Lamb." *The Review and Herald*, October 16, 1883.

"In the Bible the inheritance of the saved is called a country. There the heavenly Shepherd leads His flock to fountains of living waters. The tree of life yields its fruit every month, and the leaves of the tree are for the service of the nations. There are ever-flowing streams, clear as crystal, and beside them waving trees cast their shadows upon the paths prepared for the ransomed of the Lord. There the wide-spreading plains swell into hills of beauty, and the mountains of God rear their lofty summits. On those peaceful plains, beside those living streams, God's people, so long pilgrims and wanderers, shall find a home.

"There are homes for the pilgrims of earth. There are robes for the righteous, with crowns of glory and palms of victory. All that has perplexed us in the providences of God will in the world to come be made plain. The things hard to be understood will then find explanation. The mysteries of grace will unfold before us. Where our finite minds discovered only confusion and broken promises, we shall see the most perfect and beautiful harmony. We shall know that infinite love ordered the experi-

ences that seemed most trying. As we realize the tender care of Him who makes all things work together for our good, we shall rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory." *The Adventist Home*, 542.

"Everything has been done for us that could be done to elevate us, and if we fail on our part, then the sacrifice has been in vain so far as we are concerned. Shall we be weighed in the balances and found wanting? Or shall we be with the white-robed throng? This will depend upon our course of action. If we are in the workshop of God, He will beautify us and polish us, and we shall be fitted for the heavenly mansions. ...

"Will you have eternal life? If so, you must turn away from the pleasures of the world. The wickedness in this age is as great as it was in the days of Noah. But one man was found that walked with God even in that crooked and perverse generation. Enoch kept his mind stayed upon God, and God did not leave him but finally took him from this sinful world. This man was a representative of those who will be translated to heaven when Christ comes to gather His people. Are we ready for the appearing of Christ? Are we constantly seeking God for strength to stand against the wiles of the enemy? Have we washed our robes and made them clean in the blood of the Lamb?" *Christ Triumphant*, 65.

"Those who accept the teachings of God's word will not be wholly ignorant concerning the heavenly abode. ... Human language is inadequate to describe the reward of the righteous. It will be known only to those who behold it. No finite mind can comprehend the glory of the Paradise of God." *The Adventist Home*, 542.

"The loves and sympathies which God Himself has planted in the soul shall there find truest and sweetest exercise. The pure communion with holy beings, the harmonious social life with the blessed angels and with the faithful ones of all ages who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb, the sacred ties that bind together 'the whole family in heaven and earth' – these help to constitute the happiness of the redeemed." *Ibid.*, 544.

“From garrets, from hovels, from dungeons, from scaffolds, from mountains and deserts, from the caves of the earth and the caverns of the sea, Christ will gather His children to Himself. On earth they have been destitute, afflicted, and tormented. Millions have gone down to the grave loaded with infamy because they refused to yield to the deceptive claims of Satan. By human tribunals the children of God have been adjudged the vilest criminals. But the day is near when ‘God is judge Himself.’ (Psalm 50:6). Then the decisions of earth shall be reversed. ‘The rebuke of His people shall He take away’ (Isaiah 25:8). White robes will be given to every one of them. (Revelation 6:11.) And ‘they shall call them the holy people, the redeemed of the Lord’ (Isaiah 62:12).

“Whatever crosses they have been called to bear, whatever losses they have sustained, whatever persecution they have suffered, even to the loss of their temporal life, the children of God are amply recompensed. ‘They shall see His face; and His name shall be in their foreheads’” (Revelation 22:4). *Christ’s Object Lessons*, 179, 180.

“God commissions His angels to save His chosen ones from calamity, to guard them from ‘the pestilence that walketh in darkness’ and ‘the destruction that wasteth at noonday’ (Psalm 91:6). Again and again have angels talked with men as a man speaketh with a friend, and led them to places of security. Again and again have the encouraging words of angels renewed the drooping spirits of the faithful and, carrying their minds above the things of earth, caused them to behold by faith the white robes, the crowns, the palm branches of victory which overcomers will receive when they surround the great white throne.” *The Acts of the Apostles*, 153.

Just as Christian beheld the glories of Immanuel’s Land, we, too, can “behold by faith the white robes, the crowns, the palm branches of victory which overcomers will receive when they surround the great white throne.”

## *Baking Bread*

### Breaking the Bread of Life



The member outreach committee of the Prairie Meadows Church recently conducted a bread-making demonstration with a dual purpose in mind.

First, they wanted to share their God-given talent of making healthy, whole-grain bread with fellow church members. Second, they wanted to share the product of their efforts during visitations with church members and neighbors.

In the days following the demonstration, individuals from the committee visited fellow church members to drop off a loaf of bread from their demonstration and offered fellowship, encouragement, and prayer during their visits.

“The Master has appointed unto every man his work. There are visits to be made, there is praying to be done,

there is sympathy to be imparted; and the piety--the heart and hand--of the whole church is to be employed if the work is to be accomplished. You can sit down with your friends, and in a pleasant, social way, talk of the precious Bible faith.” *The Review and Herald*, August 13, 1889.

“If we will die to self, if we will enlarge our idea of what Christ can be to us and what we can be to Him, if we will unite with one another in the bonds of Christian fellowship, God will work through us with mighty power. Then we shall be sanctified through the truth. We shall indeed be chosen by God and controlled by His Spirit. Every day of life will be precious to us, because we shall see in it an opportunity to use our entrusted gifts for the blessing of others.” *In Heavenly Places*, 57.

# Mission Project Updates

## Orphanages

### *New Kitchen in Kenya*

"Now we're cookin'!"



Thanks to your contributions, a very needed kitchen was built for an orphanage in Kenya.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the funds needed to build a kitchen for the Mission in Action orphanage in Kenya were quickly raised.

Included in the project was the purchase of a stainless steel "cooker," which arrived shortly after the building was completed.

Ivan Budulica expressed his appreciation simply but sincerely in a recent email:

We are so happy and appreciative of this gift from you lovely people,

kindest regards

Ivan & Damaris

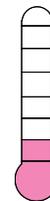


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This amount represents 2021 funds raised for several orphanages in Africa which Steps to Life sponsors.

### *Bibles and More*

In an effort to facilitate Bible study and to assist more truth seekers along the narrow way, Steps to Life is undertaking an effort to publish study Bibles that contain everything one would need to gain an understanding of God's plan for the redemption of His people. The Bible will include quotes from the Spirit of Prophecy, as do several other currently available study Bibles. However, these Bibles will also include the Steps to Life Bible studies written by Marshall Grosboll that have been used for several decades to enlarge the Shepherd's fold. Thus everything needed to give Bible studies to someone seeking to know and follow the truth will be included in one book. To support this effort, please mark your donation *Bibles*.

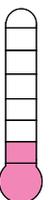


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If you would like to obtain copies of *Behold He Cometh*, *Commandments Under Attack*, or *Earth's Final Warning* for personal distribution "like the leaves of autumn," please contact Joyce or Roger Brown at (360) 751-4489. To support the work of Cornerstone Publishing in the production of these for worldwide distribution, please mark your contributions *Tabloids*.

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## LandMarks in Kenya



Members of the Free Seventh-day Church in Nyamaiya, Kenya, are enjoying the success of our efforts to increase the free distribution of *LandMarks* and other kinds of spiritual printings. Using funds that you have donated to this ministry, we have succeeded in establishing a printing operation in Kenya to print not only *LandMarks*, but also Bible studies, tracts, and other study helps to increase the distribution and availability of the printed page. Similar efforts have been undertaken in Nigeria, Ghana, and Zimbabwe. To assist in this effort, please mark your contributions *Evangelism*.

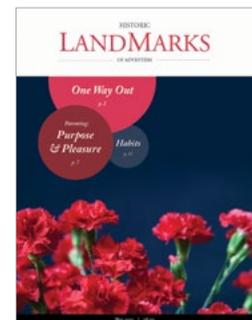


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If there is any good in this pandemic, it's the opportunity to be together as a family. This issue of *LandMarks* contains a fascinating article "Purpose and Pleasure" where the author uses the analogy of Samson's upbringing in our parenting today. Why do so many young people leave the church? Where have we failed as parents? Where have we made mistakes as a church? The author contemplates all these questions.

Despite declining church attendance in protestant denominations in the United States, the gospel is going forward. To see progress in other parts of the world, read the update from Guadalajara, the second largest city in Mexico, where radio plays a vital role.

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Our Basic Need

# Worship Centre

By Michael Ugorji



The children class in the corridor and the adults Sabbath School classes.

With  
**GOD**  
all  
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We are glad to share with you the affairs of our Sabbath school here, and our challenges.

The Global Evangelism free Seventh Day Adventist Church Ugba Junction Branch –Umuvo/Isiala Ngwa South L.G.A, Abia state, was establish in April, 2020, after a one week open-air evangelism which Pastor Nunez was to conduct but could not, because of covid-19 pandemic lockdown.

This Branch has a total regular membership:

<i>Adults</i>	8 regular members
<i>Children</i>	10 regular

We conduct our Sabbath worship meetings in a public school classroom. From the start last year, they released to us two classrooms. Then, the adults use one and the children use the other.

Later, they withdraw one. Our children now do their study on the corridor, after which they join the adults in the one remaining room.

A worship centre is our basic need. In addition, the state school system here issued a verdict to vacate churches operating in the state school facilities but, by the Lord's intervention, the Head Mistress instead of vacating us, only withdraw one of the classes.

We are hopefully praying that the land acquisition and development project that Steps to Life Ministries requested and published on our behalf will commence. That worship sanctuary will not only serve for worship meetings but also, the space in the environment will provide space for a humble school for our children.

Thank you in anticipation.

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