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



"... when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?" *Luke 18:8*

Our Saviour asks the question, "When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:8), implying that when He comes the second time, true faith would be almost extinct. It is undeniable that the spirit of doubt and skepticism has destroyed confidence in God's Word and in His work.

The Father in heaven has been shining light from heaven to His creation on earth since the beginning and sees that as it was in the days when Jesus walked among men, when the Jewish nation with all stubbornness of heart rejected the Light of the world, so it is today. "And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not." (John 1:5) And because the Jews in Christ's day did not comprehend the truths of God's word, the enemy of truth used their unbelief to instill doubt and skepticism in many.

"We are approaching the end of this earth's history, and Satan is working as never before. He is striving to act as director of the Christian world. With an intensity that is marvelous, he is working with his lying wonders. Satan is represented as walking about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. He desires to embrace the whole world in his confederacy. Hiding his deformity under the garb of Christianity, he assumes the attributes of a Christian and claims to be Christ Himself." *Manuscript Releases*, vol. 8, 346



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We have been warned that in the very last days the devil will win almost all the world (1) by means of working miracles, and (2) through spiritualism and uniting spiritualism with professed Christianity.

“In those churches which he can bring under his deceptive power he will make it appear that God’s special blessing is poured out; there will be manifest what is thought to be great religious interest. Multitudes will exult that God is working marvelously for them, when the work is that of another spirit. Under a religious guise, Satan will seek to extend his influence over the Christian world.” *The Great Controversy*, 464 (See Revelation 13:14 and 16:13,14.)

One of the deceiver’s most successful tools to counteract the truths of heaven is to present his heretical doctrines through the appeal of music.

“The prince of darkness, who has so long bent the powers of his mastermind to the work of deception, skillfully adapts his temptations to men of all classes and conditions. . . . He appeals to the reason by the presentation of elevating themes; he delights the fancy with enrapturing scenes; and he enlists the affections by his eloquent portrayals of love and charity. He excites the imagination to lofty flights, leading men to take so great pride in their own wisdom that in their hearts

they despise the Eternal One. That mighty being who could take the world’s Redeemer to an exceedingly high mountain and bring before Him all the kingdoms of the earth and the glory of them, will present his temptations to men in a manner to pervert the senses of all who are not shielded by divine power.” *Great Controversy*, 553, 554

The arch enemy of the gospel, who has had great success with musicians and song writers, inspired a song half a century ago that became a huge hit and accomplished exactly what the inspired quote above says: “presentation of elevating themes and enrapturing scenes” of peace and love (without the gospel of Christ). Even though the prophet Isaiah wrote that Jesus is the Prince of Peace, the stubborn and unbelieving Pharisees and Sadducees refused to accept and believe in Jesus. Sadly, the majority today still continue in the same line of thought.

That song asks one to “just imagine” if there were no heaven, no hell, and no religion. In other words, deny that we have any responsibility to the Creator, to imagine all peoples of all races and creeds living together in peace, without the Prince of Peace. Although the spiritual truths of God’s law are stated in the song—no coveting, no killing—the power to live this way is denied. There is only one gospel religion—the one taught in the Scriptures.

Every soul has a heaven to win and a hell to shun. So, we must fortify the mind against spiritism, because this is one of the many “isms” that makes the path to hell most attractive. It is spirits of darkness that inspire these heretical thinkers to write and promote thinking that is contrary to the truth of God’s Word. Their vain philosophy serenades through melody and song into the mindless and unsuspecting that there is another path that could achieve a peaceful and loving people on this earth without a love or reverence for God the Father, which is in heaven.

“The opinion which prevails in some classes of society that religion is not conducive to health or to happiness in this life is one of the most mischievous of

errors. The Scripture says: 'The fear of the Lord tendeth to life; and he that hath it shall abide satisfied.' [Proverbs 19:23.] 'What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good? Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.' [Psalm 34:12-14.] The words of wisdom 'are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.' [Proverbs 4:22.]

"True religion brings man into harmony with the laws of God, physical, mental, and moral. It teaches self-control, serenity, temperance. Religion ennoble the mind, refines the taste, and sanctifies the judgment. It makes the soul a partaker of the purity of heaven. Faith in God's love and overruling providence lightens the burdens of anxiety and care. It fills the heart with joy and contentment in the highest or the lowliest lot. Religion tends directly to promote health, to lengthen life, and to heighten our enjoyment of all its blessings. It opens to the soul a never-failing fountain of happiness. Would that all who have not chosen Christ might realize that he has something vastly better to offer them than they are seeking for themselves. Man is doing the greatest injury and injustice to his own soul when he thinks and acts contrary to the will of God. No real joy can be found in the path forbidden by him who knows what is best, and who plans for the good of his creatures. The path of transgression leads to misery and destruction; but wisdom's 'ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.' [Proverbs 3:17.]" *Christian Education*, 67, 68

"God gives us sufficient evidence to enable us to accept the truth understandingly, but He does not propose to remove all occasion for doubt and unbelief. Should He do this, there would no longer be a necessity for the exercise of faith; for we would be able to walk by sight. All who with a teachable spirit study the Word of God may learn therefrom the way of salvation, yet they may not be able to understand every portion of the Sacred Record. ... Whatever is clearly established by the Word of God we should accept, without attempting to meet every doubt which

Satan may suggest, or with our finite understanding to fathom the counsels of the infinite One, or to criticize the manifestations of His grace or power. ...

"If we seek in humility to learn the will of God as revealed in His Word, and then obey that will as it is made plain to our understanding, we shall become rooted and grounded in the truth. Said Christ: 'If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine' (John 7:17). ...

"Let us draw nearer and nearer to the pure light of Heaven, remembering that divine illumination will increase according to our onward movements, qualifying us to meet new responsibilities and emergencies. The path of the just is progressive, from strength to strength, from grace to grace, and from glory to glory." *In Heavenly Places*, 105

We must all be diligent Bible students if we want to escape the deceptions of Satan in these last days.

"Only those who have been diligent students of the Scriptures and who have received the love of the truth will be shielded from the powerful delusion that takes the world captive. By the Bible testimony these will detect the deceiver in his disguise. To all the testing time will come. By the sifting of temptation, the genuine Christian will be revealed. Are the people of God now so firmly established upon His word that they would not yield to the evidence of their senses? Would they, in such a crisis, cling to the Bible and the Bible only? Satan will, if possible, prevent them from obtaining a preparation to stand in that day. He will so arrange affairs as to hedge up their way, entangle them with earthly treasures, cause them to carry a heavy, wearisome burden, that their hearts may be overcharged with the cares of this life and the day of trial may come upon them as a thief." *The Great Controversy*, 625, 626



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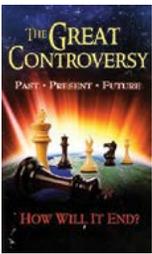
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Mission Project Updates



Bibles and More



The distribution of the English language version of *The Great Controversy* in Zambia, Malawi, and Mozambique has been a wonderful blessing to those who can read English. However, the majority of the population in those countries speak Chichewa. According to Henry Mwesa, “The predominant

language in Malawi is Chichewa which also covers the eastern part of Zambia. Whatever materials are done in Chichewa will benefit the eastern part of Zambia, the whole of Malawi and part of Mozambique.” Pr. Campini, whom we support with your donations and who oversees the work in Malawi, has translated *The Great Controversy* into Chichewa. Between 7 and 8 million people speak Chichewa.

Your generosity has enabled us to purchase a solar-powered printer for Henry and his team. They will use it to print *The Great Controversy* in Chichewa as well as many other pieces of literature.

To support this and similar efforts, mark your donations *Bibles/SOP*.



Orphanages

Pr. Domingo continues to work with Daniel and Ruby Terence to develop an orphanage in Nigeria. The building is currently under construction, and we look forward to providing a full report once that project is operational.

We also continue to support the High Way orphanage in Kenya, overseen by Bill and Becky Humeniuk. The Lord has really blessed their efforts there, where their orphanage continues to develop eleventh-hour workers to spread the gospel message.

Although there are many, many opportunities to support orphanages in every country in Africa, our objective is to develop workers who will go forth to spread the Adventist message of salvation through the three angels’ messages. To assist us in that endeavor, mark your donations *Orphans*.



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raised in
2022

This amount represents 2022 funds raised for several orphanages in Africa which Steps to Life supports.



Tabloid Project

For many years, Steps to Life has helped raise funds for Cornerstone Publishing to print inexpensive tabloids that have enabled thousands of people to receive the three angels’ messages.

Recently, we received correspondence from a fellow in Africa who had made a purchase in a local market. The vendor had wrapped his produce in a copy of *Earth’s Final Warning*. The fellow read it and was convinced that what he read was the truth. He contacted us for additional information, which we gladly supplied.

The Lord works in mysterious (and wonderful) ways...

To obtain copies of tabloids for your own distribution, please contact:

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Generosity at Work

The Great Controversy Reaches Malawi

We have previously reported on the wonderful opportunity your donations enabled us to seize by purchasing a partial pallet of *The Great Controversy* for Zambia. Not only did your generosity enable us to share the book in Zambia, but our lead Bible worker there, Pr. Henry Mwesa, traveled to Malawi to share the bounty with Pr. Kampini. (Both pastors are supported by your donations.)

Pr. Mwesa's report follows:

I thought to share a report on my recent visit to Malawi. I commenced my journey on 24th March 2022 to grace a revival week of prayer which doubled as a Bible Conference also.

With Covid 19 restrictions enforcement, I faced huge challenges crossing over the border into Malawi. The challenges were demotivating and I almost returned back home to Zambia. I looked at the huge box I had containing *The Great Controversy* books and determined that I needed to proceed into Malawi. I had covered most of the journey and needed not give up. I approached the immigration officers after a silent prayer and negotiated with them. They somehow allowed me entry into the country.

I got onto a bus and arrived in Lilongwe, Malawi, around 22 hours and got myself a guest house where I spent a night until the following morning when I was picked up by Pr. Kampini. We proceeded to the venue of the meetings where we began our presentations. At the end of the seminar, we made a call and thirty-four souls responded and were baptized.

We gifted those who were able to read the Queen's language with

The Great Controversy books. On the day I was to return home, we visited a Pentecostal church and distributed *The Great Controversy* beginning with their pastor, who took time to encourage the members to read the book. While in Malawi, I had time to train Bible workers and canvassers on principles of evangelism.

The distribution of *The Great Controversy* has been a blessing as it has reached the people who most need it. In Malawi, the church has concentrated much of their evangelism through the printed word. This has proved very successful as the main church and other subsidiaries have registered both numeric and spiritual growth. The same applies for Mozambique. But for both Malawi and Mozambique, we need more of materials in the local language, even books like *The Great Controversy* and *Early Writings* would be more helpful in the local language due to the fact that most people are predominantly local language speaking.

We thank you for the support that provided copies of *The great Controversy*. They have served the intended purpose.

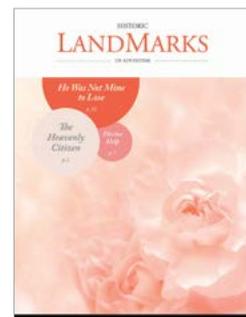
God richly bless you.

Pr. Henry Mwesa

HISTORIC LANDMARKS

—OF ADVENTISM—

in July



If you're a *LandMarks* subscriber, mostly likely you have the July issue in your hands already. If you're not a subscriber, you can

access the magazine online at www.steplastolife.org.

Have you lost a loved one recently? This issue of *LandMarks* contains several resources for people in this situation. First, read the article "He Was Not Mine to Lose." The magazine also offers several booklets on grief.

Someone can pass in this world, but we know that we will meet again. In heaven, we will once again live the Eden life. But what must we first become here in order to be a good heavenly citizen there? The article "The Heavenly Citizen" will bring us closer to the realities of heaven.

This issue contains more articles to assist us in our journey. As the article "Divine Help" assures us, there is divine help always. The best encouragement are personal testimonies and this issue has more than one.

Every member of the family will find his/her favorite section in the July issue *LandMarks*.

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Sharing the Health Message in Nigeria

Through Medical Missionary Outreach



The congregation after Sabbath worship.



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Patients awaiting treatment.

As spring approached, Daniel Terence, who has been leading activities in Nigeria for over a decade, supported through your donations, conducted an outreach effort in Mbaper, Nigeria, located near the border with Cross River State in eastern Nigeria.

Attendance at the evening prophecy session ranged from 70 to over 100, with many others listening from their homes and from the sidelines. Daily comments were most wonderful to the glory of the Lord.

About 136 persons were given medical treatment by the medical team, which included some of our medical missionary trainees. Various diseases were treated and many came back to show appreciation not only verbally, but with gifts and foods for the team.

The morning session lasted from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, during which the team attended to the various maladies of many people.

In the afternoon, final warning literature was distributed in the local language.

The evening seminars lasted from 6:00 to 9:00 pm, showcasing the eight laws of health and their connection to the third angel's message.

The devil did not lie low, however, as a coalition of nominal Christian churches warned their members not to attend the program and not to talk of receiving treatment from those conducting the outreach, but it did not work. The chief of the community himself came to advise us of the opposition and of how plans had been made to disrupt the program. Thankfully he personally intervened to spoil their efforts.

One person who attempted to disrupt the meetings was arrested by the community volunteer guards sent by the locals.

After the presentation of the Sabbath message on Friday, two persons came on Sabbath, pledging to take a decision

to join the fellowship of believers in our local church.

The chief hosted us in his house after the Sabbath meetings and expressed his appreciation, thanking the Lord for healing mercies in behalf of his 15-year-old son who suffered with a severe illness for quite a length of time. They had gone many places and spent a lot, but here was a solution right within their vicinity, and without cost. It was good to listen to him praise the Lord and encourage the brethren to continue in the faith.

The next stop for Daniel and his team is Mbaikyor in Gwer Local Government Area of Benue State. That will come in the second quarter of 2022.

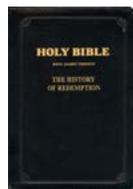
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