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Revelation 14:6.

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GOOD NEWS

The newsletter of Hope International

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Thanks to God



Richard Harris delivers a stirring message in the campmeeting tent.

"Therefore I will give thanks unto Thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and I will sing praises unto Thy name." 2 Samuel 22:50.

"By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name." Hebrews 13:15.

"Shall not the people of God more frequently have holy convocations in which to thank God for His rich

blessings? Shall we not find time in which to praise Christ for His rest, peace, and joy, and make manifest by daily thanksgiving that we appreciate the great sacrifice made in our behalf, that we may be partakers of the divine nature? Shall we not speak of the prospective rest in the Paradise of God, and tell of the honor and glory in store for the servants of Jehovah? 'My people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.' Isaiah 32:18. We are homeward bound,

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Thankfulness for

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seeking a better country, even a heavenly.” *Counsels to Parents, Teachers and Students*, 343.

We have had a camp meeting that has brought us such joy and happiness that we cannot keep silence. We praise God for His bountiful goodness! He is truly worthy to be praised! The Lord touched each speaker’s lips with a coal from the alter of heaven and the words spoken were like dew from heaven.

The morning devotional meetings were well attended and the tent was full to overflowing on Sabbath, so much so that the meeting next year will require a larger tent. All the praise and glory goes to God! We even had people say that they were not only coming back but were bringing others with them. One man said he was bringing 50 more people with him. When he was questioned as to the number, he upped it to one hundred!

If there was one thing that the people liked above the others, it was the “Talk Back Live” sessions that were held Thursday, Friday and Sabbath evenings. In these sessions, we answered people’s questions that were written out on cards and handed in prior to each meeting. The panel that answered the questions was made up of the speakers at the camp meeting. There was so much interest that when we asked the audience if they would prefer us to answer some of the questions and keep the program to one hour or go two hours and answer all the questions, there was a resounding cry to answer all the questions.



A beautiful Sabbath of fellowship!



Relaxing between the meetings.

Blessed Campmeeting

There were orders for the recordings of the meetings before we were even done with them. It was truly a blessed time. Another indicator to us was that we already have several of the rooms booked for next year's camp meeting in the spring.

We want to make sure that our heavenly Father gets all the praise, for without Him, Jesus' constant intercession on our behalf, and the Holy Spirit's presence, the meetings would have been a failure. We cannot lift up our hands and hearts in thankfulness to God too much.

If you were able to attend, you know whereof we speak. If you were not able to attend, please avail yourself of the opportunity to get the whole set of the message from our bookstore. And, if at all possible, try to attend next year! Make plans so that you do not miss out on the blessing!! Call now and reserve a room for next year while we still have a few rooms left. Even if all the rooms get taken, there are plenty of hotel rooms available in town and if you need a ride, we offer a free shuttle service.



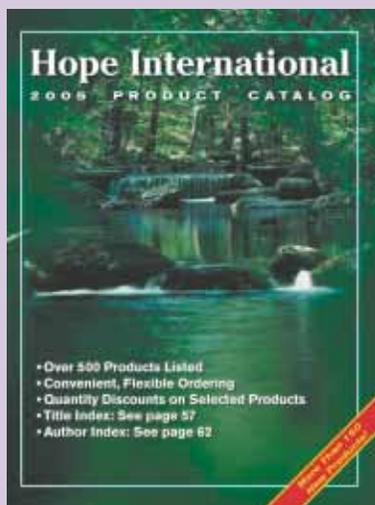
Video cameraman recording messages.

Product Catalogs Ready!

Our 2005 product catalog is out! If you have not received your copy, call for one today! We have greatly expanded our selection of inspirational books, cookbooks, children's books and music. If you check it out, we think you will find that you cannot find these materials at a better price. Our mission is not to make money, but to get the message out.

We will be glad to send you as many catalogs as you can hand out. This is one of our missionary outreaches. Even if someone doesn't want our magazine, they can always take advantage of the economical prices to "get the message out."

If you have not received your free catalog, please call us at 1-800-468-7884





An Update from *Terra Nova*

We are so pleased with the progress of our school in Portugal. There has been a lot of interest in getting this project off the ground. Even in the town of Pedrogao Grande that is nearby, the administrator, Tony Morais, has been asked to spend time each week in the local health food store dispensing health information. The local city government has made it clear to us that they not only want us working with their community, they want to help. They have already offered a larger office for Tony to work out of if the health food store grows too small.

We hope to have our farm manager there on the property by the time this newsletter gets to press. Vaughn Sparrow, his wife Magda and their two children are going to make a fine addition to our team there. They are very excited about the school and have been taking additional classes to prepare for the students that will be coming.

We have had many calls and e-mails from prospective students and look forward to starting the school as soon as possible. There is much work yet to be done. Many buildings need to be constructed, many gardens need to be planted and many more trees need to be established. It is such a beautiful area (see the photos of the gardens and vineyard above) and city officials even now come to see what is going on and how we are progressing.

We now have *Our Firm Foundation* in Portuguese, and are developing a mailing list for the people to get the present truth in their own tongue. God's standard must be lifted high, not only here in America, but also in Europe. This magazine, and this school, if we are faithful, will be a light to this dark area of the world. Time is so short. We must prepare people to give the trumpet a certain sound. This school will provide God's people with the tools they need to reach this world's lost masses.

If you are interested in this work, and the Lord is impressing you to help, please send your donations marked Portugal school. Please pray that this school is used mightily by God and that we are totally faithful to His ordained plan.

Would you like more information about Terra Nova?

If you are interested in becoming a student at this "School of the Prophets" call 309-343-1844 or e-mail us at office@hopeint.org and request the student handbook.



Campmeeting Messages Available!

If you were unable to attend our last camp meeting, there is no need to miss the blessings of the messages presented there. You will notice that we charge minimally for these products. That is because we simply want the message out. Get them for your church, your friends your Sabbath fellowship or just for your own enjoyment and edification. We believe each one is a powerful message that will stir the heart.

Speaker	Titles
Clark Floyd.....	All that Live Godly in Christ Shall Suffer Persecution
Lee Forbes.....	It Is For Us /Portugal Report
George Gomoll.....	Do We Expect Miracles?
Richard Harris.....	Simple Simon /Teasing the Beast /True Lies
Diane Herbert.....	Simple Home Remedies /Arguments for Vegetarianism
Patrick Herbert.....	Drinking But Not Drunk /Keeping the Camp Clean
Joe Olson.....	Don't Go to Egypt
J. C. Perozo.....	Dead or Alive
Ron Spear.....	These Times /Preparing for the End
Colin Standish.....	Ecumenism and Persecution
Harvey Steck.....	Let This Mind Be in You
Speaker Panel.....	Talk Back Live, Part 1 /Part 2 /Part 3

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Hope International speakers and board members will be conducting or participating in the following events.

We invite you to attend and become acquainted with us. We hope you will receive a rich spiritual blessing.

November 6

Clark Floyd
Walnut, N. Carolina

November 20

Clark Floyd
Fairview, N. Carolina

December 4

Ron Spear, Joe Olson
Orland Park, Illinois

December 11

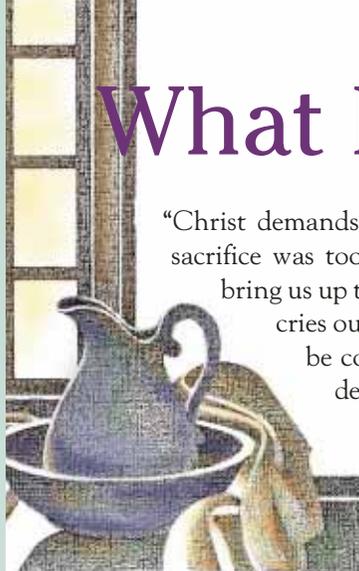
Clark Floyd
Walnut, N. Carolina

January 8

Ron Spear, Joe Olson,
Arlington, Texas

*“Not forsaking
the assembling
of ourselves
together, as the
manner of some
is; but exhort-
ing one another:*

What Does the



“Christ demands all. If He required less, His sacrifice was too dear, too great to make to bring us up to such a level. Our holy faith cries out, Separation. We should not be conformed to the world, or to dead, heartless professors. ‘Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.’ This is a self-denying way. And when you think that the way is too strait, that there is too much self-denial in this nar-

row path; when you say, How hard to give up all, ask yourselves the question, What did Christ give up for me? This question puts anything that we may call self-denial in the shade. Behold Him in the garden, sweating great drops of blood. A solitary angel is sent from heaven to strengthen the Son of God. Follow Him on His way to the judgment hall, while He is derided, mocked, and insulted by that infuriated mob.

“Behold Him clothed in that old purple kingly robe. Hear the coarse jest and cruel mocking. See them place upon that noble brow the crown of thorns, and then smite Him with a reed, causing the thorns to penetrate His temples, and the blood to flow from that holy brow. Hear that murderous throng eagerly crying for the blood of the Son of God. He is delivered into their hands, and they lead the noble sufferer away, pale, weak, and fainting, to His crucifixion. He is stretched upon the wooden cross, and the nails are driven through His tender hands and feet. Behold Him hanging upon the cross those dreadful hours of agony until the angels veil their faces from the horrid scene, and the sun hides its light, refusing to behold. Think of these things, and then ask, Is the way too strait? No, no.

“In a divided, halfhearted life, you will find doubt and darkness. You cannot enjoy the consolations of religion, neither the peace which the world gives. Do not sit down in Satan’s easy chair of do-little, but arise, and aim at the elevated standard which it is your privilege to attain. It is a blessed privilege to give up all for Christ. Look not at the lives of others and imitate them and rise no higher. You have only one true, unerring Pattern. It is safe to

Lord Require?

follow Jesus only. Determine that if others act on the principle of the spiritual sluggard you will leave them and march forward toward the elevation of Christian character. Form a character for heaven. Sleep not at your post. Deal faithfully and truly with your own soul....

“God’s people are peculiar. Their spirit cannot mingle with the spirit and influence of the world....Deal truly with your own soul. A supposed hope will never save you. Have you counted the cost? I fear not. Now decide whether you will follow Christ, cost what it will. ” *Testimonies*, vol. 1, 240, 241, 243.

Are You Hungry?



Have you always wished you could come to a camp meeting, but you just couldn’t make it? Do you have too many things going on to allow you to stop long enough to make a trip to one of our convocations? Would you come, but you really want your friends and family to be able to enjoy the experience too?

Why not schedule a meeting in your area? We will come to your location and meet there with you and all your friends. It will cost you nothing! Hope International is here to serve you and your needs. We constantly hear people say, at almost every meeting, that they can’t believe we came to their area. It is our *privilege* to be of service.

Do you long to hear the messages that were once taught by the pioneers? Do you need some encouragement? Just give us a call and we will set up a time to come to your area. Have you thought about it before but said “I’ll do it later”? Did “later” ever come? Don’t wait any longer, call today at 1-800-468-7884. Even the call is free!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

January 22

Ron Spear, Joe Olson,
St. Louis, Missouri

February 12

Ron Spear, Joe Olson
Visalia, California

April 15-17

Ron Spear, Joe Olson,
Clark Floyd
Vancouver, British
Columbia, Canada
Tentative

May 14

Ron Spear, Joe Olson
St. Louis, Missouri

June 29-July 10

General Conference
Session
St. Louis, Missouri

September 9-10

Joe Olson, Lee Forbes
Colton, California

*and so much the
more, as ye see
the day ap-
proaching.”
Hebrews
10:25*



The Christmas Season

“The Christmas season is the occasion of making gifts one to another, but the richest gifts Christ has given to the world in Himself, that the world through Him might not perish but have eternal life. Gifts and offerings should be brought to Christ. The most precious gift of all is that of giving Him your heart without any reserve. How acceptable to Christ would be such an offering! Give to Jesus your whole heart, for Him to write His image and superscription upon it, and to send His beams of righteousness into it to be sent to the world through the living agent.” *1888 Materials*, 776.

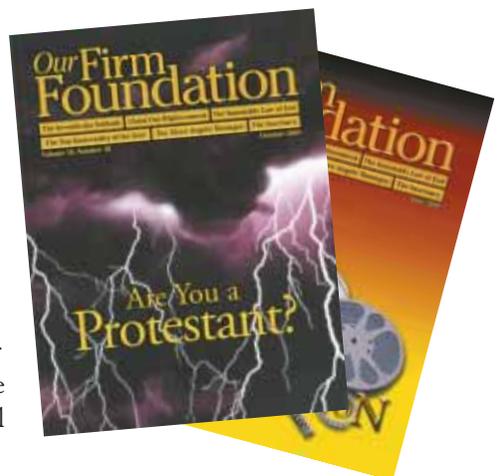
It is the Christmas season again. What an opportunity to share with others the gift of truth. How much is lost when we buy gifts of no real value? What would God’s counsel be? Praise the Lord, we have some. In the setting of the gift-giving at the Christmas season, Sister White made some suggestions:

“It is right to bestow upon one another tokens of love and remembrance if we do not in this forget God, our best friend. We should make our gifts such as will prove a real benefit to the receiver. I would recommend such books as will be an aid in understanding the Word of God, or that will increase our love for its precepts. Provide something to be read during these long winter evenings.” *Adventist Home*, 479.

We will never know, this side of heaven, what effect books and magazines of solid, pure, unadulterated truth might have on our friends and loved ones. For your Seventh-day Adventist friends, why not try a gift subscription to *Our Firm Foundation*? What joy there will be in heaven, and for you personally, to see souls in the heavenly abodes because of your efforts, blessed by the Holy Spirit. What is it worth to you to see your friends and family there?

Do you love your local church? What are you doing to reach them? Through the specious errors of Satan, many will be deceived, are we doing all we can to cast light upon their pathway? Please, call us today and let’s get the straight testimony to as many as we can. Call 1-800-468-7884.

P.S. Don’t forget that we also have the magazine in Spanish! May we cast the net far and wide is our prayer.



Give the gift of truth-filled literature this Christmas season!

Cranberry Salad

For the Holiday Season

This is just one of the many vegan deserts that help to make the holiday season special. We hope you enjoy it!



Salad

3 cans	Whole cranberries in sauce
2 20oz. cans	Crushed pineapple, drained
2 cups	Chopped pecans
2 cups (1 lb.)	Frozen strawberries with juice
1 cup	Strawberry nectar (or pineapple juice)
4-5 Tbsp.	Emes gelatin

Drain juice from pineapple to be used in the topping. Thaw strawberries in refrigerator the night before. Mix Emes gelatin with strawberry nectar in blender for a few seconds to dissolve gelatin. Then mix all ingredients and pour into a glass 10x15-inch baking dish. Let set-up in refrigerator overnight.

Topping

4 Tbsp.	Emes gelatin
2/3 cup	Water
1 cup	Boiling Water
2 cups	Raw cashews
2 tsp.	Salt
4 Tbsp.	Pineapple juice
3 lbs.	Tofu

The next day, blend gelatin in 2/3 cup water and soak for several minutes. Add 1 cup boiling water and whiz briefly to dissolve. Add remaining ingredients. Liquefy well. Spread on top of cranberry salad. Chill in refrigerator before serving.

Adapted by Brenda Steck from My Personal Recipes, by Bonnie Rickabaugh.

Personnel Needs

Hope International is looking for solid, spiritual Christians for positions here in Illinois. If you have an interest in the work Hope International is doing and want to work for the Lord in these last days, please contact us at 309-343-1844, write us at P.O. Box 220, Knoxville, IL 61448, or email Joe Olson at executivedirector@hopeint.org.

Positions Available

Maintenance staff position to work with maintenance supervisor to care for facilities, vehicles, grounds and equipment.

Office help position knowledgeable in computers, has a good command of the En-

glish language, and able to help with editorial or desktop publishing work.

Director of Development position as described below:

Enhance awareness of Hope International in the SDA community.

Expand our "revival and reformation" activities to bring more souls to the Lord. Promote, initiate, and flesh out meetings in various parts of the US and the rest of the world.

Write letters to new donors, new subscribers, and any others that he feels impressed to write to, to thank, encourage, uplift, exhort, etc.

Other duties as assigned.



Families Trained to Be Medical Missionaries

During the fourth week of October, Tony and Nora Ricono and their assistants taught several families how to stay healthy and how to minister to others through the right arm of the gospel—the medical missionary work. We at Hope were pleased to provide our facility for this educational program which was coordinated by Debbie Fine.

Children and adults alike enjoyed working together, learning the laws of health, hydrotherapy, massage, healthy cooking, herbology and more.



Photo Gallery



Time to bake bread!

Each day began with stretching exercises.

Adult and youth practicing a hand massage.

There's nothing like a molasses facial!



Nora Ricono teaches about herbs.



Seminar Interest

Is there a program that you would like to see Hope International feature? Is there a specific presentation that you would like more focus on? Here are some of the possible interests that people might have, that they would like to see a lecture or series of lectures on.

Bible Studies
Spirit of Prophecy
Evangelism
Literature Evangelism
Home Schooling
Health Education

Cooking Classes
Gardening/Farming
Greenhouses
Massage Therapy
Country Living
Hydrotherapy

These are just a few of the many classes that could be taught. If you have an interest in one of these, or have a suggestion for another, please e-mail us at office@hopeint.org. Or call 1-800-468-7884

By the way, if you know of someone who puts on good programs, and would like to see their program put on at Hope International, please let us know!



Volunteer/Internship

Are you looking for some way to help in the Lord's work but don't know where to start? Are you retired but not ready to quit? Maybe you have just finished your coursework in school and want to get in some practical application? Maybe we can help each other, and more souls can be brought into the kingdom as a result.

Hope International is looking for volunteers who can come to help out in the office work, phone answering, bookstore, publications, meeting setup, maintenance, housekeeping, etc.

If you would like to come up to the help of the Lord, we would like to talk to you. If you are just graduating, or have already finished school, and are looking for a way to work in the Lord's vineyard, on a volunteer basis, please let us know. We can use your help, and you can learn valuable skills to prepare yourself for usefulness in this great work. You must be able to care for yourself and be self-reliant. We have dormitory facilities, laundry facilities, kitchen facilities and we can provide a spiritual atmosphere to work and worship in.

If you think the Lord could use you here at Hope International, please e-mail us at office@hopeint.org or call 1-800-468-7884.

What Will WE Do?

“We pass through the world only once; any good thing we can do, we should do most earnestly, untiringly, with the same spirit as is stated of Christ in His work.”
FE, 281.

“The work must not stop for want of means. More means must be invested in it. Brethren in America, in the name of my Master I bid you wake up. You that are placing your talents of means in a napkin, and hiding them in the earth, who are building houses and adding land to land, God calls upon you, ‘Sell that ye have, and give alms.’ There is a time coming when commandment-keepers can neither buy nor sell. Make haste to dig out your buried talents. If God has entrusted you with money, show yourselves faithful to your trust; unwrap your napkin, and send your talents to the exchangers, that when Christ shall come, he may receive his own with interest.

“In the last extremity, before this work shall close, thousands will be cheerfully laid upon the altar. Men and women will feel it a blessed privilege to share in the work of preparing souls to stand in the great day of God, and they will give hundreds as readily as dollars are given now.

“If the love of Christ were burning in the hearts of his professed people, we would see the same spirit manifested today. Did they but realize how near is the end of all work for the salvation of souls, they would sacrifice their possessions as freely as did the members of the early church. They would work for the advancement of God’s cause as earnestly as worldly men labor to acquire riches. Tact and skill would be exercised, and earnest and unselfish labor put forth to acquire means, not to hoard, but to pour into the treasury of the Lord.

Tithe

Hope International does not solicit tithes, however we are a tithe-worthy organization and accept tithes. We use the tithe only for the gospel ministry. Donations designated “Gospel Ministry” will be considered tithe.

“What if some become poor in investing their means in the work? Christ for your sakes became poor; but you are securing for yourselves eternal riches, a treasure in heaven that faileth not. Your means is far safer there than if deposited in the bank, or invested in houses and lands. It is laid up in bags that wax not old. No thief can approach it, no fire consume it.

“Some have selfishly retained their means during their lifetime, trusting to make up for their neglect by remembering the cause in their wills; but not one-half the means thus bestowed in legacies ever comes to the objects specified. Brethren and sisters, invest in the bank of heaven yourselves, and do not leave your stewardship upon another.

“In obeying the Saviour’s injunction, our example will preach louder than words. The highest display of the power of truth is seen when those who profess to believe it give evidence of their faith by their works. Those who believe this solemn truth should possess such a spirit of self-sacrifice as will rebuke the worldly ambition of the money-worshiper.” *Historical Sketches*, 292.

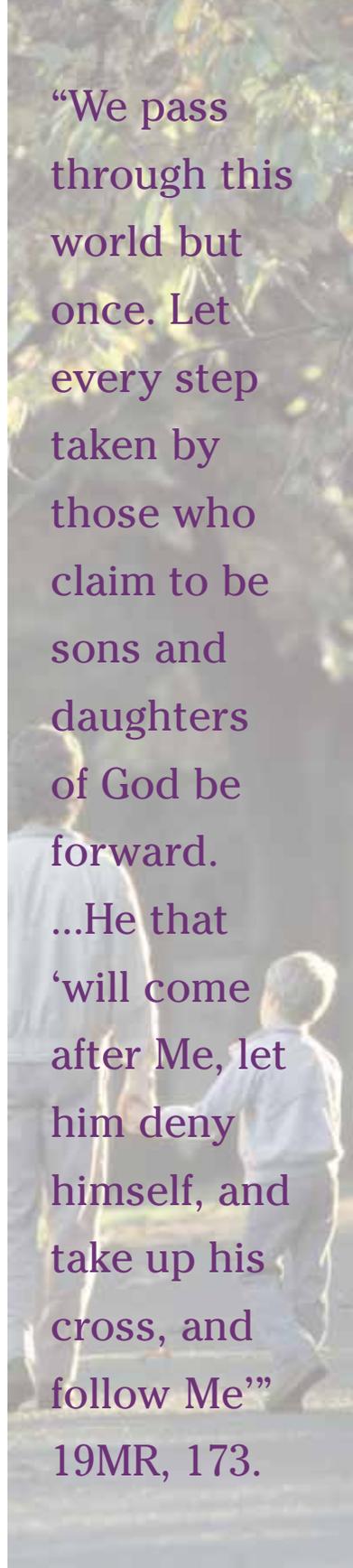
Here at Hope International we send out our books and magazines below cost. Our interest is to get the message out, not make money. What we depend upon is the Holy Spirit impressing people to help support the work we are doing.

This is not our ministry; this is God’s ministry. We depend upon Him to provide the needed funds that we might move forward. We feel our job is to trust totally in our Heavenly Father, and work as if our lives depended on it. There is no one at Hope International that works a mere 40 hours per week. We work like we do because we love our Savior. We feel this is a work that must be done to prepare for Jesus’ coming. We feel privileged to play a part in this last effort to reach our brothers and sisters.

We hope that you too will feel that God has a part for you to play in this final drama. Time is too short to hold back now. May God bless each of us is our prayer as we work together toward the consummation of all our hopes.

Property For Sale

Ron Spear is selling his home in Washington. It consists of 23 acres of pines and fir trees. It has a 1400 SF home, with a full finished basement, making it a total of 2800 SF. Three bedrooms, one bath. Fenced garden and a few fruit trees. 35 miles from Colville, Washington. Has running creek and three Adventist neighbors nearby—priced to sell. Call Ron Spear at 509-722-4137



“We pass through this world but once. Let every step taken by those who claim to be sons and daughters of God be forward.

...He that ‘will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me’”
19MR, 173.



Moving Forward with the Log House

Those of you who have seen our video entitled “God’s Miracles at Hope International” already know that someone in our community has donated a beautiful log home to us, to be used as our office so that we can use all of the dormitory rooms for guests. At this time, the log home is being dismantled and will then be reconstructed on our property. As you can see, we praised the Lord that contractors were able to get the foundation poured *just before heavy rains came!*



Log house donated to Hope International.



Heavy equipment break ground at the new site.



Finishing touches are made to the basement excavation.



Pouring the new foundation.



Yield to the Master

“Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up” (James 4:8-10).

What does the text mean which says, “Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double-minded”?—It means that some have been serving God with a divided heart. They esteem God some, but themselves more. We must not esteem ourselves more highly than we ought. Let not Christ’s words and words of some finite being bear with equal weight upon your heart. Fill the whole heart with the words of God. They are the living water quenching your burning thirst... We cannot have Christ’s words dwelling in us richly, and at the same time have our thoughts centered upon ourselves. . . . We want to come into a place where we will surrender our souls to God. And it is not enough merely to surrender, but we must cling to Jesus, bring him into our life, and work for him with all the powers of our being. And we want by living faith to grasp the promise, and say, God has said the blessing is mine; I must have it, and I believe I shall have it; and keeping the mind on Christ, holding firmly to him, and at the same time surrendering ourselves to him, we shall find that Christ will come in....

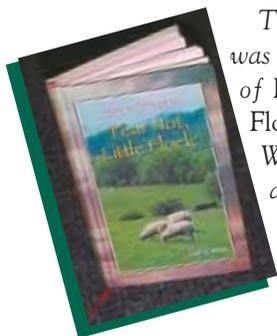
The Lord speaks: enter into your closet, and in silence commune with your own heart; listen to the voice of truth and conscience. Nothing will give such clear views of self as secret prayer. He who seeth in secret and knoweth all things, will enlighten your understanding and answer your petitions. Plain, simple duties that must not be neglected will open before you. Make a covenant with God to yield yourselves and all your powers to his service.”



End-of-the-Year Donations

According to I.R.S. tax regulations, in order to receive a receipt for a 2004 donation your check must be dated **and** the envelope post marked by December 31, 2004. Only contributions made during the tax year are deductible. If you make donations using a credit card, the date the charges are made determines the tax year.

This devotional thought was taken from page 313 of *Fear Not, Little Flock*, a new Ellen G. White devotional book, available from Hope International for \$10.99 plus shipping.

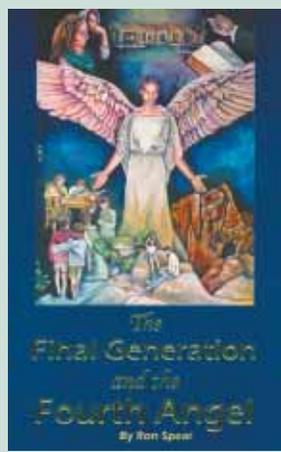


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What must we do to prepare for the loud cry of the fourth angel?

This is the latest to come from the pen of Elder Ron Spear. In his 80 plus years of life, he has learned to distill theological concepts down to where even a very simple person can easily understand them. He actually incorporates very little of his own opinion in his books. He relies very heavily on the writings of our prophet, Ellen G. White, and the Bible.

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