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GOOD NEWS

The newsletter of Hope International

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Chicago Meetings

The Lord blessed in a mighty way at our meetings in Chicago, IL. The people insisted that we come back and we have several people that are trying to find locations economical enough that we might come back every two months. We



Ron Spear giving a stirring and challenging message.

had more people than we had chairs and had to set up additional chairs to meet the needs of the growing group.

As we met, we could feel the presence of the Holy Spirit. There was a hunger and thirst for the Word of God. There was a reverence there that you do not see in many of our churches. After each meeting, the speakers were approached for additional information and counsel.

We had a very strong Talk Back Live session, with so many questions we didn't think we could get to them all. After Sabbath, we had a small book sale and ran out of several books, especially the Ellen G. White Study Bibles, for which we praised the Lord!

These are some of the comments from the meeting attendees: "Praise God for the messengers that blessed us

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Blessings in Chicago

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Richard Harris shares an inspiring message.

on this, God’s most holy day. Christ is coming soon and these types of messages help us to be ready.” Denise

“I mostly loved the presentation of present truth, it was convicting to my soul. “ Jackie

“What a Christ-centered, hope-filled message! My heart was thrilled! This is the truth that I long for in my heart.” Valerie

“Pastor Ron is always an inspiration. Now, I’ve committed myself to the hour of daily study.” Mary

“Each speaker was dynamic. Each had a specific message that I needed. I truly enjoyed each message. We need to see you more often!” Diana

“I’m glad that I attended this meeting. All the speakers were truly giving us messages from God. Looking forward for the next one. All I can say is Thank God for present truth!” Gloria

“These meetings are such an inspiration...In 1984, I received the magazine *Our Firm Foundation*, my spiritual life has not been the same. By this I mean I have the calm assurance that God’s word is true and through His divine mercy and love, He blessed us with the Spirit of Prophecy.” Dorothy

If you would like us to come to your area, please give us a call. Don’t wait too long, meeting dates are filling up! Call us at 1-800-468-7884.



The “Talk Back Live” panel.

Gift from the *Lord*



We want to give an update on the progress of the donated log home. It has been totally disassembled and brought over to our building site. The workmen have put the floor in and have built the walls already. The second floor is now in and they have installed all the trusses and have it decked. It will soon be totally dried in. Praise God!!



The bookstore that now operates out of the basement of the church will soon be in the basement of the log home. We have raised the basement up high enough so that we have windows on all four sides of the new bookstore. It will be a real blessing not having our facilities split up into two different buildings. Terry Crisp, the bookstore manager, is looking forward to the move and is already deciding on what will go where. We will have a much more “user friendly” bookstore and will be better suited for public sales. Our operating costs will go down as well because we won’t have to heat and cool two locations. Every dollar we save can then go to evangelism and to reach more souls!



It is a good thing we are going to have another place for the bookstore because we are beginning to hurt for housing for our employees and potential employees. We plan to use the “old” bookstore for small apartments for staff, speakers, volunteers and/or teachers. This way, we can utilize the space as economically as possible without having to spend dollars on additional new construction.



We want the people that come here to help, volunteer, or serve in some capacity to be as comfortable as we can make them without going through too much expense. We always welcome guests, and it brings our hearts such joy when we can offer comfortable surroundings. Our volunteers always save us so much money that we feel it is a small price to give a little comfort in return. Please make it a plan of yours to come by, for a day, or a month! As you can imagine, we always need help answering the phone, packing orders from the bookstore, mowing the grass, cooking, etc. Give us a call if you have some time that you can give to the Lord’s work. As Jesus said, “The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few.”



Donate Your Jewelry *for the Lord's Work*

We have had several contributions of rings and other jewelry that we have been able to take to the jewelers and trade in for cash. That money has been invested in saving souls instead of adorning a body.

We are thankful that so many of you have seen the shallowness of false adornment and have decided to put your jewelry to good use. Why let it lay waste where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where it will finally be destroyed by fire? Why not use it in the Lord's work right now? How many souls might be saved if we would let go of the very things that will encumber us from entering the kingdom?



You know, simply not wearing jewelry doesn't mean we have given it up. Remember the rich young ruler, he only went away sad after he was told to *sell* whatever he had. "Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me. And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions." Mark 10:21, 22.

It is all to be burned up soon anyway, why not let it serve some good now? "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the *elements shall melt* with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be *burned up*. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the *elements shall melt* with fervent heat?" 2 Peter 3:10-12

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.

We can help hasten the coming of the Lord we are told. How? There are many ways of course, but a very easy one would be to go through the drawers and "sell whatsoever thou hast." We will be glad to send you a letter for tax purposes, depending on the value. You can also send us your old coin collections, stamp collections, or other valuables that can be sold and used for the Lord's work. Don't let it be lost to God's cause, not because you wanted it, but because you put off doing something with it until it was too late!

Meet the Board

of *Hope International*



Roscoe Smiley

Roscoe Smiley has recently joined the board of Hope International. It was our pleasure to have such a deeply spiritual man become part of the leadership here at Hope.

Roscoe is married to a beautiful woman named Rosa and they have a son, now 35 who works in real estate. Roscoe is a native of Chicago, IL and attended the Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist church school. He accepted the Lord as his Savior at an early age and has served in many areas of the church.

Roscoe has worked in the corporate world for many years and now is a contractor who owns and operates a heating and air-conditioning business. He is active in several community organizations and mentors young boys and men as a member of the chaplaincy team of Churches United in Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois.

Both Roscoe and his wife Rosa were instrumental in organizing the Calvary Seventh-day Adventist church in Davenport, Iowa. In addition, Roscoe was a lay pastor for the Covenant Seventh-day Adventist church in Cedar Rapids, Iowa for several years. Through his efforts, and the blessing of the Lord, the church grew and prospered.

Roscoe and Rosa are still very active in spreading the Three Angel's messages through Bible studies, literature distribution and preaching the Word. He firmly believes in the Lord's soon return and has dedicated his life to telling others about his soon coming Savior.

He solicits your prayers for himself and his family that they all might be powerful witnesses and be used of the Lord to bring a large harvest of souls to His kingdom. Especially, he asks for the Holy Spirit's power to give sound, Scriptural advice for the direction of Hope International.

Wanted: Your Poems

Do you get an urge to write occasionally? Do you feel the Spirit has impressed you with a thought about a Scripture or an idea for a poem? If God has given you a gift, and you would like to share it, please consider sending it to us for possible inclusion in the newsletter or *Our Firm Foundation*. Have you found an interesting quote that you think we might not have or have seen? Send it in and if it is something we can use, you will see it in an upcoming edition. We try our best to find choice quotes or poems or thoughts, but many hands make easier work, so help us out if you can, and let us thank you in advance!

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.

February 5

Orlando, Florida

Ron Spear

February 19

Glendale, Arizona

Ron Spear, Joe Olson

February 26

Tampa, Florida

Ron Spear

March 5

West Palm Beach, FL

Ron Spear

March 19

St. Johns, Newfoundland

Ron Spear, Joe Olson

April 8-10

Knoxville, Illinois

Hope International
Spring Convocation

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

Hope International Camp Meetings!

We have the dates now for our spring and fall convocations and our summer camp meeting. We plan to have a Spring Convocation on April 8-10, 2005. We hope many will be able to join us for the spiritual time of refreshing.

We then plan for a summer camp meeting on July 20-24, 2005. We have had so many requests for a camp meeting in the summer so people could bring the whole family and could camp without being too cold. We believe we should be safe in July. We look forward to many families taking advantage of our new time so they can all share in the blessings. There is plenty of space for camping, and there is even room down by the lake under the shade trees!

We plan to be able to share with you all what we learn from the General Conference Session that will have just taken place in St. Louis a few weeks earlier. This will prove to be a very interesting camp meeting for everyone!

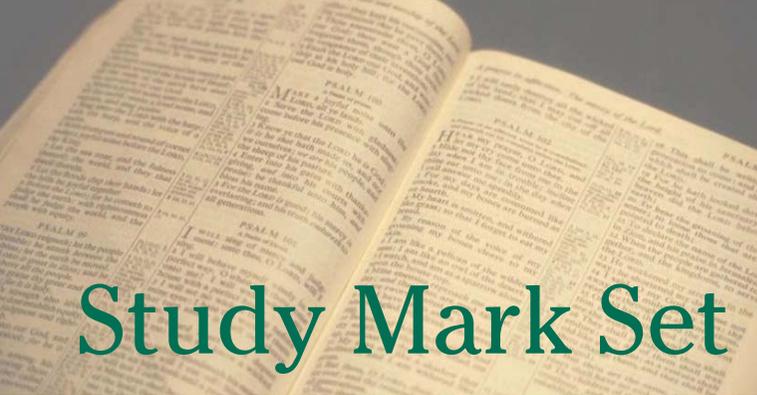
Finally, we are going to have a fall convocation for those who just can't get enough and for those who like it a little cooler, and also for those who were unable to attend some of the earlier meetings. We considered only having the two earlier meetings but there was such an outcry from so many, we decided to go ahead and have all three. We hope you will enjoy all the meetings, and look forward to seeing each one of you here!

If you are planning a family vacation this year, why not plan to do something that promises to be a real spiritual high for the entire family? We would love to see each one of you!

“Come, brethren and sisters, to these sacred convocation meetings, to find Jesus. He will come up to the feast. He will be present, and He will do for you that which you most need to have done.” *Christian Service*, 198.



Joe Olson sharing a message at a recent campmeeting.



Study Mark Set

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Reserve Your Room Today!



Our spring Convocation will be upon us before you know it. If you would like to stay in our dormitory, please make your reservation as soon as possible, before the rooms are gone. The rooms must be rented for both Friday and Saturday nights and payment must be received in advance to hold the rooms, and the payment is non-refundable. This is the only way we can be fair to all those who call requesting lodging at our reduced rate.

If you want to make sure you will be able to stay in the dormitory, please call now to reserve your room/rooms. They go very quickly and we won't be able to help those who might otherwise need or want a room on site unless we hear from them as soon as possible. Remember, the early bird gets the "room."

UPCOMING MEETINGS

April 15-17

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

April 22-25

New Zealand
Joe Olson

May 14

St. Louis, Missouri
Ron Spear, Joe Olson,
Richard Harris, Roscoe
Smiley

June 29-July 10

St. Louis, Missouri
General Conference
Session

July 20-24

Knoxville, Illinois
Hope International
Summer Campmeeting

September 9-10

Colton, California
Joe Olson, Lee Forbes

October 14-16

Knoxville, Illinois
Hope International
Fall Convocation

*and so much the
more, as ye see
the day ap-
proaching."*

Hebrews

10:25

Illinois School of *Evangelism*



is past time to get ready and to give the message. What we do, we must do quickly.

In the coming newsletters, we will give much more detail, but for now, please make it a matter of special prayer. If there are those that have a special burden for this work, who want

The Lord has been impressing us mightily that we must have a school here in the U.S. as soon as possible. There have been many calls and e-mails about the school in Portugal, but the greatest interest was for one here in the U.S. Often people would express an interest in the overseas school, but they would then ask, when are you going to have one here?

We have hired a Director for the school. He is even now working on the curriculum and preparing all the plans and programs that will be implemented. We are truly excited about the possibilities. We already have an infrastructure in place, so the time to construct a facility is minimized. Of course there is always much to do, much to prepare and plenty of work to go around.

Our goal is to have the school up and running this fall, Lord willing. It is imperative to us that we have your prayers in this endeavor. There must be a school that will train people quickly to give the true gospel message, arm them with the health message and health training, and prepare them to go into the world with a trade in which they can support themselves while they reach the lost. And this must happen quickly. There is no time for long college experiences in this undertaking; we feel the Lord has called us to work with Him to raise up a grassroots ministry of laypeople to finish this work. It



to see the message go out quickly, and to have it go out correctly, please consider helping us financially to make this a reality, and to make it so as quickly as we can! If there are those you know of who would like to attend this school, please have them contact us. We will only be taking a limited number of students who have a genuine interest in the soul-winning.

We have already received calls from people and small groups asking for someone to come to their area and help them, both in evangelism and in helping to shepherd the flock. Our people are dying for lack of spiritual food! If we can graduate students immersed in the true “saving” gospel message, equipped with the health message and the ability to administer natural remedies, *and* who are self-supporting, there will then be a laity that God can use to help finish this work.

It is our desire and aim to send out these “missionaries” to all who need them, and also into unentered or “dark” areas. Please, please keep us and this work in your prayers!

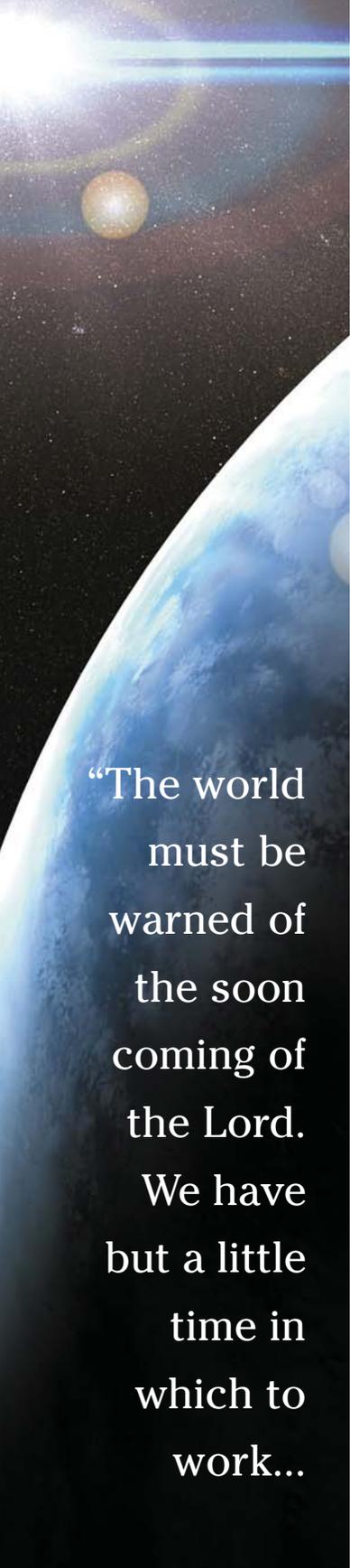
Captions: (A) The front of the dormitory building. (B) The back side of the dormitory. (C) The main hallway with rooms on both sides. (D) The laundry facilities. (E) The commercial size kitchen can accomodate a crowd of students. (F) Bathroom facilities. (G) One of the dorm rooms.



Overcomers

“As the servants of Christ encounter opposition and persecution, they should not permit their faith to grow dim or their courage to fail. With Christ as a helper, they can resist every foe, and overcome every difficulty. The same obligation rests upon them which impelled the apostle to his unwearied labors. Only those who emulate his fidelity, will share with him the crown of life.”

Sketches from the Life of Paul, 149.



Who Will You Offer a Chance?

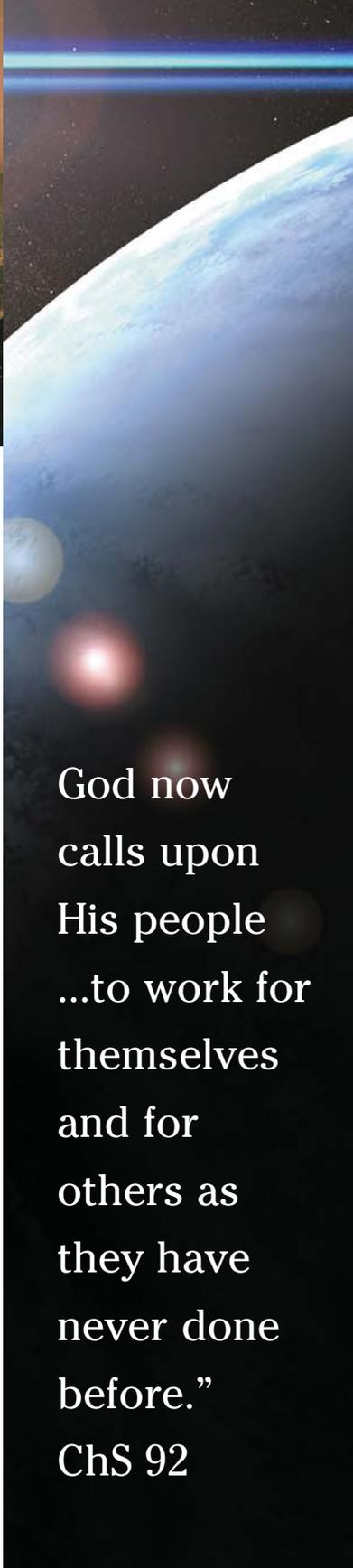
As I write this, the last report I have heard about the earthquake and Tsunami in the Indian Ocean is that 154,000 people had lost their lives in Indonesia alone. What a tragedy! Each one of those souls' probation is now forever closed. These fateful words can now be applied to each one of them: "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still." Revelation 22:11.

Time, probation, opportunities and second chances are forever closed to those that have not made Jesus their Savior. What would *they* give for another day? What would *you* give to reach them one last time? Now, it is forever too late. Ellen White had a dream about what she would meet if she did not do what she could to give the messages to the people. It is not the same situation, but I believe the principle is the same.

"When the Lord first gave me messages to deliver to his people, it was hard for me to declare them. And I often softened them down, and made them as mild as possible for fear of grieving them. It was a great trial to declare the messages as the Lord gave them to me. I did not realize that I was so unfaithful, and did not see the danger and sin of such a course, until I was taken in vision into the presence of Jesus. He looked upon me with a frown, and turned his face from me. It is not possible to describe the terror and agony I then felt. I fell upon my face before him, but had no power to utter a word. O, how I longed to be covered and hid from that dreadful frown. Then could I realize, in some degree what the feelings of the lost will be, when they cry, 'Mountains and rocks, fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb.'

"Presently an angel bid me rise, and the sight that met my eyes can hardly be described. A company was presented before me whose hair and garments were torn, and whose countenances were the very picture of despair and horror. They came close to me, and took their garments and rubbed them on mine, I looked at my garments, and saw that they were stained with blood, and that blood

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was eating holes in my garments. Again I fell like one dead, at the feet of my accompanying angel. I could not plead one excuse. My tongue refused all utterance, and I longed to be away from such a holy place. Again the angel stood me up on my feet, and said 'This is not your case now, but this scene has passed before you, to let you know what your situation must be, if you neglect to declare to others what the Lord has revealed to you.'" *Experiences and Views*, 63.

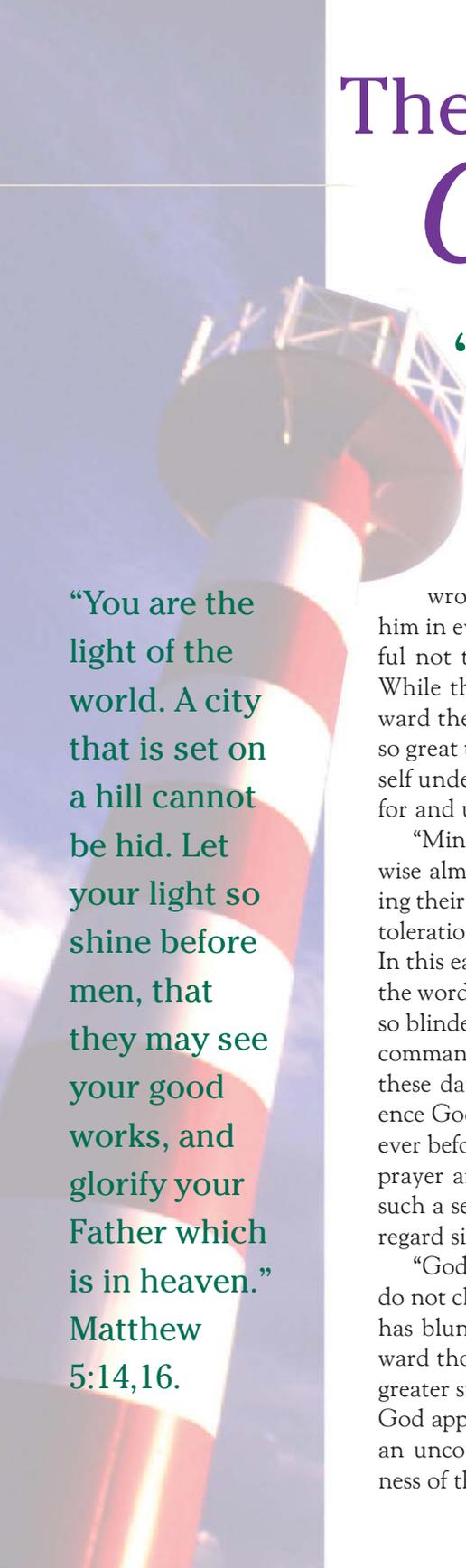
What can we say, what will we say, if others come to us and rub their garments on ours? If we have not done all in our power to get the straight message to them, what answer can we give? We were embarrassed? We thought they might be offended? We didn't want to appear too zealous?

How much effort does it really take to mail a copy of your church directory, and even the directories of other churches you have been to? What about all those names in your address book? Many people have just finished sending Christmas cards to their friends and family. Would it be worth it to you, worth it to them, for you to take the time to write their addresses down so we can at least *try* to reach them? You might feel they wouldn't read the material, you might think that they are all right spiritually and don't need the encouragement or strengthening, do you really want to take that chance? What about tomorrow? We don't know what is coming to each soul. It might be that the Holy Spirit will work through this effort to bring them to Christ, or to fortify the ties to Him.

My prayer is, O God, help us to have the love for souls that you have, and be willing to sacrifice everything to bring them back to You!

God now
calls upon
His people
...to work for
themselves
and for
others as
they have
never done
before."
ChS 92

The True-hearted *Christian*



“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”
Matthew 5:14,16.

“**T**o hate and reprove sin, and at the same time to manifest pity and tenderness for the sinner, is a difficult attainment. The more earnest our own efforts to attain to holiness of heart and life, the more acute will be our perception of sin, and the more decided our disapproval of any deviation from right. We must guard against undue severity toward the wrong-doer. But while we should seek to encourage him in every effort to correct his errors, we must be careful not to lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of sin. While there is need of Christlike patience and love toward the erring, there is constant danger of manifesting so great toleration for his error that he will consider himself undeserving of reproof, and will reject it as uncalled-for and unjust.

“Ministers of the gospel whose characters are otherwise almost faultless, frequently do great harm by allowing their forbearance toward the erring to degenerate into toleration of their sins, and even participation with them. In this easygoing way they excuse and palliate that which the word of God condemns; and after a time they become so blinded as even to commend the very ones whom God commands them to reprove. The only safe-guard against these dangers is to add to patience godliness,—to reverence God, his character and his law, and to keep his fear ever before the mind. By communion with God, through prayer and the reading of his word, we should cultivate such a sense of the holiness of his character that we shall regard sin as he regards it.

“Godliness leads to brotherly kindness; and those who do not cherish the one, will surely lack the other. He who has blunted his moral perceptions by sinful leniency toward those whom God condemns, will ere long commit a greater sin by severity and harshness toward those whom God approves. Viewed through the perverted medium of an unconsecrated spirit, the very integrity and faithfulness of the true-hearted Christian will appear censurable.

“By the pride of human wisdom, by contempt for the influence of the Holy Spirit, and disrelish for the humbling truths of God’s word, many who profess to be Christians, and who feel competent to teach others, will be led to turn away from the requirements of God. Paul declared to Timothy: ‘The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.’

“The apostle does not here refer to the openly irreligious, but to professed Christians who have indulged inclination until they are enslaved by their own ungoverned passions,— ‘led away with divers lusts.’ Such desire to hear doctrines that will not interfere with their sinful course, or condemn their pleasure-loving propensities. Hence they are offended by the plain words of the faithful servants of Christ, and choose those teachers who will praise and flatter them instead of rebuking their sins. These teachers “they heap to themselves” as special favorites. Even among the professed ministers of Christ, there are many who do not preach the word, but the opinions of men. They have turned away their ears from truth. The Lord has spoken to them in his word; but they do not care to hear his voice, because it condemns their practices.

“In his ten holy precepts, God has given a rule for man's life, a law which Christ declares is not to abate one jot of its claims upon men through all their generations, to the close of time. That law is still the believer's rule of life, the sinner's condemnation. That law Christ came to magnify and make honorable. He showed that it is based upon the broad foundation of love to God and men, and that obedience to its precepts comprises the whole duty of man. In his own life he gave men a perfect example of obedience to the law of God. In his sermon on the mount he showed how its requirements extend beyond the outward acts, and take cognizance of the thoughts and intents of the heart. That law, obeyed, will lead men to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, and to live ‘soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world.’” *Sketches from the Life of Paul*, 321-323

Employment Opportunity

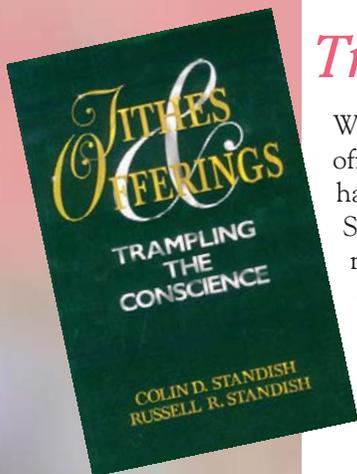
We are looking for someone to head up our maintenance department. The applicant will need to be strong in maintenance management related to homes and small businesses. Having ability in HVAC would be a great plus, but is not required. Must have a general proficiency in electrical, plumbing, small equipment repair, roofing, painting, sheetrock work, etc.

We would like to have someone dedicated to the Lord and His work. We want to have someone who really believes the Lord is coming soon and would like to be a part of an organization that is striving to preach the straight message to the last generation of not only the world, but Seventh-day Adventists as well.

If you have an interest in helping finish the work, have maintenance abilities, and would like to work for a ministry, please email us at executivedirector@hopeint.org, or give us a call at 1-800-468-7884 or write to us at P.O. Box 220, Knoxville, IL 61448.

Tithes and Offerings

Trampling the Conscience



*“God declares,
‘Blessed are ye that
sow beside all
waters.’ Isaiah
32:20. A continual
imparting of God’s
gifts wherever the
cause of God or the
needs of humanity
demand our aid,
does not tend to
poverty ‘There is
that scattereth, and
yet increaseth; and
there is that
withholdeth more
than is meet, but it
tendeth to poverty.’
Proverbs 11:24.*

We know of no better book on the subject of tithes and offerings and what the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy have to say about them than this one by Colin and Russell Standish. We have advertised this book before in our newsletter, but we are offering it here again because of the constant questions we receive from people wanting to know what the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy have to say about their responsibility in regards to tithes and offerings, especially when they read quotes like this one and the ones that follow:

“It would be poor policy to support from the treasury of God those who really mar and injure His work, and who are constantly lowering the standard of Christianity.” *Testimonies*, vol. 3, 553.

“Do not worry lest some means shall go direct to those who are trying to do missionary work in the quiet and effective way. All the means is not to be handled by one agency or organization.” *Spalding-Magan Collection*, 421, 422.

“God grant that the voices which have been so quickly raised to say that all the money invested in the work must go through the appointed channel at Battle Creek, shall not be heard. The people to whom God has given His means are amenable to Him alone. It is their privilege to give direct aid and assistance to missions...” *Spalding-Magan Collection*, 176, 177.

“The churches must arouse. The members must awake out of sleep and begin to inquire, how is the money which we put into the treasury being used? The Lord desires that a close search be made. Are all satisfied with the history of the work for the past fifteen years? Where is the evidence of the co-working with God? Where has been heard throughout the churches the prayer for the help of God? Where has been heard throughout the churches the prayer for the help of the Holy Spirit? Dissatisfied and disheartened, we turn from the scene.” *The Kress Collection*, 120.

These are just a few of the selections gleaned from this scholarly work. If you have any questions about tithes or offerings and what they can be used for or who should have a say in where they go, you need this book. It is a fairly small book, only 112 pages. Order yours today!

Meet Our Employee

Terry Crisp works in the bookstore for Hope International. If you have called here lately and asked for the bookstore, you can now put a face to the voice.

Terry was born and raised in southern Oregon and is fifth generation to that area. Her family came out west, first to California on a wagon train in 1846, and in 1876 her great-great grandmother settled in the beautiful Rogue Valley. Her parents live less than eight miles from that original homestead. Her uncle is the mayor, and most of her family lives nearby.

She grew up in a small town and graduated from the same high school her father had. She married very young and had four children. They range in ages from 13 to 27. One daughter is a nanny, her oldest son (who graduated from Hartland with a bachelors in Pastoral Evangelism) is teaching in southern California. She has a disabled daughter who works at a nursery and her youngest son is away to finish the school year in Oregon.

Terry has been employed at Hope since August 2004 and now has the responsibility of the bookstore. She enjoys talking with people from all over the country and shipping books throughout the world. She says it is very exciting to be involved with this ministry in these last days of earth's history.

Terry was raised in a very good home, but not a Christian one. When she was 21 she gave her heart to the Lord and was baptized. She had some difficult times and left the church for a while. In 1995 she was re-baptized and became very involved with her church.



Terry enjoys gardening/landscaping, cooking, reading and hiking. She loves animals and has many good stories to tell about her pet's adventures, which she hopes one day to write about. She loves people and wants to share her faith with as many as she can.



Terry Crisp in the bookstore

*“The sower multiplies his seed by casting it away
So it is with those who are faithful in distributing God’s gifts. By imparting they increase their blessings. ‘Give, and it shall be given unto you,’ God has promised; ‘good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over.’
Luke 6:38.”*

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The Lamp

Hast thou a lamp, a little lamp,
Put in that hand of thine?
And did He say, who gave it thee
The world hath need this light should be,
Now, therefore, let it shine?

And dost thou say, with bated breath,
It is a little flame;
I'll let the lamps of broader wick
Seek out the lost and cheer the sick
While I seek wealth and fame.

But on the shore where thy small house
Stands dark, stands dark, this night,
Full many a wanderer, thither tossed,
Is driven on that rock and lost
Where thou hast hid thy light.

Though but a candle thou didst have,
Its trimmed and growing ray
Is infinite. With God no light
Is great or small, but only bright,
As is his perfect day.

The world hath sorrow, nothing more
To give or keep for thee;
Duty is in that hidden flame,
And soaring joy; then rise for shame
That thou so dark shouldst be.

Rise, trim thy lamp—the feeble past
Behind thee put and spurn.
With God, it is not soon or late,
So that thy light, now flaming great,
Doth ever fiercer burn—

Fierce with its love, and flaming great
In its humility
Shunning no soul in sinful need
Fearing no path where He may lead,
Glowing consumingly.
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