



# GREAT CONTROVERSY PROJECT NEWS

HOPE INTO EVERY HOME

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## 30-second Spot: West-Central Africa Division

The book *The Great Controversy* means a lot to me, because when I joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church 35 years ago this book contributed so much to my spiritual growth.

The project will give hope to many thousands, hundreds of thousands, even millions of people in this sinful and suffering world.

Gilbert Wari | WAD President

To watch it, click on the video clip below and type the password: **fliptv**.



We are praying for the project and promoting it in *Shepherdess Journal*. I am so excited about what God is going to do through this!

Janet Page, Associate Secretary, General Conference Ministerial Association

## Interview with G.T. Ng



*What do you think of The Great Controversy?*

Our commitment to *The Great Controversy* has never been greater than at

this time in history. There is absolutely no question about its importance. Ellen G. White mentioned again and again that this is the book that should be featured more prominently than all of the other books she ever wrote. She said that many at the end of time would trace their conversion to the reading of *The Great Controversy*.

*What do you think of the Great Controversy Project?*

The world is a real mess, especially financially. There are constant rounds of squabbling between various parties. People are suffering. So many people are asking, "What has become of the world?" Ellen G. White says that at the end of time there will be no solutions to the problems we face. World leaders scramble to find solutions, but there will be no solutions. Now is the time to present the message of *The Great Controversy*. The need is urgent.

It is true: by distributing *The Great Controversy* we will ruffle quite a few feath-

ers. Why is there opposition? People are naturally scared. We have to face opposition, there's no question about it. Catholics are not going to be happy; but don't forget that even among the ranks of the Catholic Church many are sincerely seeking for the truth. We owe it to them to bring them the light.

*How is Secretariat supporting the Great Controversy Project?*

Whenever we have meetings we always promote the distribution of *The Great Controversy*. In every division we visit, we always mention the message of revival and reformation and the distribution of *The Great Controversy* around the world. It's a concerted effort, spearheaded by the General Conference and carried out by each division.

G.T. Ng | Secretary, General Conference

## A Word from Papua New Guinea

Thank you for the good work you are doing for our great God. I am also a Great Controversy Project promoter. Since receiving this newsletter, I have been encouraging literature evangelists here in Port Moresby to encourage their church families to buy these books, give them to non-Adventists, and pray for them to be saved in God's Kingdom. A local businessman is also supporting us in purchasing

copies of *The Great Controversy* for distribution during outreach efforts.

God is great, and He is going to do great things for us. If God be for us, who can be against us?

Thank you and God bless you.

Vavine Komba | Publishing Ministry Area Manager, Papua New Guinea

## Video Testimony

“My mother told me the story that she was not going to marry my dad unless he became a Seventh-day Adventist. . . .”

See how the family of David Weigley, president of the Columbia Union Conference, was affected by reading *The Great Controversy*.

To watch, click on the image below.



## Answers to More Frequently Asked Questions

*How should I explain this project to my neighbor?*

We believe this book has a unique perspective on history—past, present, and future—that offers timely answers about the world's problems. This information is too valuable to keep to ourselves. It was written in an era of different cultural sensitivities, so there are places where it is not worded as it might have been had

it been written today. But if you look past that, you will find that the message is as relevant now as when it was first published in 1858.

*How can I influence this project's implementation in my area?*

Local church administrators (from conferences/missions, union conferences/missions, or unions of churches) are developing specific strategies for implementing this project in their local areas. To get involved in the planning or distribution phases of this project, individual members and congregations are encouraged to communicate directly with these leaders. The contact information for these entities can be found at [www.adventistdirectory.org](http://www.adventistdirectory.org).

## How the Great Controversy Project Got Started

The idea of giving away large quantities of *The Great Controversy* began with a member of the Carolina Conference named Jack Henderson. He took the idea to his pastor, Charles Ferguson, of the Hendersonville Seventh-day Adventist Church. Henderson was excited about sharing this book with every home in Hendersonville.

Thinking about the potential for people to read the book, to see the truths it contains, then respond and become part of the Adventist Church family got Pastor Ferguson excited about the idea as well. They agreed that the book should contain an opportunity for people to respond—a card or letter accompanying the book—that would direct readers to Bible study resources.

They presented the idea to their

church board. The board acknowledged that it didn't have the funds to purchase large quantities of *The Great Controversy*, but they decided to present the idea to the congregation anyway. The congregation was immediately excited.

“I forget how much was committed that first week, but it was like \$8,000 or \$9,000 one Sabbath, just by handing out simple, white pieces of paper,” says Pastor Ferguson. “People wrote on those pieces of paper what their commitment was for the Great Controversy Project. I remember that vision going on beyond the city of Hendersonville to the whole county.”

After several years of spreading throughout North America as a lay effort, the Great Controversy Project was adopted as an official project of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for the 2010-2015 quinquennium. More than 1,368,000 books have already been distributed through the lay effort begun by Jack Henderson. These wonderful results will now be multiplied many times over as the entire Adventist Church takes part in this thrilling project.

From the Carolina Conference Video Program for 2011

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