



GREAT CONTROVERSY PROJECT NEWS

HOPE INTO EVERY HOME

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GCP in Mexico



The leaders and members of our church in Mexico are very excited about the distribution of *The Great Controversy*.

We are planning to distribute 1.3 million copies of the full edition of *The Great Controversy*. Before the end of October, all the churches will receive their book orders. In December we will have an Impact Day, during which members will go to the streets to deliver the books.

The priority is to deliver books in areas where we don't yet have a strong Seventh-day Adventist presence, especially in the centers of large cities. Members will also deliver books to friends and relatives as part of the Great Controversy Project (GCP).

The church members are the ones who are paying for the books, with help in some areas from our institutions. With God's help, we have been able to print and deliver this full edition for about US\$1.00 each.

Praise the Lord for this project!

Erwin Gonzalez | President, Mexican Adventist Editorial Group

One Book in Each of 6.5 Million Homes



We believe that the Great Controversy Project will change the way the church spreads the gospel around the world. We plan to distribute 6.5 million

books, which will mean one book in each house in the South Brazil Union.

Each conference is in charge of supplying 20 percent of the books. The union and the publishing house are contributing funds. Each of our schools is donating the equivalent of five books per student and each local church is donating the equivalent of four books per member. Our pastors, teachers, and workers are also donating 20 percent of one month's salary, which will fund one million books. Our literature evangelists are donating one million books. Businesses around the region have donated 600,000 books. Individual church members are also purchasing large quantities of books. These contributions have exceeded our expectations, and we thank God.

We have also worked with a company to create an online system that maps out each region of our union. This program locates the home of each

Adventist, the home of the students attending our Adventist schools, and the homes of those who have bought literature from our literature evangelists.

This system allows the local pastor to specify the location where the distribution will take place and add how many people are involved in it. The program then divides the territory and gives a detailed map with the number of houses that small groups will be in charge of visiting. Each of these small groups will be comprised of two people each. Our plan is for each group to adopt an area, pray for it, and try to start a small group in it. In some places the groups are giving out pamphlets first, then going back with the book, and afterward inviting the people to attend special programs such as week of prayer, concerts, etc.

We want to plant a seed in each home in our union. We pray that the Holy Spirit will influence each household to open the books and accept the truth revealed inside.

Marlinton S. Lopes | President, South Brazil Union Conference

An Answer to the Hard Questions

It was an opportunity almost missed, but God does not make mistakes. I approached a dilapidated trailer home and knocked on the door. Finally a man came to the door, painfully crippled and in a wheelchair. It was

a picture of misery, and it awakened in me an intense longing to do something to help him. But he did not want to be canvassed—he interrupted me and asked me to leave.

As I continued down the street I began praying for him, that God would give him a second chance. About 15 minutes later I was passing by his home again on my way to the main road, when I heard him calling me to come back. He began, “I wanted to apologize for the way I treated you. I just moved here, and I am rather skeptical of others. But I wanted to call you back because I did not even give you a chance. . . . Tell me what you are doing. I am looking for a group to worship with, and I was wondering if maybe you have some ministry I could join.”

Silently praying, I tried to adapt my canvass to his situation. I asked him if he enjoyed reading. “I have read my Bible a lot,” he began. “It’s not like I’m atheist or anything, but I have so many unanswered questions.” I put *The Great Controversy* in his hand and began sharing with him my personal testimony of how the book had helped me. As I told him about how it answers questions like, “Where is a God of love in the midst of suffering?” he almost began to cry. “What you are saying is hitting really close to home. Those are all the questions I am asking right now. Sometimes I just can’t understand what I did to deserve being put in a wheelchair like this.”

I was able to leave *The Great Controversy* with him, and he signed up for all the services the local church offers. He thanked me over and over again for the book and promised that he will read it.

Jennita Schmidt | Peoria, Illinois

The Sewer-Cleaning Cowboy

After canvassing a middle school, Becky and I went to visit some businesses on our main street. About 30 feet away, I saw a man dressed in a cowboy suit cleaning a sewer from the rainy day before. As we walked toward him, I began to think about how to approach him and what exactly I would say to him.

I began to talk about my books and he seemed interested. I then pulled out *The Great Controversy* and told him how it talks about Bible prophecies and the origin of Sunday observance. His eyes lit up. It turned out he had been reading recently about the same topics. He knew about Constantine changing the Sabbath to Sunday. I was amazed. He said he believed we are living in the end times. I could not believe what I was hearing!

I then told him that we were Seventh-day Adventists and that we observe God’s original Sabbath day. He began to think. He then asked me if there were other differences between us and Sunday observers, and who wrote the books I was showing him. I told him how God has given our church special counsel in the books that we present, especially for the end times. His face was a picture of awe.

He bought *The Great Controversy* and signed up for Bible studies and Revelation seminars. He was very interested in knowing more, because he was looking for a church. I invited him to the Seventh-day Adventist church in Billings, Montana. After I prayed with him he referred us to a friend in a business nearby, and she also bought *The Great Controversy*.

I praise the Lord for that divine appointment and pray God will lead him to the remnant church.

Jarrell Bell | Montana

30-second Spot: Ella Simmons

The great controversy project is more than a project to me. It is a movement in itself.

Ella Simmons | General Conference Vice President

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



We are thankful for the impact of *The Great Controversy* and how it helps people in different countries. We are praying for the project.

May God continue to bless His work.

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