

# GREAT CONTROVERSY PROJECT NEWS

HOPE INTO EVERY HOME

October 27, 2011

## Dedication Ceremony in Kazakhstan



A solemn ceremony dedicating the distribution of *The Great Controversy* in the Southern Union Mission of the Euro-Asia Division (ESD) was celebrated on Sabbath, October 15, 2011, at the Central Church of Almaty, Kazakhstan. The program was organized by Freddy Alvarado, publishing director for the Southern Union Mission, Sergey Bogdanov, publishing assistant, and Sergey Iovu and Daniel Pavelko union administrators. The ceremony was attended by all the publishing leaders of the union.

Guest speaker Wilmar Hirle, associate director of the General Con-

ference Publishing Ministries Department, inspired the congregation with his message from the Scriptures and stories of how reading *The Great Controversy* has led many people to recognize Jesus as their Savior, accept the Sabbath truth, and join God's people in waiting for His soon return. The church was challenged to place a book in every home in its territory.

Pavel Liberanskiy, publishing director for the Euro-Asia Division, also spoke. He urged each member to bring hope to all those who are having trouble finding answers to the calamities of this world by participating

in this distribution of *The Great Controversy*.

Amid of a solemn succession of worship, inspiring music, testimony, and Scripture reading, all the pastors present surrounded sample books and gave a prayer of dedication for these silent messengers, hoping for the fulfillment of the Word of God that thousands will be converted in a single day by reading this book.

The Southern Union Mission wants to be part of the great Adventist movement of testimony and bring hope to every household through the printed page.

Guadalupe Savariz Vidana | Southern Union Mission | ESD

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## Interview with Jonathan Kuntaraf



*What do you think of the book, *The Great Controversy*?*

The book, is amazing. I have been blessed by the book.

This is the third time I have read it, and it strengthens my faith and trust in God and helps me to see the love of God. Although the emphasis is on the great controversy, I really like the last portions where the great controversy is ended, and everything shows that God is love. In His love He has explained to us what has happened, what is happening, and what will happen.

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

This project is excellent, and I am so happy about the many ways people from all over the world are participating. Even before this was adopted as an official General Conference project, I interviewed Jack Henderson about his lay Great Controversy Project during the 2010 General Conference Session. During the Session I invited several people from other parts of the world to give their opinion about it, and everyone was enthusiastic about the idea. This is an exciting project. One thing I particularly like is that everyone can be involved; from administration to departments to lay members—everybody can participate.

*How is your department participating in the Great Controversy Project?*

We are inviting all members to be involved in the Great Controversy Proj-

ect. Personal ministry is something every member should be involved in, and by sharing this book all our members are involved in sharing the good news of salvation. This book is a good instrument for both evangelism and the nurture of our members and the community. So we are promoting it. We are inviting everybody to be involved. We would like to see everybody in the church involved in sharing this book door to door.

Jonathan Kuntaraf | Director, Sabbath School/Personal Ministries Department, General Conference

### Every Family Bought a Copy

“At first, I didn’t want to go canvassing,” said Christopher Lamb. “It wasn’t appealing to me. But after seeing what people go through on a day-to-day basis, I began to see people differently. I now see people as souls who need to be saved for Christ.”

Lamb experienced this first-hand when he walked into a small Apostolic Christian church in Lindsay, California. After showing the pastor *The Great Controversy*, the pastor bought the book and told Christopher to return later that evening. When Christopher came back, he talked to a young woman standing outside the church.

“Oh, you’re the guy that my pastor was talking about!” she said excitedly. She went on to say that her pastor had quoted from *The Great Controversy* during his sermon, and had highly recommended it to each of his members.

At this point, Christopher entered the church, realizing that he was walking in on a meeting. The pastor saw

Christopher, held up *The Great Controversy*, and promptly said, “There’s a young man in the back by the name of Chris, and all of you need to get one of these books!”

Wide-eyed, Christopher could only praise God as every single one of the families in the congregation bought *The Great Controversy*.

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### 30-second Spot: Willie Oliver

Looking at the chapters, it tells me Jesus is coming soon! The world needs to be ready.

Willie Oliver | Director, General Conference Family Ministries

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