



GREAT CONTROVERSY PROJECT NEWS

HOPE INTO EVERY HOME

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Twelve Laymen



Greetings from WAD.

We have recently received word that there are 12 Nigerian laymen who together have set themselves the goal of printing enough copies of *The Great Controversy* to reach 10% of the population of Nigeria. The Nigerian population is around 167 million people, which makes their goal 16.7 million copies. They have decided that 5 of the 16.7 million copies will be the full version.

This project came as a pleasant surprise to us. We had planned a first phase order of 6 million books for 2012, with second and third phases in 2013 to reach our 12 million book division goal. Now we can see that the Lord has already helped us reach and pass the goal we had set for WAD by the grace of the One who has never, ever failed His promise. With this 16.7 million added to our 12 million, we have abundant reasons to “hail the power of Jesus’ name.” (*SDA Hymnal*, #229)

We praise the name of the Lord for what He is doing in WAD in order to finish the work Himself, so that we may go home at last!

Gilbert Wari | President, West-Central Africa Division

Southern Asia-Pacific Division Dedication Ceremony

Greetings from the Philippines. I just wanted to report to you that this morning, Tuesday, November 8, 2011, we had a simple, solemn dedication service of *The Great Controversy* right after our morning worship. We are at the height of our SSD Annual Council.



We asked our union presidents to bring copies of the book that they already have printed and ready for distribution starting next year. The following languages were

represented: English, Tagalog, Cebuano, Banglah, Myanmar, Chinese, Bahasa Indonesia, Singala, Tamil, and Thai. The following languages are still being translated: Vietnamese, Urdu, and Cambodian.

The dedication prayer was offered in 10 different languages, asking the Lord’s blessings on the books that were beautifully arranged on the stage.

Thank you so much for your encouragement on this project.

Alberto Gulfan, Jr. | President, Southern Asia-Pacific Division

Three Hours Under a Tree

As I was visiting a village in Sikkim, I found on the way two Buddhist gentlemen. They were heavy chain smokers and drinkers. I greeted them and explained how our body is the temple of God, and how we need to keep it clean by not using such intoxicating things as they were enjoying. Moreover, I told them about the long-term effects of these substances and their likely expenses during their old age.

They were curious and gave me three hours to share the message of our Lord. I gave them a Nepali translation of the 1858 version of *The Great Controversy*. We sat under a tree, and I taught them briefly of the origin of sin and the fall of Satan, loving Jesus, His crucifixion, and the soon return of Jesus to reward his faithful servants with eternal life. These brothers were so anxious and were curious to read

page by page the interesting content written in this book. We had a small prayer and went on our ways.

Three months later I got a phone call from these two brethren who thanked me for this wonderful book and said that the way to eternal life was in Jesus only. Moreover, they related that when they finished reading the book they shared it with their friends and neighbors. Now they were requesting from me an additional dozen books. I sent them the books to circulate among their community. Today these brethren are taking Bible studies and plan to be baptized soon.

There are many people hungry for the words of the Lord in these sub-Hi-

malayan hills, but their hand is empty, not able to reach the truth to read what we have received. The pocket-sized copies of the 1858 version of *The Great Controversy* have tremendous power to change the lifestyles of those searching for Jesus.

I would like to thank those who helped make it possible to have this book printed in not only Nepali, but in Hindi, Assamese, and Bengali also, for bringing the life-changing truth contained in this book. The Tibetan translation is done and awaiting the funds to be printed, to reach the many refugees staying in Sikkim with the end-time message.

Praveen Tamsang | Pastor, North Bengal Section of the Southern Asia Division

“God designed the Bible to be a lessonbook to all mankind, in childhood, youth, and manhood, and to be studied through all time. . . . The study of the Scriptures is the means divinely ordained to bring men into closer connection with their Creator and to give them a clearer knowledge of His will. It is the medium of communication between God and man.” (*The Great Controversy*, p. 69)

“Go to the Seventh-day Adventists”



In one of the Seventh-day Adventist communities in the Republic of Belarus a presentation of *The Great Controversy* was attended by a woman who had found a copy of *The Great Controversy* in her house when she bought it seven years ago.

She had been surprised by the news she read in this book. At the time she was a member of the Baptist church. She annoyed her pastor with her questions for four Sundays in succession, and on the fourth Sunday he said to her, “Go to the Seventh-

day Adventists; they will give you answers to these questions.” And she came.

It was her first Sabbath at the Adventist church. During the service there was a presentation about *The Great Controversy* as the missionary book of the year, and a call for donations. This woman willingly added her donation. Now she attends our church every Sabbath.

Let's pray for this woman and the thousands who already have or will receive this book in 2012-2013.

Nikolay Gunko | Director, Publishing Ministries, Belarus Union of Churches

Sixty Seconds of Hope: Rick Kajura

“Jesus was stretching out His arms of love, inviting all who would find pardon and peace in Him. The hosts of darkness saw that they did not possess unlimited control, and they understood that if Christ's mission should be successful, their rule was soon to end.” (*The Great Controversy*, p. 513)

Click on the image below to hear how this statement gives Rick hope.



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