



GREAT CONTROVERSY PROJECT NEWS

HOPE INTO EVERY HOME

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Great Controversy Project in West Indonesia



The Great Controversy Project (GCP) was launched in the West Indonesia Union Mission on Sabbath, November 19. The largest church in Jakarta, the Mt. Haryono Church located within the union compound was completely full. Church leaders and members from the conferences, missions, institutions, and local churches attended. One particular highlight of the service was the powerful testimony of Wimpy Ibrahim, owner of a private publishing house, who is personally donating 500,000 copies of *The Great Controversy* for this project.

Ibrahim spoke about the book and encouraged those present to read it. He showed them his copy of the book and some of the portions that he has underscored. He read a few

of them and exhorted everyone to explore the book for themselves. He also challenged the businessmen present to commit to printing even more copies. One businessman immediately stood, along with his wife, and committed to print an additional 20,000 copies of the book.

After the launching, church members came forward and purchased copies of the book to distribute. The total cost for printing 500,000 copies is US\$1.5 million. It is being printed on a special paper that could easily make it sell for \$10 in the USA. But it's being sold to church members for 5,000 Indonesian Rupiah (equivalent to US\$0.65) per book.

The Great Controversy has traditionally been printed under the title *Kemenangan Akhir* in Indonesia, which means *Final Victory* or *Triumphal End*. This title is more attractive to Adventists in Indonesia, so they decided to keep it.

We will be printing more books after this initial printing. As Adventist businessmen in this country rally together,

many more books will be off the press and given to the people. Pray that God will bring in 500,000 new members as a result of the 500,000 books.

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

Growing Enthusiasm in Euro-Asia Division

Word of the Great Controversy Project is reaching new territories and communities in the Euro-Asia Division. People are inspired by the call to buy and distribute this book.

On Friday evening, November 11, in Yoshkar-Ola city, Respublika Mariy El, Russia, at a special worship dedicated to the missionary book presentation, 58 attendees placed orders for, and committed to distribute, 5,500 copies of *The Great Controversy* in 2012!



On Sabbath, November 12, in Kazan, Russia, a solemn service of consecration was held for the work of distributing *The Great Controversy*. Those present were invited to purchase and distribute the book. The invitation was accepted by 91 people, who ordered 9,500 books.

I praise the Holy Spirit for encouraging people to donate and get involved in this important work for the last days! I also thank our church pastors for their enthusiasm and vision!

Paul Liberanskiy | Director, Publishing Ministries, ESD

Don't Give up on Your Local Witch Doctor

During October 2004 on a small hillside of Darjeeling, India, Shyamlal Rai practiced witchcraft in his village, healing many sick people. The villagers believed in him and were afraid of his evil power. As our evangelist visited this particular village, he met Rai and shared the message of the Lord. Rai was enraged—furious—at hearing the name of Christ. He argued with the evangelist, threatened to beat him, and ordered him not to enter this village and preach about Christianity.

The evangelist took a special interest in Rai. As the days, weeks, and months passed, he continued to pray for and visit Rai, even though his efforts were met with hostility, even death threats. After five months of these efforts, Rai became deathly ill. The evangelist visited him and shared words of the Lord from *The Great Controversy*. He explained that there is a battle between Christ's angels and evil angels in his personal

life, and in order to save himself he had to come to the Lord. After praying for Rai, the evangelist left him *The Great Controversy* to read.

A week later the evangelist visited Rai's home and found that he had read the entire book and had changed his lifestyle. There was a smile on Rai's face, and he invited the evangelist to share an evening meal. Rai and his entire family participated in a fellowship prayer. *The Great Controversy* changed the lifestyle of this family, and within a month Rai began to throw away all his witchcraft tools. Moreover, when villagers came for healing, he shared with them the truth he had gained from *The Great Controversy* and told them that he had left all his old spiritual habits and accepted Jesus as his Savior.

Some villagers thought he had gone mad, but many saw a real change in his lifestyle. He dressed differently, kept his house differently, and was polite to everyone. He was helpful in the community and gave good counsel to all. Previously he had lived like a hermit, always dirty, with long hair, a long gown, and his house full of colorful paint, idols, and red flags everywhere. But as the evangelist visited regularly and taught him more from the Bible, there was a great change in his lifestyle. Along with his family he accepted Jesus and was baptized.

Hundreds of people like Rai are looking for truth. They need the message of the Lord so they can know about Jesus. *The Great Controversy* has to be circulated in every land to save thousands of souls wandering in darkness.

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

Sixty Seconds of Hope: Wilona Karimabadi

"It is God's plan to employ humble instruments to accomplish great results" (*The Great Controversy*, p. 171).

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



In the Gowon Church, Alimosho District, South West Nigeria Conference, we have started reading the book corporately for 20 minutes after the end of the divine service. This way most members will know what *The Great Controversy* is all about before we start the distribution next year. Thanks for the updates and keep praying for us.

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