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The King James Version 4th Centennial Anniversary (1611-2011)

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The new year is now a month old. Before it gets older let us ascertain if the resolutions we made are being followed. The Bible is the best measurement for our achievement. Was there a spiritual commitment made for the Lord and others?

This year the King James version of the Bible will be 400 years old. Over these years, and with several revisions, this version is still well loved among English-speaking people of the world. It has crossed continents with its message of hope, peace and a better world tomorrow. It told kings that they are servants to the Most High God and assured peasants that they are children of heav-

enly royalty.

It was with great sacrifice and missionary spirit that William Tyndale gave England a version of the Scripture. The possession of a Bible today is not a crime. It is still a spiritual responsibility to share it with others.

Let us celebrate the fourth centennial of the King James version of the Bible by intentionally sharing it with others throughout this new year.

In this issue we share modern day experiences of young people who have gone to other nations with the Bible and by extension their Christian faith.

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“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, [even] unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:19, 20

From Jamaica to Japan by Manifa Riley



From childhood, though shy, I have always enjoyed sharing my faith. I never thought of going to distant lands, but the passion that I have for missionary work led me to say, “Lord where you lead I will follow.”

So the opportunity came to go to Japan. I have never dreamed of going to that place, it is more than half-way around the world! How can I stay so far from home? I wrestled with the

Lord and He calmed my spirit and eliminated my fears. He answered my prayers by sending encouragement from family and the experiences of a friend who was there as a volunteer in Japan.

The day came and the entire trip to Japan was an anxious occasion. Upon arrival at the Japan Union Conference, the devil tried to discourage me saying I wasn’t qualified for this work. I struggled, but God’s grace qualified me and allowed me to go on. I went through the protocols, received my mandate which was to teach English at the Seventh-day Adventist School. I boarded another plane to Kagoshima City, the place I would call home for one year and three months.

Kagoshima presented a pleasant surprise; it reminded me of Jamaica with its bright sunshine, lush verdure and mountainous terrain. I felt as though angels were welcoming me when a few friendly Japanese faces and Rachel my roommate (a volunteer from London) greeted me. Rachel and I made a good team. Rachel’s journey soon came to an end and God blessed me with the company of another of his faithful daughter- Maple- from India. She is a

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dedicated Christian and repeatedly relate her experiences in Japan and this was a source of encouragement. God was assuring me that my distance from Jamaica was nothing compared to the vast universe. I concluded that

“the will of God will never take you where the grace of God cannot keep you.”

In Japan “*Pen wa ken yorimo tsuyoshi*” translated “the pen is mightier than the sword” is a popular saying. It implies that more emphasis is placed on the acquisition of knowledge through reading than anything else; hence they are a reading population. Maple and I sought to capitalize on this to reach out to a Shinto and Buddhist populous with the gospel of Jesus Christ by writing short tracts on pertinent topics such as “The Second Coming of Jesus”, “The Sabbath”, and “Creation”. We did distributions mostly on Saturday evenings, when we went shopping or during an evening stroll. Our tracts were rarely refused because reading is very important to Japanese. It is my prayer that this effort has borne and will continue to bear fruits.

This was truly a spiritual awaken. We are privileged to live in a country in which Jesus’ name is freely spoken. I am happy that God chose me to share what I know with those who knew very little of His wonderful love.



Fulfilling the Great Commission by Carl Brown



■ Malaysia

The mission of the "Great Commission" recorded in Matthew 28: 18-20 has been the theme of my life. I have discovered that overseas missionary pursuits are both exciting and challenging.

This thought reminds me of July 2009 when myself, 8 other students and my professor, Dr. Earl P. Cameron, went on a mission to Malaysia. We were assigned communities where we would execute evangelistic series for three weeks. I was assigned to a little town called Tatou.

Each evening at 7:00, I met with families in what was

called a 'long house', which housed generations of one family. Interestingly, other families were invited to receive God's word in a country which was predominantly Muslim, thus making our work illegal.

Thankfully, while the laws of men place boundaries on human movements, they never affect God's plans. In this instance it was God who allowed me to share my series with the chief of the long house. He told me his story: When he was 17 years old he heard the Advent message via radio. He wrote a letter to the radio station, received Bible study guides, completed the course and was awarded a certificate. After 32 years he still had this certificate and believed the Advent message but there was no Adventist Church

in his surrounding. Finally, he and his family got baptized due to our marvelous cross-culture ministry.

As Jamaicans, we tend to take for granted the opportunity to minister because the law does not hinder us. Unfortunately, in these countries where the word of God is a scarce and precious commodity, people yearn daily to hear the message. As Jesus said, "The harvest truly [is] plenteous, but the labourers [are] few." Matthew 9:37 KJV

Will you be one of the few labourers today?

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DID YOU KNOW?

The Whites' sometimes took their children with them when they travelled to do missionary work. "The boys had such duties as providing music for meetings, ushering or collecting offerings."

Ricchuiti, Paul B. (2008). Four boys in the White House. The Stanborough Press, Thailand pg. 20.

To communicate the gospel as well as to aid in overcoming the worldwide plague of illiteracy, the Seventh-day Adventist Church maintains 56 Publishing houses. These produce in 78 languages.

Coon, R. (1998). A Gift of Light. Review and Herald Publishing Association, pg.11.



FASCINATING FACT- Mothers are Missionaries



“If married men go into the work leaving their wives to care for the children at home, wife and mother is doing fully as great and important work as the husband and father... the husband in the open missionary field may receive the honors of men, while the home toiler may receive no early credit for her

labor. But if she works for the best interest of her family, seeking to fashion their characters after the Divine model, the recording angel writes her name as one of the **greatest missionaries** in the world.”

Testimonies for the Church Vol. 5 p.594.

Ministering to the Rich- Testimony of J.N. Loughborough

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“We met difficulties in the establishment of our work in Great Britain that were not experienced in America. Those of wealth would not listen to the same man who spoke to the poor. We labored largely with merchants, tradesmen laborers’. Ignorance prevails among the poorer laborers’, the majority of whom are illiterate.”

“Lords, nobles and gentry seemed beyond our reach even with colporteurs for their mansions were surrounded with high walls, with great iron gates locked and barred and no admission unless you have a note of introduction from some of their other class. In our hope to find truth-loving persons among the wealthy we saw no way to reach them except by sending them reading matter. Nevertheless the Lord blessed and our hearts were cheered to see some souls accepting the light despite perplexities.”

Excerpt from: Loughborough, J. N. (1987). *Miracles in my Life*, Heritage Publications, pg.61.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

“The conversion of souls to God is the greatest work, the highest work, in which human beings can have apart.”

Evangelism, pg. 292.

PIONEER OF THE MONTH— John Nevis Andrews (1829-1883)



He became a mighty preacher when he was only 23 years old.

“At the age of 14 John Andrews was accompanying Mr. Davis who was going to hold a meeting somewhere in Maine. Of course there were always plenty of people who ridiculed and mocked anyone who was religious, so there was a mob of angry men gathered at the meeting place who were determined to stop the preaching, one man rushed forward with a black snake whip to beat him. “Now,

young John was of a timid retiring nature, but he wasn't going to let his friend suffer alone, so he jumped in front of him and said to the man with the whip, ‘You know it says in the Bible we are to bear one another's burdens. If you whip Mr. Davis you will have to whip me too.’”

“The ruffian with the whip was taken aback with this little speech. He hesitated a moment then said, "Well it would be too bad to beat a little boy." Then he turned and went away and the mob followed!”

“When John Andrews was 17 years old he accepted the Sabbath truth. He was 20

years old when he joined Captain Bates and James White in preaching Sabbath and the second coming of Christ. He became a mighty preacher when he was only 23 years old; J.N Loughborough was converted to Sabbath truth under his preaching. John Nevis Andrews was one of the most able writers. He was the General Conference President from 1867 to 1869 and our first missionary to Europe in 1874. He was mighty in the knowledge of the Scriptures and could repeat the entire New Testament by heart.”

Hare, Eric (1986). Make God First. Review and Herald Publishing Association, pg. 215.

Caffeine use and Cancer Risk



“Medical research has raised concerns that coffee and other caffeinated beverages may increase the risk of certain cancers . The list of those malignancies includes cancer of the kidney, breast, pancreas, ovary, bladder and colon. Theobromine is a caffeine relative found particularly in chocolate and tea. Research suggests that even small amounts of this compound taken regularly double man's risk of prostate cancer. These concerns with caffeine and its relatives are not wholly theoretical: these drugs have potent cancer causing effects . In laboratory

studies they are capable of damaging the chromosomes in both plants and animals.” Nedley, Neil(1999). Proof Positive

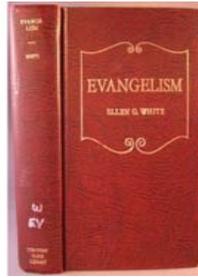
“Tea is poisonous to the system. Christians should let it alone. The influence of coffee is in a degree the same as tea, but the effect upon the system is still worse. Its influence is exciting, and just in the degree that it elevates above par, it will exhaust and bring prostration below par. Tea and coffee drinkers carry the marks upon their faces. The skin becomes sallow, and assumes a lifeless appearance. The glow of health is not seen upon the countenance.” {*Counsels on Diets and Foods*, p. 421.1}



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BOOK OF THE MONTH: Evangelism by Ellen G. White



This comprehensive handbook on evangelism shows how appropriate strategies and personal preparation of both head and heart empower the Christian to lead people to accept Christ and to prepare for His soon return.

Jesus said, "Go and teach all nations." His followers obeyed and "returned with joy" the guiding principles and detailed advice in this volume will enable the reader to avoid many pitfalls and succeed in the joyful work of soul winning.

Sabbath Programmes at the Research Centre

The Centre opens its doors to one church per month to come and worship on a Sabbath at our facilities. We also conduct seminars, and AY programmes at local churches. For appointments call or e-mail us at the addresses on this page.

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