

# THE SYMBOLIC CODE

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## GET READY DAVIDIANS!!!

### Timeline Of The Great And Dreadful Day Of The Lord

#### KINGDOM of PEACE

The Kingdom of the Living -- In The Heavenly Sanctuary -- Judgment of the Living

150 DAYS - 5 Months

18<sup>th</sup> Day 6<sup>th</sup> Month  
The man with the writer's inhorn marks all the saints that joined the 11<sup>th</sup> Hour Church, while the five others slay the wicked that remained in the 9<sup>th</sup>-Hour Church, in fulfillment of Ezekiel's vision in chapter 9.

The angel of Rev 8:5 pours out the Holy Spirit upon the Vanguard - Test. Vol. 9, pg. 126: Revival & reform. in the 9<sup>th</sup>-Hour Church

Voices  
Thunderings  
Lightnings  
Earthquake

The SROD Message in its purity & the latter-rain Truth preached to the 9<sup>th</sup>-Hour Church.

Ex-plo-sive Stage of the sealing message begins

7 1/2 Days (10<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> Month)

Half Hour Silence In Heaven

Passover Week  
15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> Month

15<sup>th</sup> Day 1<sup>st</sup> Month  
The LORD's Supper Celebrated in the DSDA Church.

18<sup>th</sup> Day 1<sup>st</sup> Month.  
The six men of Ezek. 9 go through the 11<sup>th</sup>-Hour Church for to slay.

The Day of Reckoning

17<sup>th</sup> Day, 1<sup>st</sup> Month  
Antitypical Showdown A Solomonic Assembly

7<sup>th</sup> Seal Opens in the Heavenly Sanctuary

Judgment of the Dead Began 1844

A Cry is made and Davidians go out to meet the Bridegroom The Wise Virgins behold Him The Foolish Don't.

Warning Message Preached to the Davidian Movement For 3 1/2 Years Beginning on the 10<sup>th</sup> day 7<sup>th</sup> Month

Get Ready the Bridegroom Cometh

In the Church is: Antitypical Elijah, David, etc. one man.

The Foolish Virgins go to buy the extra oil (Present Truth)

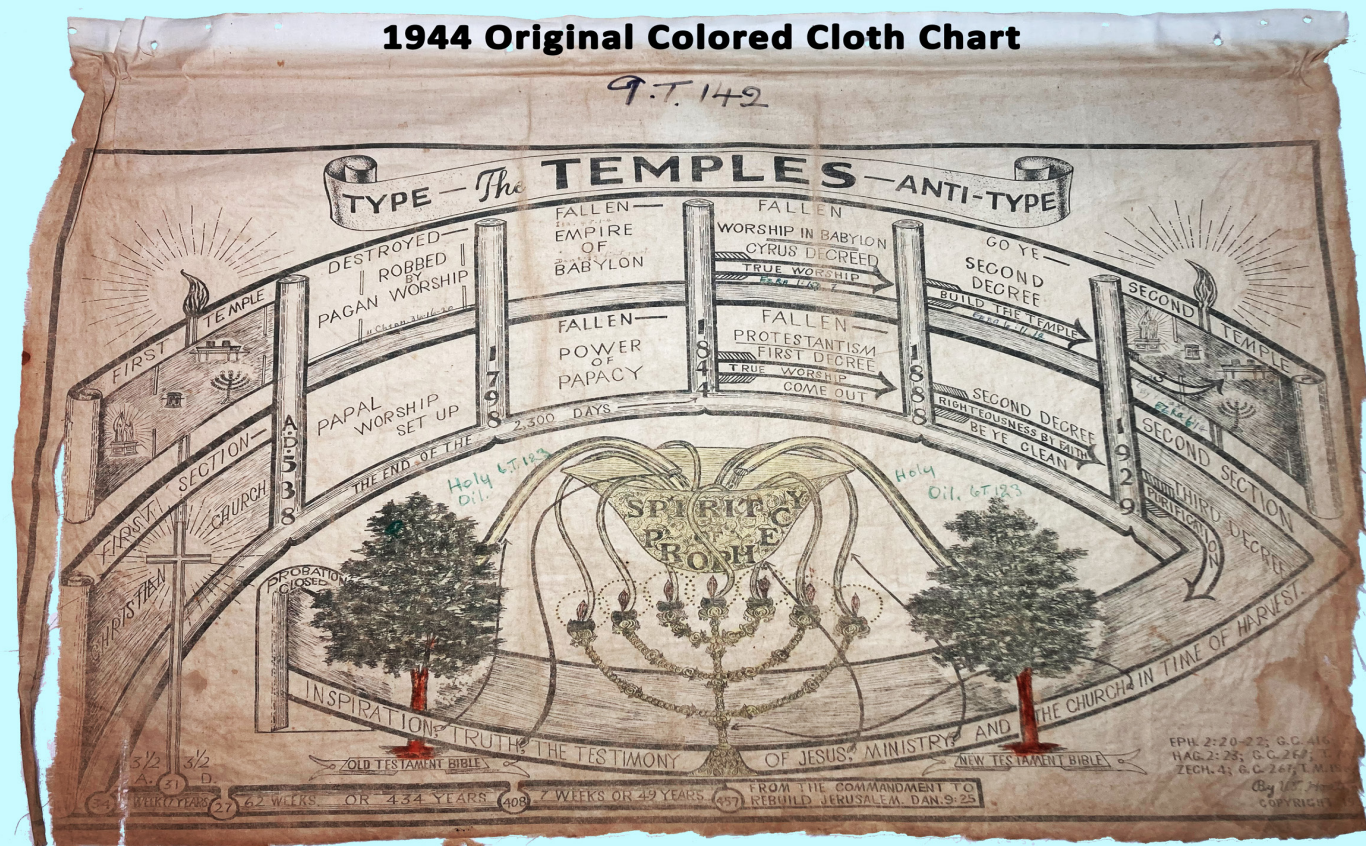
The Judgment of the Living -- In The Church On Earth -- Judgment of the Living

Closing of the Judgment of the Dead - 14<sup>th</sup>

Prep. for the Judgment of the Living

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**"THE DESCENDANTS OF THE EARLY CHRISTIAN JEWS WHO ARE PURPORTING TO BE THE FIRST OF THE FIRST FRUITS"**

This little paper is dedicated to the mission of conveying news items and reformatory activities to Present Truth believers, answering questions in connection with Elijah's Message, and pulling Elijah's Message out from under the rubbish of false doctrines, so that Christ can be lifted up and be seen in His Message.

This periodical visitor promises to answer questions on such passages of the Scriptures pertaining to the great and dreadful day of the Lord. Also, to call the first of the first fruits of God's Kingdom out of Davidia and Laodicea.

This periodical trumpeter is to wake up the heirs of God's Kingdom from their slumber and sleep, instructing them on how to get ready and remain ready for the Bridegroom's coming. It is the answer to the Lord's instructions: "Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for [it is] nigh at hand; A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, [even] to the years of many generations." (Joel 2:1, 2.)

**2SC12: 12.3** - *"Its main object is to reveal the fact that the time has come for the Lord to manifest His power and unify, and purify the church of God -- calling her to rise up from her dusty bed and put on her strength and her gift of beautiful garments, because "from henceforth" the unclean shall not come unto her. (Isa. 52:1.) Therefore, it positively demands that the messengers of "the great and dreadful day of the Lord," under its supervision, must strictly comply with all its requirements, instructions and advice which it bears to them from time to time. It will not countenance those who ignore its divine authority -- the church is to be a light to the whole world -- fair as the moon, -- clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners. Isa. 62:1-7; Prophets and Kings, p. 725."*

This periodical comforter gladly calls on all S.D.A.'s who open their doors and welcome its visit. It freely gives its time to minister to those who shall be heirs of salvation and neither collects fees nor makes charges for its unselfish service. It lives on voluntary gifts and free will offerings -- it burdens no one and comforts all. Its constant prayer is that all its clients should prosper and be in health even as their souls prospereth. (III John 2.)

Make your questions plain and distinct, giving the references, and they shall be taken care of as soon as their turn on the waiting list permits.

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## THE GOLDEN BOWL

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# The Holy Convocation



# 10 Days of Prayer

The First Ten Days of  
The First Sacred Month

## Date and Time

April 7<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024

6:00 pm PDT	2:00 am WAT
7:00 pm MDT	3:00 am CAT
8:00 pm CDT	4:00 am EAT
9:00 pm EDT	6:30 am IST

*"...The Lord gave to Moses the sacred yearly calendar, which cannot be lost or miscalculated so long as the earth remains... Beginning its first month of the year with the first new moon, at, or after, the vernal equinox, March 20-21..."*

**ABN3: 10, 11**

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## The First Day of **Each Sacred Month**

6:00 pm PDT | 7:00 pm MDT | 8:00 pm CDT | 9:00 pm EDT  
3:00 am CAT | 4:00 am EAT | 0200 hrs CET | 6:30 am IST

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## Sacred Convocations

First Day of the 1<sup>st</sup> Month,  
April 7, 8 pm CT; Adjust for your area

First Day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Month,  
May 7, 8 pm CT; Adjust for your area

First Day of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Month,  
June 5, 8 pm CT; Adjust for your area

First Day of the 4<sup>th</sup> Month,  
July 4, 8 pm CT; Adjust for your area

First Day of the 5<sup>th</sup> Month,  
August 3, 8 pm CT; Adjust for your area

First Day of the 6<sup>th</sup> Month,  
September 2, 8 pm CT; Adjust for your area

First Day of the 7<sup>th</sup> Month,  
October 1, 8 pm CT; Adjust for your area

First Day of the 8<sup>th</sup> Month,  
October 31, 8 pm CT; Adjust for your area

First Day of the 9<sup>th</sup> Month,  
November 30, 8 pm CT; Adjust for your area

First Day of the 10<sup>th</sup> Month,  
December 29, 8 pm CT; Adjust for your area

First Day of the 11<sup>th</sup> Month,  
January 28, 8 pm CT; Adjust for your area

First Day of the 12<sup>th</sup> Month,  
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If you only attend one school, let it be

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**Christ**



**Samuel**

**Moses\***



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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month (Invite Only) - 5:00 AM CT

“...  
you alone in  
the closet of prayer  
and with the aid of  
the Spirit can determine  
whether the Elijah has  
come, or whether he is  
yet to come.” GCS:

8.1

**Antitypical Elijah**

On YouTube:  
The Davidian Seventh-Day Adventists Channel or  
The Eleventh-Hour Church Channel

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# THE GOLDEN BOWL



## THOUGHTS FOR MEDITATION

**SR2: 16.1** — “Though truths are revealed through inspired channels, the instrument of iniquity has often mixed them with error. Such iniquitous workers oft times resort to the use of portions of divine revelation, unlawfully using them as an entering wedge to pass on error and thus deceive the simple. Let none flatter themselves that they can escape the clutches of the devil by the studious effort of another. Everyone must study for himself to

understand his own position, and with candid mind be ready to listen to all with a teachable spirit of a child. ‘Verily I say unto you, Whoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.’ (Mark 10:15.) Prejudice, has beguiled and ruined more souls than any trap ever devised by the great deceiver. The one who refuses to listen to reasons offered by another, is the most ignorant. Such a man is usually

prejudiced because the argument presented contradicts his view of the subject, or it may be that he considers himself more intellectual or of superior social standing. Others will not hear the truth because it hurts their sinful conscience and for fear that they must part from some selfish lust. This class is under the power of the devil, and on the way to everlasting ruin -- sinning against the Holy Ghost. Those who are sincere in their errors are the very ones who are found in the bottom of the devil's kidnaping bag. This class is the hardest to convince that they are on the way to hell."

**1TG32:19.3** — “Although God anciently permitted the peoples' teachers (their prophets) to be pushed into a corner, abused, and slaughtered, He will permit it no longer. The eyes of His people shall see their God-appointed teachers as they are brought to the front.”

**SR2: 15.3** — “The term ‘prophet’ as used in the Bible... is employed to designate men and women engaged in a wide range of service in connection with the work of God. Some of these never uttered a prophecy as that term is generally understood... Some were used only for a special occasion, others for a long series of years. Some wrote out the message God revealed to them, and others gave them orally. To some, as in the case of Daniel and others, were committed prophecies reaching into the distant future, portions of which are still unfulfilled.”

**SR2: 15.4** — “Some were God’s messengers raised up in periods of great crisis, to warn the church and the world of threatened judgments, and to call men back to allegiance to God. Such were Samuel, Elijah, John the Baptist, and others. John disclaimed the prophetic title, claiming rather that he was a voice or a messenger of God, sent to prepare the way of the Lord in calling Israel

to repentance. But as God’s messenger he was declared by Christ to be a prophet, and ‘even more than a prophet.’ Luke 7:26. ‘Surely the Lord will do nothing, but He revealeth His secrets unto His servants the prophets.’ Amos 3:7. – ‘The Present Truth,’ Vol. 5, No. 72.”

**SR2: 15.5** — “In the highest sense the prophet was one who spoke by direct inspiration, communicating to the people the messages he had received from God. But the name was given also to those who, though not so directly inspired, were divinely called to instruct the people in the works and ways of God.’ – ‘Education,’ p. 46.”

**Amos 1:2--** “The Lord will roar from Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem; and the habitations of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of Carmel shall wither.”



**2TG41: 7.3** — “This scripture, you see, reflects the tragedy which took place on the top of Carmel in the days of Elijah. Here we are given the hint that there is to be another show-down between the prophet of God and the prophets of Baal. The prophets of Baal in our day even boast that they are not inspired, that what they teach and preach is what they themselves discovered by deep study and research! They even sneer at those who claim to be inspired of the Lord! They seem to think that God has forsaken the earth; that He cares not to send His Spirit as in former time; that men are now so wise that what the Spirit can do for them, they themselves can do even better! The truth is, though, that if there ever was a need for inspired interpreters of the Scriptures, it is today while many winds of doctrines are blowing from all directions, bringing in confusion, dissension, and disaster everywhere. No one sees eye to eye!”



We will continue where we left off in the previous issue of the Symbolic Code. Upon trimming their lamps, the wise virgins also realized they were asleep to the depths of the truths they had accepted. Their refusal of the majority to share their oil with the foolish virgins also stemmed from the startling realization that they did not know how to teach that which they had received, for they accepted the Message but continued to sleep. The wise virgins were now wide awake, fearful that their inability to teach would cause them to be rejected. Their study of the truths they have so long accepted was now being undertaken with more fear than that of the foolish virgins. Both the foolish and the wise virgins were studying as never before, the former acquiring to obey and the latter trimming their lamps to teach; they had no time for each other. Many of the wise, along with the foolish virgins, realized that there had been a prophet, the living Spirit of Prophecy, in the church. The realization of the foolish turned out to be fatal, whereas the wise were now ready for--

## THE ONLY REMEDY FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

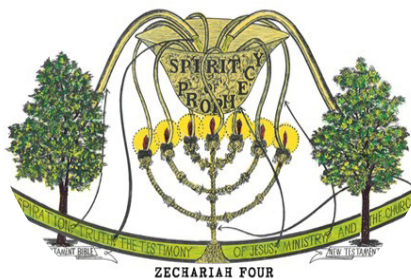
**“The only remedy for our churches, for our families, and for individuals, is entire conformity to the will and character of God. Unless God shall work through the two olive-trees, his witnesses, causing them to empty from themselves the golden oil through the golden tubes into the golden bowl, and hence to the burning lamps, representing the church, no one will be safe for a moment from the machinations of Satan. He will, if possible, deprave human nature, and assimilate it to his own corrupt principles. But this golden oil will revive the Spirit of God in the heart of man. A Christlike principle will be introduced which will be like leaven. Through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, satanic agencies will be overcome.”** -- RH, September 14, 1897 par. 6

**1TG14: 20.1** — “The symbolism, therefore, points out the system which Heaven has ordained for dispensing the Word of the Lord

to His church: that the **Spirit of Prophecy at work is the only remedy against isms in the church and in the world.**”

**1TG14: 20.2** — “Those who do not avail themselves of the golden oil, and those who continue ever to hunt for some kind of oil, or whoever try to extract their own, will, of course, drop into the pit when **the earth opens her mouth to swallow up the flood. Then it is that ism-breathers and ism-seekers shall forever pass away.**”

**1TG14: 23.1** — “Obviously, **the system of Bible interpretation, described by Zechariah, is the Lord’s only system. It is the only remedy for isms and discord among Christians.** Thus it is that His ‘watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion.’ **Isa. 52:8.**”



**“Read and study the fourth chapter of Zechariah.** The two olive trees empty the golden oil out of themselves through the golden pipes into the golden bowl from which the lamps of the sanctuary are fed. The golden oil represents the Holy Spirit. With this oil God’s ministers are to be constantly supplied, that they, in turn, may impart it to church. ‘Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.’ God’s servants can obtain victories only by inward purity, by cleanness of heart, by holiness. It is of the utmost importance that ministers set a right example. If they follow lax, loose principles, their example is quoted by those who are doing wrong as a vindication of their course. The whole synagogue of Satan is watching for defects in the lives of God’s representatives, and the most is made of every defect. -- RH, December 22, 1904.” -- TM 188.2

**TN6: 16.2** — “Besides being taught by the literal testimonies of the prophets, the gospel is taught also by figurative prophecies. In our immediate concern, therefore, with the Spirit’s teachings as to how God reveals unto men His written Word, we must give consideration not only to the literal but also to the figurative testimonies of the prophets. And as the fourth chapter of Zechariah is a pictorial disclosure of the way in which God reveals His Word, we are led thereto for an exposition of The Figurative Mode of Inspired Interpretation.”



**SR2: 283.1** — “The anti-typical symbols of the second temple (the type), were shown to Zechariah in vision and recorded in the fourth chapter of his prophecy as follows:”

**Zech. 4:1--** “And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep,”

**Zech. 4:2--** “And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all [of] gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which [are] upon the top thereof:”

**Zech. 4:3--** “And two olive trees by it, one upon the right [side] of the bowl, and the other upon the left [side] thereof.”

**Zech. 4:4--** “So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What [are] these, my Lord?”

**1TG14: 17.3** — “The illustration here exhibited, you note, is an exact reproduction of Zechariah’s symbolism. In order that our study be simplified and vivid, we shall study the chapter along with the illustration.”

Note carefully that this illustration is an

exact reproduction of Zechariah’s symbolism. In other words, it is a pictorial interpretation of Zechariah’s vision by the Lord’s prophet, Brother V. T. Houteff, published five different times in the years 1932, 1937, 1942, 1944, and 1953, respectively in the following publications: **The Shepherd’s Rod, Volume 2, page 270**; **The Symbolic Code, Volume 3, Nos. 3, 4, page 2**; **Tract No. 6, page 18**; **The Answerer Book 3, page 31**; and **Timely Greetings, Vol. 1, No. 14, page 18**. We should also note that the servant of the Lord made no modifications to his inspired pictorial interpretation.

**5SC1-5: 3.1.1** — “Let all Present Truth believers carefully study the fourth chapter of Zechariah, and take particular notice of the method there illustrated, which God employs to reveal truth to His people. ...”

**TN6: 24.3** — “This symbolic unit, having demonstrated that the Bible can be rightly interpreted only by the Spirit that dictated It, shows that the church can be led into all Truth only by this Spirit-controlled method: through the interpreters (the two golden pipes), who alone are qualified and enabled to bring forth meat in due season (golden oil) from the Scriptures (olive trees) into the storehouse (golden bowl) of Present Truth; and in turn through the ministers (seven

tubes), who alone are to pass on from the bowl the oil to the church (candlestick), that it might illumine with the light of life this dark and dying world of ours.”

**TN6: 25.1** — “Here in pictorial lesson God is unmistakably teaching that He controls the Scriptures and that He reveals them when a need arises, just as Joseph controlled all the grain in the storehouses of ancient Egypt, to hand it out in the time of famine. And as only through him could the Israelites, as well as the Egyptians, obtain grain in time of want, so likewise only from Christ, the King, through His Spirit-filled instrumentalities -- Josephs (His specially appointed interpreters of the dreams and the visions which the Bible contains, whether they be to rebuke and enlighten the church or to forewarn the Gentiles) -- can we obtain the ‘oil’ which God has placed in the Bible.”

**1TG14: 18.1** — “Now let us hear the angel’s explanation of this symbolism.”

**Zech. 4:5--** “Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my Lord.”

**Zech. 4:6--** “Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This [is] the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

Let us first clear the false doctrine promulgating that this symbolism represents the work of the 144,000. Note in the following statements that the system is to His people, the church, whereas the work of the 144,000 is to all the world.”

**TN6: 19.4** — “This is the Word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel.’ **Zech. 4:6.** The method which God is to use now, in the time of the end, in communicating with Zerubbabel -- the governors or ministers of His people -- is laid down in the symbolism. ....”



**1TG14: 18.2** — “The angel disclosed two things: **First** he made known that the symbolism is concerning the Word of the Lord (the Bible) to the servants of God; **second**, that His Word is revealed, not by man’s might nor by power, but by the Spirit of God.”

**1TG14: 18.3** — “Plainly this symbolism as a whole represents the system by which the Lord transmits His revealed Word to His people. That we might have a thorough understanding of this Divinely designed system, we need to know what each component part of the illustration stands for. The Spirit of Prophecy gives the clue. In **The Great Controversy**, page 267 is explained that the ‘olive trees’ represent the ‘Old and New Testaments;’ **Testimonies to Ministers**, page 188, says that the golden oil represents the Holy Spirit; and on page 337 of the same book, along with **Revelation 1:20**, says that the seven lamps represent the church, and that the seven tubes (the ministry) convey the oil to the churches.”

**1TG14: 19.2** — “Here is seen that the whole symbolical set up is for the purpose of depicting the accomplishment of but one thing -- of keeping the seven lamps (the entire church membership) supplied with spiritual oil (Bible Truth) so that it might give spiritual light all round about, that the church might lighten the world with the revealed Word of God....”

Let us not misinterpret the phrase, “the church might lighten the world with the revealed Word of God,” to mean that this symbolism represents the work of the 144,000 to the world as some false teachers teach. The light remitted to the world when this symbolism is in action is a forewarning of things to come. Let us introduce some more statements in which a warning is given to the world--

**1TG14: 20.1** — “The symbolism, therefore, points out the system which Heaven has ordained for dispensing the Word of the Lord to His church: that the Spirit of Prophecy at

work is the only remedy against isms in the church and in the world.”

**TN6: 23.3** — “... The symbolism definitely points out that from them the ministers must get the light-producing truth with which to supply the church, so that it may brightly shine in this dark world, drawing to the light ‘all men’ who hate the darkness.”

**ABN1: 12.1** — “According to **Revelation 1:20**, the ‘candlesticks’ symbolize the churches, and the ‘stars’ the angels (leaders) who have charge over the churches. Being the attendants of the churches, the angels are thus seen to be the ministry, whose responsibility is to have the lamps trimmed, filled with oil, and burning brightly, so that the church may give light to all about her.”

From the last three statements, we see that the system of **Zech-ariah Chapter Four** is for the church to receive and reflect light in this dark world; thus, the world is drawn to the light for the period of the second fruits harvest.

When will this symbolism be fulfilled?--

**TN6: 19.1** — “Establishing the time to which this figurative prophecy points, the Lord, speaking through the prophet Haggai, who prophesied at the same time as did the prophet Zechariah, says:

**TN6: 19.2** — “And I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the heathen; and I will overthrow the chariots, and those that ride in them; and the horses and their riders shall come down, every one by the sword of his brother. In that day, saith the Lord of hosts, will I take thee, O Zerubbabel, My servant, the son of Shealtiel, saith the Lord, and will make thee as a signet for I have chosen thee, saith the Lord of hosts.” **Hag. 2:22, 23.**

**TN6: 19.3** — “Meeting its fulfillment at the end of the world when God is to overthrow the thrones and destroy the kingdoms of the earth,

Haggai’s prophecy shows that Zerubbabel, the Lord’s servant is a type of His servants today, who necessarily, therefore, are the antitypical ‘signet.’ And as Zechariah’s vision, moreover, has never been understood until now, it can be speaking directly only to us at this time. Since, accordingly, his illustration of ‘the Word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel’ is to find its fulfillment today, we ought then to give the most studious attention as **Inspiration Explains the Symbolism.**”

**1TG10: 23.1** — “Here we are told that in the day God destroys the strength of the heathen kingdoms, which event is yet future, He makes ancient Zerubbabel ‘a signet’ of a Zerubbabel in the day the strength of the kingdoms is destroyed...”

**Dan. 2:44--** “And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed.”

**2TG42: 31.3** — “Again, in verses 47 and 48 Christ draws a parallel between the Church a ‘net’; the people he likens to ‘fish,’ and the purification to a separation, whereas in **Matthew 25**

He calls the purified Church the Kingdom of God, and the people He likens unto ‘virgins,’ and the cleansing He illustrates by a door which lets in the wise but keeps out the foolish. But His second parable of **Matthew 25**, the separation, we are told, is to be like a master who comes to reckon with his servants. Those who have done nothing good for the advancement of His kingdom (who have not traded with and increased His talents -- **Matt. 25:27**) are cast out, there to gnash their teeth in ‘outer darkness.’ (**Matt. 25:30.**) In His third parable the separation He likens to a shepherd who separates the goats from the sheep (sinners from the saints); the goats are condemned to die but the sheep are given the right to the Kingdom.”

The symbolism is fulfilled when the Church of God is purified.



**TN1: 27.1** — “In the purification of the church, ‘the angels shall...sever the wicked from among the just’ (**Matt. 13:49**), but in the time of the ‘Loud Cry,’ they shall gather the just from among the wicked. So it is written: ‘And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.... And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.’ **Rev. 18:1, 4.**”

**TN1: 27.2** — “These two distinct separations, each at a different time, occur when (to recapitulate the facts specifically), in the time of the firstfruits, the wicked are taken from among the righteous in the church (net), and when, in the time of the second fruits, the righteous are taken from among the wicked in Babylon. And such a church -- pure in the absolute -- presupposes an absolutely

Pure Message.”

**TN1: 27.3** — “Ezekiel’s prophecy revealing itself to be a message for the church today, the prophet, himself, must necessarily, then, represent the messengers who carry the message to the church at the time appointed. And in response to the Lord’s command, ‘Be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house: open thy mouth, and eat that I give thee,’ Ezekiel’s reply, ‘Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness’ (**Ezek. 2:8; 3:3**), shows that the messengers obey the Lord and love His Word above everything else.”

In the foregone references, we read that the pure church takes a pure message to the church, necessitating a pure ministry. Now, which is the pure church, and which church receives the pure message? Our answer can be found in--

**2TG34: 24.3** — “As we are now living in the time of The Revelation, in the time of the unfolding of the prophecies which point to

the setting up of the Kingdom as well as to the second advent of Christ, the Church at this time, therefore, could not logically go by a name other than a name which would befit her present (advanced) phase of the gospel work.”

**2TG34: 24.4** — “Plainly, then, her name must express the truths she advocates: that is, the keeping of the commandments, the second advent of Christ, and also the restoration of the Davidian Kingdom according to prophecy. Hence the logical name that would represent her work from this time down to the time the Kingdom is set up, is to be Davidian Seventh-day Adventists, -- a name that testifies of the Kingdom message, of keeping the commandments of which the seventh-day Sabbath is a part, and of the second advent of Christ.”



**LSDA: 1.1** — “Provisional in set-up as well as in name, the Davidian Seventh-day Adventist Association exists solely to accomplish a divinely appointed work within the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, wherein it therefore strictly confines its activities. As its work therewithin draws to a close, and the ‘servants of our God’ (**Rev. 7:3**) are sealed, its name will be changed (**Isa. 56:5; 62:2; 65:15**) and its purpose and its work will become all-embracing to the gospel (**Matt. 17:11; Acts 3:21; Isa. 61:4-7**). Then its Constitution and By-Laws as herein codified will become fully operative.”

Here, we see that the work of the Davidian Seventh-day Adventists is solely for the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. Therefore, the pure church aforementioned on **page 27 paragraph one** can be none other than the Davidian Seventh-day Adventist Church (**2TG34: 24.4**), which takes the pure message to the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. This pure church is also mentioned in--

**1TG14: 22.2** — “...Here we see a candlestick (a church) all of gold, the finest of all candlesticks (no ‘tares’ in it). It constitutes the remnant (those that are left after the sinners are done away with) which indeed keep the commandments of God, and have the Testimony of Jesus Christ, the Spirit of Prophecy (**Rev. 12:17; 19:10**). ...”

We will now review each component of the symbolism--



## THE TWO OLIVE TREES

**Zech. 4:11**-- “Then answered I, and said unto him, What [are] these two olive trees upon the right [side] of the candlestick and upon the left [side] thereof?”

**Zech. 4:12**-- “And I answered again, and said unto him, What [be these] two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden [oil] out of themselves?”

**Zech. 4:13**-- “And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these [be]? And I said, No, my Lord.”

**Zech. 4:14**-- “Then said he, These [are] the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.”

**5SC1-5: 3.1.1** — “...the olive trees are symbolical of the Old and New Testament Scriptures (“**The Great Controversy**,” p. 267)...”

**TN6: 21.2** — “The fact that nothing but the Bible Itself did prophesy for the duration of the 1260 year period, -- the Dark Ages of religion, -- automatically shows that the two

‘olive trees,’ which the angel said are the Word of God (**Zech. 4:6**), are figurative of the Old and New Testament Scriptures’ prophesying ‘in sackcloth.’ In other words, they permitted themselves in self-abasement to be tucked away and left unstudied, although they had power to devour ‘their enemies,’ and even ‘to shut heaven, that it rain not.’”

**1TG14: 19.1** — “Now study the illustration itself as you would study any cartoon. First of all, the trees represent the Word of God (the Bible -- both Old and New Testaments -- two trees).” (See also – **SR2: 284.1**)

## THE GOLDEN OIL

**Zech. 4:12**-- “And I answered again, and said unto him, What [be these] two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden [oil] out of themselves?”

“God does not accept the most splendid service unless self is laid upon the altar, a living, consuming sacrifice. The root must

be holy, else there can be no sound, healthy fruit, which alone is acceptable to God. The heart must be converted and consecrated. The motives must be right. The inner lamp must be supplied with the oil that flows from the messengers of heaven through the golden tubes into the golden bowl. The Lord's communication never comes to man in vain." — 7T 248.3

SR2: 210.3 — "It is an accepted fact by nearly all Bible students that 'oil' is used by the Scriptures as a symbol of the Holy Spirit, as in **Psalms 45:7; Isaiah 61:1-3; Zechariah 4:12**. 'Wine' is used as a symbol of the blood of Christ, and as the 'life is in the blood,' the wine denotes life eternal, found only in 'the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world.' Said Jesus, 'The words that I speak unto you they are spirit and they are life' — 'oil' and 'wine.' The words in the Bible are the 'Spirit' and the 'Life.'..."

TN6: 22.1 — "As the two olive trees stand for the Old and New Testament Scriptures, naturally the golden oil flowing from them represents 'the Word of the Lord' in the Christian dispensation, not as it comes directly from heaven, but as it comes from the Bible."

1TG14: 19.2 — "...spiritual oil (Bible Truth) so that it might give spiritual light all round about... oil (revealed Truth) ..."

## THE TWO GOLDEN PIPES

SR2: 285.1 — "...Therefore, the two golden pipes that empty the golden oil into the golden bowl are God's messengers of inspiration through whom present truth is revealed, and the only true interpreters of the Scriptures. ..."

5SC1-5: 3.1.1 — "...the two golden pipes, which carry the golden oil from the trees to

the bowl, are the only two mediums which God has employed since 1844 A.D. to interpret the Scriptures."

TN6: 23.4 — "The two pipes through which the oil is carried into the bowl, can represent only the channels (prophets) through whom the oil is transferred from the Bible into the bowl, in the period during which both olive trees (Old and New Testaments) live -- the Christian era."

TN6: 24.1 — "Let the reader take a searching look at the visual illustration on **page 18**, and he will see the utter impossibility of the candlestick's (the church membership's) and of the tubes' (ministers') themselves extracting oil directly from the olive trees. The interpretation of the Scriptures, therefore, being entrusted to the two pipes (prophets) in the Christian era, it shows that 'no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation,' but is of inspiration only."

ABN3: 32.1 — "...the two golden pipes, which carry the golden oil from the trees to the bowl, are symbolical of the Bible interpreters, the inspired messengers from God, for the symbolism immovably shows that they are the only ones whom Inspiration enables to draw the oil from the olive trees--to interpret the Scriptures. ..."

1TG14: 19.3 — "The two golden pipes, therefore, can be only a representation of the inspired channels which are capable to extract the oil (light of Truth) from the trees (from both Testaments) and store it in the bowl (books) for the tubes (ministers) to convey it to the candlestick (to the churches)."

Here we see that the two pipes represent those who were employed since 1844, being Sister E. G. White and Brother V. T. Houteff. There will be no other individual to interpret the prophecies of the Old and New



Testament Scriptures, save antitypical Elijah, of whom the Rod says--

**GCS: 19.1** — “Joel’s two chapters give us a most compact and vivid view of ‘the great and dreadful day of the Lord.’ From these alone we can clearly see what it is like. And as Elijah comes just before that day begins, he must necessarily be the one who is to interpret these prophecies of the day, and who consequently announces that the day is at hand.”

**GCS: 19.2** — “This surely confirms the conclusion that since Elijah is to herald the great day, he can therefore be the only one who will rightly interpret the prophecies of the day, which are still mysteries to Christendom, and even to our own Denomination! Indeed, to re-iterate, it is for this very reason that the prophet is sent. He is to unroll the scroll to explain what the day of the Lord is like, what the Lord will do then, and how we may survive His judgments. To re-emphasize the fact, let it be said again that being the last of the prophets Elijah is, therefore, the only one who can open to our understanding all the prophecies of the Scriptures pertaining to the great and dreadful day of the Lord -- prophecies which heretofore have been only mysteries to all. Thus he is, as the Scriptures say, to blow the trumpet in Zion, and to sound an alarm in God’s holy mountain, in the church.”

The False Teachings Concerning The Two Golden Pipes: Some teach that the two golden pipes represent all the messengers of God. Teachers of this erroneous doctrine have no supporting statement from the golden bowl, and there is no statement or Scripture in which the number two represents “all” or any number greater than two.

## THE GOLDEN BOWL

**SR2: 286.3** — “This golden candlestick is the most remarkable symbol in the Bible pertaining to the church of God. Its arrangement

with complete number of lamps, bowl, tubes, and pipes, all of gold, with its two olive trees emptying themselves of the golden oil in the golden bowl, reveals that the last section of God’s church, is to be the most glorious church in all ages. This ‘continued communication’ by the Holy Spirit to the church, represented by the olive branches emptying the ‘Golden Oil out of themselves’ into one Golden Bowl, and its complete set of Supply Tubes from the bowl to all its lamps, is to bring every part of the entire body in perfect harmony; a church without guile.”

**TN6: 23.3** — “Clearly, then, the bowl in which the golden oil is stored, symbolizes the storehouse of Present Truth -- the Word interpreted. The only ‘storehouse’ that contains inspired comments on both Testaments is the books of the Spirit of Prophecy. They, therefore, are the ‘golden bowl...’

**WHR: 37.2** — “Tragically, those who now fail to fill their vessels (**Matt. 25:1-4**) with this extra oil (the additional truth -- that of the judgment of the living) flowing from the golden bowl (**Zech. 4**) will

finally see their lamps flicker out forever like a gutted candle. O, in what consternation then will they search for the precious golden oil! And with what infinitely greater anxiety than they now search for gold and for prestige! But, alas, then like Esau, though they seek it ‘carefully with tears,’ they shall find ‘no place of repentance’: they purchase their oil too late. The door is closed when they reach it. And to their frantic knocking at it comes the terrifying reply, ‘I never knew you.’ **Matt. 7:23.** Then is the harvest of the first-fruits past, the fruits garnered in, and the tares shut out unto destruction, there in agony to wail and to gnash their teeth: ‘The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved’ **Jer. 8:20.**”

**1TG14: 19.2** — “...the bowl in which the oil is deposited represents the container or the





store in which the compilations of Inspired Bible interpretations are stored...

**1TG14: 22.2** — “...the golden bowl (Spirit of Prophecy publications). ...”

## THE CANDLESTICK

**SR2: 283.5** — “...Therefore, the candlestick in Zechariah’s vision denotes the church as a body.”

**SR2: 284.2** — “Thus we have a candlestick for each of the two sections of God’s church while the Scriptures were being written. One candlestick and one olive tree to the Jewish, and one candlestick and one olive tree for the apostle’s, and seven for the remaining history of the church to the time of the separation of the tares from the wheat, or to the commencement of the harvest. Thus the candlestick (church) in Zechariah’s vision is the tenth, denoting a universal church; depicting the living church that shall unite with all the saints since the world began -- which will join with the church of the entire universe of God! This candlestick in Zechariah’s vision is a glorious one, which in comparison, all others stand as ‘nothing’ -- in perfect harmony with the second temple, which in comparison the first stood as ‘nothing.’”



**SR2: 290.1** — “It was previously explained that Zechariah’s prophecy is applicable to the church in the time of the ‘Loud Cry.’ Thus it becomes present truth. We quote from **Zechariah 12:8**. ‘In that day shall the Lord defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the Lord before them’ -- before the great multitude of **Revelation 7:9**.”

**TN9: 61.5** — “The church of the Laodiceans, being the last of the seven churches, is the

last section of the Christian church in which the wheat and the tares are commingled. The overcomers, the marked ones, from it, those who hear the Rod, begin the eighth section of the church -- the one symbolized by the ‘barn’ (Matt. 13:30) and by the ‘vessels’ (Matt. 13:48), also by the ‘golden candlestick’ of Zechariah 4. Of her the Lord says: ‘...the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall name. Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.’ **Isa. 62:2, 3.**”

**TN9: 64.1** — “And furthermore, as the eighth section of the church, the church eternal is of the seventh section, the church temporal just so the eighth beast, the post-millennial world, is of the seventh beast (**Rev. 17:11**), the pre-millennial world.”

**ABN1: 33.1** — “And just as David, the eighth son of Jesse, was not chosen until the succession of his seven brothers had one by one passed in review, so the ‘house of David’ (**Zech. 12:8; Testimonies, Vol. 5, p. 81**), the church freed from ‘the tares,’ the eighth church in the New Testament succession, was not to come into being until the succession of seven had passed one by one. (See **Tract No. 8, Mt. Zion at the Eleventh Hour.**)”

**ABN3: 32.1** — “Here it is seen that the candlestick, as interpreted by **Revelation 1:20**, is symbolical of the church membership; ...”

**1TG14: 22.2** — “...Here we see a candlestick (a church) all of gold, the finest of all candlesticks (no ‘tares’ in it). It constitutes the remnant (those that are left after the sinners are done away with) which indeed keep the commandments of God, and have the Testimony of Jesus Christ, the Spirit of Prophecy (**Rev. 12:17; 19:10**). This fine candlestick is

fully trimmed and burning. ...”

Here we see the candlestick represents a pure church, being the eighth church, more particularly the church membership. Let us move on to--

## THE SEVEN LAMPS

**SR2: 285.2** — “If the candlestick represents the church as a body, then the seven lamps thereon must denote the sisterhood of churches scattered throughout the denomination. The Biblical number of completeness takes in the entire movement as a whole. This fact is also proven by the following quotation: ‘When the anointed ones empty themselves through the golden pipes, the oil flows out of themselves into the golden bowl, to flow into the lamps, the churches.’ – **‘Testimonies to Ministers,’** p. 337.”

**1TG14: 19.2** — “...seven lamps (the entire church membership) supplied with spiritual oil (Bible Truth) so that it might give spiritual light all round about, that the church might lighten the world with the revealed Word of God. ... the seven lamps (to the church).”

**1TG14: 22.2** — “...the seven golden lamps (to the entire laity).”

Here, we see that the seven lamps represent the entire church membership, the sisterhood of churches, and the entire laity. Let us move on to--

## THE SEVEN GOLDEN PIPES OR TUBES

**SR2: 285.3** — “If the ‘golden bowl’ is that which contains the inspired interpretation of the Scriptures or the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy, and the lamps or churches are supplied with oil from the bowl through the seven golden tubes, then the ministry is represented by the tubes, whose duty is to feed the entire church with the inspired Word of God only. This fact also is proven by the

‘Spirit of Prophecy,’ as we read: ‘The golden oil represents the Holy Spirit. With this oil God’s ministers are to be constantly supplied, that they, in turn, may impart it to the church.’ -- **Id., p. 188.** Note, the seven tubes (Ministry) draw the oil from the golden bowl, not direct from the olive trees (Scriptures).”

**TN6: 21.3** — “And from these two trees (Testaments), as Zechariah saw, the golden oil runs through ‘two golden pipes,’ which empty themselves into the ‘golden bowl.’ Then from the bowl, the ‘seven pipes,’ or ‘tubes,’ in turn supply the golden ‘candlesticks’ with the ‘golden oil.’”

**TN6: 23.2** — “In Zechariah’s vision, however, the ministers are represented, not by seven angels, but by seven ‘tubes.’ They get the oil from the bowl, and feed it to the candlestick.”

**TN6: 24.3** — “...the ministers (seven tubes), who alone are to pass on from the bowl the oil to the church (candlestick), that it might illumine with the light of life this dark and dying world of ours...”

**1TG14: 22.2** — “...And the seven tubes (the entire ministry) convey from the golden bowl the golden oil...”

**1TG14: 19.2** — “...And since the ministry’s duty is to feed the church with spiritual food, the fact is that the seven tubes represent the ministry at work, taking the oil (revealed Truth) from the bowl to the seven lamps, the churches. Now the truth that in the illustration the tubes (the ministers) do not take the oil directly from the olive trees (the Bible), it positively indicates that the bowl in which the oil is deposited represents the container or the store in which the compilations of Inspired Bible interpretations are stored, and that from it, not from the olive trees, the ministers help themselves with oil and carry it to the seven lamps (to the church).”

Since the candlestick is a pure church with no tares in it,



it must be led by a pure ministry. The *Rod* says that the ministry is the first to be purified--

**2TG31: 4.2** — “At this coming He is not to take His saints to the mansions above, but He is to purify the sons of Levi -- the ministry; He is to destroy the leaders of idolatry. Since the purity of His servants is first to be restored, the restoration, therefore, commences in the Church...”

Which church?

**2TG34: 24.4** — “... the logical name that would represent her work from this time down to the time the Kingdom is set up, is to be Davidian Seventh-day Adventists, ...”

The General Conference could not be the ministry that will be purified when this prophecy is fulfilled, as it was rejected in 1888--

**TN8: 49.1** — “Speaking to the S.D.A. leadership, the servant of the Lord says: ‘You have no right to manage, unless you manage in God’s order. Are you under the control of God? Do you see your responsibility to Him?... That these men should stand in a sacred place to be as the voice of God to the people, as we once believed the General Conference to be, -- that is past. What we want now is reorganization.’ -- **General Conference Bulletin, 34th Session, Vol. 4, Extra No. 1, April 3, 1901, p. 25, Cols. 1 and 2.**”

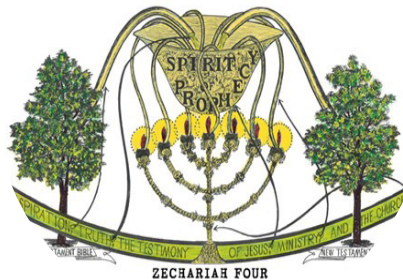
**TN8: 49.2** — “This revelatory statement conclusively proves that after the historical Minneapolis meeting in 1888, when the leaders rejected both the message and the counsel which was given them (Testimonies To Ministers, p. 468) the Lord did not any longer regard the General Conference as His servants, just as He did not any longer regard Saul as king over Israel after he turned from the Lord’s commands to him. And now, having long since granted the popular demand to organize the General Conference, in fulfillment of the type, God warns that His forbearance is come to an end today just as it did then...”

Who are the new servants?

**2TG43: 12.1** — “I say that if left in such an unhappy and unholy state the very elect would forever remain unclean and unsanctified -- deceived! And since the eleventh-hour servants, the Davidians, are the ones unto whom the message of this cleansing, ‘the Judgment of the Living,’ is committed, then those who on account of it are our enemies, those who are doing everything they can to keep the common people ignorant of the Truth and from coming in contact with It, are the very ones who are endeavoring to deceive ‘the very elect,’ if possible. Thank God that it is impossible.”

Just as there exists a time gap between Saul’s rejection and David’s ascension to the throne, a similar time gap occurred between the rejection of the General Conference ministers and the succession of the Davidian ministry. The latter gap being between 1888 and 1931. For we read--

**TN13: 44.3** — “1931 First Shepherd’s Rod, adherent excommunicated from S.D.A. church. First S.D.A. medical doctor accepted message in July. First tithe remittance received September 9.”



**TN4: 66.2** — “The instructions in The Shepherd’s Rod, Vol. 1, p. 251, ‘Pay your honest tithe and offering to your church, and feel that ‘IT IS’ your Father’s house,’ came near the close of 1930, before the leading brethren, as a denomination, had rejected the sealing message. Clearly, then, The Shepherd’s Rod has faithfully discharged its duty in refusing to accept any tithes or offerings until after the books were scattered throughout the denomination, and after the brethren began bitterly to oppose the message. Now, though, since the opposition is no longer passive, but intensely active, and the proclamation of the message supremely urgent, the only course open is apparent. It will take an army of workers, including the tithes and offerings, to reach the people.”

**TN4: 66.3** — “Consequently, as our leading brethren have inadvertently shown themselves unworthy stewards of God’s ‘storehouse’ for the time of the ‘Loud Cry of the Third Angel’s Message,’ He has transferred the ‘candlestick’ and is also calling for the tithes and offerings to be transferred into

**'His storehouse' of Present Truth.**

Upon the passing of Brother V. T. Houteff, the candlestick started to break apart, and now there are over 24 fragments of the Rod Movement. What says the Rod?

**2TG11: 8.1** — **"The net must represent the Truth, the message of the Kingdom. As it is cast into the sea, published and sent out, it is bound to catch good and bad. But when the net is drawn to shore, the bad are then cast out from among the good, and the good are put into vessels, into the Kingdom. Hence, merely because one is attracted by the mighty Truth, does not mean he is saved. His chance of staying forever with the Truth depends on his meeting the Lord's expectations of him."**

The Davidian Church is the church with the Kingdom Truth; thus, the bad in it must be cast out. The Rod continues to say--

**Matt. 13:30** -- ***"Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into My barn."***

**2TG42: 31.2** — ***"Here it is made clear that in this instance the wicked among the righteous are likened to tares, and the time of the cleansing itself, the Judgment, is likened to***

***a 'harvest,' but that the cleansing itself is likened to a separation of wheat and tares."***

**2TG42: 31.3** — ***"Again, in verses 47 and 48 Christ draws a parallel between the Church a 'net'; the people he likens to 'fish,' and the purification to a separation, whereas in Matthew 25 He calls the purified Church the Kingdom of God, and the people He likens unto 'virgins,' and the cleansing He illustrates by a door which lets in the wise but keeps out the foolish. But His second parable of Matthew 25, the separation, we are told, is to be like a master who comes to reckon with his servants. Those who have done nothing good for the advancement of His kingdom (who have not traded with and increased His talents -- Matt. 25:27) are cast out, there to gnash their teeth in 'outer darkness.' (Matt. 25:30.) In His third parable the separation He likens to a shepherd who separates the goats from the sheep (sinners from the saints); the goats are condemned to die but the sheep are given the right to the Kingdom."***

**1TG10: 26.2** — ***"...And the house of David -- the kingdom that is to be set up, which is but the church purified, no sinners among them (Isa. 52:1), shall be as the angel of the Lord before the people."***

This Candlestick represents the Kingdom in its Davidian period--



**8SC1-12: 11.1.1** — “Thus, the Lord's voice is crying unto the city, the church, that He shall shortly purify it by removing all but the few narrow-way travelers who have sighed and cried for the abominations therein, and have consequently received the seal of God. He is, in other words, warning the church that the harvest is come and that He is about to cast out the bad fish and transfer the good fish into the vessels (**Matt. 13:47**)--the Kingdom in its Davidian period (**Hos. 3:4, 5**).”

**TN4: 37.5** — “And though the typical first-born lost their priestly inheritance to the Levites, yet in the restitution of all things, in the final Davidian Period (**Acts 15:16**), this office will be restored to the antitypical first-born, the firstfruits of the harvest (**Rev. 14:4**), for they are ‘the servants of our God.’ **Rev. 7:3**. This restoration, therefore, is to follow their Absolute Reformation, Resulting in Perfect Safety.”

To whom is the leadership of the restitution of all things assigned?

**Acts 3:19-21**— “Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord. And He shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.”

**2TG31: 3.2** — “Here we are told that the heavens must receive the Lord, not forever, but until the times ‘of restitution of all things.’ He is, therefore, at the time of restitution to return to earth.”

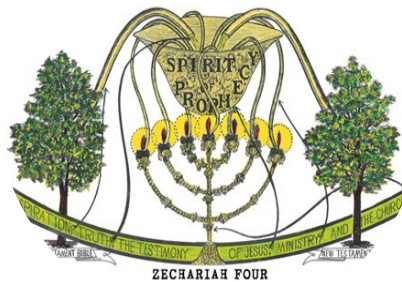
**2TG31: 3.3** — “Shall this returning be unexpected? or shall the Lord first send someone to prepare His way? And if someone is to precede His coming, who will it be? – ‘And he answered and told them, Elias verily cometh first, and restoreth all things.’ **Mark 9:12**. The Lord, moreover, through the prophet Malachi declares:”

**Mal. 3:1; 4:5**-- “Behold, I will send My mes-

senger, and he shall prepare the way before Me: and the Lord, Whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts.... Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.”

**2TG31: 4.1** — “Here the Scriptures point out that someone in the spirit and power of Elijah the prophet is first to appear, and will not only prepare the way, but will also restore all things. Plainly, the message of Elijah shall restore all things in the great and dreadful day of the Lord, the day of restitution, the day the Lord comes to His temple, the Church. The spirit of Elijah was a spirit against idolatry, and his power was a power to destroy those who led in idolatry, and to bring about purity.”

Do not be deceived by the false doctrine that the Message only will restore all things, hear what the Rod says--



**JL9: 1.5** — “There are two main points to note in these quotations: (1) that the message and messenger here mentioned are the very last; (2) that they are to restore all things, (3) that there is danger for some to make fools of themselves by daring to tell him how to teach his message -- assuming to take God's place!”

Before we deal with “*The Testimony of Jesus*” illustrated, we must expose the enemy’s effort to destroy the truth pertaining to the living Spirit of prophecy in the church when the prophecy is being fulfilled. In the pictorial interpretation of **chapter four of Zechariah’s** vision, published by Brother V. T. Houteff, only six of the seven tubes access the oil from over the top of the bowl. The one tube labeled “*The Testimony of Jesus*” does not access the oil from over the top of the Bowl. Let us observe that he is extracting oil, for his lamp is lit like the others. The question to be answered is how he is getting the oil. The answer is found in **verse six**: “Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.” However, an uninspired new modeler, the founder of the original Salem Association, decided that the one tube not going over the top was a mistake by Brother Houteff.

Brother uninspired-new-modeler vested himself with the authority to correct Brother Houteff's inspiration and depicted seven tubes going over the top as he interpreted Zechariah's vision, as seen below.



This false pictorial interpretation of Zechariah's vision is used by most Davidians worldwide. For many years, the Salem Association was the only group distributing the large teachers' charts and only his corrected version was distributed. Thus, Davidia, not knowing the chart was altered, purchased the man's dung and ate it up, thinking it was the *Rod*. When the new modeling of the chart was pointed out to the leaders of Davidia, they acted like the Pharisees, ashamed that they had been deceived for so many years and knew it not. So they upheld the altered chart and agreed that Brother Houteff made a mistake, fulfilling part of the prophecy in **TM: 475**, which says—“... *you do not interpret the Scriptures in the proper way. Let me tell you how to teach your message.*”

Both the teachers who accept the altered chart and those who reject it, declare that the one tube not going over the top of the Bowl to access the oil was not labeled, and the arrow next to said tube is labeling the Bowl for a second time. Notwithstanding, the largest label in the illustration is that of the Bowl, placed on the Bowl itself. Declaring that the Bowl is labeled twice, Satan again deceives the false teachers and gains a temporary victory in rejecting the one who is to come to prepare the way for the Lord's second advent.

The teachings vary among the various groups regarding the symbolization as a whole. Some believe that the seven pipes or tubes represent the 144,000, and the symbolization depicts the church in the loud cry, taking the Message to the world. In contrast, others believe that the system illustrated in **Zechariah's fourth chapter** was in operation during Brother V. T. Houteff's life and is operating in certain groups now.

It is ridiculous to believe that Inspiration neglected to label what is now undeniably the most controversial aspect of the vision but felt compelled to emphasize the element with the most prominent label twice, even though it is the central focus of the illustration. Observe that the arrows do not label the Olive trees. Likewise, an arrow does not label the Bowl. Why arrow and the non-arrow labeling? The components not labeled by arrows are the major source of the oil. Whereas the non-arrow labeled components are conduits of the oil.

The one tube not going over the top of the Bowl to extract its oil represents the one minister who will accomplish what a multitude of ministers have failed to accomplish. He also has the Testimony of Jesus Christ and is the living Spirit of Prophecy. This one minister or shepherd cannot be Brother Houteff, for he is one of the two pipes, and both are dead. Let the *Rod* speak--

**5SC1-5: 3.1.1** — “...the two golden pipes, which carry the golden oil from the trees to the bowl, are the only two mediums which God has employed since 1844 A.D. to interpret the Scriptures.”

**2TG2: 23.2** — “God does not forsake His flock. He tenderly calls them ‘My flock,’ and reassures them that He is their God. He will, without fail set one shepherd to accomplish what a multitude of shepherds have failed to do. Now is your opportunity to feast on ‘meat in due season,’ at the hand of God’s chosen shepherd, or starve on husks at the hand of a multitude of shepherds.”

Do not be fooled by the adverb “now” thinking it applies to the time the statement was published, for the prophecy interpreted by the statement was not completely fulfilled at that time, but rather, it applies to the time the prophecy is being completely fulfilled and the time of complete fulfillment is pointed out in a previous statement in the same study--

**2TG2: 17.2** — “In the days of this antitypical David God gathers His flock from all the countries where they have been scattered, and brings them into their own land. God will no longer leave them in the mountains and the hills of the Gentiles. ‘Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel be gathered together, and appoint themselves one head, and they shall come up out of the land: for great shall be the day of Jezreel. Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the Lord their God, and David their

king; and shall fear the Lord and His goodness in the latter days.' Hos. 1:11; 3:5."

Note that "in the days" being in the lifetime of this antitypical David, God gathers His people from all the countries and brings them into their own land, the Kingdom, which clearly shows that this antitypical David will be translated. An earlier statement in the same study shows that the fulfillment of the prophecy was not before or at the time of the publication, but in the future--

**2TG2: 14.3** — "The self-centered shepherds against whom the prophet is told to write, are to be replaced by one shepherd, David. When this takes place God's people will then have but one shepherd. This, of course, cannot be Christ Himself, for Inspiration never calls Him David, but rather It calls Him the Son of David. Since God's people have always had, and still do have many shepherds, the truth stands out as clear as crystal that the David of verses 23 and 24 is yet to come, and that the shepherds whom Inspiration addresses are in particular those whom David is to succeed."

When we consider that the last phase of the gospel Message of the judgment of the living will cause the devil to have his waterloo, we can see why he is trying his best to distort the truth of the antitypical prophet of the prophets. How thankful we ought to be that it is Christ who controls the Truth, not the devil and his agents.

The Rod tells us that the candlestick represents a pure church--

**1TG14: 22.2** — "...Here we see a candlestick (a church) all of gold, the finest of all candlesticks (no 'tares' in it). It constitutes the remnant (those that are left after the sinners are done away with) which indeed keep the commandments of God, and have the Testimony of Jesus Christ, the Spirit of Prophecy (Rev. 12:17; 19:10). This fine candlestick is fully trimmed and burning..."

You have already read that the symbolism shows how the pure church will operate to keep the new sisterhood of Davidian Seventh-day Adventist churches lit and the world out of complete darkness. To reiterate, we read again--

**1TG14: 20.1** — "The symbolism, therefore,

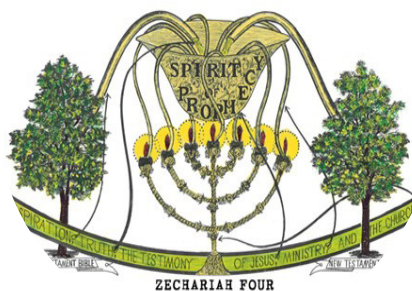
points out the system which Heaven has ordained for dispensing the Word of the Lord to His church..."

**TN6: 23.3** — "...The symbolism definitely points out that from them the ministers must get the light-producing truth with which to supply the church..."

Which church?

**2TG34: 24.4** — "Plainly, then, her name must express the truths she advocates: that is, the keeping of the commandments, the second advent of Christ, and also the restoration of the Davidian Kingdom according to prophecy. Hence the logical name that would represent her work from this time down to the time the Kingdom is set up, is to be Davidian Seventh-day Adventists, -- a name that testifies of the Kingdom message, of keeping the commandments of which the seventh-day Sabbath is a part, and of the second advent of Christ."

A pure church necessitates a pure ministry. Therefore, the seven pipes ministry in this vision must be those pointed out in--



**LSDA: 3.2** — "The name, Davidian, deriving from the name of the king of Ancient Israel, accrues to this Association by reason of its following aspects: First, it is dedicated to the work of announcing and bringing forth the restoration (as predicted in Hosea 1:11; 3:5) of David's kingdom in antitype, upon the throne of which Christ, 'the son of David,' is to sit. Second, it purports itself to be the first of the first fruits of the living, the vanguard from among the present-day descendants of those Jews who composed the Early Christian Church. With the emergence of this vanguard and its army, the first fruits, from which are elected the 12,000 out of each of the twelve tribes of Jacob, 'the 144,000' (Rev. 14:1; 7:2-8) who stand on Mount Zion with the Lamb (Rev. 14:1; 7:2-8), the reign of antitypical David begins."

This statement tells us that it is the first fruits of the living that has two groups of people, the vanguard and its army. In addition, we are told that the "144,000," the first part of the woman's seed, are elected from the van-

guard and its army, the first fruits. Since the first of the first fruits of the living, the vanguard will be the present-day descendants of those Jews, the two tribes kingdom, who composed the Early Christian Church; their total can be only 24,000 since only 12,000 from each tribe will be saved in the first fruits harvest.

We, therefore, conclude that the 24,000 present-day descendants of those Jews who composed the Early Christian Church, the Davidian Seventh-day Adventists, after the first of the first fruits harvest, are the seven pipes of Zechariah's vision of the pure Church, all of gold. The following statements also support this conclusion:

**TN1: 27.2** — “These two distinct separations, each at a different time, occur when (to recapitulate the facts specifically), in the time of the firstfruits, the wicked are taken from among the righteous in the church (net), and when, in the time of the second fruits, the righteous are taken from among the wicked in Babylon. And such a church -- pure in the absolute -- presupposes an absolutely

Pure Message.”

**TN1: 27.3** — “Ezekiel’s prophecy revealing itself to be a message for the church today, the prophet, himself, must necessarily, then, represent the messengers who carry the message to the church at the time appointed. ...”

Note that a pure church is required for the pure Message, which will be going to the Ninth-hour Church. When is the appointed time? The *Rod* says--

**TN1: 36.4** — “When considered in the light of the four main facts so far established, these questions are virtually self-answering: (1) the Lord comes to earth in this chariot; (2) from it He commands Ezekiel to go speak to His people; (3) Ezekiel did not bear the message to the people of his day; (4) he will bear it to the people at the commencement of the ‘Loud Cry.’”

This paragraph is widely misinterpreted by the false teachers, who teach that item (1) is the Lord coming in vision to Ezekiel, the priest, at the river Chebar; and items (2) and (3) also refer to Ezekiel, the priest, but item (4) refers to Brother Houteff when he resurrects and in the kingdom directs the work. This conclusion is derived from the uninspired understanding of the very next paragraph, which states that Brother

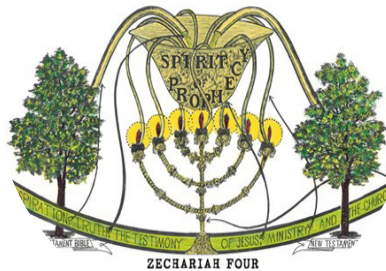
Houteff delivered his message--

**TN1: 37.1** — “Thus it is seen that when the time comes that the church has reached the condition described by the Lord (**Ezek. 3-9**), the mystery of the vision is to be revealed, and the message carried to the church. And that the church has already reached this time and condition is conclusively evidenced by the threefold fact that the first part of this ‘most startling revelation’ (dilated herein), was published in December, 1930, in a 255-page book entitled **The Shepherd’s Rod, Vol. 1**; that the second part was published in the month of September, 1932, in a 304-page book entitled **The Shepherd’s Rod, Vol. 2**; and that the third part -- **the series of tracts** (of which this is the first) which since 1933 aggregates to date some 898 pages -- comprises **Volume 3.**”

Inspiration here is addressing two different times for fulfillment of the prophecy as Christ did when He was asked of Elijah’s coming; let us read--

**Matt. 17:10-13**-- “And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come? And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things. But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them. Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.”

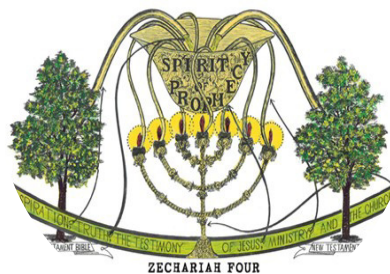
Notice that Christ first spoke of the antitypical fulfillment of the prophecy, being the future from His time when all things shall be restored. Immediately thereafter, He mentioned the present fulfillment. In like manner, the *Rod* in **TN1: 37.1** first addresses the antitypical fulfillment of the prophecy, for **Ezekiel chapters 3 to 9** are parenthesized, and **Ezekiel 9** is yet to be fulfilled. Then, it mentions Brother Houteff’s deliverance (present) of partial revelations of the Message, evidenced by the various parts of the Message at different intervals stated in the paragraph. We must not fail to mention that since the 1941 statement in **Tract No. 1**, the Message underwent several revisions and additions, including revisions to several of the **Numbered Tracts**, and the addition of the **Answerers** and the **Timely Greetings**





**Volumes.** Then, in the last two years of his life, Brother Houteff revised **Timely Greetings Volume One** in its entirety, portions of **Volume Two**, and the **1950 General Conference Special**. Then, a few months after the revisions, he went to sleep. He did not deliver the completed Message to the people of his time.

Getting back to items 1, 2, 3, and 4 in **TN1: 36.4**, we can now correctly understand these items through the eyes of inspiration— 1) the Lord coming to the earth in 1930 to reveal the **ROD Message** to Brother Houteff; 2) the Lord commanding Brother Houteff to deliver each portion of the Message as he received it at various times, which he published and taught, save the last revelations received in 1953 and 1954 just before his death on February 5, 1955; 3) Brother Houteff, after receiving the last portion of the Message, did not teach or explain any of it to the people of his day; 4) the Davidians who are left standing after the work of the six men with slaughter weapons is completed will bear the Message to the Ninth-hour Church at the time appointed, at the commencement of the “**Loud Cry**.” We all know that the loud cry has not yet begun. Therefore, it behooves us to let the **ROD** tell us when it will begin--



**TN1: 17.3** — “As these mighty works are done in the time of the ‘**Loud Cry of the Third Angel’s Message, the purification, therefore, incontrovertibly takes place at the commencement of the ‘Loud Cry.**’ And from this it follows as a logical necessity that Ezekiel’s prophecy of marking and slaying must contain the announcement of the purification of the church.”

**TN1: 20.1** — “Since the purification, or the sealing, came at the commencement of the ‘Loud Cry,’ as we have already seen, the 144,000 are therefore the ‘first-fruits’ -- the first to be sealed; whereas those who are sealed after the purification of the church, are the second fruits, of whom John (after having seen the 144,000 sealed) says: ‘After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands.’ **Rev. 7:9.**”

As Davidians, we should heed the warning given to us in--

**SR2: 288.3** — “...Not until our minds have been cleared from all these false theories can we comprehend the truth. In other words the Laodiceans must confess that the charge against them is true -- ‘wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked;’ and by acceptance of the truth they would anoint their eyes ‘with eyesalve;’ for it is the ‘true witness speaking, and his Word must be correct.’ Find your explanations ‘in the Bowl,’ and you will have no trouble in knowing the truth, or of avoiding the ever ready trap of deception. Thus the difficulty in knowing the difference between truth and error is eliminated.”

**1TG3: 9.2** — “If John could not see exactly what the horses looked like, then how could he see that all the fish in the sea died (**Rev. 8:9**)? And with such a self-exalting precedent for studying the Scriptures as the kind the General Conference has set up, how can anyone be sure that any of the prophets saw anything right? Do you not realize that such foolish and twisted interpretations of the Scriptures are Satanic attempts to undermine men’s confidence in the prophets and of Christ’s ability to correctly reveal and portray Truth to His servants? Consider how damaging the charge against Inspiration, how soul-destroying, and blasphemous against the Holy Ghost Who leads into all Truth! and how repulsive it must be to Christ, especially for coming from those who pretend to serve Him! This alone ought to be sufficient to show that...” Davidia “...is blind and naked and in need of everything. For the sake of your life and for the lives of others, do not support such doctrines of devils. They are anything but Truth, anything but signs of the Spirit of Prophecy at work... And if you still wonder why God permitted the errors to creep into the church, the answer is: So that by their fostering and propagating them He may at a time such as this expose the workers of iniquity and prove to the laity that His church is now as badly overrun by the Devil as was the Jewish church at Christ’s time, thus to awaken the honest ones and to set them free from their Laodicean self-deception, and thus from the overflowing scourge (**Isa. 28:13-15**).”

# Heaven's Appeal



Work for God and  
**HE**  
will work for you

***“Why not make your chief interest His business? Why not the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, so that 'all these things be added unto you'? Why work to feed yourself? Why not work for God and let Him feed and clothe you? He is far more capable of providing for you than you will ever be. Why not let Him take charge of your work, of your home, of your body?” -- 2TG35: 8.2***

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# Prayer Meeting

What better time to meet with God's people  
than in the middle of the week?

**TUESDAY EVENINGS @ 8:00 PM CENTRAL TIME (USA)**

**Come Early and Enjoy the Song Service @ 7:45 PM**

Join us on  **YouTube** "youtube.com/@Gadsda" or "youtube.com/@Eleventh-Hour-Church"

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## Friday or Sabbath Night Prayer

**Western Hemisphere: 5:00 PM PT | 6:00 PM MT | 7:00 PM CT | 8:00 PM ET**

**Eastern Hemisphere: 1900 hrs CET | 1800 hrs WAT | 1900 hrs CAT | 2000 hrs EAT**

This time is for the express purpose of praying for the work nationally, internationally and "in behalf of our brethren who are in darkness regarding Present Truth." This prayer "should be faithfully observed by all concerned."

## Friday or Sabbath Night Prayer Meetings

### Western Hemisphere:

4:30 PM PT | 5:30 PM MT | 6:30 PM CT |  
7:30 PM ET

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### Eastern Hemisphere:

1530 hrs CET | 1530 hrs WAT | 1630 hrs  
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# THE DAY OF DAYS - OCTOBER 25, 2023 REPORTS

## THE DAVIDIAN KINGS, PRINCES AND PRIESTS SOCIETY

### HISTORY FOR DAVIDIANS

**10SC2: 3.1** – “October 26, 1953 to October 24, 1954. Once again we stand at the threshold of the beginning of Days, solemnly looking back in perspective upon what we have been; hopefully looking forward in vision to what we may become. Day of reckoning that it is, yet of thanksgiving to God for His love and mercies, and of rejoicing hope and faith for victorious, redemptive progress ahead--truly it is our day of days. God grant that, of all so far, this may be the most memorable--the most inspiring.”

“The new year is just before us, and plans should be laid for earnest, persevering effort in the Master's service. There is much to be done to advance the work of God...” - **CEv 35.1**

### Accomplishments – Fiscal Year 2022/23

This Day of Days has brought us to reflect on many of the topics on different subjects of which we held discussions during our meetings and group chats, whereby individuals have testified of how profitable these topics have been to them and their families at large. We immensely thank God.

### Some of the topics we had here to wit:

- ◆ Financial management in a Davidian home. – **AH 391, 372.**
- ◆ How to handle money in a Davidian home. – **AH 391, 386, 372.**
- ◆ Factors to consider before bringing a child. – **MYP 462 - 463.**
- ◆ Family Planning. – **AH 162 - 165.**
- ◆ How to care for our homes. – **AH 216.**
- ◆ Love in the home. – **AH 305.**
- ◆ Fathers as companions with the children. – **AH 192.**
- ◆ Father's Lessons - **AH 34 - 37.**
- ◆ Guidance to those who wish to contemplate marriage. – **AH 43 - 70; MYP 419.**
- ◆ Equality in the home. – **AH 312; AH: 195.**

- ◆ Why stand ye Idle. – **SR2: 231.**
- ◆ Role of the husband in a home. - **AH 211; 2SC11: 3.2.5.**
- ◆ What should the home be? - **ABN4: 69.4, 5; ABN4: 78.1.**

### Accomplishments – Fiscal Year 2022/23

- Our membership has greatly increased and the attendance in our online virtual meetings is awesome.

- We have opened up different schemes to help us create means to cater for our families for example savings plans, employment opportunities, merging of businesses, etc.

- We also received the DKPPS Email which is [dkpps@gadsda.com](mailto:dkpps@gadsda.com) and this was approved by the minister.

- DKPPS stands for: Davidian Kings, Princes and Priests Society.

- We are men wondered at.

## DAVIDIAN KINGS, PRINCES AND PRIESTS SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP ANALYSIS

### Membership in the Kenya Division

- ◆ 105 - Families.
- ◆ 059 - Families where both couples are believers.
- ◆ 025 - Families with only husband a believer.
- ◆ 020 - Families with only wife a believer.
- ◆ 001 - Widower.

### Membership in the Uganda Division

- ◆ 40 - Families.
- ◆ 12 - Families, Married couples are both believers.
- ◆ 02 - Families, with only the husband as a believer.
- ◆ 25 - Families, with single princes.
- ◆ 00 - Widowers
- ◆ 01 - Family, married couples separated.

### Membership in the French Field Division

- ◆ 20 - Families.
- ◆ 13 - Families, married couples are both believers.
- ◆ 05 - Families, with single princes.
- ◆ 02 - Princes and priests who join but not in the actual Division.

### Membership in the Sri Lanka Division

- ◆ 08 - Families.

### Membership in the Zambia Division

Married couples in different areas in the Zambia Division.

- ◆ 14 - Monze Area.
- ◆ 14 - Kitwe Area.
- ◆ 10 - Lusaka Area and Kafue Areas.
- ◆ 07 - Mazabuka Area.
- ◆ 45 - Total families.

### Membership in the Suriname Division

- ◆ 5 - Families.
- ◆ 4 - Families are having single princes.
- ◆ 1 - The family is married and both are believers.

### Membership in the St. Lucia Division

- ◆ 6 - Families.
- ◆ 1 - Family with married believers.
- ◆ 1 - Family with a single brother.
- ◆ 1 - Youth who is part of the DKPPS in St. Lucia.
- ◆ 2 - Widows.
- ◆ 1 - Family, married but only wife is a believer.

### DKPPS Brotherly outreach – “Seeking to save the lost sheep”



The DKPPS Uganda Division brothers in the faith visited Bro. Samuel M. Kayitale who needed courage.

Here, the Uganda DKPPS, reward him with an SOP quotation - **AH**

**352.1**, in a framed picture, as an expression of appreciation.



### Future Aspects

We are looking forward to continuing with such programs of reaching out to the backsliders among us first, then the Laodiceans and finally the world, bringing unto them salvation.

God willing this activity will be embraced by all the DKPPS members in all our different Divisions. May God bless us all, happy Day of Days and a new Fiscal Year. Love you all and God Bless.

*Bro. Ivan Kimuli,*

*Davidian Kings, Princes and Priests Society.*

## PRAISE YE GOD (TUNE: "JESUS LOVES EVEN ME")

1.  
Praise be to our God in heaven above!  
He sent the Rod in His infinite love;  
And saving truths in the Bible revealed,  
Prophecies fulfilled and others unsealed.

Chorus:--

O, I praise God, the Rod did arrive,  
Us to reform, us to revive.  
From sad deception in faith and works,  
Wherein death's siren lurks.

2.  
If we would stand when the angel doth slay,  
We'll sigh now, cry now, and learn to obey.  
Thus, "firstfruits," cleansed by the pow'r of  
the Rod,  
We'll win the multitude--"Praise ye our  
God"!

Chorus:--

O, I praise God the Rod doth restore.  
Unto life new, all things of yore.  
Thy kingdom come; O, naught can  
compare!  
Sacrifice all; be there!

**3SC7: 15.2.1** - "Let believers of Present Truth, as they assemble together for worship, lift their hearts and voices heavenward, in this song of experience and praise, and as they thus 'sing a new song' and 'make a joyful noise,' 'they shall sing for the majesty of the Lord.' (Isa. 24:14.)"

## A GREAT SOLACE AND INSPIRATION

Greetings to you all dear Eleventh-hour Church Members. Another Day of Days finds us having achieved what the Lord allowed. We are also thankful for the more we are yet to accomplish.

May these inspired hymns be a blessing to God's church. Music "**is a great solace and inspiration to us as we strive to win a place in the 'congregation of saints'--the 144,000--'when the purification shall have taken place.'**" - **3SC7:15.1.2**

### MEMBERSHIP STATUS

The Committee Currently has 6 Active Members.

1. Bro. Denis Mwaba (Leader)
2. Bro. Joshua Wasswa (Ass. Sec.)
3. Sis. Edna Twara (Singer's Cord)
4. Sis. Elaine Vandort (Member)
5. Bro. Jovan Kizza (Member)
6. Bro. Anthony Odhiambo (Member)

The Committee also has other members who are comparatively inactive mostly due to other important responsibilities they are performing in the church.

1. Sis. Esther Njagi (Secretary: not active due to nursing)
2. Bro. Brian Gisore
3. Sis. Irene Mugala

### LEADERSHIP

The outgoing leadership.

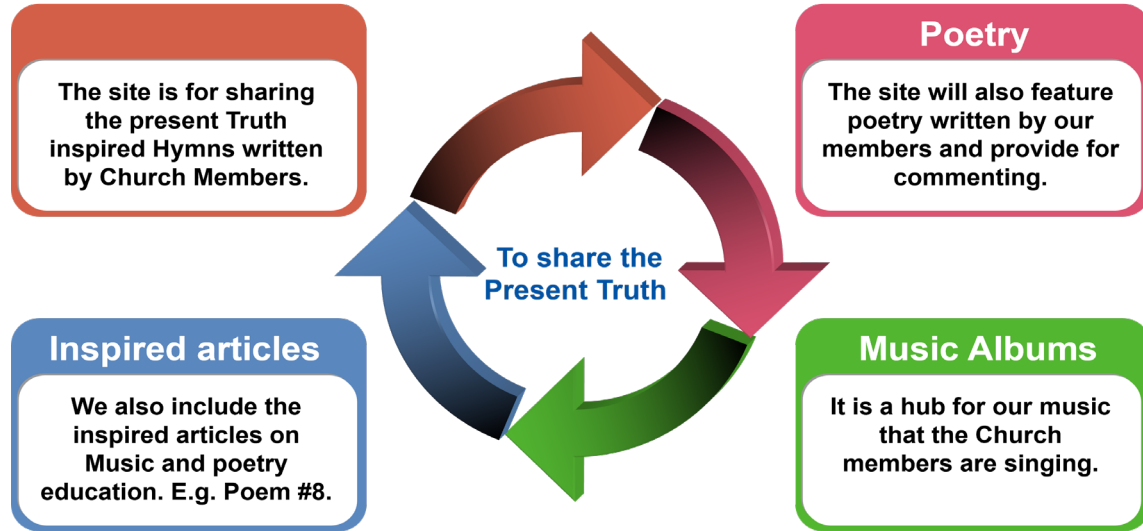
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2. Sis. Elaine Vandort (Secretary)

## THE MUSIC WEBSITE

- ◆ Awaits approval by the EC.
- ◆ The website should go live any time soon.
- ◆ We will keep improving the site and also adding more hymns.



- ◆ Hymns ordered by numbers/ Sectioned according to broad theme.

Hymns ordered by numbers

Dear beloved children of God, please note that the number of each hymn may change as we add new hymns because we also want to keep the hymns that carry a similar message together.

**Section A: The Golden Bowl**

1. What a Rod we have Believed
2. Thank you Lord for the Golden Bowl
3. As honey to the tasting
4. In the Golden Bowl
5. Precepts to Study the Rod
6. Bible Symbols
7. The Pure Rod
8. How great the Shepherd Rod to me
9. Heed the Rod
10. I love the Rod message
11. Since Jesus Led me to the Rod
12. Walk in the Present Truth

**Section E: The Children**

53. Power every Hour
54. All for His little lambs
55. A little soldier
56. I Want To Be A Daniel

**Section F: Spiritual Growth**

57. Holy Spirit You Are My Only Hope
58. What a Rod We Have Received!
59. A Fundamentalist Davidian
60. Davidians of this Hour
61. Seal Me Before the Slaughter

- ◆ Hymns ordered by Alphabet.
- ◆ Poems ordered Numerically and Alphabetically.

Sacred Poems ordered Numerically

Please note that the number of each Poem may change as we keep adding new poems because we also want to keep the poems that carry a similar message together.

1. True Love
2. Leadership
3. Do Good or do Right: Choose you now
4. Mental Slavery
5. Onward Christian Soldier
6. Like Enock of Old
7. Child Guidance
8. Poem No. 8

9. Answer To Poem, "No. 8"
10. "But the Wise Shall Understand" (Dan. 12:10)
11. Christian Struggle
12. Nature
13. All Nature Reveals and Adores The Master Artist
14. Struggle for Fame
15. A Godless Society

◆ Services page.

The services page features eight cards arranged in two rows of four. Each card has a purple icon at the top, a title, and a brief description.

- Hymn List:** Icon of a musical staff. Description: "This is the list of hymns according to the numbers that we have given them."
- Hymns (A - Z):** Icon of a musical note. Description: "This is the hymn list sorted according to the alphabetical order"
- Poems (# list):** Icon of a speech bubble with a heart. Description: "The list of the poems sorted according to the numbers"
- Poem (A - Z):** Icon of a bird. Description: "This is a list of poems that we have sorted according to alphabetical order"
- Music Albums:** Icon of a camera. Description: "Here are some of the music that have been sung by the members of the 11th Hour Church"
- Inspired Articles:** Icon of an open book. Description: "here are the articles and blogs relating to hymns, music and sacred poetry."
- Downloads:** Icon of a cloud with a download arrow. Description: "You can download our hymnal document, Power Point document, Shepherd's Rod Message, etc."
- Church Website:** Icon of a computer monitor. Description: "The link to the main church website where you can find more information about who we are and the great truths we have."

◆ Testimonials of church members who are enjoying the blessings of the hymns.

The testimonial graphic features a light purple background with three quote cards and a central title. The title reads "TESTIMONIALS" above "God's People Have Our Hymns as Favorites".

Three testimonial cards are displayed:

- Sis. Gillian:** "My favorite song is 'I Love the Rod Message' which is number 10 in the Eleventh Hour Church Hymnal"
- Bro. Wycliff:** "My favorite hymn is 'Oh God Save Thy Precious Church' which is number 21 in the Eleventh Hour Church Hymnal."
- Bro. Lennox:** "This hymn (Hymn number 31) is a powerful hymn indeed. It reminds us that our God will Descend when He bursts the eastern sky."

At the bottom right, there is a purple button labeled "ABOUT US" and a paragraph of text: "Our aim is to please the Lord and not to please man. We, however, appreciate the support and help that has been rendered. Glory be to God alone."

◆ Blogs, Articles, Symbolic Code articles, etc.

**RELEASE OF SABBATH HYMNS ALBUM**

The Church Singing group called 'THE BAY BROTHERS' has since graced us with a Sabbath Song Music Album. We thank the Lord for the talent of these brethren and all glory be unto Him. The following are the members of the Bay Brothers:

1. Bro. Brian Gisore
2. Bro. Jovan Kizza
3. Bro. Joshua Wasswa
4. Bro. Jackson Kato

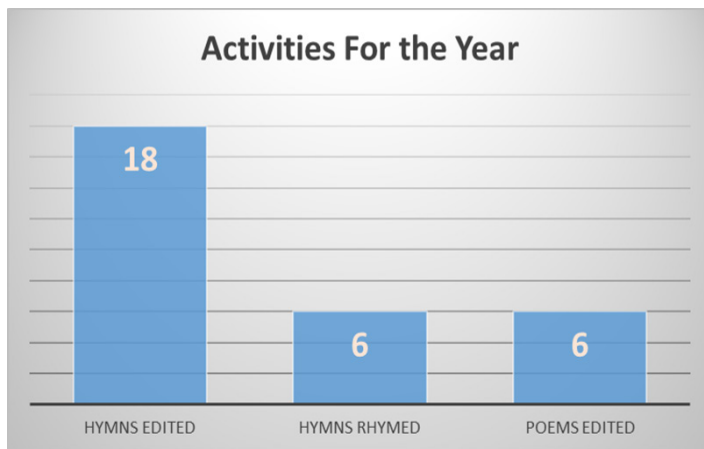


Indeed there is still a need to release more albums and we pray for success to this end.

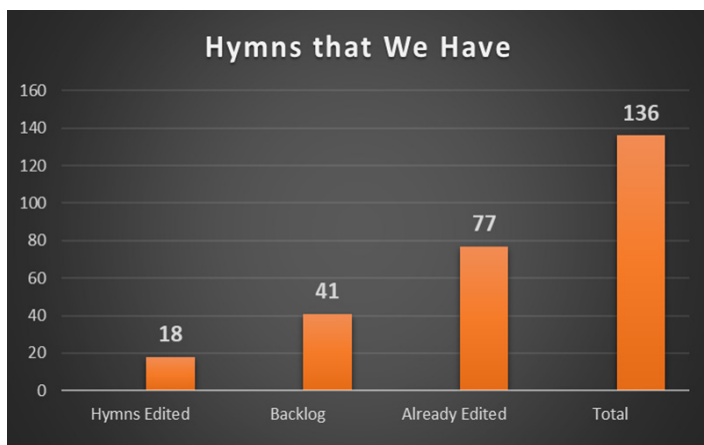


### EDITED HYMNS

#### Year's Activities



### Current Stats



### THE MUSIC WEBSITE – LOOKING FUTURE

- ◆ There are several additions that we plan to

place on the website.

- ◆ Please pray to the end that all will be well and that the intended goal of this website will be achieved.

### Testimonies

We wish to include a platform for testimonies about how the Lord has worked in your lives

### Music Lessons

We hope to have music lessons on the website as Heaven will provide the means.

### Basic Studies

We wish to include the *Shepherd's Rod* hunting studies and hunting literature.

### Support Platform

We wish to include a section where visitors can support the cause by contributing.

### OUR SUCCESS

It is our plea as the Hymnal Committee that church members awake to the need to promote our hymns. As there is already the Davidian hymnal "Sing Davidian Sing", it is important that we, the members of the Eleventh-Hour Church, promote our hymns of Present Truth more. We are therefore calling upon church members to direct their effort to promoting this hymnal.

*We further ask all of us as church members to get these hymns, learn them and sing them.*

### TO HIS GLORY

May the Lord Jesus Christ help us to write hymns of experience. We give glory to Him for the great help He hath rendered us.

Thank You and God Bless.

Sis. Edna Twara,  
DSDA Hymnal Committee

# EASTERN HEMISPHERE REPORT



Kenya



Uganda



Sri Lanka



Rwanda



Zambia

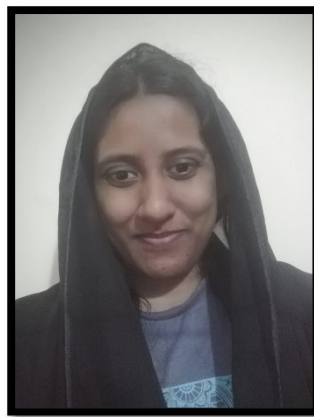
The Eleventh-Hour Church in the Eastern Hemisphere consists of the following Divisions: Kenya, Uganda, Zambia and Sri Lanka. There are a total of 1196 members from the Eastern Hemisphere, children and prospects included. We anticipate that Rwanda, Burundi, Malawi and Tanzania will also be part of the Eastern Hemisphere soon by God's Grace.

## MEET THE EASTERN HEMISPHERE FSO

The Eastern Hemisphere FSO consists of seven members:



Bro. Brian Gisore  
Field Secretary  
(Kenya)



Sis. Elaine Vandort  
Asst. Field Secretary  
(Sri Lanka)



Bro. Anthony Odhiambo  
FSO Member  
(Kenya)



Bro. Shedrack Muela  
Division Chairman  
(Kenya)



Bro. Ibrahim Mpanga  
Division Chairman  
(Uganda)



Bro. Reginold Fernando  
Area Leader  
(Sri Lanka)



Bro. Moses Chalwe  
Division Chairman  
(Zambia)

# UGANDA DIVISION

## Division Board and Members

**Chairman** - Bro. Ibrahim Mpanga  
**Secretary** - Sis. Pamela Anshemeza  
**Treasurer** - Sis. Teopister Nampijja  
**Busunju Area Leader** - Bro. Steven Nsohya  
**Kampala Area Leader** - Bro. Jacob Kimunga  
**Mubende Area Leader** - Bro. Gadi Mutabazi

## Membership

<b>Adults</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>Young Adults</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Youths</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Children</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>216</b>

## MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES

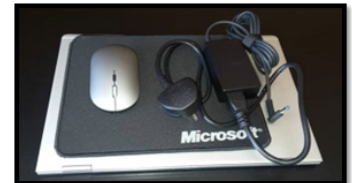
### Namutumba

A missionary trip was made to Namutumba which was funded by the Ministerial Department. Despite several challenges, the brethren arrived there safely by God's grace and conducted studies that were attended by twenty four people, adults, youth and children included. The studies were well received by all except one who desperately tried to refute the message but was unsuccessful. Among those who made the decision to support the message was an elder from a local SDA church. One sister requested more time to study. She is the wife to a member of an offshoot SDA group, but she stated that regardless of her husband's decision, she will make up her own mind. Let us keep this sister in prayer.



## New Gadgets

God's provision equipped the division with new gadgets:



## Seminars

DYAYA and Health seminars were conducted. Brothers Brian Gisore, Denis Mutiso, Anthony Odhiambo and Churchil Okaka from Kenya attended the DYAYA seminar while Bro. Denzil Simutelo and Bro. Churchil Okaka attended the Health Seminar.



# RWANDA GROUP

## Arrival of the Present Truth

The *Shepherd's Rod* Message was introduced to Rwanda in 2017 through some brethren from Uganda. There was a lot of opposition when it first arrived. However, it has been established by God's grace and Bro. Anicet Ndayishimiye who was a strong opposer and a member of the Reform Movement eventually accepted the new light and now serves as a leader. There are currently four members who have finished reading the *Rod* and they are soon to be organized as a Division in this upcoming Fiscal Year.

## Progress of Vanguard Training Center

The VTC kitchen that had caught fire was renovated, and we installed fire extinguishers.

The dining room completed.

## Leaders and Members



Bro. Anicet Ndayishimiye,  
Future Division Leader



Sis. Ellen Uwizeyimana,  
Future Secretary



Bro. Samuel Iradukunda,  
Future Treasurer



Members



## Membership

Adults	15
Youths	7
Children	12
Prospectives	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>

## Translation Activities

The brethren have been committed to translating the *Rod* literature to their native language Kinyarwanda, and as of now they have completed:

- ✓ GCS
- ✓ WHR
- ✓ 2TG22
- ✓ 1TG52
- ✓ 2TG21
- ✓ 1TG11
- ✓ 1TG14
- ✓ 2TG17
- ✓ 2TG18
- ✓ 1TG51

They have also translated the studies and presentations on the church's YouTube channel, and have translated quite a few Present Truth songs as well.

## Missionary Activities

The Rwanda brethren visited Ngoma district where they met seven Present Truth seekers who are now investigating. They also went to the Western part of Rwanda (Rutsiro-Rubavu) and met a group of people who are investigating this truth of reckoning. They discovered two brothers from the Southern province (Nyanza district) investigating to know more about the *Rod* Message.



## Seminar

From August 12<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, Rwanda had a seminar at Kigeyo in the Western Province which was funded by the Ministerial Department. The theme was “*Get Ready Davidians! The Bridegroom is coming*”. They were given studies by Bro. Nicholas Ambani and Bro. Michael Lochipo.



## SRI LANKA DIVISION

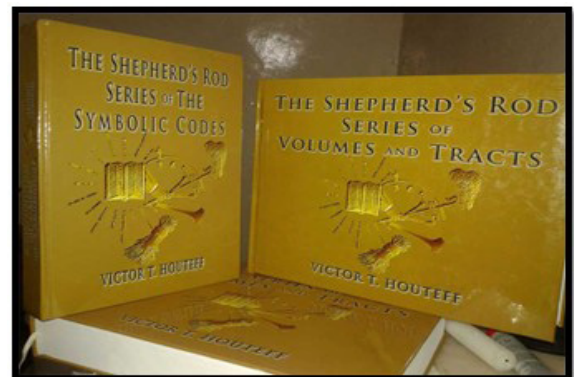
### Leaders and Members

Adults	21
Young adults	2
Children	3
Families	8
Card-holding members	5
<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>29</b>

### Translation of the *Rod* Literature

The Division has been working on the translation of the *Rod* literature since August 2022. The members who are mainly involved in this task are Sis. Therese Fernando, Bro. Reginold Fernando and Bro. Priyantha Warnakulasooriya.

Bro. Manesha Fernando is responsible for the adjustments and editing of the translated documents.



### Prayer Meetings and Sacred Music

The members have daily prayer meetings via online calls where they pray for each other and for the cause of Present Truth. For Sabbath openings, they have a program which includes prayers, hymns and Spirit of Prophecy studies. In addition

to these studies, Sis. Therese Fernando conducts studies for the members during the week as well.

There are a number of singers and instrumentalists, some of whom are active participants in Eastern and Western Hemisphere prayer meetings.

### New Funding Program and Control Room

A fund has been initiated so that members could be assisted if sudden financial needs arise. This initiative was taken mainly due to the fact that the education of some of the members' children is aided by the SDA church, and, due to the growing opposition against them, they could lose this aid; at which time, by God's grace, the brethren would be able to provide the needed support.

A new project was planned and started, which is to build a new Control Room in Sri Lanka. The main reason behind it is to have a place to control all the events which are being hosted in Sri Lanka and for other church-related activities as well. Currently, a bulk of the work has been finished in the construction of the room. However, due to the ongoing economic crisis in Sri Lanka, the prices of every item have largely increased. As a result, the remaining work in the room has been temporarily suspended. We trust that God will provide for its completion at His appointed time.

### Opposition from Mother Church

The Mother church has always been heavily opposed to the Present Truth and their opposition has been increasing. A few months ago, some SDA leaders visited Bro. Reginold supposedly to discuss the message but they were very biased and had ulterior motives. Bro. Reginold has been falsely accused of imposing his teachings on church members.

Recently, a meeting was held between the President of the Sri Lankan SDA churches, several church boards and leaders, SDA members and Bro. Reginold. Their main aim was to refute the message and disfellowship our brother, but their efforts were unsuccessful. By God's grace, he successfully defended the truth and it is special to note that the church members were against the idea of disfellowshipping him. We thank God for His leading.

### Meeting for the First Time

Most of our current members joined and started to learn the Present Truth 2019-2020. It was the same year the Present Truth was brought to Sri Lanka through Sis. Therese. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, learning and discussions among the members were done on online platforms like Viber and Zoom and the members had not met in person since then. Therefore, in April 2023, all the members in Sri Lanka scheduled to meet. We visited several places and had a blessed time.



## KENYA DIVISION

### Division Board and Members

- Chairman** - Bro. Shedrack Mauta
- Secretary** - Bro. Vincent Nzioki
- Treasurer** - Sis. Harriet Waituha
- Lumakanda Area** - Bro. Michael Murunga
- Kayole Area** - Bro. Clement Aboge
- Rongai Area** - Bro. Kevin Kimeu
- Mwea Area** - Bro. Antony Murimi
- Kisumu/Kisii Area** - Bro. James Magara
- Masii Area** - Bro. Dennis Mutiso
- Shauri Moyo Area** - Bro. Nicholas Ambani
- VTC Area/Camp Manager** - Sis. Judith Owuor

### Membership

Adults	170
Young Adults	81
Youths	95
Children	164
Prospects	23
<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>559</b>

### Rongai

Rongai area has been targeting SDA churches within Rongai. Among them, their efforts towards Rongai East SDA Church has sparked the interest of several members and there are at least three prospects.

### Lumakanda

Bro. Michael visited the Likuyani brethren on January 21, 2023, and fellowshipped with the ten members who were in attendance. There are prospective members in this area. Also, despite heavy opposition from Misikhu SDA Church, the brethren have remained strong in the Lord. Much prayer is needed for the brethren in this area due to the growing interference from the Mountain Dale and 2500 Mt Carmel Associations.

### Shauri Moyo

Brothers Ezra and Nzingi have been sharing the truth with brethren in an upcoming area Tala. The mother Church is also visited by the brethren every month with the hopes of sharing the truth.

### Masii Area

The brethren visit several SDA churches in this area and there are currently some prospective members.

The area was also privileged to carry out some studies for students from the Mukiria Technical Training Institute. The studies are continuing on Zoom every Wednesday.

### Utawala

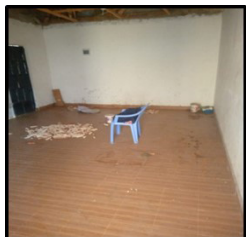
The brethren have been visiting the mother Churches and leading discussions. While some have been receptive, others have been bringing serious accusations against them. Let us keep them in prayer.

### New Places of Worship

#### Utawala



#### Homabay



### Baptism and Dedication

Twenty-four newborns were added to the household of faith by way of baptism. The baptism took place on April 23, 2023 at Kimathi Primary school, Nairobi.

Under the guidance issued by the Executive Council, three children of Rongai area belonging to the family of Bro. Tillman and Sis. Deborah were dedicated to the Lord on August 26, 2023 for the first time since 2014.

### Progress of Vanguard Training Center

The student population at VTC is now 67.



They have had an increase in their maize harvest.



The classrooms have been renovated.



A new gate has been constructed at the entrance. They have also received a manual water pump.



They received church seats and a projector.



The sanitarium has been equipped.



A Pickup vehicle was also purchased for VTC Kenya. We thank God for this amazing achievement.



### Relocation of the Ministerial Office

The Ministerial office, formerly known as Publishing Office, will be transferred from Rongai area to Ruiru area effective December 1, 2023 God-willing. The property at Ruiru was donated by one of our members. What a blessing!



Rongai Office



Ruiru Office

### Wedding

Bro. Samuel & Sis. Glory



Another new couple were joined in holy matrimony on June 23, 2023 at Kariokor Social Hall.



# ZAMBIA DIVISION

## Division Board and Members

**Chairman** - Bro. Moses Chalwe

**Secretary/Asst. Treasurer** - Bro. Denzil Simutelo

**Treasurer** - Bro. Pathias Munyumbwe

**Kitwe Area** - Bro. Baron Chiwewu

**Lusaka & Kafue Area** - Bro. Kelvin Lundah

**Mazabuka Area** - Bro. Brian Siamalia

**Monze Area** - Bro. Mweemba Todd

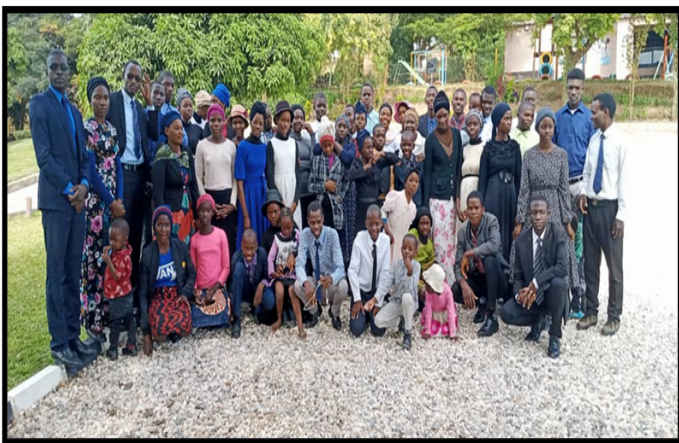
## Membership

Kitwe	78
Lusaka	61
Monze	150
Kafue	20
Mazabuka	39
<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>348</b>

## SEMINARS

### DYAYA Seminar

The much-awaited DYAYA seminar was conducted from April 16<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> at the Brentwood Academy in the far west of Lusaka. The theme was **“Walking with God, even today”** and the guest speaker was the Vice President of the Eleventh Hour Church, Bro. Brian Gisore. The seminar was officially opened by the Minister Bro. Lennox Sam. Sixty five members were in attendance, children included. Among those in attendance were also a number of those who were new to the faith.



## Visitations

After the seminar, Bro. Brian embarked on a tour to visit all the areas in Zambia and he was accompanied by Bro. Moses Chalwe the Division chairman and the respective area leaders. Some of those areas visited were: Chikanta, Chipepo, Monze, Kitwe and Lusaka. He also visited the Mazabuka and Shimgungalu DSDA churches. The members spent a warm time with him as they fellowshipped together and shared their experiences.



### 2023 Zambia Division Seminar

The Zambia Division board together with Monze Area organized a seminar that was held from August 27<sup>th</sup> to September 3<sup>rd</sup> at Monze East Primary School. This was an opportunity for new Church members to learn basic doctrines and reforms. The theme was **“Harden not your heart”**. The main speakers were Bro. Kelvin Lundah and Bro. Denzil Simutelo and other speakers were Bro. Pathias Munyumbwe, Bro. Moses Chalwe and Bro. Baron Chiwewu. Around 118 members were in attendance.



Some members of Waco 2500 association also attended the seminar to investigate the truth. They had studies with Bro. Kelvin Lundah, Bro. Pathias Munyumbwe and others. The members left in the evening but they said they would continue to investigate the message.

### New Smartphones

The Division board purchased six smartphones for the Area Secretaries and this has made their work more efficient and they are able to attend meetings whenever they are called upon.



### Kitwe Area Achievements

Brethren in Kitwe had been struggling to find a place to fellowship together, but now they have been blessed with a place of worship at Mama Monty School. They have also been helping each other to buy gadgets so that they can join church meetings.

They now have a new place of worship at Ibenga.



There were new additions to four families from the Ibenga group.



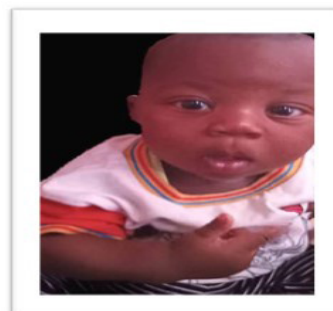
Bro. Asa Munyumbwe,  
Son of Bro. Bost and Sis. Loveness Munyumbwe.



Sis. Placate Munyumbwe,  
Daughter of Bro. Pathias and Sis. Emma Munyumbwe.



Sis. Mia Chikalu,  
Daughter of Bro. John and Sis. Maureen Chikalu.



Bro. Paul Nkausu,  
Son of Bro. Joseph and  
Sis. Rosemary Nkausu.

## LUSAKA AREA ACHIEVEMENTS

Lusaka Area has 1 subsidiary area; Kafue, and two steadily upcoming areas: Mumbwa and Chananya.

Lusaka Area has their own rented place of worship within the Zingalume compound, but the Ministerial Department is soon to provide funds for a ministerial office in Zambia, the location of which is yet to be decided on.



### Cookery Programs

There were cookery programs held in Lusaka, Kafue and Monze where the members were educated to prepare healthful meals.



We thank the LORD for all that He has done for the Eastern Hemisphere this past fiscal year. As we look back on the progress made we can only praise Him for His leading and look forward in faith and courage towards the year ahead of us, knowing that He is with us still. Our heartfelt thanks goes to all our brethren of the Eleventh-hour Church for their prayers thus far and we kindly solicit your prayers still as we strive to do acceptable service for the Master and continue to ***“feed in Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old.”***

Hitherto hath the LORD helped us.

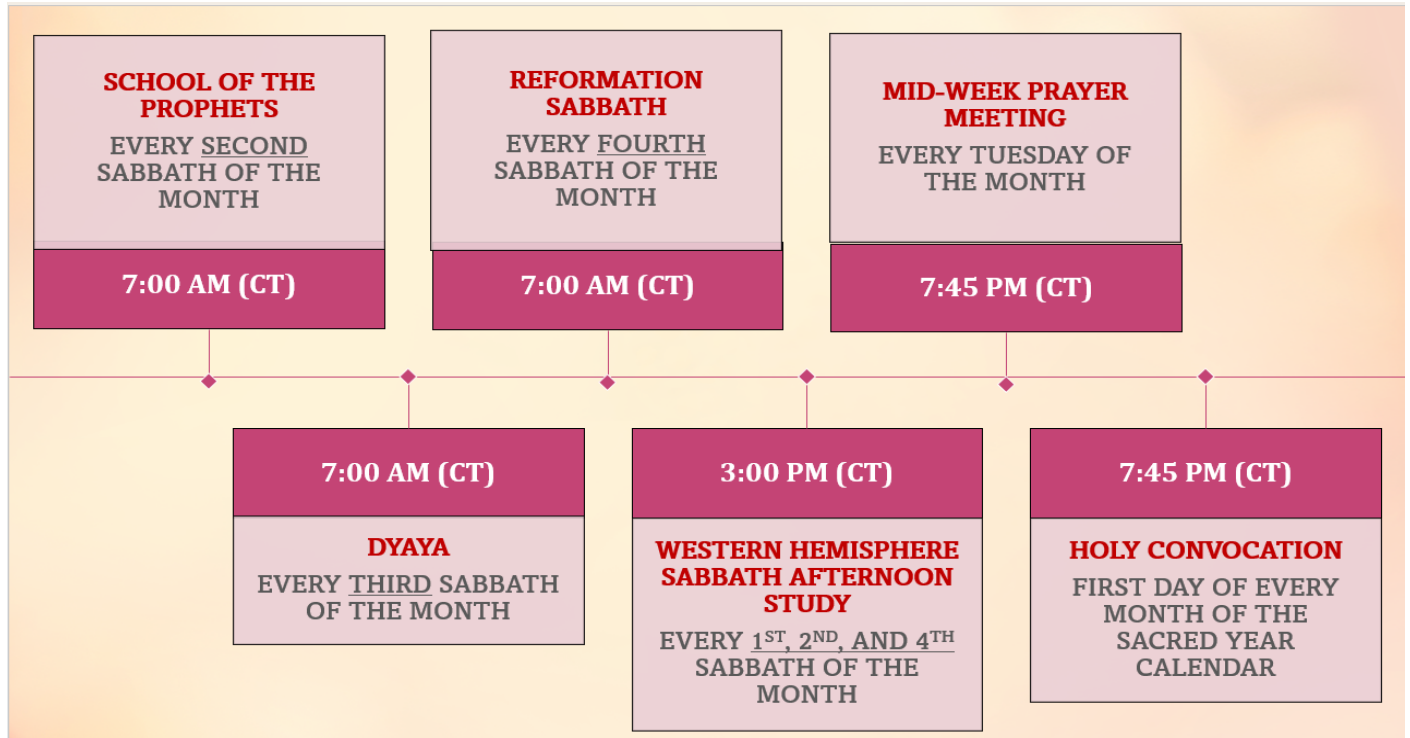
God Bless you All!

*Sis. Elaine Vandort,  
FSO Eastern Hemisphere.*

# WESTERN HEMISPHERE ANNUAL REPORT

**10SC2: 3.1** - “Once again, we stand at the threshold of the beginning of Days, solemnly looking back in perspective upon what we have been; hopefully looking forward in vision to what we may become. Day of reckoning that it is, yet of thanksgiving to God for His love and mercies, and of rejoicing hope and faith for victorious, redemptive progress ahead—truly it is our day of days. God grant that, of all so far, this may be the most memorable—the most inspiring.”

## WEEKLY AND MONTHLY SPIRITUAL EVENTS



## SPANISH AREA

### CHILE

- 6 Adults
- 6 Children

### Santo Domingo

- 5 members
- 2 Adults, 2 Children
- 1 Teenager (17 Years Old)

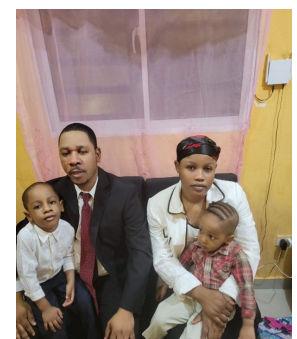


- 1 Adult (VENEZUELA)
- 1 Adult (PANAMA)

•1 Adult (USA) (Guest)



Bro. James Janac: Leader



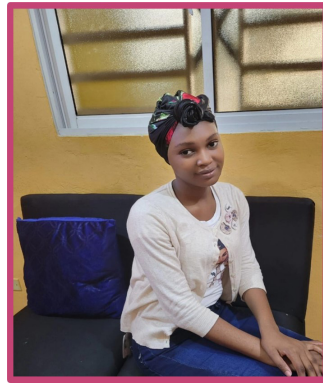
Family of Bro. James Janac



Family of Bro. Louis Jean Edvard



Family of Bro. Yvener Belancourt.



Sis. Esther St-Hilaire, Prospective Member.



Sis. Mendjee Marie Alexandra Pierre, Prospective Member.



Bro. Jessy John Gamez Chaparro, Prospective Member.



Family of Bro. Stanley Sanon.

**ABN1:68** - *“Indeed, in the very nature of the case, the Eleventh-hour movement must triumph, for, being the last, the one to garner in the harvest, then should it fall, everyone in the world today would remain lost. Double, therefore, are the reasons that the Lord purposes it to stand. Thus, the Davidians have been called to ‘the Kingdom for such a time as this.’”*

Greetings to all beloved Brothers and Sisters. May the Glory and Praise be to our Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour. We sincerely thank the Lord for His grace and love toward us for the Spanish field that is being organized this Fiscal Year.

- The Spanish field meets every Sabbath from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. For a series of presentations on very important topics about the Rod Message.

- Almost all presentations in the library are already translated into Spanish.

- Hymns and Praises from the Seventh-day Adventists songs are translated as well as those from the Davidian Hymns and Praises.

- Rules for Church fellowship.

- We have a WhatsApp account for members and prospective members.

- Bro. James Janac is a part of a WhatsApp group with Spanish Brethren from different groups (Waco 2500, Independents, and Laodicea.) Bro. James shares the message with them every Wednesday and Thursday Afternoon.

### OUR OBJECTIVES:

- Create space for the Spanish field to fully join the Eleventh-Hour Church in meetings on the Zoom platform with Spanish Translation.

- Continue Missionary work in this new field.

## DUTCH DIVISION



### Surinam

- 15 members

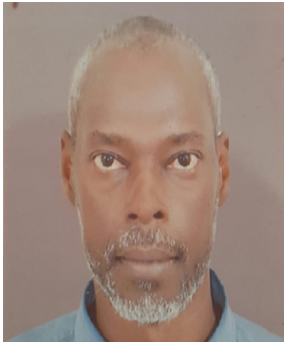
### Netherlands

- 6 members

•1 Prospective member

•1 Family (Guests)

**Current Surinam/Dutch Division Board Members:**



Bro. Lloyd van Niel,  
Chairman



Sis. Dyenne Vreds,  
Secretary



Sis. Selma van Niel,  
Treasurer



Bro. Gianni Vreds,  
Member



Sis. Helga Kortram,  
Member

**ACTIVITIES**

•The Year 2023 has been marked for our Division as a year of focusing on winning souls in the family circle as well as among our brethren in the ninth hour church. This has been manifested through incessant prayer with and for the families.

•Making friends with ninth hour brethren and SDA acquaintances on Facebook, WhatsApp and giving Bible studies after arousing their interest.

**Sanitation Building Project**

The Sanitation Building Project at the countryside (Vogelkop, Berlijn) has progressed gradually. This building is to facilitate brethren when events like Sabbath gatherings and seminars will be held at the countryside. Lord willing this building will be finished and fully operating at the end of this Gregorian year.



**FRENCH DIVISION**



**France**

2 Members

3 Guests

**Guadeloupe**

18 Members

12 Guests

**Martinique**

15 Members

## Martinique Board Members



Bro. Patrick Viersac,  
Chairman



Sis. Huguette Suiwant,  
Secretary



Bro. Philippe Clovis, Member

With their eyes fixed on Jesus and His promises, all the members of the Martinique Division are pursuing the narrow path toward the Kingdom of God.

It is with great joy that we participate in the various spiritual sharing sessions of the 11<sup>th</sup> Hour Church, among them:

- ◆ School of the Prophets
- ◆ Midweek Prayer meetings
- ◆ Western Hemisphere Sabbath Afternoon Studies
- ◆ DYAYA Sabbath
- ◆ Reformation Sabbath
- ◆ DKPPS, FLHD (now FLD & HD) and QESS meetings

### SABBATH WELCOMING AND SABBATH AFTERNOON

Every Friday the French speaking world meets on Zoom to welcome the Sabbath together.

After our songs of praise, we share the Word of God through a study of the *Rod* presented by Sis. Patricia Verpret. We review and deepen our understanding of the different studies carried out and the Timeline to the Kingdom. It is a blessing for each and everyone of us. It is a joy to be together and to receive more and more clarification on each subject. We thank the Lord for the understanding He gives us through His Holy Spirit.

Every third Sabbath afternoon we also meet on Zoom to share the message and for a question-and-answer session on the Kingdom timeline.

**READING SESSION:** Every first Sunday of the month, we meet on Zoom from 4pm to 6pm to have the *Shepherd's Rod* reading session with the adult members. Thus, an entering wedge for those interested in the Message.

**Reading Period:** 6/10/2022 to 2/09/2023

Literature Read and Commented: **3SC7:14.1.2** to **4SC:4-95.1.4**

Participants: 10

### DKPPS

We have a virtual Francophone group, with members from Chile, Haiti, Martinique, and Guadeloupe; a total of 15 members.

### THE DKPPS FRENCH DIVISION:

#### Responsible DKPPS:

- ◆ Bro. Thierry Onestas – Assistant
- ◆ Bro. Patrick Viersac – Secretary

We have our meetings two Thursdays in the month. Our last point was "**Respect in the home**" between prince and princess and children. There is a young teenage brother who always joins with us, and we hope to see other young brothers. We give our testimonies. We have a WhatsApp group. We post a topic that we discuss at our meetings. For this year 2022 – 2023, we continue with the English recordings that are sent to us by Brother Ivan Kimuli, for one Thursday a month. Our last topic was on:

**“Fathers should shed their false dignity...” - AH 220.**

**“The father, as the head of the family, must know how to train his children in usefulness and duty...” - AH 221.1.**

We thank God for making these meetings available.

We give glory to God for the past year and the many blessings He has bestowed on His Church, we thank Him for all the other blessings to come. May God Continue to lead and guide us so that we remain faithful to Him until the end and soon become part of His Kingdom. Amen.

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (USA)



- ◆ 25 Members
- ◆ 9 Prospective Members

### Saint Lucia and Saint Vincent

#### St. Lucia

- ◆ 8 Members
- ◆ 2 Prospective Members

#### St. Vincent

- ◆ 1 Member

### Jamaica, Bahamas and Canada

#### Jamaica

- ◆ 2 Members

#### Bahamas

- ◆ 3 Members

#### Canada

- ◆ 2 Members



## FISCAL YEAR ACTIVITIES IN THE USA

October 26, 2022 – October 24, 2023

**3SC3,4: 8.1.1** - **“The call for means to advance the cause of truth will never be more urgent than now. Our money will never do a greater amount of good than at the present time. Every day of delay in rightly appropriating it, is limiting the period in which it will do good in saving souls.” – ‘Testimonies for the Church,’ Vol. 4, p. 81.**

**“Well-organized work must be done in the church, that its members may understand how to impart the light to others, and thus strengthen their own faith and increase their knowledge. As they impart that which they have received from God, they will be confirmed in the faith. A working church is a living church. We are built up as living stones, and every stone is to emit light. Every Christian is compared to a precious stone that catches the glory of God and reflects it”.**  
**- ‘Testimonies for the Church,’ Vol. 6, p. 435. - ChS 73.2**

### USA - Other Activities

**PRAYER BAND: EVERY FRIDAY MORNING 5:00 A.M. (CT)**

**FRIDAY/SABBATH NIGHT PRAYER MEETING: 7:00 P.M. (CT)**



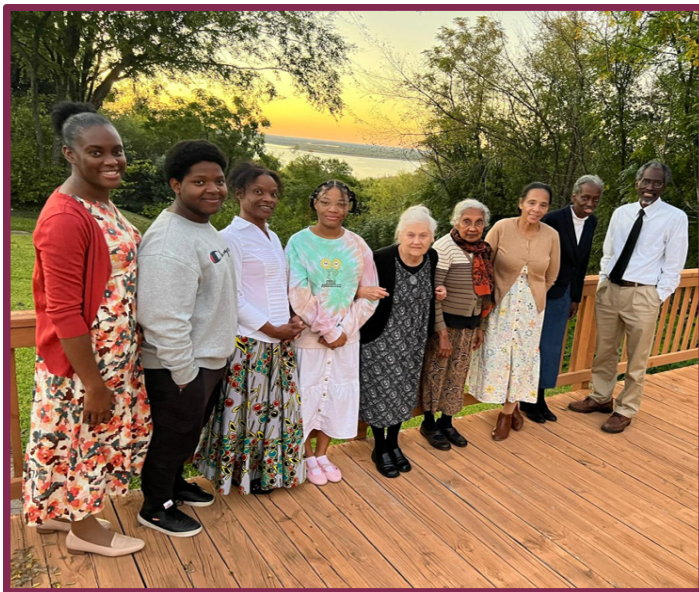
**Work in Progress**

- ◆ MEN AND WOMEN'S ADVANCED DRESS REFORM VIDEOS
- ◆ THE SHEPHERD ROD SERIES AND SYMBOLIC CODES AUDIO BOOKS

**DAY OF DAYS 2022, WACO TEXAS**

*“Only as they were united with Christ could the disciples hope to have the accompanying power of the Holy Spirit and the co-operation of angels of heaven.” - AA 90.2*

**Fellowship at Waco, Texas**



In closing, let us remember that time is a precious gift. Another year has gone...a new one to look forward to, closer yet to the Kingdom ...

*Sis. Gloria Nalls,  
USA Division.*

# QUEEN ESTHER SISTERS SOCIETY

**Day of Days October 25, 2023**

Meditation Thought.

*“The Lord Calls Women to His Service, In the various branches of the work of God’s cause, there is a wide field in which our sisters may do good service for the Master.... Among the noble women who have had the moral courage to decide in favor of the truth for this time are many who have tact, perception, and good ability, and who may make successful workers. The labors of such Christian women are needed.” - Evangelism, p. 466*

*“In taking up their work in the fear of God, and doing service to the Master, they will secure the most substantial happiness. Connected with Jesus Christ, they will be wise unto salvation. They will be fruit-bearing trees. They will develop a blameless life, a beautiful character. The great work of redemption will be their first consideration. Eating and drinking and dressing, houses and lands, will be secondary matters. The peace of God within will force off the withered or gnarled branches of selfishness, vanity, pride, and indolence....” - Daughters of God 16.2*

The Queen Esther's Sisters Society started on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**MISSION:** Advancing the Kingdom of God, our chief business.

**THEME:** Turning many to righteousness.

**PLEDGE:** We pledge our hearts, our minds, our hands, our all, ... to the flag of God’s eternal kingdom, and to the Theocracy for which it stands, one people made up of all nations, and bound by the cords of everlasting love, liberty, purity, justice, peace, happiness, light and life for all. {TN13: 35.1}

## Activities

We facilitate/undertake:

- ◆ Committee meetings, every other Wednesday.
- ◆ Monthly presentations, on the fourth Sunday.
- ◆ Bi-weekly meetings, during which we encourage ourselves to get ready and remain ready for the soon-coming Kingdom and encourage the prospective members to read their literature.
- ◆ Children's presentation for the School of the Prophets meetings, where we facilitate and children between 3 and 11 years old participate in this program. Many thanks to the parents who always ensure that the participants are ready for the service.



## Children, The Heritage of the Lord

*“Who are these children committed to our care?—They are the younger members of the Lord’s family. He says, Take these children*

*and train them for me. Educate them so that they will be polished after the similitude of a palace, prepared to shine in the courts of my house.” - RH July 9, 1901*

### Aspirations

- ◆ Children’s Daily Lessons.
- ◆ Sisters' Camp Meeting.

### Contact Information

Email address sisters can contact us privately:

Email address: [qess@gadsda.com](mailto:qess@gadsda.com)

WhatsApp for women members of the 11<sup>th</sup> Hour Church.

WhatsApp for women affiliated to the 11<sup>th</sup> Hour Church.

*“The whole future life of Moses, the great mission which he fulfilled as the leader of Israel, testifies to the importance of the work of the Christian mother. There is no other work that can equal this...”*  
- AH 238.4

## QESS Committee Members



Sis. Phili van Niel

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Sis. Teopister Nampijja

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Sis. Desiree Ford

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Sis. Irene Mugala

Member

Uganda



Sis. Marion Wanjohi

Member

Kenya

Thank You, God Bless.

Sis. Phili Van Niel Kortram,  
QESS Department.

# DYAYA REPORT 2022 – 2023

**WHR: 50.3** - “The Lord has appointed the youth to be His helping hand.” - **Testimonies, Vol. 7, p. 64.**

**WHR: 50.4** - “We have an army of youth today who can do much if they are **properly directed and encouraged.**”-- **General Conference Bulletin, Vol. V, No. 2, p. 24. (Jan. 29, 30, 1893).**

**WHR: 50.5** - “With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world!”-- **Education, p. 271.**

Zambia DYAYA also had a seminar, between April 16, 2023 to April 23, 2023

## ZAMBIA DYAYA CAMP MEETING



### DYAYA COORDINATORS

#### DYAYA Coordinator

Bro. Vincent Muela

#### WH DYAYA Coordinators

Bro. Gianni Vreds

Sis. Edwina Henry

#### Zambia DYAYA Coordinators

Bro. John  
Muyaka

Sis. Nachimuka  
Mwenda

Sis. Abigail  
Muyambango

#### Uganda DYAYA Coordinators

Bro. Joshua  
Wasswa

Bro. John  
Komurach

Bro. Jovan  
Kizza

#### Kenya DYAYA Coordinators

Bro. Vincent  
Muela

Bro. Churchill  
Okaka

During the course of the Fiscal Year, DYAYA Uganda held a ten-day seminar between December 28, 2022 to January 7, 2023.

## UGANDA DYAYA CAMP MEETING



## Divisions With DYAYA

Sri Lanka

Uganda

Zambia

Kenya

France

USA

St. Lucia

Surinam

Chile

Guadeloupe

Martinique

Both seminars were sponsored by the Ministerial Department and were a great blessing to the DYAYA in the respective Divisions and to the Church at large. To God be the glory.

### DYAYA Meetings

Every First and Second Sunday of the month.

On the third Sabbath of each month, we always have a DYAYA Sabbath.

### DYAYA Activities

- ◆ Every first Sunday we meet and read from the book “*Messages To Young People*”.
- ◆ Every morning daily Devotionals are sent out to strengthen us the Christian march.

- ◆ French DYAYA have also started Daily Devotionals in their WhatsApp group as from October 2023.
- ◆ SROD Reading – WH meets to read SROD weekly, this helps those who are not familiar with English, and it does not replace the individual’s personal reading.
- ◆ Our DYAYA theme songs **Stand like the Brave** and **Dare to be a Daniel** are sung at every DYAYA meeting before we start and before we end each meeting.

Bro. Vincent Muela,  
Kenya Division.

## THE FAMILY LIFE AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT

It’s again with much pleasure that we present the abridged report of the Family Life and Health Department, highlighting the blessings that the Lord hath bestowed unto us in the Fiscal Year we are looking back in retrospect to.

The Family Life and Health Department as we have known it, came into existence on February 2019. From the moment we started, we have experienced the Lord’s blessings continually in our efforts to COUNSEL; ADVICE and INSTRUCT Families and RELIEVE the AILMENTS of the SICK among us. Up until this year, we had a combined Department, existing of the Family Life and Health Department. As we are growing and progressing, in the upcoming year, this Department will be separated into The Family Life Department and The Health Department.

### Family life

**3SC2: 7.2.3** - “*With the institution of Sabbath, so must God restore that of the marriage. The words of Christ: ‘For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in Heaven.’ (Matt. 22:30), reveal that we have lost sight of the true marriage institution. And as God has not yet fully made known to us the state of our future life, we are, just now, unable to*

*fully comprehend either the marriage or the family relationship after the resurrection.”*

## ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE COMPOSITE DEPARTMENTS AND THEIR WAY FORWARD

### Family Life

Counsels, Instructions and Advice have been given to both families and individuals, by our Minister; Presentations about Marriage, Birth Control, Finances, etc., have been organized every last Sunday of the month in which our old and young, male and female, have been thoroughly instructed.

In the upcoming Fiscal Year, Lord’s willing all this will be taken care of more abundantly in order to be taken to the next level.

### Health

**SR2: 179.2** - “*The doctrine of health reform is said to be ‘the right hand and arm of the Third Angel’s Message,’ and that the medical work is ‘the right hand of the message.’*”

Under the Health Department, the sub-departments are: the Balm of Gilead virtual online Clinic; the Celestial Kitchen and the Prayer Band with also its sub-departments in every country.

## THE BALM OF GILEAD VIRTUAL CLINIC

Our online virtual CLINIC, where brethren come to gather knowledge regarding sicknesses, their general health, and that of their loved ones.

The Clinic comprises the Sisters', Brothers', and the Little Lambs' sections.

As we near the end of time, our yearly goal is to admit less and less of our brethren in this clinic.

Therefore,

- ◆ A Health Seminar with a large attendance of members of all ages has been held in Uganda, during which, the members have been blessed with more practical knowledge.
- ◆ Monthly DYAYA Sabbath health presentations, coordinated by the Health Department for the good of the church.

## THE CELESTIAL KITCHEN

- ◆ To make food appetizing and at the same time, simple and nourishing is part of the work that is being done in the Celestial kitchen.
- ◆ Wholesome, palatable food, with the right food combinations is served and shared in our various WhatsApp groups.
- ◆ A great variety of recipes are being shared, which come from our brethren – family members in the different Divisions.
- ◆ One of our Goals for the coming year is that the **Entering Wedge** Recipes which has been assigned to the Kitchen, to be updated, will be finalised together with the Recipe Cook Right, Cook Good Eleventh Hour Recipe Book.

## THE PRAYER BANDS

**Mission:** To come with humble hearts before God in intercessory prayers and fasting on behalf

of our Eleventh-Hour Church family and friends and the sick amongst them, so they receive the pardoning grace, draw nigh to Him and have Him unlock His treasures to us.

We have prayer bands in every Division in addition to the general band.

Since its beginning, every Wednesday morning The Band members come together from 6 AM to 7 AM US CT to petition the Lord's Mercy Throne, with the prayer requests, that were gathered during the week, from church members, families and friends.

### Committee Members of the Health Department

Sis. Helga Kortram - (Director)

Sis. Edna Twara - (Ass. Director)

Bro. Denzil Simutelo - (Secretary)

Sis. Teopister Nampija - (Member)

Bro. Churchill Okaka - (Member)

Sis. Huguette Suivant - (Member)

Bro. Iwan Kortram - (Member)

Bro. Lloyd van Niel - (Member)

Bro. Joshua Wasswa - (Member)

Bro. Lennox Sam - (Pastoral Counselor)

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Sis. Edna Twara,

Family Life Department.

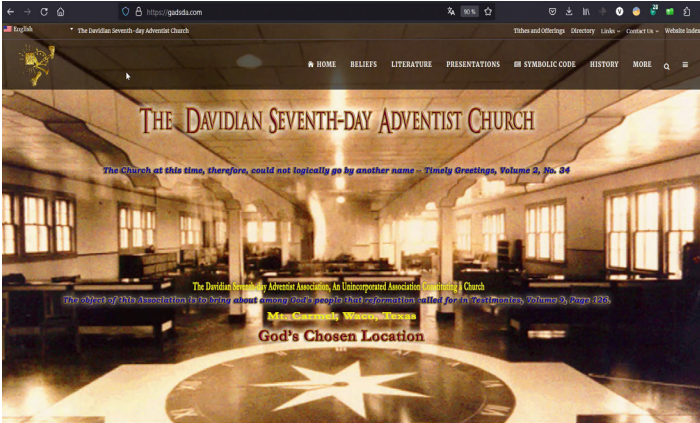
*“Health is a great treasure. It is the richest possession mortals can have. ... It is a terrible sin to abuse the health God has given us.” - CE 16.2*

# THE PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT REPORT

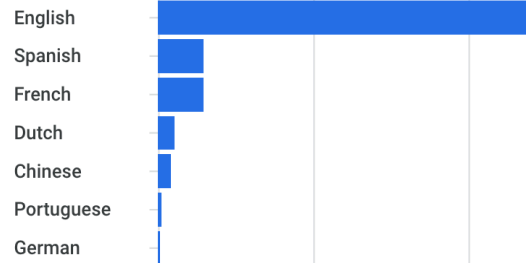
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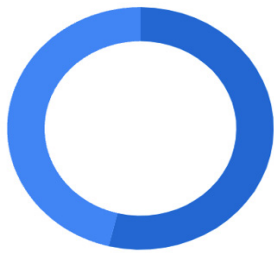
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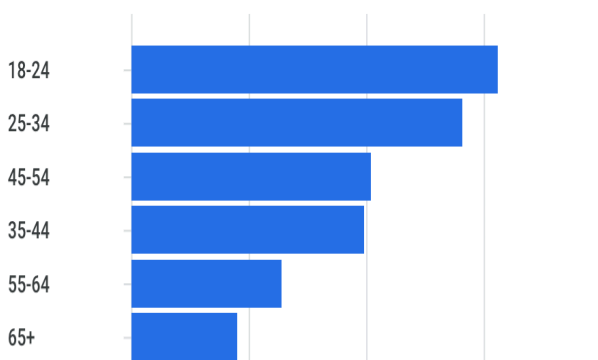


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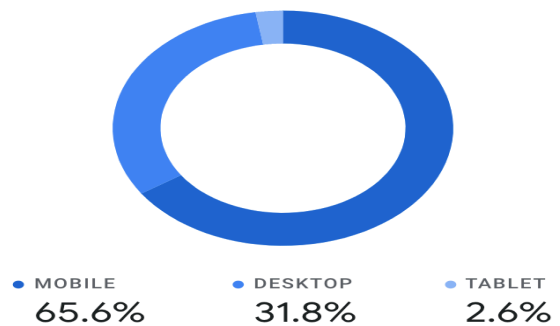


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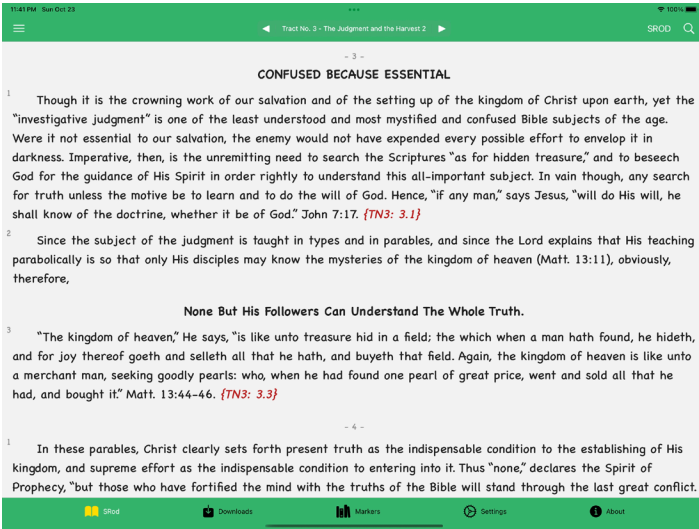
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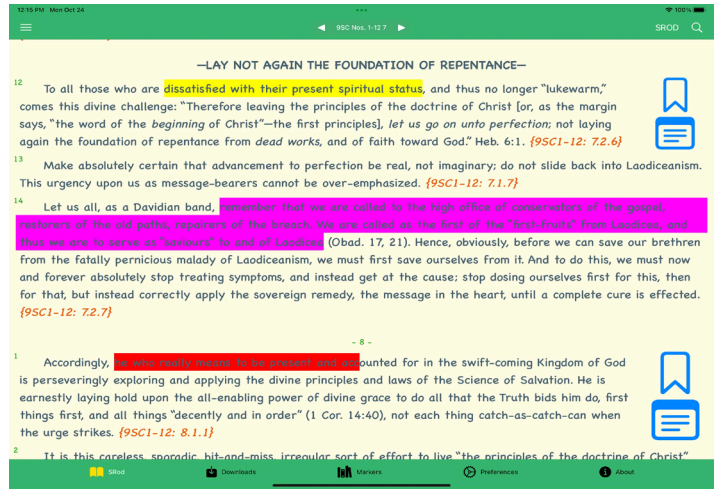
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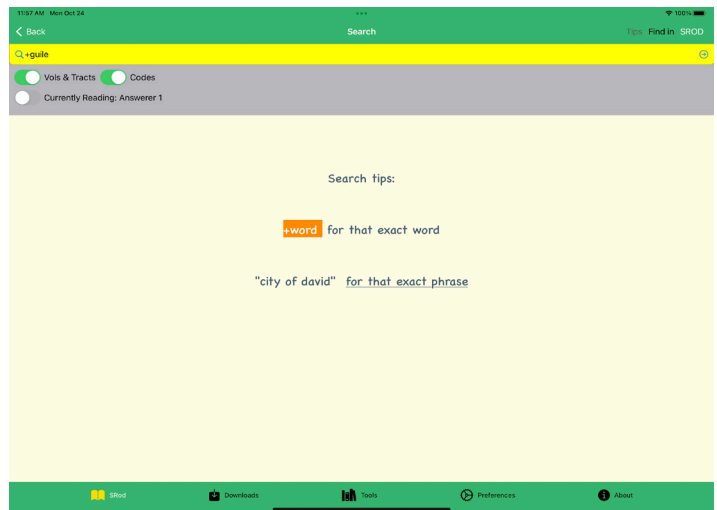
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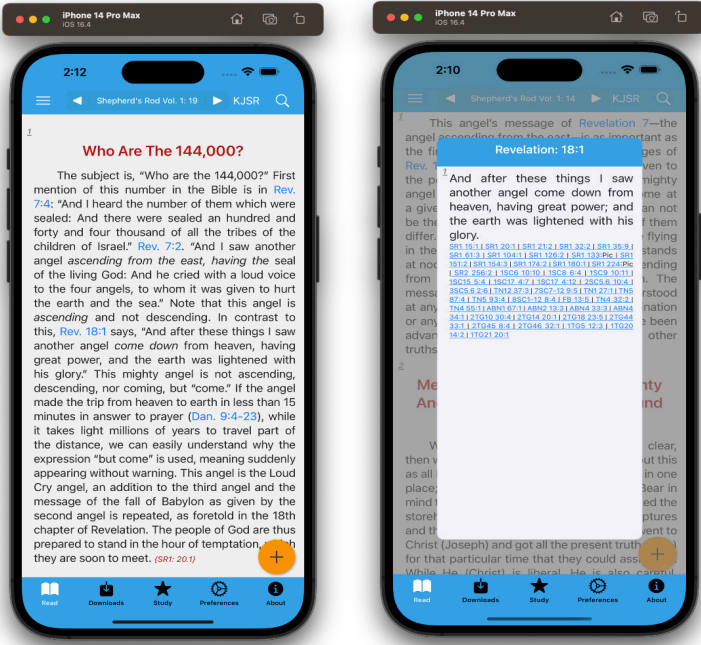
# THE SROD STUDY BIBLE APP HAS BEEN DEVELOPED AND IS NOW IN THE TESTING STAGES

## Study Bible App

- ◆ +Everything in SRod Series App, plus:
- ◆ +Inline links to Bible References while reading the Rod
- ◆ +Clickable references while reading the Bible to the Rod



## Image Support:



## Study Bible App:

Everything in SRod Series App, plus:

- ◆ +Image Support
- ◆ +Copy Image
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- ◆ +Charts Gallery

## STUDY BIBLE APP

### Other Features:

- ✓ Text to speech
- ✓ French
  - » Proof-reading in progress.
- ✓ Spanish
  - » Proof-reading in progress.
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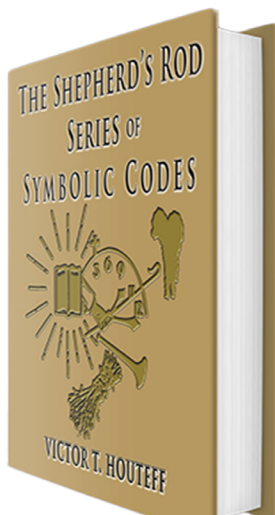
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- ◆ Inserted Colored Charts at the back
- ◆ Printing approved pending final corrections

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Facebook:  
1203 Followers  
Increase: 253



Youtube :  
2260 Subscribers  
Increase: 330

## PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR

1. Release the Golden Bowl App.
  - » Everything in SROD Bible Study App, plus: Spirit of Prophecy Included.
2. Update Android SROD Series App to level of iOS App.
3. Develop Android SROD Study Bible and Golden Bowl counterparts.
4. Finish the *Shepherd's Rod* Proofreading before Printing.
5. Print SROD Series Compendiums.
  - » 1000 Volumes & Tracts Series.
  - » 1000 Symbolic Codes Series.
  - » Colored Charts.
  - » Better Quality.
6. Coloring charts that have not yet been colored.
7. In view to have Tablets Reader.
8. Finish Swahili Translation.
9. Continue Proof-reading French, Spanish & Dutch translations.
10. Discussions are underway to have our own TV Station.

Bro. Ezekiel Nyachae,  
Publishing Department.

## ANNUAL DAY OF DAYS DEPARTMENT REPORT OCTOBER 25, 2023

**10SC2: 2.1** – “Each October 25, Mt. Carmel pauses from its work while residents and visitors for the occasion gather in the Chapel to hear read the most significant developments in the work and among Davidians both on Carmel and afield and to enjoy an accompanying program. This is History Day or the Beginning of Days at Mt. Carmel. As such, it is appropriately known as the Days of Days.”

Hence the Ministerial Department stands to welcome everyone for the 2023 Day of Days annual occasion.

### Meditation Thought

**FB: 23.1** – “Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side.” **Isa. 60:1-4.**

**FB: 23.2** – “Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.” **John 4:35.**

### What is the Ministerial Department?

The Ministerial Department handles all ministerial activities of the church. Among the activities to be managed are;

- ♦ Missionary Trips.
- ♦ Marriage Occasions.
- ♦ Baptism.
- ♦ Ministerial Counselling.

- ♦ Ministerial Visits.
- ♦ DYAYA Seminars & Meetings, etc.

**Matt. 9:37, 38**-- “The harvest truly [is] plenteous, but the labourers [are] few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.”

### Operation of the Department

The Department has organized all the active teachers into teams of two for the ox-plow stage preparations. Each team's focus is to share the truth with as many SDA's and DSDA's as they possibly can, in order to help gather the needed 24,000 Spirit-filled ministers for the Kingdom, which grows as a mustard seed. The Ministerial Department meets on the third Sunday of each month for team training.

## MEMBERSHIP & QUALIFICATIONS

**FB: 26.1** – “Those who will today hear His voice and harden not their hearts as in the day of provocation, will He make His future servants.”

**FB: 26.2** – “Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.” **Zech. 4:6.** The workers will be ‘taught rather by the unction of His Spirit, than by the outward training of scientific institutions... God will manifest that He is not dependent on learned, self-important mortals.’ ‘The most weak and hesitating in the church will be as David -- willing to do and dare.’ -- **Testimonies, Vol. 5. pp. 82, 81.**

“I will take illiterate men,’ says the Lord, ‘obscure men, and move upon them by My Spirit, to carry out My purposes in the work of saving souls. The last message of mercy will be given by a people who love and fear Me.’” - **Review and Herald, Sept. 21, 1904.**

**FB: 26.3** – “He will use men for the accomplishment of His purpose whom some of the brethren would reject as unfit to

*engage in the work.” -- Review and Herald, Feb. 9, 1895.*

**FB: 26.4** - *“In this last call for laborers, all -- small or great rich or poor, learned or illiterate -- have the high and exalted privilege of becoming ministers of Christ.”*

## ACHIEVEMENTS

With Christ at the Head, these are some of the Achievements of the Department in the now concluding Fiscal Year:

- ◆ The MD has increased to six workers.
- ◆ We have Sponsored 24 Missionary trips and some have resulted in fruits.
- ◆ The church has purchased a Caspio program, enabling us to create A Church database and, hence, a full track of missionary activities.
- ◆ The MD as a team was able to review the *Shepherd’s Rod* Series for the second printing.
- ◆ In a Zoom webinar on Sept 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Bro. Lennox Sam met Bro. Chris Mesadieu, an independent Davidian teacher, for a discussion on the first fruits harvest, centered on the coming purifications, first to the 11<sup>th</sup> hour Church and then the 9<sup>th</sup> hour Church. There were a total of 290 Davidians from various groups and independents in attendance. Many Davidians are requesting more of these meetings, especially in the Christian-like way the meeting was conducted and the mutual respect the two brothers extended to each other.

## PLANS FOR THE NEXT YEAR

- ◆ Restart the live website chat.
- ◆ Open the Zambia office and start operating in November.

**WHR: 62.5** - *“Let not procrastination rob you, Brethren, of this greatest opportunity of a lifetime. The Spirit is pleading with you in the name of all that is sane and sensible. Do not disregard or delay your preparation of the epoch-making work ahead. You must not miss out. Let Isaiah’s thrilling vision of the unparalleled results of the eleventh-hour*

*work stir and inspire you to instant, all-out action:”*

The Ministerial Department has funded three DYAYA Seminars in Kenya, Zambia and Uganda. And in this, we aim at equipping youths with the necessary requirements for serving the Lord unreservedly and self-sacrificingly having in mind the fact that they are His Helping Hand if they shall but receive the necessary training required.

**FB: 23.4** - *“Great demands are everywhere made for the light which God has given to His people; but these calls are for the most part in vain. Who feels the burden of consecrating himself to God and to His work? Where are the young men who are qualifying themselves to answer these calls? Vast territories are opened before us where the light of truth has never penetrated. Whichever way we look we see rich harvests ready to be gathered, but there are none to do the reaping. Prayers are offered for the triumph of the truth. What do your prayers mean, brethren? What kind of success do you desire? -- a success to suit your indolence, your selfish indulgence? -- a success that will sustain and support itself without any effort on your part?”*

**FB: 24.2** - *“...‘Why stand ye here all the day idle?’ Why are you not at work in some capacity in his vineyard? Again and again he has bid you, ‘Go ye also into my vineyard, and whatsoever is right that shall ye receive.’ But this gracious call from Heaven has been disregarded by the large majority. Is it not high time that you obey the commands of God? There is work for every individual who names the name of Christ. A voice from Heaven is solemnly calling you to duty. Heed this voice, and go to work at once in any place, in any capacity. Why stand ye here all the day idle? precious moment of life is related to some duty which you owe to God or to your fellowmen, and yet you are idle!”*  
**-- Testimonies, Vol. 5, pp. 203, 204.**

*“We have an army of intelligent young men and women, anxious to fit themselves*

for the work of God. We believe that in a short time we shall be able to furnish a large number of valuable workers for various mission fields under the British flag. The 'Lord is revealing this to us through the Spirit of prophecy, and He will bring it to pass.'" **General Conference Daily Bulletin, 1899. - LS 373.2**

"We have an army of youth today who can do much if they are properly directed and encouraged. We want our children to believe the truth. We want them to be blessed of God. We want them to act a part in well-organized plans for helping other youth. Let all be so trained that they may rightly represent the truth, giving the reason of the hope that is within them, and honoring God in any branch of the work where they are qualified to labor...." - **TM 32.1**

and the sons of the alien [those who are not of the 144,000] shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers. But ye shall be named the Priests of the Lord: men shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves' (**Isa. 61:5, 6**), if now ye arise and hasten to effect full Occupational Transition."

**FB: 30.2** - "Time,' says the Spirit of Prophecy, 'is short, and our forces must be organized to do a larger work. Laborers are needed who comprehend the greatness of the work, and who will engage in it, not for the wages they receive, but from a realization of the nearness of the end. The time demands greater efficiency and deeper consecration' (**Testimonies, Vol. 9, p. 27**) and Christlike Gentility."

## OTHER MINISTERIAL ACTIVITIES

### TANZANIA

Two seminars were conducted in Tanzania, in the region of Musoma and Mwanza. We currently have thirteen prospective members in Tanzania.



### Tanzania Missionary Activities - Musoma

**FB: 27.2** - "To these workers, the 144,000, the Lord graciously promises: 'And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks,



May the grace of Jesus be upon thee all ye children of the Lord.

Sis. Irene Mugala,  
Ministerial Department.

# MELODY IN THE VALLEY

As we read through sacred history, we find that some of the greatest heights of spiritual attainment have been marked with song. The Israelites, together with Moses, right after their miraculous deliverance from the Egyptian host which was consumed by the depths of the Red Sea – which God had parted a moment before for the Israelites' escape – sounded their praise in melody:

**Ex. 15:2--** *“The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.”*

In **Judges Chapter 5** is recorded the song that the prophetess Deborah and Barak sang following their marvelous victory from God over the Canaanite King Jabin:

**Judg. 5:2, 3--** *“Praise ye the LORD for the avenging of Israel, when the people willingly offered themselves. Hear, O ye kings; give ear, O ye princes; I, even I, will sing unto the LORD; I will sing praise to the LORD God of Israel.”*

In the book of **2 Chronicles**, we read of how the Israelites defeated an entire army with song:

**2 Chron. 20:21, 22--** *“And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the LORD, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the LORD; for his mercy [endureth] forever. And when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.”*

These are but a few of the many instances in Scripture that bear out the fact that music is indeed a divine element, an integral component of the Heavenly Kingdom. Our God is a musical God. The Bible says that He joys over His people with singing (**Zephaniah 3:17**). As beings created in the image of the Master Musician, we are very responsive to music. We are moved, and our minds can be deeply impressed by it. Inspiration has revealed its value

in these words:

*“The value of song as a means of education should never be lost sight of. Let there be singing in the home, of songs that are sweet and pure, and there will be fewer words of censure and more of cheerfulness and hope and joy. Let there be singing in the school, and the pupils will be drawn closer to God, to their teachers, and to one another. As a part of religious service, singing is as much an act of worship as is prayer. Indeed, many a song is prayer.” - Education, pp. 167, 168.*

But should music only be associated with joy and victory? Inspiration makes it clear that it ties in with worship. If we are to maintain an attitude of worship at all times, then indeed, music can mark every step of our pilgrim journey, even as we tread through the darkest valleys. In moments of despair when all seems to be engulfed in gloom, making melody in our hearts to the Lord can break those shackles of darkness just as easily as it loosed the prison chains of Paul and Silas. Some of the most beautiful words of praise and surrender to God were penned in sorrowful times. So, we ought to blend a note of holy cheer with any circumstance in life, even the most trying. Our Divine Pattern left us an example in all things including the right use of music:

*“When Christ was a child like these children here, He was tempted to sin, but He did not yield to temptation. As He grew older He was tempted, but the songs His mother had taught Him to sing came into His mind, and He would lift His voice in praise. And before His companions were aware of it, they would be singing with Him. God wants us to use every facility which Heaven has provided for resisting the enemy.” - Manuscript 65, 1901.*

*“With a song, Jesus in His earthly life met temptation. Often when sharp, stinging words were spoken, often when the atmosphere about Him was heavy with gloom, with*

*dissatisfaction, distrust, or oppressive fear, was heard His song of faith and holy cheer.”*  
- **Education, p. 166.**

We are well aware of the power of **“It is Written”** over temptation. It is the sword that never fails to vanquish the efforts of the enemy. But how often do we meet temptation with song? The idea might not even occur to many of us. We may feel that it is not at all the opportune moment to sing whilst in the midst of an intense spiritual battle. But our Lord demonstrated that it is very effective even then. Songs that are rooted in the Word of God are like a tuneful prayer that invites the atmosphere of Heaven around us.

Not only can music lighten our own burdens, but its blessing can radiate to those around us as well, bringing comfort to their troubled hearts. Those that came in contact with Christ were not only blessed by his benevolent words and deeds but also by His singing:

*“Christ descended to poverty that He might teach how closely in our daily life we may walk with God. He took human nature that He might be able to sympathize with all hearts. He was capable of sympathizing with all. He could engage in toil, bear His part in sustaining the family in their necessity, become accustomed to weariness, and yet show no impatience. His spirit was never so full of worldly cares as to leave no time nor thought for heavenly things. He often held communion with heaven in song. The men of Nazareth often heard His voice raised in prayer and thanksgiving to God; and those who associated with Him, who often complained of their weariness, were cheered by the sweet melody that fell from His lips.”* - **The Review and Herald, October 24, 1899.**

*“The early morning often found Him in some secluded place, meditating, searching the Scriptures, or in prayer. With the voice of singing He welcomed the morning light. With songs of thanksgiving, He cheered His hours of labor and brought heaven's gladness to the*

*toilworn and disheartened.”* - **The Ministry of Healing, p. 52.**

Much like every other gift, our voices are also a gift from God that we are expected to cultivate for His glory and also for the uplifting and edification of one another. You are to be **“Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.”** **Ephesians 5:19.**

As Present Truth believers, awaiting a better home, even a Kingdom, our journey is no easy one. We experience every sense of our Master's words **“The narrow way.”** Yet we can praise God for the many tokens of His love and for every weapon that He has furnished us with to engage in this warfare, one of them being music. Inspiration says:

*“Let praise and thanksgiving be expressed in song. When tempted, instead of giving utterance to our feelings, let us by faith lift up a song of thanksgiving to God. Song is a weapon that we can always use against discouragement. As we thus open the heart to the sunlight of the Saviour's presence, we shall have ... His blessing.”* - **The Ministry of Healing, p. 254.**

David was an individual greatly bestowed with the gift of music. In trial and in triumph he sang to the Lord, and the words of the Spirit that flowed through his pen have been upon the lips of the faithful down through the ages. That same Spirit thrives among us today and we, as Davidians, who have been blessed with an abundance of light on God's Holy Word, have every reason to sing a song of praise. The Butter and Honey being the substance of our music, let us grow in appreciation of what we can accomplish through our songs for our own spiritual journey and the upbuilding of God's Kingdom. Let us sing a tune of faith and hope along our journey towards the Kingdom where we shall at last stand on Mount Zion and, in unison, lift our voices in melodious praise to our God and the Lamb.

*Sis. Elaine Vandort,  
Sri Lanka Division.*



# **The 11<sup>th</sup> Hour General** **Prayer Band**

Private prayer, family prayer, prayer in public gatherings for the worship of God—all are essential. And we are to live our prayers. We are to co-operate with Christ in His work.— (**Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 7, p. 239.**) - **Pr. 198.2**

The members are always encouraged to cherish personal prayers. In addition, a WhatsApp group has been created where members can join, submit their requests, and then exit. However, this group does not replace personal or family prayers. Here is the link to join the group. A QR code is also provided.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GEtlieKyAjjI2OxTAUMkDh>



*Scan to join group*

**There are different Divisional prayer bands which include:**

1. Kenya Division prayer band
2. Uganda Division prayer band
3. Zambia Division prayer band
4. Dutch Division prayer band
5. French Division prayer band
6. USA Division prayer band
7. Sri Lanka Division prayer band





# DYAYA

*"The Lord has appointed the youth to be His helping hand..."* -- Testimonies, Vol. 7, p. 64.2 •

## DYAYA MEETINGS

### **Sunday Meetings**

**First and second Sunday of each month**

**Webinar: 970 9243 2716**

### **DYAYA Sabbath**

**Third Sabbath of each month**

**Meeting ID: 858 9070 3015**

**Passcode: 1**

**Time: 7 a.m. CT**

**Platform: Zoom**

**Theme Song: Dare to be a Daniel**

# THE ELEVENTH-HOUR DYAYA SOCIETY

The DYAYA (Davidian Youth and Young Adult) Society of the Eleventh-hour Church is composed of youths, aged between 12 and 20 years; and young adults, aged between 21 and 34 years. It was officially organized in 2020.

*“God wants a large army of earnest, consecrated youth to gird on the armor, and to fight manfully the battles of the Lord. There is a work for each one to do.” - 2SAT 286.1.*

With the large army of earnest, consecrated youths needed by God, the Church and parents have got a great work to do in training the youths/young adults to become equipped in various aspects of Christian life, so that they become fitted for God's work.

With the increase of immorality in our generation, most of the youths are taken by the negative impact of technology, in dress code, speech code and various aspects of life character. With the formation of the DYAYA Society, good Christian morals will and are being realized from the youths and young adults because the Society focuses on nurturing them to be men and women wondered at, people who are ready to represent Christ in teaching and living God's word.

## FOUR MAJOR OBJECTIVES OF THE DYAYA SOCIETY

### 1. Promote Spiritual Growth Among DYAYA

*“But first the young men who would serve God, and give themselves to His work, must cleanse the soul temple of all impurity, and enthrone Christ in the heart; then they will be enabled to put energy into their Christian effort, and will manifest enthusiastic zeal in persuading men to be reconciled to Christ ...” - MYP 25.1.*

Inasmuch as the Lord wants to use the youths

for His cause, as long as they are still indulging in corrupt vices, they remain unfit for His service. Therefore, we, the DYAYA members, take it upon ourselves to promote spiritual growth in our midst so that our soul temples can be accepted by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and become eligible to be used by Him.

### 2. Learn and Understand How to Present The SROD Message

**1TG4: 26.4** - *“... Now is the time to study and to learn the Truth for this time, to find out how to give a study and how to answer questions in a simple way, without having to go into a lot of history or biography ...”*

The Rod Message is here to change our lives so that we get revived and thoroughly reformed in order to be sealed to escape the slaughter. At the same time, it is encouraging us not only to live the Message, but also to understand and learn how to present it to our fellow brothers and sisters who are not as yet in contact with It. For that reason, it's one of the top priorities of the DYAYA Society to empower the youths and young adults to learn and understand how to present the *Shepherd's Rod* Message.

### 3. Empower DYAYA to be Co-laborers With Christ

*“I entreat of you, careless, reckless youth of today, be converted, and become laborers together with God. Let it be the study of your life to bless and save others. If you seek help from God, His power working in you will bring to naught all opposing powers, and you will become sanctified through the truth. Sin is alarmingly prevalent among the youth of today, but let it be your purpose to do what you can to rescue souls from the power of Satan ...” - MYP 22.4.*

With the vast amount of work in God's vineyard as His Kingdom is about to be set up, the Lord is

calling for many youths and young adults to be involved in His cause. In order for the youths to carry out effective responsibility required of them by the Lord, they need to be Empowered. Therefore, the DYAYA Society is covering various aspects of the Christian Life to make sure that all the youths and young adults are empowered enough to be COLLABORERS with God.

#### 4. Have Wholesome Discussions on Various Topics

Reformation is very important as far as Present Truth is concerned. But we cannot reform if we do not have a theoretical knowledge of what the Lord wants us to do. When we as the youths and young adults come together, we discuss various topics in order for us to know more about what the Lord wants us to do, and apply His will in our lives, so that we can thus be fitted for His coming Kingdom.

#### Conclusion

We thank the Lord for having led us thus far from the time we got organized. We have indeed

seen changes in our lives as we have been inspired in various ways of life, and we thus pray that the Lord continues leading and guiding us in all our plans. We also urge our parents and the church to continue supporting us in all our activities till we all reach the soon-coming Kingdom, because our Savior would love to see us all saved.

*“... Let us work for the youth with all the powers God has bestowed upon us, and He will bless our well-directed efforts. Our Savior longs to save the young. He would rejoice to see them around His throne clothed in the spotless robes of His righteousness. He is waiting to place upon their heads the crown of life, and hear their happy voices join in ascribing honor and glory and majesty to God and the Lamb in the song of victory that shall echo and re-echo throughout the courts of heaven. —The Review and Herald, August 19, 26, 1884 ...” - FE 91.1.*

Bro. Leon Chongwe,  
Zambia Division.

### FIDELITY TO GOD IS OUR MOTTO

**2TG1: 12.1** - *“The Lord abhors indifference and disloyalty in a time of crisis in His work. The whole universe is watching with inexpressible interest the closing scenes of the great controversy between good and evil. The people of God are nearing the borders of the eternal world; what can be of more importance to them than that they be loyal to the God of heaven? All through the ages, God has had moral heroes; and He has them now, — those who, like Joseph and Elijah and Daniel, are not ashamed to acknowledge themselves His peculiar people. His special blessing accompanies the labors of men of action; men who will not be swerved from the right line of duty, but who with divine energy will inquire, “Who is on the Lord’s side?” men who will not stop merely with the inquiry, but who will demand that those who choose to identify themselves with the people*

*of God shall step forward and reveal unmistakably their allegiance to the King of kings and Lord of lords. Such men make their wills and plans subordinate to the law of God. For love of Him, they count not their lives dear unto themselves. Their work is to catch the light from the Word, and let it shine forth to the world in clear, steady rays. Fidelity to God is their motto.’*  
**- Prophets and Kings, p. 148.”**

Fidelity is defined by faithfulness to a person, cause, or belief, demonstrated by continuing loyalty and support. The Lord needs in this time of the end, men and women, boys and girls, who are not ashamed of Him and His Word, to work for Him in His vineyard. While there are many who claim to be people of God, their actions prove them to be otherwise. As Jesus came and showed us the way, we should prove our loyalty to the law of God, not fearing for our lives nor what men may do or

say to us. And what better way to gain this courageous and fervent love for our Maker than through prayer! We are admonished in the following passages:

*“When Jesus was upon the earth, He taught His disciples how to pray. He directed them to present their daily needs before God, and to cast all their care upon Him. And the assurance He gave them that their petitions should be heard, is assurance also to us.” - SC 93.3.*

*“Jesus Himself, while He dwelt among men, was often in prayer. Our Saviour identified Himself with our needs and weakness, in that He became a suppliant, a petitioner, seeking from His Father fresh supplies of strength, that He might come forth braced for duty and trial. He is our example in all things. He is a brother in our infirmities, ‘in all points tempted like as we are;’ but as the sinless one His nature recoiled from evil; He endured struggles and torture of soul in a world of sin. His humanity made prayer a necessity and a privilege. He found comfort and joy in communion with His Father. And if the Saviour of men, the Son of God, felt the need of prayer, how much more should feeble, sinful mortals feel the necessity of fervent, constant prayer.” - SC 93.4.*

Like Christ, we should make prayer a necessity in our lives for we can never endure this race on our own. It is a grave mistake to ever think we can become like Christ without the much needed communication with God. **Matthew 26:41** says: *“Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”* Here we are warned to keep watch, for there will always be a willingness in spirit to serve the Lord, but without continuous prayer our desire will never become an unwavering loyalty to God. The Lord waits to bestow His blessings upon us, all we need to do is ask. As we ask for His help let us be true learners and doers of the Word, as did the men in the school of God:

*“In the school of God he (Enoch)... learned to walk with God (Gen. 5:22)... to this very day he holds the championship in aviation*

*- 2TG25: 3.3... Noah’s boat, you know, was large enough and strong enough to house and carry a pair or more of every living creature on Earth, including all necessary provisions for man and beast to last over a year! - 2TG25: 3.4... Joseph became the world’s greatest economist and banker - 2TG25: 6.4... Moses... learned how to become the world’s greatest emancipator-general, author, ruler, educator, lawmaker and prophet. - 2TG25: 7.1... In the school of God the student is guaranteed to become the best in whatever line he undertakes. And my advice to you is that whether you be grass, or tree, so to speak, choose to be the best of its kind. Such you can be if you will to do so, for there are no failures in the school of God. You can become the best herdsman or the best king, the best teacher or the best preacher, the best banker, or the best of whatever it be.” - 2TG25: 8.3.*

Though this world is not our own, and we are just passing by, the Lord desires that we shall be the best at whatever we undertake so that He may show forth His loving-kindness not only to us, but also to those around us. It should be our privilege to take heed to the words of the Lord, for only then will the Lord manifest His blessings in our lives. Let us not wait for the crowd to seek the Lord or wait for the time in our lives that may be most “convenient” to us, for there never will come that time; “. . . *The true followers of Christ . . . do not wait for truth to become popular. Being convinced of their duty, they deliberately accept the cross.*” -TN7: 65:1.

**2TG21: 2.2** - *“Cares, riches, pleasures, all are used by Satan in playing the game of life for the human soul. The warning is given, ‘Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him...’ He who reads the hearts of men as an open book says, ‘Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness and cares of this life.’”*

**2TG21: 2.3** - *“We are to pray for to overcome the love of the world and to remember that Satan is playing the game of life for the souls of God’s people; to be given grace to work and*

*pray as never before; to overcome the wiles of the Devil; to know that he is no foe to be trifled with, and that Jesus is the Captain Who never lost a battle; that if we enlist His help He will see us through.”*

All things considered, may we ever be loyal to our God and His laws, so that we may be the Vanguard that He has brought us here to be. Oh what a privilege it is to always be in communion with Heaven, hungering for the bread of life and thirsting for His ever cleansing blood! Let us learn from the examples of the students from the school of God, who became the best at what they did

throughout all ages. As they made their lives wholly sanctified by the Holy Spirit and were brought into all Truth, shall we not as they did yearn for the clothing of Christ’s righteousness?

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ, it is my deepest hope that we all get to rejoice together when we shall be with our dear Savior and Lord when He comes to take His children home to live with Him forever.

*Sis. Sarah-Lee Henry,  
U.S.A. Division.*

## SINCERE REPENTANCE ACCEPTED BY GOD

**Jer. 26:13--** *“Therefore, now amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you.”*

*“Although as sinners we are under the condemnation of the law, yet Christ, by His obedience rendered to the law, claims for the repentant soul the merit of His own Righteousness. In order to obtain the Righteousness of Christ, it is necessary for the sinner to know what that repentance is which works a radical change of mind and spirit and action. The work of transformation must begin in the heart, and manifest its power through every faculty of the being; but human beings are not capable of originating such a repentance as this, and can experience it alone through Christ, who ascended up on high, led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto humanity.”*  
- **BLJ 382.2.**

Who is desirous of becoming truly repentant?

What must they do?

*“They must come to Jesus, just as they are, without delay. They must believe that the word of Christ is true, and, believing the promise, ask, that they may receive. When sincere desire prompts people to pray, they will not pray in vain. The Lord will fulfill His*

*word and will give the Holy Spirit to lead to repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. They will pray and watch, and put away their sins, making manifest their sincerity by the vigor of their endeavor to obey the commandments of God. With prayer they will mingle faith, and not only believe in but obey the precepts of the law. They will announce themselves as on Christ’s side of the question. They will renounce all habits and associations that tend to draw the heart from God.”* - **BLJ 382.3.**

*“All sinners who would become children of God must receive the truth that repentance and forgiveness are to be obtained through nothing less than the atonement of Christ. Assured of this, they must put forth an effort in harmony with the work done for them, and with unwearied entreaty they must supplicate the throne of grace, that the renovating power of God may come into their souls.”* - **BLJ 382.4.**

*“Christ pardons none but the penitent, but whom He pardons He first makes penitent. The provision made is complete, and the eternal righteousness of Christ is placed to the account of every believing soul. The costly, spotless robe, woven in the loom of heaven, has been provided for the repenting, believing sinner, and everyone may say: ‘I will*

greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness' (Isaiah 61:10).— **Selected Messages, book 1, pp. 393, 394.**” - BLJ 382.5.

“Though David had fallen, the Lord lifted him up. He was now more fully in harmony with God and in sympathy with his fellow men than before he fell. In the joy of his release he sang: ‘I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. . . . Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance’ (Psalm 32:5-7).” - BLJ 383.2.

“Many have murmured at what they called God’s injustice in sparing David, whose guilt was so great, after having rejected Saul for what appear to them to be far less flagrant sins. But David humbled himself and confessed his sin, while Saul despised reproof and hardened his heart in impenitence.” - BLJ 383.3.

“This passage in David’s history is full of significance to the repenting sinner. It is one of the most forcible illustrations given us of the struggles and temptations of humanity, and of genuine repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Through all the ages it has proved a source of encouragement to souls that, having fallen into sin, were struggling under the burden of their guilt. Thousands of the children of God, who have been betrayed into sin, when ready to give up to despair have remembered how David’s sincere repentance and confession were accepted by God, notwithstanding he suffered for his transgression; and they also have taken courage to repent and try again to walk in the way of God’s commandments.” - BLJ 383.4.

“Whoever under the reproof of God will humble the soul with confession and repentance, as did David, may be sure that there is hope

for him or her. Whoever will in faith accept God’s promises will find pardon. The Lord will never cast away one truly repentant soul. He has given this promise: ‘Let him take hold of my strength, that he may make peace with me; and he shall make peace with me’ (Isaiah 27:5). ‘Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon’ (Isaiah 55:7).- **Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 726.**” - BLJ 383.5.

**SR1: 200.1** - “The people of God must see their wrongs, and arouse to zealous repentance, and a putting away of those sins which have brought them into such a deplorable condition of poverty, blindness, wretchedness, and fearful deception.”

**SR1: 245.3** - “Those who receive this message are to arise from their spiritual feebleness to true godly repentance...”

**SR1: 252.1** - “The people of God must see their wrongs, and arouse to zealous repentance, and a putting away of those sins which have brought them into such a deplorable condition of poverty, blindness, wretchedness, and fearful deception. I was shown that the pointed testimony must live in the church. This alone will answer to the message to the Laodiceans. Wrongs must be reproved, sin must be called sin, and iniquity must be met promptly and decidedly, and put away from us as a people.’ **Volume 3, pages 258-260.**”

**SR2: 46.1** - “The Lord is not slack concerning His Promise, as some men count slackness; but is long suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.’ (2 Peter 3:9.)”

**3SC11-12: 9.1.5** - “In ancient times God spoke to men by the mouth of prophets and apostles. In these days He speaks to them by Testimonies of His Spirit. There was never a time when God instructed His People more earnestly than He instructs them now

concerning His will, and the course that He would have them pursue. But will they profit by His teachings? Will they receive His reproofs and heed His warnings? God will accept of no partial obedience; He will sanction no compromise with self.' - **Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 4, p. 148.**"

**3SC11-12: 9.2.1** - "Yet He defers His chastisement, to give them one more opportunity to repent and avert the retribution for their sin. Through His chosen prophet, He now sends them a clear and positive, warning, and lays before them the only course by which they can escape the punishment which they deserve. This is a full repentance of their sin, and a turning from the evil of their ways;' - **Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 4, pp. 165, 166.**"

**3SC11-12: 9.2.2** - "A sin-hating God calls upon those who profess to keep His law to depart from all iniquity. Neglect to repent and obey His word will bring as serious consequences upon God's people today as did the same sin upon ancient Israel. There is a limit beyond which He will no longer delay His judgments. The desolation of Jerusalem stands as a solemn warning before the eyes of modern Israel, that the corrections given through His chosen instruments cannot be disregarded with impunity.' - **Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 4, pp. 166, 167.**"

Clean up Brother, clean up Sister, we are going home.

Sis. Phili Kortram - van Niel,  
Dutch Division.

## OUR ROLE AS MOTHERS

Greetings and peace be upon you all. My name is Sis. Esther Mwaba, from Zambia Division. I am blessed to serve the Lord as a mother of two lambs, Sis. Kasuba (almost four years) and Bro. Daniel (one year, eleven months), a wife to Bro. Denis Mwaba, and the Secretary of the Executive Council. The Lord called me to His vineyard under the most convicting of circumstances. Now what remains is my incessant joy and peace and unquantifiable sense of gratitude to my Redeemer and Friend Jesus the Christ. I count it a privilege and am humbled and delighted to fulfill my God-ordained role as a homemaker and nurturer to my little lambs. I have come to depend on the Lord in this most sacred duty, for His strength is made manifest in my weakness. The Lord is merciful and kind, a present help to all who seek Him. Please allow me to share something that has been of help to me as a mother aiming to raise Godly and Kingdom-bound children.

### Filling them with useful knowledge

The Bible and Inspiration have made it clear concerning the training and raising of children

in a home. The Onus lies squarely on the parents, especially the mother. God has designed the family here to be like the family above. Every aspect of order and system is for our own good and is connected to our salvation and happiness even in this life.

*"The position of a woman in her family is more sacred than that of the king upon his throne. Her great work is to make her life an example such as she would wish her children to copy. And by precept as well as example, she is to store their minds with useful knowledge, and lead them to self-sacrificing labor for the good of others. The great stimulus to the toiling, burdened mother should be that every child who is trained aright, and who has the inward adorning, the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, will shine in the courts of the Lord." - CE 178.3.*

One of the key themes when it comes to the training of children is to teach them the scripture. More precisely, to train the children to commit to memory the passages of scripture. A question may be asked, why should we do this?

## Why?

- ♦ **The Bible instructs us to do so.** Just as it was in the past when the Lord wanted to shield His people from the evil influences of idolatry. **Deuteronomy 11:18, 19--** *“Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.”*
- ♦ **Gives them the correct bearing in life.** *“The Bible should be the child's first textbook. From this book, parents are to give wise instruction. The Word of God is to be made the rule of the life. ...”* - **CG 41.1.**
- ♦ **Having God's Word rooted in the heart will help to fight temptation.** This is true of children's minds too. We have an example from Christ as we see Him use the word. *“That is how Jesus met the enemy in the wilderness of temptation, not with arguments of His own to match those of Satan, but with a plain, ‘It is written.’”* - **WR, September 15, 1909 par. 6.**
- ♦ *“The Word of God is a channel of communication with the living God. He who feeds upon the Word will become fruitful in all good works. He . . . will be the discoverer of rich mines of truth which he must work to find the hidden treasure. When [he is] surrounded with temptations, the Holy Spirit will bring to his mind the very words with which to meet the temptation at the very moment when they are most needed, and he can use them effectually.”* - **FLB 8.4.**
- ♦ **To have a knowledge of God.** *“God designed the Bible to be a lesson-book to all mankind, in childhood, youth, and manhood, and to be studied through all time. He gave His Word to men as a revelation of Himself. ... It is the medium of communication between God and man.”* - **FLB 10.5.**
- ♦ **Parents may use Scripture when requiring** obedience from their children. Correction and disciplining of children is not easy/effective when it is founded on emotions or want of control. Children may be reasoned with after prayer and pointed to God's Word. Children will only obey when they know what they should do and what they should not do. Knowing the scriptures by memory helps them understand what is expected of them. *“The mother must keep her mind refreshed and stored with the promises and blessings of God's Word, and also the forbidden things, that when her children do wrong, she may present as a reproof the words of God, and show them how they are grieving the Spirit of God.”* - **CG 41.2.**
- ♦ *“When children err, parents should take time to read to them tenderly from the Word of God such admonitions as are particularly applicable to their case. When they are tried, tempted, or discouraged, cite them to its precious words of comfort, and gently lead them to put their trust in Jesus. Thus the young mind may be directed to that which is pure and ennobling...”* - **RH, June 13, 1882 par. 13.**
- ♦ **The mind is the best storehouse for truth.** *“The time will come when many will be deprived of the written Word. But if this Word is printed in the memory, no one can take it from us.”* - **LDE 67.5.**
- ♦ *“Study the Word of God. Commit its precious promises to memory so that, when we shall be deprived of our Bibles, we may still be in possession of the Word of God.”* - **LDE 67.6.**

## Practical ways to train our children to commit Scripture to memory

- ✓ *“Pray for Heavenly Wisdom. - Parents should reflect and pray earnestly to God for wisdom and divine aid to properly train their children, that they may develop characters that God will approve...”* - **CG 189.2.**
- ✓ **Know God's Word as a parent, especially a mother.**
- ✓ **Start early.** Speak God's Word to them and the songs of Bethlehem from the womb and in babyhood. Allow the children to take part



in the family devotion by reciting verses or by acting out Bible scenarios to help them imprint them in their minds.

✔ **Use our lesson book (nature).** *“Children should be encouraged to search out in nature the objects that illustrate Bible teachings, and to trace in the Bible the similitudes drawn from nature. They should search out, both in nature and in Holy Writ, every object representing Christ, and those also that He employed in illustrating truth. Thus, may they learn to see Him in tree and vine, in lily and rose, in sun and star. They may learn to hear His voice in the song of birds, in the sighing of the trees, in the rolling thunder, and in the music of the sea. And every object in nature will repeat to them His precious lessons.”* - **CG 46.4.**

✔ **Simplify things.** *“The parents are to teach their children lessons from the Bible, making them so simple that they can readily be understood.”* - **CG 43.3.** Use simple language, start with short verses, and increase as they get more established. Use signs, and gestures, play out some portions of Bible stories, songs and objects they can see and touch.

✔ **Be patient.** A restful, gentle and quiet man-

ner will achieve much good.

✔ **Repeat.** The human mind is accustomed to habit. Children learn well when lessons are repeated. Do not grow weary in well doing.

*“When Samuel shall receive the crown of glory, he will wave it in honor before the throne and gladly acknowledge that the faithful lessons of his mother, through the merits of Christ, have crowned him with immortal glory.”* - **AH 536.2.**

Occasions to complain, get overwhelmed or discouraged will be there. But like the women of old (such as Jochebed, Hannah, Elizabeth, and Mary,) who triumphed by the grace of God, we too may obtain grace to raise children whom God shall delight in.

*“The work of wise parents will never be appreciated by the world, but when the judgment shall sit and the books shall be opened, their work will appear as God views it and will be rewarded before men and angels....”* - **AH 536.3.**

God bless and guide you all.

*Sis. Esther Mwaba,  
Zambia Division.*

## TESTIMONIES

### SERVING GOD IS A BLESSING

Greetings my beloved brethren of the Eleventh-hour Church! Peace and Grace be unto you all!

I am thankful for this opportunity to pen a few words to acquaint you with your fellow brother and servant in Christ.

My name is Bro. Brian Gisore. I am a 25-year-old Kenyan, and I am currently serving as the Vice President of our church. I was called to this office in the year 2021. As the second youngest to ever serve in this position, I was truly delighted and humbled. It is indeed such a blessing to be serving God and His people in this capacity.

I was also appointed as the Field Secretary of the Eastern Hemisphere in 2022. My duties in

this sphere allow me to be very involved with my brethren in the Eastern Hemisphere and I thank God for this privilege. I enjoy getting to know every one of you as we continue this journey to our Kingdom home.

Prior to becoming a member of the Executive Council, I served as the Head Coordinator of DYAYA. This was indeed very special to me as I got to interact with our youth and engage young minds, which is something I truly enjoy. Since being entrusted with this responsibility at the very inception of DYAYA, it was very humbling and rewarding, and I thank God for the memories made and the experiences gained.

I grew up in a village known as Borioba, Magwagwa Ward, Nyamira County, in an Adventist home, with parents who instilled in me at an ear-

ly age to love the Lord. I am the third born in a family of four. Growing up, we understood respect, self-discipline, and learned about having the fear of God and a love for others. I learned more about having a personal walk with my Savior at a tender age. I did not always follow the precepts that were taught to me, but the Lord had a plan to awaken me. I was in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and at the time, I enjoyed playing football and even followed the premiere leagues. I was a good football player too and thought it was a talent I would use to become rich when I grow up. One Sabbath, my dad was heading to church, and whilst I was doing my own thing in playing football with my siblings and friends, my dad said to us, and I would never forget, “I cannot force anyone of you, but let us go take some honey.” Those words resonated with me and I went home, took a shower and rushed to church. I arrived at church even before my dad. While in church there was a peace that came over me and I knew this was the Lord working on my heart. Since then, every Sabbath I attended church. I later went to boarding school and was baptized in the year 2010. It was in High School, in the year 2016 that I accepted the Rod Message and started studying in the year 2017. The Lord has been good to me in helping me to learn the truth and unlearn error. It was the Rod that rescued me and I thank the Lord. It was after I received the Rod Message that I fully understood the true meaning of the words my dad spoke that Sabbath morning. I now know about the honey he meant.

When it comes to personal interests, I have a passion for music. I enjoy listening to and singing sacred songs. My favorite hymn is “**Courage Brother**” from the old SDA Hymn. This song personally speaks to me a lot and I thank God for the opportunity He gave me to contribute to such an uplifting tune during the 2022 Day of Days. A feat that I am presently attempting to accomplish is learning to play the guitar. I find it to be such a beautiful instrument and strumming is one of my favorite past-times. Playing music helps to bring joy and comfort to the soul. I play a hymnal chord whenever I get a negative thought and in doing so, I resist the enemy’s snares.

The scriptures say “***The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth His handiwork. Day upon day uttereth speech, and***

***night upon night sheweth knowledge.***” – **Psalm 19:1, 2.** I know I speak for all of us when I say that God’s handiwork never ceases to amaze me and spending time outdoors, witnessing the glory of God firsthand is when I experience some of my best-loved moments. Akin to the joy that this brings, would be that which I receive from fellowshiping with church family. As someone who comes from a family of four children, I love the familial warmth in our midst. Serving in this office has afforded me the privilege of working closely and getting well-acquainted with many of our brethren and I truly thank God for such a blessing.

I am so humbled to even be a part of God’s church for this hour and it fills my heart with gratitude. But to have been appointed to serve is a blessing and honor beyond words. I am immensely grateful to everyone in this church family for their prayers and for being such a pleasure to work and fellowship with. The past two years have been a journey on mountains of joy and even through valleys of trials. However, in retrospect, I see how the Lord’s hand was over me through it all. I praise Him for His great faithfulness and for always seeing me through. I have indeed experienced that “***I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me***” – **Philippians 4:13.** Jesus said, “***Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them. But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister:...***” – **Mark 10:42, 43.** Our Saviour exemplified the utmost humility by leaving the courts above to serve fallen humanity. He taught us that a leader is a servant and I pray that I will ever keep this lesson before me as I continue serving for as long as God wills. May the Lord bless us and keep us all till the kingdom comes!

Bro. Brian Gisore,  
Kenya Division.

## ALL THE WAY MY SAVIOUR LEADS ME

Christian Greetings everyone,

I thank God for the gift of life, and for the august privilege of being in His service. This is a little introduction about me:

I, Maxwell Mwinami, was born at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Kakamega District of Western Kenya on August 1, 1991, to my loving parents, Tom and Irene Murunga. I have five older siblings, three sisters and two brothers. Both of my brothers are Davidians and members of the Eleventh-hour Church. I also have two brothers-in-law, two sisters-in-law, seven nephews, and three nieces.

I always thought that I was born into an Adventist family because my maternal grandparents, with whom I spent many holidays with in the company of my cousins, were Adventists. However, my eldest brother, Bro. Michael Chivolo, just recently informed me that at the time of my birth, our family was attending the Quaker (Friends) Church by virtue of my mother's marriage to my father, and that my mother and our family only reconverted to Adventism about three years after my birth.

I attended Christian boarding schools for the most part of my primary and high school years: grades two and three in Norec Primary School; grades four to six at St. Peter's Mumias Boys' Primary School; and grades seven and eight at St Peter's Mautuma Boys' Primary School; I then attended Friends School Kamusinga from 2004-2008 for my high school education, after which I joined the University of Nairobi in October 2010 for a Bachelor of Science (BSc) Degree in Civil Engineering. In 2012, I also enrolled with the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) Kenya to pursue a BSc (Hons) Degree in Applied Accounting through their partnership with Oxford Brookes University.

**Phil. 3:7--** “*But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.*”

I first came in contact with the *Shepherd's Rod* Message while I was in primary school through my eldest brother. That was still the analog age, and these were mainly through audio tapes and tracts from the Mountain Dale Association. However, I had a prodigal experience for about one and a half years from around March 2009, but I had promised God, even before my prodigality begun, that I would give my life to Him when I joined university. I began my comeback journey in August 2010 by beginning to read the *Shepherd's Rod* Message from scratch.

I was baptized into the S.D.A. church in December 2010, and finished my reading of the *Shepherd's Rod* Message sometime in 2011. I started studying the Present Truth about November 2011, and accepted it immediately. Around this time, I had also begun my online DLI Preliminary & Teacher's Training Correspondence Course with 2500 Mt. Carmel Dr. and got Certified by their headquarters on February 13, 2013, some time after completion.

I enjoy spending time with the Lord, meditating and listening to His voice, memorizing scriptures, studying His word, teaching it to others, and obeying it. I love programming, design, development, typing, writing, marketing, and learning and trying new things, especially in the field of technology. I am also interested in nature, organic farming and country living.

**Col. 3:2-3--** “*Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.*”

May God Bless You in His Service,

Bro. Maxwell Murunga,  
Kenya Division.

## I HAVE SEEN GOD'S LOVE

Greetings, beloved Church. Peace be with you all. I am very glad to testify in thanksgiving for the Present Truth and the wonderful promises of God. My name is Sis. Irene Mugala, from the Uganda Division. I thank God for the miraculous way He brought me into this marvellous truth of the hour.

The *Rod* Message came to my father's house when I was still a pupil in primary school. My father, Bro. Jacob Kimunga, accepted this truth, but the rest of the family did not. So, he started practicing all the reforms as he was studying them from the *Rod*. He used to tell us how precious the Message was and always encouraged us to start reading the *Rod*, but none of us listened to him, since we used to go to the mother church. The elders and people at church did not like the *Shepherd's Rod* Message. After some years, when I was in high school in form three, we had a week of prayer at school - it was an Adventist school. During this week, the school would arrange and invite a pastor to preach

to the students.

One of the topics that were taught during the week was the great image of **Daniel 2**. The image was projected, and the preacher started to teach, giving the explanation as the SDA Church teaches, like, **“The stone that hit the toes of the image is Jesus.”**

While the pastor was preaching, I missed some points and was very curious to know more about the great image of **Dan. 2**. But I didn't get the time to go and meet him in the office to ask him more about this image.

When I returned home that day, I was meditating on what I had learnt about **Dan. 2**. Then, I recalled that I had seen a similar image in the *Shepherd's Rod*. I took the *Shepherd's Rod* and started looking for where the great image was. When I read the *Shepherd's Rod*, it was speaking the truth clearly about the great image, not only did the *Rod* show me the truth, but it also pointed out the error that the preacher was teaching at school.

Since then, I decided to start reading the *Rod* from page one. The Lord opened my eyes to His wondrous truths and showed me the glimpses of truth that He has sent to His people in this generation. I stopped listening to the elders at Church, who always warned me not to enter my father's religion. I also realised that we should not allow other people to tell us what is truth and what is not truth, but to search the Scriptures ourselves for in them is eternal life.

My life changed from then. Even at school, I lost friends simply because I had given my life to Christ.

There is power in the *Shepherd's Rod* Message. It is really a unique Message that God has sent to us. May God continue giving us all grace to do what He requires of us. And also, to help us make our calling and election sure.

*“Jesus knows us individually, and is touched with the feeling of our infirmities. He knows us all by name. He knows the very house in which we live, the name of each occupant. He has at times given directions to His servants to go to a certain street in a certain city, to*

*such a house, to find one of His sheep.” - DA 479.3.*

*“Every soul is as fully known to Jesus as if he were the only one for whom the Saviour died. The distress of every one touches His heart. The cry for aid reaches His ear. He came to draw all men unto Himself. He bids them, ‘Follow Me,’ and His Spirit moves upon their hearts to draw them to come to Him. Many refuse to be drawn. Jesus knows who they are. He also knows who gladly hear His call, and are ready to come under His pastoral care. He says, ‘My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.’ He cares for each one as if there were not another on the face of the earth.” - DA 480.1.*

*“He calleth His own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. . . . And the sheep follow Him: for they know His voice.’ The Eastern shepherd does not drive his sheep. He depends not upon force or fear; but going before, he calls them. They know his voice, and obey the call. So does the Saviour-Shepherd with His sheep. The Scripture says, ‘Thou ledest Thy people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.’ Through the prophet, Jesus declares, ‘I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving-kindness have I drawn thee.’ He compels none to follow Him. ‘I drew them,’ He says, ‘with cords of a man, with bands of love.’ **Psalm 77:20; Jeremiah 31:3; Hosea 11:4.**” - DA 480.2.*

Like the apostle Paul, I also declare;

**Rom. 8:38-39--** *“For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

Indeed, nothing can separate us from the love of God. And thus, we should make it our first priority to serve the Lord, Who has sent to us such wondrous truth, the *Shepherd's Rod*. It is because of His love towards us that we are in this movement.

May God bless us all abundantly.

*Sis. Irene Mugala,  
Uganda Division.*

## REJOICING IN THE TRUTH

My name is Sis. Patricia Verpret. I am in my fifties, and I thank the Lord for having been with me and protecting me from birth to date. I had not the knowledge of a God, but He decided to place me in a Seventh-day Adventist Family. This was the belief where I grew. In my distant memory, I always remember the time when my grandmother was reading her Bible and opening the Sabbath. I was always with her because she was the one who raised me up. I used to call her “Mummy”. At Church I was well appreciated during my childhood and always loved to serve God, playing instruments, singing songs, and visiting old people in the nursing room to present the SDA faith, in company of a group of members and elders. But my favourite time was when reading the Bible, especially on the Kings and the Prophets. I was amazed to read about God speaking to His people through a prophet. This was what attracted me the most and created in me the desire to see a time like this coming in my generation.

I may say all along the Lord never forsook me even if I forsook Him. Today I admire His patience towards me. And when the time came for Him to call me, He called me through the Book of **Jeremiah 30** without knowing that there was a link with the Message of today. I was in my thirties. It was a call for me to come back home to the SDA Church. A soon as I entered the Church, I met the Davidian Message. The Lord sent two Sisters who invited me to participate and listen to a study. What was my surprise when I heard for the first time about the 144,000. I engaged myself into the *Rod* translation from the beginning of my acceptance, I said to myself that the French Brethren must know about this truth. One day during a translation time with a sister from Waco 2500, we were proofreading **Jeremiah 30** and what was my surprise that it was the call I received years before that I discovered explained in the prophecy concerning the 144, 000.

Today in the Eleventh-hour Church, the last Church that will finish the work, I am very humble and honored to be a part of those who work with Christ. Since childhood, it is now that I have the privilege to know and to learn about Kings and Prophets, and hear the Voice of God talking to His people with the *Rod* through the living Spirit of Prophecy in this Church. I strive to make myself ready with the strength that my Lord gives me to stand until I behold Him descending the sky on the tenth day of the first month with the wise virgins.

May His Name Be Glorified!

*Sis. Patricia Verpret,  
Martinique Division.*

## HOW I BECAME A DAVIDIAN

Greetings beloved brothers and sisters. I take this opportunity to testify of the Lord's goodness in my life. When I was still very new in the SDA Church, one Sabbath as I was attending a Revival and Reformation seminar, the guest speaker was a famous pastor from the USA who had his own ministry. I had an encounter that to date I trust was Divine intervention.

The guest speaker, during question and answer time in the afternoon, didn't give me a satisfactory answer to my question whether the 144,000 was literal or symbolic number. Then afterwards, he mentioned that there were *Rod* believers in the gathering who offered a *Shepherd's Rod* booklet and he had rejected it. This caught more of my attention. He went ahead and declared that the *Rod* Message is false because it calls the SDA Church Babylon. Right away I knew that that was not true, because I had read part of the *Rod* and that is not what it said. That evening I made a decision that I would read more of the *Rod*. I had been gifted a few booklets but never read much, though today I'm glad that I read the part that said the SDA Church is not Babylon. My journey as a Davidian began that night. God opened a door that I would meet more Davidians in Kenya. Wow! I thank God for His faithfulness this far. Praise be to His Holy Name. God bless you all as we journey to the Kingdom.

*Sis. Judith Owuor,  
Kenya Division.*

### *Vanguard Academy Uganda Primary School's Unforgettable Tour*

At Vanguard Academy Uganda Primary School, we believe in providing our pupils with a holistic education that goes beyond the classroom walls. We strive to create opportunities for our pupils to explore the world around them, broaden their horizons, and cultivate a deep sense of appreciation for the wonders of nature and the blessings of life. Recently, by the grace of the Lord, we embarked on a remarkable journey that allowed our pupils to tour three incredible destinations: Entebbe International Airport, Uganda Wildlife Education Conservation Centre (Entebbe Zoo), and Entebbe Botanical Gardens. The experience was nothing short of awe-inspiring, and we are profoundly grateful for this extraordinary opportunity.



Our first stop on this exhilarating adventure was Entebbe International Airport. As the pupils arrived, their eyes widened with excitement at the sight of enormous airplanes majestically poised on the runway. They witnessed firsthand how these magnificent flying machines land and take off, and they were amazed by these aircraft's sheer size and power. The children were in awe as they observed the graceful movements of the planes and saw the dedicated professionals who ensure the smooth functioning of the airport. It was a truly captivating experience that left an indelible mark on the young minds of our pupils.



The second leg of our journey took us to the Uganda Wildlife Education Conservation Centre, commonly known as Entebbe Zoo. Here, our pupils had the unique opportunity to witness the diverse array of wildlife that calls Uganda home. From the regal lions to the elegant zebras, from the majestic giraffes to the powerful buffalo, the children were enthralled by these creatures' sheer beauty and grandeur. They marvelled at the cunning tigers, the gentle elephants, and even the slithering snakes. The vibrant and curious chimpanzees, the playful red monkeys, and the mischievous baboons brought smiles and laughter to their faces. The Komodo dragon, with its ancient charm, captured their imagination. The Rhino, Donkeys, Camel, Antelope, and Ankole Cows and the stunning shores of Lake Victoria provided a serene backdrop, reminding the pupils of the incredible natural resources that surround us. It was an educational and enchanting experience that left a lasting impression on our pupils, fostering a deep appreciation for our country's diverse wildlife and natural wonders.



Our final destination was the captivating Entebbe Botanical Gardens, where the pupils were introduced to the magnificent world of plants and trees. They strolled through lush gardens filled with a

myriad of tree species, each with its own unique charm and contribution to our ecosystem. From towering giants to delicate blossoms, the children were captivated by the sheer diversity of nature's creations. As they walked along the peaceful paths, the shimmering waters of Lake Victoria provided a picturesque backdrop, reminding them of the interconnectedness between land and water. The pupils embraced this opportunity to deepen their understanding of the vital role that plants play in sustaining life on our planet, and they left the gardens with a newfound appreciation for the beauty and importance of the natural world.

Throughout this remarkable tour, our pupils were filled with joy and wonder. Their faces lit up with excitement, their eyes sparkled with newfound knowledge, and their laughter echoed through each destination. They were able to

witness firsthand the marvels of aviation, explore the diverse wildlife that Uganda possesses, and immerse themselves in the tranquillity of nature's botanical treasures. This experience would not have been possible without the grace of the Lord, and we are deeply grateful for His benevolence and guidance.

At Vanguard Academy Uganda Primary School, we understand the significance of providing our pupils with experiences that enrich their education and nurture their spirits. We firmly believe that these adventures will inspire them to become responsible stewards of our planet and instill within them a lifelong love for learning and exploration.

*Bro. Rogers Mukasa Headteacher,  
VTC Uganda.*

## POEMS

### DEAR PARENT

1

Dear parent, I would know, how I should grow,  
A want to be a wheat, and not a weed;  
To jesting and joking, I would say no,  
Teach me to use my time aright, I plead.

2

Give me some work to do, I would help you,  
After the work is done I shall then play;  
You clean and cook so well, I would learn  
too,  
A busy child will never go astray.

3

I would enjoy to sweep, also to reap,  
Lead me to love my work, for work is good;  
From duties, I may learn lessons so deep,  
Train me to have a prudent attitude.

4

Dear parent, I would learn, how to discern,  
I want to choose the good and shun the  
bad;  
Seeking the Kingdom first is my concern,  
Reading the Bible with you makes me glad.

*Bro. Ivan Kimuli,  
Uganda Division.*

### A SOUL WINNER

As the days go by,  
So am I drawn unto Thy bosom to lie,  
For Thy love so matchless,  
With grace so marvelous,  
That at Calvary fully stood,  
As Thou shed Thy precious blood,  
All for me a wretched sinner,  
Who by faith becomes a soul-winner,

By Thy Spirit Who does my life control,  
As He strikes the cords of my soul,  
In the holy memories of my soul,  
For to offer gratitude from my lips,  
As I cooperate with Thee for to fix,  
The upbuilding of Thy Kingdom,  
By total dependence on Thy wisdom,  
Forgetting not to bow my knee,  
To bear a fruit for the glory of Thee.

*Sis. Edna Twara,  
Kenya Division.*

## KEEP ON THE SUNNY SIDE

The surroundings are a bit chilly and dark!  
Peeping through the window of the heart's ark,  
Traces of pain, sorrow and disappointment!  
Turning my eyes to the sides of the North,  
As the morning star; the Sun of  
Righteousness ariseth,  
He ariseth higher and higher in the heart's  
horizon,  
He is now brighter and brighter on and on,  
Behold the darkness vanishing from my  
heart!  
Glittering hope now shineth my heart!  
Darkness and gloom! You have no room in  
my heart!

Fear ye not dear daughter of Judah,  
Repose ye calmly as in a fantastic houdah:

In the Saviour's considerate tender arm,  
Fear ye not of any threatening harm,  
Trials? Not more than to be borne by you,  
His grace more than sufficient for you,  
Bask in His living and reviving promises;  
That around you encamps His faithful angels,  
His Divine Spirit enables you to overcome  
all evils,  
Darkness and gloom! You have no room  
anymore.

Clap your eyes on the blossoming rosy  
flowers,  
Prick up your ears at the chirping birds so  
melodious,  
Mark the ever-busy buzzing bees,  
Forget not the lofty and noble sighing trees,  
Hey! Leave the dead leaves and piercing  
thorns alone,  
Aha! Focus on the glittering and dazzling  
sun alone,  
In the mountains and valleys take much  
pleasure,  
Whose clothing is ever living green with  
much pleasure,  
And in all that life throws unto you, find  
much pleasure,  
Darkness and gloom! You have no room  
anymore!

*Sis. Edna Twara,  
Kenya Division*

**“Live in contact with the living Christ, and He will hold you firmly by a hand that will never let go. Know and believe the love that God has to us, and you are secure; that love is a fortress impregnable to all the delusions and assaults of Satan. “The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.”**

**-- Timely Greetings, Vol. 1 No. 19, p. 2.4**



# Asleep in Jesus!! Soon to Rise.

November 2023 was indeed a sad month for the Davidian Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The first of the two deaths, which occurred in the month of November 2023, was the sleeping of our beloved

## Sister Alethia C. Blount.



Our Beloved Sister went to sleep in the Lord on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November. Sister Alethia was born on December 12, 1937, sharing the same birthday as the first Treasurer of the Davidian Movement, Sister Florence Floretta Charboneau, born on December 12, 1874. Sister Florence was the first Treasurer of Mount Carmel Center in 1935. Likewise, Sister Alethia was the first Treasurer when the Davidian Movement returned to Mount Carmel in 1989 after thirty-two years of absence.

Sister Alethia grew up in Reidsville, Georgia, and in 1956, relocated to Boston, Massachusetts, where she raised five children. In the early 1960s, Sister Alethia joined the Berea Seventh-day Adventist Church in Dorchester, Massachusetts, where she served in many capacities, including: Sabbath School Superintendent, Sabbath School Teacher, Usher, Board Member, President of the Northeastern Federation of Ushers, Personal Ministries Leader, and Choir Member. In the latter part of the 1980s, Sister Alethia received a copy of one of the *Rod* Tracts and, along with other members of the Berea church, began studying the *Shepherd's Rod* Message. She accepted the Truths therein and became a member of the Montaindale Association. Shortly after joining the Mountain Dale group, the location Truth was presented to the new Boston group, as they were called. This group accepted the truth, declaring that Waco was the permanent location for the proclamation of the sealing Message. The group took a trip from Boston to Waco, Texas, and saw the land built up and owned by the Gentiles. The Printshop that Brother Houteff built was still standing and was then owned by the Presbyterian church. Mount Carmel's Administrative building, called Building No. 8 by the original residents of Mount Carmel, was and still is owned by the Vanguard Preparatory School. The Boston Group, with Sister Alethia in the van, prayed and claimed repossession of Mount Carmel. After Mountain Dale's Biblical Research Committee declared that Waco was not the permanent location for the proclamation of the sealing Message and that the Association must remain in Mountain Dale, New York, the Boston Group organized themselves into an Association and followed "**it is written**" and began preparation to relocate to Waco, Texas.

Sister Alethia, the late Brother Carl, and the late Sister Joyce Huggins returned to Waco a little while after their trip to rent one of the homes on Mount Carmel in preparation for the answer to the prayer for reclaiming a portion of Mount Carmel. To their astonishment, the Lord opened a way for them to purchase a large home without acquiring a new mortgage. Sister Alethia was the first to relocate to Waco. She came to Waco in the true spirit of a pioneer, not even a bed, with only very few kitchen necessities, and braved it. Sister Alethia continued to be an active member in the Waco Association, which swelled when the brethren they left behind in 1988 joined them in 1991.

In early 2009, Sister Alethia began studying the truth concerning the purification of the Davidian Movement, which purported to be the first of the first fruits. She later embraced all the truths taught by Wave-sheaf Ministries and became a member and the Assistant Treasurer in the early years. Sister Alethia remained a faithful member of the Davidian Seventh-day Adventist Church, formerly Wave-sheaf Ministries, until she was laid to rest in the sleep of death. She was outspoken and deliberate and loved to serve the Lord, primarily when serving others.

We look forward to seeing her in the special resurrection of **Dan. 12:2**.

The last death of November 2023 was the going-to-sleep of

## Sister Gloria Ann Nalls.

Sister Gloria went to sleep in death just before the Sabbath on Preparation Day, November 24, 2023. She went to sleep thirty days after being dedicated to serve as an Executive Council Member of the Davidian Seventh-day Adventist Association.



Sister Gloria was born on June 6, 1955, to the late L.T. and Emma Pearl Arnold, one of eight children. She will always be in the memory of her husband of thirty-six years Dannie Lee Nalls, her daughters LaCinna Arnold and Alisca Nalls, her granddaughter Tiara Arnold, and the members of the Eleventh-hour Church.

She grew up in a First-day Church and later joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church, where she became a student of the Word, always ready to learn and share. She was a very orderly, organized, and observant person. She received the Rod Message and took a firm hold on it. For several years, she was a member of the Salem Association, then left around 2018. In February 2020, she heard the Truths advocated by the Eleventh-hour Church and immediately realized the Truth was residing in said church. She became an active member of the Eleventh-hour Church, serving in various roles therein; her last call was to serve as a member of the Executive Council. As Providence would have it, she was asked to attend the Executive Council meetings two weeks before her appointed time. Her keen, observant ability proved to be a tremendous help to the Chairman of the Executive Council, who so appreciated her insight and service and honored her by not filling her vacant seat on the Council for the remainder of her term. Her poem below tells the rest of her story.

### THE GREAT CONTROVERSY

I remember so vividly when I was living a life of sin,  
When unexpectedly, the book, "The Great Controversy" found its way in.  
This precious book sat unbothered on a shelf for many years;  
Who would have known it could have saved me so many tears.  
Quietly without a whisper or sound it made,  
Waiting for the right moment when it should on my eyes be stayed.  
  
When I picked up this treasure, I found I couldn't put it down,  
For the words I read were surely so deep and profound.  
In my world of darkness, a glimmer of light was to be found.  
I was so unaware of the path this new journey would lead me down.  
Now He is using me graciously to bring in my family.  
Thank Thee, Oh Lord Jesus, for I owe my all to Thee!  
Thank Thee for placing "The Great Controversy", seated on that shelf, waiting for me.  
My shackles would be broken, Oh Lord! Thou knowest my needs afar.

Little did I know how treasured this book would be in healing sin's scar.  
  
So now I praise my God that He had opened my eyes to see,  
As this strong conviction hovered sweetly over me.  
I knew for certainty; it was time from sin to depart.  
The Lord had been patient, waiting for me to give Him my heart.  
I knew this was Mercy's pleading call, for the Holy Spirit had already done His part.  
It was time for me to look and dig even deeper within.  
It was time for me to fully lay down my life for Christ and give up sin.  
  
I rejoice today and I am thankful, for it was Christ Jesus that I chose.  
Even for me, probation could have been eternally closed.  
I am eternally grateful that the Lord did not give up on me,  
Now He is using me graciously to bring in my family.  
Thank Thee, Oh Lord Jesus, for I owe my all to Thee!  
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# UPCOMING

## EVENTS 2024

### Event Info

### Zoom Info

### Event Times

Midweek Prayer Meeting,  
Every Tuesday Night USCT  
Wednesday Morning E/CAT

Meeting ID:  
989 2478 5827  
Passcode: None



5:45 pm PDT | 6:45 pm MDT  
7:45 pm CDT | 8:45 pm EDT  
2:45 am CAT | 3:45 am EAT  
0145 hrs CET

WH Sabbath Afternoon Study,  
Every First, Second and  
Fourth Sabbath

Meeting ID:  
940 4716 3414  
Passcode: None



1:00 pm PDT | 2:00 pm MDT  
3:00 pm CDT | 4:00 pm EDT  
10:00 pm CAT | 11:00 pm EAT  
2100 hrs CET

General School of the Prophets,  
Every Second Sabbath

Meeting ID:  
940 2826 1432  
Passcode: None



5:00 am PDT | 6:00 am MDT  
7:00 am CDT | 8:00 am EDT  
2:00 pm CAT | 3:00 pm EAT  
1300 hrs CET

DYAYA Sabbath,  
Every Third Sabbath

Meeting ID:  
858 9070 3015  
Passcode: 1



5:00 am PDT | 6:00 am MDT  
7:00 am CDT | 8:00 am EDT  
2:00 pm CAT | 3:00 pm EAT  
1300 hrs CET

Reformation Sabbath,  
Every Fourth Sabbath

Meeting ID:  
940 2826 1432  
Passcode: None



5:00 am PDT | 6:00 am MDT  
7:00 am CDT | 8:00 am EDT  
2:00 pm CAT | 3:00 pm EAT  
1300 hrs CET

Teachers' School of the Prophets,  
Every Third Sunday

Invitation only: contact us for  
more information

3:00 am PDT | 4:00 am MDT  
5:00 am CDT | 6:00 am EDT  
12:00 pm CAT | 1:00 pm EAT  
1100 hrs CET

QESS, DKPPS and Family life,  
Health Dept. Convocation,  
Every Fourth Sunday

Meeting ID:  
949 2753 5945  
Passcode: None



4:00 am PDT | 5:00 am MDT  
6:00 am CDT | 7:00 am EDT  
1:00 pm CAT | 2:00 pm EAT  
1200 hrs CET

New Month Convocation,  
See Schedule on Page 5

Meeting ID:  
811 2941 9097  
Passcode: None



5:45 pm PDT | 6:45 pm MDT  
7:45 pm CDT | 8:45 pm EDT  
2:45 am CAT | 3:45 am EAT  
0145 hrs CET

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