From the Editor

Dear Colleagues and friends of the White Estate,

I am extremely glad that so many of you have sent your reports and have shared with the rest of us how God is working in your part of the world. This issue contains reports from literally all over the world. There is no question that the work of the White Estate through its Research Centers has truly become a worldwide ministry and plays an important role for the Seventh-day Adventist global community of faith.

We want to officially welcome Dr. G. T. Ng, Secretary of the General Conference, who is now the new chairperson of the White Estate Board of Trustees. I met Dr. Ng and I was impressed with his passion for Ellen White and the ministry that we are doing. He is particularly full of enthusiasm and new ideas of how to make Ellen White and her writings more accessible to the younger generation. We look forward to working with him in the future. Our Research Center at Sahmyook University also has a new director. We welcome Dr. Hyunsok John Doh to the White Estate team.

Let me remind you that the Newsnotes are now coming to you only in electronic format. You can always access previous issues at http://andrews.edu/library/car/newsnotes/. Enter the user name “carguest” and password “carnotes.”

I would also like to welcome Paul Mwansa, who is our newest Heritage Research Center assistant here at Loma Linda University, where he splits his time between the Ellen G. White Branch office and the Department of Archives and Special Collections. Paul has worked for Ministry magazine and we are glad that he has become a part of our team. He will be directly involved with the future issues of the Newsnotes and you will be hearing from him in the future.

God bless you in your work. And let’s pray for each other as we continue “keeping the vision alive.”

James R. Nix

From the White Estate Director

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The most important White Estate news that I can share from this reporting period is the election of Dr. G. T. Ng to be our new White Estate Board chair. Despite being extremely busy with his many other responsibilities, he has already had one planning meeting with the White Estate directors. It was a very profitable time. Our prayers and best wishes go with our former Board chair, Don Schneider and his wife Marti, in their on-going service for God in Texas or wherever they are serving Him.

My report this time will be shorter than usual because following my hip replacement operation on December 16, 2013 my doctor restricted me for six months from traveling outside of the United States. Consequently, I had to cancel my trip to the Inter-American Division. In addition, I only made three short trips during the past six months inside the United States. In April I attended the Pacific Press Board meeting in Idaho and the Adventist Heritage Ministry Board meeting in Battle Creek. I also met Merlin Burt’s Andrews Seminary Adventist heritage tour at the William Miller Farm in May, plus later that month I flew to Southern California to meet with Tom Neslund, president, and Don Sahly, executive director, of Adventist Heritage Ministry to talk about the ministry. The next day I had a meeting at the Loma Linda University Library. Before returning home, I attended the dedication of the new Ellen White/W.C. White/John Burden bronze sculpture recalling the moment when Ellen White first visited Loma Linda and stated that this was the place she had seen in vision. My hope is that Ted Levterov, who was also present at the dedication service, will include photographs of the new sculpture elsewhere in this issue of News Notes.

However, with my six month travel moratorium soon coming to an end, on June 10 I am scheduled to leave for a three-week trip that is to take me to Bangkok, Thailand; Bogenhofen Seminary in Austria; Zaoksky Seminary in Russia; Spicer Memorial College in India; the Adventist International Institute in the Philippines, and Sahmyook University in Korea. Since this is being written prior to my trip, I cannot give a report on what happened beyond saying that most of the time I will be traveling with Alberto Timm, something that I enjoy doing.

While at AIIAS, Alberto and I will officially open the White Estate Branch Office there on Sabbath, June 28.
During this trip I will be making my first visits this quinquennium to our centers in Russia, India, and Korea. My goal the past two quinquenniums was to visit each of our White Estate offices at least once during the five years. When I return home from this trip, I will still need to visit our centers in Jamaica, Mexico, and Texas in order to have once again achieved my self-imposed visitation goal. It is always very special getting to meet our White Estate team members around the world during my quinquennial visits.

Since my doctors did not want me traveling, I have been working on the new White Estate Visitor Center that we are planning to open during Spring Meeting, 2015. In addition, plans are being slowly developed for the centennial of Ellen White’s death during 2015, plus the 2014 Annual Council hour-long presentation, as well as the second Friday evening program during the 2015 General Conference session in San Antonio, Texas. Further updates will be forthcoming as plans get firm ed up.

I have much to be grateful to God for. As I think I mentioned last time, following my hip replacement operation I was home a couple of days before my wife had to take me back to the emergency room at the hospital. I had thrown some blood clots. As my doctor has told me three times since, if Mindi had not taken me there when she did, I would not now be living. I credit her, the prayers of many of you for me at the time of my surgery, plus the totally undeserved blessing of God for being alive today.

I want again thank each of you for all that you are doing in your part of the world to uplift the wonderful gift that God has given our church through the writings of Ellen White.

I had hoped to report that The Ellen G. White Letters and Manuscripts With Annotations is also on its way to you. But it should be shortly. Technical difficulties with printing the cover has delayed it yet another couple of weeks. To prove that it's actually finished, I’ve included a photo of the stitched pages—all 986 of them—just waiting for the cover!

As Jim Nix has no doubt described in his report, a major renovation is being made to the White Estate reception area as it transforms into a new Visitor’s Center. We are weekly and sometimes daily involved with the designers who are working on the exhibits for us. Around August we are expecting our offices to be closed as we move to a temporary location elsewhere in the building while construction is underway. We trust that this won’t mean any disruption in reaching us by email, but I wanted to alert you that we will be in a state of transition for a number of weeks.

Thank you for the continued service each of you provides on behalf of the White Estate. We value your ministry and pray for God’s blessing to uphold you throughout the rest of this year and beyond.

Vice Director’s Report

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January commenced for me with the annual Board of Trustees Consultation followed immediately by several full days and evenings at the Theology of Ordination Study Committee meetings. Last week (June 2-4) the final meetings of TOSC occurred, in which three variant recommendations on ways forward were presented and discussed. What happens next, as I understand it, is that the TOSC report will be shared with Annual Council delegates for discussion with an anticipated recommendation of some sort to the GC Session. Please continue to pray for our church administrators as they seek to find the right pathway for our church on this important issue.

At every opportunity (when not in meetings or my emails are caught up for the day), I am continuing with the task I referred to in my last report of systematically going through all of Ellen White’s diary/journals and verifying that anything not previously transcribed is added to the collection we will be placing online in July 2015. I am less optimistic of reaching my goal of finishing by the end of this year, but we shall see. At the same time, our part-time student worker is making wonderful progress on scanning the W. C. White letterbooks. These will also be placed online next year—eliminating the need for the microfiche copies.

By now each Research Center should have received a copy of the new Ellen G. White Encyclopedia. I hope you are getting acquainted with it and will find it to be as valuable a resource as I am finding it to be. What a wealth of information!
**NEWSONOTES**

**Associate Directors’ Reports**

**William Fagal**  
Associate Director

“Another half-year has nearly gone by, and a lot has happened. Of course, the usual things continue: answering questions by phone, letter, and email takes a good portion of each day. Committees have been less active, it seems to me, except for the one that evaluates the Adult Bible Study Guides for the Sabbath School, which have to be produced on a regular basis, and the Theology of Ordination Study Committee, of which I will write in a moment. I’ll try to be brief about the activities that have occupied my time so far this year.

I have done some traveling. In January I went to Spokane, Washington, to give a series at a church there for the local chapter of the Adventist Theological Society. That appointment resulted in an invitation to speak to the Conference pastors’ retreat in August. In the last half of February and the first week of March, I traveled with Alberto Timm in the Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division, visiting mostly (but not only) the Portuguese-speaking Unions in that Division. We went to Mozambique, São Tome, and Angola, as well as to the Republic of South Africa. We were blessed in meeting with the pastors and other faithful workers there. In Angola, we also got to make a quick visit to the mission station where some manna falls two days each week, and we had the privilege of experiencing it. Later in March I returned to South Africa, to Cape Town, for the international conference on the church’s response to homosexuality and other alternate sexual expressions. As a member of the committee that organized it, I was especially glad to be able to attend. I found it to be very worthwhile, as various speakers presented helpful information and perspectives. The church’s ministry will be strengthened by the efforts begun there. In April, I went to Battle Creek for a Board meeting of Adventist Heritage Ministry, of which I am Secretary.

The Theology of Ordination Study Committee (TOSC) has required substantial attention from me this time. As I have mentioned in earlier editions of *Newsnotes*, I was not only on the Committee itself, but also on its steering committee, which oversaw the process that we would follow. The steering committee involved several meetings, not only here at the General Conference but at other locations as well, as we could get together. The regular committee, consisting of more than 100 participants, met in Columbia, Maryland, January 21-25, and has just completed its final meeting, June 2-4, in a facility nearby. I am still involved in the preparation of materials resulting from these meetings. I hope these will be completed before you receive this issue of *Newsnotes*. The committee’s written materials will go to the church administration, who will determine what steps to follow from here.

It is a privilege to work with the Ellen G. White Estate and with such a fine group of colleagues as all of you. Let us pray for each other, that our service will honor our Lord and bless His Church.”

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**Alberto Timm**  
Associate Director

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Many activities kept us busy during the first semester of 2014. Traveling to different places around the world one can see a growing interest in planning special activities for 2015, in allusion of the Centennial of Ellen White’s death. For sure many wonderful projects will strengthen the confidence in the prophetic guidance of God’s people in these closing days of human history.

In regard to my publications during the past few months, I would like to mention the article “Prosperity Gospel: A Brief Critical Analysis,” *Reflections: A BRI Newsletter* 46 (April 2014): 1-7 (https://adventistbiblicalresearch.org, click on “Newsletter” and then on “April 2014”). See also “Prosperity Gospel: Deceptions and Dangers,” *Adventist Review Online*, May 2014 (http://www.adventistreview.org/prosperity-gospel-deceptions-and-dangers). Unfortunately, today this pseudo-gospel is tempting even some Adventists, who on Sabbath mornings attend their local SDA church, for the sake of “truth,” and on Sunday mornings visit a Pentecostal church, in order to receive more “power.” I hope this article can help to clarify some of the issues involved.

During the months of February and March, William Fagal and I participated in several SOP Advisories of the Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division. On March 5, we visited the SDA Mission of Namba, Angola. There we saw the spot, on the back of the local SDA church, where real manna still falls every Wednesday morning and Friday morning. As you may know, manna begun to fall in that region on March 19, 1939, in a time of much famine (see E. L. Cardey’s article “Manna Falls in Africa!” *Signs of the Times*, March 4, 1947, 5-12). William and I ate some manna, and we can testify that it tastes as described in Exodus 16. The Mass Spectrometry Laboratory of UNICAMP (Universidade Estadual de Campinas, Brazil) analyzed a sample of the Angola manna and confirmed it as “a good source of nutrients for human diet, which meets the expectations for a sample of manna.” Miracles still happen today!
Greetings!

A typical working day at The White Estate branch office here is relatively busy. More and more Adventist Studies graduate students are making the place their “second home.” Special “thank you” goes to Dr. Michael Campbell and other Seminary professors of the Historical-Theological Studies Department who require their students to do research mostly from primary sources. This means that we have to access materials kept in the vault more often, which is also what we wanted.

With the integration of the Adventist heritage collection from the Leslie Hardinge library, and the superb organization of materials done by the librarians, the Center is now serving patrons more effectively.

Aside from the regular patrons who are mostly students of AIIAS, we have received many “visitors” to our Center these few months. One such groups came from Northern Luzon Adventist College. About two hundred college students with about 10 teachers spent one whole day at our campus, touring our facility and receiving presentations, discussion on the life and works of Ellen G. White. A fruitful question and answer period concluded the visit.

The outreach activity which is done mainly by the director continues without let up. Most of the activities were done in answer to requests made by the Southern Asia-Pacific Division (SSD) Administrators and SOP coordinator. Some were arranged and requested by local mission field leaders. The following summarizes these activities.

**Jan 13-18**

Each year the director leads out on a week of prayer and spiritual emphasis week for one local church organization. This time it happened with the workforce of Palawan Adventist Hospital, Puerto Princesa City; North Philippine Union Mission.

**Feb 5**

This was the whole day appointment with the college students and Bible teachers of Northern Luzon Adventist College mentioned earlier in this report.

**Feb 14-15**

Together with his wife, the director was invited to lead out in a couples retreat and renewal of vows for church members in Sablayan Mindoro district, South Central Luzon Conference. About 90 couples mostly local church leaders were participants in this retreat-revival meetings.

**March 9-11**

The director was one of the presenters during a LEAD seminar organized by SSD Leaders for Bangladesh union. About 200 Pastors, ministerial workers participated in this seminar.

**March 13-16**

Using the same content, presentations were delivered for SSD to the workers of Myanmar Union Mission, with about 200 participants attending. The meetings were held at the beautiful campus of Myanmar Union Adventist College and Seminary. The Sabbath saw the director make SOP presentations to the whole college church congregation.

**March 18-20**

Same content of SOP presentations were delivered to workers of Sri-Lanka Mission. The meetings were held at the mission Headquarters in Colombo Sri-Lanka. About 50 workers, hospital administrators and school teachers attended these meetings.

**April 11-19**

The director conducted a series of evangelistic meetings for North Palawan district of churches.

**May 1-4**

Although not officially on itinerary for the White Estate, this was piggy backed with the SOP seminar/workshop/ revival meetings for the nearby district of Taytay-Roxas-San Vicente district which happened on May 1-4 at the town of San Vicente, Palawan Adventist Mission, North Philippine Union Mission.
May 16-18  The director led out in SOP seminar/preaching for the English speaking churches of Bangkok City, Thailand Adventist Mission, South East Asia Union.

May 24  Although not in the territory of SSD, not an official itinerary, but because of the continuing education activity—a study tour on Eastern Christianity—the director was able to visit the Research Center for the Euro Asia Division at Zaoksky, Russia. On this visit the director was presented a copy of Patriarch and Prophets in Russian Language. What made this collection for the branch office significant is that the book was published during the Soviet Era. The book was published with words copied by typewriters, in absolute secrecy because of Religious persecution at that time.

June 27-30  As of this writing, this has not happened yet. But by the time you read this report, our branch office will be inaugurated and dedicated. Jim Nix and Alberto Timm will be here on our campus. Starting with a vespers program on June 27 and continuing to chapel talks on June 30, Jim and Alberto will present sermons/lectures/talks relating to the work and mission of the White Estate. We will give you highlights of the event in the next issue of Newsnotes.

This ends our report for the first half of 2014. It is a real privilege to be working for the Lord with the White Estate family. Blessings to you all.

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Anna Galeniece  Director  Adventist University of Africa

Because AUA serves the whole of Africa, the month of January was the preparatory month for the work ahead. In February I taught a course CHIS 675  Life, Work, and Writings of EGW  to ECD students of the MA in Biblical and Theological Studies program. At the end of this course the students led out a weekend seminar at Advent Hill church, on the AUA campus, on the material learned in the class. The presented program reflected the life and ministry of Ellen G. White and its application to Africans in the 21st century.

The month of March took me to Solusi University in Zimbabwe where I taught the same course to our students of the same program in SID and preached in the local church. Because of some circumstances, the students could not do the seminar assignment on the Solusi campus, but did it in their local churches right after they reached their home destinations. Thus, 21 students conducted seminars on the life and ministry of Ellen G. White in at least 21 locations around the SID territory.

After teaching a course on EGW on the AUA campus in February, the ECD communication director, Steven Bina, requested to record 13 episodes on the Spirit of Prophecy for the Hope of Africa TV channel. This work made me busy in April. It took some time to organize and use the students/pastors who finished the course and were still present on the campus. The recording may not sound very professional by some standards, but this was just the first step forward in interviewing the pastors.

A hand-typed copy of Patriarchs and Prophets published in absolute secrecy during the religious persecution of the Communist Era.
of what they had just finished studying and what they were going to present in their respective ministry fields. Eleven episodes have been taped already with two more to finish in the nearest future.

In May I took a two-weeks trip to Uganda per the invitation of Philip Gai, the Publishing and Spirit of Prophecy director at ECD. During the first four days I did a seminar on the Spirit of Prophecy in the Central Kampala church. The rest of the time was spent with Pastor Gai and Mrs. Beatrice Idowu, the director of the Research Center at University of Eastern Africa, Baraton.

We did similar presentations for local pastors, church elders, literature evangelists and interested church members in another six different locations of the country.

Also, our office accomplished much during this first part of this year. First, I want to mention the publication of two issues of the newsletter, The Highlights. These electronic editions are in great demand by many people. They are sending in their subscription requests from all around the continent of Africa. In addition to electronic copies, we have been distributing a number of hard copies to some churches far and near.

Secondly, while traveling to various places, the work around the university has not been neglected. I presented a seminar on Ellen G. White in Ngong Hills Central church and preached in a number of other churches in Kenya. Also, I preached in a Maasai Anglican church. The pastor of this church is very open to the full biblical truth and is exposing his Anglican church members to the messages of Ellen G. White. Thus, a number of The Great Hope (The Great Controversy) books were delivered to them. Some people treasure the book almost like a Bible. No wonder that they have been requesting for more literature, like Steps to Christ and others, which are in the process of being ordered in their native language and delivered to them. We believe that this mission of reaching out to the Anglican believers was started by God and is not completed yet, for He will say the last word in the lives of many Maasai people. Keep them in your prayers.

Regarding other university assignments, I have completed the work of a project advisor for one MA in Pastoral Theology student and a reader for two MA in Leadership students. At the same time, I am still advising one MA in Leadership and three DMin students, while getting ready to teach an intensive bridging course, CHMN639 Church Growth and the Equipping Pastor, to ECD DMin students at the end of June. Also, I am helping some students in their independent study course on Topics in Mission, and am a member of the AUA Senate and other four AUA committees. In addition, I was promoted by the University Council from an Assistant professor to Associate professor of Applied Theology in April.

To conclude this report, I want to praise the Lord for His guidance and leadership in the work of the office. Without Him neither my assistants nor me will ever be able to do what has been done.

“We continue to move forward with digitizing our vault books and periodicals!”

Merlin D. Burt
Director
Andrews University

The first half of the year has been busy as usual at the Center for Adventist Research. We continue to move forward with digitizing our vault books and periodicals. Julie Johnson reports that about half of the books have been scanned now and progress continues. Most of these books will soon be included in the new Adventist Digital Library database. Plans are still developing for long-term funding and inter-institutional cooperation. I hope by the next issue of Newsnotes to be able to report more on how this is developing.

The Center had several outreach activities from January to June. Our tenth annual Ellen White Issues Symposium featured new publications related to Ellen White and her writings and a fascinating examination of possible chiasms in Ellen White’s writings. I led a special Seminary Faculty Adventist history tour in early May. It was a pleasure and a blessing to spend concentrated time with colleagues looking at how God led in the beginning of the Advent movement.

My time has been particularly focused on writing this year. I have planned to limit my travel this year so that I could work on a new textbook for Development of Seventh-day Adventist Theology. I am making good progress and I hope to be close to finished with the writing within two years. Another book that is nearly ready to go to press is Understanding Ellen White. This multi-authored book will be of general use but particularly useful as a reader for Ellen White classes at Seventh-day Adventist universities.

Because of my writing work this semester, I did not teach any regular classes on campus. I did though do an intensive for students in the Masters in Pastoral Ministry on the campus of Southwestern Adventist University during March. It was a great group of students who are working as pastors in Texas and a few other states. I also continue to have a steady flow of distance learning students taking Development of Seventh-day Adventist Theology. This is a growing part of the academic service provided at Andrews University.

I wish each of my White Estate colleagues God’s richest blessing as you serve Him in your various capacities around the world.
Annotation Project Director

Project Director, Stan Hickerson, gives an update on the Annotation project.

Stan Hickerson
Annotation Project Director, Center for Adventist Research

Just a quick update on Vol. 2 of the Annotation project: For the last nine months I have been focusing on identifying the people mentioned in the letters and manuscripts from 1860-1863. I am just completing Letter 18, 1862, and have, to date, catalogued 408 different persons referenced in the materials. Of these 360 have been identified with reasonable assurance, and 29 more tentatively identified. Denis is continuing to collect information on those identified from both Adventist and secular sources. When this research phase is complete - hopefully in the autumn of 2014, we will begin the formal annotation process.

From time to time we have found it necessary to pause and re-date letters to correspond to the content. In this period Ellen White frequently dated her letters using only the month, and so the year has to be deduced from the content, writing paper, etc. Many years ago the work of assigning dates and letter numbers was done, but new research has suggested a few corrections. These letters are assigned new numbers, adding them to the sequence already in place for the newly assigned year. As this has the potential of creating some confusion when referencing quotations made under the old designation, we might consider including some notation of the change in both the printed volume and also to the electronic files.

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Theodore N. Levterov
Director
Loma Linda University

The first part of the year for the Branch Office of the White Estate at Loma Linda University has been extremely busy. During the winter quarter I taught one of my favorite classes for graduate students in the School of Medicine: Reading seminar through the book – Ministry of Healing. Each week students were required to read certain chapters and then there were class discussions. This book, as you are aware, outlines the basic Adventist philosophy of medical education. In every class we tried to apply Ellen White’s principles to contemporary issues facing medical professionals today. It was a fun class to teach. In addition, I also taught part of an intensive class for the School of Public Health. My lectures explored the history of Seventh-day Adventist mission with specific emphasis on health-missionary activities.

As usual, I also gave a number of seminars and presentations. In January I presented a two-day seminar on the “History of Seventh-day Adventism” to Pathfinder leaders of the Southeastern California Conference (this has become an annual event). I also presented a paper on “Ordination and Early Sabbatarians” to the School of Religion. In February I gave a presentation on Ellen White and vegetarian diet entitled: “Chicken, Ducks and other ‘Good Stuff.’” In March I gave a devotional for the Loma Linda University Alumni Association. I also travelled to Luxemburg (March 14-15) and presented a three-part seminar on Ellen White for the Rollingen Seventh-day Adventist church. The meetings were translated into four languages and curiously enough, this was the first such seminar that this church has had. There was also an hour devoted to questions.

Back in Loma Linda, I presented a paper: “Early Adventist Worship, 1845-1900s” at the BRICOM meetings in April. The paper will become a chapter of a book on Adventist ecclesiology that will be published by the Biblical Research Institute. On May 21, I gave a morning devotional for the Loma Linda University Board meeting. Then on May 23, I gave a lecture to the members of the “Consortium of Adventist Medical Education Leaders” (CAMEL) coming from all parts of the world. My lecture was a part of a weekend celebration dedicated to the 100th Anniversary of the first graduation class of Loma Linda University back in 1914. The highlight came on Sabbath afternoon (May 24th) when the Loma Linda University president, Richard Hart, and descendants of Ellen White, unveiled a beautiful statue – “This is the Very Place” – showing Ellen White and her son Willie coming to Loma Linda for the very first time in 1905 and meeting with John Burden, a pastor who enthusiastically had listened to Ellen White’s advice and had
We’ve also just concluded a successful year with regards to acquisitions. We located and acquired two beautiful editions of Ellen White’s *Christ Our Saviour*, published by the Pacific Press in 1897. Another remarkable find was a photograph album assembled by Elizabeth Hanson Olsen, wife of E. G. Olsen. This album can tell us much about the Seventh-day Adventist work in Scandinavia and among the Scandinavian population in America.

We also continue to identify and acquire works related to Biblical prophecy, using Le Roy Froom’s *Prophetic Faith of Our Fathers* as our guide. To this end we acquired another dozen titles, including works by Richard Clarke, John Cumming, Joshua William Brooks and Henry Morris.

We continue to acquire examples of the early job printing performed by the Pacific Press Publishing Association (pre-1905), and acquired some stunning examples this year. We also located a postcard album assembled by a member of John Harvey Kellogg’s family with nearly 400 postcards sent to and from various members of the family. Little at all has been written about the adoptive and foster children of the Kelloggs, so it is interesting to read the postcards written by Mrs. Kellogg to various children. We also collect in the area of vegetarian cookery as an aspect of the Adventist health message. To this end we acquired several wonderful early Adventist cookbooks.

Another wonderful addition to our collections was the gift of the Virgil C. Staff Collection from the Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, Indiana. The collection of close to 800 items, is focused on Seventh-day Adventist and Advent Christian material and contains many treasures therein.

For several months now, we have been hosting the traveling exhibit prepared by the General Conference, Office of Archives, Statistics and Research, on the history of the Adventist church. The exhibit of 12 panels has been quite popular and whenever I mention needing to ship it back, everyone pleads for us to keep it a bit longer. Even people who have viewed the exhibit before say that every time they look at it, they find something new that they didn’t know. It has truly been a blessing for our University and community.
Two campus initiatives for the 2013 / 2014 academic year of Oakwood University proved to be of great benefit to our Oakwood Branch Office. The university adopted the following initiatives: the “Integration of Faith and Learning” and “Service-Learning”. The former encouraged various departments such as education, health and religion to send classes for an E. G. White Estate tour. We had a total of eight classes visiting during the course of the year. With classes ranging from eighteen to thirty-five students, we experienced a good number of visits to increase our regular ‘walk-ins’ and alumnae / holiday visitors.

Due to limited space in our facility, there was a need to divide most classes into an alpha, beta rotation schedule. While one group visited the Oakwood Archives Museum, the other toured the estate, while both awaited the transition. Many students were surprised to learn that our facility has all of the published and unpublished writings of Mrs. White. Moreover, most found the tour not only informative, but also inspiring.

The latter campus initiative ‘Service-Learning’, helped peak the interest of students in our Project Re-CONNECT student ministry and research scholarship. In addition to sixty students taking my Gift of Prophecy class, thirty-two students signed up to conduct research and write papers on the topic, “Marriage: Foundational or Optional”. Their papers explored the viability of marriage in 2014, from biblical, scientific and Spirit of Prophecy perspectives. For all students the process was academic but for a great number, it was life transforming.

Included in their reflection comments were the following:

“For all students the process was academic but for a great number, it was life transforming.”

Jonathan A. Thompson
Director
Oakwood University

“I resented Sister White greatly. I now know that Ellen G. White was a phenomenal woman of God who has been a world-wide blessing to millions over the years. Even in 2014, almost 100 years after her death, her Spirit-led writings are a powerful resource and source of inspiration to many of us today.” E.H.

“Learning about Ellen White as a woman and her views on marriage has been particularly interesting to me. It has inspired me to spread the truth about her writings with other youth who may be confused about who she was and her purpose. Often times she has been portrayed as rigid. However, I have learned that all of her writings are based on God’s love and thus portray the attributes of grace, love and mercy. I am grateful for having learned more about her during my Gift of Prophecy class.” B.H.

“I need to study my Bible more often than what I am doing. Not just reading it, but also fully comprehending what God is saying in His word. I am also aware that I need to read more of Ellen White’s writings. Ellen White gives so much inspiration in her writings, and although I know her writings are the lesser light and the word of God the greater light, her writings will help me understand the Bible better and the spirit of prophecy.” A.T.

“This class has peaked my interest in reading and understanding not only for my salvation but for a good read. Ellen White has not been presented to me as such an interesting person or writer. I am one of those students who only refer to her writings when citations are needed or when it’s required for school-work. This class I believe has changed that for me.” F.W.

Out of the thirty-two students entered in the research scholarship, four qualified for an award. Next semester the students will be engaged in outreach activities.

Jonathan A. Thompson, D.Min., Director Ellen G. White Estate, Oakwood Branch Office
Barbara Stovall, Administrative Assistant

True happiness is found ... in learning of Christ.... Those who take Christ at His Word and surrender the soul to His keeping, their lives to His ordering, will find peace and quietude. Nothing of the world can make them sad when Jesus makes them glad by His presence” (My Life Today, p. 181.4)
This year we conducted seminars at Lubumbashi in the Democratic Republic of Congo from the 23rd to the 29th of March. This was the very first time we had these kinds of meetings in the DRC, and the church members were so elated with the presentations that they felt the time allotted was not sufficient for all the interesting topics that were being discussed. For example, I remember when Mrs. Beatrice Idowu was presenting her topics—there were numerous inquisitive members who wanted their issues answered. These responses indicate the kind of interest these church members had in the Spirit of Prophecy. They yearned for more.

In response to the health presentations led by Mrs. Idowu, the Union President, Pastor Robert Muhune, led the women of Lubumbashi to start a NEWSTART Club. Many of the members committed themselves immediately, and they promised to apply the things they had learnt. In addition, at Lubumbashi, an immediate request was made so that Mrs. Idowu could come again and share the same messages during the Women’s Ministry Congress, as well as in several other parts of the DRC. The church members lamented that they had not received such teaching in a long time.

For several years now, we have been teaming up with Mrs. Idowu as we venture into the field for Spirit of Prophecy seminars. Our team has now been additionally strengthened by Dr. Anna Galeniece, who has joined us as we travel around the territory of ECD sharing the messages of the Spirit of Prophecy.

From May 18-31 2014, we also travelled as a team to Uganda Union, where we conducted SOP seminars in various parts of the country, including cities like Kampala, Arua, Lira, Adaku, Kaberamaido, Mbale and Jinja. The Members of Kampala Central SDA Church and the neighboring churches were the first beneficiaries of the meetings. They would not let us go when the presentation had to be cut short. Unfortunately, we had to continue on to the northern part of Uganda to share with the mission there as well.

Across the different towns in the northern and eastern parts of Uganda, there were many enthusiastic listeners who attended the meetings faithfully in order to receive the blessings of the teachings. In some places we enjoyed the luxury of good meeting halls, which allowed for power point presentations; while in other places, it was nostalgic just to sit under the canopy of heavenly clouds as men and women relaxed on the equatorial green grass of Uganda. It was just a great blessing to meet with these wonderful people of God.

It is worth noting that the major challenge faced by many members in these areas are strange teachings from various off-shoot groups that bring confusion into their midst. The confusing teachings range from issues like the following: those who continue to eat meat will not go to heaven; the Seventh-day Adventist Church is Babylon; there is no need to worship in churches, since worship could just be done at home fellowships; tithes and offerings should be gathered in private and not be collected in church among others. Another challenge is the issue of National Identification cards, which the government of Uganda has just introduced and which many people began calling 666, as well as using the writings of Ellen White to urge members not to cooperate with the government.

Because of these challenges, the question and answer sessions of the meetings became very relevant as some of the issues were addressed. It was evident that the church members remain vulnerable, partly because of the lack of a reading culture, as well as the lack of materials to read. It is because they lack resources that many people would just lay their hands on anything they could find—much of which is coming from booklets from Australia and the USA—and consume it without establishing the credibility of the source. While we emphasized the use of both the spoken and written word in evangelism and nurture, the publishing directors have a big role to play in ensuring that the books are available.

The next plan is to visit the country of Tanzania, where Mwanza city will host a Spirit of Prophecy camp meeting. This will be the very first of its kind and the three speakers will be Pr. Gai, Dr. Galeniece and Mrs. Idowu, who will join efforts again to minister to God’s people. Later in September there will be another meeting scheduled in the country of Burundi.

I have always enjoyed teamwork. This is especially true when there is cohesion in the team and each team member enjoys the same values and is passionate about the mission. It is just inspiring and a great privilege for me to work with Dr. Anna Galeniece and Mrs. Beatrice Idowu. Ecclesiastes 4:12, “A cord of three strands is not quickly broken”. May the Lord richly bless you.

“Let not one man feel that his gift alone is sufficient for the work of God; that he alone can carry through a series of meetings, and give perfection to the work. His methods may be good, and yet varied gifts are essential; one man’s mind is not to mold and fashion the work according to his special ideas” (Evangelism, p. 104.1)
Dear Colleagues of the White Estate and White Research Center located around the world:

Receive warm greetings from the Ellen G. White Research Center from the Adventist University of Central America (UNADECA) in Costa Rica.

Visits White Research Center-UNADECA

In the early days of the year 2014, we received the visit of Pastor Leon Wellington, Coordinator of the Spirit of Prophecy of Inter-American Division, to evaluate, along with the Administration of UNADECA, the activities done by the White Center. We give thanks to God for the compliments received because of the activities carried out in the year 2013: Our website was visited by 12,500 people in the first six months, and it helped as support for the pastors and laymen giving seminars on Ellen White.

Honduras Seminars

In the church of Comayaguela, Tegucigalpa, meetings were carried out at 6:00 a.m. on the life, ministry and work of Ellen White. These topics were transmitted by the Adventist radio to the whole country.

Nicaragua Seminar

We attended the meetings of laymen in the cities of Chinandega and Matagalpa to present seminars about the importance of the writings of Ellen White in the spiritual life of the church.

Tours at the White Research Center, UNADECA

The members from the churches of Costa Rica that visit the White Research Center on Sabbath rejoice at learning about the details of the life of Ellen White and observing the letters, manuscripts and the books of the servant of God. At the end of the meetings, they express their thankfulness to God for being part of a church that has the manifestation of the prophetic gift.

Seminars on Deity and the Holy Spirit

Attending the request of the church in Costa Rica, two seminars have been developed for presentation in the churches and the meetings of laymen: “Ellen White and the Godhead” and “Ellen White and the Holy Spirit”. These seminars expose the biblical base, the revelation received by Ellen White and it explains the position of the Adventist Church about the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
The Center continues to assist in making the ambience of Northern Caribbean University (NCU) distinctly SDA in philosophy and practice.

Gosnell L. Yorke
Director
Northern Caribbean University
Jamaica

Like four (4) concentric circles, and like my last mid-Year Report (July-December, 2013), this brief Report will again be in four parts. Going from the innermost to the outermost circle, the Report will focus on: 1) the Institutional (NCU); 2) the National (the Jamaica Union [JAMU]); 3) the Regional (The Caribbean as a whole); and 4) the Divisional (IAD). Encompassing all of these concentric circles (and even going beyond) is the global reach of the bimonthly Newsletter which the Centre continues to publish and disseminate electronically to, among others, fellow Directors of Research Centers and Branch Offices around the world.

The Institutional

The Center continues to assist in making the ambience of Northern Caribbean University (NCU) distinctly SDA in philosophy and practice. On the 31st of March, 2014, the Center conducted Chapel Service on the campus with the help of both the NCU Chamber Ensemble and the Theology students from the School of Religion and Theology (SRT). As part of the program, there was also the revival of the NCU SOP Student Club. Subsequently, on the 7th of April, 2014, the first meeting of the revived SOP Student Club was held at the Centre. The Director, as Sponsor, chaired the Meeting. The new members were informed of the Constitution of the Club and Officers for the academic year 2014-2015 were elected. The SOP Student Club has as its mission to encourage, lead discussions and research issues concerning the Spirit of Prophecy (SOP), the life and ministry of Ellen G. White, and the history and doctrine of the Seventh-day Adventist Church; also, to foster a spirit of collegiality and cooperation among its members.

Furthermore, with the aim of making members of the constituency more aware of what is available at the Center, the Center organized several booth displays. On the 4th of February, 2014, the Center participated in the University Day Programme by having a Booth Display shared with the SRT. Additionally, during the University Research Week (March 10-12, 2014), and in keeping with the theme of the week, namely, Global Development through Research, the Centre mounted a Booth Display showcasing Mrs. White’s contribution to Global Development through Research in the areas of both Education and Health. 60 copies of the book, Faith and Works, were also distributed. And finally, for the first time ever, on the 13th of March, 2014, the Center had a Booth Display at the annual KG Vaz Lecture Series—a high-profile Lecture Series which the SRT organizes and one to which both SDA and non-SDA Pastors are invited from throughout the country. For that Booth Display, both Mrs. White and Hiram S. Walters, one of the late local stalwarts of the Church in Jamaica, were featured.

The Director also fulfilled his role as Professor in the School of Religion and Theology (SRT) by teaching two Courses, to wit, God and Human Life, and Life and Teachings of Jesus Christ.

He was also asked to teach some SRT Students for one week in the absence of one of the SRT Professors. The two Courses taught were: Survey of the Old Testament, and Biblical (Classical) Hebrew. On the 27th of March, 2014, the Director also participated in the annual SRT Orals for Final-Year Students.

2) The National (the Jamaica Union [JAMU])

The Center took time out to minister to pastors and members of one of its host Unions (JAMU) in various settings. On Sabbath, 8th of February, 2014, the Director did a presentation in the Frankfield District of SDA Churches. Additionally, on the 11th of March, 2014, the Director, in responding affirmatively to their invitation to address them as a Group for the second time, requested a donation of at least one (1) Desktop computer for the Centre from the East Jamaica Conference (EJC) Elders’ Corp/Kingston Chapter. During his actual presentation on 13th of April, the Director reiterated his request and was able to secure a public commitment from the Group. Elder Vaughn Thomas, Spokesperson for the Elders’ Group, was tasked with moving this commitment to performance. One Desktop computer was eventually donated to the Center on Tuesday, June 24, and this will be most beneficial in providing greater access to information and opportunities for research—especially by our students. Furthermore, on the 29th of May, 2014, it was a pleasant and satisfying surprise to have a

DMin class taught by the Director
member of an SDA church in the Parish of St. Elizabeth taking an SDA group (of Jamaican descent) from Toronto, Canada, to the Centre for a tour. No less satisfying was the organized (and first-time) visit of a sixteen-member non-SDA Delegation from Drew University, New Jersey, on Friday, June 6. The non-SDA Group of students visiting the Center was led by Dr. Althea Spencer-Miller, Assistant Professor of New Testament at Drew University, of Jamaican origin, and a long-time Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) Colleague of the Director.

3) The Regional

During the period of February 28-March 7, 2014, the Director visited various countries in the Caribbean (Barbados, Grenada, Guyana and Trinidad) with Elder Leon Wellington, SOP Coordinator of the IAD. During this itinerary, the Director made a number of presentations to church groups and pastors. He did so in churches, Conference Offices and in an International Conference Center. In each case, he sought to further ground his audiences in the work and writings of Mrs. White and to promote the Pan-Caribbean mission and mandate of the Center.

4) Divisional (IAD)

In May (5-22) and June (16-27), 2014, the Director taught two courses in Perspectives in Mission and Church Growth Strategies for the Inter-American Theological Seminary (IATS)—one at the D.Min. level (CHMN719) and the other at the MAPTh (Master’s) level (MSSN525). Earlier, the Director attended and participated in the IAD Women's Ordination Committee Meetings—including serving as a Member of the IAD Three-Member Position on Ordination Document Drafting Committee.

“But if we trust in God, He will never leave nor forsake us. Under all circumstances we may have firm trust in God, that He will never leave nor forsake us while we preserve our integrity.” 3T 292.2
With regards to the work of our Centers, I was able to visit each one during the first quarter, to conduct Supervisory Committee meetings, and to meet with the Administrations of the respective Universities where the Centers are located. I am very pleased with the vision of our directors and the progress of

their work.

I visited our center in Puerto Rico on February 6. This Center is making an impact on the University campus, as well as the churches in the surrounding townships. It serves also the Inter American Theological Seminary (IATS) students who come to the Campus periodically to do their doctoral studies. The Director Dr. Pedro Cortez will share the details in his report.

The Research Center at Montemorelos continues to make its presence felt far beyond the borders of the University as they invite the five Unions in Mexico to send representatives to their annual Spirit of Prophecy Symposium. Several presenters from various levels of the church organization attended and made significant contributions. Over 300 ministerial workers, administrators and church elders attended. Thanks to our Director for an excellent job as always.

At UNADECA in Costa Rica, that Center held its Supervisory Committee on January 23, 2014. Dr. Rios, our Director, is making plans to make an impact on the countries within his union, as well as other unions of Central America. In addition to the student population, this Center is also a valuable resource for Graduate students of the University and IATS.
February 28 – March 8, 2014 saw Dr. Yorke, Director at NCU Research Center, Pastor Andrew Farrell, Ministerial Secretary of the Caribbean Union and myself, set out on a ten-day itinerary through some of the Islands of the Southern Caribbean. Although it was a long and intense itinerary, it was for us a real blessing to visit and share with our brethren in Barbados, St. Lucia, Guyana, Grenada and Trinidad. In every case there was an overwhelming show of interest and enthusiasm. Following our presentations, we were engaged in question and answer periods. The other purpose of this mission was to get this union and its institutions more involved with the services offered by the center, and thereby seeing this center as truly meaningful to them as well. Dr. Yorke and myself met with the Southern Caribbean University Administration, Staff and Students. As a result we have received another invitation to do a similar itinerary in the Northern territories of this Union. We look forward to making this possible early in the New Year.

**NEWSNOTES: Research Center Reports cont.**

**Inter-European Division**

**France Research Center**

**No Report Received**

"An important focus will now be to encourage and support the translation of Spirit of Prophecy books, so that members will have free access to them."

Gabriel E. Maurer

SOP Coordinator

Promoting and spreading the Spirit of Prophecy books in the EUD is both a blessing and a challenge. A blessing, since as we see in any country, when church members, whether young and old, read the Spirit of Prophecy books, they develop a more active witnessing attitude and become more involved in Bible study. A challenge, however, since Europe is so diverse and partitioned into many small language zones, that there needs to be translation before books can be printed and shared. Composed of 11 unions, the EUD has 11 publishing houses producing books for a total of over 178,000 members. Counting only the larger ethnic groups among Adventist members, we need to publish the Spirit of Prophecy books in at least 15 different languages in order to reach these members.

But we like challenges and we want to face these challenges.

**Translations**

An important focus will now be to encourage and support the translation of Spirit of Prophecy books, so that members will have free access to them. While the English online books number around 120, Romanians can read more than 70 translated titles. German Adventists have access to more than 30 titles and Italians about 20 titles. The other languages are somewhere in between.

Some of the unions have also started to translate the White Estate website. This gives members access to thousands of answered questions. So far Italy and Germany have translated part of the website and other unions are planning to do so as well.

**Promotion**

The best book is worth nothing, if it does not become known and people do not decide to read it. Therefore in the EUD we are trying to actively promote the reading and sharing of Spirit of Prophecy books.

Whenever a new title is printed, it is advertised in catalogues. SOP coordinators or publishing directors at the local church level also present the new books with sample reading during the announcement time, so that members get a chance to know about it and have a closer look at it.

New developments show that downloaded apps with the Ellen G. White Writings have become a real blessing, as people can now read them in buses, trains and trams. Online options will therefore be specially promoted and made available.

**Awareness**

The best promotion for the Spirit of Prophecy books is their periodical presentation in attractive and motivating seminars and sermons. So far the EUD has two E.G.White centers: an EGW research center in Collonges, France, and an EGW study center in Bogenhofen, Austria. Further centers are in preparation in Romania, Spain, etc. The impact of these study centers should not be underestimated.

“We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history” (LS, p. 196.2)
A real blessing has been the connection between the Missionary book of the year and the Spirit of Prophecy with the Great Controversy project. Not only have many members participated, and continue to do so, but many exciting stories have also happened recently.

One such story is that German truck driver. Somebody gave him a copy of *The Great Controversy* with some nice words. In fact, until today he does not know who gave him the book. But he took the book home, and when he arrived that night, he gave it to his wife and said, “You know, I don’t like to read. Maybe you want to read it.” She read it. She started to get Bible studies, and then she was baptized. Her daughter, a university student, was very reluctant. But when they came home from her mother’s baptism, she asked if she could have the book to read. She read it, and she was also baptized. Finally, her father, the truck driver, asked for the book to read as well. After doing so, he decided to join the church of his wife and daughter. He was also baptized. If this can happen in Germany, it can happen anywhere in the world.

Therefore our recommendation:
If you would like to get spiritually strong,
Pray,
Study the Bible,
Read the Spirit of Prophecy,
And do what you know.

“During His ministry Jesus devoted more time to healing the sick than to preaching. His miracles testified to the truth of His words, that He came not to destroy but to save.” (Ministry of Healing, p. 19.4)

People have become used to searching for the full text of electronic resources. They demand it. As we know, Ellen White’s literary corpus has not escaped that trend. Not content with unfettered free access to her published writings, both ends of the Adventist ideological spectrum have decried for years the reluctance of the White Estate to release electronic access to the full collection of her letters and manuscripts. So it is safe to say that the White Estate’s commitment to finally do just that by 2015 is welcome news everywhere.

On the other hand, this begs the question, why is the Ellen White Research Center at Southwestern developing an electronic version of the index to Ellen White’s letters and manuscripts (available at egw.swau.edu)? Isn’t it a little too late to care about an obscure bibliographic resource heretofore only available in card catalogs?

Last year’s news reports about the National Security Agency’s surveillance program have made the average American familiar with the term metadata. It turns out metadata matters a big deal.

The Electronic Frontier Foundation has put it most cleverly

• “They know you called the suicide prevention hotline from the Golden Gate Bridge. But the topic of the call remains a secret.”

• “They know you spoke with an HIV testing service, then your doctor, then your health insurance company in the same hour. But they don’t know what was discussed.”

• “They know you received a call from the local NRA office while it was having a campaign against gun legislation, and then called your senators and congressional representatives immediately after. But the content of those calls remains safe from government intrusion.”

Metadata makes it easier to determine the substance of something without actually handling it. Our consumer society relies heavily on it in the form of labels and product descriptions. You don’t pick up that box of cereal without first reading its list of ingredients—or at least you shouldn’t. Have you looked at the salt content of your veggie sausages lately?

We rely on metadata to shop for a home. We want to know the square footage, number of bedrooms, bathrooms, lot size, etc. before setting foot on any property. At a time when anything can be purchased online, metadata has become even more useful. Product specifications are essential in today’s web-based markets. Services of all kinds too are consistently broken down into profiles that help us select what fits our needs and wants.

To be fair, full-text searching has been a boon to finding information, and it too is undeniably here to stay. It has opened new possibilities for research that used to be too labor intensive to be practical.

As an example, the on and off discussion of what Ellen White meant in her amalgamation statements would benefit from a look at her contemporaries used the term. Whether one believes
Ellen White to be nothing more than a rather intellectually dependent writer or someone who strived to translate revelation into the language of her day, this should prove to be an instructive exercise.

I find it interesting that recently published articles, such as Ron Osborn’s 2010 Spectrum piece as well as the hot-off-the-press Ellen White Encyclopedia neglect the opportunity to explore this dimension of the topic.

A simple Google Books search will furnish parallel language, sometimes disturbing, by a host of both religious and secular authors. Both similarities and departures would emerge from an analysis of the use of the term that would in turn provide another layer to this hermeneutical discourse. Here are a few interesting instances:

“The sudden amalgamation of all [Christian] denominations would be productive of great evils.”—Benjamin Parham Aydelott in Incidental Benefits of Denominational Division, 1846 p. 105

“It should be borne in mind, that what we term Caucasian races are not of one origin: they are, on the contrary, an amalgamation of an infinite number of primitive stocks, of different instincts, temperaments, and mental and physical characters.” J.C. Nott and G.R. Gliddon in Types of Mankind, 1854 p.67.

“Let anyone who doubts the evils of this mixture of races, and is inclined with a mistaken philanthropy to break down the barriers between them, come to Brazil. He cannot deny the deterioration consequent upon the amalgamation of races, more wide-spread than in any other country in the world, and which are rapidly effacing the best qualities of the White race, the Negro, and the Indian, leaving the mongrel non-descript type deficient in physical or mental energy.” Louis Agassiz in A Journey in Brazil, 1868 p.293.

“But the leading idea, as well as the hardest task, which Alexander had set before him was the amalgamation of his diverse subjects into one people.”—Arthur Mapleton Curteis in Rise of the Macedonian Empire, 1890 p.194.

Put that in your pipe and... Never mind. Back to metadata now. Even Google relies on it. It is an important part of its relevancy ranking algorithms. A Google search is not an actual search of the web, but rather a search of Google’s index of the web, which includes not only the web content itself, but metadata such as referral traffic.

Back to Southwestern’s project. It is my sense that with the roll out of a web version of the topical index and summary notes to Ellen White’s letters and manuscripts, Southwestern has filled a gap in online resources on Adventist history.

I do not expect these indexes to get the level of use that the upcoming full-text release will probably get, but I am confident that for students and scholars, they will remain useful access points to Ellen White’s literary corpus.

“Who gives us the sunshine which makes the earth bring forth and bear? and who the fruitful showers? Who has given us the heavens above and the sun and stars in the heavens? Who gave you your reason, and who keeps watch over you from day to day? ... Every time we look at the world, we are reminded of the mighty hand of God which called it into existence. The canopy over our head, and the earth beneath covered with a carpet of green, call to remembrance the power of God and also His loving-kindness. He might have made the grass brown or black, but God is a lover of the beautiful, and therefore He has given us beautiful things upon which to look. Who could paint upon the flowers the delicate tint with which God has clothed them?” (Child Guidance, p. 54.3)

The E. G. White Research Center on the campus of Sahmyook University in Seoul Korea moved to its new location in the Theology Building. The moving plan was discussed in January of this year. The long process of moving began in February and finished in April. Additional construction of the fireproof walls was also done in April. Now the center is using two rooms in the Theology Building. The larger room on the 4th floor houses SDA publications in one section and other theological books in the other section. It functions also as a theological library. The smaller room on the 3rd floor houses a vault, an archive, and general space for some older publications. We had a small opening ceremony on May 27. The reason we moved the Research Center to a new location was to give easier accesses to theology students.

A new director has been appointed for the Research Center as of March 1 by the University Administration due to a vacancy. The nomination of Hyunsok John Doh, an Associate Professor

Northern Asia-Pacific Division

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Hyunsok John Doh
Director
Sahmyook University
Korea
of New Testament, was approved by the White Estate Board on March 26. He has worked in four different countries—Russia, the Philippines, Korea, and the United States where, in his last assignment before coming back to Korea, he was the editor of the Korean Adventist Press in Los Angeles. He has been a translator of two major E G White books into Korean.

In April, seminars on the Spirit of Prophecy were given in cooperation with the SOP Department of the Korean Union Conference and the Korean Publishing House. Eight Theology professors were involved in the efforts. The seminars were well attended and reignited zeal for the study of the Bible and the writings of Ellen White.

South American Division

Daniel Oscar Plenc
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Greetings to the worldwide family of the White Estate. What follows is a brief enumeration of the main actions performed during the first part of 2014.

I. ACTIONS PERFORMED IN THE UNITED STATES. Between January 7 and February 14, I participated in the Exchange Project between the Universidad Adventista del Plata (River Plate University) and Southern Adventist University in Tennessee to study English as a second language. I traveled with my wife Lissie and my youngest daughter Larisa. On one Sabbath I also had the chance to preach two sermons on the gift of prophecy at the Collegedale Spanish Church led by pastor Joel Barrios. In addition, I also sent a paper from the United States to be read at the XIII Conference on investigation of postgraduate studies at the River Plate University entitled “Gender theology: man and woman from the biblical, historical and pastoral perspective”. This paper referred to the ordination of women to the pastoral ministry in the writings of Ellen G. White. In the meantime, from February 13 to 22, the Ellen G. White Seventh-day Adventist Research Center of the River Plate Adventist University (UAP) took part in a program called “Ten days of prayer and ten hours of fasting in the South American Division”, which had moments of reflection and prayer at the Ellen G. White Research Center. Also in February, I attended the encounter organized by The Adventist Theological Society on the subject, “Why Should Adventists Care about Gay Marriage: Religious Liberty and Public Morality”.

II. ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES. From February 19 until the 28th, when I came back from the United States I taught the subject, “Workshop on the religious contemporary signs”, with emphasis on the ministry of Ellen G. White, in the schedule of the Master’s degree in Theology at the UAP. As has happened during the last few years at this University, I taught the courses on Prophetic Guidance and Comparative Religions and Worship during the first semester. I also gave a lecture entitled: “Science based on revelation: The gift of prophecy and the principles of health” in the program of Denominational Studies of the River Plate Sanitarium and Hospital, Entre Ríos, Argentina. Moreover, we fulfilled visits of historical and missionary worth to the Jewish settlements in the Entre Ríos province and to two evangelical churches located in the city of Crespo, in the same province, with some students of the School of Theology. I got in touch with protestant elders of Viale and Crespo, Entre Ríos. In the School of Theology at the UAP, there is a secretariat of Inter-confessional Relationships to my charge because I am the regular teacher of the chair of Comparative Religion.

III. ACTIVITIES OF PREACHING, SEMINARS AND CAMPAIGNS OF EVANGELIZATION. Between March and June, I preached in several cities of Argentina: Viale, Libertador San Martin, Crespo and Las Tunas, in the province of Entre Ríos; Villa Carlos Paz, in the province of Córdoba, and in the south part of the province of Tucumán. During April, I participated in four evangelistic meetings during Holy Week in Calabacilla district of Concordia in the province of Entre Ríos. Five non Seventh-day Adventist persons decide to study the Bible. In June I went back to that developing congregation to preach four subjects for our church members and for guests of the community. The subjects were about “The Book of Revelation: Messages for a Happy End”.

IV. ADVENTIST HEADQUARTERS OF THE MEMORY AND PRESENTATION OF NEW BOOKS. In April, my book number 25 Historias de Misioneros (Buenos Aires, Asociación Casa Editora Sudamericana, 2013) was launched at a meeting in the offices of the Ellen G. White Research Center. Also in April, the Secretariat of Culture and Education of the town council of Libertador San Martin, organized the presentation of my last book: Tributo a la esperanza. La Iglesia de Colonía Pintos Viana (Rosario: Editorial DelRevés, 2014). The Uruguayn Union organized the presentation of the same book at Guichón, Uruguay, in the setting of the meeting for the 90th anniversary of the Seventh-day Church in Colonía Pintos Viana, at Guichón, Uruguay. On the other side, a lecture organized by the Adventist Centre of the Memory in March was about the presence of the Waldensians in Argentina, which was under the charge of Dr.
Guido A. Tourn, a Waldensian historian and specialist in that topic.

With respect to other activities, during the semester I was in close contact with people of Las Tunas, in the province of Santa Fe, which is the place where for a year the first Adventist College in South America was located in the year of 1899 (Today it is the River Plate Adventist University). Also, plans were made for future educational and evangelizing activities in that little village. And as always, we gave tours of the individual persons and familiar groups of people to know in the Seventh-day Adventist historical South American circuit.

V. ACTIVITIES IN THE ELLEN G. WHITE-SEVENTH-DAY RESEARCH CENTER AND STATEMENTS OF GRATITUDE.

The average activities in the office were performed with normality and with a growing number of people, including students, as well as neighbors and visitors.

When we finish the first semester at the University, on June 26, I will be making a trip to Europe together with my wife Lissie for personal holidays.

Then, after almost fourteen years as director of the Ellen G. White, Seventh-day Adventist Research Center and thirteen years as the Coordinator of the Service of the Spirit of Prophecy of the Argentina Union (before, the Austral Unión), and ten years as director of the Adventist Headquarters of the Memory, I would like to say or manifest that this ministry has been very educational, very satisfactory and very rewarding for me. It remains for me to thank deeply the White Estate for its permanent stimulus and invaluable help, since I took on this ministry in the year 2000 and I would like to send my cordial greetings and the wishes of blessing of the Lord to all my colleagues in the entire world. A Special Word of Appreciation for Dr. James R. Nix, who has been the director of the White Estate all these years, and a Word of Affection to all the coordinators of the Spirit of Prophecy in the South American Division during all these years: Wilson Endruweit, Carlos Mesa, Alberto R. Timm and Almir Marroni.

Of course, a word of appreciation for all those coordinators of the Spirit of Prophecy of the conferences of the Argentina Union, with whom we worked together in one atmosphere of friendly relationship. Also a word of gratitude to the Argentinian Union and to the UAP for their trust and support. May God bless all in his church in this time while we wait for the coming of the Lord Jesus. In all this time, our aim has been to affirm the historical and doctrinal identity of the church in our territory, working in the training of our future elders as well as to assist in the preaching of the Gospel (without being worthy, I have had the privilege in these years to baptize 70 – 80 people that took their stance for Christ in the national campaigns of evangelization or in decisions weeks).

“Make it a rule never to utter one word of doubt or discouragement. You can do much to brighten the life of others and strengthen their efforts, by words of hope and holy cheer.” (Steps to Christ, p. 119.3)

“As our physical life is sustained by food, so our spiritual life is sustained by the word of God. And every soul is to receive life from God’s word for himself. As we must eat for ourselves in order to receive nourishment, so we must receive the word for ourselves. We are not to obtain it merely through the medium of another’s mind. We should carefully study the Bible, asking God for the aid of the Holy Spirit, that we may understand His word.” (Desire of Ages, p. 390.4)
Greetings from IAENE in the Northeast of Brazil. To God be the glory for all the blessings and victories during this busy semester.

This semester I taught Adventist Church History and Doctrines, and Introduction to the Bible. In the Adventist History Class I have pushed the students to research and learn about our pioneers. It is interesting to see how they enjoy getting to know about the pioneering days of the churches in some areas in Brazil. Whenever I have the opportunity, I enjoy learning and traveling to places where our missionaries or Brazilian pioneers stepped in. There are some fascinating stories about how God blessed the beginning of the work in the northeast of Brazil. Most of my time this semester was spent in the classroom. Right now I have on my table a pile of exams and papers to grade.

In March I participated in a symposium on Small Groups and gave a brief contribution presenting how our pioneers loved each other and were united as they began discovering and sharing our distinctive doctrines. The following day I was involved in the ceremony of “graduation” for more than 400 students that completed the “I Know My History” project. It was a project led by Mrs. Rosecler Queiroz, director of the Adolescent and Children department of our Union. The project consists of a series of lectures written by a Brazilian pastor, José Santos and his wife Solange, on the Adventist History prepared especially for children and early teens. All the theology students were involved in this as they learned how to implement this project in their ministry.

During the Passover week (April 12–19) I joined a group of theology professors and went to lead evangelistic meetings in the city of Aracaju. On May I presented seminars on the Spirit of Prophecy and Adventist History in two churches located nearby our institution.

This semester my article entitled “The Millerites and the Seven Trumpets of Revelation”, was published in the late 2013 edition of the Hermeneutica, our school of theology journal. (See http://www.seer-adventista.com.br/ojs/index.php/hermeneutica/issue/current/showToc). A follow up article on James White and the Trumpets will soon be ready for publication as well.

May God bless us all.

South America Division
Peru Research Center
No Report Received

South Pacific Division

“I was shown things in regard to my husband and myself. I saw that Satan was persevering in his efforts to destroy our usefulness. I saw that we neither understood the depth and keenness of the heart trials of the other” —MS, 1, 1863

I will commence my report quoting Ellen White’s words written on June 6, 1863. During the period of frantic activities, challenges and trials associated with the progressive growth of the church, God redirected her attention to what is most important in life’s journey - time and healthy relationships. “I was shown things in regard to my husband and myself. I saw that Satan was persevering in his efforts to destroy our usefulness. I saw that we neither understood the depth and keenness of the heart trials of the other” (MS, 1, 1863). However, in a letter to the church at Monterey written on the same day (June 6), she made reference to the blessings of the Sabbath day that rested upon them on that Friday.
“Last evening while engaged in family prayer at Brother Hilliard’s the blessings of the Lord rested upon us, and I was taken in a vision.” Is it possible to consider that divine intervention directed her attention to the most vital resource, namely SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT found in the weekly Sabbath rest - a relational communion with God?

Since last year, this theme preoccupied my thoughts and impacted my commitments. Firstly, I have experienced a lengthy annual leave, eight weeks of rest and reflections. In the first semester, I am involved in the usual teaching responsibilities at Avondale College of Higher Education. My main objective is to enable students to rediscover God’s involvement both in history and people’s personal lives. It fascinates me to discover His patient leading and guidance, especially through the ministry of Ellen White. There are no limits in what God can accomplish through those who respond to the voice of His calling. This year, we have twenty-three students taking the Seventh-day Adventist History & Life and Ministry of Ellen White class and another nine students in the Adventist Heritage Grad Dip class. I have given a number of weekend presentations in North NSW and Greater Sydney Conferences. The most notable was my visit to North Fitzroy church in Victoria, a place connected with the beginning of Ellen White’s ministry in Australia. Two weeks ago I gave a presentation at the “Women in Leadership Training” program organized by North NSW Conference entitled “Spiritual Leadership in God’s Mission.” The presentation was based on Ellen White’s view of women in leadership. Currently, I am also working on a number of papers. At this point I have submitted one paper for publication: “The Heart of the Seventh-day Adventist Health Message”; and another paper I am presenting at the International Heritage Conference in Portugal, July 22-25, “Cultural Heritage: Transformational and Inspirational Framework for Future Education.” At the moment, I am preparing a series on Identity in the Context of SDA Church history to be presented at the Minister’s and church leadership meetings in Mauritius, June 22-30.

My administrative assistant, Marian de Berg is also keeping busy with the responsibilities in the center and writing. Since last year, she has published a number of short articles associated with Ellen White’s life in Australia. These are as follow: “A boy, a football and a saved limb” (July 6, 2013); “Christ of the Narrow Way” (September 21, 2013); “Ellen’s Australian Farm Manager” (December 21, 2013); “Church in a Sawmill” (April 5,201). She is further working and writing on Ellen White’s time at “Sunnyside” from 1895-1900. Note her excitement. “I find the time lived here in Cooranbong is very fascinating with carving a school and homes out in the bush, the lack of medical facilities with the closest doctor 25 miles away, Adventism being very new in Australia, the start of camp meetings, the building of new churches, the poverty of the people and many Adventists losing their jobs when accepting this new religion because of the 6-day working week.” We hope to publish the stories in a book form. In addition, I am exploring the theme of Ellen White’s contribution to the global church from down under – the far away Australian colony that opened her mind to new and greater vision and opportunities to share God’s love with the world.

Southern Africa-Indian Division

“...I challenged the leaders to make a contribution by writing and publishing articles and books on aspects of Ellen G. White.”

Michael Sokupa
Director
Helderberg College
Republic of South Africa

The first half of this year started with two SID events in the weeks of February 4-16, 2014: a leadership summit organized by the SID presidential team and a division-wide ministerial convention. For my presentations in these two events, I decided to review the most recent publications on Ellen White and the new *Ellen G. White Encyclopedia*. At the end of each presentation I challenged the leaders to make a contribution by writing and publishing articles and books on aspects of Ellen G. White. An interest was kindled towards producing local articles and books for the future.

During the month of February we also had Dr. Alberto Timm and Elder William Fagal visit the SID territory for seminars. I was able to join them in Angola from February 28-March 02 and in Bloemfontein South Africa from February 21-23. The meetings were well attended by delegates from the Union and Conference offices, and there were also attendees that came from various institutions and local churches.

By invitation from local congregations, I also did seminar presentations at a few churches: Mowbray Church on March 08 and Vreedenburg Church on April 19. There is a growing interest at the local church level to organize mini-centers. At the moment the SID is aiming at establishing study centers in every union. I was also invited by the Trans Orange Conference to present the study center/ mini-center concept. While in the area, I visited the
Northern Conference of South Africa. I was informed by one of the departmental directors that a local church started working on translating Ellen G. White books in small group settings. They are now moving towards completing all the published writings. The church has worked with Stanborough Press to publish some of the translated materials. The pastor who initiated the project is currently a student at Helderberg College, and he is working with us to inspire other language groups to do the same. The SID has set a goal of having the readings for 2015-2020 available in local languages as well.

During the SID midyear meetings some plans that have been put together in collaboration with the SOP coordinator have been approved. Among the plans is a publication that will be put together for the Centennial of Ellen G. White’s death. The SID will focus on Ellen White’s life work. We also had a presentation of a study center unit designed by a qualified engineer who is now serving in Port Elizabeth as a pastor.

After the SID midyear meetings, we had a visit by Dr. David Trim and His associate Peter Chiomenti. They trained the conference Secretariat department personnel and helped to give guidance for setting up archives for our Division. We trust that this will spill over to all the institutions that are targeted as E.G. White study centers so that they will be able to start archives for their local heritage.

I also taught a class on SDA history this semester. We had the students visit the center, and receive an orientation for research. There are quite a number of research projects that will be archived at the center, which will bring out an important heritage record of churches and institutions in Southern Africa. We hope to encourage and promote the careful record and preservation of the Adventist Heritage in Southern Africa. We hope to get started on an electronic encyclopedia of Adventist history soon.

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Elder William Fagal and Dr. Alberto Timm in Angola

The second strings of seminars took place between February 21 to March 7. The presenters were Dr. Alberto Timm and Elder William Fagal from the General Conference, facilitating with Dr. Sokupa and Super Moesi.

The 2014 first quarter seminars started in Mozambique at Polana Church in Maputo with attendance ranging between 50 and 100 people in the three days, February 17-20. In South Africa the meeting was at the Union headquarters in Bloemfontein, February 21 – 23, with representatives from the conferences and church members from within Bloemfontein and surrounding areas. The Sao Tome Principe meeting took place at the central church in Sao Tome with 100 to 300 participants taking part during the four-days evening meetings.

The meetings in North East Angola were spectacular in the light that there was not a single commodious venue able to host the meeting. The presenters, therefore, were spread in three different churches that were packed both on Sabbath and Sunday. The Friday afternoon and Sunday evening meetings were set aside for the pastorate only. The pastors could interact with the presenters and ask questions relating to the work and ministry of...
Ellen G. White in relation to their ministry to the church today. The series culminated in the South Angola Union where the meetings took place at the Church offices with sizable number of participants.

It was a great blessing to have Dr. Timm with us, especially since he is fluent in both English and Portuguese. The last four seminars involved Portuguese-speaking participants and they identified with him very well.

Topics presented included: reading, understanding and interpreting Ellen White’s Writings; Dissidents Movements; Ellen White’s writings and the Bible; The work of a Prophet; How God guided the church through the Prophetic office; What and why the Spirit of Prophecy; How to establish study centers; The history of the Seventh day Adventist church and others. One of the most valuable parts of the meeting was the “question and answer” time when Elder William Fagal, who answers questions about Ellen White that the White Estate receives from around the world, took the stand and calmly and confidently answered questions from our participants. One thing that endeared the participants to elder Fagal was his honesty in response to some of the questions where his short and simple answer was: “I do not know.” The feedback from all the unions that participated was very positive, all expressing their excitement that such a meeting was organized. Certain Conferences have already started conducting seminars of this nature for local people. All the Union Spirit of Prophecy coordinators did a splendid job in organizing the program and ensuring its success. DVDs of the presentations as well as the history of redemption books and hard and soft copies of the presentations were made available to the participants.

We want to express our big “thank you” to the Ellen G. White Estate for entertaining this very special event and program and of going to all entities of the Divisions of the Church. Your sacrifice is greatly appreciated.

I am the research committee chairperson for Masters students in biblical-theological studies. Four of our MA in Religion students defended their thesis—two of them in Old Testament Studies and the other two in New Testament Studies.

I also take care of the baptismal class at Spicer church. We have around 40 youth attending the class. Last February four of these youth took their stand for Christ and were baptized.

“The children of God are called upon to be representatives of Christ, showing forth the goodness and mercy of the Lord” (TMK, p. 224.2)
It is a great privilege for Southern Asia to have some donors who have contributed towards the printing of Spirit of Prophecy books in various dialects of India. They have been helping for few years now. With the help of the foundation, William Carey Book fund, we have translated into 36 different dialects and printed 176 books. We now have Spirit of prophecy books now in all the major languages of India. Few language groups have the complete Conflict Series.

This is a great blessing to us here in Southern Asia Division, because now we have these inspired books we would never have had otherwise. Some of the language groups are using these books for the revival program in the church. They are also a source of sermon materials for itinerant pastors where we do not have sources of materials for sermons. In fact, in some of the crusades, these books are used as a gift for attendance, which people really appreciate.

Some of the major languages have the bigger books like the conflict series, but some others have mostly Steps to Christ, Life of Christ, Story of Redemption and Christ Object Lesson. Our main problem is finding good translators. As these inspired books are to prepare God’s people to be ready to meet the Lord in the air, Southern Asia Division is gearing towards this climax of the history of the Second Coming of Jesus. We wish God’s richest blessing to our donor and we still need much more support for the books to be printed.

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On February 15, I was asked to speak to a group of students and church members at Newbold College during the afternoon. One week later, I travelled to South-end Seventh-day Adventist church where I stayed the whole day presenting and discussing different issues related to Ellen White. Again I discovered that in our church many ‘ordinary’ church members are well informed about different theological positions and nuances within our theology and that they are able to have intelligent conversation about them.

On March 8, I travelled to the city of Zrenjanin, Serbia, where I spoke to a large group of non-Adventists. The majority of the visitors were young people, students, and I addressed the issue of the existence of God and the meaning of human existence. I was very happy when on one evening a young man from an Adventist family, approached me and said that he had prayed for quite some time and on that that very evening he had decided to go and study theology at our Seminary in Belgrade. One week later I was back at Newbold College and I preached at Newbold church.

On March 22, I presented the issue of ‘Revelation, Inspiration and Illumination’ as explained in the Bible to our members in London Central church. After the worship service, I had a fruitful theological discussion with a number of young people from London. The next Saturday I travelled to the city of Brighton where I had meetings with our church members there in the morning and afternoon. They meet in a Methodist church building, which has beautiful architecture, and in my mind, it is this element that contributed to the passionate debate we had on contemporary developments and Ellen White.

On April 6, most of the teachers from Newbold College participated in a one-day Bible conference dedicated to the issue of human suffering. I spoke on the Book of Job and its understanding of that difficult topic in Christian theology. Early in the morning, the next day, I travelled to Poland, to the city of...
Poznan. For two days, from nine in the morning until five in the afternoon, I spoke to the ministers of the Western Polish Conference. Passionate discussions on various theological issues marked these meetings. Late in the afternoon on April 8, I travelled to the capital city of Warsaw. In Warsaw we had another two days of meetings. This time, in addition to the ministers from that conference, theology students and teachers from our Theological Seminary in Poland joined the group. What fruitful moments we had!

On April 18, I travelled to Loma Linda, USA, for Biblical Research meetings. The next day I had the privilege to preach in the Valley Seventh-day Adventist church in Los Angeles. On May 10, I was invited to Oxford Seventh-day Adventist church to deal with some complex theological issues (for instance, why God sometimes reveals himself and heals people and in some other instances he remains silent). On Saturday, May 17, I spoke in the Russian Seventh-day Adventist church in Bracknell.

* The centre is currently running a radio program tagged “Prophetic Guidance” on Hope 89.1 FM on Babcock University campus. The first edition of the weekly Sabbath evening program was aired on February 15, 2014. Through the radio program, we have the opportunity to share with our listeners, Ellen White’s counsels on various themes. This is increasing the awareness of the unique messages of the Seventh-day Adventist church for those on our campus, the host community, as well as many other neighbouring communities. We are receiving some positive responses from our audience. One of such came from Mr. Samuel Awofodu who listened to the program along with his guests - parents who came for our last convocation. According to him, some of the listeners desired that the program be presented in another radio station with a wider coverage.

* The Director featured at the WAD Publishing Directors’ Meeting held on Babcock University Campus from March 14-16, 2014. I had the opportunity to promote SOP writings and its unique messages for this tail-end history of human existence on Saturday March 15, 2014. Beyond the monetary benefits, the soldiers for the printed messages were challenged to encourage those in Colporteur Ministry to go out with the inspiring books of Ellen G. White.

* The centre participated in the orientation program for the Postgraduate students of Adventist University of Africa held on May 12, 2014. I used the opportunity to promote the ministry and writings of Ellen G. White. The students were also intimated with the unique research and devotional materials in our user-friendly Research Centre. The interaction has increased the number of our patrons for this summer school.

West-Central Africa Division

Adelowo Felix Adetunji

Director

Babcock University

Nigeria

The period under review was full of activities at various levels. However, the ever-sufficient grace of the Chief Shepherd blessed our efforts and saw us through. On a personal level, the Director still serves as the Senior Pastor in the Lighthouse Worship Centre on Babcock University campus. During the same period, I taught four different courses assigned by the Department of Religious Studies, and I am currently handling two courses in the on-going summer school – including a Postgraduate course. I am serving in some committees within and outside the Babcock University campus, including the University Senate, Senate Panel for Examination and Academic Misconduct (SPEAM), Manuscript Committee (WNUC), and Heritage Committee (WAD).

Report of Centre Activities

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“From the Pen of Inspiration” is a weekly publication, published on a weekly basis. Apart from those electronically mailed, copies of “From the Pen of Inspiration”—each containing short, inspiring quotation from E.G. White writings—are pasted on various, strategically located notice boards on a weekly basis.

* Kwara Conference of Western Nigeria Union invited the Director to be a resource person during its Ministerial Training Program held in Shao from February 14-16, 2014. At the gathering, I made a presentation on “Pastoral Ethics” on Friday the 14th and on “Church Discipline” on Saturday 15th. It was a unique opportunity to minister to fellow workers in God’s vineyard.

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*The Director and a staff from the Centre, Mr. Wale Akintunde, conducted **SOP Seminars** at Ede and Aiyetoro Districts, Osun Conference (WNUC). The first part of the seminar was held in the former location at the District Headquarters Church, Alekunwodo Osogbo, on Friday May 23, 2014 and the second part of the seminar was held at the latter location at Aiyetoro Church during the divine service the following day. Representatives from Ede District joined us for the afternoon session at Ayetoro. Questions and comments from the participants after the presentations assured us that it was a worth-while effort. On Sunday May 26, there was a video-coverage interview with the Church Pioneers and Leaders on the history and development of various churches in the two Districts. This was part of our efforts to furnish the Adventist Heritage Unit (WAD) of the Research Centre.

**Report from the Fields**

The first quarter of this year was very special for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Nigeria as it celebrated 100th years of its missionary activities in the country. The **Centenary** was celebrated in phases – by respective Conferences and Unions in Nigeria. During the celebration, the three Unions in Nigeria jointly hosted the General Conference President, Elder Ted Wilson along with some other GC officials. The centre participated in the “once-in-a-life-time” celebration. Working with other relevant units on our campus, we captured some of the memorable scenes of the events to furnish the Heritage Unit of our Research Centre with photographs and videos.

Closely working with some of the Spirit of Prophecy Directors in our **fields**, we are delighted to report some of their activities. In Ekiti Conference of the Western Nigeria Union Conference, an Adventist Nurse, Mrs. Kemi Adesina regularly presents “Health Talk” as part of a Conference-sponsored weekly radio program (Voice of Hope), using Ellen White’s writings. At the end of each presentation, the health professional links her regular listeners with the SOP Director for the conference, Pastor Yinka Adeniyi, through phone. With this connection, many of the listeners are searching for and buying books like *Ministry of Healing, Adventist Home, Messages to Young People*, etc. According to Pastor Yinka Adeniyi, many non-SDA members are now eager to know more about the Spirit of Prophecy writings.

In Osun Conference of the same Union, the SOP Director, Pastor Augustine C. Ojomah, appointed SOP coordinators in all the Districts. According to some of the coordinators, SOP Clubs/reading centres are organized where various Ellen G. White books are studied in groups. Some other groups print out quotations from Ellen white writings and distribute them to church members, friends, and neighbours. In April this year, Pastor Ojomah worked with the Family Life Department of the Conference to use *Adventist Home* for the Family Week. The arrangement encouraged many of the members to purchase personal copies of the book.

**Report in Relation to White Estate**

*Early this year, the Supervisory Committee approved our request to place an order for 5,000 copies of the “one-in-all CD-ROM” of Ellen White’s writings. We are eagerly waiting on the ever-supportive White Estate for the delivery. The unique package has been widely promoted and we are confident that the project will transform lives.*

We made a request to replace the worn-out books in our Research Center when Elders Nix and Timm visited us in November last year. In response to this, we received 126 titles of Ellen White’s books on February 6, 2014. We appreciate the quick response from our leaders and the Ellen White Estate.
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**PREACHING APPOINTMENTS AND SEMINARS**

**JAN.—JUNE 2014**

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By faith in the power and grace of our Master and Saviour, Jesus Christ, we are pressing forward in the second half of the year. WE ARE ON THE WINNING SIDE! “**Keep the Flame Alive.**”

“No earthly parent could be as patient with the faults and mistakes of his children, as is God with those He seeks to save. No one could plead more tenderly with the transgressor. No human lips ever poured out more tender entreaties to the wanderer than does He. All His promises, His warnings, are but the breathing of unutterable love.” (Steps to Christ, p. 35.3)

“Nothing tends more to promote health of body and of soul than does a spirit of gratitude and praise.” (Ministry of Healing, p. 251.3)

“Our time here is short. We can pass through this world but once; as we pass along, let us make the most of life. The work to which we are called does not require wealth or social position or great ability. It requires a kindly, self-sacrificing spirit and a steadfast purpose. A lamp, however small, if kept steadily burning, may be the means of lighting many other lamps. Our sphere of influence may seem narrow, our ability small, our opportunities few, our acquirements limited; yet wonderful possibilities are ours through a faithful use of the opportunities of our own homes.” (The Adventist Home, p. 32.5)
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