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August 3–6
ASI International Convention, Sacramento, CA
James Rafferty, Matt Parra, Jeffrey Rosario
(530) 846-6440

August 19–20
North-West Young Adult Conference, Valley View SDA Church, WA
James Rafferty, (509) 860-9076

August 19–21
SAYA Smorgasbord Weekend, Seattle Adventist Young Adults, WA
Matt Parra • (541) 280-1029 • savannahwilson@gmail.com

August 26–28
Entrianne Academy Campout, Lillooet, BC
Jeffrey Rosario • (250) 254-5400 • info@entrianne.org

August 27
Cascade SDA Church, Bend, OR
James Rafferty • www.cascadeleaderschenschul.org

August 30–December 10
ARISE Cornerstone Program, Jasper, OR
Randy Ban • (541) 223-3023

September 16–17
Tabernacle SDA Church, Portland, OR
James Rafferty • (503) 223-3023

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September 16–24
South Queensland Conference Camp Meeting, Brisbane, Australia
Ty Gibson • 07 3218 7777

September 23–24
Adirondack SDA Church, IN
James Rafferty • (765) 343-5541

October 1
Junction City SDA Church, OR
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There is too much formality in our religious services. The Lord would have His ministers who preach the Word energized by His Holy Spirit; and the people who hear should not sit in drowsy indifference, or stare vacantly about, making no responses to what is said... Where the church is walking in the light, there will ever be cheerful, hearty responses and words of joyful praise.

Ellen White, 
*Ye Shall Receive Power*, p. 334

The sermons should come, not from a mechanical heart, but from a heart that is filled with the love of God, and is subdued and softened by His grace; that when you speak the angels of God are enlisted on your side, and Christ is on your side, and it is Christ that makes the impression. ... The idea seems to be woven into the minds of some that all they have to do is to sermonize, sermonize. While sermons are good in their place, there is sermon after sermon that all they have to do is to be woven into the minds of the people that they cannot retain in their minds—it is an impossibility for them to do so—and they are just wearied out with sermons.

Ellen White, 
*Manuscript 18b, 1890.*

Do not imagine that you can arouse the interest of the young by ... preaching a long sermon. Plan ways whereby a live interest may be aroused. From week to week the youth should bring in their reports, telling what they have tried to do for the Savior, and what success has been theirs. If the missionary meeting were made an occasion for bringing in such reports, it would not be dull, tedious, and uninteresting. It would be full of interest, and there would be no lack of attendance.

Ellen White, 
*Gospel Workers*, pp. 210-211

There are times when it is fitting for our ministers to go on the Sabbath, in our churches, short discourses, full of the life and love of Christ. But the church members are not to expect a sermon every Sabbath. ... The magnitude of our work calls for willing liberality on the part of the people of God. In Africa, in China, in India, there are thousands, yes, millions, who have not heard the message of the truth for this time. They must be warned. The islands of the sea are waiting for a knowledge of God. In these islands schools are to be established to prepare students to go to higher schools within reach, there to be educated and trained, and sent back to their island homes to give to others the light they have received” (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 9, p. 51).

The ARISE training programs will also generate more interest and need for literature from the publishing arm of Light Bearers Ministry. The need for gospel tracts will increase, not diminish, as these tracts accomplish what can be done in no other way: “Years ago the Lord gave me special directions that buildings should be erected in various places in America, Europe, and other lands for the publication of literature containing the light of present truth. He gave instruction that every effort should be made to send forth to the world from the press the messages of invitation and warning. Some will be reached by our literature who would not be reached in any other way. From our books and papers bright beams of light are to shine forth to enlighten the world in regard to present truth” (*Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 8, p. 87).

Supporting the work of God in the needy countries around the world through literature work and this new training school will bring a “reflex influence” to the home work. “To show a liberal, self-denying spirit for the success of foreign missions is a sure way to advance home missionary work; for the prosperity of the home work depends largely; under God, upon the reflex influence of the evangelical work done in countries afar off. It is in working to supply the necessities of others that we bring our souls into touch with the Source of all power.

The Lord has marked every phase of missionary zeal that has been shown by His people in behalf of foreign fields. He designs that in every home, in every church, and at all the centers of the work, a spirit of liberality shall be shown in sending help to foreign fields, where the workers are struggling against great odds to give the light to those who sit in darkness” (*Gospel Workers*, pp. 465-466).

This counsel reminds me of a young man in Liberia by the name of Frank. About 18 months ago, Frank read some of our literature and accepted the message. He was kicked out of his home by the name of Frank. He immediately contacted a Seventh-day Adventist church and even began to preach this message. God blessed his efforts as souls were won to Jesus. Frank is now in enrolled in one of

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**THE REFLEX FACTOR**

*By James Rafferty*

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*How can you actively engage in reaching the world with the gospel?*

Light Bearers Ministry (LBM) has expanded its outreach to the world by merging with ARISE, an evangelism and discipling ministry. ARISE’s main training is the Cornerstone Program, a 15-week session that affords the student a total immersion experience in ministry. Intense in-class instruction augmented by genuine “in the community” ministry make this program the flagship of the ARISE training programs. The goal is to help each attendee know the Bible for themselves and to teach them how to effectively share the love of Jesus with others. Offered once a year in the fall, the program provides the perfect cornerstone for building a Christ-centered, lifelong personal ministry.

Each year, approximately 50 people of all ages attend from around the globe from places such as, Austria, Norway, Canada, Australia, Nigeria, Sweden, Philippines, Spain, and all across the United States. For more information, go to www.arisehubs.org.

ARISE is also mobilizing teams to conduct two-week training schools in other locations worldwide. This increased outreach calls for increased support: LBM has increased its staff by 50 percent in adding six ARISE employees.

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