The East-Central Africa Division (ECD) had a unique experience when the Publishing Administrative Seminar and Union Evaluation were conducted earlier this month. The meetings were held in the unions of Rwanda, Ethiopia, and Uganda. Afterward, almost everyone agreed that the publishing work will never again be the same.

In Rwanda, all the union leaders led conference administrators in pledging their renewed support for the Publishing Ministry. The Rwanda Union Mission is integrating literature evangelism into its overall outreach work. Most of its baptisms are direct results of the work done by literature evangelists. One of the leaders promised to continue taking the role of the publishing work seriously and promote it in all parts of his union. Rwanda, a country that was ravaged by genocide some years ago, is rebuilding its history and the message of hope through literature evangelism. This ministry has played an important role in the healing process.

In Ethiopia, a land mentioned numerous times in the Bible, the Publishing Ministry that was once vibrant is now struggling. As a result of the Publishing Administrative Seminar, there is a great reawakening of the ministry. Leaders are impressed, and they have pledged overwhelming support and commitment to the cause of God. Ethiopia is highly challenged with bringing books from outside the country. But now is the promise of developing books in the country in local languages.

Uganda is a beautiful country, often described as the pearl of Africa. But the publishing work has been weak. However, after the meetings, leaders who attended the meetings not only promised their unswerving support, but also reported that the gathering was useful and informative. One of the most important parts of the meetings was the evaluation, which disclosed important information regarding the three countries. It revealed weaknesses of the publishing work and made important recommendations to each union.

We have now redoubled the commitment from all union and conference leaders to support the Publishing Ministry.

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We expect unprecedented circulation of literature in these countries. Our appreciation to Howard F. Faigao, General Conference (GC) Publishing Ministries director, who conducted the meetings in an appealing and captivating manner. Here are two reports from the unions:

**Rwanda Union Mission Report:**
Our thanks to GC and ECD publishing leaders for the good seminar. Administrators were so inspired that upon their return, the East Central Rwanda Association voted to appoint one additional publishing leader to enhance the work of literature evangelists in Rwanda.

The union evaluations were very important and provided us guidance for the progress of the Publishing Ministry.—Jonathan Bizirema, Publishing Director

**Ethiopian Union Mission Report:**
The visit of the GC and division publishing directors brought special revival to the publishing work in our country.

Leaders from all over Ethiopia have understood the importance of the Publishing Ministry. The excellent approach of the seminar presenters touched and influenced administrators. It was an eye-opening experience. The evaluation process showed what areas of the publishing work have to improve. The overall experience was a great blessing to the Ethiopian Union Mission.—Lukas Adde, Publishing Director

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**News from Zambia Adventist Press**

*by Earlymay Chibende | Editor and Marketing Manager, Zambia Adventist Press*

The Zambia Adventist Press has embarked on a mission to publish books relevant to the needs of local and regional readers. Recent publications have stirred a lot of excitement among readers and literature evangelists. The newest publications include three books written by George Mwansa. One book, anchored on God’s love for the church, teaches husbands how to love their wives and instructs wives how to submit to their husbands in the Lord. The strong African flair and numerous anecdotes are designed to appeal to the African reader. Another new publication is *Ready to Say I Do: Practical Guidelines for Those “Couples” on the Verge of Taking Marriage Vows.* It is a marital counseling masterpiece for newly married couples, or for those contemplating marriage. Using the intriguing story of Abraham’s servant’s search for a wife for Isaac, this book helps young adults place God at the center of their search for a life partner. The third book written by George Mwansa, *The Impossible Possibility*, is a motivational piece based on the story of David and Goliath. This book appeals to both young and old who share challenges about the ever looming possibility of failure. This book maintains that one plus God is always a majority.

Other new publications, *The Revelation of Things to Come* and *Daniel Reveals the Future* by Robert J. Wieland, answer current alarming world events. This verse by verse explanation of the books of Revelation and Daniel is a great aid for those seeking to know the truth based on Bible study. The books *Tonga Hymns*, *Bemba Hymns*, *Lozi Hymns*, *Kikaonde Hymns*, and *Advent Hymns*, which come with two instrumental MP3s containing all the songs in these books, have served members with a great variety of music. At a recent book fair in Lusaka, these titles attracted much attention to the glory of God.

The Lord is greatly blessing the Zambia Adventist Press. We give Him all the glory, honor, and praise! ✝️
**Publishing Work in Vietnam Revitalized**
*by Vivencio R. Bermudez | Publishing Director, SSD*

Before communism took over, the publishing work in Vietnam was the strongest in the Southeast Asia Union Mission. Then, for more than 30 years, the church hid “underground.” Publishing books and magazines was strictly prohibited. About 10 years ago, people were given limited freedom to worship and preach. The Adventist Church had the permission to print a few books—only for members.

Recently, God opened new doors of opportunity to circulate truth-filled literature. In 2011 the Home Health Education Service (HSES) was registered with the government and authorized to sell books to the public. A few weeks ago a book fair was organized, and more than 850,000 people attended. HSES had one booth in the fair and all literature evangelist (LE) books were sold. In addition, thousands of tracts were given to people who visited the booth. Many Buddhist monks, Roman Catholics, and Sunday keepers stopped by the HSES booth and purchased books. It was a miracle from God!

More than 40 LEs are moving forward with the Publishing Ministry under the dynamic leadership of Pham Nguyen To Phuong, Publishing Director of the Vietnam Mission. Praise God for His guidance!

**The GCP Launches in Southern Austria**
*by Thomas Gyuroka | Pastor, Austrian Union, EUD*

Earlier this year, a special Sabbath experience took place for church members in the southern part of Austria. It was a dedication service for the Great Controversy Project (GCP). After a presentation about the project, preaching, and prayer, members were motivated to become part of the initiative.

The Adventist Church has many books, but no book has brought so many members to follow Jesus as *The Great Controversy*. Although only a few church members live in this region, there was so much enthusiasm that on the first two Sabbaths after the project was launched, 500 books were purchased to be distributed and to be used in Bible study groups with friends and neighbors.

Praise the Lord for this project!

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**The Sin of Uzzah: A Modern Lesson**
*by Abraham J. Oberholster | Publishing Director, Transvaal Conference, Southern Africa Union, SID*

Uzzah knew it was wrong. In fact all of Israel knew it was a serious mistake to use a wagon pulled by oxen to move the Ark of the Covenant from the house of Abinadab to Jerusalem. God’s explicit instruction was for the Ark to be carried by people specially chosen by God for that purpose.

The Ark of the Covenant was a holy object, not to be tempered with by anyone; it was not even to be touched. Uzzah extended his hand to keep the Ark from falling, and it cost him his life.

Here are some lessons from his experience:

1. Keep your hands off God’s sacred objects.
2. If you want to do something for which God has a special regard, follow the plan God designed. Do it God’s way.
3. God’s sacred things are to be respected at all times.

God instructed His messenger, Ellen G. White, regarding another sacred, God-ordained object. He designed it to fulfill a special role in proclaiming God’s message before the door of probation closes.

“This is a sacred work, and those who enter it should be able to bear witness for Christ . . . The canvassing work should be considered as sacred, and those who have unclean hands and defiled hearts should not be encouraged to enter upon it” (*Colporteur Ministry*, p. 29).

In recent years, God’s special object was ignored and treated by some with disrespect, in spite of the fact that it was “considered as sacred” by God Himself. Again what God ordained for a special purpose, was not getting the attention it deserved and was regarded as ordinary and common.

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Many of God’s people were not fully aware of the potential and the sacredness of this special object, and they looked down on it. How much pain must it have caused our heavenly Father to see this!

In Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers, God reveals to His servant exactly how He sees it: “If you lay your hand upon the publishing work, this great instrumentality of God, to place your mold and superscription upon it, you will find that it will be dangerous to your own souls, and disastrous to the work of God. It will be as great a sin in the sight of God as was the sin of Uzzah when he put forth his hand to steady the ark” (p. 462).

In the past, some countries tried to put God’s Publishing Ministry into a mold that it was never intended to be in. It was not given due attention.

This is a work ordained by God to accomplish a specific task. And, as with Uzzah, no one should touch it. “God has ordained the canvassing work as a means of presenting before the people the light contained in our books. . . . This is the very work the Lord would have His people do at this time” (Testimonies for the Church, vol. 6, p. 313).

Uzzah is struck dead after he touches the Ark of the Covenant. Painting by Joe Maniscalco.

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**Monthly Prayer List**

Please join the General Conference Publishing Ministries Department in praying for one person from the Southern Asia Division each day during the month of May. Let’s pray for each other as we serve God at this important time.

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- 1 - Gen. 15 16 - Gen. 30
- 2 - Gen. 16 17 - Gen. 31
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