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Publishing Ministry Organized in Mongolia
by Teru Fukui | Publishing Director, NSD

Mongolia Mission Field (MMF) is a challenging territory of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) with great potential for evangelistic outreach. It has about 20 local congregations with 1,678 members.

About 3 million people live within its territory. It is one of the world’s largest countries in land area.

Church work in Mongolia was officially organized in 1997. The publishing work started a few years ago but was officially organized only in August. Howard F. Faigao, General Conference Publishing director, and the NSD Publishing director visited Mongolia August 14-15, during which the MMF Publishing Ministries Committee was officially appointed according to division policy.

The same committee recommended that the Executive Committee of MMF and NSD establish the Mongolia Publishing Association (MAPA), which is tasked to secure, publish, and provide literature in the local language.

The committee also launched an intensive program to recruit 20 literature evangelists, who will receive intensive professional training before the end of the year. Elbert Kuhn, MMF director, said: “We will do our best to expand the publishing work in Mongolia.”

The Great Controversy Project is making progress. The Great Controversy was translated a few months ago, and is being edited. The plan is to distribute at least 10,000 copies when it is ready.

Let us pray for the Mongolia Mission Field, and especially for its vision to use the printed word to circulate the gospel of Jesus in that vast territory.

Literature evangelists (LEs) and administrators/leaders who attended the LE Seminar.
Romblon Mission Aims High

as reported by Orley M. Fajilan | Publishing Director, Romblon Adventist Mission, SSD

Romblon Adventist Mission is the newest and smallest mission in the Central Philippine Union of the Southern Asia-Pacific Division in terms of both members and population. But administrators and publishing leaders have high hopes for evangelistic outreach through the Publishing Ministry.

During the publishing seminar for both pastors and literature evangelists, each pastor made a commitment to recruit at least one literature evangelist for each local church, in harmony with the council of the Spirit of Prophecy.

The mission now has 64 congregations and 6,578 members. With the support of mission administrators and pastors, literature evangelists, numbering about 20, have high courage in their labor for the Master.

For the sharing ministry, mission leaders aim to put a copy of The Great Controversy into every home by the end of 2013. ⚫

Top: Mission pastors and literature evangelists who attended the seminar in Odiongan, Romblon. Bottom: Members of Banton Island Seventh-day Adventist Church raise The Great Controversy, eager to distribute one to every home in the island.

The Great Hope Project Advances in ECD

by Philip Gai | Publishing Director, ECD

The Great Controversy Project is moving forward in the East-Central Africa Division (ECD). As soon as the first batch of books arrived in Kenya, several churches moved to “bring hope into every home.” It began in the Nairobi Central Seventh-day Adventist Church, where Blasious M. Ruguri, ECD president, led division leaders in a prayer session to launch the project. Many people committed themselves to being involved. Ruguri challenged everyone to let God be God, so that what may seem impossible will happen.

At the Nairobi East Seventh-day Adventist Church, more members committed themselves to the project. One church member purchased all the books that had been apportioned to Nairobi East, and asked that another set of books be brought for the rest of the members.

At Lavington Seventh-day Adventist Church, publishing leaders were overwhelmed at the response of the church members. The message was embraced whole-heartedly and church members ordered three times more books than was anticipated. ECD now has to increase the number of print runs in subsequent orders. Meanwhile, the division is translating the book into other languages.

A group of young professionals are organizing a team to make a great impact. They plan to distribute more than 1 million copies of the book. The chairman of the group, Mr. Kira, says that this will be one of the greatest investments they can do for the kingdom of God. Praise the Lord! ⚫
Vagner Carriel da Rosa was born in the city of Sorocaba, in São Paulo, Brazil. When he was older, he moved to Capela do Alto. While living there, Vagner heard about a Seventh-day Adventist church near his house, but he was uninterested until the day he found something precious in a garbage bag.

Vagner, who was now married, worked in a toy factory as a kiln operator. Every day he woke up at 3:30 a.m. and walked about seven miles to work. One day while returning home, something caught his attention. He saw some books in a torn garbage bag by the wayside. One book in particular made him stop and look. Despite being a bit dirty and crumpled, the book had an interesting title: The Great Hope. Vagner cleaned it, put it in his backpack, and took it home.

The young man began to study and compare the book with his Bible. As a Christian, he always had an interest in religious matters. But at this point, he had no idea how much this book would change his life. Among many things, he discovered the truth about the Sabbath and decided to observe the seventh day, according to God’s law. Around the same time, the owners of the company where he worked decided to promote him to shift handler. But Vagner declined the offer because it would require working on the Sabbath. His decision caused him to lose his job.

One of Vagner’s former coworkers was an Adventist, which motivated him to visit the Adventist church in Capela do Alto. He started to attend church regularly, received Bible studies, and a few months later was baptized.

Earlier in the year, on March 22, 540 employees of the Brazil Publishing House distributed more than 20,000 copies of The Great Hope to three cities near the publishing house. One of those cities was Capela do Alto, and one of those books reached Vagner in a providential way.

Now he works at the Brazil Publishing House, the publishing house that printed and distributed the very book that changed da Rosa’s life.

Vagner Carriel da Rosa and José Carlos de Lima, Brazil Publishing House president, hold the book that changed da Rosa’s life.