Great Controversy Project Emphasis Tour
by General Conference Publishing Ministries Department

Delbert Baker, a General Conference vice president, embarked on a Great Controversy Project Emphasis Tour early this year. The purpose of the tour was to emphasize the importance of reading and distributing The Great Hope and The Great Controversy during 2013, the final year of the two-year program.

Baker’s first stop was in Bali, Indonesia, Southern Asia-Pacific Division, from January 26–31. His itinerary then took him to the following countries:

- Singapore February 1-3
- Japan February 4
- China February 5
- India February 6
- France February 7
- Ivory Coast February 8, 9
- Kenya February 10
- Rwanda February 11, 12
- United Kingdom February 13-16

Baker is advisor to the Publishing Ministries Department, and coordinator of the Great Controversy Project. He reports that the responses of world church leaders and members about this initiative are inspiring and encouraging.

Visit the Great Controversy Project (GCP) Facebook page at facebook.com/GreatControversyProject. See more pictures and updates from the GCP tour. Be sure to click “like.”

Delbert Baker, center, speaks about the Great Controversy Project in Bali, Indonesia.
An Editors’ Workshop held in Taipei, Taiwan, from February 19 to 21 was attended by editors from Korea, Japan, Mongolia, Taiwan, and China.

The workshop speakers included James Nix, Ellen G. White Estate director; Jerry Thomas, Pacific Press Publishing Association vice president for product development; and Wilmar Hirle, General Conference associate Publishing director.

Hirle said the main objective of the meeting was to “inspire and train editors from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division.”

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) only has three unions: Chinese Union, Japan Union, Korean Union, and two attached fields: the Mongolia Mission Field and the Taiwan Conference. However, it serves 1.6 billion people in its vast territory. The Seventh-day Adventist membership of the NSD is 645,625.

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Some say that the NSD is one of the hardest areas to reach people with the gospel. This may be true, but only when it comes to statistics. God gives publishing houses in NSD great opportunities through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The meetings were a blessing to everyone who attended, and we pray that the Lord will continue guiding His workers in NSD.

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Revival Among Medical Students
by Debbie Beihl| Class Pastor, Loma Linda University, NAD

As students at the Loma Linda University School of Medicine, we wondered how we could be involved sharing our faith when we had such heavy academic loads. But as we walked through open doors, God began doing incredible things.

Last year we started small, with just a prayer group before class. Then students asked to have a prayer group before exams, which was even better attended. We shared encouraging Bible promises and told how God had been faithful in the past. This year the first-year School of Medicine class has continued to have a daily prayer group, gives copies of Steps to Christ to every student, and has started small prayer groups.

God opened doors to have vespers programs for the School of Medicine, where we bring in physicians to testify about how they share their faith in their practice. We seek to honor Christ and reflect His health message in all we do—including the food we serve and the music we play. After vespers we break into small groups, pray for each other, and seal our commitment to the message. Vespers have blossomed. We have begun having weekend programs, training students to share their faith as physicians. After a recent vespers, a classmate told me he had recommitted his life to Christ and decided to spend time in daily Bible study.

This year God has given the class pastors in all four years of the School of Medicine a passion for sharing their faith and a commitment to follow the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. Each time we meet to plan our programs, we spend 45 minutes to an hour praying for our leadership team. This has brought unity to our team and incredible success to our ministry. As students, we have limited time to meet and plan our events. But our motto has become, “If all we do is pray, and have only a little time to plan, our time is well spent.”

God has blessed this ministry here at Loma Linda, and the work in the School of Medicine is inspiring revival in other schools on campus.

Please pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to change lives, and that nothing will prevent souls from being won to Jesus.
As we increase our emphasis on Mission to the Cities (MTTC), let us continue the strong emphasis on The Great Controversy Project (GCP), which helps to lay the foundation for MTTC and for many of the results we will see (and are seeing) from The Great Controversy and The Great Hope touching the hearts of literally millions of people worldwide.

This project has reached the world and is being blessed by the Holy Spirit. Ellen G. White indicated that The Great Controversy was the one book she wished circulated more than any other she wrote. That special book was written under God’s direct guidance and protection.

Many divisions have been promoting and distributing these books during 2012 and now into 2013. Officially, the GCP will end at the end of 2013, but these books will be used in a strong way until the Lord returns. By the end of 2013 we expect more than 175 million copies of the various versions of The Great Controversy to have been distributed. Praise God for this incredible fulfilling of His wishes for the truth to touch the hearts of people.

Please promote the GCP with vigor during 2013. One division will be distributing the book in 2014. Our GCP leadership team is planning a strong concluding program at the 2013 Annual Council. They will be in contact with you about specifics. Our General Conference Publishing team has already been planning for special books to be used on a worldwide basis in 2014 and 2015.

Let’s promote the publishing and literature ministry (hardcopy and electronic) like never before. Let’s have a “dedicated pocket” or place for all of us to keep literature to share with others. Let’s encourage our people to share the truth like “the leaves of autumn” (for those who live in tropical areas that don’t have “autumn,” think of it as the powerful, heavy downpours of the rainy season)!

May God bless your special work for Him in each of your respective areas as we enter the second month of 2013 and are closer to Christ’s soon coming.

*Excerpted from a letter sent by Ted N. C. Wilson to all world division presidents on February 3, 2013.

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**Veteran Publishing Leader Retires**

**by General Conference Publishing Ministries Department**

Mirto Presentacion, Inter-American Division Publishing director, retired on December 31, 2012, after many years of service in the Publishing Ministry. His accomplishments include working eight summers as a student literature evangelist (LE), one year as a full-time LE, and 39 years as a Publishing director.

Presentacion worked for six years as Publishing director for the Netherlands-Antilles Conference—currently known as Curacao and Bonaire Conference—and Aruba Mission. Then he worked 10 years as Publishing director of the Colombia-Venezuela Union—now Venezuela-Antilles Union—and three years as Publishing director of the Venezuela and the Netherlands Antilles Mission—currently the Venezuelan-Antilles Union.

Following his work in those unions, he worked for 20 years in the Inter-American Division: eight years as associate Publishing director and 12 years as director. During his tenure as director, the division Publishing program experienced continuous growth.

Presentacion retired from active work in Publishing still believing that “more literature evangelists equals more souls.” In addition to working as a Publishing director, Presentacion also served the Seventh-day Adventist Church as mission/conference president and union executive secretary.

We praise God for his extensive work in Publishing.

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**Like the Leaves of Autumn**

**by Ted N. C. Wilson | President, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists**

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