A Tri-Division Publishing Council and Seminar was held in Bangkok, Thailand, in early August. The meetings were attended by publishing leaders from the General Conference (GC) and counted on the participation of Teru Fukui, Northern Asia-Pacific Division Publishing director; Benedict Biswas, Southern Asia Division Publishing director; and Vivencio Bermudez, Southern Asia-Pacific Division Publishing director. Union Publishing directors from the three divisions were also present.

The council was chaired by Howard F. Faigao, GC Publishing director, with the assistance of Wilmar Hirle, GC associate Publishing director. One of the highlights of the publishing council included the implementation of the newly revised training curriculum for literature evangelists (LEs). With the new syllabus in hand, Faigao instructed publishing leaders how to effectively teach LEs on topics ranging from publishing policies to Christian ethics and salesmanship. Hirle presented Beyond Imagination, the missionary book for 2014, and discussed strategies for leaders to effectively promote and distribute the book in their territories next year.

Presentations were also made by Tercio Marques, South American Division (SAD) Publishing director, and Sergie Ferrer, Southern Asia-Pacific Division treasurer. Marques showed how to integrate a literature evangelist program with the local church, as illustrated by the Missão Resgate (Rescue Mission) initiative from the SAD. Marques also spoke to delegates about how to run a dynamic student LE program in their territories and the benefits it provides. Ferrer spoke about finances from a publishing perspective, specifically covering the topic of trust funds and how publishing directors should manage them. He also presented tips on building a productive relationship with division presidents and other leaders, and how communicating well can strengthen their relationships.

The delegates were blessed and inspired by the presentations given. They returned to their respective fields committed to implement the new ideas and work hard to increase the number of LEs laboring for God’s honor and glory.

Delegates who attended the Tri-division Publishing Council and Seminar in Bangkok, Thailand.
The South Pacific Division (SPD) recently held a division-wide literature evangelist (LE) congress outside its division territory. Nearly 200 publishing leaders and literature evangelists from Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, and other islands of the Pacific converged at the Beringgis Beach Resort in Sabah, Malaysia, August 7-10, 2013. The two guest speakers for the congress were Howard F. Faigao, General Conference Publishing director, and Super Moesi, Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division Publishing director.

The combination of spiritual revival and social fellowship contributed to the success of the event. Marea Campbell, North New Zealand Conference team leader, said: “It was a wonderful blessing to meet with our LE family and our Malaysian brothers and sisters in God. The summit was enjoyable, relaxing, and we learned to embrace a culture other than our own.” Another team leader, Eunice Winship from the North Queensland Conference, said: “It was a time of special fellowship and prayer with one another. We were brought closer to Jesus by the direct and instructional messages about revival and reformation presented by His servant, pastor Moesi.”

The publishing leaders and LEs were blessed and had their spirits renewed. Joe Paola, Victorian Conference team leader, said: “We are grateful to God for making our LE summit possible. The time spent with our brothers and sisters in the LE work was a real inspiration, an experience that will never be forgotten. Our Jesus is truly coming soon.”

Southeast Asia Union Mission Holds LE Convention
by SAUM Publishing Ministries Department

More than 50 participants attended the 2013 Southeast Asia Union Mission (SAUM) Literature Evangelist (LE) Convention in Bangkok, Thailand, August 15-18. It was attended by LEs and publishing leaders, as well as officers and presidents from the missions, union, division, and General Conference. This was the first time Publishing leaders from all levels of the organization attended the SAUM LE Convention, which added to the excitement of the participants.

Among the invitees were: Howard F. Faigao, General Conference Publishing director; Vivencio Bermudez, Southern Asia-Pacific Division Publishing director; Francis Lajanim, SAUM Publishing director; Joshua Mok, SAUM president; Jan nie Bekker, SAUM Treasurer; and Konis Gabu, Sabah Mission president.

On Sabbath morning, Faigao presented a message titled “Life is a Test,” followed by an afternoon program during which LEs shared testimonies and reports of soul winning resulting from the door-to-door distribution of our heaven-ordained publications. Sunday morning was set aside for an HHES meeting. Everyone shared concerns and suggestions about how to improve HHES to meet the needs of the literature evangelists. It was a fruitful assembly. Many said the LE convention was enjoyable. It provided an opportunity for LEs to take a break from their work and fellowship with LEs from different countries. Others enjoyed hearing LEs share their testimonies and experiences, learning something from each of them. They also learned new strategies from the speakers, who encouraged them through the Word of God.

Everyone went home revived in heart, ready to continue working in their respective territories as never before. Praise the Lord!