More than 50 Publishing directors from all the unions that comprise the East-Central Africa Division (ECD) gathered at the Adventist University of Africa in Nairobi to attend an Academy of Publishing Leaders. Howard F. Faigao, General Conference (GC) Publishing director, led out in the training with the assistance of Wilmar Hirle, GC Publishing associate director, and Philip Gai, ECD Publishing director. The training took place November 12-16.

Delegates from Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Ethiopia, and the Democratic Republic of Congo received valuable lessons to help them in their work. Topics included pastoral leadership, sales management, and visionary leadership. Many of the new leaders expressed appreciation for help in understanding what is expected of them.

Publishing Ministries in the ECD has been growing steadily. However, with this training and renewed motivation, the growth is expected to catapult to new levels. Most of the leaders not only gained knowledge, but were highly motivated and unanimously expressed renewed commitment to the Lord and to this ministry.

Meanwhile, two unions of the ECD where Publishing has been exemplary are sub-dividing into new entities. Tanzania Union will divide into North Tanzania Union Conference and South Tanzania Union Mission; while the Kenya Union will divide into East Kenya and West Kenya Union Conferences. Publishing work in these new entities is expected to grow with the help of experienced supervision. Praise the Lord!
The Source of Life Publishing House in the Euro-Asia Division (ESD) hosted a School of Literature Ministry November 11-15. Participants included 19 students from different cities in Russia devoted to literature evangelism and to proclaiming the gospel through books and literature.

Training included topics on the history of the Publishing Ministry, sales management, personal evangelism, and others. Publishing house leaders shared their plans for future work and discovered the needs of literature evangelists (LEs) by receiving their feedback. Inspiring evening meetings were conducted so students could learn from one another. This meeting was vital and important for the publishing house, as well as for the LEs.

Pavel I. Liberanskiy, ESD Publishing director, spoke about the history of the Publishing Ministry and its role in the development of the Adventist Church’s mission, thus demonstrating the importance and significance of the literature ministry. In his closing sermon he challenged literature evangelists to carry the light of the gospel as the Olympic torch is now being carried throughout Russia.

Vladimir V. Gnilyuk, Central Siberian Mission Publishing director, and Alexey A. Kropinov, Caucasus Union Publishing director, spoke about the 12 sales steps and highlighted new opportunities for ministry. Vasily V. Murga, West Russian Union Sabbath School and Personal Ministries, Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries, and Education director, ignited a fire in the souls of the LEs with enthusiasm during his course about personal evangelism. Ludmila V. Ribakova, West Russian Union Health director, focused on the importance of medical evangelism and the role it plays in spreading the gospel. Lev Bondarchuk, West Russian Union Publishing director, organized the School of Literature Ministry and presented seminars about sales management.

The second year of the literature ministry school concluded with great success. We look forward to fulfilling the plans that were made. God waits on His workers!

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**First Publishing Seminar in Burundi**

by Philip Gai | Publishing Director, ECD

“The Publishing work in Burundi will never be the same again,” said Jethron Nsabiyaremye, president of the Burundi Union, at the conclusion of the Publishing Administrative Leadership Seminar conducted November 18-19. Lambert Ntiguuma, Burundi Union secretary, concurred, saying, “We have learned many new things that we did not know, and we want to implement them immediately.”

All Burundi Union officers, field officers from the three fields in Burundi, and Publishing leaders attended the seminar led by Howard F. Faigao, General Conference Publishing director. Philip Gai, East-Central Africa Division (ECD) Publishing director, assisted with the seminars.

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The union Publishing program was evaluated after the seminar, leading to several comments and recommendations put forth to uplift the Publishing work to its highest potential.

Faustine Niyongabire, Burundi Union Publishing director, was excited about the seminars. “The Publishing work in Burundi will grow as never before,” she said.

Until recently, the Burundi Union had been struggling to construct a building for Literature Ministry Seminary (LMS). But leaders, fully aware of the important role Publishing plays in end-times, committed themselves to support the program. Burundi is a country that is challenged economically and has high poverty levels. The effort to put up an LMS building with meagre resources is commendable, and we are happy to report construction has begun.

The LMS building currently in construction in Burundi.

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Kefa Chikowero, Zimbabwe

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(Review and Herald, January 3, 1907).

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