Impact Day in the Euro-Asia Division
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Impact Day was something unique for unions, conferences, and churches in the Euro-Asia Division (ESD). It inspired thousands of church members, youth, pathfinders, children, and literature evangelists. Church members saw this ministry as a way to spread the truth, despite the prejudice, obstacles, and laws that forbid distributing books in some countries. We still believe in the inspiring prophetic message of Ellen G. White: “These silent messengers are enlightening and molding the minds of thousands in every country and in every clime” (Colporteur Ministry, p. 5).

The geography of the Euro-Asia Division is large and diverse. From the snowy, cold-weather cities and towns in vast Siberia and Arkhangelsk region, all the way to the cities and villages of Central Asia and Kazakhstan, our church members where ready to participate in Impact Day 2014. They thanked God for the opportunity to distribute these special materials.

On Sabbath, April 19, a special altar of books was made in every church. Members listened to a special video sermon from Ted N. C. Wilson, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. At the end of the service a prayer of dedication and consecration was given. In many congregations, church members watched the “Creation” movie, and were inspired by the understanding of God’s wisdom and His creative power. Some unions held festivals dedicated to literature evangelism, with meals and special meetings, so that those who distributed the missionary books could share their experiences.

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ESD had an advantage: our Source of Life Publishing House in Russia printed missionary books for children entitled *Incredible Investigation*. Children distributed the book, which describes some of the miracles of creation in the natural and animal world, with pleasure.

In territories where the law forbids importing our books, devoted brothers and sisters distributed the book in DVD format to those who wanted them. West Russian Union offered to distribute with the missionary book a DVD containing the movies “Creation” and “Unknown Star Shines.” People accepted them with gratitude.

“In my church we distributed all *Beyond Imagination* books that we had on April 19,” said one pastor. “It was an impressive amount of books.”

“I presented the missionary book to six protestant pastors in our city,” said another pastor.

Another pastor reported, “We found readers for this wonderful book in parks, parking lots near shopping centers and public transport stops, everywhere we saw crowds of people.”

*Beyond Imagination* was translated and distributed in Russian, Moldovan, Ukrainian, and Armenian. In total, ESD distributed more than 340,000 missionary books and thousands of DVDs of the “Creation” movie.

Impact Day came just before the Orthodox Church Easter celebration, and people seemed open to accept the books as a gift.

The worldwide distribution of the missionary book unites us all in one important ministry: the salvation of people around the world. But it should be more than just a single activity once a year. We should have a constant desire to share the message, not stopping until we have an opportunity to speak to everyone, whether in season or out of season.

We believe a time is coming when people will answer God’s call to leave Babylon. The books we distribute will play an important role in this process. May our heavenly Father bless our work, and by the power of the Holy Spirit may we bring salvation to many souls.”
The Publishing Committee of the Sierra Leone Mission (SLM) hosted a one-week recruitment and training session for full-time, part-time, and student literature evangelists (LEs) in Freetown, Sierra Leone.

The West African Union Mission Literature Evangelism Training, held April 21-26, 2014, was conducted by Abraham D. Obaya, West-Central Africa Division (WAD) Publishing director. Twenty-three participants attended from the West, East, Central, and Peninsula districts in the Western, Northeast, and Southeast regions. Among the participants were a pastor and Publishing representative from each region. Twenty-one staff members and officers of the SLM also registered and participated in the training.

Each day, following inspiring worship services, participants received instruction and were enlivened by the theme song “On Fire for Publishing.” Breakfast and lunch was provided each day. Medical missionary lectures were presented by Dr. Don Kelly, a self-supporting missionary from the United States, who serves as SLM Health and Temperance director.

On the third day of training the SLM provided participants with books for practical field experience. Michael S. Koroma, SLM president and Global Mission director, mapped out the surrounding community for the LEs to canvass. Armed with prayer, ID badges, books, and *Signs of the Times* magazines, the LEs went apprehensively at first, but returned with smiles and joyous faces.

Truly the fire has been set. LEs were privileged to go canvassing accompanied by Pastor Obaya, WAD Publishing director, and Arve Sivili, union Publishing director from Monrovia, Liberia.

**TOP LEFT:** Full-time literature evangelists who attended the training session in Sierra Leone. **TOP RIGHT:** Student LEs who attended the training session. **MIDDLE:** Part-time LEs who attended the training session. **BOTTOM:** All literature evangelists and Publishing leaders who attended the training session pose for a picture.
Myanmar Union Impacted!

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The 2014 missionary book *Beyond Imagination*, and the movie “Creation”, were dedicated on Impact Day, April 19, at the Yangon Central Church in the Myanmar Union headquarters, and at each mission of the union. The book had been translated into the Burmese and Karen languages.

Led by the union Publishing director, church members went out on April 19 to share the book and the DVD with their neighbors, friends, and the public. Throughout the day and in several places, the movie was featured while the book was being distributed at the same time. “This book is very good for our country, because most of our population is Muslim and does not believe in Creation,” said Daw Saw Sanda, who bought books to give to her friends.

Churches from the Myanmar Union territory distributed widely the book and the DVD. A total of 20,000 books were distributed, matching the goal that the Southern-Asia Pacific Division (SSD) set for our union.

“When church members realize the importance of the circulation of our literature, they will devote more time to this work. Papers, tracts, and books will be placed in the homes of the people, to preach the gospel in their several lines. . . . The church must give her attention to the canvassing work. Then will she go forth ‘fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners’” (*Colporteur Ministry*, p. 7).

We thank God for opening doors in Myanmar, and we pray that the Holy Spirit will touch the lives of each person who received the book, as well as those who were involved in its distribution. We praise God! 🙏

Impact Day dedication ceremony at the Yangon Central Church in Myanmar.