The words “Pray, study, serve—as never before” became the motto of the first Far Eastern Literature Evangelist Congress, held in Khabarovsk from July 3-6. The congress had the aim to strengthen and increase the number of literature evangelists (LEs) “like never before.”

The 60 delegates who attended the congress gathered from the eastern part of the division —Yakutia, Magadan, Kamchatka, Primorsky, and Khabarovsk Territory, and the Amur and Jewish Autonomous Regions. Howard F. Faigao, General Conference Publishing director, John Brereton, South Pacific Division Publishing director, Paul I. Liberanskiy, Euro-Asia Division (ESD) Publishing director, Danil V. Lovska, Source of Life Publishing House general director, and Vladimir P. Romanov, Far Eastern Union president, took an active part in supporting and holding the congress.

The program included inspiring sermons, seminars, fellowship, questions and answers, and the exchange of experiences—each LE’s most precious treasure. Every effort was made to fill the LEs with enthusiasm, and encourage many to become full-time literature evangelists.

The congress also involved student LEs—young brothers and sisters who responded to the Literature Ministry call. On Saturday evening a special service dedicated youth to the canvassing work.

The LE congress was impressive, rich in content, and reviving in spirit. It was a great and historic event within our union.

God helped each of us realize that we are in this world to save, to bring hope to every home, to pray, study, and serve as never before.

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**A Congress in the Ukrainian Union**

By Maria Badardinova | Congress Interpreter and a Source of Life Publishing House (Ukraine) Editor, ESD

A Literature Evangelist Congress for the Podolsk Conference in the Ukrainian Union, was held from July 11-13 in Vinnitsa. Howard F. Faigao, John Brereton, and Paul I. Liberanskiy were the featured speakers.

More than 130 literature evangelists from the Podolsk Conference, as well as representatives from other conferences in Ukraine, attended the congress. Delegates repeatedly made remarks that became the motto of the congress: "Serve, distribute literature, save people—like never before."

The main purpose of the congress was to inspire LEs to do their work, increase the number of literature evangelists—particularly full-time LEs—but most importantly, to bring the news of salvation to every home.

On Sabbath afternoon congress participants took books and periodicals door-to-door in Vinnitsa. Their experiences inspired everyone at the congress. The presence of the Holy Spirit was evident.

On Sunday, at the close of the congress, Liberanskiy addressed those in attendance with these parting words: "We live in the last days, and literature evangelists will help do the work of the angel from Revelation 18:1, 'After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven. He had great authority, and the earth was illuminated by his splendor.'"

Literature evangelists can illuminate the earth with God’s glory through literature, as written by the Lord’s messenger. We praise the Lord for such a wonderful program.

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**The Dividends of Reorganization**

by Abraham D. Obaya | Publishing Director, WAD

Slowly, steadily, but surely, the dividends of the reorganization of the unions within the West-Central Africa Division (WAD) has started to trickle in, as experienced by the Publishing Department in the Chad Mission.

"Since 2005, the canvassing work has been going on in Chad only during the summer," said Abraham Ngonneya, mission Publishing director. He added: "The canvassing work ceases after the summer because of the lack of a regular supply of books."

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It was a herculean task to transport books from Yaoundé, the former union headquarters in Cameroon, to other mission fields within the union. Following the reorganization of the Central African Union into two new organizations, the Cameroon Union and Central African Union, it was necessary to develop the Publishing work in the Cameroon Union with temporary headquarters in Gabon.

Chad has a population of more than 12 million, and the number of Adventists is nearly 3,000. There are 14 ministers in this mission, but no regular literature evangelists (LEs). The visit from the WAD Publishing director to Chad revealed some great potential in this country. With the support of mission leaders, the WAD Publishing director conducted a one-week Publishing Leadership Seminar for ministers and administrators, and devoted part of the seminar to training LEs. Along with the ministers, two prospective full-time LEs and four part-time LEs participated in the session. At the end of the one-week seminar and training program, each pastor was challenged to recruit a minimum of two LEs from their districts by the end of the year. On Sabbath, the division Publishing director made an altar call, and eight more people responded to work as LEs.

With the support of Jacques Wangkel Sembel, Chad Mission president, a 20-foot container of books was ordered from the Safeliz Publishing House. The books are expected to arrive in Chad within the next two months. This will bring an end to the lack of books available for the Publishing Ministry. In order to ensure that the program grows, Evariste M. N’gain, a Publishing associate director, was nominated to support the Chad Mission Publishing director. We expect that the physical, emotional, social, and spiritual needs of many people will be met in Chad, as Publishing shifts into full gear.

SSD Launches an LE Specialization Program
by Vivencio R. Bermudez | Publishing Director, SSD

With the aim of enhancing the training program for literature evangelists (LEs), the Southern Asia-Pacific Division (SSD) held a Literature Ministry Seminary (LMS) council from May 20-22 in Bukidnon, South Philippine Union. About 15 union/mission Publishing directors and some of the Philippine Publishing House officers attended the council. The SSD Publishing director led the council with the assistance of Howard F. Faigao, General Conference Publishing director.

The main objective of the council was to implement the new LMS curriculum, particularly new specialized programs for LEs in the areas of Health Education and Family Counseling. The subject contents were thoroughly reviewed. Division and union Publishing leaders will negotiate and arrange with Adventist colleges and universities that will be partly involved in the training classes and will certify qualified LEs. The training program is scheduled to begin in 2015.
**General Conference President Commends Student LEs**  
*by Kamil Metz | Publishing Director, Michigan Conference, NAD*

Ted N. C. Wilson, General Conference president, attended the Michigan Conference camp meeting in Cedar Lake.

On Sabbath afternoon, June 21, Wilson attended the soul-winning hour and joined a group of 80 student literature evangelists (LEs) on stage as they shared their testimonies about canvassing.

Wilson thanked the young people for their dedication, and the Michigan Conference for supporting this ministry.

President Wilson thanked young people for their dedication at the Michigan Conference camp meeting.

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**A Night of Hope in South Philippines**  
*by Rey P. Cabanero | Publishing Director, South Philippine Union, SSD*

It was a night of HOPE to people in the South Philippines, in the Southern Asia-Pacific Division (SSD), who do not yet know our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Three singing groups, composed mostly by children of Publishing leaders, performed a musical concert to thousands of listeners in Cagayan de Oro City in South Philippines.

Three thousand missionary books were distributed to those who attended. The city’s mayor graced the affair and thanked the Adventist Church for its outstanding contribution to the community.

Praise God for His leading and blessings.

TOP: Many children of Publishing leaders performed a musical concert in South Philippines.  
Bottom: Thousands of listeners gathered in Cagayan de Oro City for a night of HOPE. They watched a live concert and received missionary books.
Literature evangelism is a helping hand in fulfilling God’s saving mission. Literature evangelists (LEs) in Ukraine recently used some unique means of transportation to reach people and distribute books about the good news in places where missionaries rarely go.

For 10 years LE camps have been organized in the Ukrainian Union, Euro-Asia Division (ESD). LEs who attend participate in programs called “Kayaks and Bicycles.” Every summer, hundreds of LEs, students, and church members paddle kayaks down the rivers of Ukraine, taking the gospel to remote towns and villages. Others carry literature on their bicycles.

Sometimes these two programs are combined. This is what happened when about 35 LEs gathered on the bank of the Seym River, many of whom were youth and young adults. Armed with 17 bicycles, five kayaks, and one catamaran, LEs moved down the river. They visited settlements, distributed literature, and talked and prayed with people.

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Greetings on behalf of the General Conference and God’s worldwide work: God is opening doors for the proclamation of His three angels’ messages everywhere around the world. Jesus is coming soon! The publishing work has been, and always will be, a vital part of God’s mission to reach the entire world according to God’s mission objectives. May God bless each of you in your outreach and witness for Him as publishing workers of God’s remnant church. What a privilege to be part of the Advent movement!

As you may be aware, over the past few months the General Conference (GC) and the North American Division (NAD) administrations have consulted on the important subject of restructuring the publishing work in the North American Division. The process continued with a proposal to the General Conference Executive Committee, to the North American Division Executive Committee, to the Review and Herald Publishing Association Board, and to the Pacific Press Publishing Association Board. On Tuesday, June 17, 2014, at the General Conference headquarters, separate constituency meetings of the Review and Herald Publishing Association and the Pacific Press Publishing Association took place and restructuring was accepted by both constituencies. It is important to give you some background as to what developed, and how this will affect the worldwide work of the Publishing Ministries activities. In joint GC and NAD consultation, it was felt that the North American Division should be provided with the opportunity to have its own publishing and printing facility to help accomplish the specific fulfillment of God’s mission to reach the entire North American territory according to its mission objectives.

Message to Division Officers, Division Publishing Ministries Directors and Associates, and Division/Union Publishing House Managers and Others

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

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Without this necessary involvement by the NAD, it was felt that neither one of the General Conference publishing houses had a good future.

As we looked at the entire picture of a changing publishing and printing landscape in the commercial and church worlds, we saw that changes had to be made to better accomplish with greater efficiency the mission of the church. Because of various factors, including the establishment of other printing facilities by denominational entities or supporting ministries; advanced printing technologies; a greatly diminished literature evangelism program in the NAD; changes in the church publishing distribution system; significant shifts in reading patterns in the population and other factors; the Review and Herald and Pacific Press had been left with unused production capacity. In addition, the Review and Herald has suffered recent financial challenges.

It is important to recognize that the General Conference has been very supportive of both Review and Herald and Pacific Press in many proactive and sustaining ways. Because of various challenges, it has been felt that a more appropriate and restructured approach should be used in how publishing ministries and publishing houses operate in the North American Division. It is imperative that we follow Spirit of Prophecy counsel in relation to the intention of publishing houses and their evangelistic work so that the proclamation of the three angels’ messages of Revelation 14, and very specifically, the fourth angel of Revelation 18, which, according to the Spirit of Prophecy, is closely connected with the publishing work, goes forward with great power and glory. We have sought to accomplish that objective through God’s guidance and we ask Him for continued guidance in the very important role of Publishing Ministries, not only in North America but worldwide.

After careful consideration and review, it was proposed to combine the assets and the functional operations of Review and Herald and Pacific Press for use in the North American Division’s publishing house. The proposal, which was accepted at both publishing house constituencies on June 17, was that the GC will provide the assets of the two publishing houses to the NAD, and that Pacific Press will be the NAD’s publishing house with facilities in Nampa, Idaho. The Review and Herald name was transferred to the General Conference to be the overall publisher of many of its current and future products. At the GC, we do not anticipate current supervision and relationships changing much in terms of direct connection with boards or departments for current GC publications or products.

“We ask you to join us in prayer for the success of the continuing NAD publishing ministries restructuring process.”

As you can imagine, this was not an easy decision as it progressed and was voted through the General Conference Executive Committee, the North American Division Committee, both publishing house boards, and ultimately at the two publishing house constituencies on June 17. It was a difficult process, but has come about through necessity by many changing patterns as listed above. The GC and the NAD have not taken this situation lightly, but have labored over this with significant sensitivity.

We regret the personal and institutional pressures and difficulties that come about when facing unusual situations like this. We can readily understand the disappointment of those connected with the Review and Herald, but there is strong hope that certain personnel at the Review and Herald will be offered employment in the new publishing structure. For those not continuing with employment, they will be carefully treated with appropriate compensation measures according to policy. A transition team is in place, and the new NAD publishing house, Pacific Press, is working closely with the transition team. God will guide in the lives of those affected and in the publishing ministry for the North American Division. We are grateful for the strong commitment and faithfulness on the part of publishing ministries employees who have, and are sharing, Bible truth through the electronic and printed page. It is our fervent hope that God will be glorified in an increased promotion and use of Seventh-day Adventist literature to proclaim the three angels’ messages, engaging many more NAD church members in that mission.

We ask you to join us in prayer for the success of the continuing NAD publishing ministries restructuring process. We only want to do what God wants for His church and the publishing ministry. We look forward to an increased use of materials and publishing advances as the North American Division directs its publishing house to achieve the God-given mandate and mission to reach every person in its vast territory. You can now relate to the Pacific Press as a North American Division publishing institution.

For specific questions on publishing house relationships and other publishing activities, please contact Howard F. Faigao, GC Publishing Ministries Department director. Thank you for your prayers and kind cooperation with the ongoing publishing outreach to the world. May God bless and keep each of you in your administrative and special publishing-related responsibilities as you reach your territories through the printed and digital pages with Seventh-day Adventist materials proclaiming the three angels’ messages as we anticipate Christ’s soon return!