

Publishing Director Ordained into Ministry

Congratulations to David Sigamani on his pastoral ordination, May 23, at Gulf States Conference camp meeting. Shortly after the ordination service, he had the privilege of baptizing his daughter, Prya.



Born in Bangalore, India, David moved to the United States in 1988 to work with the Jordanian Embassy. Later God opened a door for David to continue his passion as a literature evangelist in the Potomac, Florida, Carolina and Gulf States Conferences.

GLOW Testimony

April 20, 2015

Dear Mr. Reid,

Thank you very much for the [GLOW] pamphlets. I'm a Christian, too, and I need all the hope and inspiration I can get right now. I do appreciate it and I will read it on my break. I am hurting right now in my personal life and your timing really was perfect. Keep passing out these brochures because even though I'm already a Christian, I have those moments where I get weak and say, "Why me, Lord?"

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Cheryl – front desk, Hampton Inn

Camp Meeting Highlights

Gulf States - The full time Literature Evangelists were encouraged as they met together for training and fellowship.



Kentucky-Tennessee - Rocky Davis, Publishing Director, met with student leaders each afternoon during camp meeting for professional leadership training, prior to the beginning of the Summer Magabook Program.

Carolina Conference - Literature Evangelists, Conference administrators and family members met together for fellowship over lunch. Lance Morrison, Publishing

Director, and Louise Venables are leading a successful team of full-time literature evangelists. Elders Leslie Louis, Conference President, and Gary Moyer, Executive Secretary, offered words of encouragement to God's foot soldiers.

At each nightly meeting, Elder Louis asked the ushers to hand out a different GLOW tract to all those attending the adult meetings. He then prayed over the tracts and encouraged all to distribute the tracts the next day.

The Youth Department sponsored an outreach event. In one afternoon, they knocked on 257 doors, distributed 219 GLOW tracts, gave away 23 copies of *The Great Controversy*, prayed with more than 10 people and signed up 25 persons for Bible Studies.

Georgia-Cumberland Conference - Tim Leffew, Publishing Director, arranged for a time of good fellowship and food after Divine service. David Haugsted, retired Publishing Director of the Kentucky-Tennessee and Carolina Conferences also attended.



South Atlantic Camp Meeting - Carl McRoy, Publishing Director, had his plate full during camp meeting. He coordinated Part II of the Publishing Department's Writer's Workshop with Guest

presenters Jerry Thomas of Pacific Press, and Carmela Monk, editor, *Message Magazine*. Elder McRoy signed copies of his new book, *Impediments to Power*.

Wonda Holmes, District Leader, organized three teams of volunteers to go into the local Orangeburg community to distribute copies of *The Great Hope*, a special issue of *Message Magazine*. A total of 17,000 copies of *Message Magazine* and 3,000 copies of *Impediments to Power* were distributed.

Two hundred fifty copies of *R U Tuff Enough?* were placed in the hands of church members to read and distribute.

Our purpose: To expand our reach to the Southern Union territory utilizing total church involvement through one-on-one evangelism and personalized mass distribution.

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Who Needs Legs to Spread the Gospel?

"There we were in downtown Atlanta, 90 minutes before the Atlanta Hawks basketball game started, handing out hundreds of *Steps to Christ* books with a new sports cover on it. The newly covered book called, "Let's Win!" was eagerly received by hundreds of sports enthusiasts. While engaged in this aggressive evangelism, we were approached by Jessie, a paraplegic in a wheelchair. He asked what we were passing out and when he saw that they were books about Jesus, his face lit up. He eagerly wanted to get in on the action as well.

He instructed us to put a box of 100 books on his motorized wheelchair where his feet would normally rest. Since he had no feet or legs beyond his knees, the box fit perfectly. He whizzed away across the busy street with his box of truth filled literature and passed out over 50 books before he had to stop. He was excited for the opportunity to work for Jesus and looked forward to doing it again.

Even though Jessie had no legs, had little mobility, and was not a Seventh-day Adventist, he had a willing heart to be used by God to make a difference in someone's life. Jessie inspires me, and I hope he inspires you, too." -William S. Smith



BLAST Report

Southern Union Territory

	MTD	YTD
Books & Tracts Distributed	182,348	193,871
Bible Studies & Course Enrollment	1,228	2,066
Prayers Offered	3,186	4,714
Baptisms (resulting from LE contact)	27	27

Visit the NAD Publishing Booth at the Exhibit Hall at General Conference

Spreading the Gospel Message

Summer Magabook Program



Over 200 students are working this summer in over 15 cities across the states of the Southern Union. Donations received during the ten week program turn into scholarship money for their education. While canvassing, students are also collecting thousands of Bible Study interests which will be used in future evangelistic campaigns.

Pray for the safety of all students involved.

Louisville Thunder

Tens of thousands of people gathered in Louisville, KY to celebrate at the Louisville Thunder event on the Ohio River banks. A fireworks display, second to none in North America, lit up the skies around 9 p.m. However, before the skies were lit up with man-made fireworks, the streets were lit up with the Divine light of God's Word as over 3,000 copies of *Let's Win!* were distributed by church members.

What stood out in this mass distribution event was the fact that there were a number of families with small children handing out books. Parents did not use the excuse that they could not participate because they had small children. Instead, they brought their children with them. Pastor Java Mattison of the South Central Conference, led the way with his family. We thank God for these loyal missionaries who are not willing to let anything stop them from spreading the good news of Jesus Christ!

Talladega, AL

As fast race car drivers were preparing to speed down tracks at nearly 200 mph at the Talladega Speedway, fired up church members of the Pell City, AL church were preparing their hearts to minister to thousands of racing fans.

With the small sharing books, *Let's Win!* and *R U Tough Enough?* in their hands, more than one half of the church members went out and shared over 3,000 books to eager receivers. The members were so excited about the great time they had and inquired about how soon they would do it again.



Mountainside SDA Church

Mountainside SDA church in Decatur, GA had an "Upper Room" week of revival. Five precious souls were baptized, others recommitted their hearts to the Lord, and more than eight persons showed interest in the new literature evangelism website program, *Family Home Christian Books*.

Shiloh Outreach

"More churches are recapturing the vision that the secret to a vibrant, growing church is outreach. I was invited by Elder Reginald Clark, Personal Ministries



Director of Shiloh Church in Smyrna, GA, to be the guest speaker for Evangelism Day. Armed with much prayer and several *Family Home Christian Books* starter kits, several individuals answered the call to become literature evangelists. One person made a decision for re-baptism. After the fellowship meal, several missionary volunteers hit the streets, handing out books and invitations to the health fair which Shiloh members were planning to conduct in the neighborhood.

Elder Clark, who is also a literature evangelist, has great plans for Shiloh. Rather than just covering a large area with literature, he is focusing his efforts in particular communities, working to build relationships. He is also holding literature evangelism training classes every Thursday evening at the church. This is a model that can be duplicated in other churches. Perhaps the Lord is calling YOU to start, or become a member of a literature ministries team at your church. -Keith Reid

Other recent mass literature distribution events have taken place in Atlanta, GA; Tampa, FL; St. Petersburg, FL; Charlotte, NC; and Selma, AL.

Perhaps the Lord is calling you to start, or become a member of a literature ministries team at your church. Order our inexpensive sharing books and pass them out by the thousands. Contact us at www.blastofhope.com.

Join God's literature army!

Publishing Partners Meet and Greet



The South Atlantic Conference initiated the "Publishing Partners Meet and Greet" out of a desire to develop a more united, interconnected, and balanced approach to outreach. Held every other Tuesday night at the conference office, members come together to pray, eat, network, and share information on available resources to accomplish a wide variety of ministry goals.

Hispanic Ministries

The Southern Union Hispanic Ministries department has distributed approximately 30,000 items during its Sharing Hope campaign. The free gifts included Bible Study books, Health booklets and a combination DVD/CD.

"We should treat as a sacred treasure every line of printed matter containing present truth. Even the fragments of a pamphlet or of a periodical should be regarded as of value. Who can estimate the influence that a torn page containing the truths of the third angel's message may have upon the heart of some seeker after truth? Let us remember that somebody would be glad to read all the books and papers we can spare. Every page is a ray of light from heaven, to shine into the highways and the hedges, shedding light upon the pathway of truth." CM 151