

Coming October 14-15: 2016 BLAST Conference

Save the date!

STUDENTS TOUCHING THE HEARTS OF MILLIONS



The strong wind of the Holy Spirit is blowing through many cities throughout the Southern Union territory this summer. Everywhere men and women are making decisions for or against Jesus.

Over 200 students from our SDA schools made a solid decision to serve Jesus this summer, dedicating their time, energies, and talents to reaching souls for Christ.

While their radios are charged with power, book bags are filled with books, and vans are filled with gas, their souls are charged with Divine power, their hearts are filled with Divine love, and their hands are filled with precious truths that change lives forever!

Camp Meeting Highlights

- **Carolina**— An LE training class was conducted by Lance Morrison, Rubi Pimentel, Tammy Mapes and Keith Reid, followed by a fellowship lunch with Administrators.
- **Florida**— Two new active LEs are the result of the booth display at the Spanish Camp Meeting. Others have expressed a strong interest.
- **Georgia-Cumberland**—Peter Marzano, Brandon Tygret and Berenice Valdes had an attractive display with books, GLOW tracts and colorful pop-up banners. Special visits were made to the Youth division to spread the word.

- **Gulf States**—David Sigamani, Robert Waggon (LE and Bible worker), and Keith Reid, conducted training for LEs. Included were three new recruits. Most of the full book sets were displayed at the Publishing booth in the main pavilion and lead cards were distributed to those attending the meetings.
- **Kentucky-Tennessee**— Rocky Davis conducted leadership training for five student leaders. A nicely decorated display was set up in the main auditorium with a drawing box for the *Children's Century Classics*.



Baptism from GLOW

Jonathan is an attorney who was leaving a Whole Foods store one day. At the exit, a man was collecting money for some kind of fundraiser. Jonathan gave the man a GLOW tract. The man responded by saying, "Oh, let me give you something, too." He gave Jonathan a GLOW tract of his own. Jonathan asked if the man was an Adventist. He responded by saying that he was, and he had only been baptized a year and a half ago. He then mentioned how he came into the church by getting a GLOW tract, and then everything fell in place from there.

Praise God! Yet another soul brought into the church by a small tract.

GLOW NEWS: The Inter-American Division will soon begin printing GLOW tracts in Spanish, French and English.

The West African Division is developing GLOW tracts for local usage.

BLAST REPORT 2016 Southern Union Territory

| | Current | 2016 TOTAL |
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| Books & Tracts Distributed | 44,283 | 711,941 |
| Bible Studies and Bible Course Enrollments | 1,006 | 2,488 |
| Prayers Offered | 1,512 | 7,407 |
| Baptisms (resulting from LE contacts) | 1 | 30 |

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LOGANVILLE, GA

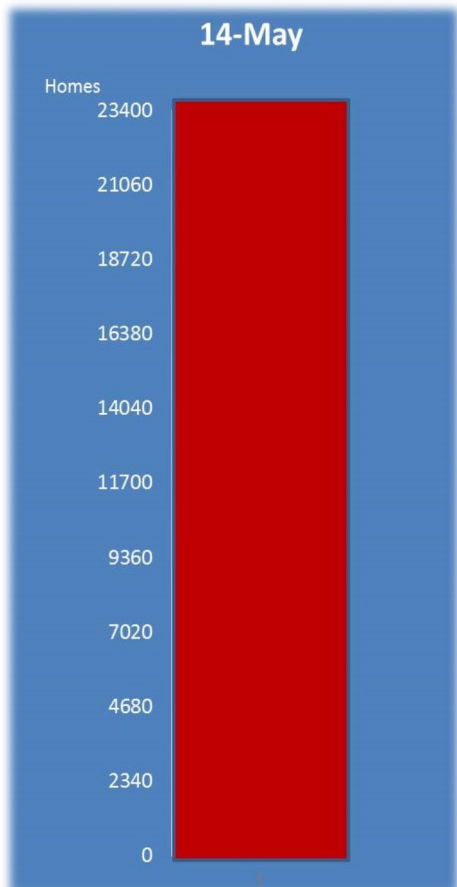
After a warm welcome by friendly greeters in the lobby at the Loganville SDA Church, one will notice the GLOW rack full of attractive gospel tracts. Close to the tracts are free sharing books to give away. Also in the lobby is a replica of a thermometer that was at its boiling point, indicating that the church had reached its goal of raising enough money to mail copies of *The Great Controversy* to the more than 23,400 homes in Loganville.

Why *The Great Controversy*? Elder Jim Wilson shared his vision of seeing Ellen G. White's desire fulfilled, which was to get *The Great Controversy* into the hands of the people. She stated, "*The Great Controversy should be very widely circulated...*"

The goal was to reach 23,485 homes in the Loganville 30052 zip code. In order to do this, \$26,772.90 had to be raised. Donations and pledges totaling 50% of the goal was received at a Business meeting, including \$7,000 from the Georgia Cumberland Conference. Fourteen weeks later, 100% of the goal was reached and 23,485 homes in Loganville received a copy of *The Great Controversy*.

Not satisfied to just mail truth-filled literature, 14 eager

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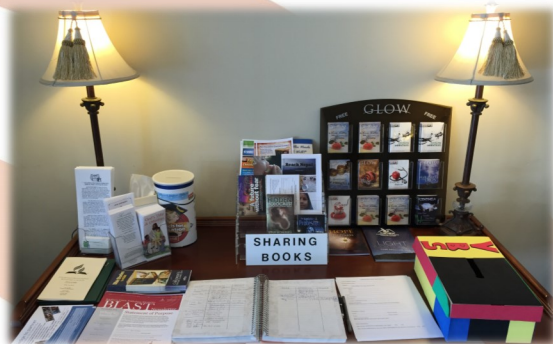
Our purpose: To expand our reach to the Southern Union territory utilizing total church involvement through one-on-one evangelism and personalized mass distribution.

Director William Smith | Associate Director Keith Reid | Administrative Assistant Beverly Perry

LOGANVILLE, GA — CONTINUED

volunteers, including Dennis and Bobbie Milburn of the Southern Union Conference, knocked on doors one Sabbath. In 45 minutes, the Lord blessed the group to distribute 100 magazines and generate 15 names for follow up. The outreach was organized by Rick Price (Head Elder), and Kenton Roberts (Evangelism Coordinator).

Melissa Bonnick-Anderson, Loganville SDA Church



SAVANNAH, GA



An Army of Youth Rightly Trained

With the combined efforts of Pastor Bob Wint, students and staff from Harbert Hills Academy and the Savannah church members, 14 energetic volunteers spent 30 minutes training and 30 minutes knocking on doors in the immediate vicinity of the church. When the members returned to the church for Afterglow, they shared experiences and prayed. During the brief time in the field, 80 books were distributed and 8 families in the community expressed an interest in a follow up visit. *"With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might*

furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world! How soon might the end come, —the end of suffering and sorrow and sin!" ED 271

JENNINGS LAKE, FL

"I Am Scared to Death" As the members of the Jennings Lake, FL church were riding to a local neighborhood to distribute literature and make friends, one of the church elders said, "I'm going to be honest with you. I am scared to death!" He explained that he preaches at both churches in the district, and is employed as a loan officer at a bank where he is in constant contact with people. For some reason, however, he was afraid to knock on doors. Praise the Lord, he did not let his fear cripple him. After I made the first contact, with God's help, he stepped forward and distributed several books and generated leads to follow up.

Church attendance is usually 20-25 members, yet almost 25% participated in the afternoon outreach activity. In less than an hour, the team was blessed to distribute 39 books and meet 10 people who gave permission to visit again.

Keith Reid

PELL CITY/ANNISTON, AL

Building Momentum The Master Blasters Team of the Pell City/Anniston Alabama district are at it again sharing more of Jesus to more people in more ways. Twelve members participated in a BLAST Mass Distribution event at the Talladega Superspeedway in Talladega, Alabama. After a devotional thought by Pastor Todd Parker, the team went out to the stadium and distributed thousands of small sharing books and GLOW tracts. A brand new member of only three months distributed 300 copies of *Let's Win!* One member, Mary Patton, was so anxious that even though she cannot hear, she thought she cannot hear, she wanted the world to hear the Good News about Jesus. The team has also distributed over 1,000 tracts at a local Wal-Mart store. Keep on BLASTING for Jesus!



"God has given us His word that we may become acquainted with its teachings and know for ourselves what He requires of us." GC 598

TEACHING, PREACHING,

REACHING, and SHARING

JACKSON, TN



Shedding Light in Jackson

There is nothing like youth who are on fire for God to inspire church members and to get a job done. After the sermon and fellowship dinner, six missionaries from the Jackson, TN church went out into the community to distribute literature and make friends. After an hour, the volunteers met to pray and to testify what God had done. Sixty books were distributed, and forty names were gathered for follow up visits. Jacob Mabile and Nan Ramirez helped to organize the outreach that afternoon. Pictured from left to right are Sheila Hudson, Nan Ramirez, Cassia Reid, Jacob Mabile and Hans Smars.

Lifestyle Evangelism Sharing Tracts on the Track

It is a great practice to incorporate tract distribution as a part of your daily routine. One morning as I was in a park beginning my walking routine, a fellow walker, Carol, approached me. She smiled, handed me a GLOW tract, and told me to enjoy it. Being a bit mischievous, I asked her what the tract was about. She told me it will help me spiritually. Then I laughed and told her who I was and that we distribute millions of these tracts. Carol replied that during her daily three mile walk, she keeps a few GLOW tracts on hand to pass out to fellow walkers. As she left, Carol encouraged me to carry a few tracts with me each morning. Yes, even the Publishing Director needs to be encouraged to carry tracts wherever he goes.

Remember to make Evangelism part of your lifestyle.

William Smith



JASPER, GA Precious Stones for Jesus

Jasper. What an appropriate name for this church that is on fire for Jesus! Wikipedia states, that although the term jasper is now restricted to opaque quartz, the ancient *iaspis* was a stone of considerable translucency. In Exodus and Revelation, we find that the last stone on the breastplate of the high priest, as well as the wall and first foundation of the Holy City is made of jasper. This church is certainly close to the heart of Jesus, as they give away literature in the community twice a month. Almost the entire church, including guests, stayed after fellowship dinner for an hour of practical training on how to be more effective in sharing literature. The training was conducted by Keith Reid and Brandon Tygret. The members had fun doing role play, learning how to approach people and distribute literature, while making friends and generating a data base for future church events.



Announcements

Elder Theus Young was re-elected as Publishing Director at the 11th regular session of the Southeastern Conference. Please continue to pray for each Publishing Leader as they move forward in the Publishing Ministry.

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of **Juan Geronimo Gonzalez**, father of Pastor Alfredo Gonzalez, Associate Director of Publishing in South Florida. Mr. Gonzalez passed away on Sunday, June 12, 2016. Please keep Pastor Gonzalez and his family in your prayers.



PUBLISHING LEADERS IN THE SOUTHERN UNION:

- ◆ Carolina —Lance Morrison, Rubi Pimentel
- ◆ Florida—Les McCoy, Alfredo Gonzalez, Tim Merryman, Anwar Bowes
- ◆ Georgia Cumberland—Tim Leffew, Peter Marzano, Brandon Tygret, Demilson Reis, ReNeita Samuel
- ◆ Gulf States—David Sigamani
- ◆ Kentucky-Tennessee—Rocky Davis
- ◆ South Atlantic—Carl McRoy
- ◆ South Central—Java Mattison
- ◆ Southeastern—Theus Young