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Mission Trip to Tokyo Results in Sharing of 750,000 Tracts

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Volunteers distribute tracts in front of a train station in Tokyo, Japan, during the GLOW trips.

Fifty-five missionaries gathered in Tokyo, Japan, for a weeklong endeavor to reach hundreds of thousands through Bible-based tracts. The group of church members, which included 15 from the Philippines, 10 from Korea, 10 from the United States, and some students in South Korea. The mission trip was organized by the Global Outreach Witnessing Volunteers (GLOW) of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The missionary group distributed nearly 750,000 pamphlets, commonly known as GLOW (Giving Light to Our World) tracts. The tracts, printed in Japanese, were provided by the Publishing Ministries Global Outreach Witnessing Department. They covered such topics as salvation, health, creation, and finding meaning in life—themes that the JGC had identified as important to Japanese readers.

Each trip missionaries held a personal goal to distribute 5,000 tracts. The little pamphlets were, for the most part, placed in people's homes through their mailboxes.

The mission trip was a combination of annual international efforts that have been organized by the Japan Global Center (JGC) and the Japan Union Conference, where the GLOW field ministry originated. Through the years, the GLOW mission trips have been held in different cities in Japan. From 1-7 million tracts in Bishea, the Japan mission trip represents an effort to reach people with the gospel in a country where only 1 percent of the population is generated evangelicals, according to Samuel Ishikawa, JGC Youth, Publishing, and Media Ministries director.

Many literature ministry leaders from organizations from around the world will continue to happen, organizers said. A 1 million tract distribution trip to Taiwan is being planned for next year, and similar trips are being planned in Nepal, New Zealand, and the Solomon Islands. Publishing Department and Global Outreach Witnessing Department have opportunities to reach nations through small literature products.

Members Distribute More Than 1 Million Books

Ronald Arman Tiwanda
South American Division Adventist Review

Seventh-day Adventist Church leaders hold a relic in the main square of Santa Cruz, Bolivia, during the campaign.

From March 16 to 23 the Bolivia Union Mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church conducted the biggest literature ministry in its history. Organized by the Publishing Department, the campaign was called Tocando Puertas (Knocking on Doors) Contemporary throughout the nation's territory.

The South American Division's Adventist Education Department helped launch this activity by mobilizing students and teachers to distribute the campaign's literature. The campaign was organized in cooperation with the Publishing Departments of the union, the public, as well as the personal ministries of the local churches.

In the city of La Paz the books were distributed in the Calliaya area, with the purpose of planting the churches there soon. Large cities, particularly, are the most difficult places to reach because of many different reports, deaning public schools and crime and violence in the city.

Members of the Upper Cochabamba in the Mediterranean connection of Jesús y Santa Cruz Bolivia, Alfredo Mamani.

From press conferences, visits to the media, mass programs, and personal testimonies, the church's presence in the community was made successfully distributed the books.

The office staff from the Bolivia Union Mission's administrative headquarters traveled to Santa Cruz, Lower Bolivia, where the Adventist presence is defined by the Seventh-day Adventist Church's Adventist Education Department in municipality.

In the southeastern region of the country, more than 2,000 books were distributed in the town of Machacamarca by the office staff of the administrative headquarters of the Bolivia Union.

The Nuevo Tiempo Bolivia media network, together with the communication department of the Bolivia Union Mission, broadcasted the campaign, publicized the event through radio, television, and social media networks, and produced a special program for the campaign.

In 2023 and 2024 alone the Adventist Church in Bolivia has distributed more than 1 million books, and the campaign has contributed to the growth of the church.

Students from the northwest of Bolivia Valley raise two thousand books in Calliaya area (Photo: ADELI-BOL)

Impact Week

Richard Arman Tiwadu
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The Northern Ghana Union Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church conducted its annual Impact Week from January 29 to February 3, 2024. Impact Week outreach initiative aimed at bringing spiritual revival and reform, and secondly across various geographical areas within the union, with a deliberate focus on engaging traditional rulers and chiefs.

At Sekyerewkrawa (Sesa City) the revelator granted by the chief and his elders to hold a 3-day evangelistic campaign, culminating in the baptism of 15 people and the opening of the Sesa Community Church. The chief requested a church building in his community, which was granted by the union president. The purpose of this revival would be to administer a pure animal at secondary school, and the chief promised to provide a piece of land for the church. The impact. Furthermore, he requested that the remaining copies be distributed among the communities in his jurisdiction.

The distributors, having discharged their duty in accordance with the Great Commission, returned to the union headquarters in Tamale, Ghana, with the joy of the recipients, the literature symbolized a newfound sense of hope and spiritual renewal.

(Photos: Richard Arman Tiwadu)

Mexico Nationwide Literature Evangelist Congress

General Conference Publishing Ministries Director

From April 15–18, 2024, approximately 800 Mexican literature evangelists convened for a nationwide congress at the picturesque Plaza del Carmen Conference Center.

The theme "Review in Position the Coming" resonated throughout the event's meetings, highlighting a unique song composed specifically for the occasion. The lyrics, sung by Ivan Ortiz, Mexico Publishing Ministries director, event and pastor Ivonne Gómez, a Literature Evangelist that perhaps exemplified the spirit of the congress, underscored the commitment of Literature Evangelists for their outstanding sales and soul-winning efforts.

A notable highlight of the Congress was the reunion of the 7 recipients of a medal titled "Extraordinary Animals," authored by Victoria Bellow and published in Spanish.

El pastor Hedgar Hernandez (J) e Ivonne Gómez, Director del Ministerio Editorial de la Asociación Mexicana del Noroeste, se unen en un abrazo con Ana Maria Gomez, Directora del Ministerio Editorial de la Unión Mexicana del Norte.

(Photos: J Marroni)

Jamaica and Caribbean Bi-Union Literature Evangelist Convention

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Nearly 100 literature evangelists from Jamaica and the Caribbean Union participated in an inspiring congress held in Porto Carro, Dominican Republic, from April 15–18, 2024. The event, a vibrant gathering of faith and passionate about spreading God's word, Literature Evangelists had the privilege to celebrate their annual conclusion in the Caribbean.

(Photos: East Jamaica Conference of SDA)

Student Literature Evangelists Campaigns

1. 5th Adventist University of Gualeguaychú Campaign, Mazaqui, Indonesia, April 12–14, 2024 (Photo: Rey Calumenta)

2. 4th Adventist University of Gualeguaychú Campaign, Mazaqui, Indonesia, April 12–14, 2024 (Photo: Rey Calumenta)

3. Student LE Recruitment at Clifford University, Nigeria by the Eastern Nigeria Union Conference PMS (Photo: Abraham Okeke)

4. Worldwide University Student Literature Evangelists' Campaign Summer 2024 (Photo: Rey Calumenta)

5. East Indonesia Student LE Congress - Manado, Indonesia - April 7-8, 2024 (Photo: Rey Calumenta)

Euro-Asia Division Impact Day "Day of Influence and Hope"

Pavel Litvinenko
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(Photos: Pavel Litvinenko)

Spiritual Leadership in Finance Webinar

The General Conference Publishing Ministries department invites all Publishing leaders to register for the upcoming insightful webinar.

Join us for an enlightening journey on the Spiritual Leadership in Finance event, where leaders meets wealth and integrity guides investments. Don't miss out on this transformative opportunity!