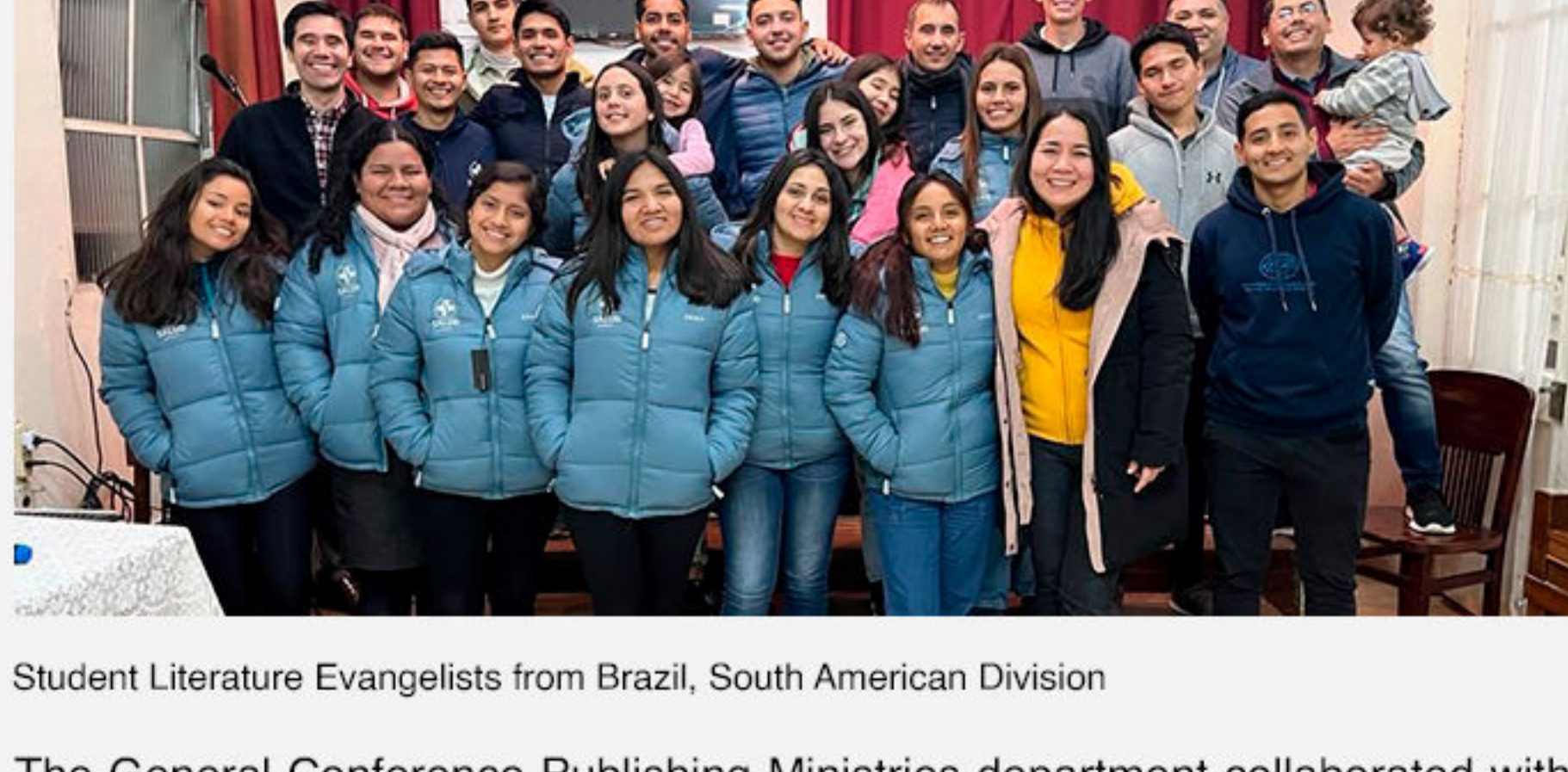


2023 Global Student Literature Evangelists Celebration

General Conference Publishing Ministries Department



Student Literature Evangelists from Brazil, South American Division

The General Conference Publishing Ministries department collaborated with Education and Youth departments, to broadcast a live program on Sunday, July 23, 2023, Theme: It's Our Time, Today not Tomorrow!

The main objective of the event was to encourage student literature evangelists worldwide, who are engaged in selling and distribution of Seventh-day Adventist Church's literature, this summer break, and other young people world-wide to consider engaging in canvassing.

The one and a half hour live and interactive program, featured messages from the World Church President, Elder Ted Wilson, elder Billy Biaggi, GC Vice President, the three departments and testimonies from students in Peru, Ghana, and Philippines. Guest artists included Vocal Livre (Brazil), Delight Quartet of Mt. Klabat University (Indonesia) and Conexión Cielo (Chile). In his message, elder Ted Wilson stated that, students can reach over 5 million people through personal contact. What an incredible impact for evangelism this activity can have!



Student Literature Evangelists from South Peru Union, South American Division

Literature Evangelism has been one of the Church's most traditional activity since the 1900s. It has however experienced a impact especially over the past three years due to the worldwide Corona Virus pandemic.

This program was the third in a series of global live streams initiated by the department since 2020, to connect with and encourage participation in literature distribution. 2023 began with a renewed focus on this work in most regions of the world especially among young people who enrolled to serve as missionaries, through literature evangelism, spreading the good news of salvation to thousands, if not millions of people.

We trust and hope that all youth who watched the program received the inspiration and power to continue the literature evangelism mission because "it's our time today, not tomorrow."

The live broadcast is available through the Adventist Publishing Ministries YouTube channel in English, as well as in four other languages:

- Spanish - <https://youtube.com/live/2pF5ynPkP74?feature=share>
- French - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCD4DRL3mbcN5Pgoiw3mSYzA>
- Português - <https://youtube.com/live/a7xTWf5fEHY>
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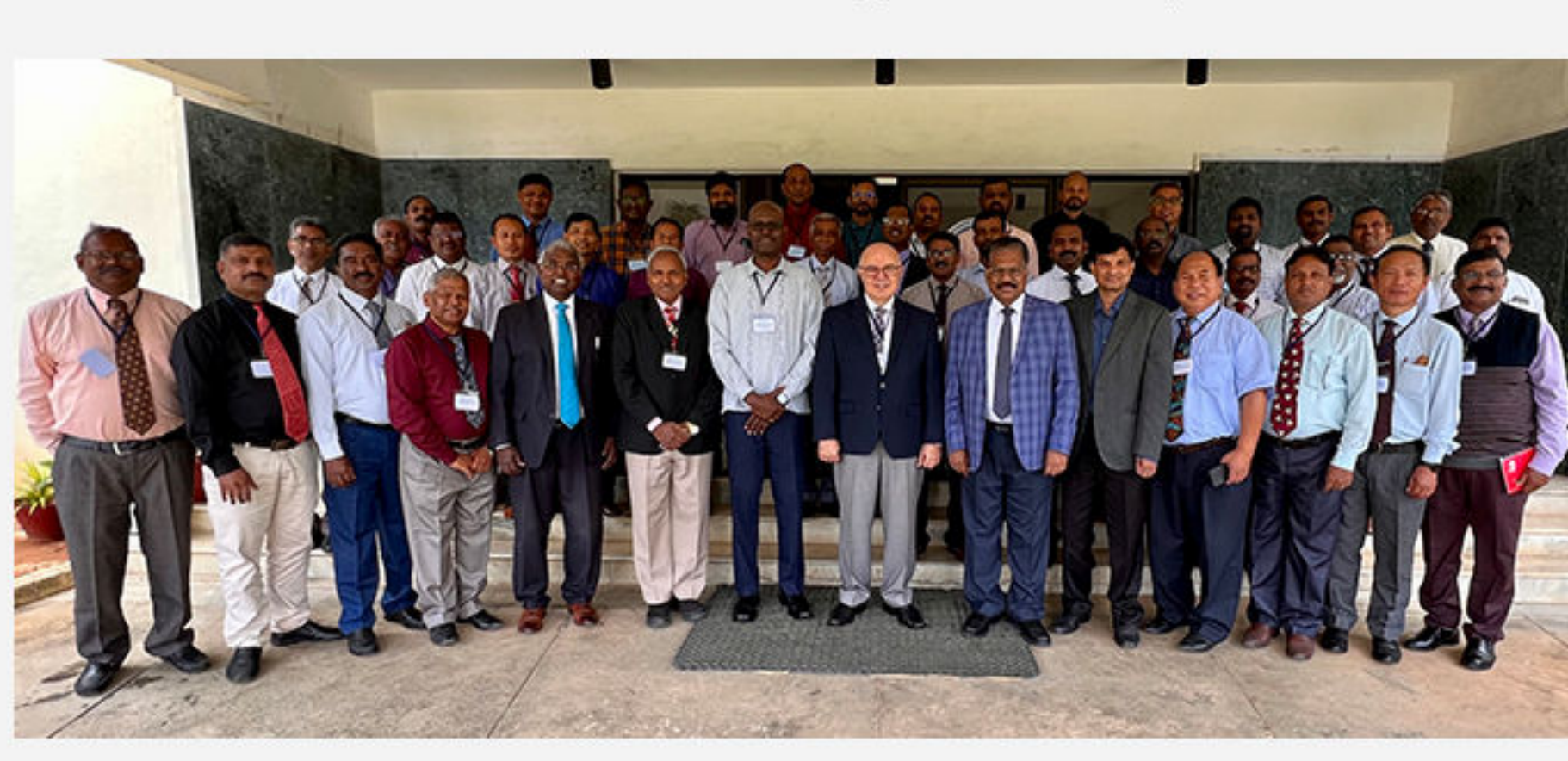


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SUD Holds Publishing Advisory

By Stephen Apola

General Conference Publishing Ministries Department



GC Publishing Ministries Leaders (centre); SUD President; Unions, Conferences/Fields Publishing Directors, and Publishing House Administrators.

Southern Asia Division held their first quinquennial Publishing Advisory at the Division headquarter in Hosur, under the leadership of their new Publishing Ministries Director, Pr. Barnabas Zimik between July 27th – 29th.

The advisory was attended by approximately forty leaders from the Unions, Conferences/Fields, and Publishing House, most of whom are new. The SUD President, Dr. Ezras Lakra, encouraged the leaders to be faithful to the commission of the ministry as encouraged by the founding members to spread like "leaves of autumn."



Southern Asia Division president addressing the delegates.

Pr. Almir Marroni (GC, Publishing Director) and Pr. Stephen Apola (GC, Associate PD), focused on the 4 areas of emphasis: regular LEs, Student LEs, Missionary Books, and Church member readership. The leaders especially emphasized the growth and development of the Student Program as a legitimate and inspired method of growing the ministry's future. On Sabbath Pr. Marroni preached at the JJ English Church, while Pr. Apola spoke to the Students at Lowry College Church in Bangalore.

The SUD covers the territories of Bhutan, India, Maldives, and Nepal, with a membership population of close to 1.2 million and over 4,000 churches. India, which covers the greater part of the Division currently has the world's largest population of over 1.43 billion.

The Book Taxi Driver

By German Martinez

Argentina Union Publishing Ministries Department



Alberto Sittner, a member of Seventh-day Adventist Church in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Alberto Sittner is an 83-year-old retiree living in Buenos Aires, Argentina. When he was young, he wanted to be a Literature Evangelist, but he was advised not to because he was considered still too young.

The years went by, and he was never able to fulfill his dream of becoming a canvasser, but the desire remained deep in his heart for the rest of his life. After completing his education, he married, raised a family, and always remained committed to the church.

Alberto retired from his work at the age of 65, and a few years later ventured into something new. That is, to work as a taxi driver. He then, decided to make use of this opportunity, to finally fulfill his dream of distributing literature, although not as a full-time canvasser.

He resolved in his heart that each passenger that got into his car, would receive a copy of the Missionary Book. "Hope for Today's Families" is the book he distributes the most, because he meets many clients daily that are facing various challenges in their homes. And they are always glad to receive a copy.

This activity has resulted in a nickname, "the book taxi driver" by many of his clients. Alberto has been in this mission for 15 years and during this time he has already distributed approximately 8,000 books and counting.

