

Student Program Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division

Nelson Simweemba, Publishing Ministries director



Nelson Simweemba, SID Publishing director (centre front) with the students (group 1).

The Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division (SID) has launched a significant collaborative initiative involving all church departments to advance its mission of spreading the gospel. A key focus of this effort is partnering with campus and youth ministries to actively engage young people in soul winning. Among the primary target institutions are Solusi University in Zimbabwe and Rusangu University in Zambia.

As part of this initiative, SID and the Southern Zambia Union's publishing leadership visited Rusangu University to recruit student literature evangelists. This effort successfully enlisted and trained 80 students who are eager to serve God during the upcoming holidays.

The recruits come from various university departments, with the majority from the School of Theology, followed by the School of Health Sciences.



Publishing leadership with the newly elected student literature evangelist leaders.



Publishing leadership with student literature evangelists (group 2).

[Photos provided by Nelson Simweemba.]

Mexico Unions Hold a Nationwide Publishing Leaders Training

Inter-American Division

Almir Marroni, General Conference
Publishing Ministries director



GC Publishing leadership, and IAD leadership posing for a group photo with the delegates.

From February 3 to 6 all five Mexican unions conducted a joint training for publishing leaders, organized by GEMA Publishing House in collaboration with the Inter-American Division (IAD) Publishing Department.

Approximately 200 publishing directors and assistant publishing leaders from across the country attended the event, supporting the work of 1,200 literature evangelists nationwide.

In 2023 GEMA's sales to literature evangelists reached approximately US\$4 million, reflecting a significant impact on literature distribution.

Special thanks to Isaías Espinoza, IAD Publishing Ministries director, and Moises Reyna, GEMA Publishing House president, for coordinating this important event. Among the presenters were Elie Henry, president of the Inter-American Division, and Almir Marroni, General Conference Publishing Ministries director.

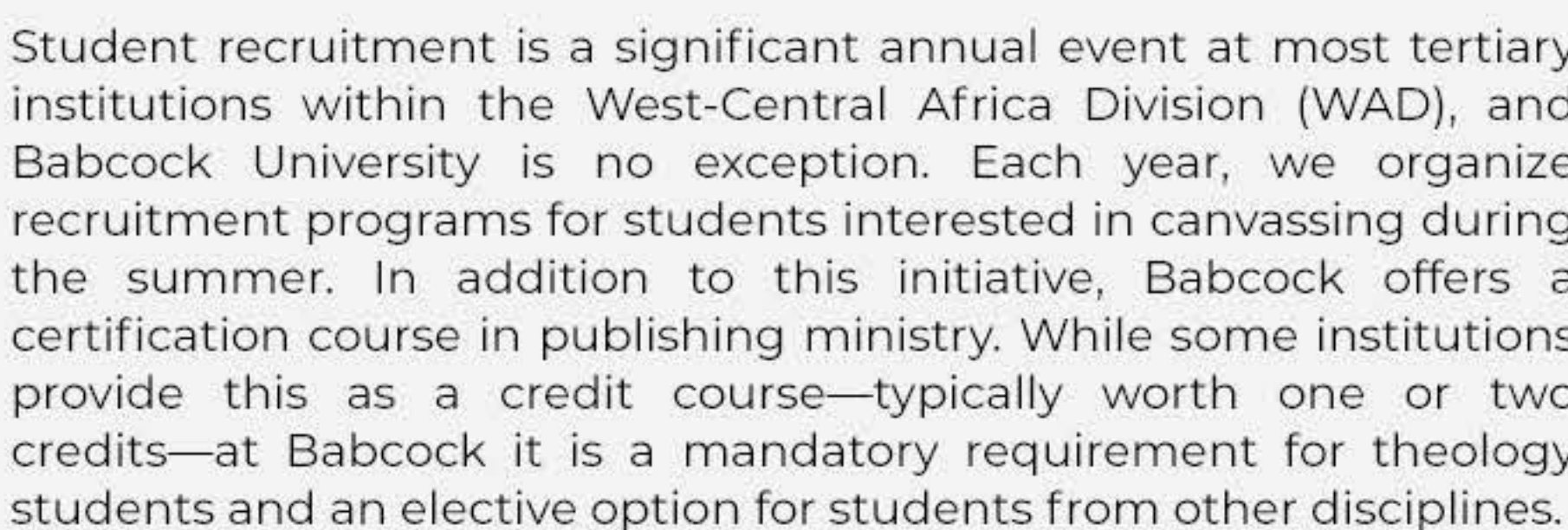


[Photos provided by Almir Marroni.]

Annual Student Recruitment Program at Babcock University

West-Central Africa Division

Abraham Obaya, Publishing Ministries director



Abraham Obaya, WAD Publishing Ministries director (centre front) with students and faculty.

Student recruitment is a significant annual event at most tertiary institutions within the West-Central Africa Division (WAD), and Babcock University is no exception. Each year, we organize recruitment programs for students interested in canvassing during the summer. In addition to this initiative, Babcock offers a certification course in publishing ministry. While some institutions provide this as a credit course—typically worth one or two credits—at Babcock it is a mandatory requirement for theology students and an elective option for students from other disciplines. Students, all eager to embrace the mission of literature evangelism. The chair of the Religious Studies Department, Theodore Dickson, has been instrumental in the success of this annual event.

To the glory of God, from February 2 to 7, 2025, the WAD organized an enriching program at Babcock University. More than 80 students participated, receiving strong support from the school staff, especially those in the Religious Studies Department. School officers were also actively involved in mentoring and guiding the participants. The course materials for this training were the Literature Ministry Seminary Syllabus and Philosophy of Publishing Ministry, Level 1, carefully prepared by the General Conference (GC).

The program was intensive and equipped students with essential skills, and by God's grace every participant successfully completed the course and received a Certificate of Performance.

This program plays a crucial role in shaping students for the future. It not only deepens their understanding and appreciation of publishing ministry but also prepares them for active engagement in canvassing. More important, it nurtures future leaders—some of whom will serve in conferences, unions, and even the division. Through this experience students develop a profound love and appreciation for the church's publishing work.

We are deeply grateful to God for another opportunity to equip these vibrant students with knowledge and skills that will impact their lives and ministries. The participants included undergraduate and postgraduate students.

[Photo provided by Abram Obaya.]

Literature Evangelist Convention

Jamaica Union Conference

Sophia Dormer, East Jamaica Conference



[Photos supplied by Stephen Apola.]

More than 113 literature evangelists from across Jamaica gathered for the annual Literature Evangelist Convention, hosted by the Jamaica Union Conference (JAMU), March 4 - 8, 2025. Held under the inspiring theme "Transforming Lives One Page at a Time," under the leadership of Dudley Hosin, director of Publishing Ministries for JAMU.

The convention featured several impactful speakers, such as Stephen Apola, assistant Publishing Ministries director for the General Conference, who served as the main speaker. Other distinguished presenters included:

- Levi Johnson, executive secretary of the Jamaica Union
- Adali Blythe, treasurer of the Jamaica Union
- Sadekie Beckford, Publishing Ministries director for the East Jamaica Conference
- Adrian Catterell, Personal Ministries and Sabbath School director of the Jamaica Union
- Clara Spengler, Bookstore director for the Inter-American Division Publishing Association (IADPA)
- Debbie McLean, regional manager for IADPA Jamaica
- Ceston Hamilton, a seasoned literature evangelist with more than 40 years in ministry

A special awards ceremony was also held to honor outstanding achievements in sales and soul winning.



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