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Theaophilus Mlilo  
MISSION GO President

from the President

Dear Mission Go Partner

As we look back at our previous campaign, we would like to THANK YOU for your participation through prayers, resources and personal presence. May The Lord bless you abundantly and as we look ahead, may we consider the following insight:

“We have no time to lose. The end is near. The passage from place to place to spread the truth will soon be hedged with dangers on the right hand and on the left. Everything will be placed to obstruct the way of the Lord's messengers, so that they will not be able to do that which it is possible for them to do now. We must look our work fairly in the face, and advance as fast as possible in aggressive warfare. From the light given me of God I know that the powers of darkness are working with intense energy from beneath, and with stealthy tread Satan is advancing to take those who are now asleep, as a wolf taking his prey. We have warnings now which we may give, a work now which we may do; but soon it will be more difficult than we can imagine. God help us to keep in the channel of light, to work with our eyes fastened on Jesus our leader, and patiently, perseveringly press on to gain the victory.”-- Testimonies, vol. 6, p. 22.



standing upon the very verge of the eternal world, holding the truths we do, having so great light, so important a work, we must double our diligence. Every one is to do to the very utmost of his ability. My brother, you endanger your own salvation if you hold back now. God will call you to account if you fail in the work He has assigned you.”-- Testimonies, vol. 5, pp. 460, 461.

The final movements in earth's history will be rapid, and with that in mind, may everyone be found participating in the great work. As watchmen we should say “I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me” Habakkuk 2:1. Over the years we have learnt so much and gone places, but the question today is; are we doing the best that we can, are we not being unfaithful servants, are we not delaying the Lord's coming, are we not scattering what The Lord is gathering? (He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad. Matthew 12:30).

“Vigilance and fidelity have been required of Christ's followers in every age; but now that we are



## Testimonies

### TO BE MORE LIKE CHRIST

I thought that God wanted me to go for Mission because He wanted me to reach someone for Him but am realising that it has so much to do with my own salvation and growth. I am yet to know a better way to be more like Christ than to wake up daily and have someone else's salvation as the main and only agenda of the day. To pray for that hopeless face whose only reason for carrying on with life is that there is a child who must be cared for and that lonely elderly person who was happy just to have visitors. It did not only make me more appreciative of the unnoticed blessings God has given me but it forced me to look into myself and question if I really have a firm hold on the blessed hope I am trying to give to others. It is hard, dare I say impossible, to go for Mission and return unchanged.

By Chandapuwa Matewe

### TRANSFORMED BY THE WORD

Mission is a wonderful experience indeed, never miss it. The experience that I had at Tanda and Gandavaroi edified my spiritual life. I loved the rela-

tionship we had as a group, people were united and we would open up to each other (sharing burdens and answered prayers). This unity promoted self-denial, praying for each other's spiritual growth and also the people whom we were going to preach to. I learned to be patient even with people who were not responsive to God's word. We did not select people based on their religion, age, gender even occupation. We formed relationships with different families to the extent that they could open up their personal issues. I also learned to be responsible and personally I was transformed by the word

By Rejoice Mbabvu

### HUMBLING EXPERIENCE

My prayer from the beginning of the academic year was that I attend the NUST Adventist Society 2014 Mission-Go campaign. I knew that due to the part final load, attending Zunde would be a demanding task. God answered my prayers and I managed to finish all academic work on time and managed to go with the others to Gokwe. In the mission, I went to a site where I knew less than a quarter of the site members

of which a greater number of them I had never seen them even on campus. But at the end of the Zunde we were a family (the Huye family). Seeing people giving their lives to God was the most humbling experience I had. Among those who gave their lives to Christ were some who I never thought would dedicate their lives to Christ. The Spirit of God was at work.

By Gordon Madamombe

## Treasury Update

by Collen Mushamba

I am so much thrilled with the success of God's work in the just ended Mission Go campaign in Gokwe. The servants of the Lord compelled by their love to see souls converted to the saving truth, like soldiers in a war marched forward as in a battle.

"Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase: so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." Proverbs 3:9, 10. "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself." Proverbs 11:24,25. "The liberal deviseth liberal things; and by liberal things shall he stand." Isa. 32:8. Divine wisdom has appointed, in the plan of salvation, the law of action and reaction, making the work of beneficence, in all its branches, twice blessed. He who gives to the needy blesses others, and is blessed himself in a still greater degree.

Yes we baptized many souls but I still believe we could have done better if we had acquired more resources relevant to our mission, resources like PA system, generators, Projectors etc.

### MONTHLY INCOME

Our monthly income revenue is very poor, very few of our members are on systematic giving towards mission go. And our monthly contributions do not suffice the work that is on the ground, hence we opted to approach individuals at the last minute to fund Mission

Go budget. Of which it is the wrong way of doing things. Because the same people who contribute on monthly basis are the same people who again go out of their way to cover the deficit. Our contributions are also not constant hence planning becomes retrogressive. If only contributions could flow on monthly basis as they do at the last minute our planning will be easy.

### CHALLENGES

⇒ It was very difficult to secure reliable transport without cash at hand, hence we only raised enough money to carry people to Gokwe and had to look for the return money.

⇒ We had to buy food at the last minute and some of the food staff had to follow.

⇒ We only managed to get floodlights and megaphones, instead of PA system, Generators, Projectors and the like.

⇒ Contributions from our affiliated churches come in very late because we also delayed sending them our budget.

⇒ We also did not manage to do a receipt book due to pressure at the last minute.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Let's be constant in giving our monthly contributions.

Instead of assigning individuals or families to acquire resources for the Mission Go, let's buy item by item

with the money we have in the bank account starting from now till maybe December.

Let's also think of income generating projects to boost our monthly contribution.

**"Let's be constant in giving our monthly contributions"**

— Treasury



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# Gokwe North - Gumunyu

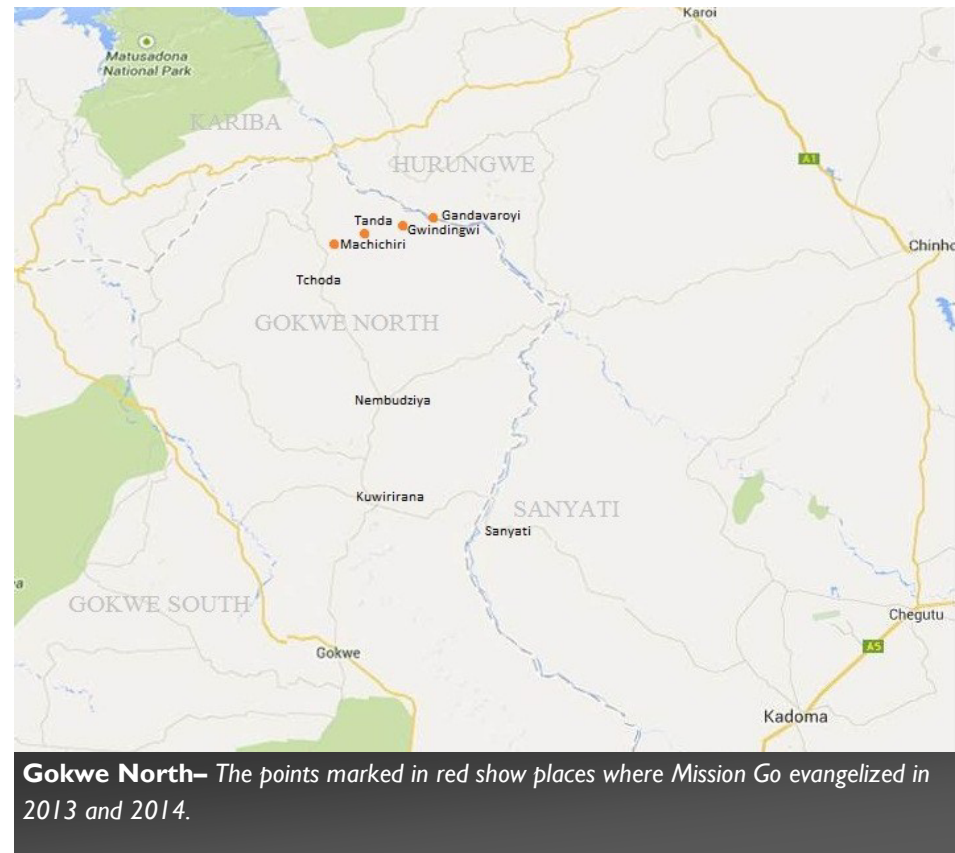
**ABOUT GOKWE NORTH**

Gokwe North is an area located in the Central Zimbabwe Conference of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church. It shares borders with Gokwe South, Kariba, Hurungwe and Sanyati. The area spans large ground such that it is subdivided into four chiefdoms (named according to the respective chiefs), Gokwe-Chireya, Gokwe-Gumunyu, Gokwe-Kabuyuni and Gokwe –Nembudziya. More than 99% of the area is rural (Zimstat 2012) with a number of growth points scattered across the land. The climate is predominantly hot and semi-arid. The major economic activity in the area is agriculture and a little of informal mining. Residents earn a living mainly through growing cotton, maize and just recently tobacco.

**GUMUNYU**

In the previous two years Mission Go Ministry had the privilege of evangelizing in Gokwe-Gumunyu, a part of Gokwe North. This area includes places like Musadzi, Machichiri, Gwindingwi, Gandavaroyi, Mangorowe, Mutukanyi, Mavanga, Munyatipanzi, Madhanga...etc . Till the 1970s and 80s Gumunyu was largely a game park area with little/no human habitation. Incursions into the area began in the 1970s mainly from the southern region (from places like Bikita, Mberengwa, Mashava) as people moved in search of better farming land (Oral Sources). Chief Gumunyu himself is originally from the Bikita Masvingo area. The common religion in the area is the white garment apostolic sects, most are headquartered there.

Area (Gokwe North)	
Population: Gokwe North	240 352* (Zimstat, 2012)
Gumunyu	50 000 (estimate)
Adventist Schools	1
Adventist Churches (Nembudziya District)	22
Adventist Sanitariums/ Clinics	–
Other Religions	Apostolic sects (ZCC, Logag), Roman Catholic, Methodists



**ADVENTISTS IN GUMUNYU**

Adventism is quite well known to the people of Gumunyu. The Seventh-day Adventist Church beginnings in the area is traced to believers who moved into there from their different native places and brought the faith into the area. However, the work of church organisation and institutionalization though it has progressed it has been very slow. For example, the area Mission Go evangelized has only one organized church with 5 branches though the area is a diameter of more than 40km. Church worship structures though present in , most are not in desirable conditions.

In most cases it is a shade with a thatched roof. In all Gokwe-North, there is only one Adventist school , Mashame Adventist School. There are no Adventist sanitariums or clinics in the area. Interesting to note also is that this area has not been penetrated by the ‘mainline’ denominations (i.e Catholics, Baptist, Methodist, Anglican...) , the popular religion are apostolic sects. Currently, the whole area from Sanyati to Gandavaroyi falls under one church district (Nembudzia District), a diameter of more than 100 km, currently under Pastor Majoni. Due to the large distances, the nurturing of the churches in Gumunyu is not an easy task. But the church is thriving and is truth triumphing in the area. 🌱

# Soy Milk

by Rumbidzai Ngorima

## HOW TO MAKE SOY MILK

### Ingredients:

- Soy beans 125g (makes 1 litre)
- Boiling water 3 litres
- Cold water 1 litre



### STEP ONE

Clean the soy beans and soak them in hot water enough to cover them for 10 - 16 hours. Alternatively, you can crack the soy beans before soaking. The hulls come loose easily and can be washed away. With cracked soy beans you need less soaking time which is 6 - 8 hours.

### STEP TWO

Drain and rinse the soy beans

### STEP THREE

Grind the soy beans in a blender with just enough water to cover them until it makes a slurry.

### STEP FOUR

Pour the slurry into a pot on the stove and add one litre of water.

Bring the slurry to a boil, stirring constantly.

Turn it down to simmer for 15 to 20

minutes. Keep stirring.

### STEP FIVE

Filter the slurry through a cheesecloth or linen towel, saving the liquid in a bowl. You can discard the ground up soybeans.

### STEP SIX

The soy milk should be stored in the refrigerator

## BENEFITS OF SOY MILK

Soy is naturally high in essential fatty acids, proteins, fiber, vitamins and minerals. These nutrients provide energy and keep your body functioning at its optimum level.

### It contains only vegetables proteins

Vegetable proteins have the advantage that they cause less loss of calcium through the kidneys. It is known that a diet rich in animal protein creates a higher risk for osteoporosis.

### Reduces cholesterol

Soy protein decreases cholesterol levels, a diet low in saturated fat and cholesterol may significantly reduce the risk of coronary heart. 25 grams of soy protein is recommended in our daily meals.

### It does not cause insulin dependent diabetes

Although no general consensus exists among scientists, some studies have shown an association between drinking cow's milk in early life and the development of insulin dependent diabetes. This association does not exist with soy milk.

### Rich in isoflavones

Each cup of soy milk contains about 20 mg isoflavones (mainly genistein and daidzein). Cow's milk does not contain isoflavones. Isoflavones have many health benefits including reduction of

cholesterol, easing of menopause symptoms, prevention of osteoporosis and reduction of risk for certain cancers (prostate cancer and breast cancer). Incidents of these cancers are very low in countries with high intake of soy products, including soy milk. Isoflavones are also antioxidants which protect our cells and DNA against oxidation. 🌱

## Basic Benefits of Soy MILK

- ⇒ Lowers Cholesterol
- ⇒ Contains isoflavones which reduce risk for cancer
- ⇒ Does not cause insulin dependent diabetes



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## MACHICHIRI 2013



By Ronald Muzenda

In 2013, the 'Mission Go' ministry saw an 'army of young people' in Gokwe, Nembudzia from May 26 to June 09. This was yet another wonderful and enriching experience. At the end of the fortnight a total of 47 people were baptised and many others chose Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

### WITNESSING

Our camp site was Machichiri Primary School. We had our first witnessing program on Monday, 27 May. The witnessing programs were scheduled to start at 9 am soon after the equipment segment which commenced at 8am. During the first week we had eight witnessing teams, each comprising 3 individuals. Each team was to visit five homes. Despite the prevailing faith, most of the people of Machichiri were very much willing to learn. A total of eleven doctrinal topics were supposed to be covered but due to some 'disturbances' we could not meet the target. The 'disturbances' included the funeral of Mr Zvarevashe, the visit to the other local denominations and the visit to the headman's homestead.

*The funeral of Mr Zvarevashe*

On Wednesday, 29 May Mr Zvarevashe passed away. Even though we had not had an opportunity to study with him, we saw this as a great opportunity of Christian service. Apart from the help we offered, we held an evening service there on Wednesday. On Thursday we attended the burial service. An amount of \$50 was given

to the family to assist them on the funeral. After the burial, some food stuffs were given to the family and a pledge to pay the fees of three of his children who are still in school was made.

### Visit to other Church Denominations

As a way of breaking down the wall of prejudice that had been falsely set up, we decided to visit the surrounding church denominations on Sunday, 02 June. We visited a total of about eight churches. This had a significant effect on the way people viewed us and on the evening service attendance.

### Visit to Chief Gumunyu's Homestead

On Thursday, 06 June we graced the meeting that Chief was hosting. A few others from Gandavaroyi joined us. We had an opportunity to sing and a sermon was preached there. On the same day we attended a World Vision Malaria campaign at Machichiri Primary School.

### EVENING SERVICES

Two preaching sites were used for the evening services. The first was at Machichiri Primary School and the second at Mai Selby's homestead. The number of visitors increased

steadily during the two weeks and averages of thirty and twenty visitors were recorded for the first and second site respectively. Before the main preacher stood to preach at around 7 pm, a health lesson, children's story and, later on, a family life lesson were to be presented.

### BAPTISMS

On the last evening service that was held many people made decisions for Christ at the first site. A number also stood for the same call at the second site. On the Sabbath of 08 June around 15 people, from these two sites, were baptised while the rest did not turn up.

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

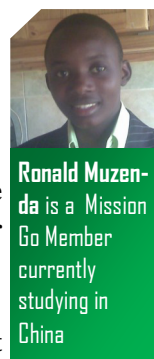
During the evening service a short presentation was made for the children and it was accompanied by some gifts. This ensured that the children were persuaded to attend all the services and also bring some elderly people with them. In order to reach out to students at Tanda secondary school, assistance was offered in subjects like maths and science. The students also had an opportunity to have basic computer lessons which they enjoyed very much. Some computer lessons were also held at Machichiri primary school for the teachers.

### LITERATURE

A lot of literature was available but unfortunately it was in English. Thus it could only be distributed to a few people. VOP lessons were mainly given to teachers.

### CHALLENGES

- Preconceived ideas of our identity.
- Unavailability of literature written in vernacular languages.
- Shortage of PA systems.
- Converts could not get their literature set.



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## GANDAVAROYI 2013



By Happymore Beta

We were camped at Gandavaroyi Secondary school.

### EVENING SERVICES & WITNESSING

We did our evening services at two different sites; one at the school where we were camping at and the other at Mr Mavhengere's homestead, about 7km away from the school. Mr Mavhengere is one of our church members. The group which held its services at elder Mavhengere's place witnessed to the homesteads close to that site during the day whilst the group which remained did likewise to homesteads close to the school. The group which went to the Mavhengere site had 12 members whilst that which remained had about 26 members.

### BAPTISMS

At the end of the evangelistic campaign around 30 people gave their life to Jesus Christ and got baptised

### CHALLENGES

One of the major challenges we faced was lack of vernacular literature. The use of a projector was a major breakthrough as it boosted the attendance of locals at the school site.

After the 2014 campaign some members returned to Gandavaroyi for a one week follow up. The church at Gandavaroi alternates places of worship and this affected newly baptized members so much as they would come to church sometimes and fail to find the people. Though some have backslidden a number are still coming to church.



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## REVISIT 2013



By Michael Sande

On Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2013, 4 members of Mission Go left Harare for Gokwe-Nembudziya for a post-mission follow-up revisit. The objective of the visit was to distribute Bibles to the new church members and by God's grace revive those who had backslidden. Due to resource limitations, the team was only able to address the needs of souls on the Machichiri side, leaving Gandavaroyi for a future task. The team camped at Mai Selby's place in Makotore kraal, and 4 church elders from the district also joined the camp.

### WITNESSING & BIBLE DISTRIBUTION

We had 30 Bibles in possession. The typical week day progressed as follows; in the morning and afternoon, two teams in the company of a local elder per team visited the homes, discussed and prayed with the people as each situation demanded and later the people received their Bible. In total 25 Bibles were distributed and we were left with five (5).

### EVENING SERVICES

In the evenings there was a service at

Mai Selby's place. Turnout was reasonably good. On Sabbath, there was a district big Sabbath with all district churches convening at Makotore where we were camping.

Calls for baptism were made throughout the

week and on the closing Sabbath resulting in 12 souls committing their lives to Christ to be baptised (the baptism was later done some weeks after). We visited the Zvarevashe family, who lost their father during the campaign (society attended the funeral). Society took upon itself the responsibility of paying the school fees of the bereaved children (3). Edina and Idah, who were baptized at the mission, also came to church.

### POINTS NOTED

⇒ This part of Gokwe-Gumunyu is quite a large area (+60km diameter), but it has only one organized church and 5 companies, the companies have an average membership of 25-30, some exceeding this

⇒ The area in general has many Adventist backsliders.

⇒ A great challenge faced by these churches is poor structures/buildings for worship. The structures used by the companies are not in good shape. (though schools are an option, some are denominationally owned)

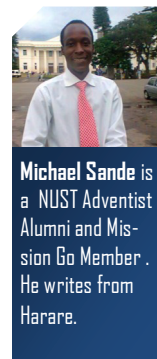
⇒ For the people baptised at Machichiri many still go to church but some have

located to other areas.

⇒ There is need for care and discrimination when giving Bibles as some people who received Bibles returned to their old churches saying they only got baptised so that they could get Bibles

For the people baptised in Gandavaroyi, the report was that most were still coming to church.

Let us keep praying that God's work triumphs and many be saved in these last days. 🌐



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## TANDA 2014



By Martin Ngomakalila & Faith Museva

The 2014 Mission Go campaign was held from 1 June to 15 June 2014.

Sasikaritanda site was located at Sasikaritanda Secondary School. The school belonged to ZCC church. The site had nearby facilities such as a borehole, toilets & bath places which made it an adequate camping site. The school was surrounded by homesteads which were reasonable distances from the camping site which made it easier to access the houses during witnessing. Most of the dwellers in the area belonged to ZCC church & few from other churches. There were 2 preaching sites one at Sasikaritanda School and the other at Mpofu homestead about 5km from the school.

### WITNESSING

In addition to Bible studies witnessing involved assisting in household and field duties like harvesting cotton. During witnessing clothes that had been donated were distributed to families that had been found to be in need. Some of our group members who were skilled in certain academic subjects made arrangements with school teachers and assisted in teaching. We had a community service

of cleaning up the school early on a Sunday morning.

### The Funeral at Chikubwe family

Towards the end of Zunde there was a funeral in the area at Chikubwe homestead. We went to attend and assisted in various ways

we could, fetching water, and we were also given several opportunities to preach and sing at that funeral.

### BAPTISM

For the efforts exerted during those two weeks God blessed us with nine (9) candidates that were baptized from our two sites. They could have been more but the funeral interrupted the program as it occurred on a Friday the day before baptism and led to some of the candidates missing baptism because they had to attend the funeral. Again God assisted us in carrying out VOP program, although it had challenges with language and faced opposition from teachers, we managed to conduct a mini-graduation on a Sabbath and three students managed to complete and graduated.

### CHALLENGES & RECOMMENDATIONS

⇒ **Lighting** – we had few lights to assist us during evening services. In order to curb this problem it is advisable if we could have generators and lights reserved for mission.

⇒ **Sound system** – during the first two days of Zunde there was nothing to assist speakers in delivering the message. As the mission progressed we managed to have mega phones that were using re-

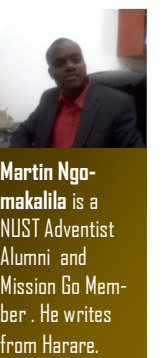
chargeable batteries but these at times posed problems by failing to complete the service. It would be good and greatly appreciated if we could contribute some monies and buy our own PA Systems.

⇒ **Vernacular Bibles** – This was much of a problem because most of the people that went for Zunde had English bibles.

⇒ **Diseconomies of scale** – Our site ended accommodating close to 40 people which was too large and greatly reduced efficiency. It is advisable that a camping site accommodates at maximum 15-20 people as this ensures that duty allocation is easy and improves efficiency.

⇒ **Camping tents** - Tents were in short supply. Students need to bring camping tents from home at the beginning of 2nd semester. The Ministry can also buy tents. Without enough tents we are restricted to camp where there is a school only.

⇒ **Camping Place** - It happened that the site belonged to ZCC church, and it gave us some challenges 🌐



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## GWINDINGWI 2014



By Blessing Mushoriwa

*Gwindingwi site was located at Gwindingwi SDA Church.*

### WITNESSING

Witnessing was the most educational, uplifting and also an interesting activity at Zunde because we met people with different backgrounds, experiences, culture and also family structures. The site at Gwindingwi comprised of 5 groups with 3 members in each group making it a total of 15 members. We all left the site at 9:30 for witnessing and came back at 3 for lunch and afternoon lesson. Equipment lessons were very helpful as they equipped people with knowledge on what to go and learn with people in the community. Witnessing also created a platform for asking questions, introducing the topic of the evening service, learning, community service and also bonding with the community.

### EVENING SERVICES

The evening services were done from 18:30 to 20:00 every day during the two weeks except on Saturdays. The power of the Lord was seen working as many people attended inspite of the weather.

An external and internal prayer session program was conducted before the service started. The internal prayer session was conducted so that prayer requests for everyone will be prayed for. During the service there was also a health message and a childrens' story segment so as to cater for everyone's needs. Average attendance was about 80 for the two weeks. The preacher for the 2 weeks was Brother Musa Muleya.

### BAPTISMS

Those who gave their lives to Christ were baptised on the 13th of July. The amazing power of Christ was also seen working as 39 people were baptised and also some were willing to be baptised on the next baptism. Elder Mtetwa had to help the Pastor to baptise because of the number of people being baptised and also time.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

It is amazing to witness how the Lord works. After most of the people were baptised, a call was made for those who want to be baptised and 3 people raised their hands. These were baptised and a call was made again. More people kept on raising their hands but time became the only limiting factor. Cotton picking and watering of gardens acted as a way for bringing people to Christ. Round robbing prayer sessions were a pillar of strength to the people as this gave assurance that someone is praying for the programme at any time during the night.

### CHALLENGES

The major challenges were mostly related to literature as most of it was available in English. Many people in Gokwe cannot understand English. They were not able to benefit from the use of books for evangelism. Most people were also asking for Shona Bibles of which they were not available. Afternoon lessons also proved to be challenge. The topics made it difficult for discussion leaders to gather enough information to deliver during these lessons. Lighting was also a challenge during evening services. There were only two lights at Gwindingwi sight.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

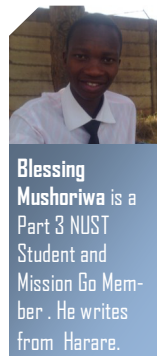
Shona Bibles need to be bought for the purpose of giving those who need them at zunde.

Literature must be available in vernacular

Its advisable that topics for afternoon lessons to be simple and directly related to the environment

Society needs its own equipment – lighting, cooking, tents.

Society members must play a greater part in funding for zunde. 🌐



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## GWINDINGWI (HUYE) 2014



By Happymore Beta

Our team was camped at the Huye family home- stead one of the church members. We were 12 society members. Many people came to our evening service and they welcomed us very much in their homes during the day for lessons. We made use of megaphones and these helped a lot in reaching some who did not attend the evening services. The better majority of the families are ZCCs. Most of the men are polygamists and this hindered their acceptance of the gospel.

### BAPTISMS

Many women accepted the truth but they were hindered by their husbands to follow the truth. They wanted to be baptised but they needed permission from husbands. Five (5) people were baptised .

Below is a summary of the activities of the groups.

### WITNESSING

There were four groups; group A-B

#### Group A

It had four members. They visited 7 families. The women were receptive but their husbands forbade them to accept the truth.

#### Group B

It had four members of which one of them was local. They visited 9 families. They found that young families didn't have interest in bible studies. Baptismal candidates were two namely Misheck Mukungu and Miriam Jaya. Potential converts was the Mukungu family.

#### Group C

It had four members. They visited 14 families. People accepted the truth but they would not leave their family traditions because of various reasons such as fear. There was one baptismal candidate namely mai Eunice Tarwirei

#### Group D

It had three members with one local. There were four baptismal candidates namely mai Mlambo, Tafadzwa Pedzisai, Brian Mlambo, Douglas siban-

da. Potential candidate is Mai Evidence Muringi

### CHALLENGES

We faced problems because the area does not have Bibles. We also did not have vernacular literature Continual study with the families is a great necessity. 🌐

### SUMMARY

*The total number of people that have been baptized in Gokwe since 2013 is close to 130 souls. This comprises of 47 baptized during the 2013 campaign, 53 in the 2014 campaign , and about 30 through the efforts of an evangelist engaged by the Ministry in the period between the two campaigns*



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# True Missionary Work by E.G. White

God has a special work for His servants to do in the preparation of a people to stand in the great day of the Lord. This work is to commence in our own hearts. We need the faith that works by love and purifies the soul

"I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God."

We are to ask ourselves the question, "How is it with my soul?" A healthy soul in a healthy body makes a man or woman more precious than gold or silver, even as the Lord said, "I will make a man more precious than fine gold, even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir."

Grand and ennobling truths have been given us. By the precious economy of grace, the exhibition of divine love, God strives to produce love in human beings. As we look unto Jesus, beholding the glorious spectacle of the love and tenderness of God, there springs up in our hearts a desire to engage in active service for the Master. The riches of the grace of Christ are without limit. They are sufficient to fill every heart with wisdom and sanctified judgment, creating an atmosphere of grace, real and enjoyable.

Christ's work is to take the things of God and show them to men. Heaven is brought into the home by our eating the bread of life, receiving and practising Christ's words. Thus we are to eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of God. "The flesh profiteth nothing," He said, "the words that I speak unto you,

they are spirit and they are life." The Word of God is life, eternal life, to the receiver. As the human elements in the soul are softened and subdued by the lessons of Christ, the great love wherewith He hath loved us fills the mind with gratitude, which finds expression in thanksgiving and praise. His Word is to be an active element in the family circle. When its influence is diffused through the household, it not only reveals Christ in the home, but its bright rays extend to the neighborhood. When the heart is imbued with the Holy Spirit, the gratitude which springs up must find expression. Loving sympathy is manifested in word and action.

One who believes in Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour is to be a co-worker with Him, bound up with His heart of infinite love, cooperating with Him in works of self-denial and benevolence. Christ has withdrawn Himself from the

earth, but His followers are still left in the world. And they are to give in word and action, and in their unselfish benevolence, a representation of Christ's love. They are to be the means, by practising self-denial and bearing the cross, of implanting the principles of love in the hearts of those who are unacquainted with the Saviour by experimental knowledge.

Upon all who believe, God has placed the burden of raising up churches. The express purpose of the church is to educate men and women to use their intrusted capabilities for the benefit of the world, to employ the means God has lent, for His glory. He has made human beings His stewards. They are to employ His intrusted talents in building up His work and enlarging His kingdom. Our churches, large and small, are not to be treated in such a way that they will be helplessly dependent upon ministerial

aid. The members are to be so established in the faith that they will have an intelligent knowledge of true missionary work. They are to follow Christ's example, ministering to those around them. Faithfully they are to fulfil the vows made at their baptism, the vow that they will practise the lessons taught in the life of Christ. They are to work together to keep alive in the church the principles of self-denial and self-sacrifice, which Christ, His divinity clothed with humanity, followed in His work as a missionary. It is imparting the knowledge of Christ's love and tenderness that gives efficiency to all missionary operations.

The Lord Jesus desires the members of His church to be an army of workers, laboring for Him according to their varied capabilities, and carrying out the principles of self-denial and self-sacrifice, preserving that love for God which drew them away from the world, and which will draw them together. The work is to be one grand, harmonious whole in Christ Jesus. The faith which works by love and purifies the soul is the holy, uplifting, sanctifying agency which is to soften and subdue jarring human nature.

With grace in their hearts, believers are to work the works of Christ, placing themselves, soul, body, and spirit on His side, as His human hand, to impart His love to those who are out of the fold. Believers are to associate together in Christian fellowship, regarding one another as brothers and sisters in the Lord. They are to love one another as Christ loved them. They are to be lights for God, shining in the church and in the world, receiving grace for grace, as they impart to others. Thus they are constantly kept in spiritual nearness to God. They reflect the image of Christ.

Let not our ministers expend so much time and energy in laboring for those who know the truth. Let them instead seek for those outside

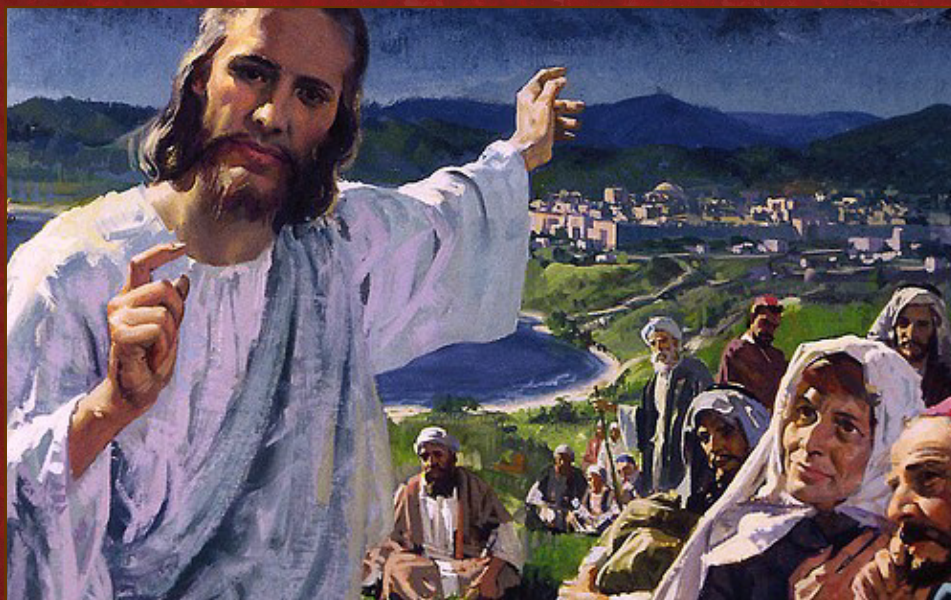
the fold. When our churches fulfil the duty resting upon them, they will be living, working agencies for the Master. Then we shall see the missionary work, in all its branches, evangelical and medical, broadening and deepening at every point of its progress, because of the inflowing of hundreds and thousands of streams, until the whole earth is covered as the waters cover the sea. Our ministers are displeasing God by the feebleness of their efforts to let the truth shine forth to the world. Nothing so strengthens the churches as to see the work progressing in other portions of the vineyard. When the ministers understand the great blessing to be

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derived from laboring for those who know not the truth, they will leave the churches, after impressing upon them the importance of devising plans and methods whereby they can do within their borders the same kind of work that the ministers of the gospel are doing in the regions beyond.

All can labor for the salvation of those who are out of the ark of safety. When church members stand pledged to the service of God, pledged to do missionary work; when they take hold of the work unselfishly, because they love the souls for whom Christ died, and are desirous of uniting with the Great Missionary, He will come very near to them to instruct them. Life is full of opportunities for the practical missionary. Every man, woman, and child can sow each day the seeds of kind words and unselfish deeds. The world is not a playground where we are to amuse ourselves; it is a school in which we are to study earnestly and thoroughly the lessons given in the

Word of God. There we may learn how to receive and how to impart. There we may learn how to seek for souls in the highways and byways of life. If those who engage so earnestly in the games of this world would strive as earnestly for the crown of life which fadeth not away, what victories they would gain! They would become true missionaries, and would see how much could be done to relieve suffering humanity. What a blessing this would be! What we need is practical education. When ministers and people practise the lessons Christ has given in His Word, they will become Christ-like in character.



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Adapted from  
the *Pacific Union  
Recorder* August  
1, 1901. By Ellen G.  
White



# Adventist Mission Trails— John Nevins Andrews (1829-1883)

*A lasting legacy of commitment and sacrifice*

### EARLY LIFE

**J**. N. Andrews was born July 22, 1829, in Poland, Maine. He quit school at the age of 11 and was largely self-taught, apparently quite effectively. It is reported that later in life he was fluent in seven languages and could recite the New Testament by memory. His uncle Charles, a member of the U.S. Congress, offered to pay for his training as a lawyer so he could follow a political career.



J N Andrews. Accepted the Sabbath at age of 15

However, early in 1845, at age 15, after reading a tract written by T. M. Preble, John accepted the Sabbath--a decision that changed the direction of his life. He and Uriah Smith married sisters, Angeline and Harriet Stevens.

### WORKING WITH THE CHURCH

Andrews had a long association both with the church and with James and Ellen White. His name first appeared in Adventist literature in October of 1849, at age 20, when he wrote a letter to the editor of the *Present Truth*, James White. In 1853 Andrews was ordained to the Adventist ministry. In later years Andrews would serve in several key church positions, at some point being elected the president of the General Conference.

### MISSION WORK IN EUROPE

In 1872 John's wife Angeline died of a

stroke. Two years later, he was sent to Switzerland Europe as the first official Seventh-day Adventist missionary. He went as a widower with his teenage children, Charles and Mary. Ellen White wrote to church leaders in Europe: "We sent you the ablest man in our ranks" (*Manuscript Releases*, volume 5, page 436).

John's first work in Switzerland was to visit and organize the Sabbath converts already there. He then wrote tracts and laid plans for the publication of a paper.



John Nevins Andrews

Unacquainted with the languages of the people for whom he came to labor, it was indeed a task requiring no small degree of courage and faith in God to undertake. Already advanced in years, the acquisition of the languages to such an extent as to be able to do public and literary work in preaching and editing was of itself a serious undertaking; but Elder Andrews applied himself to this work with that diligence and perseverance for which his former studious hab-

its had given him an eminent qualification.

During the early months of his stay in Switzerland he devoted himself principally to the study of the French language, in the meantime visiting the various companies of Sabbathkeepers, and speaking to them by interpretation. With a view to giving greater publicity to his work, and at the same time to ascertain, if possible, if there were others, of whom he had as yet no knowledge, who were already observing the Sabbath of the Lord, he began to advertise in some of the most widely circulated papers of Central Europe. In these advertisements he invited correspondence on the part of those who were either observing the Bible Sabbath or desirous to investigate its obligations. He hoped by this means, while laboring to organize the work among the limited number with whom he was directly associated, and enlisting them in more active efforts to carry the truth to others, to extend his acquaintance, and thus prepare the way for a broader work to be accomplished.

In 1876 with the object in view of starting a French monthly journal, he removed to Basel in the month of April, considering this city as the most favorable point at which to establish the publishing work. So, in this old city which fostered the present truth of the sixteenth century, the present truth of the nineteenth century was planted, and *Les Signes des Temps* (French version of Signs of the Times), the first advocate of the 3rd angel's message in the Old World, had its birth on a nineteenth-century press, the first number being issued in

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The Andrews family— John, Mary, Charles and Angeline

July, 1876.

Much of the subsequent labor of Elder Andrews was devoted to this journal, and he spared no pains in his endeavor to adapt it to the wants of the people. Appreciating the situation of the people and the great lack of knowledge of the Bible on the part of the masses, he labored to present the truth in the most clear and simple manner. His success in these efforts was certainly remarkable, and the present truth, as presented in the early volumes of this journal, furnishes an admirable example, and one rarely attained, of simplicity, clearness, and force. Although advocating truths so unpopular, and notwithstanding the fact that it was devoted almost wholly to religious topics, *Les Signes* gained a strong hold upon its readers, and attained a standard and reputation worthy of the truth of which it was the exponent.

Andrews died of tuberculosis in 1883, at the age of 54, while in Europe.

### A MISSIONARY KID

Mary Andrews at the age of 13 sailed with her dad, John Andrews, for their mission assignment in Switzerland.

Mary's mother died when she was 10, so Mary did the grocery shopping, cooking, cleaning, and other housework once they settled in La Coudre, Switzerland. In addition, she and her brother studied French with a tutor for hours every day except Sabbath. The little family decided they would learn French faster if they spoke English between

only 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. During that one hour she and Charles talked in English to each other just as fast as they could!

After the Andrews family had been in Switzerland about a year, the grocery money began to run out. Throughout the year Mary's dad had written six different tracts in French, and spent most of their funds printing those missionary journals. So in addition to all of Mary's other responsibilities, she began to pick grapes for vineyard owners in order to earn money for groceries. It was very hard work, but Mary was determined to do all she could to help the people of Switzerland learn more about Jesus and His soon coming.

In 1876 the Andrews family moved to Basel. With the rented house came a maid! Her assistance with cooking and cleaning gave Mary more time to help her dad with his publishing projects. Over time, Mary's French became so good that she was able to serve as copy editor for the French *Signs of the Times*. Professor Aufranc, who had been a French teacher, told people "Mary speaks French as though she were a French

girl." Mr. Aufranc's praise made Mary happy that she had studied French so diligently.

Unfortunately, Mary contracted tuberculosis and died when she was 17. She was the first Seventh-day Adventist missionary to give her life in mission service.

*"FEW MEN have left behind them a record of greater purity of life, or of more earnest effort for Christ and humanity. His indefatigable labors did more, perhaps, than those of any other man, to develop the Bible evidence of the views advocated by this people; and the debt of gratitude which we owe him should lead us to study earnestly the principles that he loved so well, and to emulate his noble example in a life of temperance and self-sacrifice, and of devotion to the good of others."*

James White

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Project 1 - “GOING DIGITAL 2015” - Embracing Technology for Mission


**What is “GOING DIGITAL 2015”??** : Over the years in our ministerial labors one tacit and unanimous agreement amongst ministry members has been the need for better equipment to use in our evangelistic efforts. Specifically noted has been the need for Sound Systems, Lighting and Visual Projection Systems. Sadly, not much has been done to materialize these worthy objectives. “GOING DIGITAL 2015” is a Mission Go Initiative tailored to achieve the afore-mentioned goal in strategic and systematic fashion. The initiative involves 3 phases spanning a period 6 months (see outline below).

**What are the costs??** A great advantage about “GOING DIGITAL 2015” is that the targets are very reasonable and within the financial reach of all of us. **The target is maintain a consistent cash inflow of at least \$700 per month.** Considering how large the Mission Go family has grown this project is small and within our financial capability.

	Item	Quan tity	Cost US\$	Projected Date of Phase Completion
PHASE 1	Public Address (PA) Sound Sys- tem (Portable) 	4	US\$ 2100	September 2014
PHASE 2	Generators 	4	US\$ 1 200	November 2014
PHASE 3	Overhead projectors, screens, graphics 	4	US\$1 500	January 2015
GRAND TOTAL			US\$ 4 800	

Our Treasury department will produce financial updates from time to time on the progress of the project . We very much need your payers and financial support towards this long overdue project. **Project begins end of this August 2014.** “And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disci- ple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.” Luke 10:42.

HOW TO MAKE A DONATION?

1. Make use of Ecocash. 



Dial \*151\*200#. Follow the instruc-  
tions and send to 0773 480 186 to  
Collen Mushamba (Treasurer)

2. Make a deposit into our Bank Account



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Project 2- “100 Day CHURCH”

**About the “100 Day Church” Initiative.** Of critical importance in ministry is the need of ensuring the long-term permanence and stabil- ity of mission efforts. There is need to guard against surface work and ensure believers are settled in the faith. Positive developments that have been made in this area include enlisting the labors of an evangelist, training the local church and increasing mission revisits. It has yielded fruit. The member retention rate has increased quite significantly. But we believe more can still be done. A very relevant factor is the need of erecting church buildings. We are instructed to do this work of erecting structures. In Gokwe you cannot afford to not notice the undesirable condition of our Seventh-day Adventist church structures and this greatly retards the progress of the pre- sent truth. *Gospel Workers* has this to say

The GW431 Principle

“When an interest is aroused in any town or city, that interest should be followed up. The place should be thoroughly worked, until a humble house of worship stands as a sign, a memorial of God’s Sabbath, a light amid the moral darkness. **Wherever a company of be- lievers is raised up, a house of worship should be built. LET NOT THE WORKERS LEAVE THE PLACE WITHOUT ACCOMPLISHING THIS.** *Gospel Workers* page 431

“There are some cases... in which a young church may not be able at once to bear the whole burden of erecting a house of worship. In these cases let the brethren in other churches help them.” *Gospel Workers* page 432

Methodology:

In line with the above counsel the “100 Day Church” project will be a joint venture between Mission Go Ministry and the Gokwe local church to build a humble yet respectable church structure at Makotore, Gokwe over a period of 3 months/ 100 days. The local church’s task is to make( and burn) all the bricks needed, supply the builders from within the church. Mission Go Ministry’s part is to supply the resources that cannot be sourced locally i.e. roofing material, window frames and windows, doors, cement and drafting the building plan. In the last mission we had the privilege to witness a certain family building a tobacco barn. The teamwork was impressive, the women would fetch the water, the men laying the bricks and children were also involved. If such teamwork is possible for a tobacco barn, why not when building a house for the King of kings?



A typical church structure in Gokwe

Advantages of a church structure

- ⇒ Acts as center of influence from which the truth can reach many people over many years
- ⇒ It gives the church a sense of identity within the community
- ⇒ Project is affordable
- ⇒ Worship is not interrupted in times of bad weather e.g rainy season or winter
- ⇒ New laborers in the area do not have to start from scratch

Costs and Implementation

As most of the resources, and skill and manpower will be sourced internally we expect the financial cost of the whole project not to exceed US\$1000. Excess funds from Project 1 will be channeled to this project. **Implementation date will be subject to the progress of project 1.**



# WHICH MISSION GO CAMPAIGN WAS THIS?

## IDEA EXCHANGE

### MISSION GO

Mission Go© Ministry is committed to sharing Christ in places where the Advent message has not yet penetrated. This we accomplish through holding public evangelism campaigns, house-to-house Bible studies and helping the underprivileged in such communities. Over the past 10 years the ministry has recorded more than 350 baptisms and planted a number churches around Zimbabwe. We are a non-profit making organization thriving on donations from well-wishers.

If you would like to support the ministry contact us on the details given on page 1.



## REVIVED BY HIS WORD

### SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

#### ACROSS

- 3 What language was the New Testament written in?
- 6 Who wrote Psalm 23?
- 7 What is the last book in the Old Testament?
- 10 How many epistles were written by John?
- 11 Who was the brother of Jacob?
- 12 One of the two books of the Bible named after women?
- 13 What did God create on the 6th day of creation?
- 14 What language was the Old Testament written in?

#### DOWN

- 1 How many books are there in the New Testament?
- 2 What is the smallest book in the Old Testament?
- 4 .... and Eve were the first two people.
- 5 The ..... is another name for the sermon on the mount.
- 8 What is the longest book in the Bible
- 9 Which book of the Bible can we read the story of Samson & Delilah?

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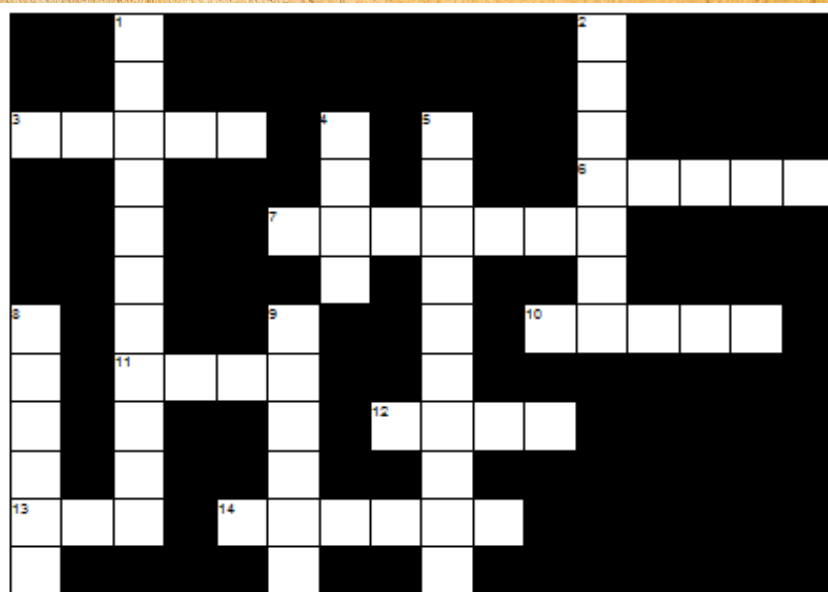
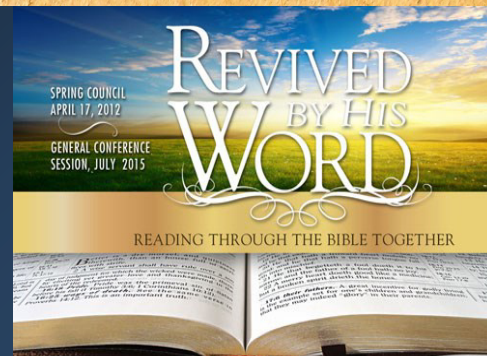
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