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GOSPEL OUTREACH

SPECIAL REPORT

One million for Jesus

For some time now, those of us at Gospel Outreach have been convicted that Jesus' return is very close. And we've wondered what more could be done to help spread the gospel to the entire world.

East, India, China and the Philippines.

Do you see the same thing we're seeing? Virtually all of the unreached, those who haven't had a chance to

hear about Jesus, live in the 10/40 Window.

Given our Great Commission, a person might imagine that Christians everywhere must be making this area of the world their top priority for evangelism.

However, evangelistic spending in the 10/40 Window barely qualifies as a blip—one-twentieth of 1 percent of average Christian church budgets. Out of every \$100 given to churches, an estimated 5 cents reaches the 10/40 Window to tell the people there about Jesus.



The entire world, one person at a time, must have the opportunity to hear the gospel and make a decision to follow Jesus.

The task at hand is staggering. Many people believe that the gospel message has gone out, and we're simply waiting for Jesus. That's not the case.

Let's take a look at a few numbers. The world population has reached 7 billion people. An estimated 2.84 billion (41 percent) haven't heard of Jesus, according to the most recent numbers from the U.S. Center for World Mission. And 2.76 billion (97 percent) of these live in the 10/40 Window—the rectangular area between 10 degrees north latitude and 40 degrees north latitude. It includes North Africa, the Middle

The stark reality is that we're spending money on ourselves. Ninety-eight percent of the average Christian church budget is spent locally, leaving 2 percent for missions. And 97.5 percent of that is spent outside of the 10/40 Window. **So the area of most urgent need is receiving the least of our treasure.**

We'd like to share two quotations with you:

"There is enough evangelism taking place today to reach the world dozens of times. Unfortunately,

most of it is happening among people who have already heard the gospel," says K. P. Yohannan, founder of Gospel for Asia.

"In all candor and to our continuing shame, let us admit that the world's perishing unreached people are very seldom mentioned or thought about in almost all churches," says Phil Bogosian, director of church relations in the mobilization division of the U.S. Center for World Mission.

—See "ONE MILLION FOR JESUS" on page 3

The year has started off with much to be thankful for at Gospel Outreach. Our deep appreciation to everyone who prays for this ministry and who supports work in the 10/40 Window. We've just heard a report from the 500-village evangelistic effort in India. Meetings have been held covering 220 of those villages. Baptisms total approximately 49,000. The harvest truly is ripe.

We've just completed a three-year plan called **ONE MILLION FOR JESUS**. The goal is to reach and baptize at least 1 million new believers between



Dan Preas

2013 and 2015. It's an urgent, God-sized plan. Before the ink was dry on it, we received calls from several people who wanted to use money to make a differ-

ence for eternity. They were searching for a place where they could get the maximum return on investment. Those calls resulted in donations that will support the first 25 workers for **ONE MILLION FOR JESUS**. Rather than wait to begin implementing the plan, we have started immediately.

We are convicted that at this time in earth's history we must give everyone the opportunity to accept the saving message of Jesus Christ. If you would like to know more, contact me by email (dan@goaim.org), or call and ask for an overview.

—Dan Preas, Gospel Outreach president

Here's how to revitalize and strengthen your church
Sometimes people express concern that money sent to foreign mission fields comes at the expense of local church needs. We believe the opposite is true. Ellen White offers this counsel:

"The home missionary work will be farther advanced in every way when a more liberal, self-denying, self-sacrificing spirit is manifested for the prosperity of foreign missions; for the prosperity of the home work depends largely, under



God, upon the reflex influence of the evangelical work done in countries afar off. It is in working actively to supply the necessities of the cause of God that we bring our souls in touch with the Source of all power" (*Testimonies*, vol. 6, p. 27).

"The Lord has marked every phase of missionary zeal that has been shown by His people in behalf of foreign fields. He designs that in every home, in every church, and at all the centers of the work, a spirit of liberality shall be shown in sending help to foreign fields, where the workers are struggling against great odds to give the light to those who sit in darkness. That which is given to start the work in one field will result in strengthening the work in other places.

"God has made men His stewards. The property which He has placed in their hands is the means that He has provided for the spread of the gospel. To those who prove themselves faithful stewards He will commit greater trusts. Saith the Lord, 'Them that honor Me I will honor'" (*Counsels on Sabbath School Work*, p. 136).

More than 6,000 baptized in Mindanao

GENERAL SANTOS CITY, Philippines—From the start of our partnership in this area of evangelism, we've been doing the best we can. During the first three quarters of 2011, 6,536 people have been baptized in Southern Mindanao Mission. Just recently, Pastor Abner Roque and his wife, Eleanor, both retired North Philippine Union Conference workers, concluded evangelistic meetings in Kidapawan City with 357 baptisms and more to follow.

As of this writing, evangelistic meetings are underway in Mlang, Lebak and Makilala. Many decisions for Christ are expected. It seems that soul-winning activities in Southern Mindanao Mission come closer together than ever before. Is this the sign we are waiting for? When everyone hears the good news, then Christ will come. We say, "Amen!"

Roger O. Caderma, president, Southern Mindanao Mission

Report from Nepal

by Kapil Baniya

TREASURER, NEPAL FIELD
OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Five new fellowships have been planted in the Nepal Field, thanks to our five recently appointed lay workers.

On December 17, 2011, 12 new members were baptized, nine from Lubhu and three from Thankot. This brings the total number of baptized members at Lubhu to 18 and at Thankot to 36.

In addition to our regular work, my wife, Rajani and I are overseeing three

growing congregations: Thankot and Lubhu in central Nepal, and Dhading near Kathmandu. An urgent need in these fellowships is to open child literacy centers.

During the Christmas season, evangelistic meetings with carol singing were conducted in 20 different places.

Most of the Gospel Outreach and other lay workers celebrated the birth of Jesus by sharing the Good News with many people.

Evangelism funds provided through Saxton



The Nepal Field reports 826 baptisms for 2011.

Ministries have made it possible to provide facilities and supply Bibles and literature.

So far, 128 new baptisms have been reported from these Christmas-season evangelistic meetings. At least 100 more

baptisms are expected, and people in 10 new villages are rejoicing in the Advent message.

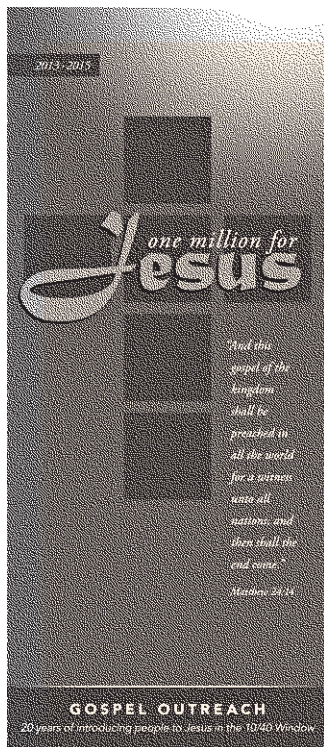
We praise the Lord and thank each one who has contributed to bringing the Gospel to the people of Nepal. ☺

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Jesus has told us that the gospel would first go to all the world, and then He would come. So, what can we do to finish the work?

Gospel Outreach was founded 20 years ago with the mission of "Introducing people to Jesus in the 10/40 Window." Throughout its history, the all-volunteer staff of Gospel Outreach has worked closely with the Seventh-day Adventist Church, raising funds to support local evangelists/Bible workers, who are hired and trained by Adventist mission offices. Each worker can be funded for an average of \$150 per month.

More than 600,000 people have been baptized as a result of this work. Praise the Lord, but the



Ask for the ONE MILLION FOR JESUS brochure.

time has come to think bigger and dream bigger and to throw the fleece before God in faith.

Followers of Jesus are on a God-ordained search-and-rescue mission. Millions upon millions of people are

seeking meaning and hope. We must help them.

So we have asked our regional directors to assess their areas of responsibility and tell us the needs.

Out of this process, we are excited to bring you ONE MILLION FOR JESUS. This is a three-year, \$7.5 million compilation of urgent requests received by Gospel Outreach directly from the frontlines of Seventh-day Adventist mission fields. Most of the proposals in this plan have been voted and passed by their respective conferences and divisions within the Seventh-day Adventist Church. They simply await funding.

As funding comes in, we are moving forward immediately. There's no time to lose. We anticipate that this plan will result in the addition of more than 1 million new church members across the 10/40 Window in three years at a cost of about \$6 per new member.

In the months to come, we will describe this plan in greater detail.

"Go ye" isn't a suggestion or an invitation from the Lord to be taken or left at will; it's an imperative wrapped in the promise of partnership and guaranteed fulfillment. As our church moves forward in unity, prepared to step into the Red Sea by faith, the waters will part, and we will march forward, at last, into the Promised Land.

It is God's will and Jesus' Great Commission that we all participate in telling the gospel story.

"As the will of man cooperates with the will of God, it becomes omnipotent. Whatever is to be done at His command may be accomplished in His strength. All His biddings are enablings" (*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 333).

Let's move forward with boldness and determination as we partner with God. May He use ONE MILLION FOR JESUS as a spark to light the fire that finishes the work and brings us to the day of Jesus' glorious return. ☺

FROM THE MAIL BOX

Because of our press deadlines there often is a delay of two or three months in publishing your letters and memorials.

I praise the Lord for your ministry. I am happy to be able to share a little offering to help. May God continue to bless your ministry with many souls for His Kingdom.
MH, Washington

I just found this money order while sorting out my bills. Praise the Lord for answered prayers. Use where needed most. God bless your mission.
CW, Maryland

I don't promise an amount to give, but if the Lord gives more blessings, then I will share.
FC, Hawaii

Keeping our eyes on Jesus is our only safety. We know His Word is our security in these last days. Thank you Gospel Outreach volunteers for helping to hasten Christ's return.
JE, Pennsylvania

It was nice to meet several of you at the Adventist-laymen's Services & Industries convention. May God bless you in the saving of souls for His kingdom.
SS, Colorado

May God bless all in this great work you are doing for Him. I know that it is hard work. Thanks to all.
FS, North Carolina

God bless you as you spread the gospel in remote areas.
VP, California

God bless abundantly! Thank you for your phone call and prayers. The call was especially precious.
WW, Alabama

Our prayers are with the Bible workers in the 10/40 Window. May God multiply their efforts, and may the people they meet be convicted of their need of Jesus and be excited by the prospect of eternal life with Him.
KW, Washington

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IN THE 10/40 WINDOW

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