



## JESUS ON PROPHECY

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*J*esus on Prophecy begins in only a few short weeks. More than a year of preparation and planning at the conference and local church levels has brought us to this point in time. How exciting that, once again our churches across Michigan are uniting in the proclamation of the Three Angels’ Messages!

Occasionally, some people ask, “What is the point of evangelism?” The answer to this question is in our prophetic identity. In Revelation 10, the Bible describes the prophetic rise of the Seventh-day Adventist movement birthed through the Great Disappointment. Even though there was disappointment, we are told in verse 11 that: “You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings.” This is an incredible verse, because it is speaking about the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church today! Our message is the Bible, Christ

crucified and resurrected, righteousness by faith, and the Three Angels’ Messages. Our identity is God’s end time remnant church, and we have a “God commissioned mission” to carry the good news of the everlasting gospel and Christ’s second coming to the world. What a purpose, privilege, and opportunity we have as a people!

With this in mind, each of our lives have eternal, important significance. Every time we share our faith through health ministry, our personal testimony, pass out a piece of literature, give a Bible study, or hold an evangelistic meeting, we are fulfilling Bible prophecy! The prophecy of Revelation 14 becomes fulfilled in our very lives as the gospel is shared around the world and across the street. When we unite our efforts on a scale such as *Jesus on Prophecy*, our individual efforts are multiplied to become

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JIM MICHEFF

## AN EXTENSION OF YOUR HANDS AND FEET

Several years ago, my parents asked me to take them to the airport as they were flying to visit my sisters in Tennessee. They would be leaving at 8:30 AM on a Sunday, so that meant I'd have to wake up early enough to have worship, get ready, and then drive an hour to their house. I figured if I left at 6:00 AM, I would have plenty of time.

During my devotions that morning, I prayed, "Lord, use my hands and feet as an extension of Your hands and feet." Before I had even finished my prayer, I felt a very strong impression that I should leave the house immediately. At first, I dismissed the thought, thinking I'm not finished praying and, besides, it's not even 6:00 AM yet. I tried to continue praying, but I received an overwhelming impression that prayer time is over, it's time to go! I couldn't explain the sense of urgency I was feeling.

But was this the Lord speaking to me or just an abstract thought? "Lord," I prayed, "is that you speaking? Should I really leave now? I haven't even opened up Your Word yet." Then the thought crossed my mind, you asked to be an extension of My hands and feet today, and I want you to leave right now.

"Yes Lord," I responded. "I do want to follow Your leading today."

I quickly changed my clothes and raced out to my van. I hadn't realized it, but it was extremely foggy that morning. This must be why the Lord wants me to leave so early, I thought as I pulled out

of the driveway. It was still dark, and the dense fog made it difficult to see. I slowly made my way through the sleepy town of Palo and turned in the direction of my parents' house. About a mile later, just as I approached a bridge, I noticed something moving by the side of the road. It appeared to be a person struggling to climb the hill from the stream below. The unsteady and clumsy movement made me wonder if the person was intoxicated.

I'm glad I'm safe inside my van, I thought as I prepared to slowly cross the bridge. As I got closer, I could make out the form of what appeared to be a very large man. He was just about to reach the edge of the bridge as I passed by. Immediately, I was impressed to stop.

No way, I thought. He could be dangerous, and I really need to get my parents to the airport.

Then I remembered my prayer only minutes earlier. I slowed down and looked into my rearview mirror. The man had raised his hand in my direction, and then I saw him collapse, his body leaning over the steel railing of the bridge. I stopped but wasn't sure what to do. There was a battle going on in my mind. Should I go back or keep going?

Instantly I felt a strong impression I should help him. Finally, I said, "Okay, Lord, I'm going back. . . please protect me!"

I backed my van up and slowly lowered the window, but I was not prepared for the shocking scene I saw next. Leaning over the guardrail was a man . . . covered

*"I was not prepared for the shocking scene I saw next. Leaning over the guardrail was a man...covered in blood."*

in blood! Immediately, I cried out to God, "Please Lord, tell me what to do! Please help him!"

My first thought was to call 911 for help, but one glance at my phone told me there was no cellular service. I grabbed a blanket from the back seat and ran toward the injured man. My former first aid training reminded me that a person who loses too much blood can go into shock, so I knew I had to act quickly. I draped the blanket around him. He was so large that the top of my head only came up to his arm pit. As I climbed over the railing, he wrapped his arm around me to keep from falling. His white long-sleeve shirt was now crimson, and blood dripped from his face.

"Lord I can't get him over the railing and he's unable to walk around it. Please send help!" Almost instantly, I saw a car approach, slow down, and then stop. A man jumped out of the vehicle and yelled, "Can I help?"

"Yes! I need to get him into my van," I frantically answered. Just as the good Samaritan reached out to help, he suddenly realized there was blood dripping down the man's face and immediately jumped back as if he had just run into an electric fence!

"Oh, no, no, no! I'm not touching him!"

"But please, sir! I need help getting him over this railing!" I pleaded.

He was adamant. "I'm not touching him."

"Well, could you at least move my van

over as close to us as possible?” I begged. He agreed, moved the van close to the railing, and took off.

I then said to the injured man, “Big guy, we have to get you into my van. Can you lift one leg up and over the railing?”

“I’ll try,” he responded. He shifted his weight on me in his attempt to raise his leg. He was so heavy, I felt like a stake that was being driven into the ground. With his leg draped over the railing, I could now see that his foot was obviously badly broken.

“Can you get the other leg up if you sit on the railing?” I asked.

“I don’t know. I’ll try” he said. Mustering every ounce of strength within him, he groaned in pain as he placed all his weight on me. I thought my back would break. “Please help me, Lord!” I prayed.

I felt a powerful surge of strength as I pushed him up and over the railing, and then as gently as I could, helped him into the back seat of the van.

On our way to the Carson City Hospital, a thought crossed my mind, causing me a moment of panic. I remembered seeing the wreckage of his car in the middle of the stream. Was he driving alone or was someone else with him? I looked in the rearview mirror and asked him a few questions to determine if he had anyone else with him in the vehicle. He struggled to even open his eyes and wasn’t able to remember any details of the accident.

When we arrived at the emergency room, I stopped in front of the door and raced inside. “Please come quick! I need help!” Two nurses appeared from another room.

“You are going to need more man power,” I blurted out, struggling to stay calm. “I found a man along the road. He was in an accident and is hurt pretty bad.”

The charge nurse dashed out to the van,

assessed the situation, and then returned with more help. Working together, they managed to lift him up and out of the van as another nurse positioned the gurney under him. In just a few seconds they had accomplished what I thought they could never do. They were already cutting his shirt and pant legs off when they disappeared behind closed doors.

A receptionist connected me with the police station, and as I relayed the story, I asked if they could please send someone to go and check the car for any other passengers. I left my contact information and then hurried to my parents’ house, so I could take them to the airport, hoping I wouldn’t be too late.

On the way home from the airport, I was impressed to call the hospital to check on the man’s condition. I was told that he had been airlifted to Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids and was in critical condition. I was surprised when the nurse told me that although he was big in stature, he was actually still a teenager! Immediately, I was impressed that I needed to go to Grand Rapids the next day to visit him. As I hesitated, I remembered my prayer that morning, Lord, I want to be an extension of Your hands and feet.

The next day, I arrived at the hospital and asked the woman at the front desk if she could help me find someone. I told her the story of what had happened the day before, that I was a pastor, and I’d like to visit the young man. After making a phone call, she wrote down the room number and said, “His name is Christopher.”

As I walked through the door, I saw that his room was full of family members. “Are you the doctor?” someone asked.

“No, I’m the one who found him and brought him to the hospital.” Immediately, they made room for me to come to the head of the bed. “The Lord has a plan for this young man,” I told them.

## PRAYER FOCUS

Every Monday morning, the Michigan Conference staff meets for worship and prayer. Here is the list for September. Please join with us as we pray for these churches and ministries.

### SEPTEMBER 2-6

Ann Arbor Korean  
Pastor Hyunho Suh  
Ann Arbor Adventist Elementary  
Ann Arbor Community Service  
Adventist Community Retreat

### SEPTEMBER 9-13

L’Anse Company/Marquette  
Pastor Tony Ludwig  
Marquette Elementary  
Senior Camp/Pathfinder Leadership

### SEPTEMBER 16-20

Carp Lake/Cheboygan/ Petoskey  
Pastor Cody Francis  
Carp Lake Community Services  
Petoskey Community Services  
Family First Retreat

### SEPTEMBER 23-27

Grand Rapids Northwest Spanish/  
Holland Spanish/Pullman Spanish  
Pastor Jorge Mata  
Grand Rapids Adventist Academy/  
Holland Adventist Academy  
Grand Rapids Center Community  
Service  
Seminary Retreat

### SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 4

Grand Haven/Wright  
Pastor Malcom Douglas  
Ruth Murdoch Elementary  
Grand Haven Community Service  
Northwoods Romance Marriage  
Retreat

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exponential potential! We look forward to seeing Jesus transform hearts and lives knowing that many more who have heard our message will come to Christ as time draws to a close. Not only does it fulfill prophecy, but it brings joy to God when one heart is transformed by His infinite grace. (Luke 15).

At the time of this article, more than 250,000 people have viewed our advertisements online, and it is expected that many more will before September 23. In just the last two months, I have personally had three divine appointments with people who are interested in the Bible and prophecy. They are spiritual people that God is preparing to know the truth. I believe there are countless people where you live who are open to God's message of truth and love. He will give you the opportunity to meet and reach out to them as you pray for His divine intervention!

In the final weeks before *Jesus on Prophecy*, several key elements remain to make your meetings more successful. To begin with, prayer for the Holy Spirit's power and unity are crucial leading up to the series, during and after. We cannot move or convert hearts on our own, and our messages will be Christ-less and life-less without Him. A prayer chain 2-3 days before the series and throughout the series will connect your site to heaven. You will see a difference as God works miracles for you. Prayer should be made every day for the people attending the meetings. Another way to prepare our hearts beforehand is to have a special communion

service. This will give an opportunity to purify our hearts before Him as we seek His blessing.

As you prepare to invite people to the meetings, refer to the 7-Point Invitation plan. It is a dynamic, personal invitation strategy that is very effective for inviting people to *Jesus on Prophecy*. If your church has not taken advantage of this, it is not too late. Both the card and instruction video are on the *Jesus on Prophecy* website login area under: "Resources."

Make the first three Sabbath services of September (7, 14, and 21) a special *Jesus on Prophecy* focus. Spend a portion of time during Sabbath School encouraging members to invite others and to have special prayer for the series. During your church service, allow a select few people each week to share testimonies about invitations they have extended and answers to prayer. They have had some of the team leaders share their plans for their departments and make calls for help if needed. Preach mission-oriented sermons and have a special prayer focus each week. In the afternoon, plan organized outreaches specific to your community to invite people to the meetings. Have mission challenges during prayer meeting and Sabbath School to encourage members to invite people they know and be praying for divine appointments!

During the series, it is important to stay connected with visitors. As they come close to Jesus through the truths they hear, their hearts will begin to be moved by the Holy Spirit. They will also be

attacked by the enemy in an attempt to turn them back from following Christ. It is essential that we draw close to them personally during this time. We need to be their friend and encourage them to move forward with Jesus. Other things can also be done such as mailing a weekly letter to every interest, visiting with them at the meeting and in their homes, and being sure that we attend the meetings regularly ourselves.

A mistake that many make is to assume that once the main series has finished, everything is over, and the visitors will just fall into line with the normal church schedule. However, nothing could be further from the truth in fact, the most critical work is only beginning! The Phase 2 meetings are in many ways more crucial than the main series.

"Our efforts are not to cease because public meetings have been discontinued... So long as there are interested ones, we must give them opportunity to learn the truth. They must now be surrounded by the influences most favorable to spiritual growth... Much depends upon the work done by the members of the church in connection with and following the tent meetings that shall be held in our cities." (*Review and Herald*, March 2, 1905 & February 7, 1907)

It is essential to continue interest through the Phase 2 meetings 1-2 times per week as well as personal Bible studies for those who finish the meetings. As members, let's also commit to attending the Phase 2 meetings so that we can develop friendships and relationships with those who have been baptized or are still interested. We also need to follow up with any individuals who did not finish the meetings, as well as pre-registrations that did not attend. Many of these may be interested, but life circumstances kept them from coming. If you circle back to them and invite them to do Bible studies, many will say yes! Of course, discipleship of new members is essential! Utilize the *Discipleship Handbook* by mentoring and discipling new members.

God is longing to pour out His Spirit on our efforts! We need only be on our knees praying and surrendered in our hearts. There are countless souls in your community that need to hear the Word of God, and He will lead them to your site as you personally labor for them. May God bless you, and may your efforts be rich with harvest as you proclaim God's message through *Jesus on Prophecy!*

Wes Peppers, Evangelism Coordinator

**(AN EXTENTION)**

His family listened intently as I shared the whole story - including my prayer that morning asking God to use me as an extension of His hands and feet.

They told me Christopher had gone through two surgeries and was still sleeping from the anesthesia. Before leaving, I asked if I could have prayer with them. We all circled around the bed and entrusted Christopher's life into God's hands. I then prayed for the salvation of each family member. Before leaving, I gave them the book *Steps to Christ*.

As I left the room, I marveled at God's perfect timing and His perfect plan. If I had not been willing for God to use me and be obedient to His voice, that young man might have died. I shuddered at the thought, and prayed, "Thank You, Lord, for allowing me to work with You. Please keep me so close to You that I will always recognize Your voice and be obedient."

This week as you go about your activities remember that everyday God invites us to join Him in ministering to others. Perhaps your experience will not be as dramatic as mine was on that particular day, but what a positive difference you can make in someone's life when you ask God if you can be an extension of His hands and His feet.



## LIVING SANCTUARY

One church member felt strongly impressed to present the sanctuary theme for Vacation Bible School (VBS). She enlisted her family, and together, they led out in the VBS program, which occurred July 8-12, Monday – Friday, from 5:00 - 8:00 PM. The elaborate planning included two of her children and a family friend, posing as time travelers, which carried us back to the ancient wilderness tabernacle erected by the Hebrews, to the Passover, and to the meaning of the sanctuary.

Much prayer preparation was also integral to the success of the program. All of the team members felt a conviction to study the sanctuary more in depth in order to be fit vessels for God in sharing this grand theme with the children who attended.

When our VBS leader was asked what inspired her to present the sanctuary theme, she indicated that it all started with family worship, which then spilled over to Sabbath School. She observed that the children reacted favorably, readily absorbing the information, and was encouraged to proceed. However, when the idea was initially mentioned to some

of the church leadership, questions and concerns surfaced as to how this deep topic could be successfully done with young children. With the aid of the Holy Spirit, she made clear how the program she envisioned would unfold. The church board readily supported her idea. She further stated that she felt strongly that the Lord was able to help the children understand that Jesus is represented throughout the sanctuary and that it is indeed a Living Sanctuary!

The Holy Spirit brought the team members together and inspired them with practical ideas on how to make the sanctuary theme come alive for the children, from a record of daily inserts in 'Moses' book' of the instructions given and pattern God showed him on Mt. Sinai, authentic priestly garments, to unleavened bread for the Table of Shewbread, to the essential oil for the Altar of Incense, and much more.

Prior to the opening program each evening, a family meal was provided. This encouraged an informal opportunity to get acquainted.

We were blessed with 37 children, ranging in age from 2-13. The children

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were divided into selected tribes of Israel by age group. For the most part, the children stayed with their tribe throughout the program. A child was selected by their tribe elder to carry their respective banner for each day.

The children also earned wisdom coins or tickets for recitation of memory verses or answering questions about what they were learning. The coins and tickets were redeemable for assorted items in the VBS store.

Various stations that the children participated in included: Overview opening and review closing sessions, the tabernacle, Bible story, health, nature, crafts, and outdoor activities. A pastor's class was also provided for the adults who were available.

The children experienced a multi-sensory approach to the study of the sanctuary from the moment they entered.

This included tactile stimulation by spontaneous manipulation of a desert display with sand and desert animals (i.e., snakes and lizards), assembly of the tabernacle and its furniture, to demonstration experiments that illustrated various sanctuary concepts, various multi-media presentations, and hands-on activities, as appropriate.

The focal point of the program for the children, was experiencing the life-sized replica of the tabernacle, its services, the significance of each item to the plan of salvation, and how it applies to them today. It was impressed upon the children that the journey through the sanctuary begins and ends with Jesus, and that everything in the sanctuary pointed to Jesus. Through Him, they can experience salvation, baptism, and transformation of character from the inside out.

The Bible story station began with Exodus 24:4, "And Moses wrote all the

words of the Lord..." For the younger children, active participation in songs like "Shall We Go For a Walk Today?" adapted for gathering manna, "Jesus Loves Me" for the outer court, "The B-I-B-L-E" for the Holy Place, and "I'll Meet You in Heaven" for the Most Holy Place were used to help emphasize aspects of the Sanctuary. For the older children, the importance of following



God's instructions, giving willingly to help support the Lord's work, how Jesus is represented in the various pieces of furniture in the sanctuary, visualizing the shadow of the cross in the entire sanctuary, and reviewing the 10 commandments and their meanings were emphasized.

The health station emphasized lifestyle as revealed in the wilderness sanctuary experience and the practical application for the children today. The importance of accepting the gifts that God so freely gives us through His eight natural laws was presented.

At the nature station, experiments were done that showed God's love for the children, and what He's doing to save them.

The craft station centered around having the children make replicas of the various items associated with the sanctuary for their miniature models, with conversations about their meaning.

One outdoor activity that served to make the wilderness sanctuary experience real to the children was their participation in an extended walk to simulate how the Israelites felt as they wandered through the desert. The children expressed their feelings about how they envisioned this affected the Israelites.

The children conducted most of the VBS closing exercises, which included recitation of various memory verses they learned over the course of the week. They also sang and signed the theme song.

To conclude the VBS program, Pastor Jorge Diaz presented the interesting perspective of the sanctuary message in reverse, that gave the picture of Jesus leaving the heavenly sanctuary and coming to earth to carry out His ministry. In addition, the Godhead in the sanctuary was pictured as Jesus in the outer court, the Holy Spirit in the Holy Place, and God the Father in the

Most Holy Place, all interactive as One in the plan of salvation. Scripture clearly depicts His purpose of establishing an earthly sanctuary was so that He would dwell among His people permanently. So, what's our privilege in these last days of earth's history? As a result of God's goodness, let us go forth and be living sanctuaries!

Parents commented on how much they were learning right along side their children. One parent mentioned how remarkable it was for God to communicate His will to the children of Israel through the high priest by the use of the urim and thummim.

One child's thoughtful response was, "I learned how much Jesus loves me."

In conclusion we learned that, "Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary." (Psalm 77:13 KJV)

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Elvy P. Rolle, Chikaming SDA Church



Enrollment in our Adventist schools are a challenge for many families, simply because of the cost. One way church members can help is by supporting the Christian Education Scholarship Endowment. Last year, over 80 students from 25 different schools received assistance so they could obtain an Adventist education. For more information on how you may contribute, please visit the following link—<http://bit.ly/MIEndowment>.

## TRANSITIONS

### OFFICE

**Brianna Kittleson** is the new secretary for the women's ministries department.

### PASTORAL

**David Austin**, previously the pastor for the Centreville and Kalamazoo Countryside churches, is now pastoring the Manistique, McMillan Northwoods, and Sault Ste Marie churches.

**Steven Conway** will no longer pastor the Cherry Hill church but will continue to pastor the Detroit Northwest church. He will be serving and assisting with an outreach initiative in coordination with CAMPUS in the greater Detroit area.

**Cory Herthel**, previously the Warren church pastor, will pastor the Grand Rapids Central and Lowell churches. He will also serve as the new district superintendent.

**Tony Messer**, previously the pastor of the New Haven and Port Huron churches, will pastor the First Flint and Clio churches.

**Terry Nelson**, who pastors the Edenville and Clare churches, in addition to serving as district superintendent, will be transitioning to serve as conference evangelist.

**Alex Niculaescu**, previously the Berrien Springs Spanish assistant pastor, will pastor the Edwardsburg and Glenwood churches.

**Luke Penrod**, previously the assistant pastor for the Metropolitan and Farmington churches, will pastor the Cherry Hill and Farmington churches.

**Ted Struntz** is transitioning to a new role within the conference to help with special projects.

### TEACHERS

**Joshua Ahn** is joining the Greater Lansing Adventist School as the new teacher for grades 9-10.

**Tami Draves** is transferring from Mt. Pleasant to the Troy Adventist Academy where she will be teaching grades K-5.

**Andrew Easley** is the new principal for the Village Adventist Elementary School.

**John Elenich** is joining the Metropolitan Junior Academy as the new teacher for grades 9-10.

**Shondalyn Essig** is the new K-8 principal/teacher for Tri-City School.

**Sharon Farias** is joining Grand Rapids Adventist Academy as the new science/math teacher.

**Lynette Gardner** is the new principal/teacher for the Cedar Lake Elementary school.

**Karen Gotshall** is transferring from Ruth Murdoch Elementary to Holland Adventist

Academy where she will be teaching grades 6-8.

**Sean Kellogg** is joining Battle Creek Academy where she will be teaching grades K-1.

**Ellen Kim** is joining Grand Rapids Adventist Academy where she will be teaching grades 5-6.

**April Moravetz** is the principal/teacher for Kalamazoo Junior Academy where she will be teaching grades 3-8.

**Judy Ramos** is joining Greater Lansing Adventist School where she will be teaching grades 6-8.

**Lori Randall** is joining Gobles Junior Academy where she will be teaching grades 5-8.

**Sophia Soler** is joining Cedar Lake Elementary school where she will be teaching grades 5-8.

**Tequita Tameifuna** is the new principal for Battle Creek Academy.

**Carli Towner** is the new K-8 principal/teacher for Mt. Pleasant Elementary.

**Melinda Widdicome** is joining Greater Lansing Adventist School where she will be teaching grades 3-5.

## MONTHLY CALENDAR

### September

- 2 Office Closed - Labor Day
- 6-8 Adventurer Family Camp -  
Camp Au Sable
- 6-8 Adventist Community Service  
Retreat - Camp Au Sable
- 7 Men of Faith - Great Lakes  
Adventist Academy
- 8-11 The Golden Years Retreat -  
Camp Au Sable
- 13-15 Pathfinder Leadership -  
Camp Au Sable
- 20-22 Family First - Camp Au Sable
- 22-24 LE Retreat - Camp Au Sable
- 23 *Jesus on Prophecy* begins
- 24 MI Executive Committee
- 25 Camp Meeting Directors
- 26 Ausmin - Camp Au Sable

### October

- 4-6 Marriage Retreat - Camp Sagola
- 6-9 LIFT - Camp Au Sable
- 11-13 Mother/Daughter Retreat -  
Camp Au Sable
- 13-17 Camp Work Week
- 23 Camp Meeting Directors
- 24 MI K-12 Board of Education
- 26 LTL Squared
- 29 MI Executive Committee

## FIELDWORK

Jane Elias, member of the Warren Church

On July 28, 2019 over 100 volunteers from all over Michigan took part in the \$100 challenge to help Detroit homeowners with various improvement projects. This challenge was part of a weekend long event hosted by Fieldwork, an initiative of the Youth Department of Michigan Conference, seeking to meet the needs of the local community. The event kicked off with a special worship at the Metropolitan Church.

The worship program included youth/young adult led seminars and workshops to help youth build a closer relationship with God, reflect the love of Jesus to their communities and help empower them with different tools to share the three angel's messages with others. The keynote speaker, Pastor Chad Bernard, shared a powerful message entitled "Who are you again?" based on John 15:4, 5, which presented a picture of how abiding in Jesus changes us and helps us to serve our communities through Christ's method alone. Sabbath worship ended with a powerful testimony by a young adult who faced challenges in life and shared the redemptive power of Christ.

On Sunday, volunteers covered eleven home projects in the metropolitan

Detroit area. They worked tirelessly and completed all the projects. Some projects included: building a fence, restoring broken windows, fixing a leaky sink, putting up drywall, painting various room and electrical repairs. At the end of the day, volunteers met back at the Metropolitan Church, ate pizza and shared their experiences from the day.



Despite the long hours spent outside and many exhausted volunteers, they were excited to see the outcome of this ministry and are looking forward to having another event like this again. Homeowners were blessed and

appreciated all their hard work. Many Bible study interests were collected and connections made. This event gives participants an opportunity to reach people in the community and have a better understanding of God's love. Let us remember Christ's method alone will give us true success in reaching people. "The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and their confidence. Then He bade them, Follow Me" (*Message to the Cities*, p. 59).