

### BLUE ANGEL PARKWAY CHURCH

The volunteers from the Blue Angel Parkway church in Pensacola, FL, were flying high after they returned from doing outreach in a nearby subdivision. In about one hour, the seven volunteers distributed 34 *You Turn* books and 100 GLOW tracts, and generated 17 contacts for follow up. All they did was introduce themselves, give away a book and ask if they could return in a week or so to see how they enjoyed the book. Christopher Carmen, head elder, found that when he invited the neighbors to the church's weekly supper club, the response was even more positive. All this was preceded with prayer and training. Watch this video, "Reaching Your Neighbor is as Easy as 1 2 3," to see if your church can implement this simple method of building friendships in the communities surrounding your church: <https://youtube/k7HkHBLSGcY>



### GLOW TRACT MINISTRY



Ashley decided to take some GLOW tracts with her to a "Day of Prayer" meeting in her town where pastors from various churches were going to meet. She arrived late, went to the registration table, and felt convicted to place a stack of GLOW tracts on the table but thought, "They won't get them that way because they have registered already at this table." The conviction was strong though, so she left a stack of tracts there. After the meetings were finished, a man went on stage and announced that many of the pastors had not signed in yet, and they needed to stop by the registration table on their way out. Soon a flood of pastors came back to the table where her GLOW tracts were. The tracts were picked up very quickly. One ended up in the hands of the Merced County jail chaplain. He read the tract, then called in saying how much he liked the material and wanted to order more literature for all 900 of his men in jail. Since then, he has called several times and ordered thousands more pieces of literature.



### 900 MEN IN JAIL BLESSED BY ONE TRACT

### EC3

Southern Union Evangelism Council, now known as EC3, held its annual conference on the campus of Southern Adventist University. The Publishing Ministries Department was present with the **BLAST** booth to inform pastors, evangelists, students and lay people of the resources available to inspire church members with creative ideas for evangelism with literature. Tracts and small sharing books were made available to all.

### NEW PRODUCTS (To order these new items, go to [www.FamilyHomeChristianBooks.com](http://www.FamilyHomeChristianBooks.com))

#### Magabooks:

- Better Way of Life (cookbook)
- Hope and Happiness (color)
- Fighting Disease with Foods (Spanish)
- New Testament Bible Story Adventures (Spanish)

#### Training and Recruiting:

- Silent Messengers (English and Spanish)

#### Messengers of Hope Tract:

- Why Was He So Generous
- Trick or Truth



### WHAT ARE THE STEPS TO TAKE TO BE A PART OF THE BLAST PROGRAM?

Go to [www.BLASTOFHOPE.com](http://www.BLASTOFHOPE.com) to see how different conferences are using various resources to reach millions. Contact your local conference to see which resources and programs are available for your outreach needs. Partner with your local conference on a project to reach the people in your area.

#### PUBLISHING LEADERS IN THE SOUTHERN UNION:

- ◆ Carolina —Lance Morrison, Rubi Pimentel
- ◆ Florida—Les McCoy, Alfredo Gonzalez, Tim Merryman, Anwar Bowes, Fabian Dzul
- ◆ Georgia Cumberland—Tim Leffew, Peter Marzano, Demilson Reis, ReNeita Samuel, Brandon Tygret, Vlasta Hybl
- ◆ Gulf States—David Sigamani
- ◆ Kentucky-Tennessee—Rocky Davis
- ◆ South Atlantic—Carl McRoy
- ◆ South Central—Java Mattison, Karl Moise
- ◆ Southeastern—Theus Young, Erytc Heredia

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## 2017 Annual Conference

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual BLAST Conference** was held in Norcross, Georgia, the weekend of October 20-21. The theme was, "Souls Saved through Seeds Sown." With more than 100 attendees, Elder Kamil Metz, Publishing Director of the



Michigan Conference and International GLOW Tract Coordinator, was the guest speaker for the event. He gave two outstanding presentations on the soul-winning process, and how literature ministry plays an important role.

The participants gave power-packed, encouraging testimonies from throughout the Southern Union territory. Each testimony highlighted how they came into the church through truth-filled literature. On Sabbath afternoon, 18 teams of 4 persons were organized. Each team was given the assignment to **STACK** and **PACK** 200 sets of 5 GLOW Tracts into plastic pouches. Excitement increased as team members learned how to 1) work together as a team, 2) come up with ideas to do more efficient work, and 3) impact thousands through small literature. Coach Larry Dandridge, from Memphis, Tennessee, oversaw and taught valuable lessons from this teamwork event. Attendees had a "BLAST" at the 2017 BLAST Conference.



Kamil Metz GLOW Tracts stacked, ready to be packed.

**Look for information in future issues of the BLAST Newsletter for a BLAST Conference in your area.**

BLAST REPORT 2017 Southern Union Territory	
	2017 TOTAL
Books & Tracts Distributed	5,207,032
Bible Studies	5,995
Prayers Offered	148,523
Baptisms (resulting from LE contacts)	136

## DAWSONVILLE CHESTATEE CHURCH

Twenty eager church members met after fellowship dinner for a brief training. The young people placed church address labels on the back of *You Turn* books, and on the special *Signs of the Time* issue, "The Protestant Reformation." After prayer, teams of two or more went into the local community to share books, magazines and GLOW tracts. They also invited the neighbors to the Matt and Josie Minikus concert scheduled that evening at the church. The neighbors took a brief health survey, compliments of *It Is Written* and *SALT* (Soul-Winning and Leadership Training). A large percentage of the participants were youth, and their enthusiasm about doing God's work was contagious. Several young people expressed an interest in participating in the Summer Magabook Program to raise money to go to GYC (Generation of Youth for Christ) at the end of the year.



Church members affix labels on back of *You Turn*

## NEW LIFE CHURCH, HUNTSVILLE, AL

The New Life Church, with Pastor Michael Ross, recently hosted a Sabbath Morning Evangelism Clinic with 5 speakers making Soul-Winning presentations. As a part of the line-up, Publishing Ministry/BLAST was given by William Smith as a tool for especially engaging youth in evangelism. Members participated in a Stack, Pack, and Impact GLOW Tract exercise, and young and older worked together to distribute the Best News on the Planet!

## FLORIDA LE TRAINING RALLY

The Florida Conference Central/North LE District Rally took place at the Florida Conference office in Altamonte Springs. Elder Tim Merryman, District Leader, Central/North Florida, led out during a day full of inspiration, training, and testimonies from Literature Evangelists (LEs). The LEs also reviewed: 1) the Basics of Christian Salesmanship presented by Elder Alfredo Gonzalez, District Leader, South Florida, 2) ways to present the SAFELIZ books, presented by Joel Rodriguez, LE, and 3) Sunday Canvassing techniques presented by Fermin Mendoza, LE. Florida Conference Publishing Director, Les McCoy, encouraged the army of workers to go forward sharing the good news of Jesus.



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## SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP TRACT PROJECT

Twenty-eight elementary and middle schools, and academies in the Southern Union are currently participating in an exciting tract outreach project. The project, promoted by the Southern Union Education Department, in cooperation with the local Conference Education Superintendents, is designed to further develop team building skills, and a heart for service. Each participating school will receive a one-time scholarship donation to the school's Worthy Student Fund.

*"The University School in Knoxville, TN, had a wonderful time engaging students in an exciting community outreach through Tract ministry. Led by Ms. Jamie Mitchell, principal, the entire student body, faculty, church members and friends participated in the outreach. The students experienced Matthew 28:19 firsthand as they knocked on doors and talked to neighbors about Jesus. This is a ministry that the school will continue as a service project. The University students and staff look forward to going back out in the community in the near future."*

Jamie Mitchell, Principal

Pray that the students will develop a growing thirst for evangelism, and that the thousands they meet will be prepared to meet Jesus in peace when He comes again soon.



University students  
STACK and PACK pouches

## We regret to announce the passing of Elder Larry Barnes on February 13, 2018



Elder Larry Barnes believed in the publishing work. He served as a literature evangelist, Associate Publishing Director, and has held various leadership positions in the local church. He and the members of the Pell City church were often seen distributing literature at the Talladega Race Track and other major sporting events. Larry attended each **BLAST** Conference (2015-2017). He shared his personal testimony at the 2017 **BLAST** Conference. Click on the following link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1b-pPXmr6jQmOyM998JNe5QmOKSxyvtUL/view?ts=5a726abd>.

Larry was an integral part of his church family, and will be greatly missed in the church, community and by his relatives and friends. A memorial service was held at the Pell City SDA Church in Pell City, AL.

## HOME HEALTH EDUCATION SERVICE (HES) Year-End Convention



Nosoca Pines Ranch in Liberty Hill, SC, was the setting for the annual HES Year-End Convention. More than 120 full-time Literature Evangelists (LEs) and their family members gathered. These LEs from Carolina, Georgia-Cumberland, Gulf States and Kentucky-Tennessee Conferences met for four days to celebrate the success the Lord gave them during the year in baptisms, sales, number of books, tracts, CDs and DVDs distributed, and Divine appointments. There was time to relax and fellowship, receive expert training, as well as inspiration from the music and the spoken word. The keynote speaker was Pastor Joe O'Brian from Three Angels Broadcasting Network. Pastor O'Brian shared prophetic insights from the Bible, Spirit of Prophecy and current events which pointed his hearers to Jesus and His soon return. The LEs were reminded of the

work to be done in their own lives and in the lives of the people they labor for. What we do, we must do quickly! Elder Dwight Hall, President of Remnant Publications, was present to share words of encouragement, and introduce some of the latest publications. The LEs and publishing leaders left the mountaintop experience to enter the furrows of life to plant guaranteed seeds with the eye of faith, that soon, there will be a great harvest of souls, "most of whom will be able to trace their first convictions to the reading of our publications." CM 151

## 2018 Pastor's Conference

Where can you go to meet more than 1,000 Seventh-day Adventist pastors in one location? The Quinquennial Southern Union Pastor's Conference was held in Orlando, FL. This huge event hosted nightly crowds of approximately 2,200 people including pastors, their spouses and children, guest speakers, and Conference and Union staff. Publishing leaders and literature evangelists from Carolina, Georgia-Cumberland, South Atlantic and Southern Union Conferences had booths in the exhibit hall to promote the publishing ministry. The pastors were made aware of the attractive new products and user-friendly approaches to doing literature evangelism through total member involvement. Many of the pastors heard about **BLAST** for the first time and were told how they can use the resources from [www.BlastOfHope.com](http://www.BlastOfHope.com) to help with outreach training in their local churches.

## ABCs EXCEED 2 MILLION PIECES OF LITERATURE

Some church members may look at their local Adventist Book Center (ABC) as just a good source for health food, Sabbath School quarterlies and other materials for personal growth. That they are. However, the ABC is also an excellent resource for equipping the churches for Total Member Involvement. Last year, the ABCs across the Southern Union sold over 2 million pieces of sharing literature! We appreciate the leadership of the ABC managers. Doug Thompson, who manages the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference ABC called, Nourish Christian Marketplace, also serves as representative for all the ABC managers in the Southern Union. Take advantage of this great resource! Purchase materials by visiting your local ABC, or go to [www.adventistbookcenter.com](http://www.adventistbookcenter.com).



Doug Thompson

## "JESUS, YOUR ONLY SOLUTION" TRAINING CARAVAN

The Hispanic Ministries Department of the Southern Union Conference will be conducting an on-the-road evangelistic training throughout many of the cities in its territory. This training will be in preparation for the reaping caravan titled, "Jesus, Your Only Solution," that will take place during the months of August and September, following the same route. Pastor Alejandro Bullon, International Evangelist, will lead this evangelistic training, with the coordination of Pastor Jorge Mayer, Director of Hispanic Ministries for the Southern Union. The cities included in this training are: Tennessee – Nashville; Mississippi – Gulfport; South Carolina – Summerville; North Carolina – Morganton, Fayetteville; and Florida – Lake Worth, Port Saint Lucie, Melbourne, Gainesville, and Pensacola. A total of 3,500 backpacks were prepared. Each contained 2 Bibles; 3 Bible Studies, "Jesus is Everything;" 2 Bible Studies, "Faith of Jesus;" 5 *Steps to Christ* (2 in English and 3 in Spanish); 1 *The Great Controversy*; 1 *Total Member Involvement* Book; 1



Set of 6 CD's, "Ruth," and 4 DVD Bible Studies, "Listen to the Voice of God." At the end of the caravan, 7,000 Bibles, 17,500 Bible studies, 17,500 copies of *Steps to Christ*, 3,500 copies of *The Great Controversy*, 3,500 copies of *Total Member Involvement* and 3,500 sets of CD/DVDs will have been distributed.