

Dear

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Why was the Seventh-day Adventist Church called into existence?

Ellen White says – ‘In a special sense Seventh-day Adventists have been set in the world as watchmen and light bearers. To them has been entrusted the last warning for a perishing world. On them is shining wonderful light from the Word of God. **They have been given a work of the most solemn import--the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages. There is no other work of so great importance. They are to allow nothing else to absorb their attention'**.--9T 19 (1909) (Underscore provided)

In Revelation 14-

Angel 1, with the everlasting gospel to spread to the whole world, made end time specific by the emphasis of the proclamation, shouts-

- fear God and give Him glory
- the hour of His judgement is come
- worship the Creator

Angel 2, proclaims the great city, Babylon, the false system of worship dominating at the end of time, is finished. Why? Because the hour of His judgement is come and she has enticed all nations to participate in her false, anti God, pagan worship.

Angel 3, then strongly warns about the consequence of worshipping the beast and his image and complying with their thinking and behaviour. The consequence is that if we are joining in beast worship we must suffer God's wrath. To avoid this we must ensure we are in no way involved in beast worship.

It's all about worship, obedience and faithfulness in the end time - our time, as foretold by John, just as it was for Daniel in his time. The whole book of Daniel makes this ever so clear. When we know what is happening in the great controversy between God and Satan then we must take sides. If we sit on the fence we are not siding with God, we are joining in beast worship.

Morally, if we knew that a tsunami was going to swamp Tasmania in the near future, with all the good things we could be doing, what should be our number one priority? There would be only one main moral priority – to tell the Taswegians of the catastrophe about to happen and to help them be ready to survive it.

We know that the Jesus tsunami is coming soon. Jesus will bring His rewards – salvation for those who are faithful and a terrible time ending in ultimate eternal death for those who are on the beast's side.

We know about the end game in the great controversy. We need to tell others who don't know. If we open our eyes and ears we see and hear the moral, social, political, religious and geographical groaning of the world at the end of the age as the Bible foretells. We understand that there is very little left unfulfilled of the great time prophecies of the Bible.

So where do our individual and corporate priorities lie? Do our families know what is happening? Do our friends and neighbours? Are our church services filled with 'the no other work of so great importance'? The world is all about us, let's not be distracted.

STL is committed to sharing the Three Angel's warnings, couched in the love and grace of Jesus. It's a tough message from Jesus, but He gives it in love and so must we. **Your donations, book and DVD purchases to and from STL make it possible to bring and film speakers like Mark Woodman, Brian Neumann, and Pastor Alden Ho to Australia to nourish us spiritually and to share broadly the saving message.** When you are able to, we greatly appreciate your prayer and financial support.

STL Brings Brian Neumann to Australia - November 13 to 28

Enclosed with this newsletter are some brochures for you and your friends, advertising Brian Neumann's topics, venues and times in November. His theme, **Crisis Hour**, is a follow up theme to *God's Final Call* public seminar theme. **If you have asked**

to be on the email list for the newsletter the reason why we have snail mailed it to you this time is to supply you with several of Brian Neumann's brochures you can share with your friends. This saves you printing the brochure. The newsletter and Brian Neumann's brochure is also available on the STL web site (www.steps.org.au) so it can be saved and forwarded to a friend if you would like to share it by email. If you wish to hand out extras, please give us a call.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to many requests for a program on music we have included a Thursday evening program in Brisbane. Also, there will not be a Sunday evening program in Melbourne owing to Brian having to return to South Africa.

How is Mark Woodman's Health Progressing?

At the time of preparing this newsletter Mark has returned from having brain surgery removing the cancerous tumors, to the health clinic treating him. The operation was successful in that the tumors were completely removed, bleeding stopped and there has been no apparent loss of brain function. We have spoken to Mark and Retha both are in good spirits, Mark is working as he is able in the vegetable garden at the health centre. His eyesight is nearly fully restored and he is gaining weight. Praise God!

You can get for yourself frequent updates on Mark's progress by visiting (www.edenlifeministries.net) and clicking on the 'Mark' button. Please keep praying for him. There is still more healing that needs to take place. Mark and Retha thank you for your prayer support and ask that you keep praying on their behalf.

STL Welcomes Lynda Maunder to Board of Directors

Lynda has accepted an invitation to become a director with STL. She is a committed member of the Warburton Seventh-day Adventist church and brings with her a strong desire to help STL in spreading the gospel, along with considerable accounting expertise. She joins the director's team of Cheryl Martens, Derek Hughes and Brian Way.



L-R: Derek Hughes, Cheryl Martens,
Lynda Maunder, Brian Way.

Auditors Report for 2008-2009

As a non-profit organization limited by guarantee, STL is required by law to have its financial records audited each year. This has now been completed with the auditor reporting "that all accounting gives a true and fair view of the company's financial positions as at 30th June 2009." The directors of STL wish to thank all of our valued supporters who have made the continuing operation of STL in 2008/09 possible, because without you there wouldn't be a ministry of Steps to Life.

Volunteers Needed

We are wanting to set up a list of volunteers that are willing to be trained to operate the cameras for our filming sessions. If you are able to help in this field and do not have work commitments, could you please contact Cheryl or Brian, 03 59622148 to arrange a training session.

Also, we are seeking volunteers to go door knocking in the Lilydale/Croydon areas with a survey form to find those who are wishing to perhaps come to a cooking demonstration/health lecture or are interested in joining a Bible study group to be held in our studios. The survey form will be a means of finding what the needs of the people are in this area and we would like to start using the studios for the community in outreach. If you would like to lead a Bible study group please let us know.

Direct Deposits in STL Bank Account

Thank you to those that are taking advantage of internet banking to either pay for goods or send a donation. If you are making a payment over the counter at the bank, could you please notify Cheryl, as most times we do not know who the money is from as we do not receive any details. If you are doing internet banking, please always state your name. If you have not received a receipt it would be that we do not know who it is from. For those who would like to donate by direct deposit our account details are:- BSB 063689 A/C 10045713. If you would like to make a regular monthly donation to be taken from your credit card please phone Cheryl and give her the details.

Free DVD of the Month For Those Who Donate

I would encourage folks to avail themselves of the DVD of the month "Is There Life on Other Worlds" by Pr. Doug Batchelor. It's an excellent presentation of the wonderful God we have and His creation of other worlds and the mighty universe.

Suggestions for Future Speakers and Topics

This is your chance to help us identify and select possible speakers and topics to be sponsored by STL over the next couple of years. Please send your suggestions to us.

Wishing you God's richest blessings

On behalf of the STL team.

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