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Unless the Lord builds
the house, those who
build it labor in vain.

Psalm 127:1
Faith on the Line

by Ellen G. White

Many of our people do not realize how firmly the foundation of our faith has been laid. My husband, Elder Joseph Bates, Father Pierce, Elder Edison, and others who were keen, noble, and true, were among those who, after the passing of the time in 1844, searched for the truth as for hidden treasure. I met with them, and we studied and prayed earnestly. Often we remained together until late at night, and sometimes through the entire night, praying for light and studying the Word. Again and again these brethren came together to study the Bible, in order that they might know its meaning, and be prepared to teach it with power. 

Now, as much as this statement might sound logical, it is deceptive. Firstly, just because someone has a quality personal walk with Christ does not automatically mean that they have new or better truths. It merely implies that the truth that they have received has been incarnated and assimilated, unlike other Christians including Adventists who may have accumulated a large amount of truth by knowledge, but who have not necessarily submitted themselves to a life-changing experience as a result of practicing that truth. Each one must serve Him with all his heart, and all his strength. And God requires of those who have much light more than He requires of those who have little; yet it is the one just standard.

To borrow from a writer whose sermons and books I immensely enjoy for his logical and clear explanations of difficult and controversial issues. "Throughout history, there has always been a temptation for our ministers, my mind was locked, as it were, and I could not comprehend the meaning of the scriptures we were studying. This was one of the greatest sorrows of my life. I was in this condition of mind until all the principal points of our faith were made clear to our minds, in harmony with the word of God. The brethren knew that when not in vision, I could not understand these matters, and they accepted as light direct from heaven the revelations given. For two or three years, my mind continued to be locked to an understanding of the Scriptures. In the course of our labors, my husband and I visited Father Andrews, who was suffering intensely with inflammatory rheumatism. We prayed for him. I laid my hands on his head, and said, "Father Andrews, the Lord Jesus make thee whole!" He was healed instantly. He got up, and walked about the room, praising God, and saying, "I never saw it on this wise before. Angels of God are in this room." "The glory of the Lord was revealed. Lights seemed to shine all through the house, and an angel's lamb was laid upon my head. From that time to this I have been able to understand the word of God."

What a mixture it was that would lead men at this stage of our history to work in an underhand, powerful way to tear down the foundation of our faith - the foundation that was laid at the beginning of our work by prayerful study of the word and by revelation! Upon this foundation we have been building for the past fifty years. (Special Testimonies, Series B, No. 2)

During this whole time, I could not understand the reasoning of the brethren to pattern our practices after other churches. Ellen G. White warned against this in her day. A new order of things has come into the ministry. There is a desire to pattern after other churches, and simplicity and humility are almost unknown. Young ministers who desire to be original introduce new ideas and new plans for labor. (Signs of the Times)
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our self-understanding as God's end-time depository of truth, it is necessary for us to go to churches that are still living in spiritual darkness to discover new light or additional truth from them. If these churches represent "Babylon", and it is true that "Babylon is fallen," how can we call upon our brothers and sisters in "Babylon" to "Come out of her, My people" (Rev 18:4)? When we ourselves are now returning to "Babylon" to receive instruction from them...

It is a mistake for us to think that the world will embrace our message when we use worldly methods. The New Testament tells us that when Christ came to the world, "he knew no man" (Jn 1:10), for He was "not of this world" (Jn 8:23). What makes us believe that we can succeed where Christ failed?

Jesus Himself mentioned that Christians "are not of the world, even as I am not of it" (Jn 17:16; cf. vv. 9,14). He stated emphatically that the works of this world are evil (Jn 7:7). He said that true believers are not of the world and prayed that they should be kept from its evil ways (Jn 17:14,15). Because the Spirit of God stands against the spirit of the world (1 Cor 2:12), the gospel should not be presented in such a way as to be coupled with the standards of the world. "Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed..." (Rom 12:2). "(Must We Be Silent?" S. Pipiam).

The heart of the argument lies, I believe, in a long-forgotten dream that Ellen White had in her early days and is found in the inset on page 5. I find this dream very significant because it underscores several of her other statements, such as the following: "I saw that since the second angel proclaimed the fall of the churches, they have been growing more and more corrupt. They have been named as being of the world; yet it is impossible to distinguish them from the world. Ministers take their text from the Word of God, but preach smooth things. To this the natural heart feels no objection. It is only the spirit and power of the truth and the salvation of Christ that are hateful to the carnal heart.

There is nothing in the public ministry that stirs the wrath of Satan, makes the sinner tremble, or applies to the heart and conscience the fearful realities of a judgment soon to come. Wicked men are generally pleased with a form of piety without true godliness, and they will aid and support such a religion. Said the angel...

"Satan has taken full possession of the churches as a body. The sayings and doings of men are dwelt upon instead of the plain, cutting truths of the Word of God. The spirit and friendship of the world is at enmity with God. When the truth in its simplicity and strength, as it is in Jesus, is brought to bear against the spirit of the world, it at once awakens the spirit of persecution. Very many who profess to be Christians have not known God. The natural heart has not been changed and the carnal mind remains at enmity with God. They are Satan's faithful servants, notwithstanding they have assumed another name." I saw that since Jesus left the holy place of the heavenly sanctuary and entered within the second veil, the churches have been filling up with every unclean and hateful bird. I saw great inequality and vileness in the churches; yet their members profess to be Christians. Their profession, their prayers, and their exhortations are an abomination in the sight of God. Said the angel, "God will not smell in their assemblies. Selfishness, fraud, and deceit are practiced by them without the reproachings of conscience. And over all these evils they throw the cloak of religion." I was shown the pride of the nominal churches. God is not in their thoughts; their carnal minds dwell upon themselves; they decorate their poor mortal bodies, and then look upon themselves with satisfaction and pleasure. Jesus and the angels look upon them in anger. Said the angel, "Their sins and pride have reached unto heaven. Their portion is preparation. Justice and judgment have not slumbered long, but will soon awake. Vengeance is Mine, I will repay, saith the Lord." Early Writings p. 273,274.

In light of this, is there really any reason to copy the methods of other churches? Could it be that they use these methods because they have no special message to give to the people, and therefore, need to use such methods to attract the people? Have we not a more unique and additional message to give? Do we need to spicke that solemn message up with jokes, skits, and humorous stories?

Do I mean that there are no true Christians or perhaps even better Christians in those churches? No! That is why our message is to "Come out of her, My people." God has a large company of people in those various churches! But perhaps they are not accepting the last-day message, because we are not ready to receive them? Perhaps if they accepted the health message, they would come to one of our potlucks and be dismayed that nearly every dish is a violation of that same health message? Perhaps if they discovered the Sabbath they would be shocked to see how we spend those sacred hours sleeping them away or perhaps enjoying a "restful" cup of coffee at Starbucks. Or perhaps they would discover that we are near the second coming and living in the judgment hour, and then would be disappointed to attend our churches, and find no message about judgment, no serious striving to be an overcomer, but fine entertainment.

I know that most people would agree with me that the church does not live up to what it ought to be, even if the ideal differs from person to person. But can there be any logic to the argument, that since we don't measure up, and since we have failed, we ought to go to Satan's "house of birds" to "learn how to attract people? Can their methods ever do justice to the message we are to carry to the ends of the earth? To me it minimizes the seriousness of the last-day message to use some of the new "gimmicks" or methods we are trying to incorporate into our "methodology."

I have often heard people making reference to the following quote found in several locations of her writings: Enfeebled and defective as it may appear, the church is the one object upon which God bestows in a special sense His supreme regard. It is the theater of His grace, in which He delights to reveal His power to transform hearts. Acts of the Apostles p. 12

As much as I love this quote because of the reassurance it gives me that God is still in control and that He still loves and patiently works with His people, I am often tempted to think that this quote is being used very loosely to cover up sin. This quote does not give us license to stray, but needs to transform our hearts. Just because God has pledged His love to His end-time church, does not mean that He will condone their harlotry! This quote must be taken into consideration in light of all that is written about God's last-end-time church, including the words of the Truth Witness, the beginning of the creation of God. It knows that, thou art neither cold nor hot. I would thou wast cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold

End of the 2500 Days
by Ellen G. White

"I saw a throne, and on it sat the Father and the Son. I gazed on Jesus' countenance and admired His lovely person. The Father's person I could not behold, for a cloud of glorious light covered Him. I asked Jesus if His Father had a form like Himself. He said He had, but I could not behold it, for said He, "If you should once behold the glory of His person, you would cease to exist." Before the throne I saw the Advent people - the church and the world. I saw two companies, one bowed down before the throne, deeply interested, while the other stood uninterested and carelessly. A light would come from before the throne would offer up their prayers and look to Jesus; then He would look to His Father, and appear to be pleading with Him. A light would come from the Father to the Son and from the Son to the praying company. Then I saw an exceeding bright light come from the Father to the Son, and from the Son it waved over the people before the throne. But few would receive this great light. Many came out from under it and immediately others were careless and did not cherish the light, and it moved off from them. Some cherished it, and went and bowed down with the little praying company. This company all received the light and rejoiced in it, and their countenances shone with its glory."

I turned to look at the company who were still bowed before the throne; they did not know that Jesus had left it. Satan appeared to be by the throne, trying to carry on the work of God. I saw them look up to the throne, and pray, "Father, give us thy Spirit!" Satan would then breathe upon them an unholy influence; in it was light and much power, but no sweet love, joy, and peace. Satan's object was to keep them deceived and to draw back and deceive God's children."

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Holy Spirit that inspired God's Holy Word. It is a lesser light that shines on the greater light - lesser not because of valid-
ity or less importance, but lesser because it was given to en-
hance our understanding of the Word of God because we had neglected that Word for too long. The message to be found in the Spirit of Prophecy is trustworthy and can be counted upon as truth.

The second perhaps simplistic solution to help us keep clear of the confusion surrounding us is a question of allegiance. Who is it to whom you are loyal? Do you stand in the marching orders? Is it God? Before you answer too quickly, think about it a little. If it is God, then you do not listen to the pastor's sermon in agreement without checking things out in your Bible. If it is God, in fact, you would bring your Bible- your sword- to church! Let no one's allegiance be to a person. People fail. Even the brightest lights, we are told, will go out in dark-
ness at the end of time in which we live today. Our allegiance, our hope, our strength, our faith, our trust must be rooted in no one other than Jesus Christ. Whatever man may say must be sec-
ondary and must be checked with the will of our Leader. "Wor-
to them that go down to Egypt for help: and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen because they are very strong: but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the Lord." - Isaiah 31:1. "Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited. Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out its roots by the river and shall not be moved in times of drought, neither shall it cease from yielding fruit." - Jeremiah 17:5-8

In these perilous times, we cannot take anyone's word for truth. We know that the devil is a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. We know that the devil knows he has but a short time, and is unleashing every possible means to destroy the object of God's Supreme Regard- His Word. In these things, we must take responsibility for our own salvation, for our own know-
edge of the truth, and for our own experience with it. That does not mean we are to invent our own truth, but that we ought to submit to the Word and in humility ask God to teach us His Will. And then, should that Will be different from those about us, we need to be willing to do His Will regardless of who says what and what pos-
Based on the image provided, here is a summary of the document:

- **From the Editor**
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  - “In the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear, and anoint thine eyes with olive oil, that thou mayest see.” - Revelation 3:14-18

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The Third Message Rejected
by Ellen G. White

The history of ancient Israel is a striking illustration of the past experience of the Adventist body. God led His people in the Advent movement, even as He led the children of Israel from Egypt. In the great disappointment their faith was tested as was that of the Hebrews at the Red Sea. Had they still trusted the Guiding Hand that had been with them in their past experience, they would have seen of the salvation of God. If all who had labored unitedly in the work in 1844 had received the third angel’s message, and proclaimed it in the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord would have wrought mightily with their efforts. A flood of light would have been shed upon the world. Years ago the inhabitants of the earth would have been warned, the closing work completed and Christ would have come for the redemption of His people.

It was not the will of God that Israel should wander forty years in the wilderness; He desired to lead them directly to the land of Canaan, and establish them there, a holy, happy people. But “they could not enter because of unbelief” (Heb 3:19) Because of their backsliding and apathy, they perished in the desert and others were raised up to enter the promised land. In like manner, it was not the will of God that the coming of Christ should be so long delayed, and His people should remain so many years in this world of sin and sorrow. But unbelief separated them from God. As they refused to do the work which He had appointed them to do, others were raised up to proclaim the message. In mercy to the world, Jesus delays His coming that sinners may have opportunity to hear the warning and find in Him a shelter before the wrath of God shall be poured out.

Now as in former ages the presentation of a truth that repoves the errors and sins of the times will call forth a storm of opposition. “Every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved”. (John 3:20) Those who cannot sustain their position by the Scriptures are stubbornly determined that it shall be sustained at all hazards, and with a malicious spirit they attack the character and motives of those who stand in defense of unpopular truth. Though very unbelieving in regard to the sure word of prophecy they manifest the utmost celerity in accepting anything detrimental to the Christian integrity of those who dare to reprove fashionable sins. This spirit will increase more and more as we near the close of time.

And what is our duty in view of this? Shall we conclude that the truth ought not to be presented, since its effect is so often to arouse men to evade or resist its claims?—No, we have no more reason for withholding the testimony of God’s word because it excites opposition than had Martin Luther. Luther declared himself to have been urged on, compelled by the Spirit of God, to battle against the evils of his time, and in the same manner must those labor who still carry...Continued On Page 17
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2) Weren't Daniel and other prophets ignoring the part of the world they knew nothing about, i.e. Asia: great kingdoms and dynasties that are not accounted for? - Frank

That's true. But when God called Israel, where did He place them? Right between the two superpowers of the time: Babylonia and Medo-Persia. It is on the crossroads of trade which incorporated trade from the east and all over the world. It was God's intention to make Israel a lightbearer to the entire world. But the record tells us they failed quite miserably in this process and became so inclusive and concerned about their own welfare that they didn't carry the light of salvation to the world.

3) What would your response be to the point that just as our food chain has been interfered with at the levels of the animals, the fruit and vegetables have also been messed up, with all the pesticides, genetic engineering, etc. So it doesn't matter were you turn. - E.R.

Yes, we are not living in a perfect world. But if you take biological magnification into account, then animals are more contaminated than plants, plus the plants don't have the metabolic toxins that animals have.

4) How do you explain the age of the patriarchs such as Noah being 900+ years old when he died, and Abraham being called old when he was a little more than 100? If you do a calculation in Genesis you would conclude that Abraham was 60 when Noah died at 900+, yet Abraham was called old. It doesn't seem to make a lot of sense to me. Do you have any thoughts. - Mark

When the human race had access to the tree of life, they could have lived forever. When sin broke the relationship, man was separated from the tree of life and death and decay set in. Initially the vitality of man was still great, and the antediluvians reached ages close to 1000 years. After the flood (the generation after Noah), the life expectancy dropped by half (between 400 and 500 years). After the time of Peleg there was a further drop (between 200 and 300 years). As conditions on earth deteriorated, and man lost more and more of his vital force, life expectancy dropped further. By the time we get to Abraham, it was less than 150, by Moses 120, and now 70-80.

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Zimbabwe Mission Report

Simbaredenga Newstart Children's Home

On February 21, 2001, a German team of approximately 39 people, including Amazing Discoveries, arrived in Harare, Zimbabwe to begin work on a large chapel at the Simbaredenga Newstart Children's Home - an orphanage project operated by Dr. & Mrs. Saleem Farag and sponsored by the North American Division. Zimbabwe is located in Southern Africa, an area recently plagued by "Time Magazine" for its widespread AIDS epidemic. The proportion of AIDS-infestation in Zimbabwe and Botswana is staggering. In an official UN report for Zimbabwe it is listed as the 1 country in its rate of AIDS infections. That means 1 out of 4 of the people you meet on the street aged 14-39 years are infected. But these are not just statistics. It means a lot of pain behind these numbers. It means a lot of fathers and mothers have died. It means a lot of children who wake up one morning to find their parents dead. The entire middle-class population is being wiped out at the rate of 5000 per day.

Caught in the centre of this tragedy are the children. Being left without parents, they are left to be raised by grandparents or to fend for themselves if no living relatives are found. In addition to these difficulties, children have become a target. Those who are infected are seeking cures from witch doctors and are being told that if they have sexual intercourse with a child, they will be freed from the disease. Inside this quiet horror, are children who have lost everything including their families with no one to care for, love, or protect them and no future whatsoever. Simbaredenga Newstart Children's Home is an attempt to provide a future for these children. Located next to the Simbaredenga Adventist School and situated on 25 acres, the home promises to be an oasis in a desert of pain and loneliness for 60+ children.

Miracles in Africa

Two years ago, Simbaredenga was not even an idea in anyone's mind. The AIDS problem began about 15 years ago, when Dr. Farag began his service as Health Director for the East African Division. Over the next 10-12 years, he worked tirelessly to promote the message of abstinence not only in the SDA Churches, but in all 40 denominations in Zimbabwe, and became chairman of the interdenominational AIDS Commission in Zimbabwe. As the Farags watched the problem grow beyond proportion, they began to realize that God was urging them to do something more tangible for the innocent children caught in the middle of this tragedy.

Approximately two years ago, Save the Children Foundation donated a school to the East Zimbabwe Conference. Because it was in much need of repair, Dr. Farag co-opted the help of Dr. Lambert, director of the SDA orthodontic practice in Harare, and they immediately began to remodel the rundown school by fixing the foundations, enlarging windows, and generally renovating the entire buildings. Many months later the Simbaredenga Primary and Secondary School opened with 700 enrolled students. To Dr. Farag's surprise, at least 105 of those students were orphans.

Dr. Farag continues the story in his own words: "The story of how we acquired the property is really an amazing fact! For months Grace and I had been turning over the idea of establishing an orphanage. The whole matter seemed so difficult because wherever the orphanage would be located there would need to be a school close by as the children would be too little to talk to school without guardians and parents and could not provide transportation for all these children. Where would we find 25 acres of land by a school? We contacted the Conference to see if they could give us land but there was not any available. We were almost ready to give up the idea. One Sunday morning in January before Grace arrived back from the US, I felt the urge to make one concerted effort to locate land by the Simbaredenga

SDA School in Waterfalls just outside Harare. I decided to contact every farm in the area within a mile to see if they had extra land. So I drove around for several contacting owners and there was absolutely no glimmer of hope. The answer was consistently there was no land available in the area. Discouraged with the results I decided to drive home.

As I was leaving the area, the last property on my way home had a guard house with a guard standing nearby. I stopped to if he could give me any information as to who the owners were of the property he was guarding. He said "Crest Breeders International" and I asked how much property they had and he said "hundreds of acres". I asked him if the owners would be interested in helping with a projects for the orphans. To my surprise he answered in the affirmative. Usually these guards in Harare give no information and very seldom offer any opinion but this young man was not only willing but anxious to give his opinion and offer information. He told me to call the Chairman of the Board the day which was Monday. He said, "He happens to be in town and he travels abroad a lot so be sure to call him first thing in the morning." He gave me his name and phone number! He gave me such specific instructions that I felt that I must follow God's leading.

The next morning at 8 a.m. I phoned the gentleman as I was instructed. He was in the office and I asked him if I could make an appointment to see him in his office. He said you are welcome to come but I would like to know the nature of your business. I thought if told him on the phone it would be too easy to say no. However he insisted so I told him that I was looking for land by the school to build an orphanage and that I did not have money and wondered if he would be willing to donate the land for this project. To my utter surprise and delight he said, 'That is no problem, how much land do you need?' I told him I needed about 25 acres as we needed to be able to grow our own maize and gardens. He told me to meet him the next day at 7:30 a.m. at the site and we would walk the land together. When I arrived there I little before 7:30, he was already there and we staked out the area needed which is now the site of the orphanage and the farm. A year later he gave us another four acres and has been a good friend and supporter of the project. I am so glad that I spoke to that guard at the end of my fruitless search because it was the beginning of a new assurance that nothing is impossible with the Lord."

God Opens the Doors

Having now obtained the land, the Farags' plans for an orphanage could really begin! Their primary goal with this project was to ensure that it was a self-sustaining orphanage, so that the children and caregivers would be as little dependent on donations as possible. Several plans were laid to accomplish this purpose.

Through his son-in-law, Dr. Rick Westermeyer, Dr. Farag was notified that a certain doctor from the USA by the name of Dr. Franzke was interested in helping to build a project, and he would be calling shortly. In a little while, the expected phone call came. The doctor inquired as to what kind of church project, Dr. Farag might have for him and his partner to build. Dr. Farag told him about the orphanage plans, but the doctor was not sure that his team would be able to handle such a large project - after all, they had been planning to build a church building. But after a few weeks thinking about it and studying the plans, they decided to go ahead with it! So, later, the doctor, who was a doctor, and his partner, were given a list of the building materials in the south sea containers anticipating the increases in prices. And when the U.S. team from Oregon arrived, the outside and interior walls of the main house were built.

With the main house skeleton completed, the Farags began work on the interior. Through his presentations and talks to churches around the world, including Germany, Canada and the U.S., Dr. Farag and his wife were able to increase awareness of the problem and tell of the need in Zimbabwe. Through the generous donations of the church members in the churches he visited, the Farags were able to raise money for the materials needed for the orphanage. When, in 1995, the property in Zimbabwe began to skyrocket. When things had gone as high as anyone thought possible, they went up yet again. A terrible fuel shortage began to ravage the country. Material costs doubled, then tripled, then quadrupled. The Farags began a race against time and inflation as they struggled to obtain the necessary materials at the lowest possible prices so they could complete the project.

During this time, the US Embassy in Zimbabwe was made aware of the Farag's project and of their plans.
to grow maize on the property to enable to the home to be self-
sufficient. The maize grown was not only be enough to feed the children, but also provide some income when
sold and would help make the orphanage self-sustaining. One day,
they paid a visit to the project. After touring the property, the U.S.
embassy official generously donated 3 machines necessary for
preparing maize, including a hammer mill. The top of the
machine will enable the orphanage to receive further income by processing maize for the surrounding population.

The Farags were enor-
mosely delighted with the gen-
erous donation and couldn't thank the US embassy enough.

Upon leaving the
property, the official asked if there was anything else they
needed for the orphanage. Dr. Farag hesitated to mention it,
but then finally said, "We will need a very small mill that we
could use beds. I guess." The official asked him how many?
And afterward never men-
tioned the beds again.

Meanwhile, a water
problem developed - the cost of municipal water skyrocketed.
To pump clean water to a property in Zimbabwe costs money, and that cost was rising. A pump meter measured out how much wa-
ter was being used and it was costing the orphanage and school $50,000 (Zim Dollars ($1000 US) a month and tui-
nation fees were not even enough to cover this amount! Not only that, the School next
door had been maintaining a garden and selling the product
in order to cover the tuition cost, but the rising cost of water made it
impossible to continue the garden project, as it cost more to run
the garden than the garden brought in.

The Farags were at a loss as to what to do. They hired water consultants to design a water system for the school, the
orphanage, and the irrigation of crops that would make
them completely independent of the city water. Three new
borer holes needed to be drilled to accommodate the needs of
the orphanage, the maize crops, as well as the garden project
of the School. But the funds were nowhere to be found. Eari-
erlier in the project, Mrs. Siedbauer, who was a member of
Amazing Discoveries from Germany came to stay with the
Farags for a few months just to visit and help out for a while
in their home. She loved Zimbabwe and the children and did
her best to help the Farags as much as she could to organize the
project. Sadly, after she returned from Africa Mrs. Siedbauer became very ill and this precious soul was
laid to rest in Jesus. Her griefing family decided to send a donation to the or-
phanage in Zimbabwe where she had so recently helped with such love and
a cheque was sent off. It just so happened that at this very time, that there
was a long pastoral strike in Zimbabwe. No mail was moving whatso-
ever. The Farags were in great need to begin work on the much
needed water project. And they continued to pray that their Heavenly
Father would provide the necessary funding for this need. Shortly thereafter
the postal strike lifted allowing that very cheque to arrive. It wasn't long be-
fore the strike came back in force, but the work for God could move forward.

What a miracle of God's intervention! With the funds that came from Mrs. Siedbauer and some additional funds from Dr.
and Mrs. Anholm and World Medics, the water project soon took shape.

The chapel at the beginning of the work

The site near the town's departure

The chapel crew at work

The next plans were laid for a church/hall on the property. Plans were drawn for a 1200 seat building - a hall large enough for not only the Adventists in the
area (ie. campmeetings, etc), but also community events. The rental of the hall to the community would provide another income for the orphanage adding to its
self-sufficiency. Under great difficulties and rising material costs, the foundation
was laid and two team expeditions were arranged for February/March 2001 to
begin work on the chapel walls and to complete the interior of the home. The
German/Canadian Expedition arrived first. Their job was to complete a large kitchen in the home including the cupboards, doors, and drawers, as well as
the chapel walls, laying brick and mixing mortar and cement. The team worked
incredibly hard, and after two and a half weeks, there was not part of the wall
under $ and some of the wall was as high as 15', the maximum height.

While the team was there, Dr. Farag received a phone call informing him that his container had arrived. Puzzled, he replied, "There must be some mistake. I didn't order any container." But he was told, "Well, it says your name on it and the Simbaredenga Children's Home, so it must be yours. Please come and pick it up right away." As Dr. Farag thought about it, he realized the container must have been the beds that he had mentioned a long time ago to the embassy official. Although
happy for the gift, Mrs. Farag was skeptical about the quality of beds that were
sent - perhaps they would just be some left over army barrack beds! To their
go joy, there were brand new bunk beds with matching dressers enough for
60 children, with all mattresses, sheets, and bedding included! They could
hardly contain their joy and their thanks rose up to their Heavenly Father for His
abundant care for them! The most wonderful thing was that they had no idea
where the money would come from to furnish the rooms for the children, and
yet the Lord had planned a solution even before they asked!

The children are now nicely settled in their new home. Ten boys and ten girls
have so far made their new home in the Simbaredenga Newstart Children's Home and
many more are yet to come. Despite their thankfulness and joy at the
new home and the love they have found, their sadness and their memories
continue to fill their hearts. Many of the children have been named by their mothers
to represent the future their mother foresees for them. One little boy was
named Doubt by his mother shortly before she died. Doubt has been given another
name by Dr. Farag - Thomas! Other children's names are Silence, Justice, Gift, and other interesting names. With time and prayer, and with the
loving kindness of the Farags, these children can have a future and a hope.

The Farags apply stringent requirements when selecting the children for the
orphanage. Not only must the children not have AIDS, but they must have no
known living relatives with any means to support them. Such stringent require-
ments are necessary to ensure that the most needy children are taken care of first.
And more work is needed to be done on the project. The chapel must be
finished, and the Farags have plans that are on the drawing board including
homes for the workers. (There is a severe housing shortage in Zimbabwe).
There is also a need for a vocational school on the property that will give the
Mail from Africa

Greetings from Harare, Zimbabwe, Africa!!

March 18, 2001

I was so glad to receive a message from you and I am glad to know that you arrived safely and that your family is doing well. We really miss you guys here. I just wish you were coming back to

march 20, 2001

our dear friends,

the Zimbabwe expedition is now history. our memories of your visit will always be cherished. your contribution was out

standing! we have not seen such a diligent and focused team. but we were not surprised - the German ingenuity and hard work is well known and respected. people could not believe how much work you accomplished. many of the national workers still talk about the "ger

man team" and how hard they worked and how much you pushed the project forward. thank you so much for coming and you are more

than welcome to come again. we will always throw out the green welcome mat for you, but we will try to limit the rain next you come.

we have many ideas for future expeditions - the need is so

great. the first is the vocational school that i am anxious to de

velop after the staff housing. we also think we need a grand

mother village to help them be close to their grandchildren and encourage them to help us as they are able. i wish i was young

again as i think i have work for two lifetimes, maybe three! i hope that jesus will come soon as his solution is the only solution.

our solutions are never going to be a permanent solution - only a

small bandaid to a problem that needs major surgery.

the u.s. team had quite a few children with them so the going was a bit slow. they had five physicians and held big clinics
everyday. they had a carpenter that was good and a physician that was skilled in carpentry and they finished up the kitchen, doors, shelves and made the tables and chairs for the dining room. they also painted the floors. the water tank is up and we hope to have it hooked up today. as soon as that happens, we can move the chil

dren in. we also moved in the beds, cupboards and cabinets for each room. the children were so excited their bodies were shaking.

thank you again for being a part of our team. heaven has a

record of your service and our hearts will always be warmed with the thoughts of your hard labour of love.

love, saliem and grace.

Florence Cherenba, secretary to Dr. Farag.

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2:15 PM
A Finished Work
3:30 PM
A Judgment Hour Message

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refreshing series!

Simbarenda Children's Home

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children skills to use in their future lives to ensure that they will always be able to support themselves. the vocational school will teach sewing, mechanics, welding, carpentry, and much more. when the children graduate from this school, they will not only have the skills to work their chosen trade, but will also graduate with a set of tools that they can use throughout their lives. another project that is urgently needed is a "grandmothe

er's village". many old grandmother's without means of support are trying to care for many grandchildren whose parents have died. often they are widowed and end up in very trying condi

tions doing their best to care for little ones. one orphan's grand

mother begged the farags to take her in too. though it was not possible to do so at this time, a seed was sown for the needs to help the elderly ladies be near their grandchildren. they often live in appalling conditions and have no means of support. the future is bright for these young people thanks to the farags' dreams and obedience to the prompting of the holy spirit, and the bountiful blessings of our loving heavenly father.

because the work in zimbabwe is not complete, amazing discoveries is planning an expedition to zimbabwe in the early part of 2002. those who are interested to join the team to work on the project should contact amazing discoveries 604-572-9457 or email us at: creation@amazingdiscoveries.org and ask to be put on the waiting list. more details will follow in coming newsletters. those who wish to donate to this worthy project, please contact amazing discoveries.

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forward the work of reform. to the servants of god at this time is the command addressed, "lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression, and the house ofJacob their sins." the true followers of Christ do not wait for truth to become popular. being convinced of their duty, they deliberately accept the cross, and thus remove the greatest obstacle to the reception of truth - the only argument which its advocates have never been able to refute. it is weak, inefficient world-servers that think it praiseworthy to have no principle in religious things. we should choose the right because it is right and leave consequences to god. to men of principle, faith and daring, is the world indebted for its great reforms. by such men must the work of reform for this time be carried forward.

thus saith the lord: "hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear ye not the reproach of man, neither be ye afraid of their revilings. for the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall consume them like a cloth, and their spoil shall be for ever, and my salvation from generation to generation." (isaiah 51:7-8) spirit of prophecy vol.4, p.291-293.

questions & answers by professor veith

5) i have a question about god's control and our free will. i do believe we have free will. for example, i have heard some people say that they will not die until the lord is finished with them, yet if another decides to kill that person, would god be interfering in that person's free will to sin? i would be inter

tested to know what you think. m.w.

nice question. god has a right to set limits regarding the welfare of his people. he has bought them, and he is their king. when it comes to his people he can and does interfere, but he also permits trials and temptations to build character, and to settle the issue of allegiance. but there are limits: he will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you

to have professor veith answer one of your ques

tions, email us at: creation@amazingdiscoveries.org.

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OVER 3,000 ADDITIVES GO IN FOOD

There are now over 3,000 additives in our food and incredibly only 7 percent have any nutritional value. Each American consumes approximately 9.2 pounds of these additives a year and some geneticists are warning that we have no way of knowing what effect these substances will have on our genes.

There are three main threats to health associated with food additives: carcinogenicity - the danger of producing cancer; teratogenicity - the danger of harming a fetus; and mutagenicity - the danger of changing the gene patterns.

Unfortunately, most additives are only tested for acute toxicity to determine whether or not they do immediate damage to any of the body’s organs. There’s no way we can be accurately tested for teratogenicity and for genetic effects, as we learned from the tragic thalidomide cases. Furthermore, little consideration is given as to how different chemicals are going to affect us when they are consumed together and over a long period of years.

Eighty percent of our food is now factory produced. It has been parceled out, packed back together, and in some ways permanently altered. During this process many vital nutrients are lost. Food producers claim that they are able to replace lost nutrients, yet nutrients put back are determined by cost rather than by human nutritional needs and they don’t make up for what’s lost.

Take bread, for example. All the vital nutrients are lost in the refining of flour. Some of the lost nutrients are: fibre, calcium, potassium, manganese, zinc, magnesium, copper, most of the B complex, iron, phosphorus and vitamin E. What’s left over? - an inexpensive form of iron that’s difficult to assimilate, nicotinic acid, B1 and calcium in the form of chalk.

In addition, animal food is laced with antibiotics to retard spoilage and evidence of disease. Even fresh fruits and vegetables no longer entirely escape. They’re sprayed with pesticides, and are sometimes artificially ripened with ethane gas, then waxed or put into cold storage steeped in inert gases to keep them from spoiling.

Clearly, it’s wise to exercise caution in consuming additives. These following guidelines should help you reduce your intake:

1. Avoid bottled, tinned and packaged foods. Replace them with fresh fruits and vegetables and eat as many as possible raw and organic.
2. Read labels and watch for foods that contain sugar and salt. Don’t be misled by words like glucose, dextrose or corn syrup. They’re all sugar.
3. Give up processed snacks. Choose nuts and fruits instead.
4. Eat plenty of fresh fruits, vegetables, whole grains, raw nuts and seeds so that you and your family will get plenty of vitamins and minerals.
5. Use only whole grains - brown rice, whole wheat, etc. A good policy is not to eat any grains that are white.

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Low-Fat, High Fiber, Total Vegetarian, Dinner

Champignon Sauce
1/4 c cashews
2 c vegetable broth
1 onion
2 c champignon mushrooms
salt to taste
pinch of ground coriander
1 tsp onion powder
1 Tbsp lemon juice
2 Tbsp flour for thickening

Chop onions finely. Chop mushrooms in thin slices. Blend cashews, flour, and vegetable broth. Brown onions and mushrooms lightly in medium pot, and add blended mixture. Add spices to taste. Bring to a gentle boil stirring often until thick. Great with brown rice or potatoes. Serve with steamed vegetables or salad and lentil patties.

Lentil Patties
1/2 c cooked brown rice
1 c chopped onion
1 c finely grated carrots
1/4 c cooked lentils
1 Tbsp Hungarian paprika
1 Tbsp McKay's chicken seasoning
1 Tbsp salsa

Brown onions and mushrooms lightly. Blend lentils and beans using pulse. Mix all ingredients together in bowl. Form patties or balls. Bake 20 minutes in oven at 300°.

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coys to draw others into our snares. Many will not fear their influence, because they profess the same faith. We will thus lead them to conclude that the requirements of Christ are less strict than they once believed, and that by conformity to the world they would exert a greater influence with worldlings. Thus they will separate from Christ; then they will have not strength to resist our power, an eternity long, they will be ready to ridicule their former zeal and devotion.

"Until the great decisive blow shall be struck, our efforts against commandments-keepers must be untiring. We must be present at all their gatherings. In their large meetings especially our cause will suffer much, and we must exercise great vigilance and employ all our seductive arts to prevent souls form hearing the truth and becoming impressed by it.

"I will have upon the ground, as my agents, men holding false doctrines mingled with just enough truth to deceive souls, I will also have unbelieving ones present, who will express doubts in regard to the Lord's messages of warning to his church. Should the people read and believe these admonitions, we could have little hope of overcoming them. But if we can divert their attention from these warnings, they will remain ignorant of our power and cunning and we shall secure them in our ranks at last. God will not permit His words to be slighted with impunity. If we can keep souls deceived for a time, God's mercy will be withdrawn, and He will give them up to our full control. Spirit of Prophecy, vol. 4 p. 336-340

To the servants of God at this time is the command addressed, "Lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." The true followers of Christ do not wait for truth to become popular. It is weak, inefficient world-servers that think it praiseworthy to have no principle in religious things. We should choose the right because it is right and leave consequences with God. To men of principle, faith and daring, is the world indebted for its great reforms. By such men must the work of reform for this time be carried forward.

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tion they may have while saying it. Are we caught up with positions? Does someone's position cause us to bow to their views simply because we haven't the courage to study or even think for ourselves?

I once saw a quote that really struck me: "Too often we take comfort with opinion, without the discomfort of thought." John F. Kennedy. I truly pray that we will not be afraid of the energy and time it takes to study for ourselves! Unless our religion is our own, unless our religion is not based on someone else's experience and knowledge, we will not be able to stand as God's end-time people when the billows start to roll.

May God in His mercy give us discernment for all the deceptions that are coming upon us in these last days. May He help us all serve Him and Himself always. And may He grant grace that we may be ready to meet Him face to face very soon.

Wendy Penner