



REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

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24 YEARS, FOUR STRAIGHT WEEKS 3ABN, AND A \$14,000 PLEDGE

Have you ever heard the old proverb, “*When it rains, it pours?*” People invoke this gloomy, ancient saying when painful misfortunes or difficult situations follow each other in rapid succession or arrive all at the same time. On the flip-side, when life takes a sudden, dramatic turn for the better, we like to announce: “*When the dam breaks, it bursts,*” because good things are coming at us from all directions.

June has been an interesting month: Jolynn and Dr. G celebrated 24 wonderful years of marriage; God gave Dr. G the stamina to conduct workshops every weekend; a donor has come forward to pledge half of the funds for meetings in Kisumu, Kenya; and mega-doors are opening the way to an incredible, worldwide platform for our ministry—*praise the Lord!*

24 Years of Marriage

When Dr. G met Jolynn at Andrews University in Michigan—he felt certain that God had answered his prayer for a Proverbs 31 woman; an interesting take on their courtship, since Jolynn later told Dr. G that he was the answer to her prayer for a Proverbs 31 man! An instant team, they have ministered side by side in several districts and spread the Good News to many countries, ever since Jolynn’s dad, the late Pastor Malvin Atwood married them on June 10, 1984, at the old Resthaven church in Sydney, British Columbia, Canada. May the Lord use both of them to bless others, for many years to come.

Back to Back Workshops

It isn’t often that the Gugliotto’s get to minister near their children; but June proved the exception

when Dr. G and Jolynn conducted back to back workshops at the Veneta and Santa Clara churches in Oregon. Pastor Roger Beltran, who attended seminary with Dr. G, welcomed the Gugliotto’s with open arms. He and his churches enthusiastically responded to QuikStudy and Home Bible Fellowship training. At the close of Dr. G’s Sabbath message in Santa Clara, first elder, William Patton offered a stirring appeal for the Gugliotto’s love offering. He told the congregation: “*Recently, my wife and I sold our old washer and dryer. We have already given half of the proceeds to worthy causes, but we didn’t know what to do with the rest. Now we know: we are giving all of it to Dr. G and Jolynn for their ministry.*” Both churches voluntarily gave the Gugliotto’s a healthy, honorarium.

A Class to Remember

The Gugliotto's conducted "Digging Deeper—Alone and Together" workshops at each of Pastor Beltran's churches. Here is what one of his members had to say about here seminar experience with them:

Dear Dr. Gugliotto

I was a convert to the Seventh-day Adventist church, but it has always been my heart's desire to understand the Lord's Word while studying it. Recently, I became discouraged because it seemed, no matter how much time I spent studying or praying for understanding...I just couldn't.

When my husband I learned that Dr. Lee Gugliotto was coming to our church for a QuikStudy workshop, my first impression was: Here we go again...another Bible study that I won't be able to understand. My husband and I actually wrestled with the Holy Spirit about either returning to the church after lunch or taking a nap!!

Much to our surprise, we were blessed! I could and still cannot believe that I can actually understand what the Lord is saying to me in His Word. With the Bible study method Dr. Gugliotto teaches, I am now able to grasp and even share the meaning and power of God's Word with my coworkers and others as we study!

Now I can praise the Lord just like David: I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart; I will tell of all Thy wonders; I will be glad and exalt Thee; I will sing praise to Thy name O' Most High (Psalm 9:1, 2).

My husband Jim and I are eternally grateful to you Dr. Gugliotto, (aka Pastor Lee), for allowing the Lord to use you as an instrument in our lives, to more fully equip us to witness to others of His eternal love for them.

Thank you.

Your sister in Christ

Delores King

Santa Clara Seventh-day Adventist Church

Pastor Roger Beltran

To whom it may concern:

The Santa Clara and Veneta SDA Churches of the Oregon Conference have had the privilege of holding a Bible study seminar from Empower Ministries under the able leadership of Lee Gugliotto, Ph.D. As pastor of this district, I was pleased with both the content and delivery of the information as well as the hands-on, skills oriented program. Both of my congregations are happy and I am sure we will reap much fruit from it. May the Lord continue to guide your ministry.

Sincerely,

Roger Beltran

Here is how Roger introduced Dr. Gugliotto to his churches: *When I went to seminary, a student in our Law-Covenant-Sabbath class used to ask very penetrating questions and contribute incisive answers to class discussions. Students used to say, "There goes the next professor." We were talking about Dr. Lee Gugliotto.*

Scoring Points for Jesus

3ABN Today Interview

When the LORD inspired the Gugliotto's to launch a faith-based ministry, neither Dr. G nor Jolynn had any idea where their travels would take them. It was Dr. Clarence Hodges, former senior, vice-president of the North American Division and now, a member of the Empower Ministries board, who urged them to leave the pastorate and to begin a self-supporting, non-profit work. Now retired in Alabama, he is also the one who contacted 3ABN and asked them to consider Dr. Gugliotto for a guest appearance. The Lord moved things swiftly along, "arranging" an interview on 3ABN Today in just a few short weeks! When Dr. Gugliotto shared a vision for revival with the 3ABN audience, they promptly expressed touching support for Empower Ministries; some even ordered study and discipleship materials!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR ONGOING, TIMELY SUPPORT ON JULY 1st

In April, Pastor John Lomacang interviewed Dr. Gugliotto for *3ABN Today* and the international network aired the show three times on Tuesday, May 13. The two ministers hit it off immediately with a chemistry that lasted long after the program; and Pastor Lomacang quickly invited Dr. Gugliotto to conduct a week-long workshop at the Thompsonville SDA Church in the 3ABN Worship Center across the road from the 3ABN studios, from June 21-June 27. A former member of the Heritage Singers, John has wanted to launch a small group ministry at his church for some time and hoped Dr. Gugliotto's Revival presentations would inspire his congregation; the response has been phenomenal. Mostly 3ABN employees, the people turned out enthusiastically for the meetings; in fact, they asked that Dr. Gugliotto add another presentation on Sabbath, June 28! Still in progress at this time, we will fully report what happened in *next month's* newsletter.

Opening Mega-Doors

Dr. Gugliotto spotted several 3ABN on-air personalities at his meetings. One of them, Shelley Quinn—popular host of *Issues and Answers*—met with him one morning and then sent the following email to him:

Dear Dr. Lee,

*On behalf of 3ABN, and pursuant to our meeting this morning, I'm writing to confirm the invitation extended for you to tape at 3ABN. **First**, we're interested in having you tape a series of *Issues and Answers*, for which I serve as host. This is a 28:30-minute interview format. The topics will be of your choosing, with a recommended number of 3-6 programs. Since this program is to discuss issues facing today's Christians (and provide answers to their problems), my personal preference would be to do a series of six with a focus on the importance of Bible study. **Secondly**, we're thrilled to offer you the opportunity to tape a series on our very popular *Books of the Book* program, launched recently with the purpose of providing an inductive teaching on each book of the Bible. Dr. Lee, your ministry is vitally important for such a time as this. We're excited to see what the Lord will do with Empower Ministries after you begin airing on 3ABN. I pray the trajectory for success He grants you will blow your socks off!*

In His Love,

Shelley

A special note: After discussing this offer with 3ABN's administrative staff, we have decided to tape a **26 part series** on the **Book of Romans** from Sept. 15-18, and **six interviews** for *Issues and Answers* on Sept. 22. Pastor Lomacang wants Dr. G to conduct **a small-group workshop** that weekend.

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On Fire for the Lord

A Lesson from the Context

One of our online study friends, Vicki Brock sent this email to Dr. G:

Hi Dr. Lee,

I sure enjoyed our study time tonight. It is fun to grasp more vivid pictures for these familiar phrases! I do have one question about my Strong's concordance. I didn't want to take time from our study for this, but I'm curious enough I'll go ahead and ask...In my concordance, when I look up the word in the dictionary section, very few have anything in italics. So, though I did look everything up ahead of time, I struggled to be sure I was correctly identifying the root word. Do I just take the first meaning listed? Also, some of the meanings have notations - abbreviations that refer to the Aramaic or Hebrew verbal stems (i.e. N=Niphal; Q =Qal). Since I have no background I'm not certain how these are helpful, unless they help me find the root meaning...?? And, if that is the case then when there are several verbal stems for one word, which one is the 'root'. I don't know if I'm making any sense here or not...

Dr. G wrote back to Vicki:

Hi Vicki:

It was great to hear your voice during this evening's study. Thanks for contributing. Almost every Strong's I have ever seen italicizes the root idea of each word; but new ones come out every so often and like yours, they don't. However, whether it is italicized or not, the first definition that follows the origin of the word is ALWAYS the root idea. Qal, Niphal, etc. are themes for Hebrew verbs that tell us the force behind the verbal idea. Niphal verbs, for example, are mostly passive; Hiphil is causative, Piel, intensive, etc.; so the verb "causes me to lie down" is a Hebrew Hiphil. My Handbook explains these themes and other aspects of verbal communication in the chapter, "Categories of Verbs."

Email to Vicki (cont'd.)

The easiest way to take advantage of themes, etc. is to download Online Bible from the Online Bible web-sites (either, onlinebible.com or .org). In addition to Strong's numbers < > that link you with the dictionary for definitions, there are also morph numbers in () that tell you whether a verb is Qal, Niphal, etc. Click on the () first to find out what a verb's theme is; then click on the Strong's number: online Bible divides the root idea into definitions for each theme that that specific verb takes in the original language. It also does the same for the tenses of NT Greek verbs! You don't need to be a scholar of Hebrew, Aramaic, or Greek to go down the list of definitions and apply the one that best fits the context. I hope I've answered your questions. If you download Online Bible, I will also help you to use it. Blessings

To which Vicki replied:

*Thanks for your helpful reply. Your explanation of tenses is helpful as well. At this point, I'm going to focus on strengthening the more basic skills, but at some point I look forward to adding this additional demension to my study. Right now, I'm thrilled to be involved in Bible study that goes deeper than anything I've experienced before. This is exactly the type of study I've been looking for. Have a super weekend!
Vicki*

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