### SURINAME

### **MISSION SESSION**



### **Publishing Ministries Department**

Suriname Mission of Seventh-Day Adventists

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The Suriname Mission welcomed a new Publishing Director in February 2023 in the person of Sister Gilma Emile-Daniel.

The vision of the Publishing Department is that every Seventh-day Adventist member would experience an intense desire to read Adventist Publication and thus experience an increase in the number of Literature Evangelists who are passionately involved in distributing and selling Adventist Publication.



In an effort to raise awareness among members of the role and importance of this department, visits were conducted to the following churches:

- Zion SDA Church Dutch speaking
- Smyrna SDA Church English-Speaking
- Galilee SDA Church French-Speaking experience
- Vivia Portuguese/ Spanish Speaking

On Sabbath April 8th the Suriname Mission was jolted into action as we witnessed more than 50 members turning out to engage in a prayer walk in the community of Zorg en Hoop. Priority magazines were distributed in homes, prayers were offered and inquiries were made into the major needs of the community. For some, it was a new experience. For all, it was something that they enjoyed and most persons expressed the desire to do it again.







Three weeks later, the Publishing & Health Ministries Departments returned to the Zorg en Hoop community with an Outreach program under the theme: "No Frede... Howpu De (Do not Fear... There is Hope)

Church members returned to their assigned streets in the community to distribute the book "Hope in Troubled Times" and reinvite the community to the Roda Baan where they could get free health checks and medical consultation from SDA Health professionals. During this outreach program, members of the community had an opportunity to interact with our Literature Evangelists who showcased a variety of SDA publication and gave away free literature to those who were interested.







The event concluded with a lively open-air service, the highlight of which was a powerful sermonette delivered by Pr. Chad Goolaman. All in attendance were blessed through inspirational singing, testimonies, and the preaching of God's word. A special thank you to the churches Centrum, Zion, Elim, and Smyrna for their presence and contribution towards the tremendous success of this initiative.



In September of 2023, the Publishing Department

commenced a monthly Literature Evangelists' rally as part of a recruitment Drive for Literature Evangelism ministry





A total of three rallies were hosted with tremendous success. The virtual rallies featured as guests, individuals who have experienced outstanding success in the field of Literature Evangelism as colporteurs. As host, the Director, Sister Emile-Daniel, posed questions to guest presenters enabling them to tell their life story as a Literature Evangelist. The discussions were engaging and informative. The virtual audience was able to learn about the role of the Literature Evangelism, how to deal with rejection while trying to sell a book, the many benefits of engaging in the Literature Evangelism and so much more. It was a delight to hear personal testimonies from each featured guest namely; Sister Unica Tulp, Pastor Chad Goolaman, and Pastor Rajive Samuel.



Preparations for a massive launch of the Missionary Book of the Year were well on their way, however, plans were halted due to the postponement of the shipment of Dutch books to Suriname. This did not stop the work. In fact, this opportunity was used to direct attention to the non-Dutch-speaking congregations.

The Great Controversy initiative was launched in the non-Dutch-speaking congregations. Church members were elated to receive the book in their native language namely English, French, Portuguese, and Spanish.

Smyrna SDA Church was able to buy out their quota of books in record time. Members pledged and maintained their commitment so that within 2 months all their boxes were empty. During the launch of the initiative, they also received one copy of the Great Controversy study guide. The plan is to organize study sessions in which all members can participate.







Esperance Viva, (the Portuguese and Spanish-speaking congregation) warmly welcomed the Publishing Department on Sabbath 12th August 2023. Every head of the family who was present received a book and committed to leading their family in the reading of the book. Ideas were shared concerning how to interest non-SDA Portuguese and Spanish-speaking persons as contacts who will be recipients of the Great Controversy book during the distribution phase of the initiative. Esperance Viva also received the Study Guide in Portuguese and Spanish. They have been studying the book consistently on Wednesdays. Great job Esperance Viva!



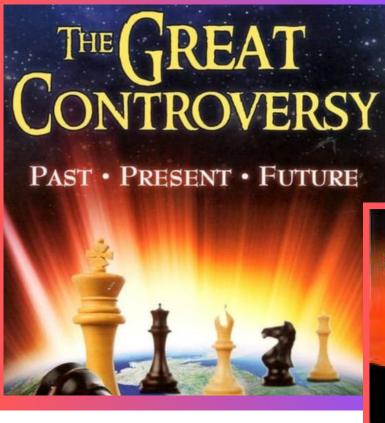
The Galilee SDA church was also elated about the launch of the initiative. They too received a copy of the study guide in French and have been meeting consistently on Friday evenings to study the book of the year. The discussions have been engaging and by God's grace, they will be ready to evangelize the French-speaking population in Suriname.

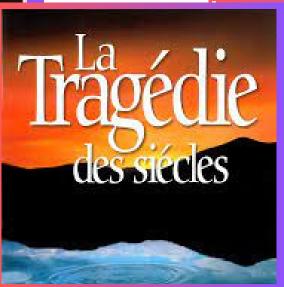


We thank God for the provision to reach more people groups this time around with the Book of the Year. The non-Dutch-speaking congregations received guidance to create their unique reading, study, and distribution plan. We look forward to the harvest that will follow the faithful labor of God's people.

The Dutch-speaking members of the Suriname Mission were encouraged to make use of the digital version of the book until the arrival of the shipment of Dutch books.

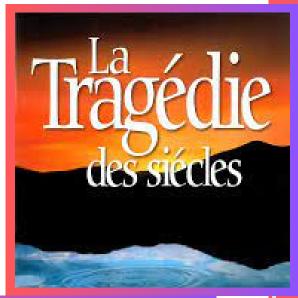






Sister Diana Telgt embraced the initiative as a personal project and started a study group among Dutch-speaking members. This group is still active and members contribute regularly to the discussion about the various chapters of the book. Well-done Sister Diana Telgt. May your influence continue to spread even beyond the borders of Suriname.

The Publishing department is grateful for the dedicated service of Sister Eunice Roseval. Her commitment to translating the entire Study Guide for the Great Controversy has made it possible for the membership of the Suriname Mission to benefit more fully from the reading and studying of the Missionary Book of the Year.







Special thanks are expressed to the Suriname Mission for the opportunity to serve its constituents and pray God's blessing upon the efforts towards helping all members become more engaged with Adventist literature.

