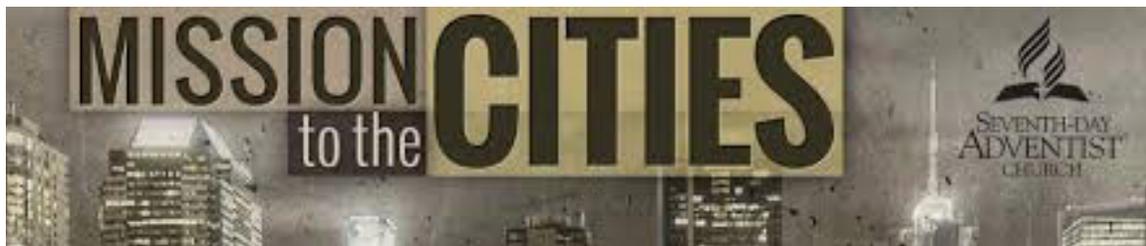


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South Pacific Division Strategy: Mission to the Cities



Cities are the world's largest Mission Fields. In 1910, Ellen White wrote, "The work in the cities is the essential work for this time."¹ In 1910, the city of New York, was smaller than Sydney is today. Our challenge today is even larger—as there are many more people who don't know Jesus.

In some of our cities, there is a ratio of one Adventist to every 5000 people. If we were to compare that to our Island fields—there is one Adventist to every 19. Sister White goes on to say, "When the cities are worked as God would have them, the result will be the setting in operation of a mighty movement such as we have not yet witnessed."

Jeremiah, over 2000 years ago told the exiles in Babylon to, "Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."² The only way to reach the cities is to be willing to enter them, and become salt in the cities.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is strongly committed to reaching our cities. The South Pacific Division, through its entities has committed to reaching six large cities—with a population over 1 million. They are, Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide and Auckland. Our Unions are devoted to reaching cities of over 500,000, while our Conferences are reaching smaller city areas.

Appeal:

In the last days before Jesus returns, we need youth, families, business people, and students—everyone to become missionaries to our largest Mission Fields. Are you willing to plant churches in homes and cafes? To start centres of influence, health centres and other initiatives to reach the cities? Christ needs you!

Prayer:

Father, we pray for your guidance and your blessings as we work together to reach out to people in cities—and prepare for your second coming.