

South Pacific Division Strategy: Mission to the Cities



“Also, 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.”
Jeremiah 29:7 (NIV)

God, through Jeremiah, encouraged the exiled Israelites to contribute to their new community and pray for its inhabitants. Jeremiah recognised the mission field that is the city.

Cities are a challenging part of the Adventist mission to the world. There

are 43 cities have more than a million people and no Adventist congregation, and countless other cities have little or no Adventist presence. We must go where people are and show them Jesus’ love in practical ways.

We are told, “There is no change in the messages that God has sent in the past. The work in the cities is the essential work for this time. 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” (MM 304).

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Appeal

Our offering today will provide grants for projects and church plants that are targeting our big cities in the South Pacific Division.

Prayer

Dear God, we ask that You pour out Your Spirit onto our big cities so many may know You. Amen.

When Ellen White wrote this in 1910, New York City was the largest city in America. Today, Sydney is larger than New York was when she wrote this. More people move into Sydney and Melbourne every year than the entire Adventist membership of Australia and New Zealand.

What you contribute today will have a larger impact than just our local community. Pray for our church as we spread the message of Jesus in these challenging areas.