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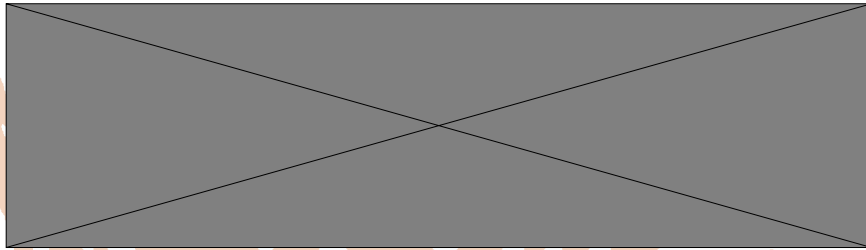
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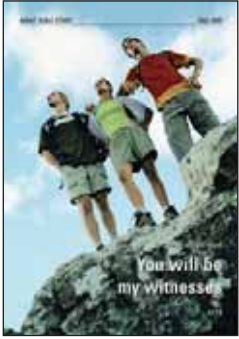
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Sept. 4, 2005, Acts 2:1-42
Encountering the spirit

Sept. 11, 2005, Acts 2:43-47; 4:32-35
Sharing community

Sept. 18, 2005, Acts 3:1-26
The gift of healing

Sept. 25, 2005, Acts 4:1-31
Power to be bold

UNIT II In all of Judea and Samaria

Oct. 2, 2005, Acts 6:8-7:60
Faithful servant

Oct. 9, 2005, Acts 8:4-25
Christians without borders

Oct. 16, 2005, Acts 8:26-40
Interpreting the word

Oct. 23, 2005, Acts 10:1-48
Breaking the Gospel barriers

Oct. 30, 2005, Acts 12:1-17
Never alone

UNIT III To the ends of the earth

Nov. 6, 2005, Acts 9:1-31
Encountering truth

Nov. 13, 2005, Acts 16
Offering of oneself

Nov. 20, 2005, Acts 18:1-19:10
Working together in ministry

Nov. 27, 2005, Acts 20:17-38
Saying good-bye

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Serving others

Dec. 11, 2005, Isaiah 49:5-6; 50:4-9
Strength from God

Dec. 18, 2005, Isaiah 53:1-3; Luke 1:47-55
Hope for those who suffer

Dec. 25, 2005, Isaiah 6:1-2; Luke 2:8-20
Be joyful

UNIT II God’s gifts of leadership

Jan. 1, 2006, 1Tim. 1:12-20
Finding strength to serve

Jan. 8, 2006, 1Tim. 2:1-8
Everyone needs prayer

Jan. 15, 2006, 1Tim. 3:2-15
Leading God’s people

Jan. 22, 2006, 1Tim. 4
Set an example

Jan. 29, 2006, 1Tim. 5:1-8, 17-24
Practicing justice and mercy

UNIT III Faithful followers, faithful leaders

Feb. 5, 2006, 2 Tim. 1:3-14
A heritage of faith

Feb. 12, 2006, 2 Tim. 2:14-26
Pursue righteousness

Feb. 19, 2006, 2 Tim. 3:10-4:8
The marks of a helpful mentor

Feb. 26, 2006, Titus 2
Teach sound doctrine by example

Spring 2006 • March–May

LIVING IN AND AS GOD’S CREATION

These portions of wisdom literature found in Psalms, Job, Ecclesiastes, and Proverbs, emphasize God’s creation and the unique place of humans within it. They encourage careful consideration of God’s wisdom and its practical application for daily living. Power for living through the resurrection of Jesus is affirmed.

UNIT I The glory of God’s creation

March 5, 2006, Psalm 8
God made us special

March 12, 2006, Psalm 104
God created wonderful things

March 19, 2006, Psalm 139
Searched and known by God

March 26, 2006, Psalm 145
Worthy of praise

UNIT II Living with creation’s uncertainty

April 2, 2006, Job-3
Living with tragedy

April 9, 2006, Job 14; 32:1-8; 34:10-15; 37:14-24
When all seems hopeless

April 16, 2006, Job 38:1-4, 16-17; 42:1-6; Mark 16
From death to life

April 23, 2006, Eccles. 1:1-11; John 20:19-23
Where is peace found?

April 30, 2006, Eccles. 3
Everything has a season

UNIT III Lessons in living

May 7, 2006, Prov. 2-3
A treasure worth seeking

May 14, 2006, Prov. 8-9
Wisdom invitation

May 21, 2006, Prov. 11:1-14
The path of integrity

May 28, 2006, Proverbs 31
Living out wisdom

Summer 2006 • June–August

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UNIT I Servants of God

June 4, 2006, 1 Cor. 1:10-17
Living in unity

June 11, 2006, 1 Cor. 2:1, 6-16
Finding wisdom

June 18, 2006, 1 Cor. 3:1-15
Building together

June 25, 2006, 1 Cor. 4:1-13
Serving responsibly

UNIT II Called to obedience

July 2, 2006, 1 Cor. 7:2-15
Living in relationships

July 9, 2006, 1 Cor. 8:1-13
To eat or not to eat

July 16, 2006, 1 Cor. 9:24-10:13
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All for one

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UNIT III The spirit of giving

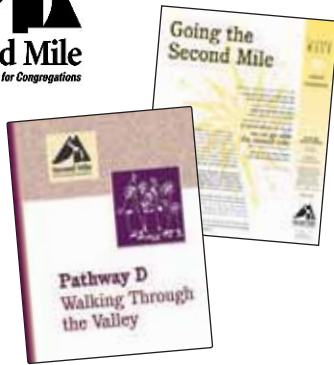
Aug. 6, 2006, 2 Cor. 2:5-11; 7:2-15
Forgiving and reconciling

Aug. 13, 2006, 2 Cor. 8:1-15
Giving generously

Aug. 20, 2006, 2 Cor. 9:3-15
Reasons for giving

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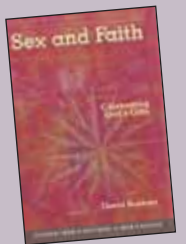
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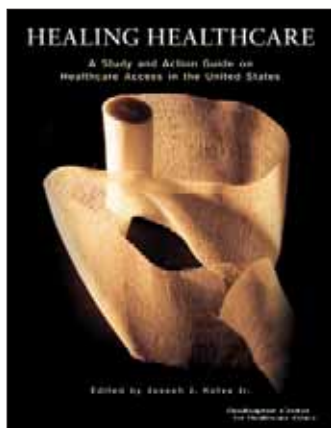
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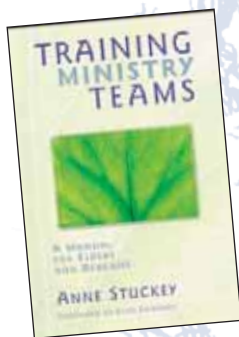
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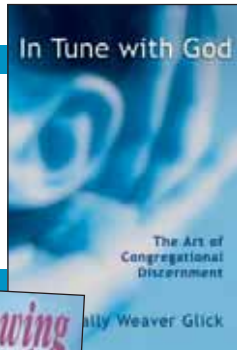
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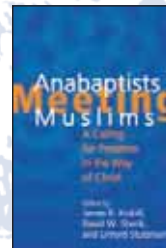
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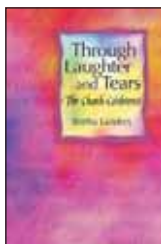


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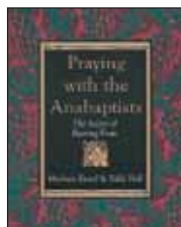
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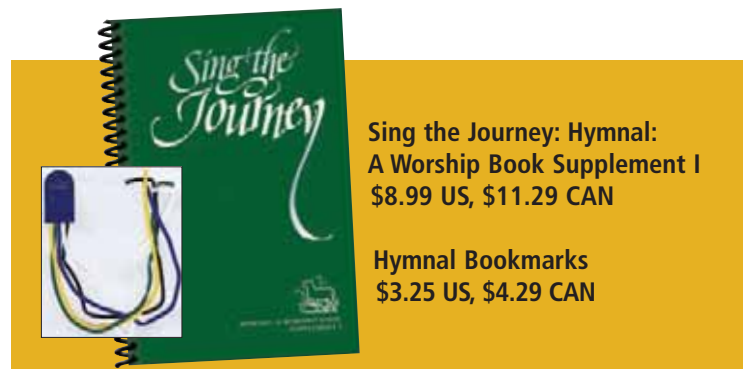
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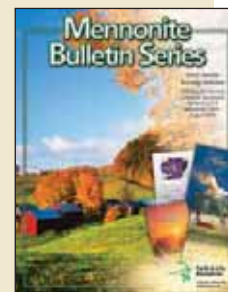
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