OUTREACH

BOOKS FOR SPANISH READERS

t the February General Council meet- ${f A}$ ing in Dallas, Susan Ransbottom reported that there is a dire need of Spanish books for Spanish readers. Currently the rate of increase of new readers in Spanishspeaking countries is way over that of English speaking countries, but because of the low income in many of those places, they are hard pressed to get a book. One village in South America has just one book per one hundred readers. After Susan's report, members of the GC pitched in \$2,800 in just a few minutes. Since May the Fellowship has shipped an additional 77 gift books to Mexico, Ecuador, and Colombia. So, please, take up a collection at your study group or hold a fundraiser for this very worthwhile project. Send checks to: Spanish Book Fund c/o The Urantia Book Fellowship, 529 Wrightwood Ave., Chicago, IL 60614-1794.

GOLDEN GATE SOCIETY OUTREACH

rom Larry Watkins, President of the $oldsymbol{\Gamma}$ Golden Ğate Society: "Our society has a mailing list of just under 700 people, many of the names having come from the Expo sign-up sheets at the San Francisco and Sacramento Expos over the past years. While many of these people really don't know anything about the Urantia Book they had enough curiosity to write their names and addresses so they would seem to be a good audience to focus on. We publish a newsletter, Developments, four times a year and two of these printings go to everyone on the mailing list. This infoms them of Society meetings, events, outings, and study groups plus whatever additional Society news there is to relate.

"Since it takes new readers to make a Society grow we decided last year to encourage new contacts to commit to reading the book over a one-year period. Those who returned a pledge card from the *De-*

velopments mailing were given a one-year complimentary membership in the Society without paying dues (\$12 a year), receive four instead of two issues of the newsletter, and receive copies of Michelle Klimesh's condensed reviews of each Paper spaced out through the year in four months. Those who indicated that they'd already read the complete book but weren't members of the Society were then given a year's complimentary membership. Four people signed up for the reading pro-

NOTHING HAPPENED

Histened, and nothing happened. I prayed, and nothing happened. I practiced stillness, and nothing happened. I meditated, and nothing happened. I worshiped, and nothing happened. I thought, and nothing happened I contemplated, and nothing happened. I was quiet, and nothing happened. I reflected, and nothing happened. I emptied my mind, and nothing happened. I dreamed, and nothing happened. I concentrated, and nothing happened. I mused, and nothing happened. I pondered, and nothing happened. I gave thanks, and nothing happened. I was reverent, and nothing happened. I read, and nothing happened.

I decided to act, and something happened.

—Pat McNelly

gram—not a particularly big return for this first attempt, but we'll repeat the offer again in the summer, perhaps with articles from the four who participated describing their experiences.

"There have been other outreach projects, too. One of the more successful was to establish a study group for new readers at a Unity church in the Walnut Creek area where a lesson plan was used and concepts of the book were taught weekly. That resulted in several new readers. I believe our membership is about 65 people at this time."

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARY PLACEMENT PROJECT

The goal of the College and University Library Placement Project is to place a Urantia Book in every one of the 3200 college and university libraries in the United States. Colleges may specify a book in English, Spanish, Finnish, French, Russian,

Dutch or Korean. The project is currently being coordinated by SURF (Southwest Urantia Readers' Family), the regional California branch of the USUA. The Foundation has offered to donate a hardcover version of the 11th printing to each library requesting a copy. Although it costs \$7.00 to distribute each book, the libraries are not charged. The money is being generously donated for this purpose by read-

ers who support the project. So far enough funds have been raised to place about 300 copies. We'd love your help! You can support this project in two



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ways. First, donations in any amount help fund the mailing of books to the libraries. With every \$7.00 donation, another library is funded. Your donations are fully tax-deductible, and may be made out to SURF, PO Box 3126,

Vista, CA 92085. Please be sure to designate your funds "CULP" and we will send you a receipt for your records. Secondly, we need volunteers to contact libraries on our list to determine whether they would like to receive a copy of the book or whether they need to replace one that has been stolen, damaged or lost. If you are interested in participating in this way, please contact Jane Ploetz at the address listed above, or at jploetz@sdcoe.k12.ca.us.■