

## Advent Press put God First

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### NARRATION

Advent Press decided to put God first. What can we learn from this story that will help us put God first in our own lives?

Advent Press is the Seventh-day Adventist publishing house in Ghana. The company was in a highly delicate situation, with a debt of US\$2 million distributed among the government of Ghana, suppliers, and the West-Central African Division. The whole facility was muddy, and the machines old and obsolete. The company could not pay its workers. Few saw the potential, and they were set to auction their assets.

Then the new management team agreed in a staff meeting on a series of dramatic changes intended to put God first in their individual lives and also as a company. The plan was optimistically set to pay the debt in 10 years, knowing it would take a miracle to achieve this. But they were confident that God would lead them to success.

The first step they all agreed upon collectively and individually was return of tithe, even if they couldn't afford it. The second step was to set up prayer bands in different places. And the third action was to cut salaries by 50% at all company levels for five years. They trusted God and believed He would answer their prayers.

God indeed answered, and blessed them with much more they could have ever imagined. The original plan of clearing their debt in 10 years was completed in 7 years. A volunteer offered to sponsor the printing of the Sabbath school quarterlies. This became the turning point for the press.

Today, the Advent press in Ghana, formerly on the edge of insolvency and collapse, is one of the best-run and most successful publishing houses in Adventism. It ranks first in Africa and 13th in the world.

### GRAPHICS AND CLIPS

Images related to the text and animation.

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The Advent Press continues to serve God in its core activity and supports many other ministerial initiatives for the glory of God. All the obsolete machines have been replaced at the cost of US\$2.5 million. The once muddy compound is now paved. The buildings have been renovated, and six units have been built for staff accommodation. Today, payment of salaries is no issue, even amid COVID-19. The press has a fleet of delivery vans and a standby generator.

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Advent Press put God first. Their courage inspires us today. Jesus gave up everything to redeem us, and His love compels us to put His kingdom first in our own lives. As we return the tithe and our 'Promise' offering, we are challenged to put God first.

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