

EDITORIAL

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This issue begins a new chapter for *JAAS* as we bid a fond adieu to our previous editor, Mathilde Frey, who leaves with her family for Walla Walla, Washington. Over the past three volumes she has competently edited this journal. I want to begin my editorship by expressing appreciation to her for her commitment to excellence in scholarship through *JAAS*.

As we begin a new chapter I also want to welcome Eike Mueller who recently joined the AIAS Seminary faculty. His specialty is in New Testament and he recently completed his Th.D. dissertation from Andrews University.

We also want to express appreciation to our team of graduate assistants. We congratulate Edwin Payet who recently defended his dissertation. He now returns to teach at Adventist University Zurcher in Madagascar. At the same time I want to welcome Alvaro Rodríguez and Moses Yoseph who pick up the mantle as graduate assistants as they assist with layout and design and nurture the book review process.

As we begin this volume we also acknowledge that we are two years behind. Please be patient with us as we work to get caught up. Our editorial team is committed to a timely schedule, but at the same time we refuse to compromise our commitment to the highest standards of scholarship. We are also requesting additional books from scholarly publishers. Readers will be glad to notice an increase in the number of book reviews in this and future issues.

As Saint Jerome once said: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." Scholarship serves a useful purpose within the Christian faith community by highlighting the sacred responsibility to "rightly divide" God's Word (2 Tim 3:16-17). Ellen G. White understood this commitment to Scripture when she appealed for Adventists to be "thinkers" and not "mere reflectors" of ideas from other people. As we begin a new chapter in *JAAS*, the purpose of this journal continues to be to feature and engage in the best of Adventist scholarship.