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Dear Sabbath School Leader,

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Editor



This quarter we feature the South American Division, which oversees the Seventh-day Adventist Church's work in Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, the Falkland Islands, Paraguay, Peru, and Uruguay, with adjacent islands in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

The region is home to 349,417,000 people, including 2,562,193 Adventists. That's a ratio of one Adventist for 136 people, a slight increase from a ratio of one Adventist for 137 people three years ago.

Opportunities

The Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will help the South American Division to establish:

- New church, Cochabamba, Bolivia
- New church, El Alto, Bolivia
- New church, La Paz, Bolivia
- New church, Trinidad, Bolivia
- New church, Santos, Brazil
- New church, Maua, Brazil
- New church, Brodowski, Brazil
- New church, Ribeirão Preto, Brazil

This quarter's eight Thirteenth Sabbath projects are in two countries: Bolivia and Brazil. The plan is to establish four new churches in each of the two countries.

If you want to make your Sabbath School class come alive this quarter, we offer photos and other materials to accompany each mission story. More information is provided in the sidebar with each story. For photos of tourist sites and other scenes from the featured countries, try a free photo bank such as pixabay.com or unsplash.com.

In addition, you can download a PDF of facts and activities from the South American Division at bit.ly/sad-2022. Follow us at facebook.com/missionquarterlies.

You can download the PDF version of the *Children's Mission* magazine at bit.ly/childrensmision and the youth and adult *Mission* magazine at bit.ly/adultmision. Mission Spotlight videos are available at bit.ly/missionspotlight. A printable mission bank image, which the children can color, can be downloaded at bit.ly/bank-coloring-page.

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Thank you for encouraging others to be mission-minded! 🌍



BOLÍVIA | July 2

Let's Pray™

Sebastián, 12

Four-year-old Sebastián looked up at Mother and Father at the table at breakfast.

“Let’s pray,” he said.

Mother and Father looked at each other in surprise. They believed in God, but they never prayed before eating.

“Let’s thank God,” Sebastián said.

Mother bowed her head and closed her eyes. Father bowed his head and closed his eyes. Little Sebastián bowed his head and closed his eyes. Mother thanked God for the food.

After breakfast, Sebastián went to his school in Cliza, Bolivia. Sebastián had started studying at the Seventh-day Adventist school earlier that year. At the school, he was learning the alphabet and numbers. He also was learning to pray and to thank God for everything.

That evening, when he had returned home from school, Sebastián looked up at Mother and Father at the table at supper.

“Let’s pray,” he said. “Let’s thank God.”

The family bowed their heads and closed their eyes as they thanked God for the food.

Soon the family was praying before every meal. They also thanked God for everything that they had. Mother and Father were very happy. They could see that Sebastián was a special boy who was blessed by God.

When Sebastián was 6 years old, he asked Mother to take him to church on Sabbaths. Mother and Father didn’t want to take him to church on Saturday. But Sebastián had heard about Sabbath School at his school, and he wanted to go. He kept asking Mother until she agreed to take him. But she did not go into the church. She waited outside the door until Sabbath School ended and then took Sebastián back home. Sebastián was happy to go to Sabbath School, but he wanted Mother and Father also to go to Sabbath School. So, he kept asking them until Mother started going to Sabbath School with him. Father, however, would not go.

Sebastián prayed that Father would go to church with them. Mother began to pray that Father would go to church with them.

Then Sebastián got a baby sister. Little Samanta was born into the family — and Father agreed to go to church for a special ceremony to dedicate little Samanta and Sebastián to God.

Then, when Sebastián was 8, Mother decided to get baptized. A year later, Sebastián got baptized. He kept praying for Father. He always asked Father to go with him to church activities, especially to Pathfinders. He wanted his father to be closer to God.

God answered Sebastián's prayers. When Sebastián was 10, Father got baptized.

Today, Sebastián is a happy 12-year-old boy. Six-year-old Samanta also is happy. But Mother and Father are especially happy. They thank God every day for everything that they have — and especially for Sebastián, whom God sent to change their lives. 🌍

Thank you for your Thirteenth Sabbath Offering on September 24 that will help open four new churches in Bolivia so more people, like Sebastián and his family, will be able to go to an Adventist church and learn about Jesus in their city. One of those new churches will

be in Cochabamba, a city located only 25 miles (40 km) from Sebastián's home.

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Story Tips

- Find Cliza, Bolivia, on the map.
- Pronounce Cliza as: KLIZ-a.
- Download photos on Facebook: bit.ly/fb-mq.
- Download Mission Posts and Fast Facts from the South American Division: bit.ly/sad-2022.
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The first official missionaries to Bolivia, Eduardo and Flora Thomann, arrived in June 1907. They met people who had become interested in Adventism through reading books purchased from Juan S. Pereira, a former Presbyterian colporteur who was discharged for propagating Adventist doctrine. A week before the Thomanns left for Chile in July 1909, Ferdinand and Ana Stahl arrived and began medical work in La Paz. Later the Stahls opened medical work among the indigenous peoples.



BOLÍVIA | July 9

Esther, 13

Grandmother and Nine Uncles

Esther lives in the highest city in the world. She lives in El Alto, Bolivia. El Alto means “The Heights” in Spanish. Do you know how high her city is? The highest point is 13,615 feet (4,150 meters) above sea level. That is higher than Mount Fuji in Japan and Mount Hood in the U.S. state of Oregon. Because the city is so high, the weather is cold here nearly all the time. So, Esther almost always wears warm hoodies, sweaters, and coats.

She likes to sing and pray and go with her family to church on Sabbath. But many things changed when COVID-19 reached her city. The school was closed. The church was closed. She and her family could only worship with other people on Zoom.

Esther became very worried about Grandmother. Grandmother has a tumor growing on her face, and the tumor has caused her to go blind. There seemed to

be nothing that Esther could do to help Grandmother. She could only pray. Every Wednesday, Esther’s church organized a prayer meeting on Zoom, and she prayed for Grandmother.

“Dear God, please keep Grandmother Cecília safe,” she prayed. “Help her to give her heart to You.”

As the weeks passed, Grandmother still had the tumor on her face, and her health was getting worse. Esther kept praying.

“Dear God, please keep Grandmother Cecília safe,” she prayed. “Help her to give her heart to You.”

One day, the pastor visited their home. He anointed Grandmother and prayed for her. He also invited nine of Esther’s uncles, who were not church members, to join a special week of prayer at the house. He said everyone would pray, sing, and study the Bible together. All nine uncles and Grandmother participated in the

week of prayer. At the end of the week, the pastor asked if anyone wanted to get baptized. Grandmother immediately raised her hand. Esther was so happy. Jesus had answered her prayers!

Since that day, Esther has seen big changes in Grandmother and her nine uncles. They are no longer worried about COVID-19. They are at peace in Jesus.

At the Zoom prayer meetings, Esther now prays for all of her uncles to get baptized. She also is continuing to pray for Grandmother's health. If Jesus does not heal Grandmother now, Esther knows that He will heal her when He comes in the clouds and takes His people up, up, up — higher than the highest city in the world, higher than the highest mountain in the world, all the way to heaven. Esther can't wait! 🌍

Thank you for planning a generous Thirteenth Sabbath Offering on Sept. 24 that will open a new church in El Alto, where Esther lives. At the church, people will be able to learn about the Jesus who answers prayers and is coming soon to take His people home.

By Andrew McChesney

Story Tips

- Find El Alto, Bolivia, on the map.
- Challenge the children to be like Esther and pray for a beloved family member or friend who does not know Jesus.
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AMAZING
COUNTRY

The Aymara are an indigenous people in Bolivia, Peru, and Chile, and they have lived in the Andes for more than 2,000 years. There are about 2 million Aymara in the region. You can tell if an Aymara woman is married or single by how she wears her bowler hat: tipped to one side if she is unmarried, and on the middle of her head if she is married.





BOLÍVIA | July 16

Ariel, 12

Missionary Child

One Sabbath, 12-year-old Ariel heard a sermon that really made him think. The pastor said that everyone should be involved in missionary work. Ariel liked the idea of being a missionary, but what could a 12-year-old boy do?

Ariel began to pray. “Dear God,” he prayed, “what do I do now? Help me to be a real missionary for You.”

He began to look for people who might be interested in learning about Jesus. As he looked, he kept praying. “Dear God,” he prayed, “help me to be a real missionary for You.”

He did not have to look far. It so happened that one day he joined his parents and sister in visiting another family. While there, he saw that one of them, a 16-year-old girl named Irene, was interested in the Bible. He offered to give her Bible studies, and she agreed.

Ariel had never given Bible studies before, and he wasn’t really sure what to do. But he found a set of Bible lessons and studied them with Irene. It wasn’t easy, especially the last few lessons. But he prayed a lot. Irene looked forward to each new Bible lesson. When they finished the Bible lessons, Irene decided to give her life to Jesus. She was baptized.

Ariel was so happy! God was helping him to be a real missionary for Him.

“What do I do now?” he thought.

He remembered his prayer and decided to keep praying. “Dear God,” he prayed, “help me to be a real missionary for You.”

Ariel has found that he can be a real missionary in many ways. He studies the Sabbath School lesson every day so he can learn more about God. Whenever he earns some money, he always sets aside 10 percent to return to God as tithe, and he

also gladly gives some of the money as an offering. In everything that Ariel does, he always wants to put God first. As a result, he has become a real missionary for God.

After Irene got baptized, her father also decided to give his heart to Jesus. Then her mother gave her heart to Jesus. The whole family ended up giving their hearts to Jesus. Even though Ariel is only 12, he has led an entire family to Jesus.

No one is ever too young to be a missionary, he says. We can all be real missionaries, sharing our love for God as we wait for Him to take us to heaven.

There is no Adventist church where Ariel lives. His family and others meet in one another's homes on Sabbath. It was in one of the church member's homes that Ariel heard the sermon that inspired him to become a real missionary. Ariel's dream is for a church to open in his town one day. 🌍

Part of this quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help open a church in La Paz, near Ariel's town. Thank you for planning a generous offering on September 24 so Ariel and his friends can have a church where they can gather and share the news that Jesus is coming soon.

By Andrew McChesney

Story Tips

- Find La Paz, Bolivia, on the map.
- Emphasize to the children that each of them should be involved in missionary work. Challenge the children to be like Ariel and pray, "Dear God, help me to be a real missionary for You."
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AMAZING
COUNTRY

A traditional Bolivian dish is Sopa de Mani (peanut soup) made from pasta, vegetables, and ground peanuts.





BOLÍVIA | July 23

Back Home

Ivon, 13

When Ivon was just 3 years old, something terrible happened in her family in Bolivia. Her big brother died.

Mother cried a lot, and Father was also very sad. They didn't want to go to church anymore, even though their church would have helped them in this very sad time. But they stopped taking Ivon and her 6-year-old brother, Yerko, to church every Sabbath. Ivon was very small, but she saw her mother's and father's tears. It all made her feel sad, and she cried a lot. Her brother, Yerko, also felt very sad.

Then one day Grandmother decided to take Ivon and Yerko to church. She woke up early on Sabbath morning and walked 2 miles (3 kilometers) to Ivon and Yerko's house, so that together, they could go to church. What a special day that was!

Grandmother decided to take the children to church every week. Ivon loved going to church because she could sing to God, draw pictures, and pray. But something didn't seem right. Mother

and Father were not in church, and she missed them a lot. Ivon and Yerko decided to pray. "Please, God, help our family to worship together in church once more," they prayed. "Bring Mother and Father back to You," Ivon prayed. "We want to worship together," Yerko prayed.

A long time went by. But Ivon and Yerko didn't give up. Instead, they prayed faithfully for four years. "Please bring Mother and Father back to You," Ivon pleaded to God. "We want to worship together," Yerko prayed.

Then, on one special Sabbath day, Mother and Father surprised the children by going to church with them. Ivon and Yerko's smiles were as bright as the sun — they were so happy! But Mother and Father only stayed for part of the program.

The children kept on praying. "Please bring Mother and Father back to You," Ivon pleaded to God. "We want to worship together," Yerko prayed.

As they prayed, Ivon and Yerko grew closer and closer to Jesus. They loved Jesus

more and more and decided to give their hearts to Him. On a very special day, when Ivon was 8 and Yerko was 11, they were baptized.

The years went by, and Ivon and Yerko kept on praying. God heard the prayers of these faithful children. After they prayed for eight years, Mother and Father gave their hearts to Jesus and were baptized. It was the happiest day of Ivon's life!

Today, Father is a church elder, and Mother helps with family ministries. Sixteen-year-old Yerko is a deacon, and Ivon is 13 and in the Junior class. Both Ivon and Yerko are Pathfinders.

Ivon feels so happy and blessed. Mother and Father have returned to church, and her whole family is living for God. She has no doubt that God hears and answers prayer, even if sometimes it takes years of asking. God is faithful, and He loves it when we are faithful, too. 🌍

Part of this quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help open a new church in Trinidad, Bolivia, where Ivon lives. Your offering will help others learn about the Jesus who answers prayers.

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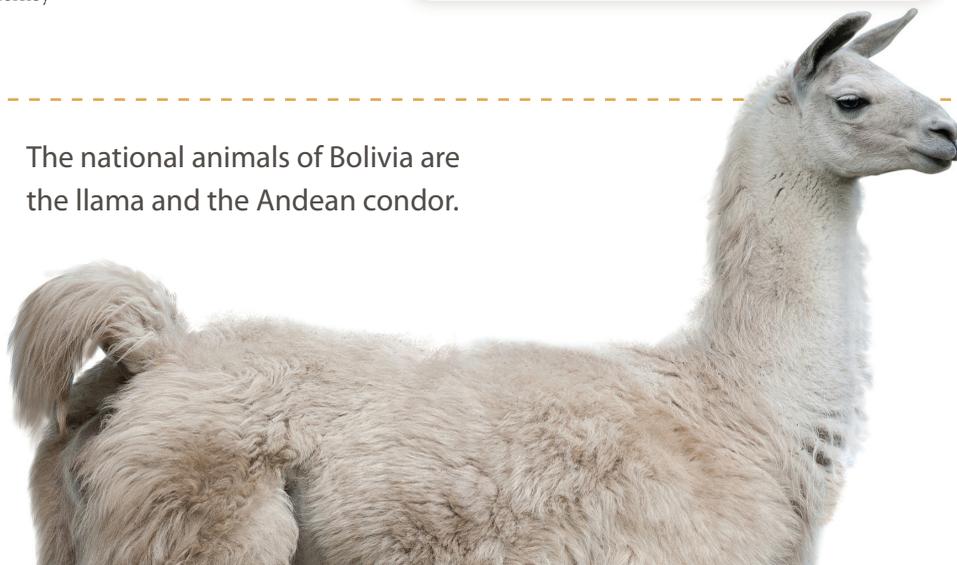
Story Tips

- Find Ivon's hometown of Trinidad, Bolivia, on the map.
- Challenge the children to be like Ivon and Yerko and pray for a beloved family member or friend who does not know Jesus.
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AMAZING
COUNTRY

The national animals of Bolivia are the llama and the Andean condor.





URUGUAY | July 30

Agustina

Persistence Pays Off

Agustina was 8 years old when a friend invited her to go over to a neighbor's house in Uruguay. "Aunt Marita tells great Bible stories every Friday evening," the friend said. "You should come!"

Agustina asked Mother for permission to go, and Mother agreed, on condition that the two of them went together. Mother wanted to hear what kind of stories Aunt Marita was telling.

On Friday evening, Agustina and Mother went to Aunt Marita's house. Aunt Marita read a story from the Bible. She and the children sang songs about Jesus. When the sun went down, Aunt Marita said the Sabbath had begun, and she prayed. Agustina enjoyed the meeting and begged Mother to let her go again. Mother went with Agustina the next Friday. Again, Aunt Marita read a story from the Bible. She and the children sang songs about Jesus. When the sun went

down, Aunt Marita said the Sabbath had begun, and she prayed. After that, Mother allowed Agustina to go by herself.

After a while, Agustina learned that Aunt Marita went every Sabbath to a small Adventist church located a few blocks from her house. She asked Mother for permission to go with Aunt Marita to church, and Mother agreed.

Sabbath became the best day of the week for Agustina. She was thrilled to welcome the Sabbath at Aunt Marita's house with a Bible story, singing, and prayer on Friday evening. She jumped out of bed with joy on Sabbath morning to go to church with Aunt Marita.

At church, Agustina fell in love with the Sabbath School class. She especially liked hearing mission stories from all around the world in the *Children's Mission* quarterly. Although she was small, she listened to the sermons very carefully.

They were her favorite part of the Sabbath worship service. Soon she began to study the Bible. The more she read the Bible, the more she learned about Jesus and His love. She decided to give her heart to Jesus and get baptized.

A short time later, someone told her that there was an Adventist school in Uruguay. Agustina wanted to study there, but Mother said public school was better because it was free.

Agustina did not give up. She prayed for many months to study at the Adventist school. Then her church participated in a special 10 Days of Prayer program with churches around the world. Agustina prayed extra hard. At the end of the 10 days, Mother agreed to send Agustina to the Adventist school. Agustina was so happy! God had answered her prayers! God even helped Mother find money to pay for the school tuition.

For Agustina, persistence paid off. When she kept asking Mother to go to Aunt Marita's house, she was able to go every Friday evening. When she kept praying to go to the Adventist school, she was able to study there. Agustina loves Jesus with all her heart. "It was so amazing to know that someone like Jesus could love me so much that He gave His

Story Tips

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life for me!" she says. 🌍

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AMAZING
COUNTRY

Uruguay has tight restrictions on salt use in restaurants (even McDonald's does not salt french fries), and you have to ask specially for salt at your table.





URUGUAY | August 6

The Big Move

Sayén and Natán

Sayén and Natán are sister and brother, and they were born in Santiago, the capital of the country of Chile in South America.

Sayén and Natán lived in a tall, tall building. From the windows, they could see the great snow-capped mountains of the Andes that surround the city.

The city is big, and there are many streets filled with many tall and short buildings.

There also is a lot of noise in the city. On the streets are many, many honking cars.

The children's father is an Adventist pastor. Almost every Sabbath, he preached a sermon. Sometimes he preached at big Pathfinder campouts.

One day, Father received a very important telephone call. He was invited to go to another country to serve as a missionary. Of course, he wouldn't leave Mother behind. Of course, he and Mother wouldn't leave Sayén and Natán behind. The whole family was invited to

move to the country of Uruguay to serve as missionaries.

Everyone was very happy when they heard the news.

"What would it be like to live in a different city?" Natán wondered.

"What would it be like to live in a different country?" Sayén wondered.

Soon the children had to sell and get rid of all their things, even a lot of their clothes, books, and toys.

"We don't have room to take everything with us," Father said.

"Let's take only what we really, really need," Mother said.

It was not easy, but Father, Mother, Sayén, and Natán could only take one suitcase each, and they could only take what they could fit into their suitcases.

Sayén and Natán had to leave more than their clothes, books, and toys. They also had to leave their grandparents. They couldn't pack Grandmother or Grandfather in a

suitcase. It would be a long time before they would see them again, Father said.

Sayén and Natán flew on an airplane to their new home in Uruguay.

“What will it be like to live in a different city?” Natán wondered.

“What will it be like to live in a different country?” Sayén wondered.

They soon found out. Unlike Chile, with its snowy mountains, everything in Uruguay was green. The family moved into a house near a large river.

Nowadays, while Father is working, Sayén and Natán go out with Mother to explore the river and the green parks near the river. Mother likes to draw pictures of nature, and Sayén and Natán are her best helpers.

“Here, it’s different from Chile,” says Sayén.

“It is very hot, and it rains very hard,” says Natán.

The children have learned to be brave and not to be afraid when a storm starts and the lightning flashes and the thunder roars. They know that God and His angels are taking care of them. In their new town there is an Adventist school: a small, blue school. Sayén and Natán really enjoy going to school. They have made new friends at school, and

Story Tips

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- Pronounce Sayén as: sigh-YEN.
- Pronounce Natán as: na-TAN.
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they play and learn with them. Being a missionary is a fun adventure! 🌐

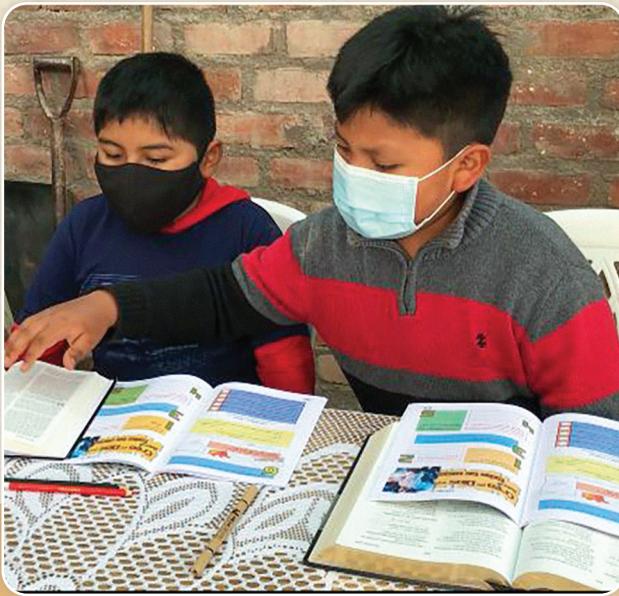
Thank you for your Sabbath School mission offering that helps mission schools like Sayén and Natán’s teach many children about Jesus.

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MISSION RECORD

- The first Adventist in Uruguay was Mrs. Juan Rivoir, who came to Uruguay with her husband in 1890 and who, four years before her arrival, had listened to sermons by Ellen White in Piedmont, Italy.
- The first Seventh-day Adventist school in Uruguay was organized in 1908, in the home of Julio Ernst, with Otto Heydeker as teacher, in Nueva Helvecia colony. Uruguay Academy, now Uruguay Adventist Academy (Instituto Adventista del Uruguay), was founded in 1944 in Progreso.



PERU | August 13

Diego, 11

A Real Missionary

Diego is 11 years old and lives with his parents in the city of Arequipa in Peru. This story is about how he became a real missionary.

When Diego was 9, he attended a Vacation Bible School where learned that it is important to live healthily. At the end of the Vacation Bible School, he felt sad because he thought everything was over. But it wasn't. The Vacation Bible School teacher invited the children to Adventurers club at the church. So, Diego started attending the Adventurers club every Sabbath. Sometimes he couldn't go because he had to go to school on Sabbath, but he attended every Sabbath that he could.

When Diego learned that Jesus had died on the cross for him, he understood that he was valuable to God. He felt God asking for his heart, and he decided to get baptized. His parents agreed that he

could get baptized, and before long they got baptized, too! Then Diego didn't miss any church activities. He especially loved Adventurer campouts.

One day, a church teacher said Diego and the other children needed to do more before Jesus returns. They should tell their friends that Jesus is coming soon so they also would be ready. Teacher suggested that Diego and the other children each pray for five friends who didn't know Jesus. "Choose five friends and pray for them every day for a week," Teacher said, "Then invite them to come to church."

Diego was scared that his friends would be mean to him if he invited them to church. What if they called him names or refused to play with him? But then he remembered that Jesus would always be with him. He prayed for five friends every day for a week. Then he called each of them and invited them to church. Three

friends agreed to come!

After that, Diego wasn't scared to talk about Jesus anymore. He invited a friend, Isaiah, to attend Vacation Bible School, and Isaiah agreed. When the Vacation Bible School ended, he invited Isaiah to read the Bible together. Again, the boy agreed. They read the Bible once a week at Isaiah's house.

One day, Isaiah decided that he wanted to give his heart to Jesus and get baptized. Diego was so happy! He realized that God could use him, a little child, to be a real missionary for Him. 🌍

This quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help open eight new churches in the South American Division, which includes Diego's country of Peru. Thank you for planning a generous offering on September 24.

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Seventh-day Adventist work in Peru began in 1898 with a Chilean missionary named Escobar who, with six others, settled in the city of Lima and worked as self-supporting missionaries. In 1911, Ferdinand and Ana Stahl, who had previously worked in Bolivia, were transferred to Plateria, Peru. The history of the pioneer experiences and missionary service that endeared them to the Aymara Indians is recounted in Stahl's book *In the Land of the Incas*. In 1921, the Stahls moved to the Chanchamayo district in central Peru to work among the Amazonian people. They established the Metraro mission station on the Perene River. A wood-burning steam boat named Auxiliadora (Helper) was purchased in 1928, and Stahl used it to make long missionary trips up and down the rivers. In 1940, it was replaced by a more practical diesel-powered boat built in Belem, Brazil, as the twin sister of L. B. Halliwell's Luzeiro II.



PERU | August 20

Cielo, 9

Moving With Jesus

Do you like to move houses? Cielo is a little girl who likes to move in Peru. Every so often, Father has to move because of his work, so Cielo moves with him, Mother, and two older sisters.

Many questions fill Cielo's mind when she moves: What will their new city be like? What will her new school be like? Who will be her new friends? She likes to make new friends because then she can invite them to read the Bible with her and know more about Jesus.

So, Cielo was excited when Father announced that the family would move from their home in Puno, on the shore of Lake Titicaca, to San Antón, a city located three hours by car to the north. She wondered, "What will our new city be like? What will my new school be like? Who will be my new friends?"

But something unusual happened when the family moved. Cielo's new school was

closed. She couldn't make new friends and read the Bible with them. She had to stay home because of COVID-19.

Cielo began to go to school online. But the Internet was so slow that she could not use the video on Zoom. She could not see the other children in her classes. She wished that she could make new friends. She wished that she could invite them to read the Bible with her.

She prayed, "Dear God, help me find a way to share Your Word."

One day, Cielo came up with a bright idea. She could record Bible stories and share them with other children on social media. With help from her parents, she created a Facebook page and a YouTube channel. Then she started telling stories from the Primary Sabbath School lesson.

A long time passed. Cielo liked sharing Bible stories, but she wished that she could make friends and read the Bible with them.

At last, Cielo and her family were allowed to leave their home. One of the first things that they did was visit a needy mother who had four children. Cielo was happy! Finally, she could make new friends in her new city.

She did make friends with them that day. A few days later, she asked if they would like to read the Bible with her. They agreed. Now, every Friday, Cielo is reading the Bible with the four children.

After making friends with the four children, Cielo made friends with two other children and started reading the Bible with them. One of them, Sebastián, has already decided that he wants to be baptized, and he also has asked his mother to be baptized. So, his mother is now studying the Bible with Cielo's mother.

Cielo's favorite Bible verse says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13, NKJV). "It's true!" she says. "God gives us strength to move forward." Cielo likes to move — and she likes to move with God. 🌍

Thank you for your Thirteenth Sabbath Offering three years ago that are helping children in Cielo's home country

Story Tips

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of Peru learn about Jesus.

By Andrew McChesney



AMAZING
COUNTRY

The largest species of bromeliad, a kind of flowering plant, is the Queen of the Andes (in English), Titanka (in Quechua) or Puya de Raimondi (in Spanish). Native to Bolivia and Peru, it grows at high elevations in the Andes and produces a spike 16–23 feet (5–7 meters) high, bearing 8,000 to 20,000 flowers each. It grows for up to 40 years before flowering and quickly dying.





BRAZIL | August 27

Julia, 12

Ironing Board Becomes a Pulpit

Julia has loved reading the Bible for as long as she can remember.

Again and again, she read that Jesus, the Creator of the Universe, became a small, helpless baby in a manger in Bethlehem. She read that Jesus healed people and taught them about God's love. She read that Jesus loved people so much that He died on the cross. She read that Jesus rose from the dead after three days and returned to heaven to be crowned King of the Universe. She read that Jesus will return soon to take His people to live with Him forever.

Julia's love for the Bible caught the attention of church leaders in her hometown of Santos, Brazil. One of them, Mr. Gilberto, thought that the little girl would make a great preacher.

"Julia," he said, "let's study the Bible together so you can learn how to preach."

Julia felt a little scared about the idea of preaching in front of people. But she agreed to study the Bible with Mr. Gilberto. After studying for some time, Julia prepared her first sermon. Her first listener was her dear grandmother, who was thrilled to hear her speak.

Then Julia spoke at church. She felt a little scared standing in front of all the people. As she spoke, she looked only at two people: Grandmother and Mr. Gilberto.

But as time passed, Julia felt more and more comfortable speaking in front of people, and preaching became easier.

With the arrival of COVID-19, all churches closed in Brazil. Julia couldn't preach anymore. Even so, she wasn't discouraged. She continued to read the Bible. She felt certain that she would have another opportunity to speak about Jesus.

The opportunity came on Easter week.

In Brazil, Easter is a big holiday, but many people do not know the reason for Easter. They do not know that Easter celebrates Jesus' resurrection. The pastor of Julia's church asked her if she would preach about the reason for Easter from the Bible. She would preach every day for a special online Easter week of prayer.

Julia had never preached from home before. She felt like she needed a pulpit. As she looked around the house, her eyes fell on Grandmother's ironing board.

With Grandmother's permission, Julia took the clothes off the ironing board and carried it into the living room. Then she covered the ironing board with a large, red towel. In front of the ironing board, she taped a special Easter poster from her church. Then, every night for a week, Julia spoke from behind the ironing board about the reason for Easter. Many people's hearts were touched by her message. 🌐

Part of this quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help open a new church in Julia's hometown of Santos, Brazil. Thank you for planning a generous offering on September 24.

By Andrew McChesney

Story Tips

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Leo B. Halliwell, a pioneer in boat medical-missionary work, began what grew into a well-known welfare ministry in 1931 with the launch of a boat designed and built by himself on the Amazon River. The boat was the first in a series of craft named Luzeiro (Light Bearer) that were subsequently built and used on branches of the Amazon. These boats still give assistance to thousands of people. Besides distributing clothing and food, medical help is given for many issues, the most common being malaria, intestinal parasites, malnutrition, skin diseases, general and tropical diseases, and tooth extraction.



BRAZIL | September 3

Raí, 17

Wishing for a Mother

Raí is a boy who wished for a mother. Sadly, Raí's mother died when he was just 7 years old in Brodowski, Brazil. Raí was left with his father.

Raí loved Father very much. But sometimes it was difficult for the little boy to live alone with a big, strong man and no gentle, caring mother.

Raí had to learn to take care of himself. His father was old and busy and did not have time to teach him many things.

Raí missed the love and care of his mother.

Then Raí got a new mother. Father found a new wife and got married. But, sadly, just a year later, Raí's new mother also died.

Raí was a sad boy.

It seemed like he would never have a mother again.

Then Raí became a Pathfinder. Someone told him about the Pathfinder

club at the Seventh-day Adventist church, and he decided to become a member. Raí enjoyed participating in Pathfinder activities with the other children. He loved listening to stories about Jesus. He found new friends whom he could count on, and he gave his heart to Jesus.

But Raí's heart still ached. He longed for a mother.

As Raí spent time with the Pathfinders, he formed a special friendship with the director of the Pathfinder club, a big, strong man named Mr. Alexandre. Raí especially liked Mr. Alexandre's wife, Mrs. Claudiane. He decided that she would be his new mother.

Mrs. Claudiane felt a mother's love for Raí, and she accepted him as her son. Mr. Alexandre and Mrs. Claudiane already had two young children, João Pedro and

Ana Clara, they accepted Raí as their new brother.

Little by little, the new family lovingly welcomed Raí into their home. He became the eldest son, with his own room, closet, and clothes. He even got braces for his crooked teeth, which was his dream.

Today, Raí still lives with Father and loves him very much. His new family taught him the importance of keeping the Fifth Commandment, which says, “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you” (Exodus 20:12, NKJV). Therefore, Raí takes turns living with Father and with his new family.

Father, who is quite old now, is happy that Raí has a new family. He knows that God gave the new family to Raí so Raí could receive the care that he couldn't provide.

Today, Raí loves God with all his heart. Through the Pathfinders, God fulfilled the wish. He is a boy with a new mother — and much more. He has a new family. 🌍

Part of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will help open a new church in Raí's hometown of Brodowski. A new church in another part of the city will provide an opportunity to open another Pathfinder club where even more children can learn about Jesus. Thank you for planning a generous offering on September 24.

By Andrew McChesney

Story Tips

- Find Brodowski, Brazil, on the map.
- Know that the photo depicts Raí, back left, with his adopted family: Alexandre, Claudiane, João Pedro, and Ana Clara.
- Ask the children why Raí got baptized. Answer: Because of the influence of the Pathfinders. Someone else in the Pathfinder club also got baptized through the influence of the Pathfinders. Can you guess who it was? The Pathfinder director, Mr. Alexandre. Alexandre, a military police officer, joined the church after being asked to provide security for Pathfinder camporees.
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BRAZIL | September 10

Eduarda, 15

Missionary to 14 Girls

Eleven-year-old Eduarda fell in love with Jesus while listening to Bible stories in her Primary class in Brazil. She wanted to serve Jesus, but how?

Then her mother started a small Bible study group in their home. Once a week, several mothers who were not Seventh-day Adventists would come to the house to read the Bible and pray together. Sometimes, the mothers brought their daughters, who were 6 to 8 years old.

Eduarda thought it would be nice if she could create a special group just for the girls.

“Mother,” she said, “could I start a small group just for the girls who come with their mothers?”

Mother thought it was a marvelous idea.

Eduarda prepared a Bible story to share with the other girls. She chose several songs that they could sing together. And she put together a fun Bible quiz that they could play.

Three girls came to Eduarda’s first meeting. Then more girls came. Soon 14 girls were participating in the small group every week. They came from different parts of the city, and their parents came from different religions. They enjoyed praying, singing, listening to Bible stories, and taking Bible quizzes.

After a while, Eduarda thought it would be nice if the girls could meet more than once a week. She invited them to meet at a nursing home to visit and pray with the old people there. Then they went to a hospital to visit and pray with the sick people there.

When COVID-19 came, and the girls could no longer meet together in person. So, they met online for many months. Even though they were online, the girls still prayed, sang, listened to Bible stories, and took Bible quizzes.

Today, the girls can meet in person once again, and they can even go to church

together. Eduarda has seen the hearts of the girls change. Some of the girls go with her to church on Sabbath, and one of them has even opened a YouTube channel where she tells others about Jesus. Several other girls are planning to open small groups like Eduarda's. They want to share their love for Jesus just like Eduarda shared it with them.

Eduarda's dream is that all the girls will give their hearts to Jesus. She hopes that they will tell their parents and everyone else they know about Jesus and His love. 🌐

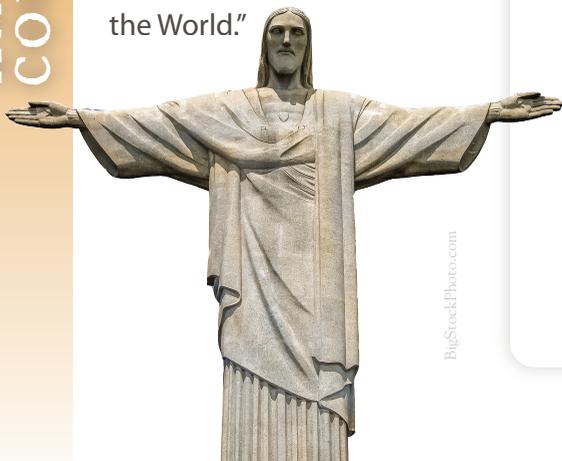
Part of this quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help open four new churches in Eduarda's country of Brazil so that more children can hear about the love of Jesus. Thank you for planning a generous offering on September 24.

By Andrew McChesney



AMAZING
COUNTRY

The statue of Christ the Redeemer in Rio de Janeiro weighs 635 tons (576,062 kg), is 125 feet (38 meters) high, including its pedestal, and has been named one of the "New Seven Wonders of the World."



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Story Tips

- Find Eduarda's hometown of Porto Velho, Brazil, on the map.
- Know that Eduarda currently helps teach the Earliteen class on Sabbaths. She hopes to study law and journalism and to always use her talents to serve the Lord.
- Challenge the children to be missionaries. A missionary is anyone who shares their love for Jesus with someone else. Eduarda's mother appeals to all parents to get involved in the mission of discipling their children to be missionaries.
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BRAZIL | September 17

Mission Pinwheels

Samuel, 8

Have you ever seen a pinwheel? Have you made a pinwheel or held one in your hands?

One morning, little Samuel found himself holding not just one pinwheel but two in his hands. How did he end up with two pinwheels?

Samuel went with his mother to a special morning worship in São Paulo, Brazil. During the worship, a man told a nice story about pinwheels and God. At the end of the story, the man gave Samuel a red, green, yellow, black, and white pinwheel. Then he gave the boy a second pinwheel.

“Give this second pinwheel to a little friend,” he said. “Tell your friend about pinwheels and God.”

Samuel knew exactly who he wanted to give the red, green, yellow, black, and white pinwheel to. There was a boy named Peter at his public school. He

could give the pinwheel to him. He could tell him about pinwheels and God.

Samuel spoke with Mother.

“Can I give the pinwheel to Peter?” he asked.

Mother thought it was a good idea. Samuel could be a real missionary, sharing the pinwheel and telling Peter about God.

But first Mother spoke with Peter’s mother. She wanted to make sure that Peter’s mother wouldn’t mind the gift. Peter’s mother didn’t mind.

Then Mother had another idea.

“Samuel,” she said, “let’s make a nice present for Peter. We can put the pinwheel into a box with a fun DVD about how to be a healthy boy. Then we can wrap up the box.”

Samuel liked the idea. Mother placed the pinwheel and the DVD in a box and wrapped it in nice paper.

The next day at school, Samuel happily

gave the present to Peter. He told Peter about pinwheels and God. Peter was so pleased. He liked the red, green, yellow, black, and white pinwheel very much.

A short time later, Samuel's church held a special children's program where all the children could make pinwheels. Samuel invited Peter to make pinwheels at the church.

It was a fun day for Peter and Samuel. In the morning, they and other children made pinwheels. In the afternoon, they sang songs about Jesus to old people in a nursing home.

From that day, Samuel and Peter became best friends. Peter went to church with Samuel every Sabbath. He joined the Adventurers club with Samuel. Peter had an older sister, Sara, and she also started coming to the Pathfinders club. Then Peter's mother started coming to church to watch the Adventurers and Pathfinders.

Soon Peter's older sister, Sara, gave her heart to Jesus and was baptized. After that, Peter's mother and father gave their hearts to Jesus and were baptized.

Today, Peter comes to church every Sabbath with his whole family. His mother teaches the kindergarten class and is a leader of the Adventurers. His father is a church deacon. His sister teaches the Junior class. And Peter himself is a very good student with Samuel in the Primary class.

Peter and Samuel are best friends. Samuel is a real missionary. God used him to bring salvation to Peter's house and family. 🌍

Part of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will help open four new churches in Samuel's country of Brazil.

Story Tips

- Find São Paulo, Brazil, on the map.
- Know that the photo shows Samuel, left, with his mother and Peter.
- Make pinwheels with the children after sharing the story. (See instructions on p. 34.) Encourage the children to be like Samuel: to give a pinwheel to someone and say, "Jesus loves you!"
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Thank you for planning a generous offering next Sabbath.

By Patrícia Helena de Paula Mendes



13th SABBATH | September 24

Wellington

Bringing Friends to Jesus

Ten-year-old Wellington loved flying kites in Brazil.

First, he picked up his kite and walked outside of his house in the city of Maua. Everyone knows that you cannot fly a kite in a house. That would be silly.

Then Wellington looked for an open space without any nearby houses, trees, or power lines. He didn't want the kite to get caught on anything. A big, grassy park was a great place to fly a kite, but sometimes he flew the kite in the street.

The big challenge was getting the kite to fly up in the sky. Wellington was quite good at it. He stood with his back to the wind, held up the kite, and let out the line. If the wind was strong enough, the kite went right up into the air. Wellington then let the kite fly away from him and pulled it back toward him, let the kite fly away from him, and pulled it back toward him. This caused the kite to fly higher and

higher. Then he just watched the kite fly merrily in the sky.

One day, during school vacation, Wellington was flying his kite on the street near his house. As he watched the kite soar far above him, and a man and a woman walked up. They said that they were the directors of a Pathfinder club at a nearby Seventh-day Adventist church.

"Would you be interested in becoming a Pathfinder?" the man asked.

"We do fun activities and learn about Jesus from the Bible," the woman said.

Wellington had never heard about Pathfinders before. His family was Christian, but they were not Adventists. He was curious to learn more about Pathfinders.

With his parents' permission, he signed up to join the Pathfinder club at the beginning of the school year.

Wellington enjoyed learning about Jesus and doing fun activities at the

Pathfinder club. It was even more fun than flying a kite. He especially loved learning about Jesus, and he wanted to know more.

So, he started studying the Bible with someone at the church. For three years he studied the Bible. Then, when he was 13, he decided to give his heart to Jesus and get baptized. His whole family came to the church to watch his baptism. From that time on, Wellington knew that he had made the best decision of his life.

Wellington loved the church members, and the church members loved him. He worshiped with them at the church every Sabbath.

But after a while, he noticed that some Pathfinders stopped coming to church on Sabbath. Then others stopped coming. Soon it seemed like there were hardly any young people coming to church on

Sabbath. There weren't very many older people, either.

Wellington was worried. He wondered if the church would have to close. What could he do? He prayed.

"Please, God, do a miracle," he said.

As he prayed, he realized that perhaps he could do something himself. Maybe he

Story Tips

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AMAZING
COUNTRY

Soccer (football) is the most popular sport in Brazil. The national team consistently is among the best in the world, winning the World Cup a record five times.



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could help. He remembered the man and woman who had invited him to learn the Bible at the Pathfinders club when he was 10. He decided that if boys and girls did not want to come to church on Sabbath, then he would take church to them.

The next Sabbath morning, Wellington and a friend knocked on the door of one of the youths who had stopped coming to church.

“Good morning!” Wellington said. “I would like to have Sabbath School with you in your home today.”

The next Sabbath, he and his friend went to another home.

After three months, five boys and girls had returned to church to worship on Sabbaths. After six months, 22 boys and girls were attending Sabbath School every week at the church.

Wellington was so happy! God had saved the church and, more important, God was saving many boys and girls at the same time. Wellington felt like he was a kite, flying high in the sky.

“I praise God, who held my hand,” Wellington says. “Today, I don’t live without Him.” 🌍

Part of today’s Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help open a new church

Before 13th Sabbath

- Send home a note to remind parents of the program and to encourage the children to bring their Thirteenth Sabbath Offering on September 24. Remind everyone that their mission offerings are gifts to spread God’s Word around the world and that one-fourth of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will go directly to help eight projects in two countries of the South American Division. The projects are listed on page 3 and on the back cover.
- The narrator doesn’t need to memorize the story, but he or she should be familiar enough with the material so as not to have to read it. Alternatively, the children can act out the story.
- Before or after the story, use a map to show the two countries in the South American Division — Bolivia and Brazil — that will receive the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering to establish eight new churches, four in each country.

in Wellington’s city of Maua, so more boys and girls can learn about Jesus. The Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will also help open seven other churches in the South American Division: three more in Brazil, and another four in Bolivia. Thank you for planning a generous offering.

By Andrew McChesney

Future Thirteenth Sabbath Projects

The Thirteenth Sabbath Offering next quarter will help the South Pacific Division to:

- Establish Hope Channel television and Hope FM Radio in Papua New Guinea
- Record and produce King’s Kids Discipleship Series, five children’s television series of 13 episodes each for broadcast and digital platforms worldwide. Series based on themes and stories from *Steps to Christ*, *Life of Jesus-Desire of Ages/Christ Object Lessons*, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, *Acts of the Apostles*, and *The Great Controversy*, South Pacific Division

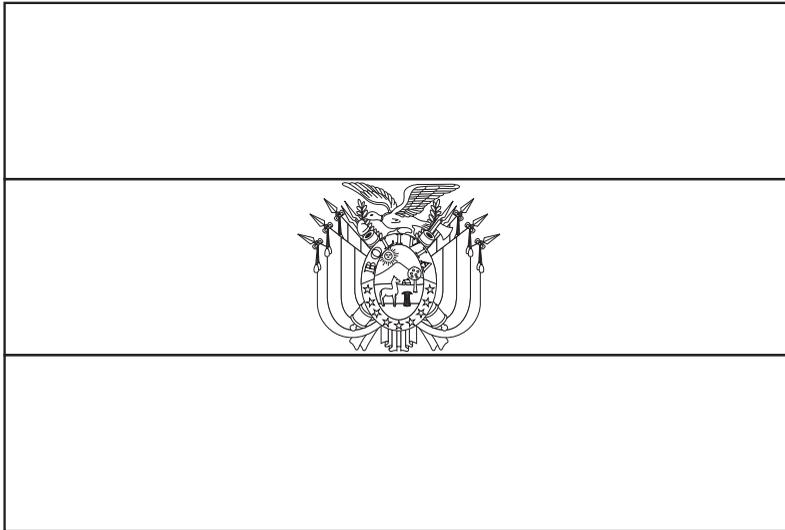
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BOLIVIA

DIRECTIONS:

Color the top third red, the middle third yellow, and the bottom third green.

In the emblem, color the flags the same colors, starting with green closest to the middle, then yellow, then red. Color the tips of the spears gray and the bottoms brown. Color the cannons yellow and the wreath at the top green. The ribbons at the very bottom are red, and the ones on either side are green.



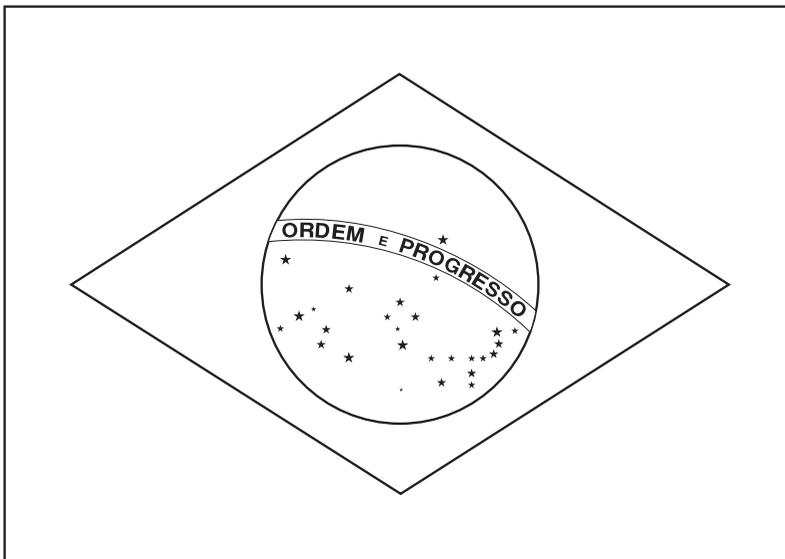
Color the eagle black, with a white collar and orange head.

The band around the center oval is blue with yellow lettering and stars. Inside the oval, color the top bit blue, the hills different colors of yellow, and the ground at the bottom dark green. The palm tree is lighter green, the llama is white, and the sheaf of wheat is yellow.

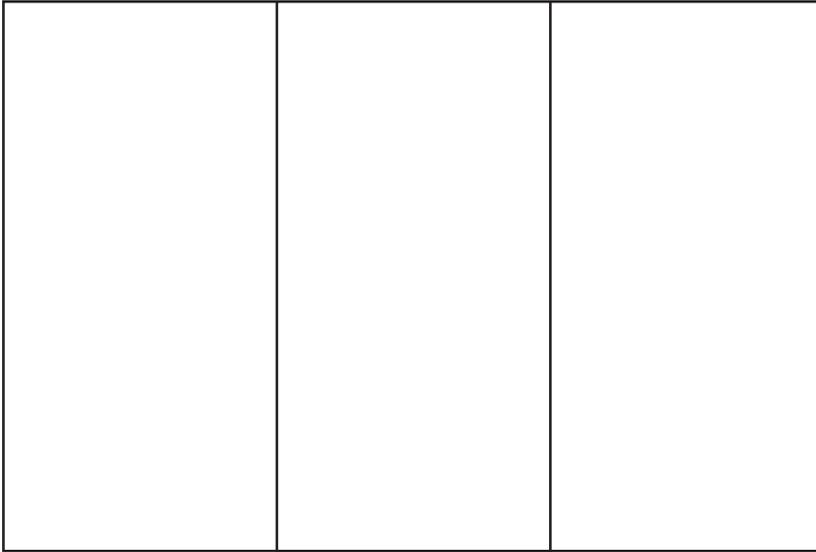
BRAZIL

DIRECTIONS:

The main part of the flag is green, and the diamond shape is yellow. Color the circle dark blue but leave the diagonal band and the stars white. The lettering is light blue.



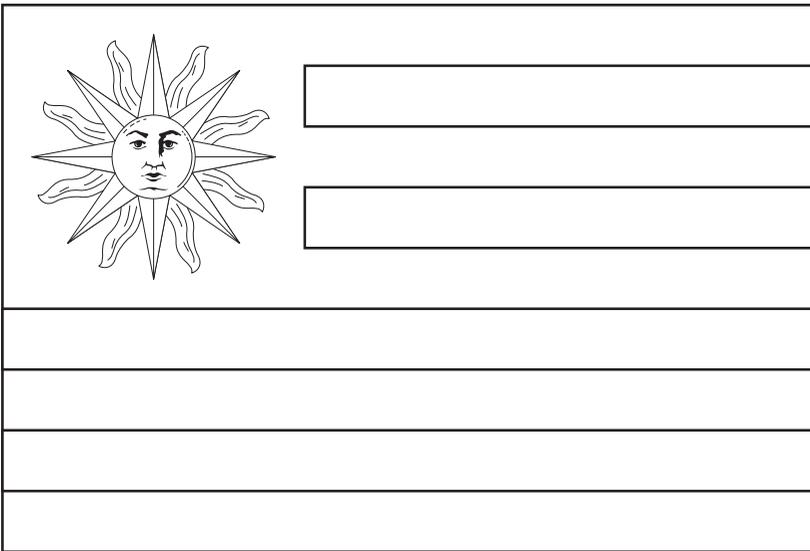
Color The Flag



PERU

DIRECTIONS:

Color the side panels red but leave the middle panel white.



URUGUAY

DIRECTIONS:

Starting with the second stripe from the top, color every other stripe blue. Leave the others white.

Color the face of the sun yellow and then color half of each ray yellow. Color the other half of each ray light brown.

Let's Cook!

BUDIN DE COCO (COCONUT PUDDING) (BOLIVIA)

INGREDIENTS

4 cups (1 liter) of milk
1 grated coconut (about 1 lb, or 0.45 kg), preferably fresh but, if dried, 6 ½ cups of unsweetened wide shreds
2 cups (0.45 kg) sugar

1/2 cup (64 g) cornstarch
Ground cloves (to taste)
Ground cinnamon (to taste)
Whipped cream (for serving)

INSTRUCTIONS

In a pot, mix three-fourths of the milk, the coconut, and the cloves and cinnamon and bring to a boil. Add the sugar and cook on low heat for 10 more minutes. Strain and return the liquid to the pot.

Mix the cornstarch in a little bit of cold water until it is a smooth, thin paste. Add to the strained liquid, along with the remaining one-fourth of the milk. Cook on low heat, stirring constantly, until the mixture thickens.

Remove from heat, cool completely, serve in a glass or bowl topped with whipped cream and powdered cinnamon.



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Let's Play!

PINWHEELS

(FEATURED IN "MISSION PINWHEELS" ON P. 26)

MATERIALS

Piece of paper about 6 inches (15 cm) square
Scissors

Push pin/thumbtack
Straw or pencil with eraser

INSTRUCTIONS

Using the push pin, poke a hole in the very center of the paper. Cut from each corner toward the center of the square of paper, stopping 1 inch (2.5 cm) from the center point. Bend the point at the long end of each cut (every other corner) toward the middle (don't fold it). Make a hole near the point and then line up all the holes with the middle hole and put the pin through all the holes, from the front to the back. Push the point of the pin into the straw near the top, or into the eraser of the pencil. Don't push it in too tightly or the wheel won't spin.

Let's Sing!

YO TENGO GOZO

Sung to the tune of "I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy, Down in My Heart"

PORTUGUESE

Yo tengo gozo, gozo, gozo, gozo
En mi corazón, En me corazón
En me corazón
Yo tengo gozo, gozo, gozo, gozo
En mi corazón
Porque Cristo me Salvó.

Yo tengo paz, paz, paz, paz
En mi corazón, En me corazón
En me corazón
Yo tengo paz, paz, paz, paz
En mi corazón
Porque Cristo me Salvó.

PRONUNCIATION

Yo TEN-go GO-zo, GO-zo, GO-zo, GO-zo
En me COR-a-zone, En me COR-a-zone
En me COR-a-zone
Yo TEN-go GO-zo, GO-zo, GO-zo, GO-zo
En me COR-a-zone
POOR-keh CREESH-too me SAL-voh

Yo TEN-go pahsh, pahsh, pahsh, pahsh
En me COR-a-zone, En me COR-a-zone
En me COR-a-zone
Yo TEN-go pahsh, pahsh, pahsh, pahsh
En me COR-a-zone
POOR-keh CREESH-too me SAL-voh

ENGLISH

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy
Down in my heart, down in my
heart, down in my heart
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy
Down in my heart
Because Christ saved me.

I have peace, peace, peace,
peace, down in my heart, down
in my heart, down in my heart
I have peace, peace, peace,
peace, down in my heart
Because Christ saved me.

Leader's Resources

Be sure to download your free Mission Spotlight video, featuring video reports from around the South American Division and beyond. Download or stream from the Adventist Mission website at bit.ly/missionspotlight.

Online Information

Following are sources of information that may be helpful in preparing for the mission segment of Sabbath School. For more information on the cultures and history of the countries featured in this quarterly, visit:

Websites

Bolivia: government website	bit.ly/Bolivia-Pres
Nations Online	bit.ly/NationsOnline-Bolivia
Britannica	bit.ly/Britannica-Bolivia
Brazil: government website	bit.ly/Brazil-GOV
Lonely Planet	bit.ly/LP-Brazil
World Travel Guide	bit.ly/WTG-Brazil
Peru: government website	bit.ly/Peru-GOV
Peru Travel	bit.ly/Peru-Tourism
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Uruguay: government website	bit.ly/Uruguay-GOV
Lonely Planet	bit.ly/LP-Uruguay
Wikitravel	bit.ly/WikiTravel-Uruguay

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South American Division	bit.ly/SDA-SAD
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Central Brazil Union Conference	bit.ly/SAD-CBUC
East Brazil Union Mission	bit.ly/SAD-EBUM
North Brazil Union Mission	bit.ly/SAD-NBUM
Northeast Brazil Union Mission	bit.ly/SAD-NEBUM
Northwest Brazil Union Mission	bit.ly/SAD-NWBUM
South Brazil Union Conference	bit.ly/SAD-SBUC
Southeast Brazil Union Conference	bit.ly/SAD-SEBUC
West Central Brazil Union Mission	bit.ly/SAD-WCBUM
North Peru Union Mission	bit.ly/SAD-NPUM
South Peru Union Mission	bit.ly/SAD-SPUM
Uruguay Union of Churches Mission	bit.ly/SAD-UUCM

An offering goal device will help focus attention on world missions and increase weekly mission giving. Determine a goal for your class's weekly mission offering. Multiply it by 14, allowing a double goal for the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering. Remind your Sabbath School members that their regular weekly mission offerings will help the missionary work of the world church and that one-quarter of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will go directly to the projects in the South American Division. On the twelfth Sabbath, report on mission giving during the quarter. Encourage members to double or triple their normal mission giving on Thirteenth Sabbath. Count the offering and record the amount given at the end of Sabbath School.

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SOUTH AMERICAN DIVISION

CONFERENCE	CHURCHES	COMPANIES	MEMBERSHIP	POPULATION
Argentina Union Conference	622	429	119,263	45,377,000
Bolivia Union Mission	481	673	122,738	11,633,000
Central Brazil Union Conference	1,239	807	283,337	47,150,395
Chile Union Mission	686	309	104,239	19,470,000
East Brazil Union Mission	1,126	1,601	213,472	16,964,966
Ecuador Union Mission	308	368	54,332	17,511,000
North Brazil Union Mission	1,872	1,524	322,437	17,442,676
North Peru Union Mission	1,424	1,722	213,721	16,418,565
Northeast Brazil Union Mission	1,087	1,470	206,830	33,059,297
Northwest Brazil Union Mission	1,001	838	169,491	7,598,084
Paraguay Union of Churches Mission	69	90	13,654	7,255,000
South Brazil Union Conference	1,226	848	172,350	30,605,684
South Peru Union Mission	1,156	1,467	200,623	16,405,435
Southeast Brazil Union Conference	1,397	1,069	223,162	43,033,609
Uruguay Union of Churches Mission	60	50	7,127	3,531,000
West Central Brazil Union Mission	782	762	135,409	15,957,289
Attached Field	0	1	8	4,000
Division Totals	14,536	14,028	2,562,193	349,417,000

PROJECTS

- 1 New church, El Alto, Bolivia
- 2 New church, La Paz, Bolivia
- 3 New church, Cochabamba, Bolivia
- 4 New church, Trinidad, Bolivia
- 5 New church, Ribeirão Preto, Brazil
- 6 New church, Brodowski, Brazil
- 7 New church, Maua, Brazil
- 8 New church, Santos, Brazil

