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Dear Sabbath School Leader,

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Editor



This quarter we feature the South Pacific Division, which oversees the Seventh-day Adventist Church's work in American Samoa, Australia, the Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, Nauru, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Pitcairn, Samoa, the Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, and the Wallis and Futuna Islands. God is doing amazing things in this region of 40.5 million people with 518,016 Adventists, or a ratio of one Adventist for 70 people, an increase from one Adventist for 78 people three years ago.

The South Pacific Division has two Thirteenth Sabbath projects this quarter. One of the projects is to establish Hope Channel television and Hope FM Radio in Papua New Guinea. The other project is under the auspices of the division and aims to produce King's Kids Discipleship Series, five children's series of 13 episodes each for broadcast and digital platforms worldwide. The series are based on themes and stories from Ellen White's *Steps to Christ*, *Life of Jesus-Desire of Ages/Christ Object Lessons*, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, *Acts of the Apostles*, and *The Great Controversy*.

As a reminder, the last time that the division received a Thirteenth Sabbath Offering was in third quarter 2019, and those funds assisted three projects: "Save 10,000 Toes," a campaign to provide health training to prevent the amputation of the toes of people with diabetes; the establishment of Hope Channel television and radio in Tonga; and, in Australia, the

production of Daniel Children's Series, a 13-part animated series for children aged 8-12 following the adventures of Daniel and his three friends.

The South Pacific Division has made Hope Channel a priority, as evidenced with Hope Channel projects in Tonga in 2019 and in Papua New Guinea this year.

If you want to make your Sabbath School class come alive, 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](https://www.pixabay.com) or [unsplash.com](https://www.unsplash.com). In addition, you can download a PDF of facts and activities from the South Pacific Division at bit.ly/spd-2022. Follow us at facebook.com/missionquarterlies. Mission Spotlight videos are available at bit.ly/missionspotlight.

Thank you for encouraging children to be mission-minded!

Opportunities

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

- Establish Hope Channel television and Hope FM Radio, Papua New Guinea Union Mission
- Produce King's Kids Discipleship Series, five children's TV series of 13 episodes each based on the Conflict of the Ages series, South Pacific Division

where he saw a fiberglass boat with the mission logo on the side. Once all the family's bags were loaded up, the engine started, and they were on their way down the river, going fast! There was so much to see. There were egrets gracefully flying by, people paddling in long, dugout canoes, children on the shore waving, and beautiful trees. The people wore different clothes than Christian had seen in America. But that didn't matter. They seemed very friendly as they smiled and waved. He liked this new place.

"Look!" Papa said. "There's the mission outpost. That's our new home."

The dingy followed a bend in the river, and the motor slowed down. On the bank, people stood waving, with happy smiles on their faces. The dingy pulled over to them. When the engine stopped, Christian heard them singing, "We are happy today, we are happy today, we are happy to have you here!"

He couldn't stop smiling. As soon as the song ended, he was the first to climb out of the dingy. Walking down the long, long line of waiting people, he shook hands with each one of them, taking notice of the large number of kids. He knew that he was going to like his new home.

Story Tips

- Find Papua New Guinea on the map. Then find Daru, capital of Papua New Guinea's Western Province.
- Know that Christian and his family arrived as U.S. missionaries in Papua New Guinea in late 2021.
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Thank you for your mission offering that helps spread the gospel in Papua New Guinea and around the world.

By Jason Sliger

MISSION RECORD

In 1907, Septimus and Edith Carr, teaching at the Buresala Training School in Fiji, were chosen to begin Adventist work in Papua. They took one of their students, Benisimani "Bennie" (or "Benny") Tavodi, to assist them. They arrived in Port Moresby in June 1908 and rented a hut on the edge of town. Septimus traveled by packhorse to the Sogeri Plateau northeast of Port Moresby, where the climate was cooler and the soil better. He arranged for the government to purchase 150 acres (670 hectares) from the local people so that he could lease it long-term.



PAPUA NEW GUINEA | October 8

Homesick!

Evangeline, 10

"I'm homesick!" Evangeline said, flopping down on her bed as sweat beaded up on her face and back. "It's so hot! I can't get cooled down for anything."

The 10-year-old American girl felt out of place in this new and strange land. She and her family had just arrived in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea's capital. They were preparing to work as missionaries in a remote outpost in Papua New Guinea's Western Province.

"Mama, can we please go home?" Evangeline said, almost bursting into tears. "I miss Grandma and all my friends. I don't have any friends here."

"I'm so sorry, honey," Mother said, handing the girl a cool rag to wipe her sweaty face. "I know that it feels strange to be in this new country. It's hard to be so far away from all your family and friends. But I'm sure that God has new friends and family for you here in PNG."

PNG stands for Papua New Guinea. Everyone says PNG because it is easier to say than Papua New Guinea.

It all sounded good as Evangeline listened to Mother talk. But it didn't help that feeling inside, that feeling of being an oddball, of not belonging in PNG.

The next day was busy. The family went into town together to buy supplies. The place where they would be living as missionaries did not have shops where they could buy groceries whenever they needed them. So, they had a lot of shopping to do. Mother had a long, long list of things to buy — enough supplies to last for four months!

"Evangeline, can you please organize these cans of food? We need to put them neatly in the shopping cart," Mother said.

"OK, Mama," she said. "I'd be happy to!"

She enjoyed making all the cans, boxes, and small packets look nice and neat.

A few weeks later, the feelings of homesickness were not quite so strong. The family made an exciting boat trip to their mission outpost and moved

into their new home. The land of the Gogodala people in Papua New Guinea's Western Province was proving to be a very interesting place to live.

"Evangeline, Nato is out front playing games with some of the other girls," Mother said. Nato was a young Gogodala girl who lived nearby. "You should go out and play with them," Mother said.

"But Mama, they stare at me, and I can't understand them," Evangeline said.

"I understand, sweetheart, but the more time you spend with them, the better you will get to know each other," Mother said.

"OK, I'll give it a try," Evangeline said.

Day after day, as Evangeline went out to watch the children play, she got more and more comfortable around them.

On a Friday evening, as the missionary family was welcoming the Sabbath, Father asked Evangeline and her brother and sister what they were thankful for.

Evangeline thought for a moment. Then she said with a big smile, "I'm thankful that I'm starting to feel more like a real PNG person."

Yes, there would be many more adjustments to make, but Papua New Guinea was starting to feel like home.

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AMAZING
COUNTRY

Seashells were once the currency of Papua New Guinea. Although they were abolished as currency in 1933, the tradition is still present in local customs. In some cultural groups, a groom must bring a certain number of golden-edged clam shells as a bride price. Elsewhere, the bride price is paid in lengths of shell money, pigs, cassowaries (a large native bird), or cash. In still others, it is brides who traditionally pay the dowry.





PAPUA NEW GUINEA | October 15

Shanita, 12

Following an Old Woman

An old woman caught the attention of 12-year-old Shanita in the city of Wewak in Papua New Guinea.

The old woman was a neighbor who lived in a house near Shanita's home. Shanita thought she was a nice old woman. She smiled a lot. She treated Shanita kindly. But she did something strange. Every Saturday, she put on her best clothes and walked to church.

Shanita did not think that it was strange for someone to put on nice clothes and walk to church. She also wore nice clothes when she walked to church. But the old woman went to church every Saturday. Shanita went to church on Sundays, and she did not go every week.

Shanita wondered why the old woman went to church on Saturdays. One Saturday, she decided to follow the old woman to church. When she saw the old woman leave her house, she followed

along. They walked together down the street. After a little while, they arrived at a Seventh-day Adventist church. Then the two parted ways. The old woman went to Sabbath School for adults, and someone invited Shanita to go to Sabbath School for children.

Shanita loved the Sabbath School! She listened to stories from the Bible. She made new friends with the other children. She stayed for the sermon and attended the Pathfinders club in the afternoon.

At home, Shanita enthusiastically told Mother and Father about the children's Sabbath School and the sermon. She described the Pathfinder club to her older 14-year-old sister, Martina, and her little 7-year-old sister, Martiva.

The next Sabbath, Shanita returned to the church. She went back again the next Sabbath and the next. After every visit, she told her parents and sisters about

what she had seen and heard. She said the children learned that God created the heavens and the earth in six days. “And that’s not all,” she said. “On the seventh day God finished His work and rested. He blessed the seventh day. He wants us to rest on the seventh day and to remember that He created the earth and all of us.”

Now Shanita understood why the old woman went to church on Saturdays. The old woman remembered that God created the earth and everything in it and was resting, like God, on the Sabbath.

For six Sabbaths in a row, Shanita went to the church to learn more about God. On the seventh Sabbath, Shanita did not walk to the church alone. Her two sisters wanted to go with her. Shanita was happy to walk to church with Martina and Martiva. It was nice to worship God together. Soon Martina joined Pathfinders, and Martiva joined Adventurers. The three sisters began to think, “Wouldn’t it be nice if Mother and Father also came to church on Sabbath?” For many, many months the girls prayed for their parents to go to church.

One day, Mother and Father suddenly announced that they wanted to go to church on Sabbath. The girls were so happy! Today, Shanita walks to the church every Sabbath with Martina, Martiva, Mother, and Father. The girls are now praying that Mother and Father will give their hearts to Jesus and get baptized. They know that God hears their prayers and that He will answer them.

Thank you for your mission offering that helps spread the love of Jesus in Papua New Guinea and around the world.

By Andrew McChesney

Story Tips

- Find Wewak, Papua New Guinea, on the map.
- Read the story of Creation in Genesis 1-2:3 with the children. Ask the children why they go to church on Sabbath.
- Ask the children how the old woman in the story was a witness. Possible answers: She was a witness with her smiles and her kindness to Shanita. She was a witness by going to church every Sabbath. Even though she never spoke about God to Shanita, her actions spoke louder than words. Ask the children whether Shanita would have followed a cross old woman. Our attitude can be a big witness for God.
- Ask the children how Shanita was a witness to her sisters and parents. Possible answer: She told them about the Bible stories that she learned in church.
- Ask the children what they can learn from this mission story about being a witness. Possible answers: to be kind and friendly, to go to church every Sabbath, to share Bible stories, and to pray for others.
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PAPUA NEW GUINEA | October 22

Going Hungry

Moreen, 12

Have you ever been hungry? Have you ever been very, very hungry?

Moreen has been very, very hungry.

Moreen does not have a mother. Her mother died when she was small. But she has a father, and he went to church on Sunday. She also has eight sisters and one brother. They also went to church on Sunday. They live in a village in Papua New Guinea. Also in the village lives Moreen's Auntie, who is a Seventh-day Adventist and goes to church on Sabbath.

One Sabbath, Auntie asked Moreen whether she would like to go to church. Moreen liked the worship service. The other children were kind and friendly. The adults smiled at her and made her feel welcome. She went to church with Auntie the next Sabbath and the next.

But Father was angry when he learned that Moreen was going to church on Sabbath. Moreen's eight sisters and one brother also were angry. They went to church on Sunday.

Moreen's eight sisters didn't want her to go to church on Sabbath, so they began to criticize her. Moreen didn't like being criticized. It hurt. But she continued to go to church on Sabbath.

Moreen's eight sisters saw that their criticism wasn't working, so they decided to try something else. They began to chase her out of the house.

"You aren't our sister!" they said.

But when night came, they changed their minds and allowed her to return home to sleep.

Moreen didn't like being chased out of the house. It hurt. But she continued to go to church on Sabbath.

Moreen's eight sisters saw that chasing her out of the house wasn't working, so they decided to try something else. They stopped giving her breakfast.

Moreen didn't like to go to school hungry. Sometimes her stomach felt so empty that it hurt. But she continued to go to church on Sabbath.

The weeks and months passed, and the

sisters couldn't understand why Moreen kept going to church even though they were so unkind. They wanted to hear more about her God. Two sisters started to go to church with her and Auntie.

Father stopped being angry and agreed that she could go with Auntie to church.

Some of the neighbors noticed that Moreen was so patient and faithful even though her sisters and father were unkind. They started going to church.

Moreen may be only 12 years old, but her example has been a big witness to her family and her neighbors.

"My father and sisters and brother may forsake me and hate me," she says, "but my Jesus never will hate or reject me."

She is grateful to God that her aunt brought her to church and taught her to keep the Sabbath holy as the Bible teaches. The Fourth Commandment says, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy" (Exodus 20:8, NKJV).

She wants more than anything for Father, her eight sisters, and her brother to worship on Sabbath with her. "Please help me pray for my family," she says.

Your Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will help establish Hope Channel television and Hope FM Radio in Papua

Story Tips

- Find Papua New Guinea on the map.
- Ask the children why Moreen was willing to go to school hungry. Possible answer: She thought it was more important to obey God and keep the Fourth Commandment than to eat breakfast. Ask the children what they would be willing to give up for God.
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New Guinea, allowing people across the country to learn about Jesus.

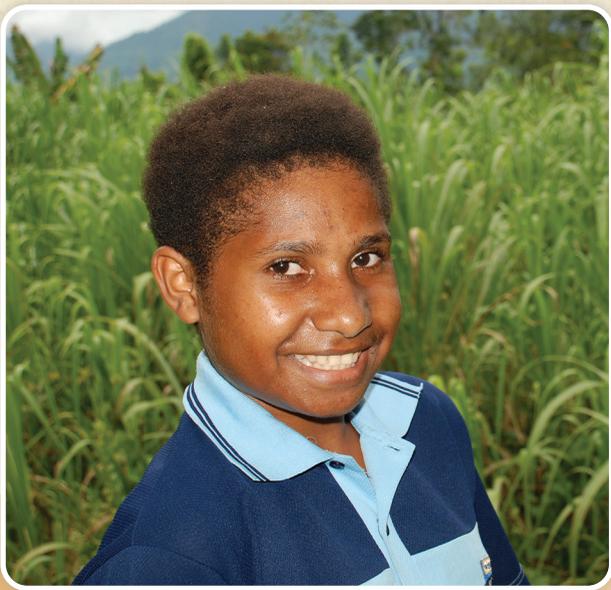
By Jeremiah Raubi



AMAZING
COUNTRY

The staple food in the Highlands of Papua New Guinea is kaukau (sweet potato); on the coast and in the lowlands it is saksak (a starchy extract from the sago palm). Most people sit on the ground or floor to eat, and food is mostly eaten with the hands, although spoons are commonly used. Asking for second helpings can imply that your host has not provided adequately.





PAPUA NEW GUINEA | October 29

Dorcas

The Unexpected Church

Camp was such fun for Dorcas, who lives in a village in Papua New Guinea. The leaders told Bible stories and taught the children new songs to sing and simple crafts to do. And every day the children received a card with a Bible text on it to learn. As Dorcas held her Bible text card one day, she had an idea.

When she returned home from camp, she asked her father to make copies of the Bible verse cards to share with her friends at school. Then she invited two of her best friends to meet her during recess.

“I’ve brought you something,” Dorcas said. “It’s a Bible verse. Let’s meet during recess to practice them and learn them together.”

The girls accepted the cards and agreed to learn the Bible texts. But when they met the next day, the girls had a surprise for Dorcas. The next morning Dorcas’ friends met her by the river that flowed

nearby. But instead of just two girls, 10 children met Dorcas during recess. They all wanted Bible verse cards and they all agreed to memorize the Bible texts. Dorcas was amazed that so many children wanted to learn God’s Word! She needed more Bible verse cards! Dorcas gave each child a card and invited them to come back the next day to practice the Bible verses.

Every day more children came to Dorcas during morning recess to say their Bible verse and get another card. Within two weeks 20 children were learning Bible verses during school recess. That was a big group!

When Dorcas told her mother how many children were coming to her group, Mother suggested that the children meet at their house. Dorcas invited her friends to meet at her house on Wednesday and Friday evenings. All 20 friends came, and they invited more friends.

“Mother and I planned a program for

the children,” Dorcas says. “We sang songs, I told a Bible story, and we did the same crafts I had learned at summer camp. And the group kept growing.”

Soon, too many children were coming to meet inside the house, and the children began meeting outside.

Six months after Dorcas started the Bible group, about 50 children and some of their parents were coming to Dorcas’ Wednesday and Friday meetings. And almost 100 were attending on Sabbath morning for worship. Dorcas planned a regular Sabbath School program for the children, and her mother and dad helped conduct the worship.

One day Dorcas’ parents told her that several people had given their hearts to Jesus and wanted to be baptized! What good news that was! “It makes me happy to know that something I did is helping others learn about Jesus,” Dorcas says.

Because Dorcas let God lead her, a whole new church was planted in her village. We can do big things for God if we follow the ideas that Jesus gives us. And we can help Dorcas and other people around the world teach children about God. Part of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will help create a

Story Tips

- Ask the children, “Who can find Papua New Guinea on our map?” Let a child point to it. Then locate the capital, Port Moresby, on the map and trace a line northeast into the heart of the peninsula to show where Dorcas lives.
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series of children’s TV programs called King’s Kids Discipleship Series. Let’s save our money this quarter to help make the children’s TV programs that will help children understand that God loves them.

By Charlotte Ishkanian



AMAZING
COUNTRY

Tree kangaroos are found in New Guinea’s tropical rainforests. While most are native to the island, a few are found in some other nearby islands and even northern Australia. Because of hunting and habitat loss, tree kangaroos are threatened with extinction.





PAPUA NEW GUINEA | November 5

Mi Sala!

Natasha and Jiqui

Jiqui lives in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. She is 8 years old, but already she has helped someone meet Jesus. When her church sponsored a Children's Sabbath, Jiqui was one of four children who spoke for the worship service.

"It was a little hard," Jiqui says. "I was in the first grade then, and I couldn't read very well. So, Mother read my sermon to me, and I memorized it. She helped me learn how to speak loudly and how to use my hands for expression. By the time of the service, I was only a little nervous."

On Children's Sabbath, Jiqui prayed that God would give her a strong voice and use her words to help someone want to know more about Jesus. She didn't know it, but someone in the audience was touched by God as Jiqui spoke.

Natasha had never been to the Adventist church before. Her aunt had

invited her to the Children's Sabbath program. Natasha attended church with her parents on Sunday, but the children's program sounded interesting, so she decided to attend. She had never seen children lead a worship service before. They led the singing and prayed, and four children even preached. She was excited to see the children up front.

Then Jiqui, the smallest child, stood to speak. Natasha listened in amazement. This girl was younger than Natasha! *How can such a little girl preach?* She wondered. Then she whispered to her auntie, "*Mi sala!* [I like it!] I want to learn to do that, too!"

Natasha wanted to visit the Seventh-day Adventist church again, and her parents agreed. Since then, Natasha has attended church every Sabbath. She especially likes Sabbath School with its active songs for children and an interesting Bible story every week. "It's great! I like how the

teacher tells us about God in words we can understand. Mi sala!”

Several months later, the children presented another special program. This time Natasha took part. She told the people how a little girl’s sermon had made her want to continue coming to church. Then Natasha called Jiqui to the front and thanked her for her part in the program.

Jiqui didn’t know that her sermon had helped Natasha come to church. She was glad that God had used her words to touch Natasha’s heart.

Natasha looks forward to the day she can preach in church.

“I’ll ask Jiqui to help me,” she says. “And I’ll invite my parents and friends to come. And I’ll ask God to help me tell them more about Jesus’ love, just as Jiqui did when she preached. I think God would answer my prayer. He answered Jiqui’s!”

Jiqui and Natasha want you to share God’s love with others so they can get excited about God. You can do that this week!

By Charlotte Ishkanian



AMAZING
COUNTRY

Papua New Guinea has a wide variety of reptiles, marsupials (animals that carry their young in pouches), native freshwater fish, and birds but has almost no large mammals. The largest animals are the cassowaries (large, flightless birds) and crocodiles. It also has around 40 species of birds-of-paradise.



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Story Tips

- Ask the children, “Who can find Papua New Guinea on our map?” Let a child point to it. “Who can find Port Moresby on the map?”
- Pronounce Jiqui as: JEE-kee.
- Know that “mi sala” means “I like it” in Pidgin, which is spoken by many people in Papua New Guinea.
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PAPUA NEW GUINEA | November 12

Dada

A Strange Dream

Have you ever had a strange dream? Dada had a strange dream as he was sleeping one night at home in Papua New Guinea.

Dada dreamed that he saw a stranger, and the stranger had a strange message for him.

“You are not following the truth,” the stranger said.

Dada wondered what the stranger was talking about. While he was only a boy, he understood that the stranger was talking about God. Was he not following God?

The stranger continued to speak.

“Turn back and worship in a church that keeps the Sabbath,” the stranger said.

Dada was puzzled when he woke up. He believed in God, but he didn’t go to church, and he didn’t read the Bible. He decided to look for a church that worshiped on Sabbath.

There were several churches in his village. The first church that he found

worshiped on Sunday. The second and third churches also worshiped on Sunday. But then he found a church that wasn’t like the others. People went to the Seventh-day Adventist church on Sabbath. Dada remembered his dream and showed up for worship services on Sabbath.

He liked the church! The other boys and girls were kind and friendly. The adults smiled at him and made him feel welcome. He began to go to church every Sabbath.

As he went to church, he began to learn about God from the Bible. He learned that God of the Bible was not the same God whom he had learned about from his parents. Father said God was so big that nobody could know Him. Mother said God was so big that He didn’t know Dada or anybody else on earth. But the Bible says God knows everybody and wants everybody to know Him. Dada wanted to know God, and he wanted God to know him.

Father and Mother were not happy when they learned that Dada was going to the Sabbath church.

Mother wanted Dada to stop going to church, so she criticized him.

Father wanted Dada to stop going to church, so he chased him out of the house.

Dada felt very sad about the way his family was treating him. But he wanted to follow the truth. The stranger in the dream had said he would follow the truth if he went to church on Sabbath. He kept going to church on Sabbath.

Every time his family treated him badly, Dada remembered a Bible story about Jesus. In the story, Jesus was talking to a crowd of people, and His mother and brothers stood outside, seeking to speak with Him. Then someone said to Jesus, “Look, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, seeking to speak with You.” But Jesus answered and said, “Who is My mother and who are My brothers?” And Jesus stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, “Here are My mother and My brothers! For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother” (Matthew 12:46-50, NKJV).

So, when Mother criticized him for seeking to obey God, Dada imagined that Jesus was saying to him, “Here is my brother! For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother.”

When Father chased him out of the house for seeking to obey God, Dada imagined that Jesus was saying to him, “Here is my brother! For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother.” He liked the idea of having Jesus as his Big Brother. Jesus was the best Big Brother!

Story Tips

- Find Papua New Guinea on the map.
- Ask the children, “Why does Dada think that Jesus is his Big Brother?” Possible answer: Jesus said in Matthew 12:46-50 that anyone who does God’s will is His brother, and Dada was trying to do God’s will by going to church and not eating unhealthy food.
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Dada is praying for his family to join him in following the truth. Some of his friends have started to go to church with him on Sabbath. Dada hopes to give his heart to Jesus in baptism one day soon.

Your Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will help establish Hope Channel television and Hope FM Radio in Papua New Guinea, allowing people across the country to learn about Jesus. Thank you for planning a generous offering.

By Jeremiah Raubi



VANUATU | November 19

John

A Fish and a Light

Two very unusual things happened on a Friday in Vanuatu, a country of many small islands in the South Pacific.

Father was walking along the beach when he saw a fish on the white sand. He had seen fish before on the white sand, but this was no ordinary fish. This fish was very much alive, and it was unhurt. Quickly, Father picked up the fish and went to show it to John.

John was new to the island. He was visiting from another island. Since he didn't know anyone, Father had invited him to stay at his home.

"Look at this," Father said, showing John the very much alive fish.

John was amazed. He had never seen anything like this before.

The second unusual thing happened a few hours later as the sun went down. John invited Father and his family to sit outside the house and listen to stories

about Jesus. Father, Mother, and the children listened as John read the Bible.

As they listened, a bright light began to shine inside the house. The light was so bright that Father was scared. Mother was scared. The children were scared.

Father walked over to the front door of the house and went inside. He saw to his surprise that an old lantern was somehow working. The battery-powered lantern had not worked for some time. Father picked up the lantern to take a closer look. Then the lantern's light went out.

Father took the lantern outside to show the others. He opened it up and saw that there were no batteries inside. He tried to turn on the lantern again, but he couldn't.

"This must be a miracle," John said.

Father thought about what John had said. He thought about the live, unhurt fish. He thought about the bright light in the old lantern without batteries. He

kept all these things and pondered them in his heart.

Some time later, John invited Father to go with him to another island. On the island, Father and John attended a big evangelistic meeting in a sports stadium. Father watched as 3,000 people gave their hearts to Jesus in baptism. He remembered the live, unhurt fish on the white sandy beach. He remembered the bright light in the lantern without batteries. *Those were miracles!* he thought. He decided to give his heart to Jesus.

Today, Father is the leader of a Seventh-day Adventist church on his island. After two unusual things happened on a Friday in Vanuatu, his life has never been the same again.

Thank you for your Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter that will help other families in Vanuatu and across the world know more about God through a series of children's TV programs called King's Kids Discipleship Series. Let's save our money this quarter to help make the children's TV programs that will help children understand that God loves them.

By Adventist Mission staff

Story Tips

- Ask the children to find Vanuatu on the map.
- Know that Father's name is John, the same first name as his houseguest, John.
- Challenge the children to be like John and share Jesus with someone this week.
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In 1911, Calvin and Myrtle Parker, together with nurses Harold and Clara Carr, were appointed by the Australian Union Conference to pioneer a mission base in Vanuatu. They took with them a portable home. The men went ahead to Port Vila on Efate, arriving on June 10, 1912. Their wives waited at Norfolk Island until the home was constructed and then they proceeded to Port Vila, arriving on August 11. Port Vila was only a staging ground until a permanent site could be found. An extensive search resulted in the purchase of a property for £150 on the little island of Atchin off the northeast coast of Malekula.

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VANUATU | November 26

Joe

A Ball and a Chicken

If you've ever been in a big storm, you might be able to imagine what it is like to be in a cyclone. In 2015, a powerful category 5 cyclone hit many of the islands of Vanuatu in the South Pacific, destroying and flattening many homes and churches. The people who lived on these islands needed help.

A few months later, a team of young men from Vanuatu and a builder named Peter from Australia traveled from island to island. They built 41 new buildings that could stand strong if another cyclone came.

On one of those islands, Tanna, on the top of a mountain, is a small village. This village is called Nukuka, and very few people ever visit it.

The village needed a new church, so the builders brought wood, concrete, a roof, and other materials on a boat. They unloaded everything onto the beach, then dragged everything up the mountain.

Children played nearby as the workers built the new church. They had no toys, but played games with sticks and other toys made from bush.

It would take about one week for the new church building to be built. During that week, Peter, the Australian, had to travel back to the city of Vila by airplane to pick up some supplies for the new church. One of the young boys heard that Peter was leaving. We'll call him Joe. Joe approached Peter with a request. .

"Could you please bring me back a soccer ball?" he asked.

Peter looked at Joe, kindly. "Most children are scared of me, let alone talk to me," he said. "Because you have asked me this request, I will bring you back a ball. But I have one request of you: This ball will not just be your ball, but the village ball, shared with all of the children."

The boy nodded and ran off to play.

A few days later, Peter arrived back at Nukuka. He climbed the mountain with something special under his arm: a real soccer ball. The boy ran up to Peter when he arrived. As Peter gave him the ball, he noticed the boy blink away tears.

That Sabbath was a very special day. All of the village people gathered in their new church on the top of the mountain to worship God. This building would be a safe place for the people if there ever was another cyclone.

On Sunday, the workers were ready to leave, and the whole village came out to say goodbye. Three of the people who came to say goodbye were Joe, his widowed mother, and his little sister. The boy had brought a thank-you gift for Peter — a live chicken and a stick of sugar cane. This was a very generous gift indeed! Peter thanked him for his gift but accepted only the sugar cane. Jesus tells us, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35, NKJV). Both Peter and the boy knew this to be true on that day. What will you give to others to show them that Jesus cares?

By Nerida Koolik

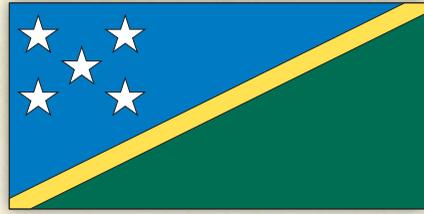
Story Tips

- Find Vanuatu and the island of Tanna on the map.
- Ask the children why Peter did not take the chicken. Possible answers: it would be difficult to travel with a chicken; Joe and his family needed the chicken more than Peter.
- Ask the children how Peter and the boy knew that it was better to give than receive. What did Peter give and receive? What did Joe give and receive? Peter and Joe gave and received more than a soccer ball, a chicken, and a stick of sugar cane. They gave love.
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MISSION RECORD

Missionaries Calvin and Myrtle Parker built a mission station that included a clinic on the island of Atchin in Vanuatu in 1913. The next year, Calvin completed a church, his first in the island group, and he dedicated it to the Lord on January 17, 1914. That same year, Myrtle began a school with 15 students. She also initiated social gatherings for the women in order to remove prejudice and shyness, and she served rice and bread rolls with cereal coffee at the gatherings. Today, Vanuatu has 90 churches and 125 companies. With 27,749 members, that’s one member for every 17 people in the country.



SOLOMON ISLANDS | December 3

Tiroa

The Runaway

Tiroa wandered down the dirt road. Tears streaked his dusty face. Some women saw him as they returned to their village.

“You’d better hurry home,” one woman said. “It will be dark soon.”

“No!” he said fiercely. “I won’t go back there. They’ll beat me.”

The boy’s fierce defense surprised the women. They learned that his name was Tiroa, and that he was about 10 years old. He had run away from his aunt and uncle who lived in a village in the mountains.

The women couldn’t leave the boy alone, so Enta offered to take him home with her.

“Some food and a bath will make you feel better,” she said, smiling at him.

Tiroa sensed he could trust her and followed her home.

Enta prepared some potatoes, cassava, bananas, and papaya for dinner. The boy

ate it hungrily. Then he washed his face and fell asleep on the sleeping mat that Enta had placed on the floor for him. Tiroa awoke to find more food to eat. Tiroa smiled a shy “thank you” at his new auntie, Enta. He liked her!

It was Friday, and that evening the family gathered to pray as the sun set. Tiroa watched the others kneel on the hard, wooden floor and fold their hands. He did the same. After a meal of pineapple and bananas, the boy curled up on the sleeping mat and fell asleep again.

On Sabbath morning the family ate breakfast and dressed for church, but Tiroa didn’t want to go. Auntie Enta sensed that he was afraid and allowed Tiroa to stay home.

During the following week, the family gathered for worship every evening. They sang a song, listened to a Bible story, and prayed. By the next Sabbath Tiroa was

willing to go to church with Auntie Enta. Tiroa liked Sabbath School. He liked the story and the sing-sing time. He had begun learning some songs in worship and joined the children as they sang.

Tiroa's family learned where he was and came to see him. Tiroa was afraid they would make him go back with them, but Auntie Enta convinced them that he was better off living with her. They agreed to allow him to stay in her village.

Tiroa has never been to school, and he cannot read or write. Auntie Enta wants to send him to school. Meanwhile, there are other lessons to learn, such as trust and obedience.

Although Tiroa had heard of Jesus before he ran away, he didn't know that Jesus loves him. In fact, he didn't know what love was until Auntie Enta and her family took him in. Now they are teaching him that they love him, and Jesus loves him, too.

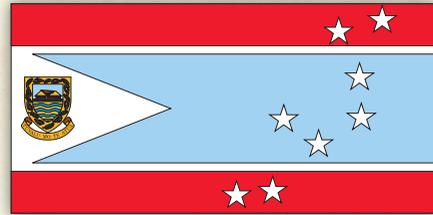
Our mission offerings help people such as Tiroa learn that Jesus loves them. Thank you for giving.

By Charlotte Ishkanian

Story Tips

- Ask the children, "Who can find the Solomon Islands on our map?" Help a child locate the islands, which lie between Papua New Guinea and Fiji.
- Pronounce Tiroa as: tee-ROH-ah.
- Pronounce Enta as: EHN-tah.
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- Know that part of this quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help create a series of special TV programs called King's Kids Discipleship Series based on some of the most beloved books by Ellen White. Through this project, children all around the world will be able to watch stories about God.
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Pioneer Adventist missionaries to the Solomon Islands were G. F. Jones and his wife, sent by the mission board of Australasia. Landing on the island of Gizo on May 29, 1914, Jones obtained a local crew for his auxiliary ketch, the Advent Herald, and sailed for Viru on the west coast of New Georgia, where he established headquarters for the mission work and opened a school.



TUVALU | December 10

Junior

Amazing, Unexplainable God

Junior missed home so much. He missed his uncles and aunties. He missed his grandparents. He especially missed Mother and Father.

Junior missed his family because he was studying at a Seventh-day Adventist boarding school far from home.

When Junior finished eighth grade, his big wish was to go to an Adventist high school for ninth grade. But there was no Adventist high school in his country of Tuvalu. Tuvalu is a tiny country of nine islands in the Pacific Ocean.

So, Junior prayed.

“God, please help me to go to an Adventist school,” he prayed.

His uncles and aunties also prayed. His grandparents prayed. And Mother and Father prayed.

God answered their prayers in an amazing way. Junior was able to go to an Adventist high school in another country, Fiji. To get to the school, he had to fly two

and a half hours on an airplane from his home in Tuvalu to his new school in Fiji.

Junior was so happy that God had answered his prayers. He was so happy to study at Navesau Adventist High School. But he missed home.

Then something bad happened. A mosquito bit Junior, and he fell ill with dengue fever. He felt terrible!

Then something even worse happened: COVID-19.

Far away in Tuvalu, Junior’s family decided that he should fly home.

His family was eager to meet him at the airport. But because of COVID-19 rules, no one could give Junior a hug or even shake his hand. Instead, Junior was taken away to a special quarantine house. He had to stay all by himself for 14 days in quarantine to make sure that he did not have COVID-19 and could not infect anyone.

Junior didn’t understand why he had to stay in quarantine. He was sure that he

didn't have COVID-19. He had dengue fever, and he felt terrible. He prayed.

Junior didn't know it, but as he was lying in quarantine, Mother asked for special permission to be locked in quarantine with him. She wanted to take care of her son, and she was ready to spend 14 days with him.

The first night that Junior was in quarantine, he suddenly woke up and saw to his surprise that he was not alone. Mother was standing at his bed! He couldn't believe his eyes.

"Mother, is that you?" he asked.

Smiling, Mother assured him that she was there, ready to care for him until he recovered. Junior smiled back. Suddenly, he felt a whole lot better! God had answered his prayer. "I'm OK," he said.

And he was. Junior quickly got better and, when the 14 days in quarantine ended, he went home. He was so glad to be with his uncles and aunties, his grandparents, and Mother and Father. He was especially glad for God's loving presence in his life.

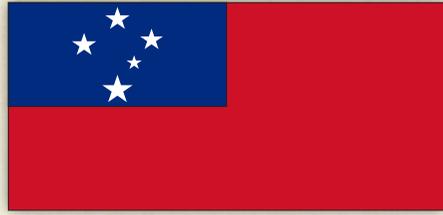
By Vaguna Satupa

Story Tips

- Find Tuvalu and Fiji on the map. Junior lives on Tuvalu's main island, Funafuti.
- Pronounce Tuvalu as: TOO-va-loo.
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ISLAND FACTS

Tuvalu is the world's fourth-smallest country, an archipelago of six coral atolls and three islands covering an area of just 16 square miles (26 km²). Tuvalu has a population of about 11,000 people, and its capital is Vaiaku on the island of Funafuti. Only Funafuti has a regular electricity supply. There is no newspaper, and there is only a single radio station. Most Tuvaluans live in villages of a few hundred people, tend their gardens, and fish from handcrafted canoes. Tuvalu has one Seventh-day Adventist church and three companies. With 365 church members, that's one member for every 33 people in the country.



SAMOA | December 17

Only[™] One God

Saunoamaalii

Their questions weren't easy, but Father refused to change his mind. He didn't see any problem sending his son to one church and going himself to another.

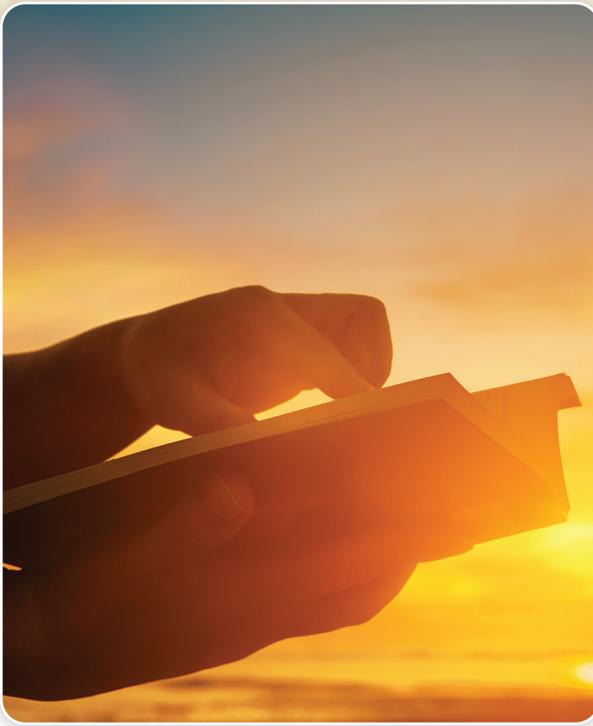
"The God of heaven who is worshiped at Saunoamaalii's church is the same God of heaven who is worshiped at my church," he said.

Some villagers complained about Father's answer. But the village leaders were silent. They accepted Father's answer and never argued with him again.

Saunoamaalii always remembered Father's words. There is only one God in heaven. Indeed, the Bible says, "The Lord our God, the Lord is one!" (Deuteronomy 6:4, NKJV).

As Saunoamaalii grew older, he lost interest in learning about God. He was more interested in spending time with his friends. His friends didn't care about God, and he began to learn their bad habits.

Father was worried. He thought that his son's friends were a bad influence, and he wished that the boy would want to learn



Ten-year-old Saunoamaalii loved learning about God in Samoa.

Father sent the boy to Sunday School every week, and he happily went. He didn't mind going to church on Sunday afternoons while other children played outside. He loved learning about God.

But he was a little confused. Father didn't go to the same church on Sundays. While the boy went to one church, Father went to another. He didn't understand why they didn't go to church together on Sundays.

Some of the other villagers also didn't seem to understand why Saunoamaalii went to one church and Father went to another church. Those villagers became very unhappy with Father, and the village leaders ordered him to come to a big meeting.

Father went to the meeting.

At the meeting, the village leaders asked Father many questions about God.

about God once again.

One day, someone came up to Saunoamaalii and began to talk to him about God. He spoke about God's great love. Saunoamaalii hadn't thought about God for a long time, and a desire grew in his heart to learn about God again. At home, he told his parents that he wanted to study the Bible. Father was so happy! He took the boy to a special Bible school for teenagers. Saunoamaalii enjoyed hearing stories about God again.

Saunoamaalii grew up and got married. He became the father of two boys and three girls.

One day, he noticed that a new church was being built near his house. Because he was a neighbor, he volunteered to help. He worked on the church until it was finished. As he worked, he listened to the pastor and others talk about God. He enjoyed hearing about God. It reminded him of how much he loved learning about God as a boy.

He was happy when the pastor started coming to his house to visit. The pastor gave Bible studies to the family, and Saunoamaalii learned something new about God. He learned that God asks people to remember the seventh-day Sabbath, not the first-day Sunday, in the fourth commandment. It was not a difficult decision to become a Seventh-day Adventist. Saunoamaalii remembered that there is only one God.

"The God whom you worship is the same God whom I worship, except for the Sabbath," he told the pastor. "Now I have found the real truth!"

Today, Saunoamaalii is studying to be a preacher. He wants to tell everyone that there is only one God — the God of the seventh-day Sabbath.

Story Tips

- Find Samoa on the map.
- Pronounce Saunoamaalii as: sona-MALI.
- Read Deuteronomy 6:4-5 to the children, which says, "The Lord our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength." Ask them how they can love God with all their hearts. Jesus gives the answer: "If you love Me, keep My commandments" (John 14:15). Saunoamaalii loves God with all his heart and shows that love by keeping God's commandments, including the fourth about the Sabbath.
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- Download Mission Posts and Fast Facts from the South American Division: bit.ly/spd-2022.
- Know that a Thirteenth Sabbath Offering three years ago supported "Save 10,000 Toes," a campaign to prevent toe amputations by teaching better health practices in Samoa and other countries in the South Pacific Division.
- This mission story illustrates Spiritual Objective No. 5 of the Seventh-day Adventist Church's "I Will Go" strategic plan: "To disciple individuals and families into spirit-filled lives." For more information, go to the website: IWillGo2020.org.

Thank you for your Thirteenth Sabbath Offering that will help people in Samoa and across the South Pacific Division learn about the one God of heaven — and that He is coming soon to take us home. Thank you for planning a generous offering.

By Andrew McChesney



AUSTRALIA | December 24

Tia, Eleora, and Bella

A Fabulous Feast

Tia is 13 years old and lives in Australia.

One day, the mother of one of Tia's school friends asked if she would like to help prepare a special meal for needy people.

Tia thought to herself, "Why not?"

So, Tia and two friends, 14-year-old Eleora and 10-year-old Bella, showed up at a Seventh-day Adventist church after school.

Tia was very busy. First, she helped place tablecloths and decorations on the tables. Then she went to the church kitchen, where she chopped a whole bunch of lettuce, cucumbers, and cherry tomatoes to make a super-big salad. Then she helped bake peach cobbler for dessert.

Tia and her two friends worked hard for an hour and a half. They chatted merrily as they worked. It was fun! Then people began to arrive to eat at 5:30 p.m.

Tia said hello to people as they entered the dining hall.

"Hi," Tia said to an old woman walking

with a walker.

"Hello, dear," the old woman replied.

"Hi," Tia said to an old man walking with a cane.

"Hello, young lady," the old man replied.

Tia didn't say anything more. She wanted to talk with the people, but she was shy and didn't know what else to say.

"Hi," Tia said to a mother with a little girl.

"Hi," Tia said to the little girl, who looked even more shy than her.

Soon the dining hall was filled with more than 100 hungry people.

Tia watched as people started to eat her salad of lettuce, cucumbers, and cherry tomatoes. She watched as some tasted the dessert of peach cobbler. She worried that there were so many people in the dining hall that there might not be enough salad and peach cobbler for everyone. But there was enough for everyone. There was even

enough for her!

“Would you like to eat?” one of the adult volunteers asked her.

Tia and her friends happily ate salad and peach cobbler in the yard outside the church building. They didn’t sit at a table inside because they wanted to make sure that there was enough room for all the other people to eat comfortably.

Tia felt good. It was fun to set the tables. It was fun to help prepare the food. It was fun to say “hi” to the people at the meal. It was fun to eat. But most of all it was fun to help other people.

After that first meal, Tia started to volunteer to help prepare special meals for needy people every month. She said every girl and boy should consider volunteering to help needy people.

“It’s really fun and, if you are allowed to and able to, it is really fun and interesting and fun to do,” she said. “I think Jesus wants us to invite people in and serve them because He was always interacting with people.”

Thank you for your mission offering that helps spread the love of Jesus.

By Andrew McChesney

Story Tips

- Find Australia on the map.
- Challenge the children (and their parents) to find a way to engage in community service through the church. If your church does not engage in community outreach, consider starting a program in consultation with the pastor and church board. The mother who oversees the monthly meals at Tia’s church told Adventist Mission, “We had been looking for a couple years at how we could be Jesus’ hands and feet in the community, and we thought, “Why don’t we do this?”
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In 1885, the first missionaries arrived to Australia, all from the United States, and they were Stephen N. Haskell, John O. Corliss and family, Mendel C. Israel and family, a printer named Henry Scott, and William Arnold. The first Seventh-day Adventist church in Australia was organized with 28 members during the first evangelistic series of meetings, which concluded on January 10, 1886, at North Fitzroy, an inner-city suburb of Melbourne. Today, Australia has 434 churches and 112 companies. With 63,277 church members, that’s one member for every 402 people in the country.



13th SABBATH | December 31

Praying Desert Donkeys

Grandmother wanted more than anything for Grandfather to go to church with her on Sabbath in Finke, Australia. But Grandfather had other ideas. He had always gone to church on Sunday.

Grandmother began to pray. She prayed for God to touch Grandfather's heart so he would understand that Sabbath is the right day to go to church.

One day, Grandfather and Grandmother went visit Grandfather's parents who lived some distance away. They took their young grandson, Kurt Lee, with them.

There was no church near the house, so when Sabbath came, Grandmother decided to have her own church in the yard. She invited Grandfather to join her and Kurt Lee. Grandfather refused.

"That's your church's Sabbath!" he said. "My day of worship is tomorrow."

As Grandfather went over to tinker with his car, Grandmother and Kurt Lee

began their Sabbath worship service. While they prayed, they heard footsteps approaching from behind. Wondering who was coming, they opened their eyes and saw 20 wild desert donkeys. The donkeys stopped only a few yards away and nodded their heads up and down vigorously.

"Look, Nana!" Kurt Lee squealed. "They want to join our worship and keep the Sabbath, too!"

And that is exactly what the donkeys did. The donkeys listened attentively as Grandmother and Kurt Lee read the Bible. They nodded their heads up and down as Grandmother and Kurt Lee sang.

At the end of the Sabbath worship service, Grandmother and Kurt Lee had closing prayer on their knees. When they finished, they looked up to see the three donkeys at the front of the herd kneeling reverently. The rest of the donkey congregation bowed their heads.

“Hey Grandfather, come and look at this!” Grandmother called, excitedly. “Something is happening here!”

Grandfather turned from his car to behold the amazing spectacle.

Fully absorbed in the captivating sight, Grandfather and Kurt Lee walked slowly over to the Sabbath-keeping donkeys. To their delighted surprise, the normally shy animals allowed Grandfather and grandson to stroke them affectionately.

Never before had such a Sabbath worship service been witnessed in such a striking manner. Twenty donkeys demonstrated that the Lord of the Sabbath is still in control of His creatures.

After this miraculous event, Grandfather decided to keep the Sabbath. He now goes to church with Grandmother every week.

Thank you for your generous Thirteenth Sabbath Offering that will help spread the joy of Sabbath across Australia and the South Pacific Division.

By Adventist Mission staff

Story Tips

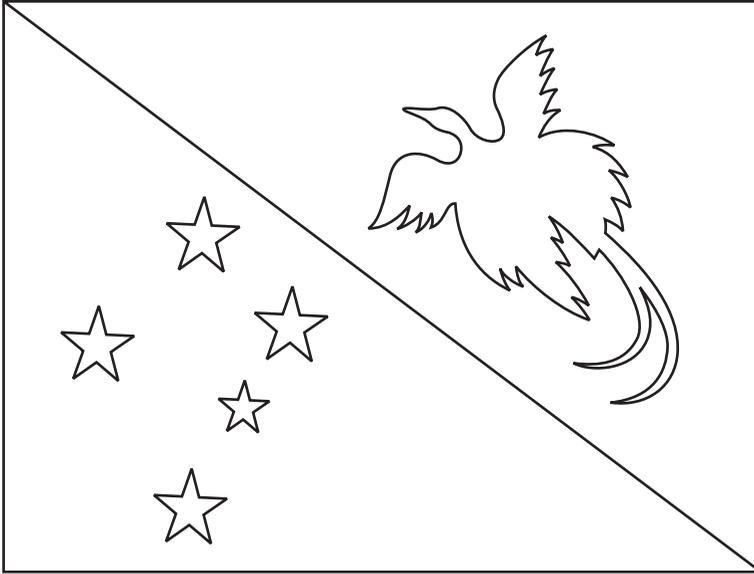
- Find Australia on the map. Then find Finke, which is located near Alice Springs at the very geographical center of Australia.
- Ask the children if they can think of any other donkeys that listened to God. Remind them of the story of Balaam’s donkey, which saw an angel and saved Balaam’s life in Numbers 22:21-32. Also, Jesus rode on an obedient donkey and colt in Matthew 21:1-9.
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Future Thirteenth Sabbath Projects

The Thirteenth Sabbath Offering next quarter will help the East-Central Africa Division to establish:

- Dormitory, Mugonero Nursing School, Mugonero, Rwanda
- Faculty housing, School of Medicine, Adventist University of Central Africa, Masoro, Rwanda
- Youth agricultural training center, Nchwanga, Uganda
- Multipurpose hall, Ethiopia Adventist College extension campus, Nekemte, Ethiopia
- Dormitory and multipurpose hall, Mwata Adventist School for Deaf Children, Mwata, Kenya
- Multipurpose hall, University of Arusha, Tanzania

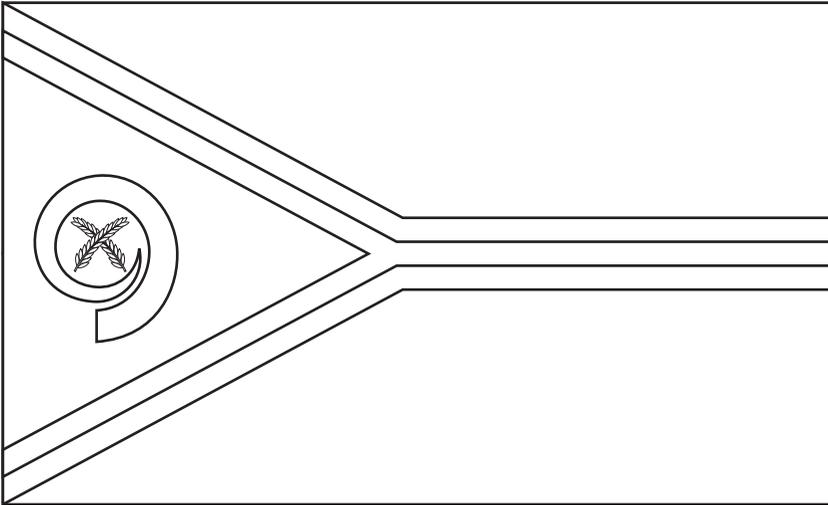
Color The Flag



PAPUA NEW GUINEA

DIRECTIONS:

Color the top-right half red.
Color the bird yellow.
Color the bottom-left half black. Leave the stars white.

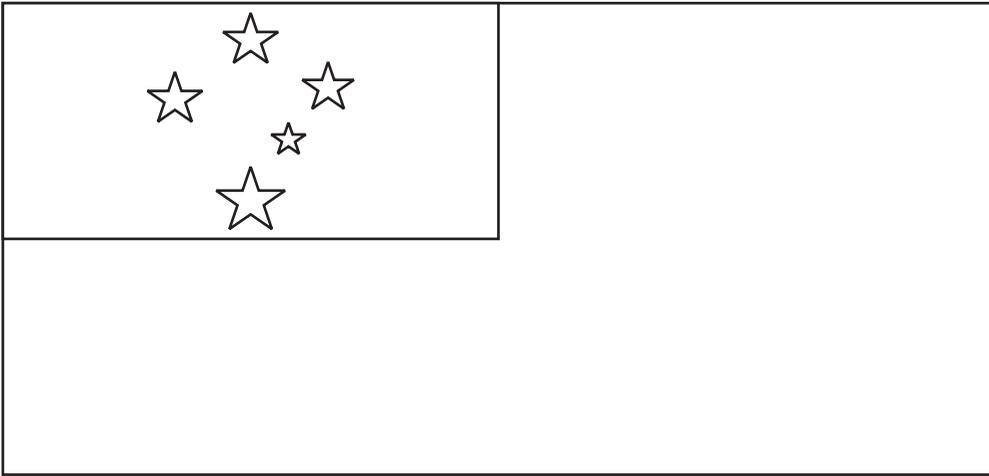


VANUATU

DIRECTIONS:

Color the top half red. Color the bottom half green.
Color the triangle on the left black. Color the Y-shaped stripe yellow. Color the border on either side of the yellow Y black. Color the tusk and leaves yellow.

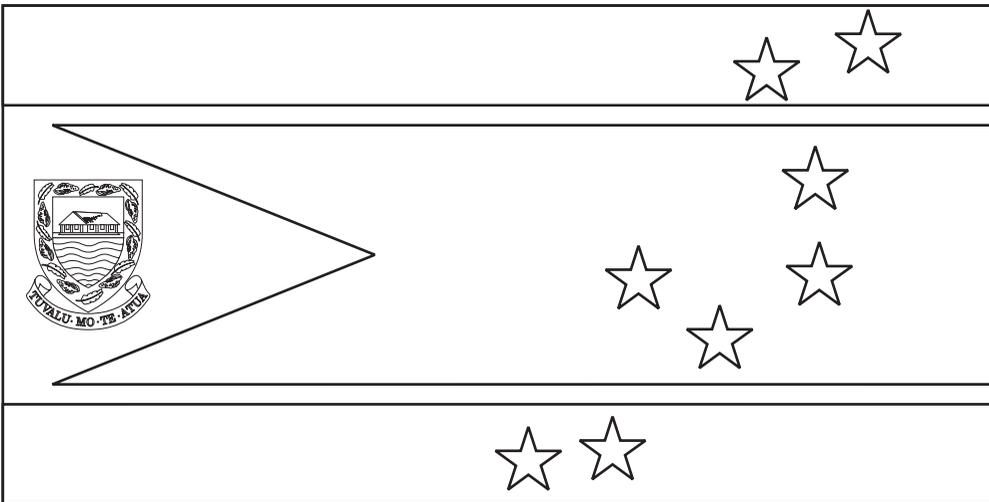
Color The Flag



SAMOA

DIRECTIONS:

Color the square in the top-left corner blue. Leave the stars white. Color the rest of the flag red.



TUVALU

DIRECTIONS:

Color the main part of the flag sky blue. Color the stars yellow.

Color the Union Jack in the top left corner as follows: color the main cross in the middle red but leave the border around it white. Color the small middle stripes of the X red but leave the border around them white. Color the 8 triangles dark blue.

Let's Cook!

LAMINGTONS (AUSTRALIA)



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INGREDIENTS

Cake:

- 1 ½ cups (195 g) all-purpose (plain) flour
- 1 ½ teaspoons (4 g) baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon (0.6 g) salt
- ½ cup (113 g) unsalted butter,
at room temperature
- 1 cup (200 g) granulated
white sugar
- 2 large eggs, at room temperature
- 1 teaspoon (5 ml) pure vanilla extract
- ½ cup (120 ml) milk,
at room temperature

Chocolate Frosting:

- 4 cups (1 pound/450 g) confectioners
(powdered or icing) sugar, sifted
- ⅓ cup (35 g) unsweetened
cocoa powder
- 3 tablespoons (42 g) butter
- ½ cup (120 ml) milk,
at room temperature

Coating:

- 2 ½ cups (175 g) unsweetened
shredded dried coconut

INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (180 degrees C). Grease the bottom and sides of an 8 inch (20 cm) square cake pan. Then line the bottom of the pan with parchment paper.

In a large bowl sift or whisk together the flour, baking powder, and salt.

Beat the butter until soft. Add the sugar and beat until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Scrape down the sides of the bowl as needed. Add the vanilla extract and beat until combined. Alternately mix in the flour mixture (in three additions) and milk (in two additions), beginning and ending with the flour.

Spread the batter into the pan and smooth the top. Bake in preheated oven for about 20–25 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center of the cake just comes out clean.

Cool the cake in the pan, placed on a wire rack, for about 10 minutes and then remove the cake. Remove the parchment

paper. Once the cake has completely cooled cut into 16 2-inch (5 cm) squares.

Chocolate Frosting:

Place the powdered sugar, cocoa powder, butter, and milk in a heatproof bowl placed over a saucepan of simmering water. Stir the mixture until it becomes smooth and of pouring consistency.

To assemble Lamingtons:

Place the coconut on a large plate. One at a time, dip the squares of cake into the chocolate frosting and then roll the cakes in the coconut. Gently transfer the Lamingtons to a clean wire rack to set. If the icing becomes too thick, simply place the frosting back over the simmering water and reheat until it is of pouring consistency. You may have to do this a few times as the frosting tends to thicken over time. Add a little more milk to frosting if necessary.

Once the Lamingtons have set, store in an airtight container for several days. Makes 16 2-inch (5 cm) Lamingtons.

Leader's Resources

Be sure to download your free Mission Spotlight video, featuring video reports from around the South Pacific 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

Australia: government website	bit.ly/GovAust
Visit Australia	bit.ly/VisitAust
Wikitravel	bit.ly/WikitravelAust
PNG: government website	bit.ly/GovPapuaNG
Papua New Guinea Travel	bit.ly/PNG-Travel
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South Pacific Division	bit.ly/SDA-SPD
Australian Union Conference	bit.ly/SPD-AUC
Trans Pacific Union Mission	bit.ly/SPD-TPUM
Fiji Mission	bit.ly/SPD-FM
Samoa-Tokelau Mission	bit.ly/SPD-STM
Avondale University	bit.ly/SPD-Avondale
Pacific Adventist University	bit.ly/SPD-PAU

An offering goal device will help focus attention on world missions and increase weekly mission giving. Determine a goal for your class' weekly mission offering. Multiply it by 15, allowing a double goal for the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, which will be collected on December 31. Remind the children and their parents that their regular weekly mission offerings 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 Pacific Division. On December 24, report on mission giving during the quarter. Encourage the children and their parents to double or triple their normal mission giving on the upcoming Thirteenth Sabbath. Count the offering and record the amount given at the end of Sabbath School.

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PROJECTS

- 1** Hope Channel television and Hope FM Radio, Papua New Guinea Union Mission
- 2** King's Kids Discipleship Series, five children's TV series of 13 episodes each based on the Conflict of the Ages series, South Pacific Division

CONFERENCE	CHURCHES	COMPANIES	MEMBERSHIP	POPULATION
Australian Union Conference	434	112	63,277	25,759,000
New Zealand Pacific Union Conference	152	47	21,130	5,589,000
Papua New Guinea Union Mission	1,073	3,205	392,813	8,950,000
Trans-Pacific Union Mission	552	660	135,056	2,437,000
Division Totals	2,211	4,024	612,276	42,735,000

