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Thank you for your Thirteenth Sabbath Offering three years ago that helped establish a youth evangelism training center at Setagaya Seventh-day Adventist Church, pictured, in Tokyo, Japan.



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# Dear Sabbath School Leader,

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Editor



This quarter we feature the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, which oversees the Seventh-day Adventist Church's work in Japan, Mongolia, South Korea, and Taiwan. The region is home to 230 million people, including nearly 286,000 Adventists. That's a ratio of one Adventist for every 806 people.

This quarter's five Thirteenth Sabbath projects are in each of the four countries

## Opportunities

The Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will help the Northern Pacific-Asia Division to establish:

- Adventist Lifestyle Center in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
- Care center for immigrant children in Ansan, South Korea
- Yeongnam Mission Center in Daegu, South Korea
- Three urban centers of influence in Taipei, Tainan, and Kaohsiung, Taiwan
- Internet evangelism program reaching the Internet generation in Japan

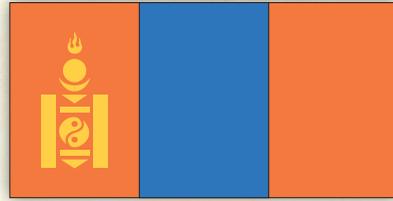
of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division. See the sidebar below for more information.

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](http://pixabay.com) and [unsplash.com](http://unsplash.com). In addition, you can download a PDF of facts and activities from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division at [bit.ly/nsd-2021](http://bit.ly/nsd-2021). Follow us at [facebook.com/missionquarterlies](https://facebook.com/missionquarterlies).

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



MONGOLIA | October 2

Batzul Ganbold, 30

## Who Named Animals?

**B**atzul saw horses everywhere in Mongolia.

Mongolian horses are strong and live just fine in the hot summer weather and even in the cold winter. Batzul knew that horses are important. But a big question puzzled the little boy: Who named horses “horses”?

“Father,” he said. “Why are horses called horses? Who named horses?”

Father just smiled. He didn’t know.

Batzul sometimes saw wolves. A Mongolian legend even says all people came from a wolf many years ago. Batzul wondered: Who named wolves “wolves”? But no one could tell him the answer.

Batzul grew from being a small boy to a big teenager. He learned a lot of things in school. But he still didn’t know who named the animals.

One day, his older sister called by phone from South Korea, where she worked.

“You should go to church,” she said.

Batzul was surprised. He had never gone

to church. His sister said she attended a church in South Korea and liked it.

“Go to the U-B church,” she said.

“U-B” stands for Ulaanbaatar, the capital city of Mongolia.

Batzul didn’t know where to find the U-B church. He called a telephone operator for help. “Please, give me the address of the U-B church,” he said. The telephone operator gave him an address.

Several months passed, and Batzul’s sister asked if he had found the church. She was pleased to hear that he was attending worship services every week.

“How do you find the time to go every Sunday?” she asked.

“I don’t go on Sundays,” he said. “I go on Saturdays.”

His sister was shocked. “Which church are you attending?” she said.

Batzul explained that he was going to a Seventh-day Adventist church.

At the church, someone gave him

a Bible, and he began to read it. In Genesis, he found the answer to his big question about who named the animals. He read, “The Lord God formed from the ground all the wild animals and all the birds of the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and the man chose a name for each one. He gave names to all the livestock, all the birds of the sky, and all the wild animals” (Genesis 2:19-20; NLT). The person who named horses, wolves, and all the animals was Adam. Batzul learned a lot more as he read the Bible. He learned that people did not come from a wolf but were created by the same God who made all the animals. He was created by God. He loved the sound of that, and he decided to give his heart to God.

Today, Batzul works as a missionary called a Global Mission pioneer in Mongolia. He tells how animals got their names and explains that people did not come from a wolf but from God. 🌐

Thank you for your Thirteenth Sabbath Offering three years ago that helped open the first Seventh-day Adventist high school in Mongolia. Your Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will help open an Adventist lifestyle center in Mongolia’s capital, U-B.

By Andrew McChesney

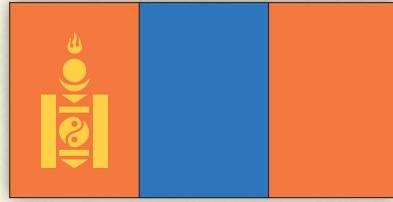
## Story Tips

- Find Mongolia’s capital, Ulaanbaatar, on the map.
- Pronounce Batzul as: butt-ZAL.
- Recognize that Global Mission pioneers are laypeople who volunteer for at least a year to establish a congregation in an unentered area within their own culture. Global Mission pioneers have the advantage of knowing the culture, speaking the language, and blending with the local people. More than 2,500 Global Mission pioneers are now working around the world. Since 1990, pioneers have established more than 11,000 new Seventh-day Adventist congregations.
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MISSION RECORD

The first Adventist work in Mongolia was carried out by Russian missionaries, in 1926, operating out of Hailar in Manchuria, China. They issued the first Seventh-day Adventist publications in Mongolian: a printed hymn, and four small tracts. Political changes made it impossible to work directly in the country, so work was started in 1930 for Mongols in Inner Mongolia (in northern China). In 1931, Otto Christensen established mission headquarters and a hospital in Kalgan.



MONGOLIA | October 9

Gege Saran, 28

# A Walking Miracle

Gege was a sick little boy in Mongolia. His mother was worried, so she fed him heartily, hoping that the food would strengthen him. She gave him lots of bread. She gave him lots of meat. People eat a lot of bread and meat in Mongolia.

As Gege ate, he grew stronger. But his tummy also grew. By the time he finished eighth grade, he weighed 200 pounds (90 kilograms). He also had a problem; his legs hurt. His legs hurt when he sat down. His legs hurt when he walked. He had to use crutches to hobble between classes.

Mother took him to the doctor.

"Gege is very sick," the doctor said. "We will have to amputate his legs."

Gege was scared. Even though his legs hurt, he ran from the doctor's office. At home, he told Mother that Jesus would heal him. "What Jesus are you talking about?" Mother said. But she knew what he meant. Gege had been going to a Seventh-

day Adventist church on Sabbath.

Mother was not a Christian, and she didn't like him going to church. She spanked him many times for going, but he still went. Even though Mother didn't love Jesus, she loved Gege. She begged him to return to the doctor, but he refused. He had read many stories in the Bible about Jesus healing people. "I know that I will be healed," he told Mother.

A short time later, Gege and his mother moved to another city where the church was a long way from their new house. Gege had to walk 9 miles (15 kilometers) to reach the church and another 9 miles to return home. It hurt his legs to walk such a far distance, but he didn't mind. He wanted to worship God on Sabbath.

At the church, the pastor told him that the walking exercise was good for his health. The pastor also invited Gege to help take care of the church's vegetable

garden, and Gege began to walk to the church every day. Gege enjoyed tending carrots, potatoes, and cabbage in the garden. He liked eating them, too!

All summer, Gege walked to and from church, tended vegetables, and ate vegetables. Every day he prayed for God to heal his legs.

Three months passed, and Gege lost 65 pounds (30 kilograms) from all the exercise and healthy garden food. He became slim, and his leg pains vanished.

“It’s a miracle and an answer to my prayers!” he jubilantly told Mother.

Mother wasn’t so sure. She saw that Gege was fit and strong, but she wanted to know what the doctor would say. At the doctor’s office, the doctor gave him a clean bill of health. Mother was astonished. “Jesus healed you,” she said.

Mother now believes in Jesus.

Today, Gege works as a Global Mission pioneer, a missionary who shares Jesus with other people in Mongolia.

“God gave me my health,” he said. “I will serve Him.” 🌍

Your Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will help open a health center in Mongolia so that many people can learn how to be healthy like Gege.

By Andrew McChesney

## Story Tips

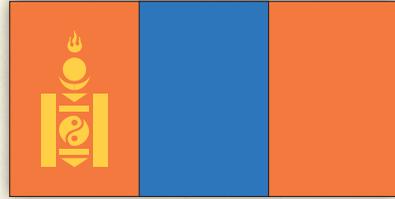
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Mongolia is home to the Bactrian camel. Smaller than Arabian camels, their double hump is distinctive.



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MONGOLIA | October 16

Joanne Kim, 49

## Girl Prayed for Angels

Food ran out on Sunday morning in the home of 9-year-old Joanne.

Father had abandoned the family after Mother started attending a Seventh-day Adventist church in the U.S. state of Oregon. Father, who had immigrated with the family to the United States from South Korea, made it clear that he would never help them.

"If you choose God, let your God feed you," he said. "Let your God clothe you."

Mother, who didn't have a job, cried and prayed in her bedroom that Sunday.

When lunchtime came, Joanne's younger sister complained forlornly, "I'm hungry."

Her older brother sat stone-faced, trying to be brave even though he was helpless.

Then Joanne remembered reading in *Uncle Arthur's Bedtime Stories* about children who prayed and received help from angels.

"All we have to do is pray!" she

exclaimed. "*Uncle Arthur's Bedtime Stories* says that if we pray, the angels will bring us food. Let's pray!"

Brother rolled his eyes. Little Sister complained again about her hunger pains. Joanne didn't know how to pray.

"Hello, God," Joanne said. "We are really hungry. *Uncle Arthur's Bedtime Stories* says that You can send us food, so would You send us something to eat, please?"

The children waited. No food. Hours passed, and dinnertime came.

Joanne thought, "What's wrong? God is late!"

The children grew hungrier. Mother continued crying and praying in the bedroom.

Then Joanne said, "Oh, I know what we did wrong! God doesn't think that we believe Him because we didn't set the table."

She told Little Sister to fetch chopsticks from the kitchen. The

children set the table and sat down.

“Sorry about that, God,” Joanne prayed. “We probably did it wrong. Could You send us some food now? The table is set, and we’re ready!”

But nothing came. The children climbed into bed disappointed and hungry that night.

Early in the morning, they woke up to go to school. They had no food for breakfast and no money to buy lunch.

“Don’t disturb, Mother,” Joanne whispered to her siblings. “She is still crying and praying.”

The children opened the front door to leave the house, but their path was blocked — by a huge box filled with food!

Excitedly, the children called Mother to the door. Mother couldn’t believe her eyes. Joanne was overjoyed. “The angels were just a little late!” she said.

That was the moment when Joanne knew that God lives and that He hears and answers prayers. Joanne Kim is now the mother of her own four children. She and her husband, Jon, a dentist, and their four children are missionaries in Mongolia. 🌐

Thank you for your Thirteenth Sabbath Offering three years ago that helped open the first Seventh-day

## Story Tips

- Find South Korea, the U.S. state of Oregon, and Mongolia on the map.
- Encourage the children to pray and to trust that God hears and answers their prayers. Share the promise of Matthew 7:7-8, where Jesus says, “Ask, and it will be given to you. ... For everyone who asks receives” (NKJV).
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- Know that Joanne’s missionary work in Mongolia illustrates the following component of the Seventh-day Adventist Church’s “I Will Go” strategic plan: Mission Objective No. 2, “to strengthen and diversify Adventist outreach ... among unreached and under-reached people groups, and to non-Christian religions.” Learn more about the strategic plan at [IWillGo2020.org](http://IWillGo2020.org).

Adventist high school in Mongolia. Joanne is the principal of the high school. She still prays every day, and she asks God to bless the school so many children can learn to trust in Him just as she trusted in Him as a hungry little girl.

By Andrew McChesney

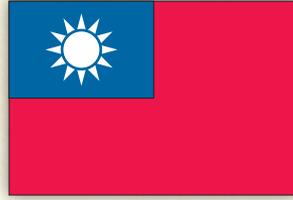


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Hunting from horseback with golden eagles is a traditional Mongolian sport and is celebrated at an annual festival.

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TAIWAN | October 23

Lisa, 8

# God Hears My Prayers

I live in a loving Christian family in Taiwan. My father is a pastor, and my mother is a pastor's wife. I have two little brothers, and we live with my grandparents.

I want to tell you how God answers my prayers.

When I was in the first grade, the school organized a special sports day. This was my first school sports day, and I really wanted to participate in the running and jumping activities. But I go to a public school, and the sports day was on the Sabbath. I prayed to God.

"Dear God," I said, "please do something to I can participate in school sports day."

I told Mother that I wanted to run and jump with the other children on sports day.

"Don't worry," Mother said. "God will find a way to make you happy."

The next day, Mother and Grandmother took me on a picnic. We had so much fun eating outside, and I was so happy.

"Look," Mother said. "God has found a way to make you happy."

I laughed with joy. Mother was right. God had found a way to make me happy.

Then God answered my prayer. This year the school sports day was held on a Friday, and I was so happy that I could run and jump with the other children. God listened to my prayers and answered them.

God answers many kinds of prayers. Every time I take a test at school, I close my eyes and pray before I start. I ask God for help.

"Dear God," I say, "please help me with this test. Please help me to be calm and to focus."

I pray because I want to make God happy by getting good grades. God listens to my prayers, and I am able to glorify His name with good grades. My parents and I are so grateful to God!

I was so sad when Grandmother passed away. She did many nice things for me.

My family is Rukai, an indigenous people group in Taiwan, and Grandmother wove a traditional Rukai backpack for me. It looks beautiful on my back, especially when I dress up in traditional Rukai clothing.

I liked to help Grandmother. She leaned on my arm for support as she prepared dinner in the kitchen. My brothers and I sang her favorite songs to her. She gave us big hugs to show us that she was pleased.

When Grandmother fell ill, I went to her bedroom first thing after school and asked whether she needed warm water to drink. I liked to bring her whatever she asked for. I sat next to her bed and prayed for her not to be in pain.

I was so sad when Grandmother died. I prayed to God for comfort and strength, and He answered me. I realized that I should not lose hope and that Grandmother had just fallen asleep. I will meet her again when Jesus comes.

I pray that God will always protect me and my family. And He will. He always answers my prayers! 🌍

While Lisa loves God, many people who belong to her Rukai people group do not know about Him. Part of this quarter's

Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help spread the gospel to the Rukai and other native people groups in Taiwan. Thank you for planning a generous offering.

By Lisa

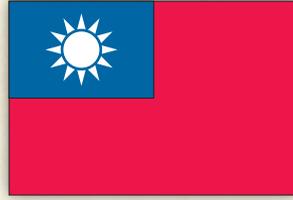
## Story Tips

- Ask a girl to share this first-person account.
- Find Taiwan on the map.
- Know that the Rukai is the seventh-largest of thirteen officially recognized indigenous people groups in Taiwan. Previously known as Tsarisen, which means “people living in the mountain,” the Rukai population numbers about 12,700.
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## MISSION RECORD

The first Seventh-day Adventist known to enter Taiwan was T. S. Wang, a colporteur from South Fujian, China, in 1907. Despite persecution and imprisonment, he carried on his work and, by the time he left, in 1912, he had ten converts. Work was difficult in the area and, when work came to a standstill in 1942, during World War II, the membership was only 14. In 1948, after the war, the Taiwan Mission was established, and the first Seventh-day Adventist church on the island was organized in early 1949.



TAIWAN | October 30

Owen, 13, and Mia, 10

# Skipping School for Church

Owen and his younger sister love going to church in Taiwan.

The children love church so much that they don't mind traveling an hour and a half to reach the church every Sabbath. They could go to a church closer to their home, but those churches don't have a Pathfinder club, and they like Pathfinders.

Every now and then their public school holds a big sports meet on Sabbath. Owen and Mia like to run and jump, but they love God even more. So, they skip the sports meet and instead go to church.

Other times, the school holds special classes on Sabbath. But Owen and Mia go to church instead. They have not missed a Sabbath worship service in six years.

One day, Teacher announced that Owen and his classmates had to take a very important test on Sabbath.

Owen didn't know what to do. He wanted to get good grades, but he also

wanted to go to church. He told Mother about the test.

"Let's pray about it," she said.

Mother prayed earnestly about Owen's Sabbath test. Owen prayed about the test.

Unexpectedly Teacher agreed to let Owen take the test early. Owen was so happy! Mother was so happy! They thanked God for answering their prayers.

Then another teacher told Mia that she had to come to school for an extra class on Sabbath. Mia didn't know what to do. She wanted to get good grades, but she also wanted to go to church. She told Mother about the extra class.

"Let's pray about it," Mother said.

She prayed earnestly about Mia's Sabbath class. Mia prayed about the class.

Teacher refused to change her mind.

"You need to take the extra class because it will help you to improve your handwriting," Teacher said. "If you skip the

class, I will give you a lot of extra homework so you can improve your handwriting.”

Mia was very upset, and she told Mother what Teacher had said. Mother felt sad for Mia.

“Mia, do you want to listen to God or to the teacher?” she said.

Mia knew the fourth commandment, where God says, “Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy” (Exodus 20:8). She prayed for God for help.

On Sabbath, Mia went to church instead of school. She wondered what Teacher would say. When she returned to school on Monday, Teacher looked at her steadily. But Teacher did not say a word. Teacher didn’t even give her any extra homework to do. Mia was so happy! Mother was so happy! Mia and Mother thanked God for His goodness. Mia is no longer afraid to tell Teacher that she cannot go to school on Sabbath.

Owen and Mia have a big prayer request: They ask you and other children around the world who hear their story to pray for their father. Even though Father reads the Bible to them every evening and drives them to church every Sabbath, he has not given his heart to Jesus. Owen and Mia hope that he will be baptized.

Will you pray for Father? 🌍

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While Owen and Mia love Jesus, many other indigenous people in Taiwan have not heard about Him. Part of this quarter’s Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help spread the gospel to native people groups in Taiwan. Thank you for planning a generous offering.

By James Wu

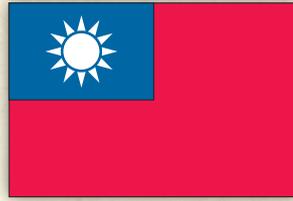


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Baseball is Taiwan’s national sport. Other popular sports include basketball, tennis, table tennis, badminton, taekwondo, and golf.

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TAIWAN | November 6

# Finding Forgiveness

Yu-Ting Yie, 21

Yu-Ting never went to church as a small girl in Taiwan. Mother and Father believed in God and called themselves Christians, but for some reason they didn't think that it was important to worship God in church.

Then Mother and Father sent Yu-Ting to live with Grandmother in a small village. Grandmother also believed in God. She also called herself a Christian. But she worshiped God in church. So, Yu-Ting went with her to church every Sabbath.

Yu-Ting made new friends while living with Grandmother, and she learned many bad things. Grandmother was worried. Mother and Father were worried. Yu-Ting wasn't worried, but she wasn't happy. As she did bad things, she became very sad.

She liked going to church. Worshiping God made her happy. But then she began to feel sad at church. Her new friends said they were too busy to worship God, and they stopped coming to church. Soon

Yu-Ting was the only child left.

Someone asked her to help lead the song service. Yu-Ting liked to sing, and she was happy to lead the singing. Being involved in the singing made Yu-Ting more interested in the sermon. She started to pay attention to the sermons.

One day, the pastor said that it was important for everyone — grandmothers, grandfathers, mothers, fathers, and even boys and girls — to spend time alone with God every day. Yu-Ting decided to try. She found a devotional book on Grandmother's bookshelf and opened it. The first chapter was called, "Sin." Yu-Ting read a few sentences and quickly closed the book. She remembered the bad things that she had done, and she felt bad.

The next day, Yu-Ting opened the book again. This time she opened to a different chapter. Again, she read about sin. Again, she felt bad and closed the book.

On the third day, she opened the book with trembling hands. She read an entire page before she couldn't stand the

guilt anymore and ran to her bedroom. Locking the door, she knelt down.

“Please forgive me for my sins,” she prayed, sobbing. “Please forgive me for the bad things that I have done.”

She realized how foolish she had been to do bad things even though she had known better. She felt so sad. She prayed until she fell asleep.

Every night for a week, Yu-Ting knelt beside her bed and wept as she asked God to forgive her.

On the last day of the week, she said something that she had never said before. She prayed, “Dear God, I put my past, present, and future into Your hands. I understand that my sins have hurt myself and others. Please guide me according to Your will.”

When she woke up in the morning, she felt different. Her heart was filled with joy and peace. She felt like a new person.

“Thank you, Lord!” she exclaimed.

Yu-Ting had found the truth of God’s promise in the Bible, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9; NKJV).

Yu-Ting kept having her own morning devotions when she returned to live with her parents after three years. Mother and Father noticed that something was different about their girl. They did not say anything, but they saw that she loved to read the Bible and pray. They saw that she enjoyed worshiping God in church every Sabbath. One Sabbath, Yu-Ting invited them to go to church with her, and they agreed!

Today, Mother and Father go to church with Yu-Ting every Sabbath. Just like their daughter, they read the Bible and

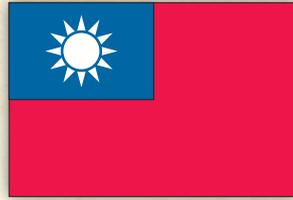
## Story Tips

- Find Taiwan on the map.
- Pronounce Yu-Ting as: YOU-ting.
- Know that a young Ellen White worried and wept about her sins from about the age of 8. But as she read the Bible, prayed, and witnessed, she learned that God forgives, and she found peace and joy in Him. Read more in “For Jesus and Scripture: The Life of Ellen G. White” by Jerry Moon and Denis Kaiser in *The Ellen G. White Encyclopedia* (2014).
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pray every morning. Yu-Ting is so happy! God has forgiven her sins and given her and her family a new life in Him. 🌍

Thank you for your Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter that will help other children and parents in Taiwan learn about the peace and joy that comes through a personal friendship with Jesus.

By James Woo



TAIWAN | November 13

# A Good Memory

Zhuen, 11

Eleven-year-old Zhuen likes to memorize Bible verses at home in Taiwan.

Zhuen, who is the eldest child in the family, started memorizing the Bible when he was in the third grade. It was Mother who first suggested that he memorize verses and recite them from memory during family evening worship. Zhuen was happy to recite Bible verses and, even though sometimes it was difficult to remember the verses, he did not get angry. Mother promised that she would tell a Bible story every time he memorized a new verse. Zhuen loves listening to stories, especially from the Bible.

At family worship, he recites the new Bible verses that he has memorized. His 9-year-old sister and 5-year-old brother memorize the same verses, and so do Mother and Father. The whole family recites Bible verses out loud together.

Some church leaders learned about the

Taiwanese family that loves memorizing the Bible and invited them to recite Bible verses at an important mission conference. Zhuen and his whole family stood on the stage and recited their favorite Bible verses to a big crowd of people. Many Mothers and Fathers were in the audience, and they were amazed to hear Zhuen and his family. They decided also to memorize Bible verses with their children for family evening worship.

Then, because of Father's work, Zhuen and his family moved to a new city. At first, Zhuen felt very sad about saying good-bye to his friends. But one day at his new school, Teacher asked, "What does it mean to share?"

Zhuen quickly raised his hand. He remembered a favorite Bible story that Mother had told him. "I know a story about a little boy who shared his lunch of five loaves and two fish, and it fed more than five thousand people," he said.

Teacher had never heard the story. Zhuen's classmates had never heard the

story. They had never read the Bible. Teacher asked Zhuen to share the story with the class. Zhuen happily told the miracle story of how Jesus blessed a little boy's lunch. He was happy to share his love for Jesus in his new school.

Then one of Zhuen's classmates had to move after his father got a new job. Zhuen saw that his friend was sad. He understood how the boy felt. He had felt the same way when he had moved.

"Can I pray for you?" he asked. "God can make you feel happy again."

The boy agreed, and Zhuen recited a prayer that he had memorized in the Bible. He prayed the Lord's Prayer, which begins, "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." (For full prayer, read Matthew 6:9-13.)

Zhuen is not shy about praying with his classmates. These days, his classmates often come to his house to play, and he often invites them to pray together.

Zhuen likes memorizing the Bible. It has changed his life. 🌍

Thank you for your Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter that will help children and parents learn about Jesus in Taiwan.

By James Wu

## Story Tips

- Find Taiwan on the map.
- Pronounce Zhuen like the English month "June."
- Know that Zhuen's favorite Bible verse is Psalm 23. He not only knows how to recite the Scripture from memory, but he also can sing it as a song. Sometimes he sings the song with the rest of his family.
- Know that as Zhuen has grown older, his mother also has asked him to draw memory verses. Drawing verses helps him to remember them.
- Encourage the children to memorize Bible verses. In addition to memorizing Bible verses with his family, Zhuen also memorizes Bible verses assigned by his Sabbath School teacher every week.
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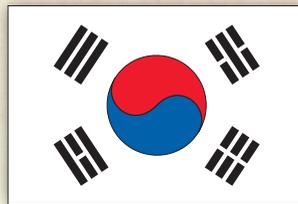


The largest percentage of Taiwan's population (95%), according to the government, is made up of Han Chinese, mostly the descendants of waves of migration from the mainland beginning in the eighteenth century. Mandarin is the most common language in Taiwan.



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SOUTH KOREA | November 20

# Last Invitation

Sehee, 10

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Sehee moved with her family to the countryside after living in a big city in South Korea.

Mother was excited about the move.

“Moving here was an answer to prayer!” she said.

But Sehee wasn’t so sure about that. She felt sad that she had to leave her friends in the city.

In the countryside, Sehee began to learn new things. Mother planted a vegetable garden, and Sehee and her younger brother took care of the lettuce, cucumbers, and corn. Sehee made sure that the vegetables got enough water. She picked weeds so the vegetables would have plenty of room to grow. Before Sehee knew it, the garden was filled with long, dark-green cucumbers, round heads of light-green lettuce, and green ears bursting with yellow corn. Sehee loved to eat fresh vegetables picked straight from the garden.

Mother said the neighbors also might like to eat fresh vegetables picked straight from the garden. Sehee helped pick long, dark-green cucumbers, round heads of light-green lettuce, and green ears bursting with yellow corn to give away. The neighbors were so happy to receive the vegetables. Sehee felt good all over as the neighbors smiled and thanked her. Neighbors even gave her gifts of homemade bread and pickled vegetables. Sometimes she returned home with more food than when she left. The Bible teaches that the more you share, the more you receive. Proverbs 11:24 says, “Those who give generously receive more” (CEB).

But Sehee didn’t have any young friends at church. She and her brother were the only children there. Mother saw Sehee’s sad eyes and suggested that she pray for her school classmates and invite them to Vacation Bible School at the church.

Sehee wrote special invitations for her classmates. But she was shy about giving the invitations to her friends. What if they didn't come?

"Don't worry," Mother said. "It is not your job to persuade them to come to the Vacation Bible School. That's God's job."

Sehee and Mother handed out the invitations to her classmates. Not one of them came to the Vacation Bible School. But one of the boys came to church on Sabbath. The boy lived with his grandparents and didn't know anything about Jesus. He didn't have any friends at school. He was so happy to learn about Jesus at church, and he immediately announced that he wanted to come every Sabbath.

At home, Mother told Sehee that even though no one had come to the Vacation Bible School, God had blessed the invitations by bringing the boy to church.

"He received the very last invitation that we passed out," Mother said.

Sehee was amazed. "He wouldn't have met Jesus if we hadn't shared the invitations," she said.

That night she prayed a special prayer for the boy. "Dear God, thank you for leading him to church," she said. "Please let him and his family know and trust You. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen!" 🌐

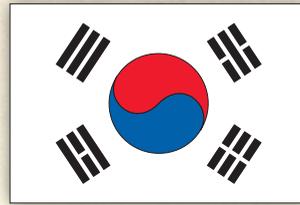
Thank you for your Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter that will help children and parents learn about Jesus in South Korea. The offering will help open two important mission centers in two Korean cities.

By Youngsuk Chae

## Story Tips

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In February 1943, during World War II, the leaders of the church in Korea were arrested by the Japanese police and held in prison until the end of the year. One died as a result of torture inflicted on him in prison, two others died soon after being released, and another later on. Altogether, about 40 Seventh-day Adventists were imprisoned for their faith. Many others fled to the mountainous regions of Korea and only returned to their homes once the war was over.



SOUTH KOREA | November 27

# Happy Church

Sun-mi, 8, and Sun-young, 9

Sun-young was in the third grade, and her sister, Sun-mi, was in the second grade when they started going to the Happy Church in South Korea.

The new church was located in a new city built not far from their home. Not so long ago, the whole place was mountains, fields, and farms. But when builders started to work, the land was quickly turned into a large and beautiful city called Sejong.

Sun-young and Sun-mi, together with Father and Mother, worshiped in the small, newly built Sejong Happy Church.

Father led the congregation in singing songs at Sabbath worship services. Sun-young and Sun-mi accompanied him by playing violins that they had just started to learn. Praising God through music made the girls feel happy. They were happy to be in the Happy Church.

After a while, a girl named Sua moved

to the city, and she brought her violin to church. Sua's mother was a music teacher who taught the cello, and she nicely led the new musical group of three children and their violins.

About a year and a half later, the new pastor's eldest son, Chan-young, joined the musical group with his clarinet. His younger brother, Chan-sol, brought a violin.

Now the musical group consists of four violins and a clarinet. When the small group plays during Sabbath worship services, churchgoers happily exclaim that they feel like they are listening to music being played by the sea of glass at God's throne in heaven.

Among those churchgoers is Mrs. Lee, who likes the music very much. She came to the Happy Church when her husband read on the Internet that God's Sabbath is on Saturday, not Sunday. Their son also likes the music very much, and he has started to learn to play the violin because he wants to join the musical group.

There are other children who also want

to join the group. Do-hee is learning the flute; Ye-song is learning the violin; Mingyo is learning the cello; and Tae-hoon is learning the clarinet. When all the children learn how to play, the small group will become a big orchestra.

The pastor has named the musical group Osher, which means “happiness” in the Hebrew language of the Bible. The children who play in the group are happy. Churchgoers who listen to their music are happy. And the God who receives their musical praise in heaven is happy. 🌍

Three years ago, part of your Thirteenth Sabbath Offering helped build the Happy Church in Sejong, South Korea. Sun-young and Sun-mi are grateful to the many children around the world who gave money for their church through the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering.

“Believers from all over the world helped build our church with prayers and offerings,” says Sun-young.

“Thank you very much,” says Sun-mi.

By Youngsuk Chae

## Story Tips

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- Know that Sun-mi now plays multiple instruments, as illustrated by the flute that she is holding in the photo.
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The first Koreans to become Seventh-day Adventists, Lee Eung Hyun and Son Heung Cho, were converted in 1904, in Kobe, Japan, where Lee Eung Hyun saw a signboard in Chinese (which uses common ideographs with Japanese and Korean) on the street, which read “The Seventh-day Sabbath Jesus Second Coming Church.” He was already a Christian and was intrigued by the sign. After investigating, and speaking to evangelist Hide Kuniya, he invited Son Heung Cho to visit the church with him and the two men were soon baptized. Son Heung Cho then returned to Korea, where he began to spread the message. Later that year he invited Hide Kuniya to come to Korea and teach the converts.



SOUTH KOREA | December 4

# Powerful Prayers

Jaechan, 12

Have you ever felt shy? Have you ever felt so shy that you didn't want to go to church?

That is exactly how Jaechan felt the first time that his parents took him to church in South Korea. He was too shy to go into the church. His heart pounded as he stood at the front gate of the church. He didn't know what would happen inside the church. He didn't know anyone inside the church. He didn't have any friends inside the church. What if church was boring?

Jaechan didn't want to go in. Father and Mother didn't force him to go in. With their permission, he turned around and walked home.

The next Sabbath, Father and Mother invited him to go to church again. Jaechan didn't want to go, but he felt bad saying no again. So, he reluctantly went with them to the church. When they arrived, he stopped at the gate. Should he

go in? He went in.

The Sabbath School teacher greeted Jaechan warmly.

"Hello!" she said. "What is your name?"

"My name is Jaechan," Jaechan said.

Teacher introduced Jaechan to the other children. They smiled and were kind to him. Jaechan felt comfortable among his new friends. Teacher taught the Bible in a fun way, and Jaechan found the lesson interesting. At the end of the Sabbath School class, Teacher prayed for Jaechan.

"Dear God," Teacher said, "please open Jaechan's heart to You so he will love You."

Several of his new friends also prayed for him to know God.

"Heavenly Father," one said. "Help Jaechan to love You."

Their prayers worked.

Jaechan began to love Jesus. At first, he only attended Sabbath School and church. But after a while he began to participate in children's activities in the afternoon as well. He began to study the Sabbath School lesson and memorize

the memory verses during the week. He became friends with the church pastor. On Sabbath morning, he got up first and then woke up Father and Mother.

“Get up, get up!” he said. “We don’t want to be late to Sabbath School.”

He liked going to church so much that he invited three of his friends to go to Vacation Bible School at the church. The friends liked Vacation Bible School so much that they began going to church with Jaechan every Sabbath.

Jaechan is so happy. He met Jesus through the prayers of the Sabbath School teacher and the children in the Sabbath School class. After bringing his three friends to church, he prays to be able to introduce more children to Jesus. Every night before bedtime, Jaechan prays, “Heavenly Father, please help me to become a person who can lead people to God. Please make more people know God. In Jesus’ name I pray, Amen!” 🌍

Thank you for your Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter that will help children and parents learn about Jesus in South Korea.

By Youngsuk Chae

## Story Tips

- Find South Korea on the map.
- Pronounce Jaechan as: JAY-chan.
- Encourage the children to pray regularly for someone to know God. For example, they can pray for non-churchgoing relatives or friends. Consider praying for those people regularly in Sabbath School as well.
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AMAZING  
COUNTRY

The most popular and well-known element of Korean cuisine is kimchi: a dish made of various fermented vegetables and seasonings, including chili powder.



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SOUTH KOREA | December 11

Jiyul, 9

## Birthday With Friends

Nine-year-old Jiyul is a popular boy at his country school in South Korea. He is cheerful, and he gets along well with the other children. The teacher also likes him. After class, he helps the teacher clean up the classroom.

But Jiyul had a problem. His friends would not come to his house to play after school. Jiyul often went to his friends' homes and saw their new toys, aquariums, and pets. But no one seemed to want to come to his house. He grew frustrated because he couldn't understand why they wouldn't come to his house.

One day, when Jiyul invited a friend to come over to play, his friend replied, "My mother said that I can play with you at school, but I cannot go to your house."

"Why did your mother say that?"

Jiyul asked.

"It's because your house is a church,"

the friend explained.

It was true. Jiyul's house is a church. The boy is the son of a Seventh-day Adventist pastor, and their home occupies part of a Seventh-day Adventist church. Most parents attend three big churches that meet on Sunday in the town, and the parents of Jiyul's friends didn't want their children going to a house inside a church that meets on Saturday.

Jiyul told his parents about the conversation at school. His parents wondered for a long time how Jiyul could have friends over to play. Finally, they decided to do something special for Jiyul's birthday. Instead of inviting Jiyul's friends out to eat as they usually did for his birthday, they would invite the children to come to their home for a party. Jiyul liked the idea, and he prayed, "Please let my friends come to the birthday party and

have a good time. And give their parents a kind heart for the Adventist church.”

Jiyul made party invitations with the name and location of the church. He gave the invitations to all his classmates.

Finally, Jiyul’s birthday arrived. When the party started, 10 friends had showed up. Jiyul was so happy! For the first time, he could play with friends at home!

From that day on, Jiyul makes invitations whenever there is a concert of other event at the church and gives them to his classmates. He has learned that the more often his friends come to church, the more often they come to his home to play. Now three friends come regularly to his house to play. He prays that someday his friends will worship with him at the church every Sabbath. 🌐

Your Thirteenth Sabbath Offering at the end of this month will help even more children — and parents — learn about Jesus in South Korea.

By Oh Dongjun

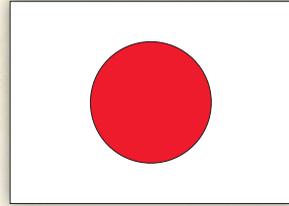
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South Korea was once home to numerous Siberian tigers but, as populations grew, they were hunted nearly to extinction and are now only found in North Korea.





JAPAN | December 18

Saki Takahagi, 35

## Power of a Book

**D**o you like to read? Nine-year-old Saki loved to read on the Japanese island of Okinawa. She especially loved to read five books purchased from a stranger who had knocked on their door. Again and again she read *Uncle Arthur's Bedtime Stories*.

The books introduced Saki to Jesus. Her family was not Christian. Her parents, like many people in Japan, did not go to church or worship Jesus. In the books, she read that Jesus loves children and wants to make them happy.

As the years passed, Saki grew up; moved to Tokyo, the capital of Japan; and got a new name: Mother. Let's call her Mother now that she has children of her own. Somewhere along the way Mother lost the *Uncle Arthur's Bedtime Stories* books.

One day, Mother realized that her eldest boy would soon be old enough to

start school. But where should she send him? Mother noticed a school near her home and looked it up on the Internet. She learned that it was a Seventh-day Adventist school. Having never heard of Adventists, she looked for more information online and, to her surprise, read that the Adventist Church publishes many children's books, including her beloved *Uncle Arthur's Bedtime Stories*. She knew then that she wanted her boy to study at the Adventist school.

But first Mother wanted to know more about the Adventist Church. An Adventist church was located at the Adventist school, and she began to attend Sabbath services. She felt peace as she sang hymns and listened to sermons. She also got hold of a new set of *Uncle Arthur's Bedtime Stories* and began to read them to her children. They loved the stories.

As Mother read to her boys, she began

to read another book on her own — the Holy Bible. She had read many books in her life but never had she read a book quite like this one. The words of the Bible touched her heart. She read for the first time that Jesus died to save people. She gave her heart to Jesus and was baptized.

Today, Mother still reads *Uncle Arthur's Bedtime Stories* to her boys. She also shares Bible verses with them, especially when they complain. "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you," she says, reciting 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NKJV).

Mother loves *Uncle Arthur's Bedtime Stories*. She loves the Bible. And she especially loves Jesus. 🌍

Mother learned about Jesus through *Uncle Arthur's Bedtime Stories* and the Internet. Part of this quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will go to a project to help many Japanese people learn about Jesus through the Internet. Remember that we will be able to give our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering next Sabbath. Thank you for planning a generous offering.

By Kazuhiro Hiraga

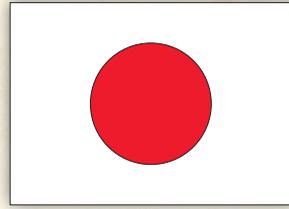


MISSION  
RECORD

Teruhiko H. Okohira (1865–1939) was born into an influential family in Satsuma Province, Japan. While attending business school in the United States, he was converted first to Methodism and then, in San Francisco, he became a Seventh-day Adventist. He attended Healdsburg College and, at the end of the school year in 1894, he appealed for someone to go back to Japan with him to spread the Adventist message. College president W. C. Grainger responded and, in 1896, they were sent by the General Conference to Tokyo, Japan. In 1907, Okohira and another man, H. Kuniya, were ordained as the first Japanese Adventist ministers.

## Story Tips

- Find the Okinawa island and Tokyo, Japan, on the map.
- Pronounce Saki as: sa-KEE.
- Pronounce Saniku as: sa-ni-KOO.
- Encourage the children to read nonfiction books that uplift Jesus. Challenge them to find good books and share them in Sabbath School class.
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13<sup>th</sup> SABBATH | December 25

Ryotaro, 12

# What Book Is This?

**B**ig Sister received a Bible from a stranger as she was walking home from school in Japan.

But the 12-year-old girl wasn't interested in the book at all, and she put it on a bedroom shelf without even opening it. Later, as she was cleaning her room, she was bothered to see the Bible on the shelf. She didn't want it there, so she took it to her 8-year-old brother, Ryotaro.

"Would you like to read this?" she asked.

Ryotaro wondered what kind of book she was holding.

"What book is this?" he asked.

When he looked at it more closely, he saw the word "Bible" written on the cover. He had seen a Bible at his grandfather's house, and he was curious to read it.

"Yes, I'd like to read it," he said.

Big Sister gave him the Bible.

The Bible contained only the New Testament, and he started reading from

the beginning, the book of Matthew.

"Who is Matthew?" he thought.

As he read, he learned about a Man named Jesus who healed many sick people. He realized that Jesus was a great Person.

When he finished Matthew, he wondered what would happen next, so he started reading the next book, the Gospel of Mark. But the story sounded similar to what he had just read in Matthew, so he quit halfway through. After that, he read here and there in the New Testament, but he didn't finish any books. He longed to know more about Jesus. His family was not Christian, and he didn't tell them about the longing of his heart.

The Bible, meanwhile, became an important part of his life. He found a list of promises that he could read when he was sick. He found a list of verses that he could read when he was having problems. He found a list of verses that he could

read when he felt sad. Every time he felt a need for peace, he read the Bible promises and felt comforted and encouraged.

The Bible was very important to Ryotaro. With a pencil, he drew a line under the verses that he especially liked. When he left the house, he always carried the Bible with him. Although no one had ever taught him to pray, he began to pray whenever he went on trips with his family. “God, please protect us,” he said.

When Big Sister finished elementary school, Father and Mother looked for a junior high school for her on the Internet. They learned about Okinawa Saniku Junior High School, a Seventh-day Adventist school located on Okinawa island, far from their home on the Japanese mainland. Although Big Sister chose another school, Ryotaro decided that he wanted to study there. He hoped to learn more about Jesus.

Today, Ryotaro is 12 years old and living in the boys’ dormitory at the school. Even though he lives far from his parents, he is happy. He faithfully participates in dorm worship every morning and evening. He likes Friday-evening vespers programs and Sabbath worship services. He reads the Bible on his own and in classes. Not long ago, he announced to Mother and Father that he wanted to be baptized. His parents immediately agreed. They understood how much he loves the Bible and how important it is in his life.

Ryotaro is thankful that he is able to learn more about Jesus at the

## Story Tips

- Find Japan and Okinawa island on the map.
- Pronounce Ryotaro as: RYO-tar-o.
- Pronounce Saniku as: sa-ni-KOO.
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## 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 December 25. 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 projects in the four countries of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division.
- 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, playing the roles of Ryotaro, Big Sister, Father, and Mother.
- Before or after the story, use a map to show the four countries in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division that will receive the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering. Describe the Thirteenth Offering projects.

school. He is thankful that his parents were able to find the Adventist school on the Internet. And he is thankful that he received a Bible that taught him about Jesus. 🌐

Ryotaro learned about the Adventist school through an online search by his parents. Part of this quarter's Thirteenth

Sabbath Offering will go to a project to help many Japanese people, especially young people, learn about Jesus through the Internet. Your offering today will also help people learn about Jesus in South Korea, Mongolia, and Taiwan. Thank you for your generous offering.

*By Aiki Saito, chaplain at Okinawa Saniku Junior High School*

## Future Thirteenth Sabbath Projects

The Thirteenth Sabbath Offering next quarter will help the Southern Pacific-Asia Division to establish:

- Elementary school in Luang Namtha, Laos
- Student dormitory at Timor-Leste Adventist International School in Dili, Timor-Leste
- Health center in northern Pakistan
- Children's learning center in Long Thanh, Vietnam

## Let's Cook!

### BOORTSOG

(MONGOLIA)

#### INGREDIENTS

pinch salt	1/2 cup (120 ml) warm water
1/2 cup (100 g) sugar	2 cups (240 g) white flour
1/4 cup (56 g) butter	Vegetable oil for deep frying

#### INSTRUCTIONS

Dissolve the salt and sugar in warm water. Mix the water, butter, and flour together, and knead until the dough is firm and elastic.

Let it rest for half an hour, and then knead again to knock out any air bubbles.

Roll the dough to a thickness of about 1/2 inch (1 cm).

Cut into rectangles about 1x2 inches (2x5 cm) and fry in the hot oil until they are golden brown.

Let cookies cool. Served with melted butter or honey.

# Sing a Song

## THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

TAIWAN (MANDARIN)

In this issue we have “This Little Light of Mine” in the Mandarin language, which is spoken in Taiwan, as well as in China. Each line is shown first in English, then the phonetic pronunciation of the Mandarin (in bold), then in Pinyin, the transliteration of the Chinese characters, which are at the bottom.

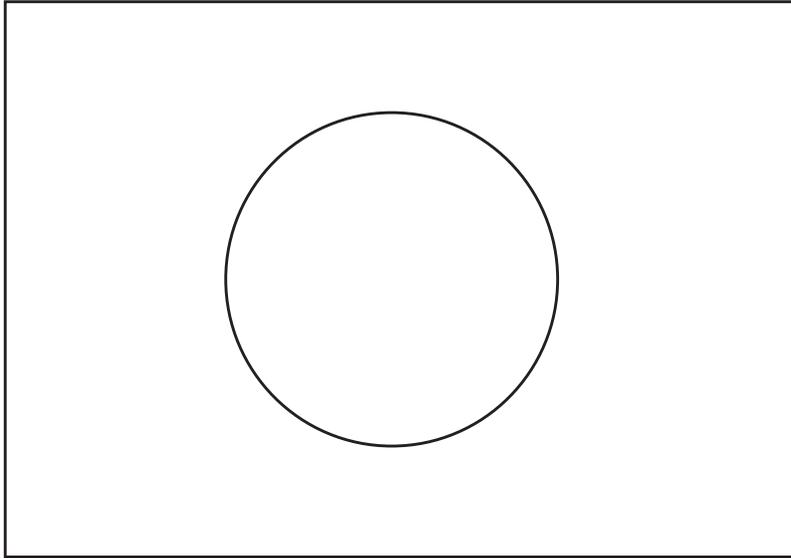
ENGLISH This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.  
PRONOUNCE IT **wah nah way she-ow duh gwong, wah yow rong tah fong gwong**  
PINYIN *wǒ nà wēi xiǎo de guāng, wǒ yào ràng tā fàng guāng*  
CHARACTERS 我那微小的光，我要让它放光

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.  
**wah nah way she-ow duh gwong, wah yow rong tah fong gwong**  
*wǒ nà wēi xiǎo de guāng, wǒ yào ràng tā fàng guāng*  
我那微小的光，我要让它放光

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.  
**wah nah way she-ow duh gwong, wah yow rong tah fong gwong**  
*wǒ nà wēi xiǎo de guāng, wǒ yào ràng tā fàng guāng*  
我那微小的光，我要让它放光

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
**rong tah fong, fong gwong meung, fong gwong meung**  
*ràng tā fàng, fàng guāng míng, fàng guāng míng*  
让它放，放光明，放光明

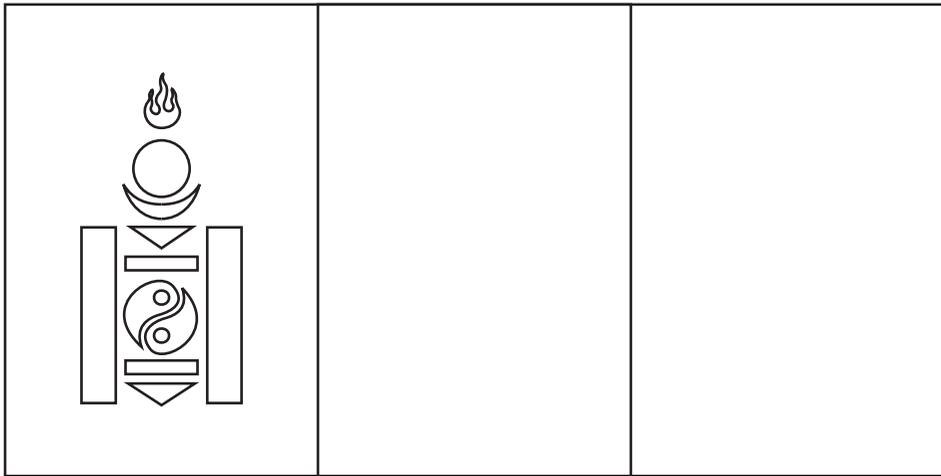
# Color The Flag



## JAPAN

### DIRECTIONS:

Color the circle in the middle red. Leave the rest white.

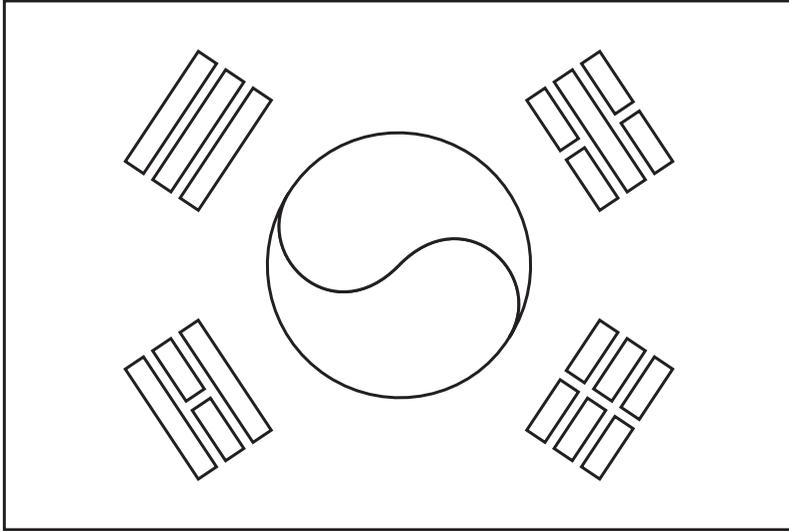


## MONGOLIA

### DIRECTIONS:

Color the right and left thirds red. Color the middle third blue. Color the figures on the left yellow.

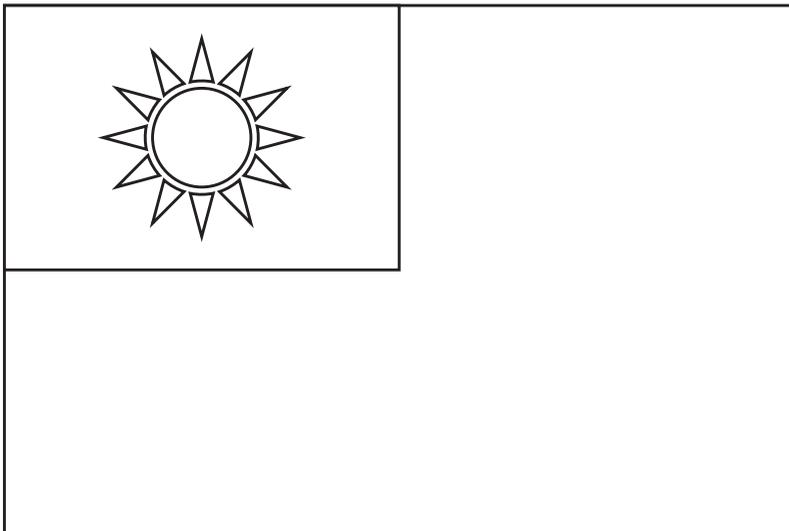
# Color The Flag



## SOUTH KOREA

### DIRECTIONS:

Color the top of the circle red and the bottom blue. Color the bars around the circle black.



## TAIWAN

### DIRECTIONS:

Color the main part of the flag red. Color the background of the top left quarter blue. Leave the sun white.

# Let's Play a Game!

## ORIGAMI

JAPAN

Origami is the Japanese word for making 3-D sculptures from flat pieces of paper just by folding them.

Origami can range from a simple paper airplane to intricate flowers and animals.

### HOW TO MAKE A PAPER BOAT

- **Materials:** 1 sheet of letter or A4 paper

### DIRECTIONS

Fold the piece of paper in half lengthwise, open it up, turn it a quarter turn, and then fold it widthwise, with the fold on top.

Fold the top corners down so the top edges meet up in the middle, and line up with the center fold. Press the folds down with your fingers so they stay creased.

Take the bottom flaps and fold each one upwards. Fold over the little flaps peeking over the edges of the triangle.

Pick up the folded paper with your thumbs in the opening at the bottom. Pull outward gently until the ends come towards each other and meet. You will now have a flat diamond shape.

Press all the folds with your fingers to make it completely flat.

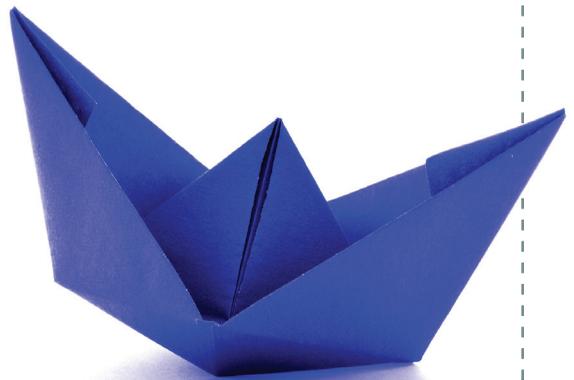
Fold up the top layer of the bottom point to meet the top point, and make sure all of the edges line up. Press the new fold with your fingers.

Turn the paper over and do the same on the other side. You will have another triangle, but smaller this time.

Again, pick up the folded paper with your thumbs in the opening at the bottom. Pull outward gently until the ends come towards each other and meet. You will now have another, smaller diamond shape.

Press all the folds again with your fingers.

Now, pick up the folded paper and, from the top point, gently pull apart the sides of the folded paper and it should open up into a boat shape. Gently adjust the folds so that it will stand upright on the bottom.



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# Leader's Resources

Be sure to download your free Mission Spotlight video, featuring video reports from around the Northern Asia-Pacific Division and beyond. Download or stream from the Adventist Mission website at [bit.ly/missionspotlight](http://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

Japan: government website	<a href="http://bit.ly/JapanGov">bit.ly/JapanGov</a>
Japan Visitor	<a href="http://bit.ly/JapanVisitor">bit.ly/JapanVisitor</a>
Japan Travel	<a href="http://bit.ly/Travel-Japan">bit.ly/Travel-Japan</a>
Mongolia: government website	<a href="http://bit.ly/MongoliaGov">bit.ly/MongoliaGov</a>
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South Korea: government website	<a href="http://bit.ly/SKoreaGov">bit.ly/SKoreaGov</a>
Lonely Planet	<a href="http://bit.ly/LP-SKorea">bit.ly/LP-SKorea</a>
Visit Korea	<a href="http://bit.ly/Visit-Korea">bit.ly/Visit-Korea</a>
Taiwan: government website	<a href="http://bit.ly/Taiwan-Gov">bit.ly/Taiwan-Gov</a>
Lonely Planet	<a href="http://bit.ly/LP-Taiwan">bit.ly/LP-Taiwan</a>
World Travel Guide	<a href="http://bit.ly/WTG-Taiwan">bit.ly/WTG-Taiwan</a>
Seventh-day Adventist	
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Japan Union Conference	<a href="http://bit.ly/SDAJapan">bit.ly/SDAJapan</a>
Korean Union Conference	<a href="http://bit.ly/SDAKorea">bit.ly/SDAKorea</a>
Mongolia Mission	<a href="http://bit.ly/SDAMongolia">bit.ly/SDAMongolia</a>
Taiwan Conference	<a href="http://bit.ly/SDATaiwan">bit.ly/SDATaiwan</a>

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 Northern Asia-Pacific 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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## NORTHERN ASIA - PACIFIC DIVISION

UNION	CHURCHES	COMPANIES	MEMBERSHIP	POPULATION
Japan Union Conference	97	48	14,978	125,967,062
Korean Union Conference	700	132	260,901	77,560,000
Mongolia Mission	6	5	3,061	3,361,420
Taiwan Conference	58	28	6,956	23,610,003
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>861</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>285,896</b>	<b>230,498,485</b>

## PROJECTS

- 1 Adventist Lifestyle Center in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
- 2 Three urban centers of influence in Taipei, Tainan, and Kaohsiung, Taiwan
- 3 Care center for immigrant children in Ansan, South Korea
- 4 Yeongnam Mission Center in Daegu, South Korea
- 5 Internet evangelism program reaching the internet generation in Japan