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# Your Offerings at Work



Believers in Ecuador have long supported Adventist radio stations to take the good news of God's love to others in their homeland. Three years ago part of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering helped link the radio stations so that they could use one another's programming. Thanks to your offering, many more people in Ecuador can hear the messages of hope and love in Jesus via radio.



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## Dear Sabbath School Leader,

This quarter our focus will be on the South American Division, which includes the countries of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, and Uruguay, and adjacent islands. About 315 million people live in these countries, and more than 2 million are Seventh-day Adventists. That means that about one person out of about 150 is an Adventist.

### Special Yearlong Celebration

All year we've celebrated the centennial of the mission quarterlies, which were first produced in 1912, and the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, which also was inaugurated in 1912. Throughout the year we have featured stories that appeared in *Children's Mission* over the years, and some additional stories relating to the history of the mission offerings. We hope that you and the children have enjoyed learning more about what God has been doing to lead people to Jesus over the years.

### Opportunities

This quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help provide:

- churches for existing congregations in west-central Brazil
- a church for Central Brazil Adventist Academy
- churches for existing congregations and church plants in northern Peru
- CHILDREN'S PROJECT: training material for children who lead small groups in northern Peru



### Language Fun

Words and phrases in Portuguese (the official language of Brazil) and Spanish (the official language of Peru) are featured in the quarterly. An audio version of these languages, called "See It, Say It," is featured on our website, [www.AdventistMission.org](http://www.AdventistMission.org). Click on "Resources" and "Children's Activities."

### Offering Device

The special children's project this quarter will help provide training materials for children who want to lead small groups in Peru. Download the cover photo of this quarterly from our website. Place a felt or print of a Bible every week to help the children see how quickly their offerings can make a difference.

### Special Features

- **Adventist Mission DVD** this quarter contains several stories from the South American Division, including one specifically for children. Ask the adult Sabbath School superintendent to make a copy of the DVD for you to share with your children.
- **Decorate the room** with pictures of people and scenic places cut from magazines or travel brochures. Print copies of the flags of Brazil and Peru from the mission quarterly or the website and invite the children to color them. Post them as part of the quarter's decorations.
- **More activities**, including recipes, games, and puzzles, are available on our website at [www.AdventistMission.org](http://www.AdventistMission.org). Click on "Resources" and "Children's Activities." Click on the current quarter.

Yours for the kingdom,

*Charlotte Ishkanian*



PERU | October 6

Beatriz

## Beatriz' Example

Beatriz lives with her mother outside the big city of Lima, Peru. [*Locate Peru along the western coast of South America.*] Beatriz loves to go to Sabbath School and church with her family. She especially enjoys learning new songs and stories from the Bible.

When she was 6 years old, she joined the Adventurers Club. She loves going camping and meeting other Adventurers from all over Peru. Her club has a drama team that acts out Bible stories.

### Learning to Share God's Love

One week a visiting pastor preached about helping others to know Jesus. Beatriz listened carefully to what he said, for she wanted to know how to tell her friends about Jesus in a way that would make them want to know Him.

About that time a woman from the

church came to the house to study the Bible with Beatriz's mother and prepare her for baptism. Mother can't read or write very well, and she needed help to learn her Bible better. Beatriz had studied the children's Bible study course, but she wanted to know how to *give* a Bible study to someone else. So she watched how the woman studied the Bible with her mother.

Beatriz asked her pastor for a set of the children's Bible studies. She wanted to be prepared to study with anyone who asked her about God. She prayed that God would send her someone she could study with.

### Sharing With Letizia

When Beatriz's church announced that it was going to hold Vacation Bible School, Beatriz and her Mother invited some neighborhood children to go with them to the program. Several children

went, and they had a great time! On Friday Beatriz invited the children to attend church the next day. Letizia, one of Beatriz's friends, went with her. Letizia liked Sabbath School and continued attending with Beatriz.

Then Sabbath as Beatriz and Letizia walked home from church, Letizia invited Beatriz to come to her house that afternoon to talk about the Bible together. Beatriz smiled. She had been waiting and praying for this moment, when she could share God's truths with someone else!

After lunch Beatriz told Mother that she wasn't going back to the church, but would go to Letizia's house to study the Bible. Then an idea struck her. "Mother, why don't you come with me?"

Mother and Beatriz walked to Letizia's house, and Mother watched as the girls studied the Bible lesson together. The girls

had fun learning together about God's messages of love. "Let's do this every Sabbath afternoon," Beatriz suggested.

## Teaching Mother to Teach

On the way home from the Bible study, Mother told Beatriz, "You girls seemed to enjoy your study so much, it made me wonder if I could do it too." Beatriz smiled broadly. She was so glad that her mother wanted to share her faith with someone.

Mother and Beatriz went to Letizia's house every Sabbath afternoon. Mother noticed Letizia's older sisters were home and invited them to study the Bible with her. The girls agreed, and Mother began studying with them while Beatriz studied with Letizia. Beatriz was so proud of her mother, for she knew that reading was difficult for her. She had never given a Bible study before. Beatriz helped her mother by reading the questions and the Bible texts, and Mother would explain what the texts meant.

## Spreading God's Love

After the girls studied together for several months, all three sisters gave their lives to God. Their mother and father were impressed at the changes they saw in the girls. They attended the girls' baptism and decided that they wanted to know more about God too. They asked Beatriz and her mother to study the Bible with them. Letizia's mother has decided to be baptized, and her father wants to study more before making a decision to follow God.

Beatriz has some advice for children: "Don't be afraid to tell others about God and invite them to Sabbath School. If God asks you to give another person Bible studies, do it. Help them to know Jesus." 

## Fast Facts

- Peru lies along the Pacific Ocean. The Andes mountains form a natural barrier through the country. West of the mountains the land is dry. East of the mountains the climate is hot and humid, a tropical rain forest. Here lies the birthplace of the Amazon River, which flows all the way to the Atlantic Ocean.
- Beatriz and her mother and friends attend a small church that doesn't have a place of its own in which to meet. Part of this quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help provide a church for this growing congregation.
- See the Adventist Mission DVD for a story just for children.



PERU | October 13

# Doing Our Part for Jesus

Clarita

Clarita is 8 years old. She lives in a city in the beautiful hills of eastern Peru. It's hot and humid most of the year where Clarita lives. Farmers grow rice and oranges and bananas and lots of other foods we love to eat.

## Holy Week Meetings

Every year the people of Peru—and most of South America—celebrate the week before Easter, which they call Holy Week. Churches have parades and special meetings to remind people that Jesus died and rose from the grave. The Adventist Church plans special meetings during this week too. They want to help people understand that Jesus loves them and died to save them.

Clarita's church has meetings for children as well as adults. Last year Clarita invited five of her friends to the meetings

at church. The children had fun listening to Bible stories and singing and doing activities that helped them remember the story they learned. "We painted pictures about Jesus and made paper flowers," Clarita says. "We cut palm leaves from paper to remind us that people put palm leaves on the path as Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the donkey. One night we made play clay figures while we listened to the story of David and Goliath."

## Kids' Bible Club

Clarita's friends came to every program. They had fun and were sorry when the programs ended. When Clarita told her mother that her friends wished the meetings would keep going, Mother suggested that Clarita invite them to their house on Friday evening to listen to more Bible stories and sing songs to Jesus.

Clarita liked the idea and was sure her friends would, too.

Clarita invited her friends to come to her house. She thought of other children who might enjoy the meeting and invited them, too. Soon Clarita's house was filled with children on Friday night. They sang and listened to a Bible story and prayed together. Then they did a Bible study for children. Each child took their Bible study home.

Clarita invited the children to Sabbath School too, but she lives far from her church, so it's hard for the children to come. Sometimes her mother rented a mototaxi, a three-wheeled motorbike that is used as a taxi, to pick up the children who wanted to go to church. Sometimes five people came to church in one mototaxi.

### “God Is Counting on Us”

Clarita and her mother finished the 13 Bible-study lessons, but the children wanted to keep coming. So Mother and Clarita are using other Bible stories. “My

## Mission Post

- Many children in South America attend small-group meetings just for kids. The programs include singing, Bible stories, prayer time, and a game or craft to help children remember the lesson they've learned.
- Most Bible clubs are held in people's homes. Sometimes a parent teaches them, and sometimes a child leads.
- Part of this quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help provide leaders' books for the children and training in how to lead a small group. Then even more children will be able to share God's love with their friends.

friends want to keep coming to the small group,” Clarita says. “So we will keep it going. Most of my friends don't attend a church, so it's important that we teach them about God. Someone has to, or they won't know how much Jesus loves them.

“I want every child to know that God loves them and that He will never leave them,” she says. “God is counting on us.” 🌐

## Fun With Spanish

Spanish is a simple language to pronounce: *ah* as in far; *eh* as in bet; *ee* as in bee; *oh* as in boat; *oo* as in boot. The accented syllables are written in capital letters in the pronunciation column. D is pronounced as *th*.

### COMMON PHRASES

Happy Sabbath  
Hello  
Please  
Thank you  
Yes  
No  
Good bye

### PRONOUNCE IT

fay-LEEZ SAH-bah-doh  
OH-lah  
Por fah-VOR  
GRAH-see-as  
see  
no  
ah-dee-OS



PERU | October 20

Ingrid

# Praying for Papa

Ingrid lives in a small house on a dirt road in a city in northern Peru. Some of her earliest memories are of going with her mother to people's homes to study the Bible. Ingrid sat quietly and listened to how her mother explained God's Word to people. Ingrid knew that one day she wanted to lead someone to Jesus. She hoped it would be her papa.

## Praying for Papa

Papa didn't love Jesus. He drank and took drugs. Often he spent every cent he had on alcohol and drugs, leaving nothing to buy food. He even stole things to buy drugs. Ingrid couldn't stop her papa from drinking, but she could pray for him. And she did. Every day

she prayed that her papa would give his heart to God and stop using these bad things. Often she told him, "Papa, God loves you and wants you to have a better life. Please let Jesus help you. Come to church with us."

Sometimes Papa attended church just to please his family. And in time he stopped using drugs. But he still didn't ask Jesus to be part of his life. Ingrid kept praying for him. She wasn't going to let her papa miss out on heaven!

Then when Ingrid was 8, her father gave his life to God. He was a different person! "I'm the first person you led to Jesus," her father told Ingrid one day with a smile. "Now I want to tell others about God, just as you and Mother do."

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Papa told others what Jesus had done for him, and soon he was able to give Bible studies to anyone who asked.

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## Mission Post

- Ingrid and her family live near the Pacific Ocean in northern Peru. They each lead a small group that introduces others to Jesus.
- Ingrid has led several of her friends to Jesus because she is willing to let her light shine for Jesus.
- Part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help build several simple churches for congregations such as those Ingrid and her family have helped establish.

Ingrid showed her papa how to study the Bible. It was hard for him because he hadn't learned to read well, but as he read his Bible, his reading improved. Papa told others what Jesus had done for him, and soon he was able to give Bible studies to anyone who asked. With the money he had once spent on drugs, Papa bought a little store and worked hard to provide for his family. When customers come to his shop they often found him near his open Bible telling someone about God.

### Ingrid's Small Group

Ingrid was giving Bible studies to her friends. Eight of her friends met together for Bible studies in a friend's home. Ingrid went to other children's homes to study the Bible with them. She used a special set of children's Bible studies called "I Believe."\* Ingrid invited her friends to church too, and when they finished the Bible studies, all of the children accepted Jesus as their Savior.

When the children finished the Bible studies, Ingrid found stories in the Bible that they could read together and talk about in the small group. "I'm still leading the small group," she says. "Some of the children are the same ones I started with, but others are new.

"I'm so glad that my papa gave his life to Jesus," Ingrid says. "Many of the people who drank and took drugs with my papa are dead now or are in jail. But my papa is a new person in Jesus."

### A Team for Jesus

Last year Ingrid and her parents led almost 60 people to Jesus. The family has planted one church and formed two small groups that are studying God's Word together. "I gave my heart to God because Ingrid and her mother prayed for me," Papa says. "Ingrid reminded me that only God is powerful enough to overcome the demons that made me a slave to alcohol and drugs. She kept inviting me to let Jesus change my life. I thank God for giving me such a wonderful gift as a faithful wife and praying daughter."

Boys and girls, someone you know needs to know Jesus. Choose someone that you can pray for this week. Ask God to tell you how you can help them invite Jesus into their heart.

When you give your mission offering on Sabbath, the money helps people who may not have a friend to invite them to church learn about Jesus. Let's remember to bring our mission offering every week so others can meet Jesus too. 

\* "Yo Creo" in Spanish



PERU | October 27

# Faithful Renalto

Renalto

Renalto lives in a town in the tree-covered mountains of eastern Peru. Since he was little he has attended the Adventist church in town. Renalto loves learning about God.

But when Renalto was about 5 years old, his family had some difficult times. Father wasn't working, and Mother had to work to help pay the bills. But her job required her to work on Sabbath. So the family stopped attending church.

Renalto didn't want to miss church. He asked his parents to let him go to church alone. It was close, so his mother agreed. Renalto walked to church every Sabbath. He often prayed that God would help his parents return to church. He continued to invite them to church, even though they would lose their jobs if they didn't work on Sabbaths.

## Helping Mother

When Renalto was 8 years old, he asked his mother to let him help the family earn money by selling homemade candies to tourists. Mother agreed, so every day after school Renalto sold the candy his mother had made.

Sometimes Mother asked Renalto to sell the treats on Sabbath, when there were more tourists, but Renalto refused. "I can't dishonor God that way," Renalto said. Again he invited his mother to attend church with him. She sighed and said that she wished she could, but the family needed her income to buy food.

## Some New Friends

One day Renalto met an Adventist couple. Renalto's family and the Adventist couple became friends. When the couple learned that Renalto's mother

was a good cook, they invited her to open a restaurant in their home. Renalto's mother was delighted. The couple rented Renalto's family some rooms in their home in which to live and run the restaurant.

Soon Father found a better job, and the family was earning enough to live comfortably again. Best of all, the whole family attends church again. Renalto is so happy!

### Sharing God's Love

Renalto enjoys sharing God's love with his classmates. Two of his classmates were learning more about the Bible, so Renalto invited them to study the Bible at his house. He wanted the homeowner and his wife to teach the girls, but they said, "These are your friends. You teach them." And they offered to help him start a small-group meeting for children. So Renalto started his own small group.

Soon six children were attending. They studied a Bible course together, and when

they were finished, two of the children asked to be baptized. One was Sandra.

### Another Small Group

Renalto started another small-group meeting in Sandra's home. Her parents aren't Adventists, but they were happy to let the children hold small-group meetings in their home. Sandra's parents even attended the small group and invited other adults to join them.

Because of the children's small group that met in Sandra's home, her father accepted Jesus as his Savior. Now Sandra's parents worship with Sandra in the little Adventist church. They have started their own small group for adults. The children's group grew to 25 children—too many to meet in Sandra's parents' home, so they now meet in two separate small groups at the church. Renalto teaches the older children. "I'm one of the youngest in the group," he says, "but they allow me to lead it."

### Growing Through Sharing

Renalto encourages the children in his small groups to invite others to come. And the small groups keep growing.

"I'm glad that God kept me close to Him during the difficult times my family went through," Renalto says. "I'm glad that my family came back to church and my Adventist friends encouraged me to start the small groups. Many are now coming to church because of this work. God is blessing my faith so much."

We can share our faith with others in our neighborhood and at school. And when we give our mission offering, we're helping children and adults around the world teach others about Jesus. 🌍

## Mission Post

- In many areas of Peru—and throughout South America—small groups welcome people to come and learn about Jesus in a friendly place. As more people come, these groups grow and multiply. Some even form new congregations in an area far from an existing church. The new believers become a new church.
- But often these new believers can't afford to rent or buy a place in which to worship.
- Part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help build several simple churches for congregations across northern Peru.



PERU | November 3

Karen

# A Song for Jesus

**N**ine-year-old Karen could hardly wait to tell her mother the news! She had been asked to sing a solo at a school program. Karen loved to sing, and she had discovered the fun of singing popular songs.

## Meeting Jesus

Karen and her mother had been attending the Adventist church for several months. Brother Luis, the church's elder, invited Karen's family to come to his house for Sabbath dinner. The family had a good time learning more about God.

Brother Luis invited Karen's family to study the Bible with him at their house. They all agreed. Karen looked forward to Brother Luis's visits. She liked the way he taught them what the Bible says.

The family studied the Bible together for several months. One day Karen's mother told Brother Luis that she would like to be baptized. "I want to be baptized

too!" Karen said. Brother Luis smiled and looked at Karen's father. But he said he wasn't ready yet. Father continued to worship at home with his family, and sometimes he attended church for special programs, but he had other things he wanted to do on Sabbath.

## Finding a New Song

As Karen learned more about Jesus, she stopped singing popular songs and chose to sing only songs that honor God. She especially likes to sing with the family for worship.

Karen attends public school, and often special programs are held on Saturday. When her teacher invited her to sing for one of the special school programs, Karen told her that she wouldn't be there because she worships God on Sabbath now and would be in church.

"I love singing for Jesus," Karen says.

She sings alone and with other children for special music in church. “I want to sing for God’s glory and tell others about Jesus’ love,” Karen says.

Karen is also a member of Pathfinders, who often take part in church worship services. “I’m so happy that God has taught me to sing a new kind of song. Singing for Jesus makes me so much happier than singing popular songs that have no real meaning.”

Karen wants her music to tell others—especially her father and her school teacher—that Jesus is special to her.

### Sharing God’s Love

Karen’s church has lots of kids, and they’re learning to share God’s love by inviting their friends to Sabbath School and to small-group meetings.

We can share God’s love in so many ways. How can you share God’s love with your neighbors or your classmates this week?

### Mission Post

- About one out of every 80 people in Peru is a Seventh-day Adventist. One reason for this growth is because people invite their friends to attend small-group meetings in their homes. There they can learn about God in a friendly setting.
- Karen lives in eastern Peru, not far from where the Amazon River begins. Part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will help build a simple church for a congregation in eastern Peru.

When we give our mission offering, we’re sharing God’s love, too. Let’s remember that many people haven’t heard of Jesus yet, and we can help introduce them to Him when we give our offerings. 🌐

## Fun With Spanish

Spanish is a simple language to pronounce: *ah* as in far; *eh* as in bet; *ee* as in bee; *oh* as in boat; *oo* as in boot. The accented syllables are written in capital letters in the pronunciation column. D is pronounced as *th*.

#### NUMBERS

One  
Two  
Three  
Four  
Five  
Six  
Seven  
Eight  
Nine  
Ten

#### PRONOUNCE IT

OO-noh  
dohs  
trays  
KWAH-troh  
SEEN-koh  
says  
see-EH-tay  
Oh-choh  
noo-AY-vay  
dee-EZ



PERU | November 10

# The Young Missionary

Wallace Stahl (right) and his parents with an Incan leader.

Wallace Stahl was just 4 years old when his family left America to work for God in a place his father called “the hardest place in the world.” The family sailed to South America, where they served rich and poor alike in the countries of Bolivia and Peru. Their hearts were touched as they saw the Inca Indians, who had once been a powerful civilization, now poor and sick and weakened by alcohol and abuse.

Like many children living in a foreign land, Wallace quickly learned the language of the Indians. He helped translate for his parents as they cared for people’s medical needs in a clinic they established.

## Difficult Lives, Great Needs

Life wasn’t easy for Wallace and his family. Wallace often helped his mother and sister in the clinic while Papa Stahl traveled long distances to share God’s love

with people who knew little about Jesus.

At that time there were no hotels to stay in, and people didn’t have cars. They rode horses wherever they needed to go. One day Papa Stahl returned sick from a long and difficult journey into the mountains. Every joint in his body ached from many nights sleeping on the cold, hard ground.

One day messengers came from a distant province to see Papa Stahl. “Please,” they begged, “we have brought mules and pack horses with us so that we can take a teacher back with us.”

Papa Stahl shook his head sadly. He had no teacher to send them. As he struggled to explain this to the delegation, one of the Indians said something to young Wallace. Wallace answered the man in his own dialect. The Indians asked Wallace more questions, and the boy answered

## Mission Post

- Wallace Stahl and his sister, Frenita, were a big help to their parents as they worked among the Indians of Peru and Bolivia.
- Many said that the Indians were too stupid to learn, too ignorant, too dirty, too lazy, and not worthy of the missionaries' time. But the Stahls refused to listen. Their work helped establish 46 mission schools among the Indians of Peru and Bolivia.
- As a result of their work, thousands of Indians accepted Jesus as their Savior and became faithful Seventh-day Adventists.

them. The Indians became more and more excited.

### “I Will Go”

“Please,” one man said, “let your boy come and teach us!”

Papa Stahl shook his head. “He is only a boy. He’s not prepared to teach.”

“If he would just teach us what he knows,

we would be happy,” the man insisted.

“Papa,” Wallace said, “let me go. I’ll be all right.” Papa Stahl was touched, but still he refused. He knew that one day Wallace would be ready to take on such a task, but he was still too young to go alone into the mountains. Finally the delegation returned home with a promise that one day a teacher would come.

Wallace grew up in a mission field, serving the people of the Andes and the Amazon.

You too are growing up in a mission field, for God’s mission field is all around you. You don’t have to learn a different language or live in a foreign land to be a missionary. You can be a missionary by telling your friends that Jesus loves them and wants to be their friend too. And when you give your mission offering, you’re helping others reach people for Jesus in places you may never know. 🌍

Adapted from Kay D. Rizzo, *Determined to Love* (Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1988).

## Sing in Spanish

### PADRE, TE ADORO (FATHER, I ADORE YOU)

Pah dreh teh ah doh roh  
Ah toos pee-ehs meh pohs troh-oh  
Coh moh teh ah moh

Krees toh teh ah doh roh  
(Jesus [Christ], I adore You)

Eh-spee-ree too teh ah doh roh  
(Spirit I adore You)

For another song in Spanish, see page 32 of this quarterly or go to [www.AdventistMission.org](http://www.AdventistMission.org) and click on “Resources,” “Mission Quarterly,” and “Children’s Quarterly Activities.”



BRAZIL | November 17

Marcos

# Marcos' Message of Love

For the next few weeks we will hear stories about children who live in Brazil. [*Locate Brazil on a map.*]

Marcos lives in a small town in central Brazil. He has attended church all his life. His small church shares a pastor with several other churches in nearby towns. So the pastor can't be at their church every week. Then members of the church take turns leading the worship service.

A few years ago Marcos spoke during a children's Week of Prayer in his church. He worked hard to learn his sermon and present it well. Many people said God blessed them through his sermon. So after that the leaders often asked Marcos to preach for church. Marcos would like to become a pastor when he grows up. Marcos knows that a pastor does more than preach. He often goes with the

pastor to visit people who are sick or sad.

Word of Marcos' talent to preach spread, and now Marcos and his mother take the bus to another little town where he preaches once a month in a small church in his pastor's district. The

## Mission Post

- Marcos lives in a small town in central Brazil. The church in his town meets in a garage. They have land on which to build a church, but they can't raise enough money to build the church.
- Part of this quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help the people in Marcos' town build a simple church to which they can invite their neighbors to learn more about God's plans for their lives and decide to follow Him.

members like hearing him preach. “Marcos helps us realize that we can do more than we think we can if we just ask God to help us,” one church member says.

## Small Group

Churches in South America encourage everyone to help the church grow. They divide their congregations into small groups that meet in members’ homes. Then they invite their friends and neighbors to join them and learn more about God and the Bible.

Marcos’ church had several small groups, but they were all for adults. Marcos wanted to start a group for children and teenagers, so he asked his pastor for help. The pastor gave him some leader’s materials just for children and teens, and encouraged Marcos to invite his school friends and neighbors to start his own small group.

Marcos studied the material and then invited his friends and neighbors to come. Now 10 or 12 children come every week. Half of these are from the church, and the rest are classmates and neighbors. The small group meets in Marcos’ home. They sing songs and do a group activity, such as play a game or discuss some questions.

“One time we blew up balloons and held them in our hand,” Marcos said. “In the other hand we held objects that could pop a balloon. Then we tried to pop other people’s balloons while protecting our own. Then we talked about how the balloons represent our lives and how the sharp objects represented obstacles that come across our path. We talked about how God helps protect us from the

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Mother called for me,  
but I didn’t answer.  
Eventually she went to  
church alone.

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obstacles in our lives so that we can grow stronger and not fail.

After the activity we have a lesson.

Sometimes we use lessons that come in

the leader’s booklet, and other times we plan our own lesson. But everyone in the group gets a chance to lead out in an activity or a lesson. This helps everyone learn to be leaders,” he says.

## Marcos’ Concern

Marcos loves telling others about Jesus. But last year something happened that made him sad. His father stopped attending church. “Church members visit him and tell him they miss him,” Marcos says. “And Mom and my brothers and sisters and I pray that he’ll come back to God. He comes to church when I preach, so I try to preach a sermon that will touch his heart. I know that some of my sermons have touched him, for I could see tears in his eyes. I just pray that he will listen to God’s voice and come back. My father’s choice to leave God has made me want to follow God’s leading and serve even more,” he says.

Marcos has asked us to pray for his father and for everyone who has turned their back on God. “We must stay faithful to Jesus,” he says. “I want everyone to know that no matter what difficulties we face in our lives, God loves us. We must pray for one another and be faithful to Jesus.”

Let’s pray now for Marcos’ father and everyone who needs to give their heart to God. 🌍

*[Close with prayer.]*



BRAZIL | November 24

Vitoria

# Busy Working for God

*[Have a map of South America or a globe available.]*

Vitoria [vee-TOH-ree-ah] is 9 years old. She lives on an island in the Amazon River in Brazil. *[Locate the Amazon River in northern Brazil.]* Her house is built on stilts. Why do you think people build their houses this way? *[Let children respond.]* In the rainy season the Amazon River rises, often flooding the islands in its path. A house built on stilts is safer when the river rises.

The island Vitoria's family lives on doesn't have roads, so the family doesn't own a car. Instead, they use a rowboat to get around. Or they take a public motorboat when they need to buy food or clothes or want to visit another island. Do you think it would be fun to live on an

island such as Vitoria does?

Vitoria's whole family is busy sharing God's love with others. Since Vitoria was little, she has gone with her father to meet with people in small groups.

## Busy for God

Vitoria likes to be busy for God. Every week she leads a children's small-group meeting at a friend's house. But she does more. She helps her father produce a radio program.

When her father started the program, he talked to grown-ups about God. Then he asked Vitoria to tell a story for the children. Now they do the program together.

"I tell a story," Vitoria says. "We play music and share prayer requests and talk about health. My father has a short sermon.

The radio station reaches the islands

## Fast Facts

- The Amazon River flows across northern Brazil. Many smaller rivers flow into it. As the great river nears the Atlantic Ocean, it slows down and spreads out, creating hundreds of islands in the river.
- Vitoria lives on one of these islands in the Amazon River. There are no roads on her island, so the family has a rowboat that takes them to church, to visit neighbors, and on family errands.

around Vitoria's home, and many people listen. They write in to say that they like the programs. The pastor says that the radio program has helped many people living on the islands near their home know about the church.

"Sometimes we talk about the small groups we lead," Vitoria says. "Then when people are invited to join a small group,

they already know a little bit and are willing to attend."

## New Church

Vitoria and her brother, Daniel, are members of the Pathfinder Club. The club has several members who are not Adventists. "We invite our friends to come, and we pray for them. Seven are planning to be baptized," Vitoria says.

"Sometimes Daniel and I preach in church. We're always looking for ways to share God's love with people."

Boys and girls, Vitoria and her family are busy working for Jesus. We can work for Jesus right here where we live too. We can tell others about God, pray for them to give their hearts to Jesus, and give our mission offering every week. That way people we may never meet on this earth can learn that God loves them. There's so much we can do! Let's get busy—just like Vitoria. 🌍

## Fun With Portuguese

Portuguese is the official language of Brazil. Pronounce: *ah* as in far; *eh* as in bet; *ee* as in bee; *oh* as in boat; *oo* as in boot. The accented syllables are written in capital letters in the pronunciation column. The letter *r* is rolled and sounds almost like a *d*.

### COMMON PHRASES

Good morning  
Happy Sabbath  
Welcome  
Please  
Thank you  
You're welcome  
Yes  
No  
Goodbye

### PRONOUNCE IT

bohn DEE-ah  
fay-LEEZ SAH-bah-doh  
bayn VEEN-doh  
por fah-VOR  
oh-bree-GAH-doh\* (dah)  
jee NAH-dahH  
seen  
now  
chow



BRAZIL | December 1

# Maria's Prayers

**M**aria lives in a small village in Brazil. [*Locate Brazil on the map.*] Her parents are farmers. They work hard growing rice, white beans, and bananas. The family's little house is made of sticks covered with mud. At night Maria and her brothers and sisters sleep on hammocks hung from pegs in the walls in the family room. Hammocks are cooler than beds in the hot weather.

## The Invitation

One day Maria walked past the Seventh-day Adventist church near her home. A white-haired man was painting the church. Maria stopped to watch him. The man hummed a song as his paintbrush swished over the cement walls.

"Hello!" the man smiled when he saw Maria watching him.

"Hello, señor [sehn-yor]," she responded. "Why are you painting the church?"

"We're having a special children's program on Sabbath," he replied. "Would you like to come? We'll have stories and lots of singing. I think you'd like it."

"Maybe I will," Maria said, waving goodbye.

## The Sabbath Program

*Maybe the program would be fun,* Maria thought. She told her mother about the program, and Mother agreed that she could go. On Sabbath morning Maria dressed and walked down the dirt road to the little church.

The church looked so pretty with its fresh coat of paint. Her new friend, the white-haired man, greeted her. "I'm glad you came!" he smiled. "*Feliz Sabado!* [Feh-

LEEZ SAH-bah-doh] Happy Sabbath! Just follow the other children to your class.”

Maria sat down with the other children, and tried to join them as they sang happy songs about Jesus. Then the teacher invited the children to pray by repeating her words. Maria had never prayed before. She felt something special knowing she could pray to God.

The teacher told such nice stories from the Bible. *I want to come back again*, Maria thought.

And she did. For the next three weeks Maria went to Sabbath School. The next Sabbath Maria awoke to her mother calling her.

## Praying for Mother

“What’s wrong?” Maria asked as she found her mother lying in bed.

“I’m sick, Mother replied. “I can’t get out of bed. Please stay home from church today and take care of your sisters.”

“OK, Mother,” Maria said. “You just rest.” Maria was worried. Her mother looked really sick. She thought of what her Sabbath School teacher had told the children. *Talk to Jesus as you do your friend*. Maria had never prayed alone before, but she bowed her head and said, “Dear Jesus, please make my mother well. I promise that I will follow You always.”

Maria felt better. She knew that Jesus had heard her prayer. She went inside the house and helped her little sisters get dressed. She made them breakfast and took her mother some water to drink.

“Are you feeling better?” Maria asked softly. Mother shook her head no. “I prayed for you,” Maria said. “I asked Jesus to make you well again. And I promised that I will follow Him always.”

“Thank you, Maria,” Mother smiled.

## Fast Facts

- Brazil is the world’s fifth-largest country in the world. Only Russia, Canada, China, and the United States are larger.
- Brazil covers about half of South America and is home to about 190 million people. Most of the people of Brazil live along the Atlantic Ocean.
- The capital city of Brazil is Brasilia, which lies in the heart of Brazil.

The next day Mother was still sick. The doctor said she might be sick for a long time, so Maria and her sisters went to stay with their grandmother. Maria loved her grandmother, but she missed her mother. Every day she prayed that Jesus would make her mother well.

## Maria’s Surprise

Maria and her sisters stayed with Grandmother for several months. Then one day they went home. Maria was so glad to see her mother standing at the door waiting for them.

“You’re well!” Maria squealed as she hugged her mother. “I knew that Jesus would make you well again!”

“I’ve missed you girls,” Mother said, hugging Maria. “I have a surprise for you. When I felt better, I remembered your prayers and knew that Jesus had made me well because you were praying for me. I went to the Adventist church to thank God. A woman there studied the Bible with me, and now I’m an Adventist. So are your brothers!”

“Oh, Mother, that’s the best answer to my prayer ever!” Maria exclaimed, giving Mother another hug. “I’m so glad.” 



BRAZIL | December 8

# The Invitation

Amanda

Amanda lives near the Amazon River in northern Brazil. Who can locate the Amazon on the map? *[Let a child try.]*

One day Amanda arrived home from school and found a piece of paper on her front porch. It was an invitation to a series of church programs. There would be singing, a health talk, a movie about Jesus, and Bible lessons. This sounded interesting to Amanda, and she asked her mother if she could go. Her mother agreed, so Amanda went.

## Making New Friends

Amanda was a little shy when she first entered the building, but she found other children her age, and she felt at home. To her surprise, other children were leading the singing and taking part in the program. Amanda liked the program.

When the meeting ended, Amanda stayed to talk with some of the children. She saw some friends from school and

made some new friends. Amanda decided to return the next night. When she arrived home, she told her mother about the meeting and invited her to attend the adult meeting. But her mother said that she was too busy to go.

## Amanda's Desire

Every day Amanda invited her mother to go to the meetings with her. Finally Amanda's mother agreed to go. Mother enjoyed the meetings and continued to attend. She even signed up to study the Bible with someone.

One evening toward the end of the series, as Amanda and her mother were walking home, Amanda told her mother, "I want to go to the Seventh-day Adventist church. Will you go with me? If you don't want to, I'll go alone."

Amanda's mother was surprised at her daughter's determination. She thought about it and decided that she should

attend church with Amanda. The two attended church together. After studying the Bible with the pastor, the two decided to be baptized together. Amanda's mother told the pastor that Amanda was the one who had influenced her to accept Jesus as her Lord.

### Amanda's Joy

Amanda joined Pathfinders, where she's learning so many fun things. The club members have chosen partners who go out together to give literature to people. Amanda talks to her friends at school about Jesus and has invited them to join her small group that meets once a week in someone's home to have fun learning about Jesus.

"The best thing I did in my life was to give my life to Jesus," Amanda says. "He loves me so much!"

We can do as Amanda is doing. We can give our lives to Jesus. And we can give people invitations to attend meetings and encourage one another to share God's

### Fast Facts

- The Amazon River is one of the longest rivers in the world. It flows from the western border of Brazil to the Atlantic Ocean, about 4,000 miles. The river carries more water than any other river in the world.
- The Amazon River flows through the world's largest rain forest. Nearly all the rivers in the northern half of Brazil flow into the Amazon.
- Rain forests are home to thousands of kinds of plants, animals, birds, reptiles, and fish. Many of these are found nowhere else on earth. Some 70,000 varieties of insects live here, and scientists haven't even discovered them all yet.

love with our classmates and neighbors. There's so much we can do to help others learn about Jesus. And one other thing we can do is to give our mission offering every week. Then lots more people will learn that Jesus loves them. 🌍

## Fun With Portuguese

See page 19 for the pronunciation guide. Note how similar Portuguese is to Spanish.

### NUMBERS

one  
two  
three  
four  
five  
six  
seven  
eight  
nine  
ten

### PRONOUNCE IT

oom  
DOH-ees  
trehz  
KWAH-troh  
SEEN-koh  
sayz  
SEH-tee  
OY-toh  
NAW-vee  
dehz



BRAZIL | December 15

# God's Little Prayer Warrior

Barbara lives in Brazil. [*Locate Brazil on a map.*] Since Barbara was little, her mother has told her about Jesus. They often visit neighbors together, telling them how much God loves them. So it's no surprise that Barbara loves to share God's love with others. But her favorite thing to do is to pray for others. She knows God listens to prayers and cares about His children.

## Barbara, the Prayer Warrior

As soon as she could write, Barbara has kept a prayer list. Whenever she learns about someone who is sick or troubled or sad, she adds their name to her prayer list.

One day she learned that their neighbor Mr. Peter had a disease that made his joints hurt. Barbara wrote his name on her prayer list and prayed for him. She

visited Mr. Peter and told him that she was praying that he would soon feel better. She also prayed that Mr. Peter would give his life to Jesus. Mr. Peter liked to hear Barbara pray for him. One day Mr. Peter's wife went to see Barbara. "Please come and pray for Mr. Peter," she said. "He is having a bad day."

Barbara walked to Mr. Peter's house to visit.

## Barbara's Strange Bargain

"My knee hurts terribly," Mr. Peter said. Barbara could tell by his voice that her friend was in great pain. Gently Barbara laid her hand on Mr. Peter's knee and closed her eyes. "Dear God, You know that my friend is hurting," she said. "Please take away the pain in this knee so he will know that You love him and want him to

## Mission Post

- Barbara shares her faith by praying for others. We can share our faith in many ways—by being kind to people and offering to help people do tasks they can't do alone, or by taking time to just be friends.
- Find someone this week that you can befriend. Visit a neighbor who doesn't go to church or someone who can't get out much anymore. Offer to do something helpful for them, such as sweeping their porch or running an errand. Then tell them that Jesus loves them.

be well.” Barbara said amen, and then she said, “Your knee will get better now.”

Then Barbara looked at her friend and said, “Mr. Peter, if you do not ask Jesus to be your Friend, He cannot answer your prayers, and things won't get better for

you.” Mr. Peter nodded sadly to Barbara.

## A Visitor in Sabbath School

A few days later Mrs. Peter knocked on Barbara's door. She told Barbara's mother, “My husband wants to go to church on Sabbath.” Mother gave Mrs. Peter a few coins to pay for bus fare to church. On Sabbath morning Mother and Barbara found Mr. Peter standing near the door of the church.

“I'm so glad to see you!” Barbara told her friend. Mr. Peter smiled and told Barbara, “I have news for you. I have given my heart to Jesus, and I plan to come to church every week.” Barbara hugged her friend tightly.

Not too many weeks later Mr. Peter was baptized. His knee has not bothered him, and he is able to walk without pain. He says that God's love and a young girl's prayers healed him. Barbara wants all of us to know that Jesus loves to answer children's prayers. And she's right. 🌐

## Sing a Song in Portuguese

### SIM, CRISTO ME AMA (JESUS LOVES ME)

Krees toh tehm ah mohr pohr meeng,  
kohn sehr teh zah eh-oh cray-oh ah seeng;  
pohr ah mohr deh meeng mohr hay oh,  
vee voh-eh stah pohr meeng noh she-oh.

#### Chorus:

seeng k'drees toh meh ah mah  
(repeat three times)  
ah bee blee-ah-ah seeng meh deez

seeng zehh zoos meh tehm ah mohr  
ee seh fehz meh yoo sahl vah dohr  
oh zehh ah-een dah tehng prah zehr  
deh kree ahn sahs reh ceh behr

Meh-yoo zehh zoos koh mee goh-eh stah  
Ee ah fee nahl meh leh vah rah  
Pah rah oh leen doh seh-ow de looz  
Poys meh rehs gah toh nah crooz



CENTENNIAL | December 22

# Angels on the Amazon

Leo and Jessie Halliwell

*[Note to the presenter: Find pictures of the Amazon River online or in travel books at your local library. Photos of the Halliwells are available at [www.AdventistMission.com](http://www.AdventistMission.com).]*

The longest river in South America is the Amazon. It flows from the Andes mountains of Peru, only 85 miles [140 kilometers] from the Pacific Ocean [locate on map], almost 4,000 miles [6,400 kilometers] to the Atlantic Ocean. [Locate the mouth of the river.]

## The *Luzeiro* Mission Boats

The large city of Manaus [mah-NAOHS] lies along the Amazon. [Locate Manaus west of Belem, on the coast.] Outside the city on a quiet inlet rests a white wooden boat called the *Luzeiro* [Lu-ZAY-roh], which is the Portuguese word for “light bearer.”\* This boat and others like it once sailed along the

Amazon, bringing medical care and the good news about Jesus to the people who lived along the river.

The boats took doctors, dentists, nurses, and other missionaries to the people living in the rain forest. They took teachers and preachers to their new workplaces in riverside villages, too. The man who built most of the *Luzeiro* mission boats was Leo Halliwell.

Some people still tell stories about the wonderful things that happened in the days when these mission boats brought hope and health to the people. One of those stories is called “Angels on the Amazon.”

## The Three Hitchhikers

Pastor Halliwell steered the *Luzeiro* along the river. The jungle trees formed a green canopy overhead. Jack, Pastor Halliwell’s 15-year-old son, stared into the jungle hoping to see a jaguar, the

“jungle leopard.” Overhead a brilliant red, blue, green, and yellow macaw flew by, squawking loudly. In the distance a woolly monkey howled. Then the boat’s engine slowed, and Jack noticed three well-dressed men waving at the *Luzeiro* from a canoe.

“Hello!” one man called out. “Can you give us a tow upstream?”

Pastor Halliwell knew it was dangerous to give hitchhikers a ride. But something impressed him to stop. “Throw them a line, Jack,” he called to his son. Jack threw the men the rope, and the men attached it to their boat.

## Avoiding the Rocks

Two men climbed aboard and stood beside Pastor Halliwell as he steered the boat up the river. Suddenly one of the men grabbed the wheel and turned the boat around. The boat shuddered and moved suddenly away from the riverbank and out into the middle of the river. The sudden movement nearly threw Jack overboard!

Pastor Halliwell stared at the waters they had just crossed. Not 20 feet from where they had been heading, the jagged points of hundreds of rocks lay just beneath the surface of the water. If the boat had hit those rocks, it would have been ripped apart. The missionaries might have lost their lives that day!

“Whew!” Pastor Halliwell exclaimed. “Thank you! You saved our boat and probably our lives!”

The man smiled but said nothing as he steered the boat through the rocky waters. Then the man gave the wheel back to Pastor Halliwell. “Thank you for the ride, sir,” the man said. “If you stop, we’ll get out now.”

*This is strange!* thought Pastor

## Mission Post

- The missionaries who served on the *Luzeiro* boats that traveled on the Amazon River have made a forever impact on the people living there. They helped establish churches and clinics and schools.
- Three years ago part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering helped build dormitories and classrooms for a new Adventist university in northern Brazil. Now many students can study there instead of having to travel many days from home to study in another part of the country.
- Thank you for giving your mission offerings so that others can learn about Jesus.

Halliwell. *There are no signs of a village nearby.* Nevertheless, he stopped the boat, and the two men climbed back into their canoe and pushed off into the current.

“Watch where they go,” Leo called to Jack.

“Dad, they’ve disappeared!” Jack called.

Leo turned from the wheel. The river was empty. There was no bend in the river, no ripples in the water. The three men and their boat had disappeared.

*They must have been angels!* Pastor Halliwell thought as he steered the *Luzeiro*. *Thank you Lord for sending your angels to protect us today! What a wonderful God you are!*

The Halliwells served for many years along the Amazon River, caring for the health of the people and sharing the good news of Jesus. Our mission offerings supported their work and continue to support the work among the people living in isolated villages and large cities along the Amazon River. 🌍

\* A full-size coloring page of the *Luzeiro* is available at [www.AdventistMission.org](http://www.AdventistMission.org).

# Thirteenth Sabbath Program

If your class will present the Thirteenth Sabbath program for the adults:

- Practice one of the songs on pages 15, 25, 32, and 33 of the mission quarterly or from the website ([www.AdventistMission.org](http://www.AdventistMission.org)) to sing during the program or as an offertory.
- Remind parents of the program and encourage the children to bring their Thirteenth Sabbath Offering on December 22.
- As you collect the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, remind

everyone that one fourth of their Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will go directly to the projects in the South American Division. The remaining offering will help fund world mission outreach. Remind the children of their special children's project to help provide leadership materials for children who lead small groups in South America.

- **If your class will not join the adults** for a special program, ask some juniors to present the following program on Thirteenth Sabbath.

## Bring a Friend to Jesus

**Participants:** Two narrators and six to 10 children from primary, junior, and teen classes. While participants do not have to memorize their parts, they should know them well enough to be able to present the ideas clearly without reading. The participants may read their parts, but they should be familiar with the material so they can present it with confidence and clarity.

**Props:** Arrange six to 10 chairs in a semi-circle on one side of the platform. Place a Bible on every second seat. Ask two children to sit in the semicircle awaiting more friends and pretend to talk. One of these children will be the small group leader. It does not have to be the eldest child. The children in the circle of chairs never speak aloud. Everything is done in pantomime.

**Narrator 1:** The South American Division has more than 2 million Adventists. And more people are joining the church every day. One of the secrets to this rapid growth is small-group meetings.

A small group is just what the name says. Church members form small groups that meet outside the church—most

often in homes—to study the Bible. Church members are encouraged to become part of a small group to study the Bible together, share prayer requests, and invite friends to join them. Small groups help introduce new friends to Christ, strengthen believers, and enlarge the circle of friends. When the group grows to

more than a certain number, they divide into two groups and continue to grow.

While many of these groups are made up of adults, children also enjoy attending their own small groups. Let's watch and see how small groups work and how they grow. *[Two boys step onstage and pretend to play basketball, jumping to make baskets and bouncing a ball. They turn and walk leisurely toward center stage.]*

**Boy 1:** Thanks for the help in math today. I've got to run! *[Takes one step toward the circle of chairs.]*

**Boy 2:** My pleasure. Hey, where are you going? I was hoping we could hang out this afternoon.

**Boy 1:** I have a meeting with some other kids. We sing, sometimes play a game, and we talk about the Bible. It's fun, and I learn a lot of stuff. Hey, would you like to come with me?

**Boy 2:** Well, I wanted to play a video game, but that's not much fun alone. *[slight pause]* Yeah, sure. I can come. Mom won't be home for a while yet.

*[The two boys walk over to the chairs, greet the two children already there and pretend to chat for a moment before sitting quietly. Two girls step onto stage carrying schoolbooks and slowly stroll toward an older teen who pretends to work in the background. Meanwhile a single boy and a single girl make their way from different places to the circle of chairs, greet the seated children, and sit down.]*

**Girl 1:** I'm sorry I can't go to with you this week. My parents said my aunt is

coming, and they want me to spend time with her.

**Girl 2:** That's OK. Maybe next week. *[pause]* Hey I have a small-group meeting in a few minutes. Would you like to come? Some of the kids from school come, and some are kids from my church. It's fun, and we learn stuff about the Bible. invite their friends to join them for friendship and Bible study.

**Girl 1:** I'd have to ask my mom. Can you wait just a minute?

**Girl 2:** Sure, but hurry. *[Girl 1 hurries to teenager, pretends to ask her permission to go to meeting. "Mother" nods her head and takes her schoolbooks. Girl returns to her friend.]*

**Girl 1:** She said I can go with you, but I need to be home by dinnertime.

**Girl 2:** OK! Let's hurry. *[Girls hurry to circle of chairs, meet and greet everyone, and sit down. Group leader says something, and other children bow their heads to pray.]*

**Narrator 2:** In some South American countries the children have leadership materials to help make leading a small group easier. The materials include a Bible story that teaches a specific lesson plus discussion questions and activities to help the other children focus on the story and remember its lessons. These lesson study guides contain enough material for an entire year.

But in areas in which these leadership materials aren't available, children must use something else. Sometimes they use a children's Bible study lesson series or

make up their own lesson plans using their Sabbath School lessons or by simply finding a Bible story and writing questions to ask the other children. This works, but it's much more difficult for children to hold the interest of the other children and to prepare a new lesson every week.

Adventist children around the world are giving their Thirteenth Sabbath Offering today to help develop leadership training materials for the Spanish-speaking children of South America so they can lead small groups more effectively and eventually lead these children to accept Jesus as their Savior.

**Narrator 1:** These small groups are responsible for raising up churches in every part of the South American Division. Some groups meet in rented stores, garages, and even in a funeral home. The groups want to share their newfound love for God with others, but it's difficult inviting them to a garage—or a funeral home—to worship. They need simple chapels in which to worship and

grow. Part of today's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help provide houses of worship to several congregations in west-central Brazil and northern Peru. Most already have land, but they lack the funding to complete even the simplest building. Thank you for sharing so that others can find Christ.

**Narrator 2:** Educating our young people is always a high priority. Part of today's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help provide classrooms for a 12-grade school in Chiclayo [cheek-LAI-oh], Peru, and a worship hall for Central Brazil Adventist Academy, a boarding school outside the capital city of Brazil. The children are excited to be involved in telling others about Christ, but they don't have a church in which to worship.

Let's give a big offering today so that the Adventist believers in South America can continue to lead many people to Jesus.

*[Offering]*

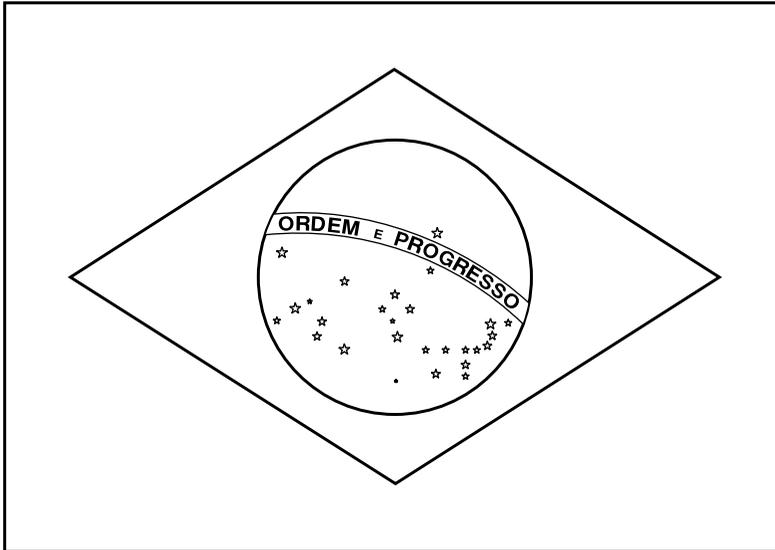
## Future Thirteenth Sabbath Projects



Next quarter the South Pacific Division will be featured. Special projects include clinics in isolated regions of Papua New Guinea, audio Bible devices (MP3 players) for the nonliterate people of the islands of the South Pacific, and 15,000 Bibles. The children's special project will help provide Bible study lessons for children of the South Pacific islands who have no Sabbath School lessons or Bibles.

Second quarter's focus will be on the East-Central Africa Division.

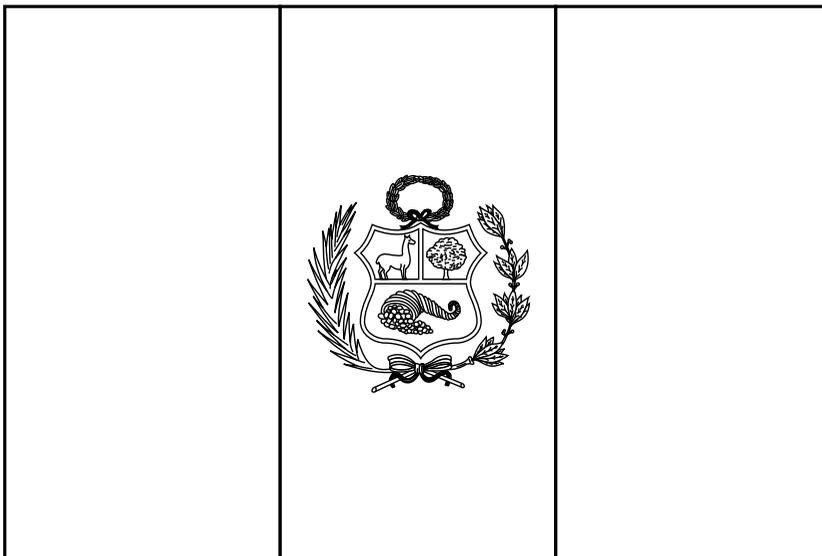
# Flags of Brazil and Peru



## BRAZIL

Background: green | Diamond: yellow

Circle: medium blue | Stars and center band: white



## PERU

Left and right stripes: red

Central stripe: white with multicolored seal

# Sing a Song in Spanish

Sing some favorite choruses in Spanish this quarter. Spanish is easy to pronounce if you remember that each vowel has just one sound. A is *ah*, E is *eh*, I is *ee*, O is *oh*, and U is *oo*. The letter C is always a hard C, as in *cat*. You will have to squeeze some words to make them fit the music.

## PECADO, PECADITO, PECADÓN\*

(Sing to the tune of “Oh, Be Careful, Little Eyes”)

Peh-cah-doh,<sup>1</sup> peh-cah-dee-toh,<sup>2</sup> peh-cah-dohn<sup>3</sup>—EH-soh no!<sup>4</sup>

Peh-cah-doh,<sup>1</sup> peh-cah-dee-toh,<sup>2</sup> peh-cah-dohn<sup>3</sup>—EH-soh no!<sup>4</sup>

Peh-cah-doh,<sup>1</sup> peh-cah-dee-toh,<sup>2</sup> peh-cah-dee-toh, peh-cah-dohn<sup>3</sup>

<sup>4</sup>Eh-soh noh ehn-trah-rah ehn mee coh-rah-zohn.<sup>5</sup>

Mehn-tee-rah,<sup>1</sup> mehn-tee-ree-tah,<sup>2</sup> mehn-tee-rohn?<sup>3</sup>—EH-soh no!<sup>4</sup>

Mehn-tee-rah,<sup>1</sup> mehn-tee-ree-tah,<sup>2</sup> mehn-tee-rohn?<sup>3</sup>—EH-soh no!<sup>4</sup>

Mehn-tee-rah,<sup>1</sup> mehn-tee-ree-tah,<sup>2</sup> mehn-tee-ree-tah,<sup>2</sup> mehn-tee-rohn<sup>3</sup>

Eh-soh no ehn-trah-rah ehn mee coh-rah-zohn

Ah-mohr,<sup>1</sup> ah-mohr-zee-toh,<sup>2</sup> ah-mohr-zohn?<sup>3</sup>—EH-soh see!<sup>6</sup>

Ah-mohr,<sup>1</sup> ah-mohr-zee-toh,<sup>2</sup> ah-mohr-zohn?<sup>3</sup>—EH-soh see!<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>6</sup>Eh-soh see ehn-trah-rah ehn mee coh-rah-zohn<sup>5</sup>

\* *Pecado* means “sin;” *pecadito* means “little sin,” and *pecadón* means “big sin.”

*Mentira* means “lie,” and *amor* means “love.”

Motions:

<sup>1</sup>Hold hands, thumbs up, in front of you.

<sup>2</sup>Move hands close together, showing a small measure.

<sup>3</sup>Move hands far apart, showing a large measure.

<sup>4</sup>Wave hand or index finger back and forth and shake head no.

<sup>5</sup>Point to heart.

<sup>6</sup>Make a fist with thumbs up in a “yes” gesture.

# Noah's Ark Song

The song begins with *Puhm, puhm, puhm*; this is Noah's hammering. He's building an ark, obeying what God told him to do. He's working every day, putting the boards together and

preaching that a flood is coming soon. *Tawk, tawk, tawk* is the sound of the animals' hoofs as they arrive at the ark; two by two they march into the ark to escape the coming flood.

Jonas Monteiro de Souza

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puhm puhm puhm e no eh keh eh stah bah tehn doh puhm puhm  
 puhm puhm puhm kah dah jee ah trah bahl yahn doh puhm puhm  
 tawk tawk tawk ah nee mais jah vainsheh gahn doh tawk tawk

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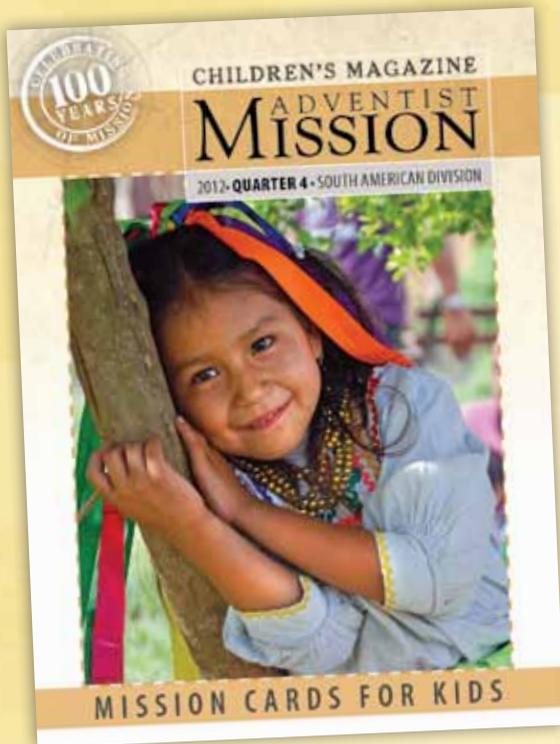
puhm ooh mah ahr keh eh stah fah zehn doh puhm puhm puhm ehl le eh stah oh beh deh  
 puhm vai ahs tah bwahs ah zhoon tahn doh puhm puhm puhm eh lee seh m pree eh stah preh  
 tawk doys ah doys zhah vain mahr shahn doh tawk tawk tawk eeh nah ahr keh vah oh ehn

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sehn doh ah oh keh noh soh bohn deh ohs leh mahn doh  
 gahn doh kyew jee loo vyoo ayn breh vee vee rah  
 trahn doh eh lehs keh rehng dahz ah gwahs foo zheer

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# SEND MISSION HOME!



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# Leader's Resources

Following are sources of information that have proved helpful in preparing for the mission segment of Sabbath School.

For more information on the cultures and history of central Brazil and northern Peru, visit your local library or a travel agency.

**Online Information.** The Adventist Mission website contains additional material that can add flavor to your mission presentation. Look for words and songs in Spanish, the official language of Peru, and Portuguese, the official language of Brazil. Look for recipes and other activities from these countries as well. Go to [www.AdventistMission.org](http://www.AdventistMission.org), and click on "Resources."

An offering goal device will help focus attention on world missions and increase weekly mission giving. Set a quarterly mission offering goal and divide it by 14, one part for each of the 12 regular Sabbaths this quarter and two parts for Thirteenth Sabbath. (Note that Thirteenth Sabbath falls on December 22 this year, but the quarter ends on December 29.) Chart the weekly progress toward the quarter's goal on the goal device.

Download the cover photo (go to [www.AdventistMission.org](http://www.AdventistMission.org), click on "Resources" and "Mission Quarterlies") and mount the picture on a piece of poster board. Write a headline such as "Help Me Have a Church." Every week that your mission offering goal is met (or your cumulative goal is met), add a drawing of a chapel to the poster.

Or draw a simple chapel onto poster board and draw "bricks" for the walls. Color them in as your offering meets your predetermined goal amount.

On the Sabbath before Thirteenth Sabbath is celebrated, encourage the children to work hard to bring an extra-large offering on Thirteenth Sabbath. Count the offering and record the amount given at the end of Sabbath School. This immediate feedback will encourage members to continue their mission giving.

Remind Sabbath School members that the ongoing work of the world church depends on the weekly Sabbath School mission offerings. One fourth of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering is dedicated to the special projects featured this quarter. The remaining three fourths go into the world mission fund to support the worldwide mission work of the Adventist Church.

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# SOUTH AMERICAN DIVISION



UNION	CHURCHES	COMPANIES	MEMBERSHIP	POPULATION
Argentina	521	329	108,714	40,500,000
Bolivia	315	602	76,099	10,088,000
Central Brazil	978	688	215,677	47,355,000
Chile	616	311	118,425	17,268,000
Ecuador	194	337	43,726	14,666,000
North Brazil	1,228	1,018	176,435	13,353,000
North Peru	1,018	1,579	226,993	12,389,000
Northeast Brazil	1,493	2,316	339,427	51,091,000
Northwest Brazil	718	540	116,401	5,546,000
Paraguay	60	52	12,578	6,568,000
South Brazil	858	977	172,139	26,863,000
South Peru	975	1,459	184,682	17,011,000
Southeast Brazil	1,060	1,017	164,895	38,348,000
Uruguay	50	27	7,447	3,369,000
West Central Brazil	526	640	103,125	14,100,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>10,610</b>	<b>11,892</b>	<b>2,066,763</b>	<b>318,515,000</b>

- PROJECTS**
- ① Brazil: churches for existing congregations in west-central Brazil
  - ② Brazil: church for Central Brazil Adventist Academy
  - ③ Northern Peru: churches for existing congregations
  - ④ Classrooms for an Adventist high school in Chiclayo, Peru
  - ⑤ CHILDREN'S PROJECT: training material for children who lead small groups in northern Peru.

