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## Your Offerings at Work



*Above: The Buhalu Medical Clinic and staff house in Papua New Guinea were made possible in part through the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering.*

The first quarter 2013, Thirteenth Sabbath Offering helped to build three Isolated Medical Outpost clinics in some of the most remote areas of Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, and the Solomon Islands. These clinics provide the only easily accessible medical service to thousands of people living in these areas and offer a Seventh-day Adventist presence into these previously unentered areas. Thank you for your generosity!



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## Dear Sabbath School Leader,

This quarter features the South Pacific Division, which includes the country of Australia and the island nations of Fiji, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Pitcairn, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu, and others.

The division is home to more than 38 million people, including more than 424,000 Seventh-day Adventists. The majority of Adventists live in the islands. Australia and New Zealand have a ratio of one Adventist for about every 400 people. The Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will help reach the people living in New Zealand, Fiji, Solomon Islands, and other islands of the South Pacific.

### Fun Activities

Songs and words in Pidgin (the trade language of Papua New Guinea), are featured in this Children's *Mission* quarterly, along with several recipes from the South Pacific. Host a mission potluck this quarter. Choose recipes and label the foods with their country of origin.

Decorate the church fellowship hall with tissue-paper flowers or silk-flower leis

and seashells. Add pictures cut from travel brochures or magazines, or printed from the internet.

Invite the children to greet people as they arrive, saying "Apinoon [aa-pee-NOON, or "good afternoon"]. After the meal let the children sing a song they've learned this quarter.

### Special Features

- **Offering device:** Use half of a dried coconut shell as an offering device this quarter.

- **The free *Mission Spotlight* DVD from Adventist Mission** features a short video specifically for children. You may download it from [www.adventistmission.org/dvd](http://www.adventistmission.org/dvd).

- **Decorate the room** with tissue-paper flowers, flags, and/or pictures cut from magazines or travel brochures. Or make a mural for your classroom featuring a tropical island. Include houses built on stilts, vibrant birds, palm trees, and a light-blue sea. Use brochures or pictures available free on the internet.

- **More information and activities:** In the "Leader's Resources" page you'll find several kid-friendly websites listed, along with websites of the South Pacific Division and its subfields.

Thank you for your dedication to mission and helping children connect with their brothers and sisters around the world.

Wishing you God's richest blessings!

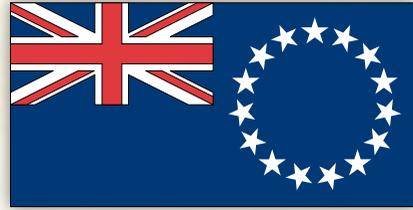


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### Opportunities

This quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help to:

- establish a Hope Channel broadcasting and recording studio in New Zealand.
- build a family wellness center in Fiji.
- CHILDREN'S PROJECT: build 28 Children's Discipleship Centers ("Lamb Shelters") in Papua New Guinea, Trans-Pacific Union, and New Caledonia.



COOK ISLANDS | April 2

Taiti

# Life on the Island

*Editor's Note: This classic story gives insight into island life on the tiny island (1.5 sq. miles) of Manihiki. It was first published in the Teen Mission quarterly, First Quarter 2000.*

My name is Taiti [tah-EE-tee]. My family lived on the island of Manihiki [man-ee-HEE-kee] in the Cook Islands before we moved to Fiji, where my father studies at Fulton College. [*Locate Cook Islands on a map; then point to Fiji.*] We should have been excited about going to Fiji, but we hated to leave Manihiki. We had lived there for several years, and it had become home to us.

Actually, my sister and I were born in New Zealand, and we didn't want to leave, but we soon learned to enjoy life on our tiny island. Manihiki is so tiny that it doesn't appear on some maps. It isn't a

mountainous island, but is what is called an atoll [AH-toll]. It's just a circle of coral and sand that barely peeks out of the ocean. The highest spot on the island is only a few feet above sea level!

Not much can grow on a coral atoll, just coconut trees and sea grass. And there are no rivers or lakes on the island to provide fresh water. We catch rain in large barrels, and the coconuts provide us with water and food. And, of course, we have plenty of fish to eat. Life is slower, more peaceful, on our little island.

In spite of its tiny size, our island is famous for its main industry. In the protected waters of the lagoon in the middle of the island, we raise a special kind of oyster that produces black pearls. These pearls are known around the world. They provide the money we need to buy what we cannot grow on our tiny island.

## Mission Post

- The Cook Islands Mission was established in 1892.
- There are 922 Adventists worshipping in 15 churches on the Cook Islands.

You may also wonder what we would find to do on such a tiny island. Well, the boys all know how to climb the tall coconut palms and knock down coconuts for their moms to use in cooking, so I learned to climb the trees too. At first it was hard, but once I caught on, it became easier. And everyone on our island knows how to swim, so we often go swimming in the peaceful waters of the lagoon.

My dad and I like to fish in the lagoon too. The fish like the quiet waters, so when they find their way into the lagoon, they often stay. When we want to catch fish, we stretch a net across part of the lagoon in a half circle. Then we toss stones into the water. The fish swim away from the stones and right into our nets.

## An Invitation

One day a visitor came to our house. He was the new Adventist pastor who had just come to the island. He invited us to come to a branch Sabbath School that was starting in my grandparents' home next door. That sounded like fun; so my sister, Ngametua [nah-meh-TOO-ah], and I asked Mom if we could go. Mother said it was OK. She had gone to a Protestant church in New Zealand and was glad that we could learn about God in Manihiki.

We enjoyed the branch Sabbath School, and when we went home we told our mom all about it. When Dad came

in, we told him too. He smiled as we sang one of the songs we had learned. I didn't know that Dad had been an Adventist when he was little and that he had stopped going to church when he moved to New Zealand.

Ngametua and I told our parents that other grown-ups were at the branch Sabbath School. We asked them to come with us, and after a few weeks we all attended together. Soon so many people crowded into Grandfather's house for the branch Sabbath School that the group decided they needed to have a larger place to meet. We began building a church on the island. Everyone helped, even people who didn't go to the branch Sabbath School. Soon our little church was finished, and we could move in.

Before long the pastor announced a baptism, and my parents decided to be baptized. One Sabbath day we all went to the lagoon, where the pastor baptized Mom and Dad and several other new members. It was a happy day! I'm so glad my parents have given their hearts to God. Our home is so much happier now than it was before. 🌍

*Taiti Toroma was 12 years old when he shared this story.*





SOLOMON ISLANDS | April 9

Ngatia

# The Snooker Hut Girl

**M**y name is Ngatia Rezelda Apa. I am 11 years old and in grade six. I live at Betikama Adventist College in the Solomon Islands, where my dad works as a teacher.

Here at the Betikama church the children's ministry department looks after the children and organizes programs that help to nurture our lives to follow in the steps of our great Teacher—Jesus—our Leader, Guide, Captain, and Friend.

Of all the days of the week I love Sabbath the best because that's when, early in the morning, we children and our leaders walk to a nearby neighborhood to share Jesus with the children there.

## A Double Portion of Blessings

I love to tell the children stories from the *My Bible Friends* books. Watching them enjoy the stories, songs and prayer gives me greater joy inside and makes me

realize that I'm receiving a double portion of blessings that come to those who keep the Sabbath holy.

The first time we went to this place we had only six children and we had our worship under the shade trees. We prayed with them, sang songs and told Bible stories. The children were so excited and keen to learn more about Jesus. Every Sabbath our little group would meet, and each time there would be an increase in the number of children coming to worship with us. Now we have at least 16 children (often more), with a few of their parents now coming to worship with us.

## The Snooker Hut\*

Everything was going well until one particular Sabbath. When we got to our meeting place one of the children told us

\* A snooker hut is a place where people play a billiards game called "snooker." Usually there is a bar serving alcoholic drinks in a snooker hut.

## Fast Facts

- The Solomon Islands lie between Papua New Guinea and Fiji. The country is made up of about 30 islands and many atolls (coral outcroppings). Because they lie near the equator, the islands are hot and humid. The main islands of the Solomon Island group are volcanic mountains.
- English is the official language, but 80 local languages, including Pidgin, are spoken throughout the country. Only about half the people can read.
- Most of the people living in the Solomon Islands are of Melanesian descent, and most depend on farming and fishing for their livelihood.

that we wouldn't be worshipping under the trees anymore. She said that we would go and have worship in a snooker hut that belongs to her dad.

When we got to the snooker hut there were drunken men still lying around in the hut from the night before, but the owner said, "It's OK." Then he went on waking up all of the hung-over drunken men. They finally woke up and got to worship with us that morning, and we were more than happy to share Jesus with

the children who came as well as the drunken men.

From that Sabbath on we have been worshipping in the snooker hut with not only the children but with their parents who are coming to listen to the messages that we share about God's love in the songs and Bible stories. We pray that God will keep on using us as vessels to share His love with other children so that they too may one day give their lives to Jesus and be ready to meet Him when He comes in glory to gather His precious jewels home. My earnest desire is that we may be found ready to go home and spend eternity with Him. 🌐



*Inside the snooker hut.*

## Let's Cook

### TROPICAL FRUIT DELIGHT

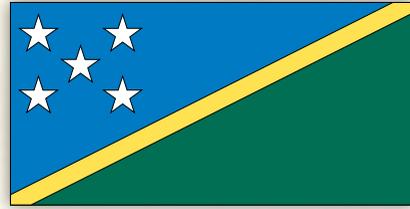
Coconut palms, banana trees, and mango trees dot the South Pacific. Enjoy the taste of the tropics with this fruit salad.

4 ripe mangoes (or 2 cups pineapple chunks)

4 cups shredded coconut  
8 ripe bananas

#### DIRECTIONS:

Cut fruit into bite-size pieces, toss, and serve cold.



SOLOMON ISLANDS | April 16

Dyan and Ryan

# Giving the Invitation Part 1

Dyan went to school with his cousins. The cousins often talked about the wonderful things they were doing at some kind of meeting they called Sabbath School. Each Sabbath they went to Sabbath School at their church, where they sang lots of songs, listened to exciting mission stories, learned Bible stories, and did crafts and other activities planned especially for kids. It all sounded interesting and exciting to Dyan, and one day he decided to visit his cousins' Sabbath School.

## Visiting Sabbath School

The first time Dyan went to Sabbath School he felt a little bit shy, but he was happy to see his cousins plus a few other friends from school. They were all surprised and happy to see him there, and soon Dyan felt at home. He really enjoyed the songs, stories, and crafts and wanted to come back again the

next week. He was also happy that the children had their own place, called a lamb shelter, where they could meet each

## Mission Post

- Most of the people living in the Solomon Islands claim to be Christians, but some follow cargo cults, groups that follow foreign leaders in hope that doing so will bring them wealth.
- Of the more than 561,000 people living in the Solomon Islands, nearly 47,000, or one person in every 12, is a Seventh-day Adventist.
- While the church has many members, it is poor, and there is only one lamb shelter in the entire country. The children who have no shelter must sit under a tree or the open sky for Sabbath School, Adventurers, Pathfinders, and other children's meetings. Part of this quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help provide lamb shelters for the children in the South Pacific islands.

week without worrying about whether or not it would rain.

Dyan continued coming to Sabbath School week after week. He told his younger brother, Ryan, all about it and soon both boys were there each Sabbath. They both enjoyed it so much and wished that their parents would come and enjoy the experience too. Many parents came to Sabbath School with their children and Dyan and Ryan were determined to invite their parents to come with them.

### Their Parents

Their father had been raised as an Adventist but left the church after his parents got a divorce. Now he had an

important job working in the office of the prime minister of the Solomon Islands, and he had a lot of important friends. Often he would have a lot of work to do on Sabbath, and although he was happy to have his boys going to church, he didn't want to join them. He also spent a lot of time with his friends drinking alcohol.

Dyan and Ryan's mother didn't grow up going to any church. As the boys told her about Sabbath School each week she became interested in learning more. Finally, she decided that she would go with the boys that week. 🌐

*To be continued.*

## Let's Cook

### PALUSAMI

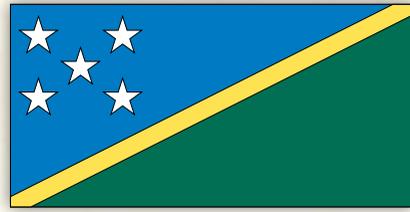
This recipe combines two of the South Pacific's most popular ingredients: taro leaves and coconut milk. It is served throughout the South Pacific islands.

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| 30 to 40 young taro leaves           | 1 cup water                    |
| (or substitute fresh spinach leaves) | 1 medium onion, diced          |
| 1 19-ounce can coconut milk          | 1 can gluten, fried (optional) |

#### DIRECTIONS:

Choose tender taro leaves. Wash and tear larger leaves into two or three pieces, roughly eight inches in diameter. Smaller leaves can be used whole. Use 10 leaves for each palusami. If using spinach leaves, use a few more.

Place coconut milk and water in a medium mixing bowl; stir in salt to taste. Form a cup from taro leaves by laying a leaf in the palm of your hand and slightly cupping your fingers. Add a second leaf in another direction, then another in a different direction, so that liquid poured into the "cup" will not leak out. Use about eight leaves for each cup. Add roughly one fifth of the chopped onions and the gluten, if desired. Pour about two teaspoons coconut milk into the taro leaf cup. Carefully fold the taro leaves into a tight ball and carefully wrap the ball in a piece of foil. Seal the foil around the ball to keep the liquid inside. Place each taro ball in a baking pan and bake at 350°F for 45 minutes or until leaves are tender. Or steam the balls in a double boiler until tender, for 45 to 60 minutes. Serve with boiled potatoes, taro, sweet potatoes, rice, or cassava.



SOLOMON ISLANDS | April 23

Dyan, Ryan and their Parents

## Giving the Invitation Part 2

*The story thus far: Dyan and his younger brother, Ryan, along with their parents live in the Solomon Islands. Dyan's father used to be an Adventist but had left the church as a young man. Dyan started going to Sabbath school with his cousins and then he invited his brother and his mother to attend with him.*

When they arrived at the church's lamb shelter on Sabbath, Dyan and Ryan's mother was so impressed! The classrooms were set up in an organized way by age groups, and each room was nicely decorated. The program was well-organized and very interesting. She could see that the teachers prepared the Bible lessons very well and she understood why Dyan and Ryan were so happy to come to Sabbath School each week.

The boys were even happier when their mother said she would come again with them the following Sabbath! She kept

coming to Sabbath School, and one day Dyan said, "Ma, why don't we also go to the divine service?" So Dyan, Ryan, and their mother started going to church as well—and really liked it too.

### Praying for Father

After six months, their mother decided that she wanted to become a Seventh-day Adventist and was baptized. Dyan and Ryan were so happy! Now the three of them started praying for the father.

They kept praying for him and begged him to stop drinking alcohol and to come to church with them. The father had noticed that his family was changing—they all seemed to be a lot happier.

Finally, on one Sabbath, he told his family that he would come back to church. Dyan, Ryan and their mother were delighted! He also stopped drinking alcohol and working on the Sabbath. Then he was re-baptized.

## Fast Facts

- The capital of Solomon Islands is Honiara, located on the island of Guadalcanal.
- The currency used in this country is the Solomon Islands Dollar. The Solomon Islands became an independent country on July 7, 1978.
- There are only two seasons in the Solomon Islands: dry (May-October) and rainy (November-April).
- When people in the Solomon Islands raise their eyebrows in answer to a question, it means yes.

## Leaders in the Church

That was four years ago. Now Dyan is a Pathfinder, and his father is a Pathfinder leader! Ryan is in the Adventurer Club,

where their mother is a leader. Their mother says, “We look forward to church programs that bring us together—especially the camping trips!”

Ryan and Dyan are very happy that now their family talks together. They like to share their thoughts and feelings about their happiest times—and it’s always about coming to church as a family!

Ryan is so glad that he invited his brother, mother, and father to come with him to learn more about Jesus and His Word, the Bible. He’s also happy that the Adventist church near where he lives has a nice lamb shelter for the children.

You can help more boys and girls in the Solomon Islands and other South Pacific islands to have lamb shelters by bringing your Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter. Thank you! 🌍

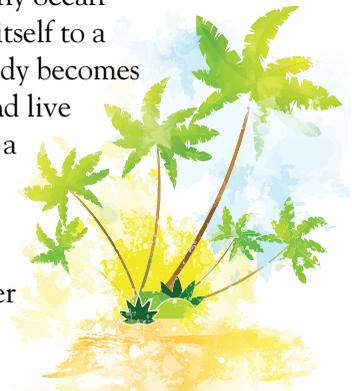
## What Is an Island?

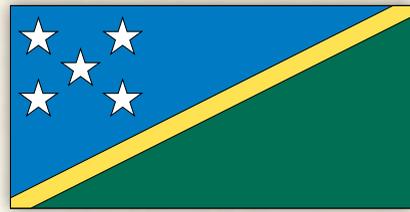
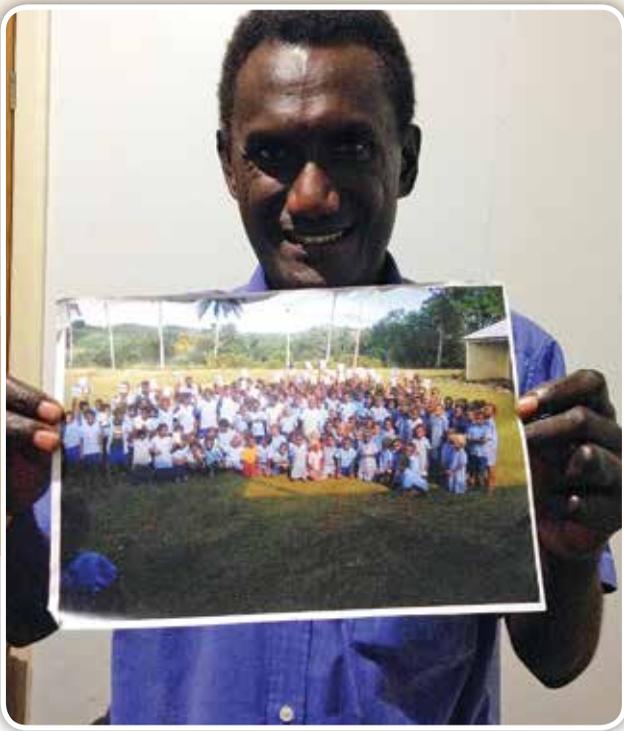
An island is really the top of a mountain that pokes out of the ocean. Some islands were once volcanoes. Their surface is carved into sharp angles and is covered with a thick growth of plants and trees. Some islands are flat and barely stick out of the water. These flat islands are called atolls [AH-tolls]. They’re usually the remains of a mountain that has collapsed into the sea, leaving just a tiny piece of land above water.

### CORAL REEFS AND LAGOONS

The warm shallow water around the islands of the South Pacific are home to many plants and animals. Perhaps the most important one is the coral, a tiny ocean animal that lives in huge colonies. A coral doesn’t swim; it attaches itself to a rock or other hard surface and lives there. When the coral dies its body becomes hard. Other coral attach themselves to the skeletons of dead coral and live there until they die. Over hundreds of years the coral skeletons form a reef. A coral reef can grow until it reaches the surface of the ocean.

Coral reefs have many hiding places for colorful fish and water plants. They are fun to explore. But to the people who live on the islands, the coral reefs are even more important. They form a barrier that protects their island against the pounding ocean waves.





SOLOMON ISLANDS | April 30

# The Children of Ngalitatae

Mr. Brave

The Solomon Islands is a country of several small tropical islands in the South Pacific. Sometimes it rains a lot in these islands, and at times so hard that it causes flash flooding.

That's what happened in the village of Ngalitatae (Nig-a LEE-ta-tay). All of a sudden water was everywhere, like a giant river sweeping everything away. Many people lost their homes and everything in them. Some people even lost their lives.

## Helping the People

The Adventists from the church in the nearby village of Varamata were the first ones to go and help the people of Ngalitatae. They needed food and clothing. Some of the children were naked because the flood had swept away their clothes.

Besides this, the people needed to hear about Jesus and His love for them. So the Adventists held cottage meetings in some of the homes that didn't get swept away,

and the people came. At the end of the meetings, many villagers accepted Jesus as their Savior.

At that time, the nearby Adventist church didn't have any special programs for the children of Ngalitatae, so they talked and prayed about what they could do. As an answer to their prayers, a teacher named Mr. Brave Unikana came to the village school, and a branch Sabbath School was started.

## Sabbath School Under a Tarp

Each week, a tarpaulin was set up beside Mr. Unikana's house. Many children came for the branch Sabbath School and sat on the ground under the shade of the tarpaulin. But when it rained the branch Sabbath School had to be canceled because the ground became very muddy.

Sarah is 10 years old and is one of the many children coming to the branch Sabbath School. She enjoys singing and

## Mission Post

- The Solomon Islands Mission was established in 1914. It was officially organized in 1950 and reorganized in 1964 and 2006.
- There are 186 Seventh-day Adventist churches in the Solomon Islands.
- The Adventist membership in the Solomon Islands is 46,677.
- The Solomon Islands have two Adventist Colleges—Betikama Adventist College in Honiara and Kukudu Adventist College in the Western Province.

quickly learns all of the new songs. She especially loves to sing “Sweet Jesus.”

Sarah also enjoys the Bible stories and eagerly answers the questions at the end. Her favorite story is about Daniel in the lions’ den. She enjoys helping other children learn, and has two brothers and two sisters.

Irina, who is 9 years old, loves to hear the exciting mission stories and Bible stories. Her favorite is the story of Jesus’ birth. Irina has three brothers and three sisters.

The parents of the children coming to the branch Sabbath School are interested

in learning more. A few of them come with their children, but most feel shy about coming, so the Adventists go to their homes to study with them.

## Beautiful Gifts

The parents are happy about what the children are learning, and were especially happy when their children received beautiful Bibles with pictures. One Bible was given to each family. These Bibles were provided by a previous Thirteenth Sabbath Offering.

One mother was so happy that she cried when she saw the pictures. Many of the people in this village don’t know how to read, but with the pictures they can still learn and remember the stories. Many more villagers are now asking for the Bibles. They are eager to learn more!

The Adventists are hoping to build a lamb shelter in Ngalitatae. They have been praying about it and have bought some land. Now they’re looking forward to receiving part of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering for this quarter which will help the children in Ngalitatae have a place out of the rain where they can learn more about Jesus. Thank you for remembering to bring your special Thirteenth Sabbath Offering! 🌍

## Make a Mural

Decorate your classroom with a mural that depicts life on a South Seas island. Collect travel brochures or google “South Pacific islands.” For help drawing undersea life, see the coloring pages at <http://printablecolouringpages.co.uk/?s=under+the+sea>.

Mount butcher paper on a wall or bulletin board. On one half, draw a simple island and sketch in coconut palm trees for the children to color. On the other half, draw a horizontal line to divide sky and sea. Sketch fish and coral in the sea and birds in the sky for the children to color, or let the children draw their own sea creatures.



PAPUA NEW GUINEA | May 7

# The Early Bird

A Happy Pathfinder

Helen\* was the only girl in the family with four brothers. Her father was a Roman Catholic, and her mother had an Adventist background but didn't go to church.

Helen, who was 13 years old, was a very religious girl and faithfully attended the Catholic church with her father. At home, she had a little statue of Mary holding baby Jesus. She was very careful to pray to Mary and to confess her sins to the priest.

One day Helen's aunt invited her to come stay with her for a weekend. Helen was very excited to be with her auntie for a few days. On Saturday, Helen's aunt invited her to come to church. Helen thought it was a little strange to go to church on Saturday morning, but she agreed to go.

When Helen walked into the church,

\* Not her real name.

she was surprised that there weren't any candles or statues. But there were lots of children and young people, and they all seemed happy that she was there. Helen liked the singing, stories and other activities in Sabbath School, and she enjoyed listening to the preacher during the divine worship service. She had never seen anyone use their Bible like he did. As her aunt looked up the Bible verses, Helen followed along.

In the afternoon, Helen was invited to stay for the Pathfinder meeting. She was surprised to see so many Pathfinders! She heard about all of the fun things they did, like camping, hiking, learning how to tie knots, learning first aid, and even learning how to give sermons!

Helen really enjoyed spending time with her aunt and meeting the many children and young people at her church. She decided that she wanted to visit the

## Fast Facts

- Papua New Guinea (PNG) is a mountainous island nation. The main island lies just north of Australia. The pointy part of Australia points directly to Papua New Guinea, which shares the island of New Guinea with Papua, a province of Indonesia.
- About 7.3 million people live in PNG. While the cities are modern, many people still live in small villages in the mountains. Although they may see a village on another mountain ridge, it could take days to hike there, and it's likely that the people there don't speak the same dialect. More than 700 different languages and dialects are spoken in Papua New Guinea.

Adventist church again.

When she got back home, she put away her little statues of Mary. Then she decided that she would confess her sins only to God rather than to a priest.

Helen started going to her aunt's church regularly and she joined the

Pathfinder Club. And even though no one had said anything to her about it, she also decided to take off all the jewelry she was wearing and put it away.

Every Sabbath morning, Helen walks one mile (1.6 km.) to a bus stop. Then she gets on the first bus and rides to the place where she gets on a second bus. Once she gets off that bus she walks another mile to get to the Adventist church. And she always arrives *early* for Sabbath School!

Helen used to make this journey by herself, but now her mother is starting to come to church with Helen, along with Helen's four younger brothers. Sometimes even Helen's father will come to the church with them.

Helen is thankful that her aunt invited her to come to the Adventist church and is glad that her family is now coming to worship there too.

Have you invited someone to come to Sabbath School with you? Maybe a friend, neighbor, or a relative? Why not ask Jesus whom you could invite today? 🌐

## Speak Pidgin

Many words in Pidgin sound similar to English. Encourage children to guess what the literal translation of some words mean just by hearing the pronunciation.

Vowels are *ah* (as in aw), *ai* (as in high), *ao* (as in out), *eh* (as in bet), *ee* (as in bee), *ih* (as in him), *oh* (as in oh), and *oo* (as in boot).

<u>PHRASE</u>	<u>PRONUNCIATION</u>
Good morning	MOH-ning
Good afternoon	AH-pee-noon
Yes	yes
No	noh-gaht
Please	plees
Thank you	tehnk-yoo
Child	PEE-kihn-nee-nee



PAPUA NEW GUINEA | May 14

# Helping People

## Kelthon and his Parents

**M**y name is Kelthon and I live in a place called Lae in Papua New Guinea (PNG). I'm 5 years old and I love to go to Sabbath School. I also really like to help people.

One day my daddy, cousin, and I were walking down the street near my house. As we were walking, we saw a blind man standing by the road and asking for money. I felt sad and told the man that I felt sorry for him, but I didn't have any money. So I asked my daddy if he would give me some money. Daddy asked me, "If you had money what would you do with it?" I told him that I'd give it to help the blind man.

My daddy gave me 5 kina (that's the name of the money in our country). Then I went to the blind man and took his hand. The man was so surprised, and he smiled. Then I gave him a hug and gave

him the 5 kina. He was really happy, and so was I!

### Showing God's Love

In Papua New Guinea it can get very hot! Sometimes people work on the road not far from where we live, and they get very thirsty. My family and I like to fill up jars with water and take them to the men working on the road. They are always happy to have a nice cool drink of water.

Sometimes on Sabbath evenings my mother and I go to an area of Lae where there are lots of women just standing around. They are hungry, and so we bring them food. We also give them books about Jesus and I like to make cards for them telling them that Jesus loves them. Sometimes the women cry when we give them these things because they are happy to know that we care about them.

One of my favorite things is when my

## Mission Post

- The Papua New Guinea Union Mission (PNGUM) was organized in 1949 and reorganized in 1953 and 1972.
- With 240,205 Adventist members, the PNGUM has the highest membership of any territory in the South Pacific Division.
- There are 962 churches and 2,852 companies within the PNGUM.

family and I visit the children in the hospital. We bring them food, such as sandwiches and bananas. We sing to them and have worship with them. The kids really like it when we come to visit them.

My parents tell me that one day when Jesus comes, there won't be any more sickness or sadness or problems such as kids not having enough food or clothing. But until Jesus comes, we do what we can to help people and to tell them about Jesus.

## Lamb Shelters Needed

In Papua New Guinea lots of children love to come to Sabbath School. More than half of the Seventh-day Adventists in PNG are children and youth! But in many places the children just have to sit under the trees for Sabbath School. This works OK when it doesn't rain, but when it does rain it becomes very muddy and we just go in the church and sit with our parents.

A few of the Adventist churches here have places called "lamb shelters" where the children go for meetings such as Sabbath School, Adventurers, Pathfinders, and other things. We really need more lamb shelters for all of the kids here in PNG. Part of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering for this quarter will help build more lamb shelters for the kids here. Thank you so much for helping us to have a nice place where we can meet together and learn more about Jesus. 🌐

## Sing in Pidgin

### JESUS LOVES ME

Pronounce vowels as follows: *ah* (as in aw), *ai* (as in high), *ao* (as in out), *eh* (as in bet), *ee* (as in bee), *ih* (as in him), *oh* (as in oh), and *oo* (as in boot).

Jee sahs ehm ee prehn b'long mee  
Lihk lihk meh ree nah mahn kee  
Ehm ee strong nah mee noh gaht  
Ehm ee nahp long raos ihm sihn  
Goot peh lah jee sahs  
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Goot peh lah jee sahs  
Jee sahs ee prehn b'long mee



PAPUA NEW GUINEA | May 21

# Angels Are Real!

Israel and Laurie

Israel and Laurie are brothers. They live with their parents in the highlands of Papua New Guinea. Like most little boys, Israel and Laurie like to play, and sometimes they get into mischief. Sometimes Israel ran away from school during recess so he could play with Laurie, and other times the brothers sneaked into the family's garden looking for some ripe bananas to eat. Sometimes when their parents asked them to bring a bucket of water from the well or scrape the white fleshy fruit from the coconut shells, or anything else they didn't want to do, they would run away and play.

Israel and Laurie liked to go to Sabbath School and sing about Jesus' love, but sometimes it was hard to understand that obeying Mother and Father was as

important as obeying God. When the boys were naughty or disobedient, their parents punished them. The boys would be sorry, but it was hard to remember to obey.

## The Bright Light

One day Israel and Laurie were outside their house playing. They had made pretend trucks and buses from sticks and fruits. They found small round fruits that were hard and pushed a short stick into two fruits to form the wheels and axle. Then they split a longer stick and tied it around the axle. The longer stick became a handle. The boys were having fun pushing the stick trucks around their yard, making truck noises as they ran.

Suddenly Laurie saw a bright light behind his older brother. It was brighter than the midday sun, and Laurie had to

## Mission Post

- The South Pacific Division has about 425,000 Seventh-day Adventists. That's one Adventist for every 90 people. But more than half of those Adventists live in Papua New Guinea, where one person out of every 31 is an Adventist.
- Even so, hundreds of small villages hidden in the mountains and thousands of people walking the streets of the larger cities still don't know that Jesus loves them, that He died for them. Thousands still worship gods of wood or stone or gods they can't see but fear.
- Watch the free Mission Spotlight DVD from the Office of Adventist Mission for great stories from Papua New Guinea this quarter. Go to [www.adventistmission.org/dvd](http://www.adventistmission.org/dvd) to download your free copy.

shade his eyes from the brightness. Laurie sucked in his breath and stood very still. His eyes grew big, and he said, "Israel, there's an angel standing behind you!"

When Israel looked up, his eyes grew big also. For he saw an angel standing behind Laurie too. The angel held out his wings, as if protecting Laurie.

### There's an Angel!

Israel jumped to his feet and said, "Laurie, there's an angel behind you, too!" The brothers stood staring at the angels, not daring to move. The angels were smiling at the boys, not frowning or looking sad. The brothers weren't afraid, but they didn't speak. They just stared in disbelief at the sight in front of them.

Then, as if someone had shouted, the brothers turned and raced to the house to tell their parents what they had seen. "Mommy, Daddy, come quick! Our angels are standing outside! We saw our angels!"

Mother and Father smiled at their boys and said, "The angels probably were watching you while you were playing. Perhaps God has sent the angels to tell you that He is taking care of you and that He loves you. Even if you don't see your angels, they are watching you."

Israel and Laurie ran back to the front door, but the shining angels were gone. Just the day's sunshine lit the family's front yard.

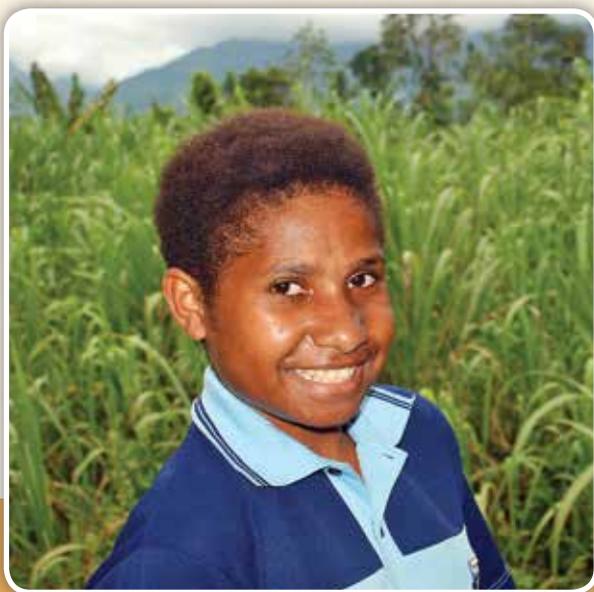
### Forever Changed

From that day on, Israel and Laurie changed. They used to fight with each other and sometimes say bad words that they heard other people say. But now they don't say bad words; and if they are tempted to fight with each other, they remember that their angels are watching.

Israel and Laurie still sometimes forget to do what their parents ask. But their mother and father have seen a difference in them ever since the day the brothers saw their very own angels.

Israel likes to tell his friends the story of the day he saw his angel. When he does, he tells them, "Angels take care of us. They show us that God loves us."

Boys and girls, each one of us has an angel to watch over us and protect us, just as Israel's and Laurie's angels do. You may never see your angel, but you can be sure that he is there, because the Bible tells us that "He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways" (Ps. 91:11, NKJV). 🌍



PAPUA NEW GUINEA | May 28

Dorcas

# The Unexpected Church

Dorcas lives in a village in the mountains of eastern Papua New Guinea. *[Locate Port Moresby on the map and trace a line northeast into the heart of the peninsula to show where Dorcas lives.]* While attending summer camp last year she had an idea.

Camp was such fun! The leaders told Bible stories and taught the children new songs to sing and simple crafts to do. And every day the children received a card with a Bible text on it to learn. As Dorcas held her Bible text card one day, the idea came to her.

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

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

which were nicely decorated, and agreed to learn the Bible texts. But when they met the next day, the girls had a surprise for Dorcas.

## Unexpected Surprise

The next morning Dorcas’s friends met her on the playground. But instead of just two girls, 10 children met Dorcas during recess. They all wanted Bible verse cards, and they all agreed to memorize the Bible texts. Dorcas was amazed that so many children wanted to learn God’s Word! She needed more Bible verse cards!

Dorcas gave each child a card and invited them to come back the next day to practice the Bible verses.

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

## Fast Facts

- The Island of New Guinea is named after the African country named Guinea.
- PNG is one of the very few places on earth that lie close to the equator where places at higher altitudes experience snowfall.
- Until 1933 the country used seashells as its national currency. After that, it switched to the Kina.

## Dorcas's Bible Club

When Dorcas told her mother how many children were coming to her group, Mother suggested that the children meet under the family's house, where it was cool and dry. (Houses in hot parts of Papua New Guinea often are built on stilts to catch the breeze. The space underneath the house is a perfect place for a meeting.)

Dorcas invited her friends to meet at her house on Wednesday and Friday evenings. All 20 friends came, and they invited more friends. "Mother and I planned a program for the children,"

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

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

## A New Church

One day Dorcas's parents told her that several people had given their hearts to Jesus, and five wanted to be baptized! What good news that was!

"It makes me happy to know that something I did is helping others learn about Jesus," Dorcas says.

Because Dorcas let God lead her, a whole new church was planted in her village. We can do big things for God if we follow the ideas that Jesus gives us. 🌍

## Let's Cook

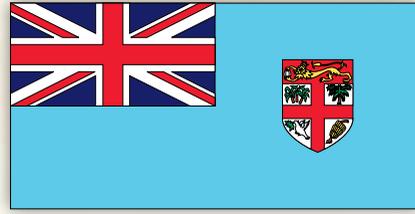
### KAU KAU (SWEET POTATO PATTIES)

Kau kau are white sweet potatoes, but orange ones work equally well.

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| 4 medium sweet potatoes, shredded    | Bread crumbs        |
| Seasoning to taste                   | 3 or 4 eggs, beaten |
| 4 green onions (or one onion), diced | Oil for frying      |

#### DIRECTIONS:

Mix all ingredients together and season with salt or other spices to taste. Form into patties and coat with bread crumbs. Fry in small amount of oil until golden and crispy. Serve hot.



FIJI | June 4

John

# Mystery of the Matches

It was a cold and rainy Friday. Mother had cleaned the house and prepared the food for Sabbath. Father came in from working outside and asked for something hot to drink to help him warm up. Mother poured some water into a pot on the stove and reached for the box of matches that she used to light the stove. But when she opened the box, she discovered that it was empty. She opened the kitchen cupboard to get another box of matches, but she found none. She searched through all the cupboards, but she found no matches, not even one.

Mother thought about sending one of the children to a store to buy matches, nearest store that was open was more than a mile away, and it was nearly Sabbath.

Before long, the family sat down to welcome the Sabbath with a song and worship. Then they ate their Friday evening meal of biscuits and fruit. Mother was glad that all her cooking had been completed before she ran out of matches.

Four-year-old John had seen his mother searching for matches. After dinner he asked his mother, “Can we pray about the matches?”

Mother was surprised, but she answered, “Of course.” Mother knew that John loved to pray, and he often asked Mother to pray with him, even about little things.

John folded his hands and closed his eyes tightly. “Dear Jesus, thank You for Your love. Please help us to have a match so we can have hot milk with our breakfast. Amen.”

Mother smiled and gave John a hug and told him it was time for bed.

## Mysterious Matches

Mother awoke early on Sabbath morning. She could hear the lovely songs of birds welcoming the morning. Then she heard the front door open.

“Who’s there?” she called.

“It’s me.” Mother recognized John’s

## Fast Facts

- Fiji is a nation made up of more than 800 islands with a population of more than 881,000. Most of the people live on the two largest islands.
- About half of the population is ethnic Fijian, and almost half are of Indian descent. While most ethnic Fijians consider themselves Christians, most Indians have clung to their own traditions, including their religion. Few have become Christians.
- The nearly 25,000 Adventists living in Fiji mean that one person out of every 35 is a Seventh-day Adventist.

voice. She was surprised that John was up so early. Usually he was the last one out of bed! But why had he opened the door? She got up to see what was happening.

She found John standing in the living room holding a small white box. “I woke up early and wanted to see if God left us a match,” John said. “There were none on the counter, so I opened the door. I found this stuck between the door and the screen door.” John held out the box in his small hand. “It’s matches,” he said. “I think the angel must have brought them

during the night.”

The box was the same size as the match boxes Mother used. But instead of having a big red flower on the front, this box was pure white. Even the place on the side where she lit the matches was white. Mother opened the matchbox. The matches inside were white too, not like the ones she bought in the market. Even the tip was silvery white. Mother had never seen matches like these before.

“The angels sent the matches, Mom,” John said, excited. “Let’s tell Jesus thank You for sending the matches!” Mother and John knelt down and thanked God for answering a little boy’s prayer for such a simple thing as a match.

As Mother and John got up from their knees, John asked, “When can we eat, Mom? I’m hungry!”

Mother took a match from the box and lit the stove. Soon the milk was hot, and the family was ready to eat.

The matches and the matchbox are gone, but John and his mother remember the miracle of the matches, and it still makes their hearts feel warm as they remember that even the smallest prayer reaches God’s listening ear. 🌍

## Let’s Cook

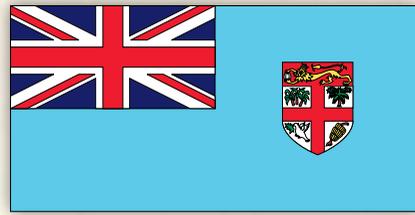
### FIJIAN SALAD

2 large carrots, shredded  
 1 cup shredded coconut  
 ½ pound (250 grams) canned unsalted  
 peanuts (or rinsed salted peanuts)

1 pound raisins  
 1 cup fresh or canned pineapple, cut  
 into chunks  
 2 cups chopped or shredded lettuce

#### DIRECTIONS:

Mix first five ingredients together and serve on bed of chopped or shredded lettuce.



FIJI | June 11

# Praying for Parents

Tema and Tonia

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Tema [THE-mah] and Tonia [TOHN-yah] live with their parents and little brother, Mua [MOO-ah], in a village near the sea on the big island of Fiji. *[Point to Fiji on a map and invite one or two children to find it also.]* Their house is built of wood and stands several feet off the ground to prevent flooding during the rainy season. The sisters like to play *pani*, a game similar to dodge ball, and eat fish cooked in coconut milk.

Ever since the girls were little, their Bu [boo, grandmother] and Nau [now, grandfather] have taken them to Sabbath School. And when Mua was big enough, they took him too. The children enjoy Sabbath School a lot, especially the singing and the Bible stories. Often they arrive at church in time for a special prayer-and-praise service before Sabbath School. This is a time when anyone can

share their prayer requests and praises with church members. Tonia and Tema often asked the church to pray that their parents would attend church with them.

## Please Come!

On Sabbath morning Mother helped the children get ready for church. She made a breakfast of bread and raisins for them to eat. But whenever the girls invited their mother to go to church with them, she just smiled and sent them off with Bu and Nau. Sometimes Bu and Nau urged Mother to attend church in order to be a good example to the children. Mother would just answer, "Perhaps one day."

Bu and Nau encouraged the children to pray every day for their parents. And they did.

## Visitors' Sabbath

One Sabbath the pastor announced that visitors' Sabbath was the next week. Tonia and Tema hurried home from church and invited their mother to be their visitor the following Sabbath. Even little brother Mua chimed in, "Yes, Mama, come with us." Their father worked on Sabbath, so the children knew that he wouldn't go. Every day that week the children invited their mother to go to church with them, and finally Mother agreed. The children jumped up and down and clapped their hands and hugged Mother. Mother just smiled, for she was happy too.

On Sabbath morning the children dressed quickly for church. Mother dressed for church as well. They quickly ate their breakfast of bread and raisins and started down the road toward the church. Tema and Tonia held Mother's hands and pulled her along so she would hurry. Bu and Nau followed along and smiled. Everyone was glad that Mother was going to church.

The children sat with Mother and Bu and Nau in church. When it was time to introduce the visitors, Tema stood and introduced her mother. And all three children were extra quiet during church, for they wanted Mother to be proud of them. During the sermon Tonia looked at Mother and saw tears in her eyes. She prayed that Mother was listening as Jesus talked to her heart.

After the worship service the members prepared a big lunch to welcome everyone. Then it was time to go home. Tonia held Mother's hand as they walked toward home while little Mua ran on ahead. He was happy too. They all were

## Fast Facts

- The Fiji Mission was established in 1889, and organized in 1921. It was then reorganized in 1951, 1958, and 1965.
- There are 159 churches and 101 companies across the Fiji Mission.
- At the end of 2014, there were 24,732 Adventist members in Fiji.
- Fulton College, a Seventh-day Adventist institution for the Trans Pacific Union Mission, is located in Fiji.

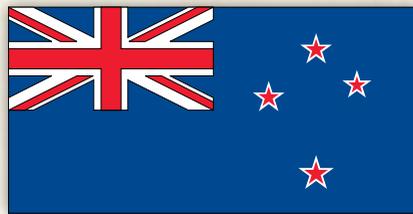
happy, for Mother had gone to church with them.

## Mother's Surprise

During the week the children invited Mother to join them at church the next week. And this time Mother said yes! Mother continued attending church with the family. Then one week she told the pastor that she wanted to become part of God's family.

Tema and Tonia are thrilled that God has answered their prayer and helped their mother come to Jesus. Now they're praying for their father. "I know that God will speak to his heart, just as He spoke to Mother's," Tema says. "We know that all things are possible if we just believe, and we do believe," Tonia adds.

Tema and Tonia like being missionaries for Jesus. "It's easy!" they say. "Just pray for your friends and tell them how much God loves them. Then invite them to worship with you on Sabbath." One other way to be a missionary is to bring your mission offering to church. That way even more people can hear about Jesus. 



NEW ZEALAND | June 18

Jennifer

# Working With Jesus

Jennifer lives in New Zealand, a beautiful island nation east of Australia. [*Locate New Zealand on a map.*] Her home overlooks the sea. Jennifer loves telling others about Jesus.

## Kidz Time

When she was 5 years old her mother and two other women in their church started a children's Bible club that they called Kidz Time. They held the club meetings in a classroom in a school on Sabbath mornings. Jennifer wanted to help. But what could a 5-year-old do? The answer? Lots!

She helped make signs to put up in the neighborhood inviting the children to come. And she posed as a Bible character for a picture her mom put in a leaflet to tell people about the Kidz Time Bible club.

At first just four children came to Kidz Time, but the number grew, and today as

many as 14 children come. Some of their parents come too. They want to see what their kids are learning.

Jennifer helps teach the children while her uncle teaches the adults who come. "I teach them a Bible verse and tell the Bible story," Jennifer says. "And sometimes I lead the singing and other activities. We invent games to teach the children Bible lessons. Once we did a very s-l-o-w game of 'Simon Says.' We wanted the kids to know that sometimes it takes a while to know what God wants us to do. It was fun, and they caught on quickly."

Jennifer likes helping with Kidz Time. "I want other children to know about God," she says. "I like to do things for people because Jesus has done so much for me. When I see someone give their heart to Jesus, it's all worth it!"

## Fast Facts

- New Zealand is a beautiful country that lies east of Australia. It is made up of two large islands and several smaller ones.
- Only about 4.5 million people live in New Zealand, most of them on North Island. The largest city is Auckland, with just over 1.4 million people.
- The original settlers of New Zealand are Polynesians who came from other islands in the South Pacific. Today these people are known as the Maori and make up 14.6 percent of the total population.

### Ernest

Ernest has been coming to Kidz Time since the program started. His parents don't let him come every week, but he loves the programs and comes whenever he can. A few months ago Ernest gave his heart to Jesus and asked for his own Bible. Jennifer's mother gave him a children's Bible. Even when Ernest's parents try to get him to stop attending the Kidz Time, he still wants to come. Ernest and Jennifer have become friends. Jennifer prays for him. She prays for all the children and adults who attend Kidz Time. She prays, too, for those who don't come.

Caring about others is one important lesson that Jennifer has learned by helping with Kidz Time. But Jesus has taught her lots of other lessons as well.

### Lesson in a Lamb

Jennifer's grandmother has sheep, and

one day a mother sheep gave birth to twin lambs. She couldn't care for both of them, so she rejected one of the lambs. Jennifer found the little lamb lying crumpled and still. It was starving. Jennifer picked up the lamb and took it to her grandmother, who taught the children how to feed him and keep him warm. The children took turns feeding the lamb, which they named Tom. Soon Tom was strong enough to live with the other sheep. When one of the children called to him, Tom would run to them.

Then one day Jennifer found Tom lying near the fence. He wasn't moving. She touched Tom's lifeless body. "I cried for Tom, because I loved him," Jennifer said.

As Jennifer's father buried Tom, Jennifer thought about how much she had loved Tom. She thought of the Israelites who had to give their best lamb to be sacrificed for their sins. *How hard that must have been!* Jennifer thought. *I could never have let Tom be sacrificed.*

Then she thought about Jesus, who was the Lamb of God. He knew that He would have to die one day for the sins of everyone. That must have been hard too. But He did it for us because it was the only way to save us. "Thinking about that makes me want to never disobey Jesus," Jennifer adds. "Jesus died for me, and I want to live for Him forever. That's another reason I want to tell others that God loves us."

We can tell our friends and neighbors how much God loves them, just as Jennifer does. And we can bring our mission offering to church so that more people will learn that God loves them so much He let Jesus die for them. 🌐

# Thirteenth Sabbath Program

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

- Prepare to present your theme song for this quarter, or choose to sing “Jesus Loves Me” in Pidgin.
- Review with the children the things they have learned about the South Pacific islands this quarter, and practice their parts in the program.
- Send home a note to remind parents of the program and to encourage the children to bring their Thirteenth Sabbath Offering the next week.
- **If your division will not join the adults** for a special program, make Thirteenth Sabbath special by inviting a special guest to speak to the children about life in the islands of the South Pacific. Encourage the speaker to bring items that will interest the children and help them to understand the culture and challenges of the people there.
- Remind the children to bring their Thirteenth Sabbath Offering. Make the offering appeal a big event in Sabbath School. Count the money and let the children know how much they have brought for missions during the quarter. Praise them for what they have done, and let them know that their offerings will make a big difference to children just like them who live in the islands of the South Pacific Division.

## Mission in the South Pacific Islands

**Participants:** A narrator and four children.

**Props:** Four flags (or pictures of flags), one each from the following countries: Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, and New Zealand. A globe or map of the world.

**Narrator:** This quarter our mission focus has been on the South Pacific Division. We’ve heard many wonderful stories from the islands there, including the Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, and New Zealand. Let’s review what we’ve learned this quarter about this part of the world and the needs there.

**Child 1:** (holding globe or pointing to the map). First of all, we learned that there are many islands in the South Pacific.

**Child 2:** Many of the larger islands are lush with trees, greenery, and mountains.

**Child 1:** But some islands are very small. They are called atolls.

**Child 2:** Atolls are made out of coral and sand; they barely peek out of the ocean!

**Child 3:** [holds up flag of Fiji while narrator speaks]

**Narrator:** Fiji is a nation made up of more than 800 islands! More than 881,000 people live in Fiji, most of them on the two largest islands of the country. About half of the population is ethnic Fijian, and almost half are of Indian descent. Most

of the ethnic Fijians consider themselves Christian, but most of the Indians remain Hindu—few have become Christians.

**Child 1:** This quarter we heard stories about how God answers prayer in Fiji.

**Child 2:** One story was about how a young boy prayed that God would send just one match so he could have a warm breakfast.

**Child 3:** God answered the boy's prayer by sending a whole box of beautiful matches—that were all white!

**Child 4:** The boy and his mother were so happy because they knew God had answered his prayer.

**Narrator:** The Seventh-day Adventists in Fiji are trying to reach their friends and neighbors with the wonderful news of Jesus but it isn't always easy. One area where they've had success is in health education. Diabetes and other non-communicable diseases are widespread in Fiji, and the government has asked the Adventists to provide more education.

**Child 1:** Part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help to build a Family Wellness Center in Suva, the capital city.

**Child 2:** Thank you for helping the people in Fiji to learn how they can be healthy and strong.

**Child 3:** (holds up flag of Papua New Guinea while the narrator speaks)

**Narrator:** Papua New Guinea (PNG) is a mountainous island nation. The main island lies just north of Australia. PNG shares the island of New Guinea with Papua, a province of Indonesia. Nearly 7.3

million people live in PNG. While the cities are modern, many people still live in small villages in the mountains. More than 700 different languages and dialects are spoken in Papua New Guinea!

**Child 4:** In PNG and some of the other islands, people speak Pidgin English.

**Child 2:** During Sabbath School we learned some Pidgin words and phrases.

**Child 1:** Let's see if you can guess what they mean.

**Child 3:** MOH-ning.

**Child 1:** [Pauses] "Good morning."

**Child 4:** AH-pee-noon

**Child 1:** [Pauses] "Good afternoon."

**Child 2:** PEE-kihn-nee-nee

**Child 1:** Child

**Narrator:** There are thousands of children in PNG who love to come to Sabbath School, but in many places they have no place to meet except under a tree or even the open sky.

**Child 2:** Our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will help to build Children's Discipleship Centers—or "lamb shelters"—for children in PNG and many other Pacific islands.

**Child 3:** (holds up the flag of the Solomon Islands while narrator speaks)

**Narrator:** The Solomon Islands lie between PNG and Fiji. The country is made up of about 30 islands and many atolls. Because they lie near the equator, the islands are hot and humid. The main

islands are volcanic mountains. English is the official language, but 80 local languages, including Pidgin, are spoken. And only half of the people there can read.

**Child 1:** The people were so happy a few years ago to receive the special children's Bibles that have pictures in them!

**Child 4:** Those Bibles came from your Thirteenth Sabbath Offering!

**All Children together:** *Thank you for giving to the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering!*

**Narrator:** This quarter, we can help provide lamb shelters for the children in the Solomon Islands.

**All Children together:** *Thank you for giving!*

**Child 1:** (holds up the flag of New Zealand)

**Narrator:** Our final featured country from the South Pacific Division this quarter is New Zealand. New Zealand is a beautiful country that lies east of Australia. It's made up of two large islands and several smaller ones. Only about 4.5 million people live in the entire country, and most of them live in the North Island. The largest city is Auckland, with just over 1.4 million people. The original settlers of New Zealand are Polynesians

who came from other islands in the South Pacific. Today these people are known as the Maori and make up 14.6 percent of the total population.

**Child 4:** Our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering today will help establish a Hope Channel and production studio in Auckland.

**Child 3:** There will be lots of interesting programs for kids and adults!

**Child 2:** The programs will teach people many important things,

**Child 1:** such as how to be healthy,

**Child 4:** how to get along with your friends and family,

**Child 3:** how to manage your money,

**Child 2:** and how to know God.

**Narrator:** The Thirteenth Sabbath Offering really does make a difference in the lives of people all around the world. Today, let's remember to pray for the people of the South Pacific islands, and to give generously as we partner with them for mission in the South Pacific Division.

Thank you.

*[Offering]*

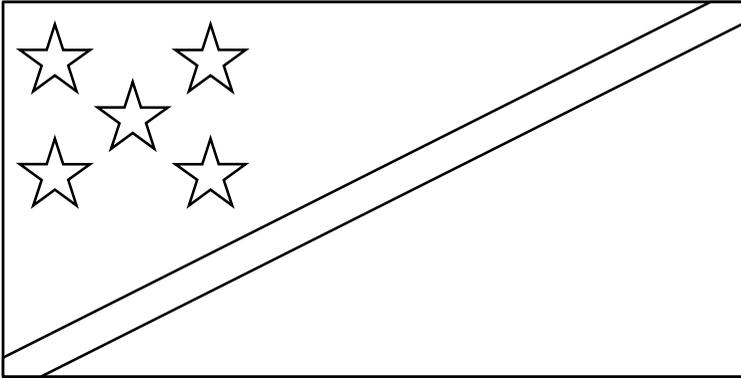
## Future Thirteenth Sabbath Projects

Next quarter the East-Central Africa Division (ECD) will be featured. Special projects include dormitories and a cafeteria at the Adventist University of Central Africa in Kigali, Rwanda, and a lamb shelter for children at the Juba Adventist Central Church in South Sudan.



# Color The Flags

## SOLOMON ISLANDS



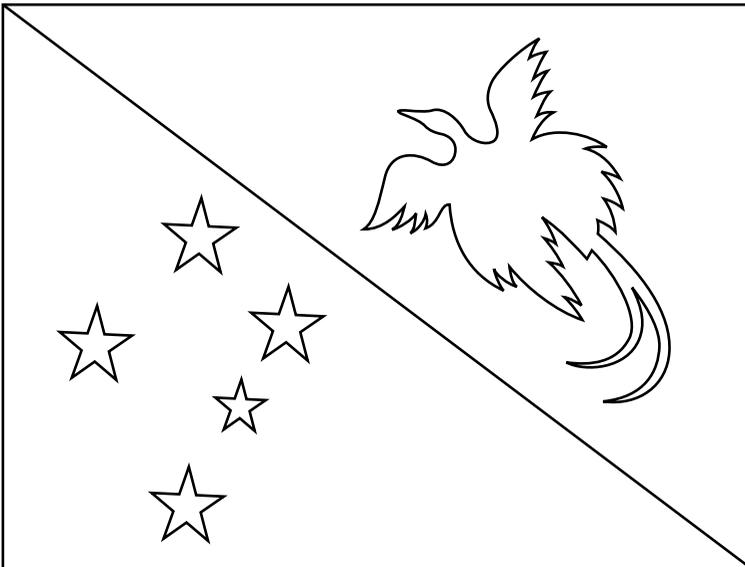
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## PAPUA NEW GUINEA



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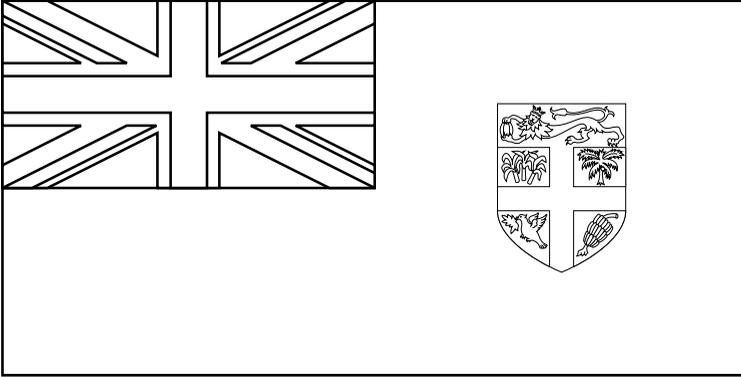
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Color the bird of paradise yellow.

Color the lower right half of the flag black, leaving the stars white.

# Color The Flags

## FIJI



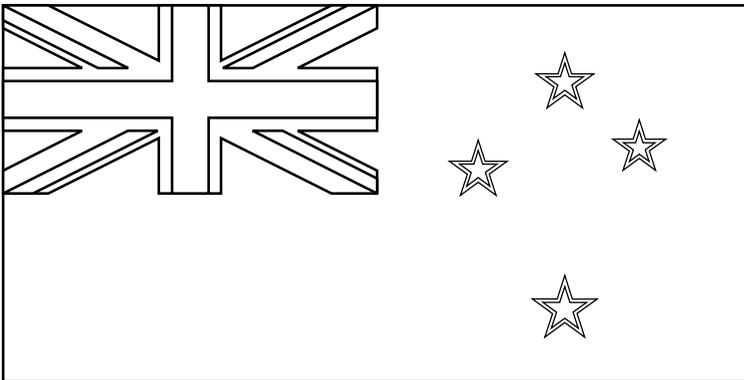
### DIRECTIONS

Color the background sky blue

top left inset:  
background - dark blue  
center stripes - red  
outside stripes - white

shield:  
background - white  
cross - red  
top banner - red background  
lion - gold  
bamboo - green  
palm tree - green and brown  
dove - white  
plant - yellow

## NEW ZEALAND



### DIRECTIONS

Color the background - dark blue

Color the stars - red, with white borders

top left inset:  
background - dark blue  
center stripes - red  
outside stripes - white

# Recipes from the South Pacific

*Note to teachers: You may want to have a class potluck where the children can taste a variety of foods from the South Pacific, including these and previous recipes.*

## PAPUA NEW GUINEA

### COCONUT RICE

6 cups coconut milk\*

3 cups white rice

#### DIRECTIONS:

Bring coconut milk to a boil; add rice and reduce heat to low. Cover and let simmer until all liquid is absorbed.

\*Buy canned coconut milk in the international section of a large grocery store. If a more subtle flavor is desired, mix equal parts coconut milk and water.

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### POI (BANANA AND COCONUT MILK ICE CREAM)

8 overripe bananas

1 cup coconut milk

#### DIRECTIONS:

Mash bananas or blend in a blender. Add coconut milk and continue to blend until mixture reaches the desired thickness. Add a few ice cubes to chill, or freeze slightly for an “ice cream” treat. For added flavor, add a few drops of lemon or vanilla extract.

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### PLANTAIN PIE

1 cup coconut cream (or if not available, use milk)

2 large, ripe, sweet plantains

1 tablespoon sugar (if plantains are not sufficiently sweet)

2 teaspoons cassava starch or cornstarch

#### DIRECTIONS:

Pour a thin layer of coconut cream or milk into the bottom of the baking dish or pie pan. Slice plantains thinly and arrange in pie tin over milk. Bake in a 350°F oven for about 15 minutes or until plantains begin to turn brown. Mix the cassava starch or cornstarch with the remaining milk and add sugar; pour milk over plantains in pan. Return pan to the oven and bake until milk bubbles and thickens, about 10 minutes. Serve cool.

# Recipes from the South Pacific

## FIJI

### JAMU BAIGANI (EGGPLANT JAM)

6 small young eggplants (about 6 or 8 inches long), not yet ripe

sugar  
red food coloring

#### DIRECTIONS:

Peel eggplants and chop finely or run through a food processor. Put eggplant into a kettle and add enough water to barely cover. Boil eggplant until it is soft, 5 minutes. Drain the eggplant in a sieve to remove excess water. Measure eggplant and add an equal amount of sugar, cup for cup. Return eggplant mixture to kettle and bring mixture to a boil. Add two or three drops of red food coloring to give the jam a pleasant color. Let cook about 15 minutes to begin thickening process. As the jam cools it will thicken further. Serve on bread or toast.

## FIJI

### COCONUT PIE

#### For crust:

2 tablespoons butter or margarine  
1 tablespoon sugar

1 large egg  
2 ½ cups regular or self-rising flour

#### DIRECTIONS:

Cream butter and sugar until smooth; add egg and beat. Add flour and mix to form a soft dough. Pat crust evenly onto the bottom of an oiled pie pan or baking dish.

#### Filling:

2 tablespoons butter or margarine  
1 tablespoon sugar  
2 medium eggs

1 cup finely grated fresh coconut  
1 tablespoon flour  
1 cup coconut cream or milk

#### DIRECTIONS:

Cream butter and sugar until smooth. Add eggs, one at a time, beating after each addition. Add grated coconut and flour and stir with a fork or fingers until mixture absorbs moisture from coconut and forms a ball. Add coconut to creamed butter and sugar and mix well. Add milk or coconut cream and mix thoroughly. Pour mixture into prepared pie pan or baking dish. Bake for 40 minutes or until the filling is set. Serve with ice cream, if desired.

# Leader's Resources

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 Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, and New Zealand, visit your local library or a travel agency, or visit the websites listed below.

For kid-friendly information visit the following websites:

*Solomon Islands:* [www.factmonster.com/country/solomon-islands.html](http://www.factmonster.com/country/solomon-islands.html);

[www.ducksters.com/geography/country.php?country=Solomon%20Islands](http://www.ducksters.com/geography/country.php?country=Solomon%20Islands)

*Papua New Guinea:* [www.oddizzi.com/teachers/explore-the-world/places/oceania/papua-new-guinea/](http://www.oddizzi.com/teachers/explore-the-world/places/oceania/papua-new-guinea/) (Start free trial to access.)

*Fiji:* [www.sciencekids.co.nz/sciencefacts/countries/fiji.html](http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/sciencefacts/countries/fiji.html); [www.educationabroadnetwork.org/blog/10-facts-you-didnt-know-about-fiji/](http://www.educationabroadnetwork.org/blog/10-facts-you-didnt-know-about-fiji/)

*New Zealand:* <http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/countries/new-zealand/#new-zealand-sheep.jpg>; [www.coolkidfacts.com/new-zealand-facts-for-kids/](http://www.coolkidfacts.com/new-zealand-facts-for-kids/)

You may also find the following websites helpful:

South Pacific Division: [www.spd.adventist.org](http://www.spd.adventist.org)

Papua New Guinea Union Mission: <http://adventist.org.pg>

Trans Pacific Union Mission: <http://tpum.adventist.org.fj>

New Zealand Pacific Union Conference: <http://nzpuc.adventist.org.nz>

Hope Channel New Zealand: [www.facebook.com/hopechannelnewzealand/](http://www.facebook.com/hopechannelnewzealand/); [www.hopechannel.org/nz](http://www.hopechannel.org/nz)

Be sure to download your free *Mission Spotlight* DVD, featuring video reports from around the South Pacific. Download or stream from the Adventist Mission website at: [www.adventistmission.org/dvd](http://www.adventistmission.org/dvd)

An offering goal device will help focus attention on world missions and increase weekly mission giving. Ask your Sabbath School council to set a quarterly mission offering goal (set the goal a little higher than last quarter and divide it by 14, one part for each of the 12 regular Sabbaths this quarter and two parts for Thirteenth Sabbath). Chart the weekly progress toward the quarter's goal on the goal device.

Remind your Sabbath School members that their regular weekly mission offerings will help the missionary work of the world church and that one quarter of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will go directly to the projects in the South 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. This immediate feedback will encourage the children to continue their mission giving.

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Australian	421	105	58,219	23,110,000
New Zealand Pacific	142	85	18,646	5,019,000
Papua New Guinea	951	2,798	238,273	7,179,000
Trans-Pacific	498	562	105,824	2,196,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,012</b>	<b>3,550</b>	<b>420,962</b>	<b>37,504,000</b>

**PROJECTS:**

- 1 Hope Channel Studio, Auckland, New Zealand
- 2 Family Wellness Center of Influence, Suva, Fiji
- 3 Children's Discipleship Centers in Papua New Guinea, Trans-Pacific Union, New Caledonia

