



# children's **mission**

**Power of  
Heaven**

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## Dear Sabbath School Leader,

This quarter we feature the South American Division, which oversees the Seventh-day Adventist Church's work in Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, the Falkland Islands, Paraguay, Peru, and Uruguay, with adjacent islands in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. The region is home to 343 million people, including 2.6 million Adventists. That's a ratio of one Adventist for 130 people, a slight increase from a ratio of one Adventist for 136 people three years ago.

Funds raised by this quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, also known as the Quarterly Mission Project Offering, aim to support mission projects in two countries: Brazil and Chile.

In Brazil, a church will be built on the campus of Pernambucano Adventist Academy in Sairé. The academy, which opened in 2014, is close to the hearts of many Adventists in Brazil. It was built at great personal sacrifice to replace a beloved and storied school, Northeast Brazil Academy (ENA), which was destroyed by

a flood in 2000. The new church will seat about 500 people.

In Chile, one mission project aims to open 100 children's Sabbath School classrooms in low-income churches across the country. Two other projects in Chile are based at Chile Adventist University in Chillán. New dormitories will be built to allow 50 more students to live on campus. Currently, the university has about 3,000 students, the vast majority of whom are not Adventist and live off campus. The new dorm rooms will be open to all but are especially needed by Adventist theology and education students who come to the university from far-off places and are studying to work in Adventist churches and schools. Also at the university, an Adventist Volunteer Service center will be opened to train students to serve as missionaries. The new center will consist of an auditorium for 250 people and five classrooms for mission classes. The center intends to send 30 missionaries into the world each year.

If you want to make your Sabbath School class come alive, we offer photos, videos, and other materials to accompany each mission story. More information is provided in the sidebar with each story.

You can download South American Division facts and activities at [bit.ly/sad-2025](http://bit.ly/sad-2025) and a PDF version of *Children's Mission* at [bit.ly/childrensmisson](http://bit.ly/childrensmisson). A mission bank image, which children can color, can be found at [bit.ly/bank-coloring-page](http://bit.ly/bank-coloring-page). Follow us at [facebook.com/missionquarterlies](https://facebook.com/missionquarterlies).

Please keep in mind that you do not need to read the story exactly as it is published. These children's stories are meant for a wide age range of 6 to 12, so feel free to adapt the language and content to the level that suits the age group of your Sabbath School class.

Thank you for encouraging children to be mission-minded!

### Opportunities

This quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, also known as the Quarterly Mission Project Offering, aims to reach and influence new generations for mission in the South American Division through the following projects:

- Church, Pernambucano Adventist Academy, Sairé, Brazil
- Dormitories and missionary-training center, Chile Adventist University, Chillán, Chile
- Children's project: 100 children's Sabbath School classrooms in low-income churches, Chile





CHILE | October 4

Catalina

## 3-Year-Old Missionary

**T**hree-year-old Catalina liked being a missionary kid on Easter Island.

She moved to the island with Mom and Dad from their home on the Chile mainland in South America. Easter Island is part of Chile, but it is located in the middle of the Pacific Ocean — far, far away from the rest of Chile.

Catalina quickly saw that life on Easter Island was different than at home. Many people on Easter Island didn't wear shoes. Catalina didn't mind that one bit. She liked going barefoot!

At home, the weather got cold in winter. But the weather on Easter Island was terribly hot all the time. Catalina didn't mind. The weather didn't seem so hot when she was barefoot!

At home, the family traveled by car. But on the island, Dad and Mom rode around on a motorcycle. Catalina didn't mind riding with them. The cool wind felt good on hot days.

Catalina rode on the motorcycle when Dad and Mom visited families to tell them about Jesus late at night. She rode on the motorcycle when Dad and Mom visited the city mayor to tell him about Jesus early

in the morning. She was always with her missionary parents.

Everyone adored Catalina. Everyone said she was so cute and so kind. Catalina didn't mind all of the attention, especially when it meant that people kept inviting her to birthday parties. She liked birthday parties!

For Catalina, being a missionary kid meant lots of missionary visits with Dad and Mom and lots of birthday parties. Catalina liked being a missionary kid on Easter Island.

Then one day something very scary happened. Catalina rode on the motorcycle with Dad and Mom to the airport. They wanted to say good-bye to a group of 30 Adventist visitors who had come to Easter Island for a short mission trip.

It was a very hot day as Dad and Mom said good-bye to everyone in the airport parking lot. As Catalina waited, she bent down near the motorcycle, and her tummy touched the motorcycle's very, very hot exhaust pipe.

"Wahhhhhh!" Catalina cried.

Dad and Mom looked at the little girl.

"What is it?" Mom asked.

"Wahhhhhh!" Catalina cried.



Dad saw a big red mark on Catalina's tummy. He immediately knew what had happened. "Oh, no!" he said.

One of the 30 Adventist visitors in the parking lot was a doctor, and he looked at Catalina's tummy. He said she needed to go to the hospital right away.

Dad jumped onto the motorcycle. Mom sat behind him and held Catalina in her arms. Then Dad prayed for Catalina and a safe trip, and they took off for the hospital.

Dad and Mom prayed the whole way.

Catalina cried the whole way. The wound hurt when her shirt touched it. Mom lifted her shirt, but the wound hurt when the wind blew against it. The cool wind that felt so nice on hot days didn't feel so good now.

"Wahhhhhh!" Catalina cried.

Everything is close on Easter Island, and it took only five minutes to reach the hospital.

Fortunately, the children's doctor was at the hospital, but he was examining another child. Catalina had to wait 30 minutes. But then the doctor allowed her to cut in line ahead of a long line of other waiting children because she was so small.

The doctor examined the red mark and put a big, white bandage on it. He told Catalina to come back to the hospital every other day until the wound healed.

Catalina felt better with the bandage. Back at home, she prayed for God to heal her tummy. She prayed for her tummy every day. After three weeks, the wound healed completely. The red mark was gone, and

## Story Tips

- Show South America and Chile on the map. Then show Easter Island.
- Know that the photo depicts Catalina with her parents, Alvaro and Natalia.
- Watch a short YouTube video of Catalina at: [bit.ly/Catalina-SAD](http://bit.ly/Catalina-SAD).
- Download photos for this story from Facebook: [bit.ly/fb-mq](http://bit.ly/fb-mq).

only a small white scar remained.

Catalina was so happy! She knew God had answered her prayers, and she told everyone about it.

Before the accident, everyone had adored Catalina. After the accident, they not only adored her but also were impressed with her faith. Everyone said she loved God so much.

Catalina wasn't only a three-year-old missionary kid on Easter Island. She also was a three-year-old missionary, telling everyone about Jesus. 🌍

Catalina and her parents served as missionaries with Adventist Volunteer Service on Easter Island. One of this quarter's mission projects is a new Adventist Volunteer Service center at Chile Adventist University, where students will learn to be missionaries. Thank you for giving.

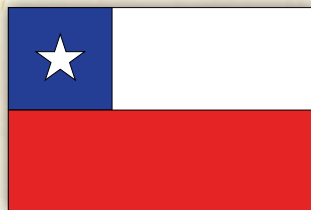


## MISSION RECORD

The first Adventists in Chile were Claude Dessignet and his wife, who were converted in France and then emigrated to Chile in 1885.

The Chile Mission, led by G. H. Baber, was established in 1895.

The first youth camp in Chile was held in 1941 at the Adventist College of Chile, now Chile Adventist University.



CHILE | October 11

Mana

# Power of Heaven

**M**ana Henua's name means "Power of the Earth." Mana means "power" and Henua means "earth." But everyone calls him simply Mana.

Mana is 12, and he lives on Easter Island. Easter Island is part of the country of Chile. But it is located far, far away from the Chile mainland on the continent of South America. Easter Island is in the Pacific Ocean and far, far away from everything.

But Easter Island is not far, far away from God.

Mana started learning about God when he was a little boy and his grandma took him to church on Sabbaths. But he didn't go every Sabbath. Sometimes he was tired and wanted to sleep in. Other times, he just wanted to relax at home. So, sometimes he went with Grandma, and other times he stayed at home.

But then a missionary family moved to Easter Island. The family opened a Pathfinder club at the Seventh-day Adventist church and invited Mana to join.

Mana wasn't sure that he wanted to be a Pathfinder. He had never been a Pathfinder.

He worried that it might be too hard for him and he would fail. He felt scared.

Mana thought about the missionaries' invitation to join the club for a long, long time. He really, really wanted to say no.

But then he had a talk with God.

It was a Sabbath afternoon, and he had not gone to church with Grandma in the morning. He had felt tired and wanted to rest at home.

Mana was relaxing on his bed when his thoughts turned to the Pathfinders. He remembered the invitation, and he felt scared again. "God, what should I do?" he said. "Should I join or not?"

Then he told God about his fears.

"I'm scared," he said. "I feel like I won't do it right. I don't want to fail."

Then God replied. Mana didn't hear a voice, but he felt like God was speaking to his heart.

"Don't be afraid," God said. "If you fail, it doesn't matter because I'm going to lift you up and you're going to be able to try again."

Instantly, all of Mana's fears disappeared. He wasn't scared anymore. He became a Pathfinder.





Mana loved being a Pathfinder, he loved the club activities, and he especially loved learning more about God.

Then Grandma gave her heart to Jesus and was baptized. Grandma's sister also was baptized. Mana saw them go under the water, and he also wanted to be baptized.

Mana spoke about his desire with the missionaries, and they were so happy! They suggested that he get baptized at a big Pathfinder camporee on the Chile mainland.

Mom wasn't happy about the idea at first. But when she saw how happy Mana was in church and with the Pathfinders, she agreed.

Mana was baptized at the camporee and became the first Easter Island Pathfinder to be baptized.

Back at home, Mom saw that he was even more happy than before. She wanted to be just as happy. So, she got baptized. Mana watched with a big smile as Mom went under the waters of the Pacific Ocean exactly four months after his baptism.

Mana's full name means "Power of the Earth." But Mana believes that real power only comes from heaven. It is the power of God in heaven that took away his fears about becoming a Pathfinder. It is the power of God in heaven that led Mom to be baptized. It is the power of God in heaven that gives happiness.

"God can reach any part of the world," he

## Story Tips

Show South America and Chile on the map. Then show Easter Island, where Mana lives.

- Pronounce Mana Henua as: mana HEN-ooa.
- Watch a short YouTube video of Mana at: [bit.ly/Mana-SAD](http://bit.ly/Mana-SAD).
- Know Mana is wearing a traditional hat made of chicken feathers in the photo.
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said. "No matter how far away you are, God can go there."

Mana still gets scared at times. But whenever he is scared, he remembers what God told him in his bedroom on that Sabbath afternoon.

"Every time I feel scared, I remember that God promises to lift me up," he said. 🌐

Mana joined Pathfinders at the invitation of missionaries from Adventist Volunteer Service. One of the mission projects for this quarter is a new Adventist Volunteer Service center at Chile Adventist University, where students can learn to become missionaries. Thank you for giving generously to this important project.

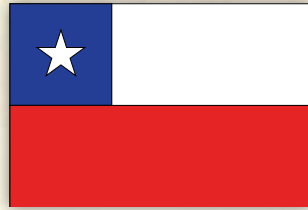


## AMAZING COUNTRY

Easter Island is famous for its more than 600 giant stone heads (*moai*), erected between 1050–1680 C.E. The statues stand about 10–20 feet (3–6 m) high, but the largest statue still standing is about 37 feet (11 m) tall.

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CHILE | October 18

Kala

# Missing Frying Pan

**K**ala is six years old, and she lives in one of the loneliest places in the world. Kala lives on Easter Island.

Easter Island is part of the country of Chile in South America. But it is far, far away from the continent of South America. Easter Island is located about 2,500 miles (4,000 km) west of Chile in the Pacific Ocean.

But even though Easter Island is so out of the way, it hasn't been forgotten by the God of heaven who sees and hears and knows everything.

Kala learned about God from missionaries at the Seventh-day Adventist church on Easter Island. Kala went to church with her grandma on Sabbaths. She also went to the church to participate in the Adventurers club that the missionaries opened.

Kala heard the missionaries say that Jesus loves people and is ready to help them. She wondered if it was true. She thought, "Does Jesus really love people? Is He really ready to help them?"

Then she noticed that Mom worked hard to cook, clean, and care for her and her two sisters. Mom somehow found the strength to

do everything. Kala thought, "It must be Jesus who helped Mom."

She noticed that Dad worked hard to fix up their house. Dad somehow found the energy to fix things up. Kala thought, "It must be Jesus who helped Dad."

Then she thought, "Jesus loves Mom. Jesus loves Dad. But does Jesus really love me? Is He really ready to help me?"

A short time later, Mom lost her frying pan. She wanted to make lunch, and she needed the frying pan to cook.

Kala was hungry, and she wanted to eat. She wanted Mom to find the frying pan. But it seemed like lunch would have to be canceled if the frying pan couldn't be found.

Kala realized that she really, really needed Jesus' help.

So, she prayed.

Then she began to look around the house for the missing frying pan.

First, she went to the closet in her bedroom. Inside, she saw the sky-blue uniform that she wore to school.

Digging deeper into the closet, she found her school backpack. She was glad to see the





backpack. She had lost it the other day. But more than the backpack, she needed to find Mom's missing frying pan.

Kala went over to the shoe rack by the door. There, she saw many pairs of shoes. She found her shoes. She found the shoes of her sister Lana. She found the remote control for the television and a head-wreath made of artificial flowers. She even found shoes that her sister Mia had lost the other day. She was glad to find Mia's missing shoes. But more than Mia's missing shoes, she needed to find Mom's missing frying pan.

Kala went back to her bedroom. She saw her toys, big and small, scattered across the floor. All of those toys were supposed to be stored in her toy chest so the bedroom would be neat and tidy.

Kala didn't feel like picking up her toys just then, but she wondered if any toys were left in the toy chest. She went over to the toy chest and opened it up. Inside she saw only two things: a doll and ... Mom's missing frying pan!

Kala was thrilled! She had no idea how the missing frying pan had ended up in her toy chest.

She didn't care.

She was just glad that the frying pan had been found.

A big smile spread across her face until it reached from ear to ear.

"Thank You, Jesus, for helping me find the frying pan!" she exclaimed.

## Story Tips

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- Pronounce Kala as: KAA-laa.
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Snatching up the frying pan, she ran to the kitchen. "Mom!" she shouted as she ran. "You can make lunch!"

So it was that Kala didn't miss lunch that day.

As she ate, the food tasted especially good. It had been cooked in a frying pan that was an answer to prayer.

Kala smiled happily as she ate. Jesus had helped her. He really did love her. 🌐

Kala learned about Jesus from missionaries with Adventist Volunteer Service. One of this quarter's mission projects will be a new Adventist Volunteer Service center at Chile Adventist University that will train students to be missionaries. Thank you for giving generously to this important project.



## AMAZING COUNTRY

Chilean Rodeo is Chile's national sport. Two cowboys (*huasos*), wearing traditional garb, try to stop a young bull, charging it with the chests of the horses. The regulations state that only Chilean horses may be ridden in Rodeo.



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CHILE | October 25

# God Hears Everything

Tane Tau

Mom told 11-year-old Tane Tau that a Pathfinder club was opening at the Seventh-day Adventist church on Easter Island. “Would you like to go?” she asked.

Tane Tau wasn’t sure that he wanted to go. “Let me think about it,” he said.

Tane Tau was a little scared. He wondered if the other children might tease him at the Pathfinder club. He wondered if he would fit in.

So, the boy thought for a while about whether or not to join the club.

Then he thought, “Why am I spending all this time thinking? Let me just go to the Pathfinder club and find out.”

Tane Tau instantly liked the Pathfinder club. No one teased him. He fit in very well, and he made many new friends.

There were many, many children to befriend in the Pathfinder club. When Tane Tau arrived, there were about 90 Pathfinders in the club. It seemed like many Moms had told their children about the new club on Easter Island.

As a Pathfinder, Tane Tau learned about God from the missionaries who had opened the club. He learned that God would always

take care of him. He learned that God always heard his prayers.

He was happy to hear about such a loving God. He had already been praying to God, and he had been wondering if God was hearing him.

You see, just a month before becoming a Pathfinder, Tane Tau had learned that his aunt had breast cancer far, far away in mainland Chile.

He saw that the cancer greatly worried his mother. She was crying a lot.

He saw that the cancer greatly worried people at the church where Mom went on Sundays. When he went to the church with Mom, he heard people praying for his aunt.

So, Tane Tau decided to pray for his aunt, too. Every night, before going to sleep, he prayed, “God, please heal my aunt. Help her to get better. Help her to feel well.”

Even as Tane Tau prayed every night, he had wondered if God was hearing his prayers.

Then he joined the Pathfinder club and learned from the missionaries that God was indeed hearing his prayers.

He was pleased, and he kept on praying.



“God, please heal my aunt,” he prayed. “Help her to get better, and help her to feel well.”

A year passed. During that time, Tane Tau prayed for other things, and God answered those prayers.

When Tane Tau asked for help with tests at school, God helped him to pass with good grades.

When he prayed for his sick dog, God helped the dog get well.

Then in April, exactly a year and two months after he started praying for his aunt, he received the good news that she was well. The breast cancer was completely gone. She was cured!

Mother was so happy!

Tane Tau was so happy! God had answered his prayers.

Now the boy prays to God about everything in his life.

He prays for the food that he eats.

He prays before he goes to bed at night.

He prays for Mother and Father to have good health. He has no doubt that God hears his prayers.

“God answers my prayers,” he said. 🌐

## Story Tips

- Show South America and Chile on the map. Then show Easter Island, where Tane Tau lives. Easter Island is part of Chile.
- Pronounce Tane Tau as: TAN-e ta-oo.
- Know that Tane Tau means “Handsome Man.”
- Watch a short YouTube video of Tane Tau at: [bit.ly/Tane-SAD](https://bit.ly/Tane-SAD).
- Know that Tane Tau is wearing a traditional head-wreath in the photo.
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Tane Tau joined a Pathfinder club that was opened by missionaries with Adventist Volunteer Service. One of this quarter’s mission projects is a new Adventist Volunteer Service center at Chile Adventist University that will teach students to become missionaries. Thank you for giving generously to this important project.



## AMAZING COUNTRY

On the long coastline of Chile, you can see penguins, pelicans, and sea lions, and in the water you can see whales as they swim to and from feeding and breeding grounds.



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BRAZIL | November 1

Ana

# Bringing Family to Church

**L**ittle Ana walked up to Mom in their home in Brazil on a Wednesday afternoon.

“You’ve never taken me to church,” she said. “Why don’t you take me to church?”

Mom was speechless. A thousand thoughts filled her head. She wondered, “Why have I never taken my child to church? Some kids complain about having to go to church, but my daughter is complaining that I don’t take her to church.”

Mom felt terrible. There was only one thing that she could say.

“OK, I’ll take you,” she said.

“When?” Ana demanded.

“I’ll find out what time church starts and then take you,” Mom said.

“All right,” Ana said.

Five-year-old Ana and her family were not Adventist, but they had learned about Adventists when Ana took swimming lessons from an Adventist teacher. The teacher had invited Ana to become an Adventurer.

At the Adventurer club, other children had asked her why she didn’t come to church on Sabbath. That’s why she asked Mom why they didn’t go to church.

That same day, Mom called the director of Ana’s Adventurer club and found out what time church started on Sabbath.

The next day, on Thursday, Ana walked up to Mom again.

“When are we going to church?” she said.

Mom explained that it was Thursday and that church would be on Saturday.

“Saturday is only two days away,” Mom said.

“Why is it taking so long?” Ana complained.

Then she brightened up. “OK, fine,” she said. “Only two days are left.”

The next day, on Friday, Ana said excitedly, “Tomorrow we’re going to church, right Mommy?”

Mom nodded with a smile.

Ana woke up early on Sabbath. It was 6:30, and she ran to Mom, who was sleeping soundly with Dad in their bed.

“Mommy, today is the day that we are going to church!” she exclaimed.

Mom was surprised to see Ana up so early. It usually was a struggle to get her up for kindergarten, and now she was wide awake and ready to go to church. It was Mom’s turn not to want to get up. “Why don’t you sleep a



little more?" she said. "It's so early."

"No!" Ana said. "I can't sleep any longer. I need to take a shower and get dressed."

Several hours later, Mom took Ana and her little sister, Helena, to church. Dad said he couldn't go because he was busy.

Ana enjoyed church very much.

The next week, she asked every day, "Are we going to church next Sabbath?"

Mom was happy to take her two daughters to church every Sabbath. She also liked going to church. After three months, she gave her heart to Jesus and was baptized.

Meanwhile, Ana began to ask Dad to go to church. "When are you going?" she said.

Dad was happy that Ana enjoyed church, but he always seemed to be too busy.

"Daddy is still preparing himself to go," he said. "I'll go one day."

Ana wouldn't take no for an answer.

"You're going next Sabbath, right?" she said.

There was only one thing that Dad could say. "Fine, I'll go," he said.

But when Sabbath came, he didn't go.

Ana was distraught every time that Dad changed his mind. She cried, saying, "Daddy, you've got to go!"

Many months passed. Early one Sabbath morning, Ana came to her parents' bedroom to invite Dad to church.

"Are you going today?" she asked.

"No, not today," he said.

Ana plopped herself down on the bed and firmly folded her arms.

"Then I'm not going today," she said.

"No, go with your mom and sister,"

Dad said.

"No," Ana said. "We have to go as a family. I'm not going unless you are."

## Story Tips

- Show Brazil on the map.
- Watch a short YouTube video of Ana at: [bit.ly/Ana-SAD](http://bit.ly/Ana-SAD).
- Encourage the children to be like Ana and invite family and others to church.
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There was only one thing that Dad could do. Dad went to church. It was the happiest day of Ana's life! Her eyes were shining, and her lips were smiling. Her whole family was together in church on Sabbath. A few months later, Dad also gave his heart to Jesus and was baptized.

Now Ana is dreaming about bringing all her uncles and aunties to church. She is dreaming that they will be baptized, too. 🌐

Pray that many mommies and daddies, uncles and aunties, in Brazil will give their hearts to Jesus with the help of this quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, also known as the Quarterly Mission Project Offering. Part of the offering will help open a church for children at Pernambucano Adventist Academy, which is located in the region of Brazil where Ana and her family live. Thank you for planning a generous offering for this important project.



## MISSION RECORD

The first Seventh-day Adventist to visit Brazil was L. C. Chadwick, who stopped over in Rio de Janeiro for several weeks in August 1892.



BRAZIL | November 8

# Clapping for Jesus

Antony

**C**lap your hands. Clap your hands again. Why do people make noise with their hands? Sometimes people clap their hands to show joy. Sometimes people clap their hands to show appreciation or approval, like after hearing a wonderful song at a music concert.

Twelve-year-old Antony stood outside to an old house in Brazil and loudly clapped his hands.

*Clap! Clap! Clap!*

Now the boy wasn't clapping his hands to show his joy. He wasn't clapping to show that he liked the old house or someone inside the house.

He had another reason. He was clapping because the house was so old and falling apart that it didn't have a doorbell that he could ring. The house was so old and falling apart that it didn't even have a door that he could knock on.

*Clap! Clap! Clap!*

Antony was clapping because he wanted to get the attention of the people inside the house. He wanted the people to come out because he had something important to tell them.

*Clap! Clap! Clap!*

Finally, a grandmother came out of the house. She wondered what all the clapping was about. She looked and saw the boy standing with his mother.

Antony was pleased to see the grandmother. Flashing a big, bright smile, he said, "Good morning! We have come here to invite you to a special meeting with prizes and snacks tonight. But most importantly, we will share the Word of God tonight."

The grandmother wasn't sure that she wanted to go to the meeting.

Antony smiled even more widely. "Just come!" he said. "You'll like it."

It was hard for the grandmother to turn down such a special invitation from such a happy boy.

She smiled and agreed to come to the Seventh-day Adventist church for the evangelistic meeting that evening.

Antony and his mother left and walked over to the next house. It also was old and falling apart. It also didn't have a door.

Antony put his hands together and clapped. *Clap! Clap! Clap!*

A moment later, a man appeared. He didn't





look happy to see the boy and his mother.

“What do you want?” he asked, gruffly.

Antony smiled. “Good morning!” he said. “We have come here to invite you to a special meeting with prizes and snacks tonight. But most importantly, we will share the Word of God tonight.”

The man gave an excuse about being busy that night.

But Antony didn’t give up. He smiled even more widely.

“Please come,” he said. “You’ll enjoy it.”

It was hard for the man to turn down the boy’s invitation. He managed a slight smile and agreed to come.

So it was that Antony and his mother walked up and down the street for several hours, clapping outside houses and inviting people to come to church.

*Clap! Clap! Clap!*

*Clap! Clap! Clap!*

*Clap! Clap! Clap!*

When people saw Antony’s smile and heard his persistent invitation, many agreed to come. Some people also asked for prayers, and Antony prayed for them.

That evening, Antony was excited to see many people whom he had invited come to the meeting. He was delighted that they had come to learn about Jesus. He was glad that

## Story Tips

- Show Brazil on the map.
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he could clap his hands for Jesus.

“It makes me so happy to invite people,” he said. “I feel incredible. Jesus can touch their hearts because I invited them.” 🌍

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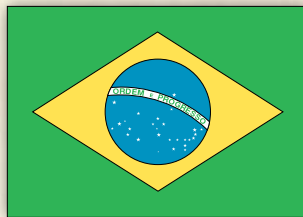


## AMAZING COUNTRY

In addition to beaches, landmarks in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, include the giant statue of Christ the Redeemer, one of the New Seven Wonders of the World, on top of Corcovado Mountain.



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BRAZIL | November 15

Dafne

# Great Garage Gathering

It just wasn't fair. Every Friday evening, Mom and a group of other adults gathered at a neighbor's house to talk about Jesus. But there was no group of children that gathered to talk about Jesus.

Ten-year-old Dafne and her big sister, thirteen-year-old Isadora, sat on the couch at their home in Brazil and talked about how it just wasn't fair.

Then the sisters had an idea. They ran to Mom in another room.

"Hey, Mom," Dafne asked. "Can we make a children's group to talk about Jesus?"

Mom smiled.

"That's a great idea!" she said.

Dafne and Isadora got to work right away. Returning to the couch, they wrote ideas for a children's group on a piece of paper. They worked on a plan for the program for a whole week. They also needed to find a place to meet. Mom and the other adults met in the living room of their friend Gabby's house. So, the girls asked Gabby, who also was 10, if the children's group could meet in her garage at the same time as the adults' meeting. Gabby asked her parents, and they agreed. So, a

place was found for the children to meet.

Then Dafne and Isadora had to find kids to come to their meeting. The girls went to a park near their house. They saw several other girls talking on a bench. "What's your name?" Dafne asked one of the girls.

"Sofia," the girl replied.

"Good evening," Dafne said. "Are you free on Friday evenings?"

Sofia said she usually was alone and bored at home on Friday evenings.

"Come over to Gaby's house," Dafne said. "We're going to have fun games, snacks, and talk about the Word of God. You know Gaby, right?"

Sofia knew Gaby, and she happily accepted the invitation. She said she would have to ask her parents first, but she was sure that they would allow her to come.

Dafne also invited Sofia's friends to come. After that, Dafne and Isadora walked around the park, inviting every child whom they saw. Everyone who heard their invitation agreed to come.

On Friday evening, all the children from the park showed up at Gaby's garage. Dafne



was happy and surprised to see Sofia and 25 other children.

To open the meeting, Dafne and Isadora introduced themselves and welcomed the other kids. Then Dafne said, “We are so happy because it’s Friday evening. It’s already Sabbath.”

The other kids looked confused.

“How can it be Sabbath?” said Sofia.

It was exactly the response that Dafne had hoped for. She explained that the Bible teaches that the Sabbath lasts from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday. Then all of the children read in the Bible that God rested on the Sabbath after creating the Earth. They also read the fourth commandment, which says, “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy” (Exodus 20:8, NKJV).

“Ahh, yes,” said Sofia. “Now I get it.”

After the Bible study, Dafne and her sister served popcorn with guava and mango juice. Before everyone knew it, the meeting was over. It had lasted 90 minutes. “Come back next Friday evening,” Dafne said.

All the kids promised to come back. They had liked the meeting.

“It was cool,” said Sofia

“We’ll bring a present,” said another.

The next Friday, children arrived with gifts of candy and chocolate cake to eat after studying the Bible.

As the weeks passed, Dafne saw that Sofia really liked the meetings. She really liked learning about Jesus. About fifteen Fridays after the first meeting, Dafne asked Sofia, “Would you like to give your heart to Jesus and be baptized?”

“Yes!” Sofia exclaimed.

Today, Sofia and several other children

## Story Tips

- Show Brazil on the map.
- Watch a short YouTube video of Dafne at: [bit.ly/Dafne-SAD](http://bit.ly/Dafne-SAD).
- Encourage the children to be like Dafne and invite other kids to study the Bible together. Discuss with the children how they might organize a small group. Speak with their parents and make sure that the children get their parents’ permission before starting a small group.
- Read how Gaby, whose garage is the site of the small group, gave her heart to Jesus next week.
- Download photos for this story from Facebook: [bit.ly/fb-mq](http://bit.ly/fb-mq).

from the children’s group have been baptized. And that’s not all. Sofia’s uncle and aunt heard her talking about the Bible and also want to be baptized.

Dafne is so happy! It’s great having a children’s group. 🌍

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## AMAZING COUNTRY

Brazil contains 60% of the Amazon rainforest.

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BRAZIL | November 22

Gaby

# Sabbath Is Special

**F**or six-year-old Gaby, Saturday was a day to watch cartoons on YouTube. It was a day to play board games with her fourteen-year-old brother, Wesley. It was a day to play hide-and-seek with her friends in the park near her house. It even was a day to do her homework.

But there was one thing that Saturday wasn't. It wasn't a day for going to church.

Then one of Wesley's friends invited him to join the Pathfinder club at a Seventh-day Adventist church. Wesley loved Pathfinders. He loved making new friends and learning new skills.

Soon he noticed that a club for little kids met at the same time as the Pathfinder club at the church. The other club was called Adventurers and was for kids from the ages of four to nine.

He remembered six-year-old Gaby at home. He told Mom and Gaby about the Adventurers.

"I think that Gaby would really like it,"

he said. "She could go with me. Many of my friends in Pathfinders have younger brothers and sisters who go to Adventurers at the same time."

Gaby liked the idea very much. She liked the idea even more when she realized that the next Adventurers meeting would take place the day before her seventh birthday. It seemed like the perfect birthday gift.

"Can I go? Can I go?" she begged Mom.

Mom smiled and gave permission.

Gaby loved being an Adventurer. She made many new friends, and one of them was Dafne.

Gaby and Dafne were neighbors. They knew each other before Adventurers, but they had never hung out. After seeing each other at the Adventurers club, they became friends and began to play together.

Then Dafne's Mom became friends with Gaby's Mom. Dafne's Mom began to come to Gaby's house to study the Bible with both Gaby and her mom. As they read the Bible, Gaby



began to love Jesus. Her love for Jesus grew bigger and bigger. She learned that Saturday is an extra special day.

Many months passed. Wesley was baptized at a Pathfinder camporee, and Gaby had another birthday.

Then one happy day, Gaby and Mom gave their hearts to Jesus and were baptized together.

Today, Saturday is Gaby's favorite day of the week. No longer is Saturday a day to watch cartoons on YouTube. No longer is Saturday a day to play board games. No longer is Saturday a day to play hide-and-seek with friends. No longer is Saturday even a day to do homework. That is a very, very good thing!

Saturday is now Sabbath, a day for going to church and spending special time with Jesus.

Every Friday evening, when the Sabbath begins, 25 to 30 children gather in the garage of Gaby's family to study the Bible with a small group led by Dafne. Gaby also is giving Bible studies to four children. More than anything, she wants all children to know Jesus, who calls

## Story Tips

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Himself the "Lord of the Sabbath" (Mark 2:28, NKJV). 🌐

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## AMAZING COUNTRY

Brazilian cuisine varies greatly by region, reflecting the country's varying mix of indigenous and immigrant populations.

Brazil's national dish is *feijoada*, a bean stew often made with meat.



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BRAZIL | November 29

Andrielle

# Scary Television News

**W**atching television news scared 10-year-old Andrielle.

Every evening, Dad turned on the TV to watch the news at their home in Brazil. Every evening, Andrielle and her 13-year-old brother, Alef, joined him.

But many bad things were happening in the news. It seemed like every evening, television news showed storms, earthquakes, and other natural disasters. It seemed like every evening, television news showed stealing, killing, and other evil things.

It was scary watching the news. Andrielle saw so many bad things on television that she decided that the world must be ending soon.

Andrielle had heard about the end of the world in church. Every Sunday, her older sister, Shirley, took her and Alef to a different church. Andrielle heard at the churches that when the world ended, Jesus would come and take His children to heaven.

More than anything, she wanted to go to heaven and live with Jesus.

But the preachers never spoke about how people could go to heaven and live with

Jesus. They never opened their Bibles and read Bible verses about how to prepare for Jesus' coming.

Andrielle hoped to find out by reading the Bible for herself. She found a small New Testament Bible at home and read it every night before going to sleep.

The little girl read the books of Matthew and Revelation. They were very interesting. But she didn't understand much of what she read. She still didn't know how to prepare to go to heaven.

One evening, after watching yet another scary news program on television, she spoke with her brother, Alef.

"We need to pray to Jesus to show us the true church that will prepare us to go to heaven," she said.

Alef liked the idea, and he closed his eyes for the prayer.

"Send us to the real church," Andrielle prayed. "We want to prepare for Your return. We really, really want to go to heaven."

Andrielle felt better after the prayer. She knew that Jesus would somehow help her to





## Story Tips

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- Download photos for this story from Facebook: [bit.ly/fb-mq](https://bit.ly/fb-mq).

prepare to go to heaven and meet Him.

Two years passed.

Andrielle and her big sister Shirley moved from living with their dad to living with her mom and stepdad.

Alef stayed with Dad.

One Saturday morning, Shirley said abruptly, “Andrielle, let’s go to church.”

Andrielle was surprised. She had never been to church on Saturday. It felt unusual to go on a Saturday, but she went because she was used to visiting churches with Shirley.

People warmly welcomed Andrielle and Shirley at the Seventh-day Adventist church. Andrielle felt comfortable. She liked how people opened Bibles and read from them. She felt at home.

She and her sister returned the next week, and the next.

Then Andrielle started studying the Bible with two women from church. Her mom and stepdad joined her for the Bible studies.

As they read, Andrielle saw that the Bible explained how to prepare to go to heaven and live with Jesus.

She read in John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” (NKJV).

All she needed to do to go to heaven was believe in Jesus.

At that moment, Andrielle realized that God had answered her prayer from two years earlier. She had found the answer to her biggest question in the Bible.

Today, Andrielle is a 27-year-old nurse preparing to be a missionary in the Philippines.

She wants to tell people everywhere that the world is ending soon and that they can prepare to go to heaven by believing in Jesus.

“I’m so happy and grateful to God for answering my prayer even though it was the voice of a little child,” she said. “I’m so grateful to Him for guiding me to the church of God.” 🌍

Pray that many people in Brazil will prepare for Jesus’ coming with the help of this quarter’s Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, also known as the Quarterly Mission Project Offering. Part of the offering will help open a church for children at Pernambuco Adventist Academy, which is located in the region of Brazil where Andrielle lives. Thank you for planning a generous offering for this important project.



## AMAZING COUNTRY

The word “Brazil” comes from brazilwood (“red like an ember”), which grows along the coast and makes a red dye.

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BRAZIL | December 6

Hadassa

# Baby Talk, Jesus Talk

**H**adassa is eight years old, and she has already been telling people about Jesus for eight years.

How is that possible? Can a little baby talk about Jesus? That's exactly what Hadassa has done in Brazil.

It all started before Hadassa was born. Dad and Mom really, really wanted to have a baby. They prayed and prayed. They waited and waited. But nothing happened. They prayed and waited some more.

"God, if You give us a child, we will be so thankful," Mom said.

"God, if You don't give us a child, we will still serve You," Dad said. "But if You do give us a child, we will give the child to You."

Then one day, Mom gave birth to little Hadassa.

Dad remembered his promise. From the day that Hadassa was born, he and Mom dedicated her to God. They started training Hadassa to be a missionary.

When Hadassa was only a month old, Dad and Mom began to take her out to share Christian books on Sabbath afternoons. Dad

or Mom carried her in their arms, and they visited with people waiting in their cars at red traffic lights.

People were delighted to see the little baby. "Ooo, she's so cute!" they said.

Dad and Mom smiled back and offered Christian books. They also offered to pray.

Many people accepted books and prayers.

"God bless you," said one.

"God bless your family," said another.

Almost everyone said, "God bless your little daughter."

When Hadassa was 2, she began to hand out books by herself. She also began to pray by herself.

One Sabbath afternoon, a mom waiting in a car at a red light squealed, "Ooo, she's so cute!"

Dad and Mom smiled and gave Hadassa a Christian book to give to the mom.

When the mom took the book, Dad said to Hadassa, "Pray for her. Ask for her name, and pray for her."

Hadassa asked the mom for her name and learned that it was Maria.

"Can I pray for you?" she asked.



## Story Tips

- Show Brazil on the map.
- Watch a short YouTube video of Hadassa and her family at: [bit.ly/Hadassa-SAD](https://bit.ly/Hadassa-SAD).
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Maria agreed, and Hadassa prayed, “Father in heaven, bless Maria and her family.”

Maria was pleased.

“God bless you,” she told Hadassa’s parents. “God bless your family. God bless your little daughter.”

People liked it when Hadassa prayed for them. Some people cried. Other people thanked her. Still others said, “I needed that at this exact moment. It was God who sent you.”

Hadassa loved handing out books and praying. She didn’t feel nervous at all. She was happy because she was helping people.

Today, Hadassa is 8, and she still enjoys passing out books and praying for people at traffic stops. But she also gives Bible studies to her school classmates. In addition, she preaches at church.

More than anything, she wants to be a missionary when she grows up. She wants to travel far away from Brazil and serve as a missionary in another country. But for now, she is happy to share Jesus in Brazil.

“To be a missionary I need to read the Bible, pray, and praise God,” she said.

“This is how God is going to help me be a great missionary.” 🌐

Pray that many children in Brazil will be inspired to become missionaries with the help of this quarter’s Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, also known as the Quarterly Mission Project Offering. Part of the offering will help open a church for children at Pernambuco Adventist Academy, which is located in the region of Brazil where Hadassa lives. Thank you for planning a generous offering for this important project.

## Hadassa’s Mission Breakthrough

**H**adassa reached a breakthrough in her efforts to share Jesus when she was four years old. Up until then, she felt like she couldn’t share Jesus on her own. Dad and Mom had to be near to help her.

Then one night she dreamed that she was playing with her younger brother, Caleb, on the flat roof of their home. Suddenly, a big man dressed in white appeared. He was wearing the armor of God, including the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God (see Ephesians 6:10-17).

The man came to Hadassa and said, “You were all called for a great mission.”

Hadassa felt really happy. She was smiling. The man dressed Hadassa and Caleb in

the armor of God. Hadassa didn’t know how he did it. The armor just appeared on them. After that, the man left.

Then Hadassa woke up, and she hurried to tell Mom. It was early, but Mom was already up.

The little girl excitedly related her dream. Mom was very moved. Tears came to her eyes. She was amazed that her little daughter had had such a dream.

“It was Jesus who appeared to you,”

Mom said. “Yes, you are going to be a great missionary.”

From that moment, Hadassa knew that she could be a missionary without help from Dad and Mom. She had help from Jesus. He had given her the armor of God. 🌐





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BRAZIL | December 13

Kaue

## Boy's Biggest Dream

**K**aue had only one dream. He wished to read and write.

Even though Kaue was eight years old, he had never been to school. Kaue lived in the Brazilian city of Recife, which has many schools. But Kaue had never gone to any of the schools because of a mess at home. His parents had divorced just when he was the right age to start school. So, he missed school that year. Then he was sent to live with his grandma. With the move and all the changes, he missed school for a second year.

Now it seemed to him like he would never go to school. He wondered if his dream to read and write would ever come true.

Then someone told Grandma about a church community center with fun learning programs for children. Kaue went to the church community center to find out more.

When he arrived, a kind psychologist asked for his name. That was easy.

"Kaue," he said.

Then she asked him about his biggest wish. That also was easy.

"My biggest dream is to read and write," he said.

The psychologist wanted to help Kaue's dream to come true. The church community center didn't have a program to teach children to read and write. But it had a program that taught children how to use computers.

The psychologist spoke to the center's director, who happened to be her own mother.

"I believe in this boy," the psychologist said. "Let's enroll him in the computer class."

The director sent Kaue to the computer class.

The computer teacher welcomed the boy. Then he sat the boy down in front of a computer and gave him a piece of paper with words on it.

"Type this," he said.

Kaue sat in front of the computer. He didn't do anything. He didn't know how to read or write.

The computer teacher went to the center's director, who also happened to be his own mother.

"This kid can't read or write," he said. "Mom, there is no way that he can take this class."

But the center's director believed in Kaue. She wanted to give him a chance.

"Put him with another kid," she said. "He



## Story Tips

- Show Recife, Brazil, on the map.
- Pronounce Kaue as: KOW-eh.
- Know that the community learning center opened in 2021 at the Seventh-day Adventist church in Recife, Brazil, under the auspices of the local branch of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency. The center's volunteer director, Suzicleide, oversees a team that includes her daughter Nayane, who works as one of the center's two psychologists, and her son Elyffas, who works as the computer teacher.
- Watch a short YouTube video of community center director Suzicleide at: [bit.ly/Suzicleide-SAD](https://bit.ly/Suzicleide-SAD).
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Nayane, Suzicleide, and Elyffas

can learn with another kid.”

“But Mom,” the computer teacher said. “It’s impossible.”

But the center’s director insisted, and Kaue was teamed up with a boy who knew how to read and write.

The days passed, and Kaue began to learn to read and write. Slowly, he learned the alphabet. Then he learned to type the letters of the alphabet on the computer. Then he learned how to spell his name: “K-A-U-E.”

The first time he typed his own name on the computer, he was so excited.

“I can write my own name!” he exclaimed. “I can write my own name!”

Weeks and months passed, and Kaue learned to read and write more than his own name. He began to read the Bible and write down his favorite Bible verses. He also began to go to the church at the community center on Sabbaths. He joined the Adventurers

club at the church, and people at the church helped him buy an Adventurer uniform.

After a while, he was able to start going to a regular school with other children.

Today, Kaue is eleven years old. Just a few months ago, he gave his heart to Jesus and was baptized. He is so happy! He is smiling all the time because his dream has come true. He can read and write. 🌍

Pray that many children in Brazil will learn to read and write at Pernambucano Adventist Academy, an elementary school and high school located in the region of Brazil where Kaue lives. Part of this quarter’s Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, also known as the Quarterly Mission Project Offering, will help open a church at the academy. Thank you for planning a generous offering for this important project.



BRAZIL | December 20

Anderson

# Life Is Good With God

Life was good when Mom worked at Northeastern Adventist School in Brazil. The family always had enough food.

Anderson was six years old when Mom began washing the clothes of teachers and students at the school. A river ran through the school campus, but Mom didn't wash clothes there. Its water was too dirty. Mom carried the laundry some distance away to a river with clean water. There she washed the clothes by hand. Then she dried, ironed, and folded the clothes.

Mom took Anderson to the school church on Sabbaths. The boy learned about God at the church.

But then disaster struck. When Anderson was 11, it began to rain more than usual. The water of the dirty river rose higher and higher. Before long, the water covered teachers' houses. The water covered the school church. The flood covered Northeastern Adventist School, and the whole school was destroyed. Anderson's house also was destroyed. The boy and his family no longer had a place to live. Mom no longer had a place to work.

Life became hard for Anderson and his

family. They moved to a small farm for a few months. Then they moved to a city. After that, they moved to another city.

Anderson stopped going to church. He stopped learning about God.

Three years passed.

When Anderson was 14, he got a job as a store helper. He began to learn about God from another store worker, a young man named Marlon. Marlon liked to talk about God, and he said God forbade people from eating pork and other unclean meat.

Anderson decided to play a prank. One night, he secretly took some pork from the store freezer and wrapped it around the handlebars of the bicycle that Marlon would use for work the next day.

In the morning, Marlon came to work and was surprised to find pork wrapped around the handlebars of his bicycle.

"Who did this?" he asked, as store coworkers chuckled.

Anderson pretended not to pay any attention, but he smiled.

Marlon didn't want to touch the pork, so he grabbed a broomstick and used it to push





the meat off the bicycle and onto the floor.

Anderson nonchalantly walked over to the meat on the floor, wrapped it up, and put it back in the freezer to sell.

He liked the prank, and he played tricks on Myron again and again. Myron caught on that he was the prankster, but he never became angry. He just shook his head and said, “No, not again.” Then he invited Anderson to church.

Anderson didn’t go.

A year passed. Two years. Eight years. Marlon kept inviting Anderson to church. Whenever he saw Anderson, he said, “Come to church.”

Then one day Anderson went. The church was holding evangelistic meetings, and Marlon was preaching about Jesus. Anderson returned the next day and the next. As he learned about Jesus, memories came flooding back. He remembered Mom taking his hand as a boy and leading him to the church at Northeastern Adventist School.

Before long, Anderson was baptized.

Then it was Anderson’s turn to invite people to church. He wanted everyone to know about Jesus.

Today, Anderson has planted three churches in Brazil. He also has led more than 100 people to baptism, including his own mother and other family members.

Anderson said life is good. He said life is good when you love God and love other people. He invites people to church again and again and again — just like Marlon invited him.

“Because of Marlon’s example, I never

## Story Tips

- Show Brazil on the map.
- The photo on the opposite page shows Anderson, left, with his mother and father.
- Watch a short YouTube video of Anderson at: [bit.ly/Anderson-SAD](http://bit.ly/Anderson-SAD).
- Know that Northeastern Adventist School opened in 1943 and counts many church leaders among its graduates, including longtime General Conference communication director Williams Costa Jr. The flood destroyed the school in 2000, and Pernambuco Adventist Academy was opened at a new location to replace it in 2014.
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gave up on my family,” he said. 🌐

Part of this quarter’s Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, also known as the Quarterly Mission Project Offering, will help open a church at Pernambuco Adventist Academy in Brazil. The academy was opened to replace Northeastern Adventist School after the flood, but it still doesn’t have its own church building. Your offering will help open a church where children can worship with their families just like Anderson worshiped with his mother as a boy. Thank you for planning a generous offering for this important project next Sabbath

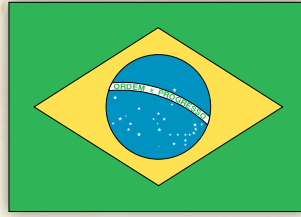


## AMAZING COUNTRY

By the middle of the 1700s, cane sugar was Brazil’s most important export, while African slaves to work in the sugarcane plantations were its largest import.



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13<sup>th</sup> SABBATH | December 27

Glauco

# Faithful Amazon Boy

**G**lauco had six brothers and five sisters, and he felt rejected by them all. He felt rejected by his mother, and he felt rejected by his father, who had abandoned the family.

Why did he feel so rejected in Brazil?

It all started when he was a little boy and Seventh-day Adventist missionaries came to his isolated village on the Amazon River. The missionaries built a church and left it in the hands of a missionary named Pita.

Pita taught the villagers about Jesus for three months. He taught Glauco to pray. He taught Glauco about the Sabbath and the rest of God's commandments. Pita invited Glauco to join an Adventurers club at the church.

Glauco wasn't sure that he wanted to be an Adventurer. But he attended an Adventurer meeting, and he liked it. It was fun, and he enjoyed hearing Bible stories. He looked forward to going back the next week.

But when he returned, the Adventurer club was closed. The church was closed. Pita had left town unexpectedly, and the boy didn't know why. No one in the village could run the church and the Adventurer club, so both were closed.

But even though the church was closed, Glauco considered himself a Seventh-day Adventist. He found a Bible at home and read it regularly. He kept the Sabbath. Every Sabbath, he went to his bedroom to sing songs and read the Bible.

He was the youngest in the family, and his big brothers didn't like to see him reading the Bible and keeping the Sabbath. They didn't believe in God, and they thought Glauco didn't need to believe in God, either.

One day, as Glauco was reading the Bible, a brother snatched it out of his hands.

"You don't need to read this," he said. "It's a fairy tale."

Glauco felt like he was too young to fight back, so he just cried.

The brothers bullied Glauco every time that they saw him reading the Bible. Sometimes they beat him. One day, they grabbed the Bible and ripped it in half.

Glauco didn't know what to do. He tried to tell his mother, but she wouldn't listen.

Several years passed. Glauco grew into a teenager, and his brothers kept teasing him.

Then one day, Mother said a floating



## Story Tips

- Show Manaus, Brazil, on the map. Glauco's village is located a short distance from Manaus on the Amazon River.
- Pronounce Glauco as: GLAW-ko.
- Watch a short YouTube video of Glauco at: [bit.ly/Glauco-SAD](http://bit.ly/Glauco-SAD).
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church had arrived on the Amazon River. She wanted to see it.

"The pastor came to our house today and invited us to worship God on his boat," she said. "He also said we could win prizes."

Glauco's brothers were excited about going to the floating church to win a soccer ball or a frying pan.

"Let's go to the boat!" said one.

"We can win something!" said another.

Glauco wasn't sure what kind of church met on a boat, but he decided to find out. He didn't care about winning a prize. He just wanted to hear what the pastor would say.

The boy went with his mother and brothers to the floating church. After the pastor handed out prizes, he stayed to listen to the pastor talk about how to have good health. His eyes widened in surprise when the pastor began his talk by saying, "We are from the Seventh-day Adventist Church."

Glauco was so happy! The pastor was a Seventh-day Adventist! He smiled from ear to ear. He had nearly given up hope of ever going to an Adventist church again.

The floating church stayed at the village for five months. Every Thursday, the pastor held a special meeting for teens, and they sang, played games, and talked. The pastor asked the teens to tell their stories.

Glauco told about being rejected by his family. He told about attending only one Adventurers meeting but still loving Jesus and keeping the Sabbath.

When he finished, the pastor said, "So, you went to a Seventh-day Adventist church in the past. Do you want to be baptized?"

Glauco was very happy with the question. He did want to be baptized.

The pastor also told Glauco that he could become a missionary for Jesus with One Year in Mission, a program for teens and young adults.

"Would you like to be a missionary?" the pastor asked.

Glauco immediately said yes.

But his mother and brothers didn't like the idea of him being baptized. They didn't

think that he should become a missionary.

Even though Glauco was a teen, he felt like he was too young to fight back. So, he just cried.

"For all my life, you have never done anything good for me," he said. "Can't you just allow me to be free?"

Nobody could stop Glauco from being baptized, and he gave his heart to Jesus in baptism in the Amazon River. The pastor from the floating church baptized him together with several other people from the village. The village's Adventist church, which had been closed for so many years, was repaired and reopened.

Glauco was so happy! He was glad that he had given his life to Jesus and that he could go to the Adventist church every Sabbath even after the floating church left. Whether or not he became a missionary, it didn't matter. He knew God would take care of him.

As the days passed, Glauco's mother saw how happy he was. She was curious why, and she began to talk to the pastor of the floating church. Then she studied the Bible with him. A month after Glauco's baptism, she also was baptized.

After that, Glauco's life changed completely. His mother changed her mind about him becoming a missionary and told him, "Go and serve the Lord!"

Now Glauco is preparing to spend a year





Pastor Antonio Cassi Nascimento dos Santos, who baptized Glauco, standing outside the floating church, which was obtained with the help of a 2016 mission offering.

as a missionary. He couldn't be happier.

"It doesn't matter what people say to you," he said. "Just do what Jesus commands in the Bible." 🌐

The floating church that visited Glauco's village on the Amazon River was purchased with the help of a 2016 Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, also known as the Quarterly Mission Project Offering. This quarter, the offering will help another important project in Brazil: the construction of a church for children at Pernambucano Adventist Academy. The offering will also go to three projects in Chile:

## Before 13<sup>th</sup> Sabbath

- Remind everyone that our mission offerings are gifts to spread God's Word around the world, and that one-fourth of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, also known as the Quarterly Mission Project Offering, will help three projects in the South American Division. The projects are listed on page 3 and on the back cover.
- The narrator doesn't need to memorize the story, but he or she should be familiar enough with the material so as not to have to read it. Alternatively, children and adults can act out the story.
- Before or after the story, use a map to show the places in the South American Division — Brazil and Chile — that will receive the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering.

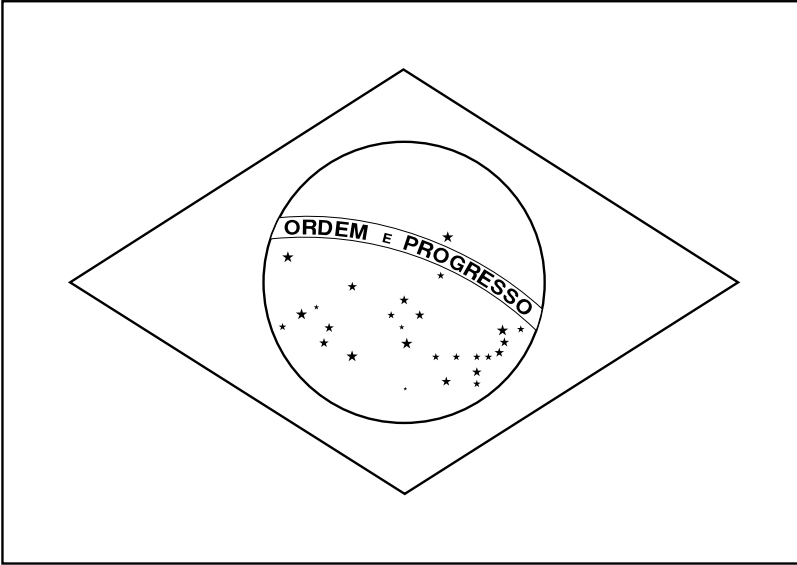
the opening of 100 children's Sabbath School classrooms in low-income churches; new dormitories for 50 more students at Chile Adventist University; and an new Adventist Volunteer Service center at Chile Adventist University that will send 30 missionaries into the world each year. Thank you for your generous offering for these important projects.

## Next Quarter's Mission Projects

The South Pacific Division will be featured next quarter, and the special projects will include:

- Center of influence, Wallis Island, New Caledonia
- Omaura School of Ministry, Kainantu, Papua New Guinea
- Children's health project, Solomon Islands
- Children's health project, Vanuatu

# Color The Flag



## BRAZIL

### DIRECTIONS:

Color the circle in the middle dark blue. Leave the stars and the banner white. Color the words "ordem e progresso" green. Color the diamond shape yellow. Color the rest of the flag green.



## CHILE

### DIRECTIONS:

Color the top left corner blue but leave the star white. Color the bottom half red. Leave the top right white.

# Let's Play a Game

BRAZIL

## GATO MIA (CAT'S MEOW)

### EQUIPMENT:

A blindfold

### INSTRUCTIONS:

This needs to be played either after the sun goes down, or in a room with curtains or blinds that can be drawn to make the room dark.

The catcher is blindfolded and everyone else hides somewhere in the room.

The catcher starts looking for the other players, who try to make no noise. The catcher can tell jokes to make the hidden "cats" laugh.

When the catcher finds another player, the catcher says "Cat, meow," and the person who is caught pretends that they are a cat and meows. The catcher has to try to guess which player it is.

If the catcher gets it right, the person they have caught becomes "it." If the catcher guesses wrong, the game starts again with the same catcher.

BRAZIL

## LUTA DE GALO (FIGHT OF THE ROOSTERS)

### EQUIPMENT:

Handkerchief, rag, or other small piece of cloth for each child

### INSTRUCTIONS:

Separate the children into teams of two, and ask each child to tuck the handkerchief into his or her pocket, waistband, or belt. The handkerchief should be tucked loosely, not tied.

Tell the children to cross their right arms across their chests and lift their left legs. After that, they must hop around on their one leg and use their free hand to grab their opponent's handkerchief. Players who put their left legs on the ground or unfold their right arms are out of the game.

Play until the last "rooster" is left standing.

This game, which can be played indoors or outdoors, can be used to burn off energy in the middle of Sabbath School and elicit lots of laughs at the same time.



# Make a Craft

## CHILE CLOTHESPIN PENGUINS

The southern part of Chile is the closest land in the world to Antarctica, and penguins can be seen along Chile's long coast.

### YOU WILL NEED:

Clothespins  
Black, white, and orange acrylic paint  
Paint brushes

### INSTRUCTIONS:

Paint the flat side of a clothespin white for the tummy, and then paint black around the sides and the edges of the flat section for the body. When the paint is dry, paint little black dots for eyes and an orange triangle for the beak. At the bottom, paint two little orange half circles for the feet. Let dry.

# Sing a Song

## BRAZILIAN PORTUGUESE DEUS É TÃO BOM (GOD IS SO GOOD)

The “n” is just barely pronounced and roll your “r” on “prá”.

### PORTUGUESE

*Deus é tão bom*  
*Deus é tão bom*  
*Deus é tão bom*  
*É tão bom prá mim*

### PRONUNCIATION

DAY-oos eh tow(n) boh-m  
DAY-oos eh tow(n) boh-m  
DAY-oos eh tow(n) boh-m  
Eh tow(n) boh-m prrah meem

### TRANSLATION

God is so good  
God is so good  
God is so good  
He's so good to me.

Song on YouTube: [bit.ly/GodIsSoGood-Port](https://bit.ly/GodIsSoGood-Port)

# Let's Cook!

CHILE

## CHILEAN SOPAIPILLAS

In South America, sopaipillas are a popular deep-fried puffed dough. If they are eaten savory, they can be served with a chili pepper sauce called *pebre*, or with mustard, ketchup, melted butter, avocado, or cheese. If they are sweet, they are often boiled in *chancaca* sauce (hot syrup cooked with unrefined cane sugar called *panela*, orange peel, and cinnamon). Sopaipillas are especially popular as comfort food in the winter and when it is raining. In central Chile, sopaipillas include pumpkin in their dough.

Makes 20 sopaipillas

### INGREDIENTS:

1 cup (240 ml) pumpkin puree  
3 tbsp melted butter or margarine  
2 cups (240 g) flour

2 tsp baking powder  
1 tsp salt  
3 tbsp oil (for frying)

### INSTRUCTIONS:

Mix the flour, baking powder and salt together and then add the pumpkin and melted butter. Mix to make a smooth dough.

Knead on a floured surface until the dough is soft and no longer sticky. Cover dough with a cloth and let it rest for about 20 minutes.

Roll dough on a floured surface to about 1/4 inch (1/2 cm) thick. Cut into rounds with a cookie cutter or a drinking glass. Poke holes in each sopaipilla with a fork.

Heat the oil in a deep saucepan. Drop a small piece of dough into the oil; when the dough begins to fry, the oil is hot enough.

Drop 3–4 sopaipillas into the hot oil. Cook for about 2 minutes, or until one side is slightly browned, and then turn over and cook the other side.

Remove from the oil to a plate lined with paper towels. Serve immediately. A dusting of powdered/icing sugar would be lovely, or a drizzle of honey.



# Leader's Resources

Be sure to download your free *Mission Spotlight* video featuring video reports from around the South American Division and beyond. Download or stream from the Adventist Mission website at [bit.ly/missionspotlight](http://bit.ly/missionspotlight).

## Online Information

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

### Websites

Brazil: government website	<a href="http://bit.ly/GovtBraz">bit.ly/GovtBraz</a>
Visit Brazil	<a href="http://bit.ly/VisitBraz">bit.ly/VisitBraz</a>
Lonely Planet	<a href="http://bit.ly/LP_Brazil">bit.ly/LP_Brazil</a>
Chile: government website	<a href="http://gob.cl/en">gob.cl/en</a>
Chile Travel	<a href="http://bit.ly/Chile_Travel">bit.ly/Chile_Travel</a>
Rough Guides	<a href="http://bit.ly/RG_Chile">bit.ly/RG_Chile</a>

### Seventh-day Adventist

South American Division	<a href="http://adventistas.org/pt">adventistas.org/pt</a>
Chile Union Mission	<a href="http://uch.adventistas.org">uch.adventistas.org</a>
Adventist University of Chile	<a href="http://unach.cl">unach.cl</a>
Central Brazil Union Conference	<a href="http://uch.adventistas.org">uch.adventistas.org</a>
East Brazil Union Mission	<a href="http://ulb.adventistas.org">ulb.adventistas.org</a>
North Brazil Union Mission	<a href="http://unb.adventistas.org">unb.adventistas.org</a>
Northeast Brazil Union Mission	<a href="http://uneb.adventistas.org">uneb.adventistas.org</a>
Northwest Brazil Union Mission	<a href="http://unob.adventistas.org">unob.adventistas.org</a>
South Brazil Union Conference	<a href="http://usb.adventistas.org">usb.adventistas.org</a>
Southeast Brazil Union Conference	<a href="http://useb.adventistas.org">useb.adventistas.org</a>
West Central Brazil Union Mission	<a href="http://ucob.adventistas.org">ucob.adventistas.org</a>

For world regions that have a Thirteenth Sabbath Offering: An offering goal device will help focus attention on world missions and increase weekly mission giving. Determine a goal for your class's weekly mission offering. Multiply it by 14, allowing a double goal for the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, which will be collected on December 27. Remind the children that their regular weekly mission offerings help the missionary work of the world church, and that one-quarter of the offering will go directly to the projects in the South American Division. On December 20, report on mission giving during the quarter. Encourage the children to double or triple their normal mission giving on the upcoming Thirteenth Sabbath. Count the offering and record the amount given at the end of Sabbath School.

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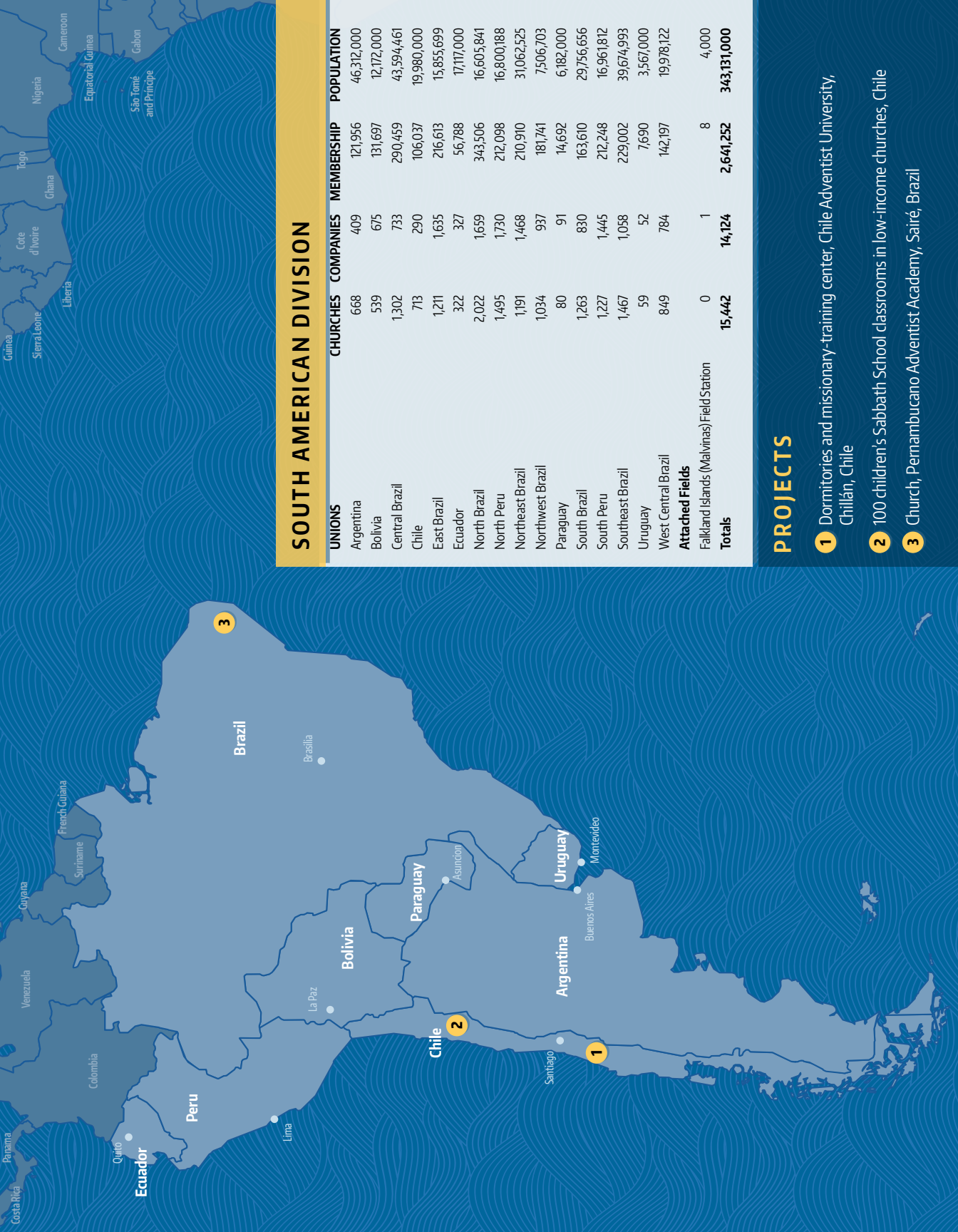
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## SOUTH AMERICAN DIVISION

UNIONS	CHURCHES	COMPANIES	MEMBERSHIP	POPULATION
Argentina	668	409	121,956	46,312,000
Bolivia	539	675	131,697	12,172,000
Central Brazil	1,302	733	290,459	43,594,461
Chile	713	290	106,037	19,980,000
East Brazil	1,211	1,635	216,613	15,855,699
Ecuador	322	327	56,788	17,117,000
North Brazil	2,022	1,659	343,506	16,605,841
North Peru	1,495	1,730	212,098	16,800,188
Northeast Brazil	1,191	1,468	210,910	31,062,525
Northwest Brazil	1,034	937	181,741	7,506,703
Paraguay	80	91	14,692	6,182,000
South Brazil	1,263	830	163,610	29,756,656
South Peru	1,227	1,445	212,248	16,961,812
Southeast Brazil	1,467	1,058	229,002	39,674,993
Uruguay	59	52	7,690	3,567,000
West Central Brazil	849	784	142,197	19,978,122
<b>Attached Fields</b>				
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	0	1	8	4,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15,442</b>	<b>14,124</b>	<b>2,641,252</b>	<b>343,131,000</b>

## PROJECTS

- 1 Dormitories and missionary-training center, Chile Adventist University, Chillán, Chile
- 2 100 children's Sabbath School classrooms in low-income churches, Chile
- 3 Church, Pernambuco Adventist Academy, Sairé, Brazil