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MOLDOVA

Raising the Bar

Vyacheslav sat in a corner of the bar, reading the Bible. Squinting at the words, he waved away the thick cigarette smoke wafting around his head. Though he found it hard to take the Bible seriously at first, Vyacheslav continued reading night after night at the bar. He soon realized that he didn't want to live his life the same way anymore, so he accepted Jesus into his heart and became a Seventh-day Adventist. Feeling called to be a doctor, he worked hard to get into medical school.

Today, Vyacheslav now works at a bar – or at least what used to be a bar. In the heart of Moldova's capital city, Chişinău, the Adventist Church transformed the building into an Urban Center of Influence (UCI). From exercise classes to natural cosmetics, this UCI offers a variety of programs to connect with the community and invite them to learn about Jesus. Vyacheslav sees patients here, often encouraging them to participate in the UCI's activities, including regular Bible studies, and many of his patients accept happily.

A small congregation worships in the UCI each week, and the group continues to grow. However, there are still challenges. Of Moldova's total population, less than 1 percent is Seventh-day Adventist. Please continue to pray for and give to Global Mission projects like this!



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ETHIOPIA The Family I Found

When Solomon (back row, far left) ran into a man with a big smile on the street, he had no idea they already had a connection. The man introduced himself as Berhanu (back row, far right), a Global Mission pioneer, and started chatting with Solomon. They soon discovered that they were from the same village!

The coincidence encouraged Solomon. He had moved to this town to work on the local government farms, but he didn't expect to feel so lonely. His home and family were far away, and he often longed to be with them. So when Berhanu invited him to join some kind of small group meeting, Solomon eagerly accepted.

At the meeting, the group welcomed him, and Berhanu shared about his experience with God's love. The family atmosphere and Berhanu's messages filled a hole in Solomon's life. In time, the group became like his extended family, and he decided to give his life to God. He's since become a member of the congregation.

Through Berhanu's efforts, the work of hundreds of Global Mission pioneers around the world, and your faithful support, many people in the 10/40 Window are joining God's family. Thank you for your prayers and generous gifts that make stories like Solomon's possible.

COLOMBIA

A Little Taste of Eden

I think God put me here so I'd learn about the benefits of a vegetarian diet," Cesar says with a laugh. He's part of a new church planting project in Bogotá, Colombia, called the Garden of Eden. The project involves a restaurant, store, and health and cooking classes and has big dreams of offering massage and hydrotherapy to community members.

"We want people to understand that we serve a God who wants us to take care of our health," he explains. In the restaurant, they offer vegan versions of traditional Colombian dishes and also sell homemade goods. One neighbor, Estela, was delighted when she first visited. She says, "The food was really good—more than just lettuce!"

And that's only part of what kept bringing her back. Estela saw how committed the team was to improving lives through weekly health and cooking classes as well as through prayer meeting and Sabbath church services. Community members have the opportunity to ask questions and learn how to live their best life.

Two people have already given their lives to Christ, and more are taking Bible studies. Please pray for this initiative and many other church planting projects in Colombia as they meet community needs and put love into action.



They Need Your Help!

A missionary friend recently spoke with me about some changes that are taking place in several 10/40 Window countries. These nations, which until recently had been experiencing an increase in religious freedom, are now implementing a growing number of restrictions. I learned that churches are being closed, ministries are being shut down, and Bibles are being taken off the market.

After my talk with my friend, I felt very grateful for everything you've done to support Global Mission pioneers and Urban Centers of Influence in their efforts to share Jesus in these countries. I also felt a sobering sense of the shortness of time—that what we need to do, we must do quickly. Doors and “windows” can close.

Please join me in praying for our Global Mission pioneers in the 10/40 Window and for the millions of people there who have never heard the gospel. And if you can, please donate to Global Mission to hasten the spread of God's end-time message in this very challenging part of the world.



In His service,
Laurie Falvo

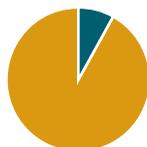
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#6440CO | GOAL \$30,000

New Projects in Colombia

Send 29 Global Mission pioneers to plant churches

■ Raised ■ Needed: \$27,495

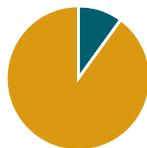


#9760 | GOAL \$30,000

“Waldensian Student” Program

Support missionaries in 10/40 Window universities

■ Raised ■ Needed: \$26,903



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Pioneers in Southern Africa

Provide bicycles and other equipment for Global Mission pioneers

■ Raised ■ Needed: \$9,739

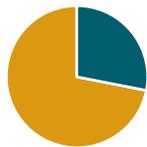


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Myanmar Center of Influence

Establish a drug rehabilitation center in Kalay

■ Raised ■ Needed: \$5,792

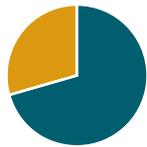


#5210 | GOAL \$250,000

The 10/40 Window

Send Global Mission pioneers to the 10/40 Window

■ Raised ■ Needed: \$73,564





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