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VEILED COUNTRY

The Baby Wouldn't Stop Crying

The baby was constantly crying! He just wouldn't stop, and his mother had no idea what to do!

At eight months old, the baby had open heart surgery. Afterward, he was in the hospital for weeks taking strong medicines. The baby had to be weaned off these drugs, and the withdrawals made him miserable.

I'm a nurse serving as a tentmaker in a veiled country, and I was assigned to take care of this baby. I had a good relationship with the mom, so I asked her if I could help calm her baby. She said I could try. So I took her phone and played some peaceful hymns and worship songs. After a few minutes, I checked on the two, and they were both fast asleep.

That was the only day I worked with the mom and her baby because my patients change every day. Two weeks later, I was delighted when I ran into them in the hall. She told me, "Look at my son. He's so peaceful now. I've been playing the songs you shared with me. Thank you so much."

All I could say was "Praise God!" And then I hugged her.

We've removed identifying information and images to protect this tentmaker and her community in this "veiled country," so that the work can move forward for the glory of God. A tentmaker is an Adventist professional who uses his or her job to mingle with people and to share Jesus with the unreached. Learn more at bit.ly/2HdgfZT.





AUSTRALIA

A Plant-Based Chef with a Mission

What do plant-based cooking classes have to do with church planting? Camila is an excellent plant-based chef with a passion for her local community in Newcastle, Australia. She uses social media to advertise her plant-based cooking classes. At one of these gatherings, she and her husband, Joseph, met Lila* and they became friends.

After a few months, Lila shared that she felt disconnected from God. She wanted to start investing in her relationship with Jesus and actively following Him. She began studying the Bible with Camila and another friend. And this is how plant-based cooking classes are linked with church planting! Today, Lila is a member of the SEEDS church plant that Joseph leads.

Connecting with the community through plant-based cooking has been so rewarding for Camila and Joseph. “We’ve been able to attract talented and like-minded people to support our mission and be part of this movement, especially PhD students from the local university and young professionals and entrepreneurs seeking a fulfilling life,” says Camila.

Join us in praying for church planters like Camila and Joseph around the world who are sharing the love of Jesus in practical ways, like plant-based cooking classes.

*Name has been changed.



VEILED COUNTRY

Juliana's* Incredible Miracle

When I found out that I'd be a Waldensian student in a veiled country, I prayed for my future classmates.

On the first day of school, I made a friend named Mariam.* As time passed, Mariam became my closest friend at the university. She even said that I was like a sister to her. One weekend, Mariam invited me to her house. Little did I know that I was about to experience an incredible miracle.

For four days, I became a part of Mariam's family. One night, Mariam and I were in her room, and we had a wonderful conversation about faith. "Mariam, would you like to read these stories in your own Bible?" I asked. Surprised, she answered, "Yes!" And then I gave her a Bible in her own language.

Later that night, I left the room and when I returned, she wasn't there. The Bible wasn't there either. I was so worried. After a few minutes, Mariam appeared and told me that she showed the Bible to her parents. Now I was really worried and thought to myself, *I won't be sleeping in this house tonight!* It's typically not safe to share Bibles here.

To my relief, she told me that they were happy for her and thankful for the gift. I was overjoyed, and I praised God silently. What an incredible miracle!

*Names have been changed.

The Waldensian Student initiative is a frontline mission approach in which Seventh-day Adventist students live, study, and serve in secular universities in veiled countries.

The Unreached Need Your Help!

Dear Friend,

Have you ever wondered what it's like to be a frontline missionary during a global pandemic? Many of the methods of reaching the unreached are suddenly not available. What do you do?

Some of our frontline workers already face social restrictions similar to the COVID-19 regulations. In fact, our workers who live in veiled countries can never meet in large groups to worship and may even be persecuted by the authorities for sharing their faith. But the Holy Spirit is still using them in powerful ways to build relationships with the local people. They follow Christ's example of meeting physical needs to share His love.

In this issue of *Picture Story*, you'll see how God uses a tentmaker to share His love by calming a crying baby. You'll discover how a Waldensian student makes a friend and experiences an incredible miracle. And you'll learn how Camila is making disciples for Christ by cooking delicious, plant-based food.

Frontline workers around the world have to come up with new and creative ways to connect with their local communities. We praise God for their ingenuity, and we thank you for your generous support which lets

them continue sharing the love of Jesus.



In His service,
Sylva Keshishian

Share the gospel with us through these projects.

#9760 | GOAL \$30,000

"Waldensian Student" Program

Student missionaries witnessing in the 10/40 Window

■ Raised ■ Needed: \$2,931



#6100MHA | GOAL \$50,000

Horn of Africa

Secret disciple-making project in a closed country

■ Raised ■ Needed: \$46,961



#7500MUV | GOAL \$20,000

Veiled Country

New disciples crossing borders to minister in a closed country

■ Raised ■ Needed: \$17,432

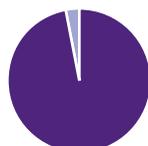


#6600MUT | GOAL \$40,000

Japan

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Urban Centers of Influence

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