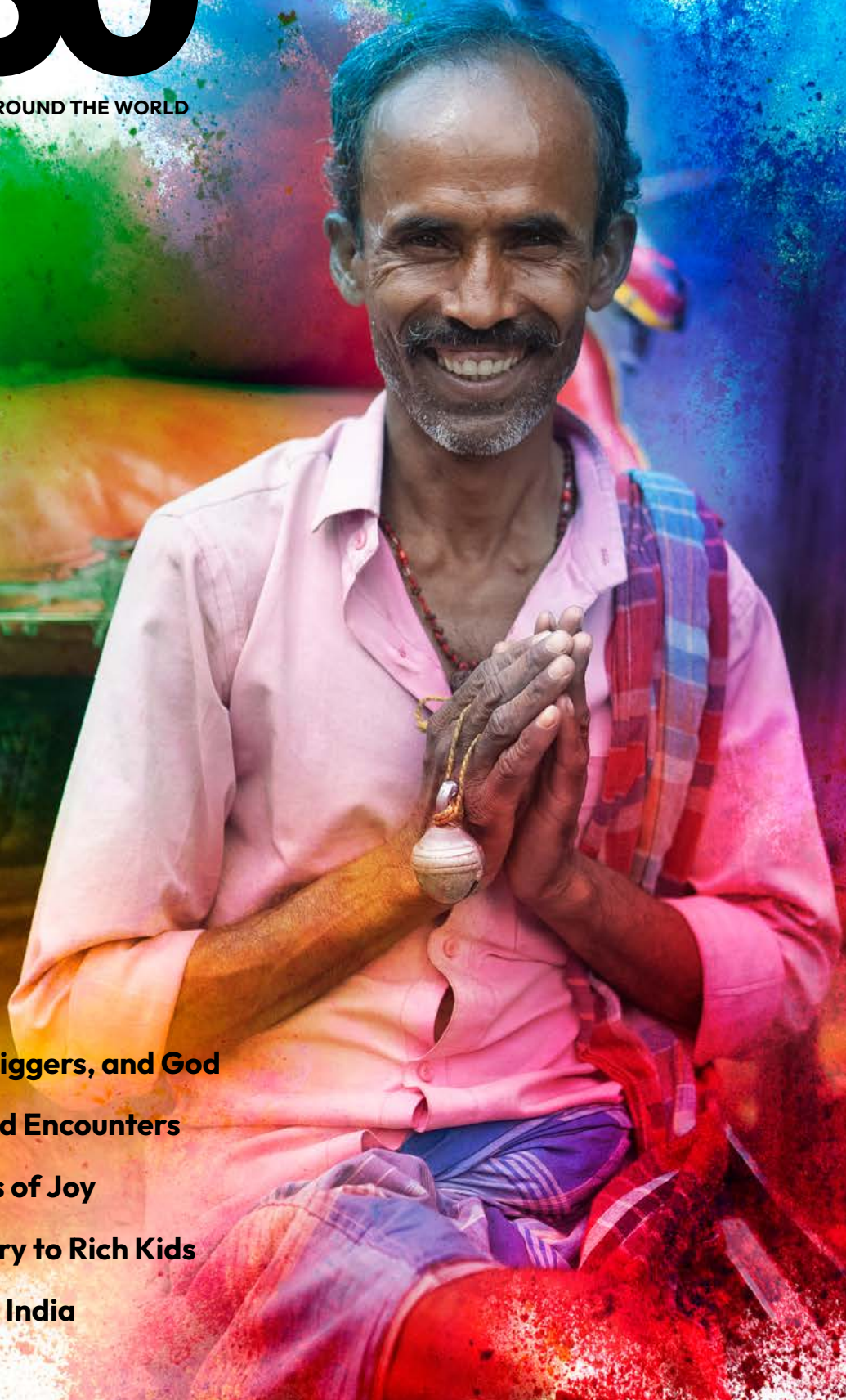




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# Editorial



**T**he Seventh-day Adventist Church began as a church-planting movement and has only grown because it has remained focused on church planting.

As we look to the future, our church will only continue to grow by starting new groups of believers in unentered areas and among new people groups.

Every year, hundreds of Global Mission pioneers\* plant churches around the world. We thank God for the thousands of new groups established since Global Mission began in 1990. Yet, much remains to be done.

Two-thirds of Earth's population still doesn't know Jesus. Most of these people are represented by the 10/40 Window, the Urban Window, and the Post-Christian Window, our three greatest mission challenges.

## The 10/40 Window

The 10/40 Window stretches from North Africa through the Middle East and into Asia. It's home to some 60 percent of the world's

population, most major religions, and the fewest Christians. Most here have never heard the name of Jesus.

## The Urban Window

The Urban Window is rapidly growing. Today there are dozens of cities with more than a million people and no Adventist presence.

## The Post-Christian Window

The Post-Christian Window includes Europe, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and, increasingly, North America—countries that can no longer be called Christian and are abandoning Christian values.

Please pray for the millions in these three windows. Thank you for all you do to reach the unreached for Jesus!

\* Global Mission pioneers are laypeople sent to start new groups of believers in unreached areas or among unreached people groups. They are paid a small stipend and where possible work within their own culture.



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The best form of cultural exchange is a smile. While walking through the crowded and colorful streets of Kolkata, India, I saw one of the city's many rickshaw pullers. He quickly flashed me a welcoming smile as I showed him my camera. We shared a moment and then went about our day. These little interactions continue to show me the beauty of human connection around the world.

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# Mission Is a Miracle

**W**e've been very intentional during the past few months to put Mission Refocus in action at the General Conference. This movement calls us to invest our finances and personnel in reaching the most challenging places in the world. As we've done this, God has opened doors in marvelous ways. We're raising an army of new missionaries and volunteers to go to unreached places!

I invite you to explore Acts 19 with me because I believe it has much to say about God's ideal for our approach to mission today.

Here, we find Paul, the great missionary of the primitive Christian church, arriving in Ephesus. The people were entrenched in self-righteousness and pagan superstition, so you can imagine how hard it would be to share the gospel there. But the challenge didn't intimidate Paul.

Verse 8 tells us that Paul began his ministry at the synagogue, where he spoke boldly. I like to think that boldness is the identifier of those

who walk with God, doing His work and being used by His Spirit. They aren't limited in their thinking or afraid to face challenges; they keep moving forward in the Lord's name, believing His promises. God calls us to be bold.

In verse 10, we see how deep the apostle's commitment was. After a very challenging time preaching at the synagogue, Paul moved, with a group of Christians, to the School of Tyrannus. There, he spent two years preaching to Gentiles so everyone who lived in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus. It wasn't easy. He faced continual opposition and persecution. But he didn't give up, and God opened doors for Paul. Miracles happened in his listeners' hearts. This same God will open seemingly impossible doors for us today.

Verse 11 reveals the secret to Paul's success. The Bible says, "And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul." The author of Acts clarifies that the hands were Paul's, but the power was God's. Paul just made his hands available to the Lord. Here, we have one of my



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strongest beliefs about mission: we can strategize, invest, and mobilize, but mission is a miracle.

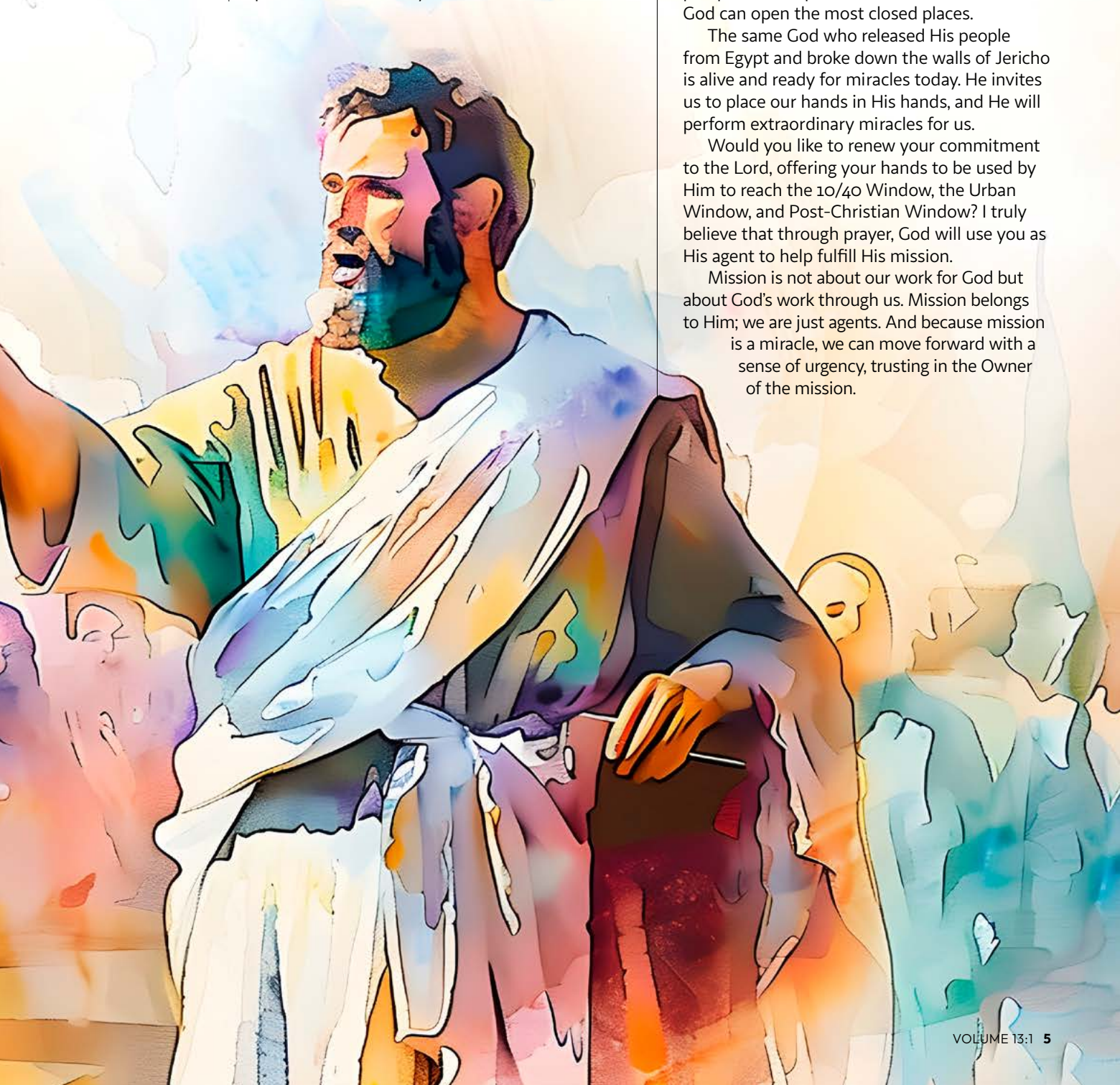
What could we do on our own to reach the 10/40 Window, where 66 percent of the world's population live and only 12 percent of our membership? Or the Urban Window, where we have 43 cities with more than a million inhabitants and no Seventh-day Adventist presence? Or the Post-Christian Window, where hearts seem impervious to the entreaties of God's Spirit? We have an impossible mission on our hands. But by using our hands, God can perform extraordinary miracles.

In 2020, my son volunteered in a country closed to the gospel. An Adventist pastor invited my son to join him in visiting some students at a public university. The pastor told him that foreigners were prohibited from entering, but the two proceeded in faith. When they approached security, the officer requested their documents. My son greeted him in the local language, and when the officer heard the greeting, he looked at my son and said, "Welcome back, I know you. You can enter without any problem." He didn't even look at my son's passport. His experience demonstrates that God can open the most closed places.

The same God who released His people from Egypt and broke down the walls of Jericho is alive and ready for miracles today. He invites us to place our hands in His hands, and He will perform extraordinary miracles for us.

Would you like to renew your commitment to the Lord, offering your hands to be used by Him to reach the 10/40 Window, the Urban Window, and Post-Christian Window? I truly believe that through prayer, God will use you as His agent to help fulfill His mission.

Mission is not about our work for God but about God's work through us. Mission belongs to Him; we are just agents. And because mission is a miracle, we can move forward with a sense of urgency, trusting in the Owner of the mission.







# Dogs, Chiggers, and God



Kenya

**O**scar stood still as three barking, snarling dogs surrounded him outside a house in Kenya. The owner had unleashed the dogs to attack him as he approached the house.

The owner came over as Oscar remained motionless, praying silently.

"Who are you?" he asked.

"I'm a messenger of God," Oscar replied.

"What message has God sent you with?" asked the man?

"It is the message of God," Oscar said. "Can I come in?"

The man called the dogs and tied them up.

Once they entered the house, the man looked at Oscar expectantly.

"Well ...?" he asked?

"Let's pray," Oscar said.

The man didn't close his eyes.

Oscar prayed and then began discussing the first five books of the Old Testament, the Pentateuch. The man belonged to a major,



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non-Christian world religion, but he knew the books of the Law. He asked many questions of Oscar, and the two men became close friends. Today, the man and his wife are Seventh-day Adventists.

The encounter on a hot summer day was not unusual for Oscar, a Global Mission pioneer who has accepted the challenge to proclaim the gospel to unreached people groups in Kenya. Oscar has served as a Global Mission pioneer for 10 years. In that time, he has led 120 people to baptism, including three pastors, and planted two churches. He plans to open a third church soon.

In an interview, Oscar said that he was simply following Jesus' Great Commission: "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:19, 20, NKJV).

"I am motivated by my desire to go to heaven," he added.

On one occasion, he said, a homeowner expressed interest when he offered Bible lessons. The homeowner, who was a father, wanted peace and quiet for the Bible study, so he sent away his three children, ages 6, 8, and 13. As the children left, Oscar saw that they were limping in pain.

"Let the children come here so we can pray," Oscar said.

Then he saw that the children had chiggers, a tiny mite with parasitic larvae that live on or under the skin and cause irritation.

Oscar prayed for the children and left to buy medication.

The family thought that the chiggers were caused by witchcraft. But Oscar knew that chiggers thrived in dirty conditions. So, when he returned, he helped the family clean their house and bedding. He instructed the parents to bathe the children, and he provided the medication. Then he prayed and gave a Bible study.

That Bible study was followed by many more. Later, the whole family joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church. They also sold a piece of land to the Adventist Church for the construction of a new church.

Oscar sometimes goes from church to church on Sundays to visit. In Kenya, it's a tradition to allow visitors to greet members. But sometimes church leaders refuse to allow Oscar to speak. Once a church leader invited him to a worship service but didn't want him to speak when he learned that Oscar was an Adventist. Oscar stayed until the end of the service anyway. As he

left the building, he recognized several members were his neighbors, and he went over to greet them.

"The Bible is like a big ocean, and this is not the time to wait for the pastor to come and teach you," he said. "I have lessons that you can study yourself to learn more about the Bible."

Seven people accepted his Voice of Prophecy Discovery Bible lessons on the spot. Other church members were wary but later agreed to take the lessons. Today, 43 people from the church are studying the Bible with Oscar.

"Not bad for a meeting where I wasn't allowed to speak," Oscar said with a smile.

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Deby (left) and Bridgette serve as volunteer teachers at Dharma Putra Adventist School in Jakarta, Indonesia

# Deby and Bridgette's Big Adventure



Indonesia

**D**eby and Bridgette share a passion for Jesus, children, and volunteering. So, they've embraced one of our church's greatest mission challenges—sharing Jesus' love in the 10/40 Window.

Deby, from Bolivia, and Bridgette, from Canada, serve as Adventist Volunteer Service teachers at Dharma Putra Adventist School in Jakarta, Indonesia, where they positively impact students' lives.

Indonesia's population is 87 percent Muslim, and it has the largest Muslim population of any country in the world. It's part of the 10/40 Window, an imaginary rectangle drawn on the world to show the area that's least reached by the gospel. It extends from 10 to 40 degrees north latitude and stretches from North Africa through the Middle East and into Asia. It's home to two-thirds of the world's population, most of the world's least-reached countries and

people groups, and the fewest Christians. Most people in this part of the world have never heard the name of Jesus. It's a top mission priority for our church.

Bridgette's past experiences have influenced her significantly. "The reason why I became a missionary is that, at the age of six, I was a homeless child," she says. "I promised myself that no child should ever feel unwanted or



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Bridgette helping one of her students





Deby leading the class in singing a Bible song

unloved, so I dedicated myself to being a missionary.” Bridgette’s students thrive with her one-on-one attention as she tries to help each one feel accepted and valued.

Deby and Bridgette’s commitment to their students is unwavering. They prioritize God in their ministry, facing daily challenges with determination, and their efforts are appreciated by their students.

“What I like about Miss Bridgette is that she is fun,” says sixth grader Diandre. “Just learning with her is so completely easy.” “What I like about Miss Bridgette is that she makes English way easier to learn and faster to understand,” adds his classmate, Kimberly. “She makes English a bit of a fun subject.” Second grader Cheryl says, “Miss Deby is kind to us and always makes us happy.”

Managing children from diverse backgrounds has significantly impacted Deby’s spiritual life. “I’ve learned to depend on God because I’ve realized He’s the only one I can trust, and He’s the one who will help me.”

Deby’s life has also been enriched in other ways. “This is a new experience, and I’ve learned a lot,” she says. “[Serving as a volunteer] has given me the chance to visit other places and know new cultures. You make new friends with the locals and with the other volunteers. I suggest being a volunteer!”

Please pray for Deby and Bridgette and all our volunteer missionaries serving worldwide. Please pray for the work in Indonesia and in the 10/40 Window so that all may hear Jesus’ last-day message.



Watch this story at [m360.tv/s2449](https://m360.tv/s2449).

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## Indonesia

POPULATION:



RELIGIONS:

**87% Muslim, 10% Christians, 1.7% Hindu, 1% Buddhist**

ADVENTIST MEMBERS:

**232,000, less than .1% of the population**

# God Wants to Use What You Have



Veiled Country

**W**hen a young single pastor arrived in a veiled country,\* he was eager to connect with the community and wondered how he should let his light shine for God. But with no wife and children, he had little in common with families. He felt awkward inviting anyone to his home because he had no wife to assist him with hospitality. What were his options? His greatest assets were speed, strength, and agility—he was a highly skilled athlete. But how could he use this skill set to make friends with the community?

Soon Gabriel† and his team arrived to help this single pastor establish an urban center of influence. As the group worked together and assessed their gifts, they discovered that several other team members also had

skills and education in sports. It was easy to see that they were best suited to open an athletics academy for the community.

Painstakingly, the team built the business, using their international origins as a novelty to attract the community. Over time, they enrolled some 120 students, a large enough clientele to warrant hiring employees from the community. They had arrived at success, but, ironically, it didn't afford many opportunities to connect with people. Students would get out of their vehicles, take part in classes, then get back into their vehicles and go home. This kind of business didn't allow much time to talk. The team began to doubt whether sports were the best way to develop relationships with the community.

The young single pastor soon left. But every day, Gabriel and his team worked alongside their employees who were hired from the community. They soon became friends. When one man experienced marriage problems, the team rallied around him, listened to him, and prayed with him. After he divorced, he was all alone in the city. "You are the reason why I stay here," he shared with the team. "You're my family," he said repeatedly.

Now the team meets with him regularly, sharing God's love and truth.

Another employee organized an early morning walking group that Gabriel joined. "After walking, we have breakfast together somewhere on the street," Gabriel explained, which allows plenty of time for deep discussions.



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On one of these early morning walks, one of his employees said, “Hey, you should invite me to your prayer time,” knowing that Gabriel met regularly with like-minded believers. Inwardly, Gabriel was thrilled, but he hesitated. He had no place to invite his employee that would be appropriate for his culture. “The Holy Spirit impressed me to offer to meet with him privately just like I’m doing with our other employee,” Gabriel said. “But I didn’t tell him that we’re also meeting with our other employee,” Gabriel chuckled gleefully, “so neither one knows!”

Gabriel is delighted because this intense interest from their employees means it’s time to plan the next step. Gabriel and his team are currently planning a small group meeting in his home, where they can invite their friends to talk, pray, and share together on the Sabbath day. Eventually, as their language skills improve, they plan to conduct it in the local language.

Gabriel and his team have also branched out to use the other team members’ gifts and now offer classes or activities beyond sports for different ages and for both men and women.

“Sometimes it’s best to assess the needs of the community and plan how to meet those needs,” Gabriel said, “but God can use any talent or gift that He’s already given you. If you’re good at cooking, we’ll let you cook. If you’re good with kids, let’s use that. If you’re good at teaching

languages, we can use that. Think about what you like to do, then look for a way to transform this gift into a project.”

Ellen White wrote, “Those who have not a large endowment of gifts need not be discouraged. Let them use what they have, faithfully guarding every weak point in their characters, seeking by divine grace to make it strong. Into every action of life we are to weave faithfulness and loyalty, cultivating the attributes that will enable us to accomplish the work.”<sup>‡</sup>

Please pray for Gabriel and his team as they expand their center of influence to reach more and more people in their community with the gifts God has given them.

\* We call a country veiled when we have withheld its name to protect the lives and ministry of frontline workers serving there.

† Name has been changed.

‡ *Christ’s Object Lessons* p. 358.



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## Urban Centers of Influence

Global Mission supports wholistic mission to the cities through urban centers of influence. These centers follow Christ’s method of ministry to meet people’s needs and start new groups of believers. Please support urban centers of influence by visiting [Global-Mission.org/giving](https://Global-Mission.org/giving).





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# Spirit-Led Encounters



Veiled Country

**F**or some time, my wife and I prayed earnestly that God would help us establish a home church in the community where I serve as a witness. We knew only foreigners would attend initially, but we had faith that God would send us local people whose hearts He had been working on. It took some time, but He provided!

I met Salman\* one day when I ordered a taxi. As he drove me to my destination, we started a conversation that soon diverted to religious topics. He shared that he had become a Christian two years earlier after searching online for answers to his spiritual questions.

Salman and I slowly formed a friendship. One time, I asked him whether he was part of a community of believers or had Christian friends. I was shocked when he said he had never met a Christian before! My wife and I felt compelled to invite him to our home worship gatherings, and he began attending regularly. We were delighted that when he married, he brought his wife, and she too fell in love with Jesus.

One day, Salman decided to tell his brother Faisal about his love for Christ. To his surprise, Faisal told him he was already a Christian! He explained that he also had sought answers to spiritual questions online and given his heart to Jesus.

Salman told Faisal about our home church, and Faisal joined our group. He had no doubt that God had brought us together. He had recently visited a church seeking Christian fellowship, but the leader told him not to return because it was forbidden for people of Faisal's faith to be there. We praised God for helping us provide a place of belonging for Faisal.

After two years of silence and prayer, Salman and Faisal decided to tell their family about their newfound faith. By the grace of God, their parents accepted their decision, but other family members turned their backs on them.

Please pray that Faisal and Salman and his wife will continue to grow in their relationships with Jesus and that my wife and I will experience many more Spirit-led encounters with God's children in this closed country.

\* Names have been changed

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# Moments of Joy



Kenya

I grew up in Nigeria as a missionary kid and developed a passion for mission service. So, while attending Southern Adventist University, I jumped at the opportunity to serve as a student missionary. I worked with three other student missionaries, Logan, Hannah, and Dillon, assisting the ministry of Kendu Adventist Hospital in Kenya and the church and elementary boarding school on its campus.

During the week, one of my main responsibilities was teaching physical education to the school's 300 students and speaking at its evening worships. On Sabbaths, I helped teach the fifth-grade Sabbath School class. The kids were so enthusiastic. They loved learning new songs and listening to Bible stories.

Music was an important part of my life in Kenya. Dillon and I started a singing group with several nursing students. We performed special music for church service and sang to the patients. Additionally, I started a children's choir at the elementary school.

I also participated in activities with community members such as taking long hikes, celebrating children's birthdays, and joining in the wedding celebration for two elementary school teachers.

One of the most meaningful experiences I had in Kenya was helping at a school for physically or mentally disabled children. There were about 60 students.

When I first visited the school, I was shocked to see the condition of the building.





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There were holes in the ceilings, and most of the windows were broken. The school was also understaffed. There were only two house-mothers who barely had time to care for the children, much less clean their dormitories.

The missionaries at Kendu Hospital recognized the school's need for extra help, so they asked the student missionaries to help the children every afternoon. We did all sorts of jobs from mopping the buildings to bathing the children. If we finished our chores early, we spent time talking and playing with the kids. One time, all the girls decided to do my hair in different styles. The kids loved every minute that we could give them.

We saw so much need there. One day, Hannah and I walked into the girls' dormitory

**“We saw how important it was to just be present in the lives of those kids, loving them and caring for them.”**



Dillon and Michaela's singing group

to find our friend Ashley had fallen out of her wheelchair onto the floor. She was crying and had been in that position for hours without any help. Because she was almost fully paralyzed, she hadn't been able to do anything. We were heartbroken to see her in that state and quickly helped her back into her chair and cleaned her. Slowly, her tears dried, and she was able to talk and laugh with us again. We saw how important it was to just be present in the lives of those kids, loving them and caring for them.

It was touching for me to see how kind the children were to each other. They helped each other wash clothes, take showers, and get up on their beds to sleep.

It was such a blessing to spend time with these kids. Even when times were hard, like cleaning up an unpleasant mess, I thought of how all that mattered was the way we treated others and how important it was to share God's love with those around us. To create and share moments of joy.



Michaela with Ashley, who had cerebral palsy and HIV



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# Elementary Students Help Reach Far-Away Cities







United States

Looking for a fun way to help elementary students in your home, school, or church participate in mission? Consider using the Mission to the Cities prayer map poster, like the students at Edenville Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School in Michigan.

These students used the prayer map poster to guide them as they prayed together daily—one city per day—for each of the world's largest cities. They enjoyed pronouncing the cities' names, filling in the small circle by each city's name on the map after praying for it, and "traveling" to cities near and far on their prayer mission. If their teacher, Rachel, forgot to have them pray for the city of the day, the students would remind her.

They kept on together, marking off one city per day until they found out teacher Rachel would be moving away at the end of the school year to teach at a different school. At the rate of one city per day, they knew they wouldn't finish all 600 cities on the map before she left. They expressed their concerns to her, so Rachel made a new plan.

Each day, she would assign each student their city. Then, in morning prayer, she would pray, "We would like to pray especially for these cities . . ." She would then say a student's

name and city, and that student would pray for that city. The process would repeat with each student. As for what they prayed for on behalf of the cities, Rachel says, "Sometimes we prayed for financial resources, sometimes we prayed for protection, sometimes we prayed for ideas for the missionaries to reach people, sometimes we prayed the missionaries would have courage, and sometimes we prayed that the Holy Spirit would go before the missionaries to open hearts to hear the gospel."

At the end of the school year, the students were happy to fill in the last circle on the map and feel the satisfaction of having prayed for all 600 cities worldwide with a million or more residents each. Rachel contacted Adventist Mission to request two more prayer map posters—one to leave with the students in case they might want to pray for the cities again next year, and one to take with her to her next school.

If you know some students who would enjoy praying their way around the world, contact Adventist Mission at [MissiontotheCities.org](http://MissiontotheCities.org) and request a prayer map poster. Posters and shipping are free within North America. Prayer map poster files are available at the same site for download and local printing for other regions.



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**Request pocket or poster-sized prayer maps at [missiontothecities.org/contact-us](http://missiontothecities.org/contact-us).**



Consider these ways to make your prayers for the cities more interesting and meaningful:

- Search the names of lesser-known cities on YouTube and watch short clips to get an idea of the place and people you are praying for.
- Team up with your Sabbath School class to pray for the cities.
- Help your kids learn geography and social studies as they pray for a different city each day.





# Whatever Sacrifice Is Necessary



The Far East and the South Pacific

**D**uring the late 1800s and early 1900s, Adventist missionaries began penetrating East Asia and the South Pacific with the gospel. Many survived, serving for years; others paid the ultimate price.

## Hubert and Pearl Tolhurst

Hubert Leonard Tolhurst and Pearl Philips, graduates of Australasian Missionary College in Australia, were married in 1915. Hubert was 24 and Pearl was 23. Within weeks of their wedding, they sailed for the Tongan archipelago to take charge of a mission station.

Those were happy years for the couple, but Hubert and Pearl started to suffer sustained illnesses. By late 1918, Australian church leaders learned that Pearl's health was failing and sent messages for the couple to return to Sydney.

But it was too late. The influenza pandemic of 1918 had reached Tonga, and Hubert and Pearl readily succumbed to the disease. Despite this, as an obituary describes, they worked "long hours ministering to the sick and stricken people, and then succumbed to the plague themselves." Hubert recovered, but Pearl "gradually grew weaker. After a four-months' struggle for life she fell asleep in his [Hubert's] arms," dying on March 14, 1919, four days after her twenty-eighth birthday.<sup>1</sup>

Pearl's parents greeted the news of her death with a sense of willing sacrifice: "It came as a great shock. . . But God's will be done. Our dear girl has fallen at her post and we thank the dear Lord that He has seen fit to use her for a time in His cause. . . We feel deeply burdened about the work in Haapai and will gladly release another of our girls if it will help, till another





Hubert Tolhurst and Pearl wedding, 1915  
[Colin Richardson]

worker is appointed." Remarkably, this offer was to be taken up.<sup>2</sup>

Back in Australia, Hubert became better acquainted with Elsmer, one of Pearl's sisters. They married on March 15, 1921, and served in Tonga, New Zealand, and other islands of the South Pacific for the next 20 years.

## Norman and Alma Wiles

In late 1914, having just graduated, Norman Wiles volunteered to serve in the New Hebrides (Vanuatu). But he was single, and the Australasian Union committee felt that a missionary ought to be married. During his college years, Norman had been friends with Alma Butz, the daughter of American missionaries to Pitcairn Island, Tonga, New Zealand, and Australia.

It was suggested that Norman marry Alma, and then they could be sent. She later recalled her anger, writing, "I would not submit. . . I would not be bought or sold by committee action." But after her mother counseled with

her, she agreed to meet Norman. According to Alma, "We talked over the advisability and the future possibilities at some length. Norman never proposed in the usual way. We simply felt that if this was the action of the committee, the Lord was leading and that settled the matter."<sup>3</sup>

In early 1915, the newlyweds studied at Sydney Sanitarium, taking a course in tropical medicine. Later that year, they sailed for the New Hebrides, where they initially worked as part of a larger group of missionaries based in Atchin. By February 1916, Norman and Alma began preparing to establish a new station on the larger island of Malekula. In early April, when Norman was 23 and Alma was 21, they took up residence there. The tribes who lived on the island included "warlike cannibals," and the murders of missionaries were not uncommon. A local chief "vowed to eat nothing



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Wedding of Norman and Alma Wiles, December 24, 1914  
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until he had feasted on the flesh of a white man,” and “Norman was the only white man available.”<sup>4</sup>

For the next two years, Norman and Alma won the local people over, learning their languages and making friends. By October 1917, the church leaders in Australia recognized that Norman and Alma had “been working to the point of breaking down their health,” so they “felt obliged to send them home to build up again.” In November, Norman was suffering badly from repeated attacks of malaria, and, according to another missionary, was “very pale and thin.” In 1918, Norman filled responsibilities back in his homeland. In January 1920, however, to the Wilese’s delight, they returned to Malekula. By April, they were receiving requests for Adventist teachers from tribes on the island who had never before contacted them.<sup>5</sup>

But on May 1, 1920, Norman succumbed to blackwater fever. By the third, he was “vomiting all the time, and suffering from chills.” By the fifth, Alma confided her anxiety to her diary: “Hard as it all was, my Father strengthened my faith, so that I never once doubted, nor was my

confidence in Him shaken. . . Again and again I pled that if it could be to His honor and glory, my darling might be spared me, but He gave me strength to add, ‘Thy will be done.’”<sup>6</sup>

On May 5, 1920, Norman Wiles died after five days of terrible suffering. Alma dressed her husband’s body in a new shirt and then covered his corpse in a shroud. Friendly tribesmen helped her to dig a grave and bury Norman in it. She wrote that her heart “was too full for words.”<sup>7</sup>

Norman was only 27 years old when he died; Alma was 25 when she was widowed. But just as Hubert Tolhurst returned to the Pacific Island mission fields, so, too, did Alma Wiles. She later served as a missionary in Papua New Guinea and Nigeria. A passion for mission ran deep in her soul—and in those of many of her contemporaries.

### Elmer and Leatha Coulston

On August 14, 1930, Dr. Elmer F. Coulston, a graduate of the College of Medical Evangelists in Loma Linda, California, married Leatha Wenke,



Change to Elmer and Leatha Coulston.  
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**“Whatever sacrifice is necessary, I shall willingly make for my Master. Truly, I shall be at the front line trenches.”**

a nursing graduate of Emmanuel Missionary College and Battle Creek Sanitarium. Both were twenty-four years old. Barely two weeks after their wedding, they sailed for China, where they studied Chinese in Beijing. After a year of learning the language, they traveled northwest to Kalgan (Zhangjiakou) to the North China Sanitarium. Dr. Coulston was its first medical superintendent, and he threw himself unreservedly into the medical ministry work.

On November 30, 1931, a son, Chris, was born in Kalgan. Sadly, little Chris was buried there too. He died on October 4, 1932. Less than two years later, Elmer contracted diphtheria. Although taken to Beijing for treatment, he died on May 26, 1934. His body was taken back to Kalgan and buried in the same grave as his son. He was only twenty-eight.

Elmer was young, charismatic, and magnetic; remarkably fluent in Chinese; and generally judged to possess “brilliant talents.” His death was regarded as a “terrible loss” by non-Adventist expatriates in northern China and church workers both inside and outside China and mourned by the local community in Kalgan. Yet his “sudden illness and death” did not come entirely as a surprise.”<sup>8</sup>

In his three years at Kalgan, he was often ill, regularly “battling with pleurisy and fever.” The problem was that he prioritized his patients ahead of himself. He commonly worked closely with highly contagious patients. A year before his death, he required a major surgery “which of necessity required that he remain in bed for many days.” But “a few days after his operation an acute case whose life depended on surgery was brought to the hospital.” Elmer had “the man . . . placed on a cot by his bed, and he, while lying down, reached over and successfully

operated on this patient, saving his life.”<sup>9</sup>

Even in Elmer’s final illness, after falling ill on a Friday, on “Sunday he responded to an emergency call, labouring over a dying person . . . for three hours until exhausted.” Having “learned to love” the Chinese people, Elmer and Leatha let nothing stand in the way of modeling Christ’s healing ministry to them.<sup>10</sup>

Elmer had been mentored by Dr. Harry Miller, president of the China Division and a surgeon himself. Miller identified the underlying cause of his protégé’s death as overwork, commenting, “His one fault was working beyond his strength.” But Elmer had told Miller shortly after arriving in China, “Whatever sacrifice is necessary, I shall willingly make for my Master. Truly, I shall be at the front line trenches.”<sup>11</sup>

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# Missionary to Rich Kids

Renato, a fourth-grade teacher at Ekamai International School in Bangkok, Thailand





Thailand

**R**enato Carvalho was living in his homeland of Brazil when he applied to work as a Seventh-day Adventist volunteer in Egypt through VividFaith, the church's mission service portal.

When his request didn't work out, he received an email from VividFaith inviting him to apply for another position.

Renato applied to Ekamai International School in Bangkok, Thailand, and was quickly accepted as a fourth-grade teacher.

When Renato arrived in Thailand, he was surprised to learn that the school catered to the upper class. His 100 fourth-grade students came from families of ambassadors, models, and professional soccer players. He prayed, "God, did You want me to cross 10,000 miles to the 10/40 Window to serve rich people? Many people in Brazil need my help. Why did You bring me here?"

Renato felt nervous on his first day at school. The school sent out a letter to all the parents, introducing him as the new 36-year-old teacher from Brazil.

On the second day, he ate with the children in the cafeteria. He wanted to get a sense of the environment and to hear what the children were talking about.

Renato went through the line and received a bowl of noodles. Then, he sat down at a table with a group of fourth graders from his class. But before eating, he closed his eyes to pray.

Usually, Renato also folded his hands to pray. But on this day, he stretched out his hands with the palms facing up. He wasn't sure why he prayed that way. He just did.

"Dear God," he prayed silently. "Thank You for this food. Please bless it."

When he opened his eyes, one of his new students, a nine-year-old girl, asked, "What are you doing?"

"I was praying," he said.

"But you can't pray like that," she said. "You need to fold your hands."

The girl, like many of the 1,500 children at the school, came from a non-Christian home. Less than three percent of the students are Christian. No one prayed to the God of heaven at her home. The school had taught her everything she knew about praying. Her previous teacher had taught her to close her eyes and fold her hands when she prayed, and now she couldn't understand why Renato had closed his eyes but hadn't folded his hands.

"Does God listen to this kind of prayer?" she asked.

"For sure!" Renato said with a big smile. "He listens to everyone. I have prayed driving a car with open eyes."



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Shock and amazement flashed across the girl's face.

"Can you pray with open eyes?" she asked. Renato's smile grew bigger.

"I've prayed while cooking," he said. "I've prayed while working out."

The girl's shock and amazement grew even bigger. "What?" she exclaimed. "Can God hear you there?"

"God can hear you everywhere," Renato said. "He is just waiting for you to talk to Him. Sometimes, He talks to you even if you don't talk to Him. But You can pray to Him everywhere, even with open eyes and hands."

The girl didn't say anything. After a long silence, she got up and left the table. She had a lot to think about.

At that moment, Renato realized why God had sent him to Thailand. Rich kids also needed to know God. Being a missionary wasn't only about sharing God's love with those in physical need. It was about sharing God's love with everyone, everywhere. Renato resolved to pour his heart into the 15 minutes he had for morning worship with his fourth graders every day.

"My mission is much more than teaching English or literature," said Renato, now in his second year at the school. "I put all my energy into the first fifteen minutes of the day. We talk about the Bible and Bible stories. These stories help them understand God's plan."

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# Theodore Anthony

## Pioneer missionary to Turkey



Turkey



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**T**heodore Anthony was a Greek shoemaker of Turkish descent born in Asia Minor in 1838. He accepted the Adventist message at age 50. Anthony is credited with laying the foundation of Seventh-day Adventism among his people in the Ottoman Empire. He was also instrumental in mission work among the Armenians. He taught the gospel in the face of opposition and persecution for six years before his death in 1895.

Nothing is known about Anthony's family or early childhood. He is first mentioned as a poor cobbler who lived in a small village at the foot of Mount Ararat in northern Turkey. In 1859, at 21 years of age, he journeyed to Constantinople (Istanbul) to apply for immigration to America, where he had heard that Christians could openly worship. He didn't receive approval for another 28 years.

In 1887, at the age of 49, Anthony packed his cobbler tools in a small trunk and sailed to America, choosing to settle in a Greek community in San Jose, California.

One day, about a year later, he noticed a tent in an empty field near his home. All he could discern from the accompanying sign written in English was the starting time of 7:00 P.M. Assuming the event would be a circus, he returned the following evening only to be greeted warmly by two well-dressed men. The cobbler was puzzled, at first, by the empty benches and a pipe organ. However, the tent soon filled with people, and as the singing began, he was thrilled to hear songs about Jesus in his native language.

Another man wearing a suit presented spiritual quotations directly from the Bible in Turkish. Anthony decided to attend every meeting and soon became captivated by the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation.

When the pastor gave an altar call one evening, Anthony was the first to make his way up front. As the pastor later examined the



Theodore Anthony, the shoemaker who brought the Adventist message to Turkey, circa 1870s  
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baptismal candidates, Anthony was perplexed. "Why don't you use the Turkish language to question us?" he asked. No one understood what Anthony was saying. A Greek man from the audience who spoke Turkish translated for Anthony. Only then did he understand that not a word in Turkish had been sung or spoken throughout the series of meetings. Tears streamed down his face as he realized the Holy Spirit had given him the gift of hearing the Advent message in his native tongue.

Anthony was baptized in 1888, and a year later, he felt impressed to take the gospel to Turkey. Before going to Constantinople, he sold his business and went to Battle Creek, Michigan, to present to Adventist church leaders the idea of serving as a self-supporting missionary. Favored by the administration, Anthony returned to his homeland as the first Seventh-day Adventist missionary, bringing with him Greek and Armenian Bibles, and any English, French, or German literature he could find.

Anthony's arrival began the first permanent Adventist work in the Middle East. He visited the Christian groups of Constantinople, hoping to find common ground with them. However, he soon met resistance from believers who accused

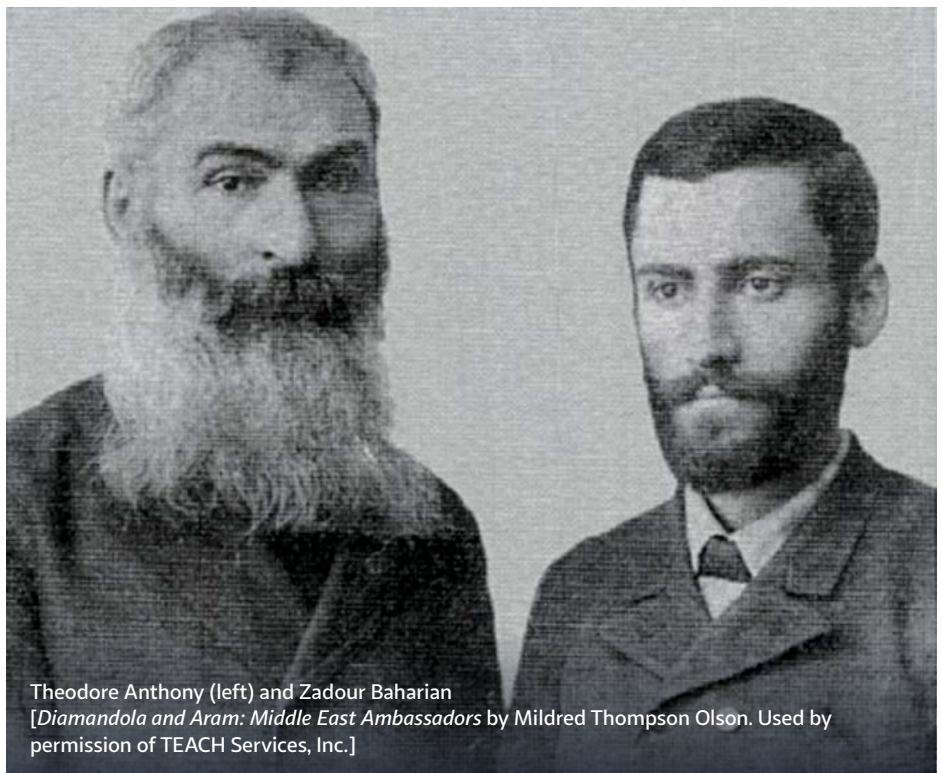
him of causing dissension and confusion among them. One day, while talking to people on the street, he was arrested by the police and put in prison for two weeks.

While living in Turkey, Anthony worked for a shoe-maker and rented a room from a former acquaintance named Mr. Baharian. When Mr. Baharian's son, Zadour, returned from school for his summer break, Anthony gave him the books *Daniel and Revelation* and *History of the Sabbath*. Although Anthony wasn't a seasoned missionary and had read little of the denominational literature (as most were written in English), his keen understanding of Adventist beliefs helped to convince the young Baharian of the Advent message. Baharian became Anthony's first convert and a committed Seventh-day Adventist.

Word of Baharian's conversion reached Elder H. P. Holser, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Central European Mission. In 1890, Baharian was called to the Chauxde-Fonds Adventist school in Basel, Switzerland, to prepare to work among the people of the Ottoman Empire. During the two years he studied there, he translated numerous Bible readings. In six months, more than 10,000 pages were sent to 300 people in 12 cities of Asia Minor, and more than 59 letters were received from various people, asking questions about various points of truth.

When Baharian returned to Turkey in 1892, he and Anthony secured a permit for printing. They submitted translated material to a press for publication and mailed literature all over Asia Minor. It wasn't long before false accusations sent both men to prison for four days. However, the government officials recognized they had permits and released them.

Anthony and Baharian received more requests from people wanting Bible studies than they could fulfill. In 1893, they held evangelistic meetings in Ovajik, Bardizag, Aleppo, and Alexandretta, where the literature had aroused the most interest. New groups of believers were started, and the work in Asia Minor advanced rapidly. When H. P. Holser visited Turkey in 1894, he found the work well-established.



Theodore Anthony (left) and Zadour Baharian  
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In 1895, after six years of hard work, travel, and conflict, Anthony became ill and died at age 57. Many converts remembered him with respect and called him Todor Baba (Father Theodore). Anthony left a remarkable legacy of sacrifice and dedication for Baharian and the growing number of believers throughout Asia Minor as the message spread across the region.

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# Called to India



India

It may seem like a stretch to compare Georgia Burrus with a biblical figure such as Abraham. They lived centuries apart in totally different cultures. But there are echoes of his call in the life of Burrus. Abraham (then Abram) was told to leave his country and his family and go to a land God would show him. As a teenager, Burrus had become a Seventh-day Adventist despite family opposition. In a way, she had already left her family. Now she was getting prepared to also leave her country. Abraham was called to be a blessing, and Georgia Burrus wanted to be a blessing in India. By faith, Burrus went as the first Adventist missionary to India.

The day finally came to catch the train to New York. From there, Burrus would travel to London and then on to India. The General Conference had already arranged for her train ticket to New York and ship passage across the Atlantic. But when it came time to head to the train station, she realized she had less than fifty cents in her purse. It wasn't enough money to get to the station. "After finishing packing my trunk," she wrote some years later, "I sat down on it to think of some way out of the difficulty."<sup>1</sup>

While she was sitting on the trunk, Mr. Hall, owner of the home where she was staying, burst into the room and asked why she wasn't already at the station. She told him the sorry story. He quickly exited the room and came back a few minutes later. Pressing a hundred dollars cash into her hands, he said, "May the Lord bless you and make you a blessing in India."<sup>2</sup> So, on Sunday, July 15, 1894, Burrus finally made it to

the station and boarded the evening train for New York City. Also on the train were the families of William Thurston (who would become the first official missionary to work in Brazil) and Frank Westphal (the first ordained minister sent to Argentina).

On the way to New York City, the train stopped for five minutes to let passengers view Niagara Falls. Unfortunately, fog meant they couldn't see anything. They continued, arriving in New York City the following evening. They spent one day in the city before boarding the *SS Paris* for London on the day before Burrus' twenty-eighth birthday. After nearly eight days sailing, they arrived in Southampton and traveled by train to London.

Burrus met up with Dores A. Robinson and his family in London. They, too, were en route to serve as missionaries in India. But she learned they planned to stay another year in England. This wasn't good news for a young woman impatient to get to her mission field. Fortunately, the General Conference gave her permission to continue alone to India and



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paid her fare. But this was on the understanding that once in India, she would need to support herself financially—by teaching or selling books—while learning the local language.

After thirty-three days on the ship, Burrus arrived in India on January 23, 1895. She was the first single Adventist woman to venture into a non-Christian country. Burrus sailed up the Hooghly River to Kolkata (then known as Calcutta), and a launch brought mail aboard from friends on shore. Her heart sank as she wondered whether anybody would be there to meet her. But to her surprise, a man came with a letter addressed to her. It was from an older Adventist couple selling books. They had arranged for her to stay in a guesthouse. But when they went there, they discovered the accommodation had been taken by someone else.



Georgia, third from right in the second row, with the mission team in Calcutta, India [General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Archives]



Georgia Burrus Burgess with her husband, Luther, whom she married in 1902 [Lucy Kharkongor]

For the rest of the afternoon, they searched the city, trying to find somewhere to stay that

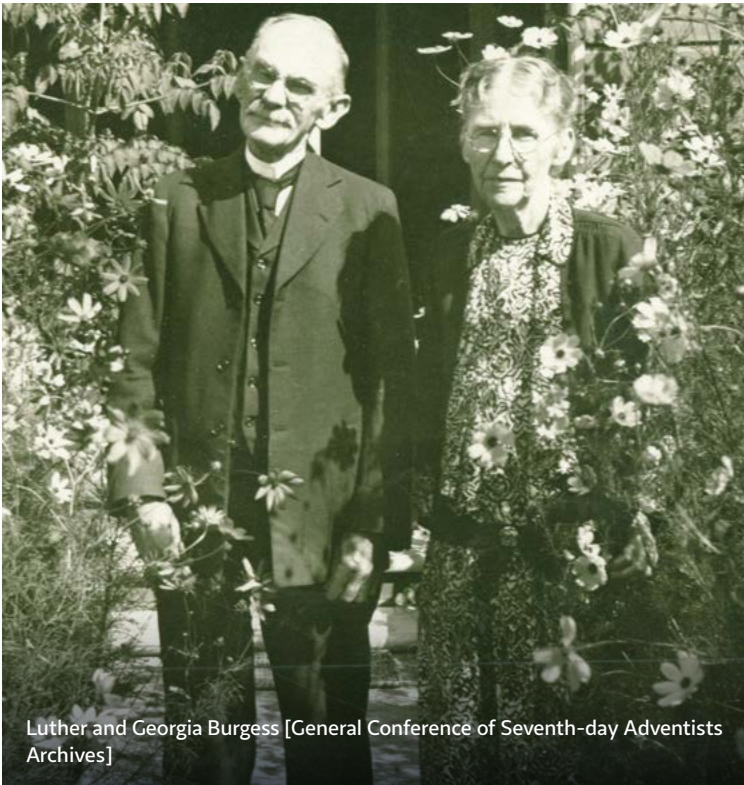
would fit Burrus's limited budget. Finally, as the sun was setting, they found a room. But it was expensive—four rupees a day (about \$1.25 back then). Burrus had only forty dollars in her purse, so she knew she couldn't stay long. The next day, she found a cheaper room at the YWCA—the Young Women's Christian Association—and that turned out to be the perfect place for her to stay.

In India, Burrus threw herself into learning local languages and was soon fluent in Bengali and Hindustani. The first two baptisms in India, including the first from another religion, were the direct result of her witness. During her time in India, she worked in zenanas (the portion of a home in India where women were secluded) and set up schools and orphanages. "It was not the first, nor the last, time in our work," wrote W. A. Spicer, "that a woman with the open Bible was to lead the way in a new field."<sup>3</sup>

We're told that Abraham accepted God's call because he had faith. We aren't given any more detail than that. In the case of Georgia Burrus, we get a little more insight. She wrote, "It is the women and children of India who call most loudly for our sympathy and help and love." Further, "What the cause of Christ needs in India above everything else is workers whose hearts are so warm and full of the love of God, and love for the souls for whom Christ died, that, in their associations with these people, they will reveal in their own lives the preciousness of the love of Christ."<sup>4</sup> Yes, like Abraham, she was driven by faith. But closely connected was another motivation—love.

A year after Burrus arrived in India, the Robinson family joined her. Dores Robinson





Luther and Georgia Burgess [General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Archives]

was to head the work in India, based in Kar-matar, Bengal. It was frontline, pioneering work, and it wasn't easy. A few years after his arrival, Robinson wrote:

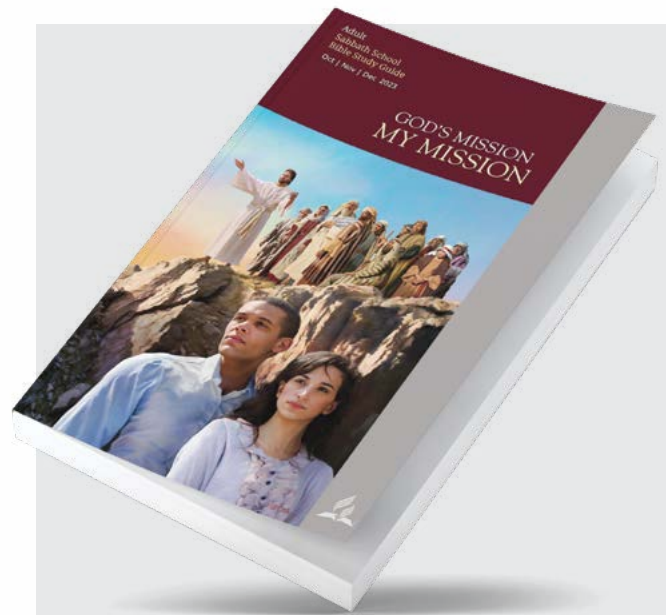
*Some write and ask if it is very hot here, and say they would be glad to come and spend their lives here if it was not too warm. All we can say to such persons is that they would better not come. It is hot here . . . So every one who is looking out for a nice place, free from unsightly objects,—a place with pure air, comfortable temperature, and pleasant surroundings, and where, humanly speaking, health will not be endangered,—would better not come here. But the condition that exists here is the very thing that leads us to say, “Come over, . . . and help us,” and the very reason we are glad we are here.<sup>5</sup>*

Tragically, just over a year after he wrote these words, Robinson passed away. He and another missionary, Dr. F. W. Brown, contracted smallpox and didn't recover. William Spicer, in India at the time, visited Robinson during his final days. “On receipt of word that Elder Robinson seemed bound to die, I went down and was with him in his last conscious hours,” Spicer wrote. “I told him that if he must lay down his work, perhaps God would use that to draw attention to India's needs in a way that

even his life might not be able to do. He replied with his swollen lips, ‘Perhaps, perhaps—I hope.’ I really think his death did draw sympathy to India that counted in succeeding years.”<sup>6</sup> Fifty-one-year-old Dores Robinson was buried in Karate, Bengal.

Three years after these deaths, seven years after arriving in India, Burrus married Luther Burgess, a fellow missionary. Later, they moved to northern India. And here is one final parallel with Abraham, who we know lived in tents (Hebrews 11:8). “Our tent is only 8 x 10,” she wrote in 1907 to Elder and Mrs. Haskell, “but it is quite large enough to hold us all and all our earthly possessions, and I am sure we could not be happier if we were living in a mansion.”<sup>7</sup>

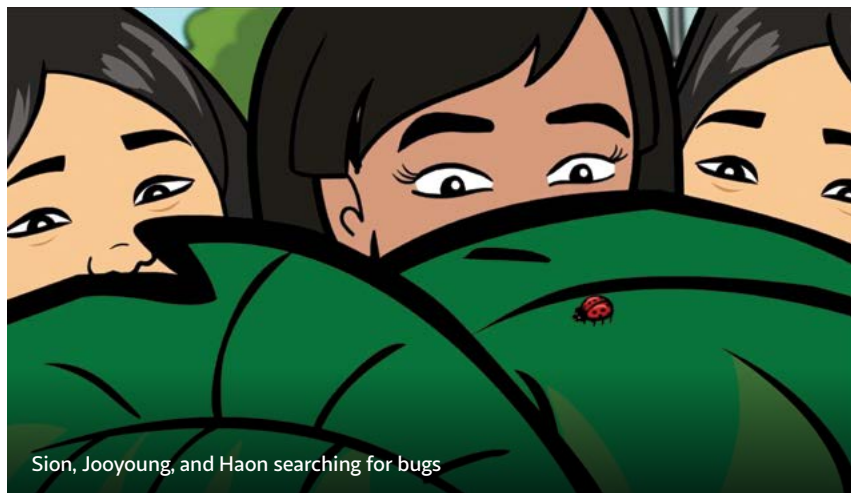
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## Children's Story

# Bugs, Lizards, and Cats



Sion, Jooyoung, and Haon searching for bugs

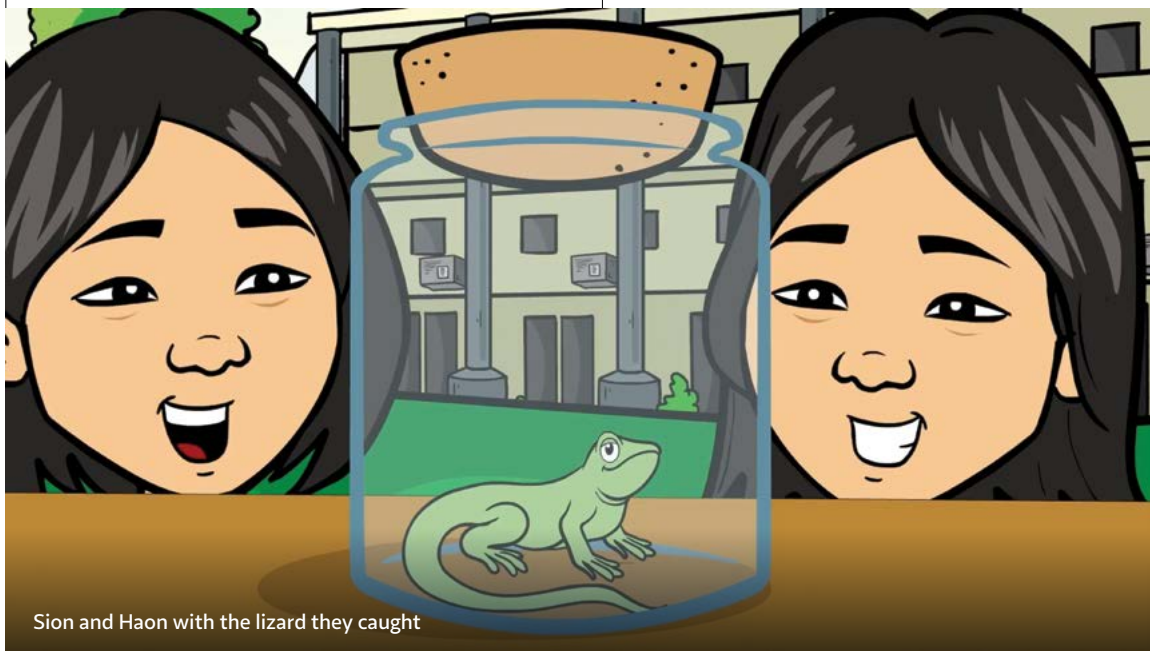


South Korea

**F**ive-year-old Haon and four-year-old Sion were sisters living in South Korea. They loved playing with their five-year-old neighbor, a girl named Jooyoung. When the three little girls got together, they had big adventures.

All around the outside of their apartment building they went, hunting high and low for a lizard.

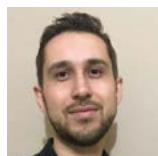
What do you think the girls did when they captured a lizard? They fed it a delicious meal of flies and bugs, of course! Then they released



Sion and Haon with the lizard they caught



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These girls had no fear of any creature, big or small.

One of the girls' favorite activities was catching flies and bugs and putting them into a jar. All around the outside of their apartment building they went, hunting high and low for flies and bugs.

When Haon, Sion, and Jooyoung had caught enough flies and bugs, they looked for a lizard.

the lizard to resume its journey across an apartment building wall.

Haon and Sion would have liked to bring the lizard and the flies and bugs into their apartment. But their mom wouldn't let them. She said lizards, flies, and bugs belonged outdoors.

Their mom also said cats belonged outdoors. Several cats with no home lived in the





Sion, Jooyoung, and Haon playing with the cats in the garden

garden outside the apartment building. Haon, Sion, and Jooyoung enjoyed petting them, talking to them, and feeding them.

Their mom didn't allow flies, bugs, lizards, or stray cats in the apartment. But she did make an exception for a baby bird. Once, the girls found a baby sparrow that was shivering with cold after falling out of its mother's nest.

Their mom allowed the girls to bring it into the apartment to warm up in a box. Then they returned the baby sparrow to its mother.

Haon, Sion, and Jooyoung were the best of friends. They loved to play, and they loved animals. But they had one big difference. Haon and Sion loved Jesus, but Jooyoung had never heard of Jesus. Haon and Sion were waiting



Sion and Haon praying for Jooyoung





Sion, Jooyoung, and Haon in church together

for Jesus to come and take His children to heaven. Jooyoung had never heard that Jesus would come and take people to heaven. Haon and Sion wanted their friend to know and love Jesus. They began praying every night for her and her family to know Him.

Then the girls grew older and started to go to school. They didn't have as much time to play. One Sabbath morning, Jooyoung knocked on her friends' door.

"Can we play at your place today?" she asked.

"We can't play here today because we are going to church," Haon said.

"It would be great if we could go together to church," Sion said.

Jooyoung couldn't go that day. But she kept coming over on Sabbath mornings, and her friends kept inviting her to church. One Sabbath morning, she agreed to go to church. Haon and Sion were overjoyed! It was an answer to their prayers. They had prayed every night for two years for Jooyoung to know Jesus.

Today, Haon is 13, and Sion is 12. Jooyoung is 13, and she has been going to church with them every Sabbath for six years. The girls look forward to playing with insects, lizards, and cats when Jesus makes our earth brand new.

Please pray for Jooyoung's family to also know Jesus.



Sion, 12, and Haon, 13

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