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DEAR SABBATH SCHOOL LEADER,

This quarter we feature the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, which includes China, Japan, Mongolia, North and South Korea, and Taiwan. The region is home to 1.5 billion people, with an Adventist membership of 560,000. That's a ratio of one Adventist for nearly every 3,000 people.

Language Fun

The Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will go to projects in Japan, Mongolia, and Taiwan. Additional stories come from Korea. Some words and phrases in the languages of these countries appear at the end of the stories; look for additional words and songs on our Web site, www.AdventistMission.org.

Mission Potluck

If you wish to host a mission potluck featuring the foods and cultures of Northern Asia-Pacific, visit our Web site for recipes. Label the foods with their name and country.

Decorate the church fellowship tables with red Chinese paper lanterns the children have made (see pattern on the Web site) and pictures cut from travel brochures.

Ask the children to greet people in Korean or Japanese as they arrive. After the meal, invite the children to sing a Japanese song or two that they have learned.

Make a Mission Scene

Make a mural featuring the people

of Northern Asia-Pacific. Download and print photos of people (available on the Web site) and paste them on a large map of the Division. Add famous landmarks (from the Web site or from travel brochures) such as Mt. Fuji and Buddhist and Shinto temples to help children understand how people of the region worship.

Offering Device

Make a Chinese lantern and wrap it around a large tin can to use as an offering device. See pattern on the Web site.

Special Features

* **Invite a guest** who has traveled to or lived in one of the countries of Northern Asia-Pacific Division. Ask them to bring appropriate items for the children to see and touch.

* **Decorate the room** with paper lanterns, origami animals, artificial cherry blossoms, or pictures cut from magazines or travel brochures. See the Web site for patterns.

* **Further Activities.** For activities such as games, crafts, more recipes and puzzles, and other mission ideas, visit our Web site, www.AdventistMission.org. There you will find PDF pages of crafts, language and songs, recipes, and games to download or print for use in your Sabbath School.

Yours for the kingdom,



Charlotte Ishkanian



M O N G O L I A | October 4

UUGNAA AND JAKNA

DISCOVERING GOD IN MONGOLIA

Children in Mongolia discover God when friends invite them to church.

[Download photos from the “activities” section of the current Children’s Mission quarterly. Look for them at www.AdventistMission.org. Show the photos to the children as you tell the story.]

Welcome to Mongolia, a land-locked country squeezed between China and Russia. *[Locate Mongolia on a map.]* Mongolian culture is one of the oldest in the world, dating back thousands of years. At one time the Mongols, as the people of Mongolia are known, formed the largest empire in the world under the leadership of Genghis Khan, a fierce warrior.

FAST FACTS

- Mongolia has about 2.8 million people, a million of whom live in the capital city, Ulaanbaatar [ooh-lahn-BAH-r].
- The first converts after the fall of Communism were baptized in 1993. Today more than 1,200 Adventists in Mongolia worship in 23 churches, companies, and groups. Seven of these church groups are located in Ulaanbaatar.
- Most of the Adventists in Mongolia are under 30 years old.

In more recent years the people of Mongolia have been nomadic cattle herders, raising sheep, horses, camels, and goats on the broad grasslands that stretch across the country. For centuries these people have ridden their horses across the vast plains and rolling hills. Even today you can see Mongolian cowboys riding behind their herds not far from the cities.

These nomadic people lived in portable homes called *gers*. Their homes keep them from freezing during winter in one of the coldest regions inhabited by humans. *[Show a picture of a ger.]*

But some people are leaving their nomadic life and moving to the cities, where they hope to find an easier life. Some bring their ger with them and live in them right in the city.

Uugnaa Discovers God

Uugnaa [OOG-nah] lives in the capital city of Mongolia. Her family moved from the countryside to the city when she was quite young. She has a younger brother, who is 7 years old. Uugnaa enjoys making flowers and birds from paper. This skill is called origami [oh-ree-GAH-mee], or paper folding.

Most Mongolians are not Christians. The grandparents once worshipped at Buddhist shrines, but during communist times religion was forbidden, so many abandoned their faith. So most Mongolian children don't go to church either. Instead they spend their weekends playing and looking for adventure.

Uugnaa didn't go to church either. Then one day her friend at school invited her to visit her church. Uugnaa was curious to see what people did at church, so she went. She liked going to church and continued attending for about a year. Then the church moved, and she couldn't go any more. Uugnaa missed going to church and wished she could find another church to attend.

Then one day her cousin invited her to attend her church. Uugnaa gladly agreed, and her parents didn't mind. So on Sabbath morning Uugnaa and her cousin walked to the Adventist church not too far from her home. "I liked my cousin's church," Uugnaa said. "I especially like the children's classes. It's

fun to sing songs and learn Bible stories."

Bringing Little Brother

Uugnaa liked church so much that she decided to take her little brother, Jakna [JAHK-nah]. Maybe he would like to learn about Jesus too. And Uugnaa was right. Jakna loved Sabbath School. Uugnaa was glad when her teacher gave her a Sabbath School lesson quarterly that she could read to her brother.

"Going to church has changed me," Uugnaa says. "I used to get angry easily, but now I'm happier and don't get angry as I used to. I help my mother because she has a lot to do. She likes that. I've been coming to church for five months now, and I'm still learning what it means to follow Jesus. When my brother asks me to read to him, I don't tell him to go away, but I read to him."

Jakna is glad that his sister takes him to Sabbath School. He likes to color Bible pictures and listen to Bible stories. "I'm glad that my sister invited me to go to Sabbath School," he says.

Uugnaa's mother works every day and cannot go to church with the children. Their father is ill and can't take them. But Uugnaa is trying to tell her parents what she is learning in church. Uugnaa is being a missionary to her parents and to her brother. Who can you be a missionary to this week? Perhaps you can invite someone to come to church with you next week. Or you can share God's love with a classmate at school. And you can bring your mission offering to Sabbath School so that others who live far away can learn that Jesus loves them, just as Uugnaa and Jakna are learning. 🌍



M O N G O L I A | October 11

ZOLA

ZOLA'S PRAYER

Zola wanted to go to church every Sabbath, but Granny couldn't take her.

[Prepare to show the children a model of a ger or a picture of one.]

Zola and Urjay [OOR-jay] are sisters. They live next door to their grandmother in Ulaanbaatar [OO-lahn BAH-tur], Mongolia. *[Locate Mongolia on a map].*

Ever since the girls were little, their Auntie Inka [INK-ah] took them to Sabbath School. They loved Sabbath School, especially the stories about Jesus.

MISSION POST

- In 1993 the first Mongolian Adventist Christians were baptized as a result of the work of Adventist missionaries. Today, 15 years later, more than 1,200 Adventists share their faith in Mongolia.
- The Thirteenth Sabbath Offering in 2002 helped to purchase a *ger* for use as a church, to complete a traditional church in the capital city, and to purchase a former wedding hall in the second-largest city, Darhan, to serve as a church. Other smaller groups received help to renovate or expand their existing worship facilities. Today there are 23 Adventist churches, companies, and small groups meeting throughout Mongolia.

Grandma's Dilemma

Then Auntie Inka had to go away to study for several months. That meant that Grandmother had to take the girls to church. The congregation didn't have a nice church in which to worship. Instead they met in someone's home. The children met in one room, and the adults met in another.

Grandmother was growing old, and she wasn't sure she could take both little girls to church, especially since she had to change buses halfway to church. But she felt that she could take one girl each week. And during the icy winter, even

Grandmother couldn't go to church. So the girls had to stay home too.

"We want to go to church!" the girls would chorus on Sabbath morning. But they realized that they must not beg or pout. They must be satisfied to go whenever Grandmother could take them.

Zola's Prayer

One day Zola heard the grown-ups talking about a church—a real church. Zola knew that most of the believers in her city worshipped in someone's home or in an old store or in a *ger* (a traditional Mongolian round house; see photo on Web page). She had never been inside a real church, but she was sure that it must be a wonderful place. She was too young to help build the church, but she knew that she could pray for their new church. And she did.

Then one day Zola heard about an offering—a special offering called the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering. Part of the offering was coming to Mongolia to

help build churches.

Prayed-for Church

Today, several years later, Zola's prayers for a church have been answered. The new church is on the bus line, and Grandmother and the girls don't have to change buses to get there. And if Mother or Grandmother can't go to church, the sisters can take the bus to Sabbath School by themselves. They don't have to miss church anymore.

The offerings we give every week help people around the world learn about Jesus. But part of the offering that we give on Thirteenth Sabbath goes to help complete a special project where the church needs our help. This quarter part of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help build a dormitory for Adventist college students in Mongolia who have no place to live while they attend school. How can you save money for the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering on December 31? 🌐

** Make a ger using the instructions on the Adventist Mission Web site at www.AdventistMission.org. Click on "4th quarter", then on "Activities" under the English language quarterly. You will find crafts and activities to download and print for your Sabbath School mission promotion.*

LET'S SPEAK MONGOLIAN

Introduce the children to some Mongolian words and phrases. Vowel sounds are pronounced as follows: *a* as in sang; *aa* as in bad; *ah* as in father; *ai* as in eye; *ay* as in hay; *ee* as in bee; *eh* as in bet; *oh* as in toe; *oo* as in boot. The accented syllables are written in capital letters.

Common Phrases

Happy Sabbath
Hello
Good morning
Thank you
Yes
No
You're welcome

Pronunciation

shah-bah-TEEN mihnd
sang baa-NOH
ohg-gloh-NEE mihnd
bai-EHR-shlah (roll the r)
teem
oo-GWEE
dzoo-GEHR (roll the r)



SANA'S DISCOVERY

Two boys found a group of Christians and shared their discovery with others.

MISSION POST

- The majority of people who live in Mongolia follow the Buddhist faith. They believe they must live well in this life to gain merit so that in the next life they will be born on a higher level. How does this compare with what Christians believe? Do Christians have to live a good life to earn favor with God? Or did Jesus pay for our sins so that we have favor with God right now?
- Today there are about 1,200 Adventist Christians in Mongolia. Some worship in churches, and others meet in homes or a traditional cloth home, called a ger [show a picture of a ger or the model you have made]. But wherever they meet, God meets with them.

Sana is 10 years old and lives in Mongolia. One day he and a friend were riding the bus when Sana saw a group of people standing near a building.

“Hey,” Sana said, “let’s go see what’s happening.” The boys jumped off the bus and ran toward the group. The people were smiling as a man took their picture.

“What is happening?” Sana asked the man with the camera.

“We are taking a picture of our church members,” the man answered.

What Is Church?

“What is church?” Sana asked. He knew nothing about Jesus.

The man smiled and said, “Come next Saturday morning at 10:00 and find out. You will be welcomed.”

The next Saturday morning Sana and his friend rode the bus to the building where they had seen the church members the previous week. They hopped off the bus and hurried toward the building.

A friendly woman greeted the boys and showed

them where the children met. She introduced them to the girl who would be their teacher. The boys took a seat, for it was time to begin. Sana looked around, wondering what Christians do when they worship their God.

The children began singing with enthusiasm. Sana listened carefully and tried to follow along. After the song service the leader told a story about a man named Jesus. She had some felt pictures that she put on a board as she told the story. Sana had never heard about Jesus before, but he sensed that this man was very kind and loving.

The boys liked Sabbath School and decided to return the next week. Sana told his parents and his younger brother what he was learning at church and invited them to come with him. But his parents said that they must work every day in order to feed their family. So Sana took his younger brother to church.

Sick Sister

One day Sana's mother looked worried. "Baby Sister should be able to sit up by now," she said. "But she can't

even hold her head up," Sana decided to pray that God would help his baby sister to sit up and hold her head upright. A few weeks later Sana saw that Baby Sister could hold her head up.

Sana's mother walked into the room. "Look, Mama," Sana said. "See how Baby Sister can hold her head up? I prayed that God would make her stronger, and He has! Soon she will sit up alone!"

Sana's mother smiled at him. And the next time Sana invited his parents to attend church with him, they went. They found a small group meeting closer to their home, and the family began worshipping there. One happy day Sana's parents were baptized.

Sana is glad that he found the Adventist Christians that day. He is glad that God answered his prayer for his little sister and that God helped his parents to give their lives to Jesus.

Our mission offerings helped send missionaries to Mongolia to share God's love with the people there. Maybe some of *our* offering helped the group with whom Sana and his family worship. 🌍

SING IN MONGOLIAN

Jesus Loves Me*

See pronunciation guide on page 7 to sing this ever-popular children's song.

yeh-soos nah-daht hahr-tah-dah
bee-bisch nah-daht hihl-sehn-deh
jah-hong hoh-doodt too neech-teh
yeh-soos hooch-teh beet-hooch-kwee

Chorus:

tah-nah daht hahr-tah (repeat three times)
gehch bee-bisch hihl-sehn-deh

meh-nee geh-meek oh-chahl-sahng
yeh-soos nah-daht hahr-tah-dah
moong-heen seh hong ah-rahndah
yeh-soos nah-maag ah-rokh-nah

nom-hong dah roh baa-aa volsch
yeh-soos nah-maak hah-dlahndah
tehn-green hoh-chiht hah soht-lahs
nahm-aack oor-gihtsch hahtch bah-dihk



THE INVITATION

Jien-Yu [jee-EHN yoo] lives on the island of Taiwan. [*Locate Taiwan, off the eastern coast of China, on a map.*] He and his mother and grandmother and younger sister worship in the Adventist church next door to their home.

When the pastor announced that the church would hold evangelistic meetings, he urged everyone to invite their friends and families to attend. Jien-Yu decided to invite his schoolteacher.

The next day at school Jien-Yu approached her desk. “Teacher,” he said, “our church is going to hold evangelistic meetings, and I’d like you to come.” He gave her a brochure about the meetings.

FAST FACTS

- Taiwan is a small island off the coast of China. Many of the people who live there are Chinese who came from China. The official language is Mandarin Chinese.
- Most Christians, and most Adventists, are tribal people, called aborigines. They make up only about 2 percent of the population, most of whom come from the mountainous areas of Taiwan. Among the ethnic Chinese, only one in every 25,000 is an Adventist Christian.

The teacher looked at the brochure and said, “Yes, I will try to come if I can. Thank you.” Jien-Yu smiled as he returned to his seat.

Waiting for Teacher

The evangelistic programs began on Sunday evening. All weekend Jien-Yu prayed that his teacher would come. On Sunday afternoon Jien-Yu helped the pastor place chairs in the church courtyard. He checked to see that all the electrical equipment was properly plugged in. Then he scanned the courtyard. Everything was ready!

Jien-Yu watched as people entered the courtyard. He didn’t see his teacher.

When it was time to begin the song service, he joined his friends up front to lead the singing. As he sang, he looked for his teacher, but he didn't see her. She hadn't come. Jien-Yu was so disappointed.

Message for Teacher

The next day at school he decided to write a note in his homework notebook inviting her to come again.

"Dear Teacher," he wrote. "We had our first meeting at church last night. I helped lead the song service, but I didn't see you. I was disappointed. But the meetings continue this week. I hope you can come."

Jien-Yu turned in his homework notebook for the teacher to correct. That afternoon when the teacher returned the students' notebooks, Jien-Yu opened his to his day's work. He saw the note he had written his teacher. Underneath she had written a note to him. "I am sorry I missed the appointment last night. We had a meeting at school until late. . . ."

Jien-Yu wrote another note to his teacher. "Dear Teacher, It's OK that you missed the meeting yesterday. We have meetings all this week. I hope you can come." Jien-Yu finished his homework then hurried to the church to help prepare for the evening meeting. Again he led song service and watched for his teacher to arrive. But he didn't see her. He watched for her during the sermon, but when the meeting ended, she still hadn't come.

The next morning Jien-Yu again turned in his homework notebook with the note he had written the day before. And when the teacher returned the notebook later that afternoon,

Jien-Yu found another message from the teacher. "Thank you for your understanding. I wish you all the best on your performance tonight."

That night as Jien-Yu helped lead the singing, he saw his teacher slip in and sit down in the back. At last she had come! He sang with new energy. After the meeting Jien-Yu hurried to thank his teacher for coming, but she had already gone.

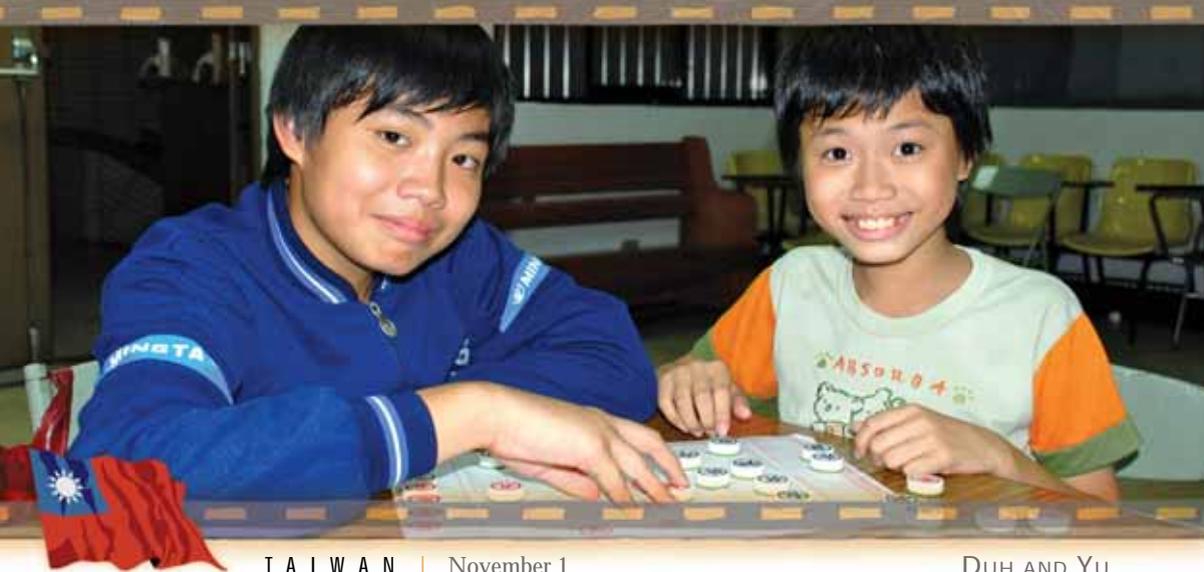
The next day when Jien-Yu's teacher returned the homework notebook, Jien-Yu found another note from her. It said, "I came to the meeting last night. It was wonderful, and you were great." Jien-Yu smiled to himself.

That evening Jien-Yu wrote one last note to his teacher. "Dear Teacher," he wrote. "I'm so glad you came to the meeting last night. If you have time, please come and listen again. We have refreshments after the meeting. Please do come."

Every evening Jien-Yu watched for his teacher to come to the meeting. But she did not return. Jien-Yu was glad he had invited her, even though she didn't come every night and didn't give her heart to Jesus.

Jien-Yu prays for his teacher often. He knows that maybe one day she will remember his invitation and accept Jesus into her heart. Meanwhile, Jien-Yu tries to be the best student he can so that his teacher will see that he is a friend of Jesus and will want to know Jesus too.

You can be a missionary just like Jien-Yu. You can invite someone to Sabbath School or to a special meeting at church. And by your good behavior, you can show others that Jesus is your friend. 🌍



T A I W A N | November 1

DUH AND YU

THE HONEST BROTHERS

The bag contained money—more than they had ever seen. But they knew what they had to do.

Duh and Yu are brothers. They live with their father in a tiny one-room apartment in a large city in Taiwan. *[On a map, locate Taiwan, off the coast of China.]* The boys' mother died when the brothers were small. Their father feels bad that he can't work at a steady job and provide well for his boys. Often the boys go to school hungry. But the boys love their father and don't want to live with someone else.

MISSION POST

- Taiwan is a small island with many people. More than 23 million people live in Taiwan, mostly in the lowland along the western coast. Taipei is the largest city and capital. Duh and Yu live in Taichung, the third-largest city, located near the center of the island.
- Only about half the people in Taiwan follow a religion, and of those most are Buddhists. Among the Chinese people living in Taiwan, only one in every 25,000 is a Seventh-day Adventist Christian. Most Adventists belong to the tribal people groups, who live in the mountains outside the cities.

The boys do well in school because after classes end Duh and Yu go to the after-school center in the Adventist church across the street from the school. There volunteer teachers help the children with their homework and provide a hot meal for them.

"I like coming to the after-school center," Yu says. "It's fun to play games when our work is done, and the food is good too."

Sabbath Program

Duh and Yu are not from an Adventist home. But on Sabbath the children from the after-school center return to the center to attend children's church. "I like learning about God," Duh says. "And we get lunch, too," he adds with a smile. The brothers stay at church all

afternoon for worship, Pathfinders, and an after-sunset playtime.

The brothers especially enjoy Pathfinders and are proud of the honors they have earned. Although their father is not a Christian, he gladly allows them to attend the church's programs because he knows that the boys are learning to be good citizens. The lessons they have learned at church and in Pathfinders have made a big impact on the boys.

The Found Money

Last year when Duh and Yu and two girls from the after-school program were walking to the library, Duh found a small cloth bag filled with coins. "It's not ours," one of the children said, so they took the money to the nearby police station.

The police officer listened to the children's story. He took their names and addresses, then he emptied the bag to count the money. It was more money than the children had ever seen.

The next day a newspaper reporter

interviewed the children about the money they had found. "We learned to be honest at the church and in Pathfinders," Duh told the reporter. "At church we are taught that Jesus is our example, and we want to be like Him."

No one claimed the money, so the police officer gave the money to the children's school to help pay their school fees.

Hearts for Others

Although the children are poor, they think of others who have even less. When Yu grows up, he wants to work in an after-school program such as the one the church operates. The brothers want to follow Jesus and would like to tell children around the world about God's love.

Boys and girls, we can tell others about Jesus right where we live. And we can tell people around the world about Jesus by giving our mission offering. God is pleased when we choose to share our love for God with others. 🌍

SPEAK MANDARIN CHINESE

The official language of Taiwan is Mandarin Chinese. The words below are written phonetically. Chinese is spoken in one of four tones, shown here by the following marks. (1) ¯ - tone remains even, (2) ´ - tone rises at end, (3) ˘ - tone dips in the middle and rises at end, and (4) ` - tone falls at the end. If no mark appears over the syllable, say it softly.

Common Phrases

Hello
Welcome
Please
Thank you
Goodbye
Where is China?

Pronunciation

nee´ how
hwan˘ yeen´
cheeng
shi-eh` shi-eh`
dzai` jee-en`
jong˘ gwaw´ dza` na lee



BEST FRIENDS

Eric is eager that his best friend will become his forever friend in Jesus.

Way How likes to be called by his English name, Eric. He is 9 years old and lives in Taipei, the capital city of Taiwan. *[On a map, locate Taiwan off the coast of China.]* Eric's best friend is Boway [BOH-way]. Almost every day the boys spend time together on the telephone or at each other's house after school. One day Eric learned

that Boway had gone to kindergarten in the Adventist church Eric's family attends. He wondered whether Boway would also like to go to Sabbath School with him.

MISSION POST

- About half of the people in Taiwan follow a religion. Most who do profess a religion are Buddhists, who believe they must struggle against bad feelings and actions over the course of many lives, deaths, and rebirths. They have no hope of a Savior or of an eternity in heaven.
- Most people in Taiwan speak Mandarin Chinese, the official language. Part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will provide special programs in Chinese to help the people of Taiwan and China learn that there is a God who loves them and who has paid the price so they can spend eternity with Him.

The Invitation

Eric called his friend to invite him to church. Boway asked his parents for permission, and they said he could go. So on Sabbath morning, Eric hurried to Boway's house to walk him to Sabbath School. He found Boway and his brother ready and waiting to go. They walked to the church, just a few minutes away.

"When we arrived in church," Eric said, "I showed Boway and his

brother our Sabbath School class and introduced them to some of my friends. Boway recognized some kids that he had met in kindergarten. When Sabbath School started, I tried to help Boway learn the songs and repeat the memory text after we listened to the Bible story. He hadn't practiced it, so I promised to help him learn it for next week. Then we made greeting cards to give to people. I helped Boway's little brother make his card."

Eric was a good host, don't you think?

After Sabbath School the children went upstairs to join the adults for worship. The boys tried to stay quiet and listen to the sermon. When Boway and his brother became restless, Eric shared some books he had brought along.

When church ended, Boway and his brother stayed for the church lunch. Then they went home while Eric stayed at church for Adventurers' Club.

Keep Inviting

Eric invited Boway to church.

"Sometimes he comes, but other times his family is busy and he can't come," Eric

says. "I want him to come all the time."

Boway has been attending the church for two years now. The boys are still friends, even though they are not in the same class at school anymore. They talk on the phone when they get home from school, and they stay in touch.

Last summer Eric's parents invited Boway and his father and grandmother to go to camp meeting at the Adventist college in the hills of Taiwan. They had a great time. Eric enjoyed having Boway at camp meeting, and he's sure Boway liked it too, especially the activities the teachers planned for the children.

"I am glad that my friend is learning about Jesus," Eric says. "I hope he learns to love Jesus as I do. Then we can be best friends in heaven."

Boys and girls, we can invite our friends to learn about Jesus too. And if they give their hearts to God, we can be friends forever. This Thirteenth Sabbath our offering will help tell people in Taiwan and China about God's love through new radio broadcasts, so even more people will meet us in heaven. Won't that be great? 🌍

SING IN MANDARIN CHINESE

Jesus Loves Me

Yay-soo ai waw waw jur dow
Een yoh sheng jeeng gow soo waw
Yoh shee-ow hai tong tah moo young
Tah muhn roo-en raw joo guhng chi-uhng.

Chorus:

Joo yay soo ai waw,
Joo yay soo ai waw,
Joo yay soo ai waw,
Yoh sheng jing gow soo waw.



YANA'S ANSWERED PRAYERS

It's easy to know that God answers prayers when we see the answers for ourselves.

[Ask a primary girl to help the leader present today's mission report.]

Leader: Yana lives in Tokyo, Japan, with her mother, her father, and her sister, Chiana [chee-AH-nah]. *[Locate Japan on a map.]* Tokyo is the biggest city in the

world. Yana and her family came from Taiwan two years ago to be missionaries in Japan. *[Locate Taiwan on a map.]*

Since Yana was a baby, her parents have told her and her sister Bible stories and prayed with the girls. "I love it when our family prays together," Yana says. She has learned that God really does answer prayer. Let's let her tell us about some ways God has answered her prayers.

Yana: *[Ask a primary girl to present this section of the mission story.]*

The Black Jacket

One day while my mother and I were shopping, I found a black jacket

FAST FACTS

- Tokyo, the capital city of Japan, is the largest metropolitan area in the world. It has more than 35 million people.
- The Japanese people are deeply traditional and feel honor-bound to observe ancient religious festivals, including worship of their ancestors. But they are not deeply religious. Only 4 percent of the people in Japan are Christians, and only one person in every 8,463 Japanese is an Adventist.
- Yana's father is pastoring a small group of Chinese-speaking people in Tokyo. Part of this quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help grow this congregation into a Chinese church.

that I really liked. Mother said I could buy it with my allowance, so I did. It was so comfortable, and I liked wearing it to school.

One Sunday I was going to meet a classmate at a park. I went to the closet to get my jacket, but I couldn't find it. *Where could it be?* I wondered. I always put my clothes away when I come home. I closed my eyes and prayed, "Please, God, help me find my jacket so I can go outside and play." I started searching again. When I opened the closet door, there hung my jacket, right where it should have been! Praise God, He answered my prayer. Thank You, Jesus.

Angels' Hand

One day my father asked my sister and me to go to the car in the parking garage and get his cell phone. We hurried to the elevator and pushed the button for the garage level. The elevator moved down, down, down. Suddenly the lights went out, and the elevator stopped. It was very dark inside the elevator, and I felt scared. My sister started crying and calling, "Papa, Mama!" But nobody could hear us.

I didn't know what to do, so we tried to force the door of the elevator open. But we couldn't pry the doors apart. "Let's pray," I told Chiana. We closed our eyes, even though it was dark in the elevator, and prayed. "Dear Jesus, please help us get out of the elevator. Amen."

We put our fingers into the door, and with almost no effort at all, the door opened. We got out safely, ran to Papa's car, got the cell phone, and ran up the

stairs to the fourth floor, where we live.

Huffing and puffing, we told Mama and Papa what had happened. Then we praised God together. Papa told us that the elevator door was made to be impossible to open with our hands, so God must have sent an angel to open the door. I'm glad God heard us, even in the dark elevator.

Lost but Found

I love riding my red bicycle. I ride it whenever I have time. And when I return home, I lock my bike to the bicycle rack so it won't be stolen. Then I put my key in a special box in my room.

One day I went to get my bicycle key to go riding, but my special box was empty! I searched the whole house, but I couldn't find the key. I felt so sad!

That night before bed, I prayed. "Please, Jesus, help me find the bicycle key." After my prayer I lay my head down on my pillow. My hand slid under the pillow, and I felt something cold. I sat up and moved the pillow. There was the lost key! I can't imagine how the key got there, but Jesus knew where it was, and He helped me find it! God is so powerful and so good to answer our prayers.

Leader: God *does* hear and answer our prayers, doesn't He? He especially loves to answer our prayers when we ask Him to help us share His love with others. One way to share God's love is to give God our mission offering. That way we are helping others learn that God loves them, even if we can't talk to them ourselves. 🌍



J A P A N | November 22

MINORU

MINORU'S NEW SCHOOL

When Minoru's cousin invited him to study at the Adventist school, his family was changed forever.

Minoru [mee-NOH-roo] is 11 years old and lives in Tokyo, Japan. [*Locate Tokyo or Japan on a map.*] Tokyo is a very big city—the biggest in the world! It takes a long time to travel from one part of Tokyo to another. Crowded trains take workers to their offices, people to appointments, and students to school.

Minoru rides a train to school. It takes an hour each way, but he uses the time to read or draw. His family planned to send him to a primary school near his

home, but his cousin Aiko [ah-EE-koh] urged Minoru to ask his parents to allow him to study in her school, an Adventist elementary school. His parents agreed to let him attend the Adventist school. Minoru knew a little bit about Christians and Adventists, for his grandmother took him to the little Adventist church when he visited her on Sabbaths.

MISSION POST

- Japan has only one Seventh-day Adventist for every 8,463 people. Most of the few new believers learn about the church through one of the Adventist schools in the country. That truly makes Adventist schools mission schools.
- Pray that the teachers and Adventist students in the Adventist schools in Japan will be able to share their faith with students who are not Christians. Pray that many of the children from non-Christian homes will give their hearts to God and share what they are learning with their families. This will help the church in Japan to grow.

Minoru's New School

Minoru really likes his school. “The teachers are friendly,” he says. “And they tell us that it is more important to think for ourselves and make wise decisions than it is to be smart and get

good grades. They say that the wisest decision we can make is to choose to follow Jesus.” Minoru likes the smaller classes, and likes that the teachers help students with their class work.

Public schools hold extra classes or other activities on Sabbath, but the Adventist schools have Sabbath School. “Just as we must attend classes Monday through Friday, we also must attend Sabbath School and church on Sabbath,” Minoru explains. “I go to my grandmother’s church. But if a student does not have an Adventist church in their community, they come to the school and have worship here. The school holds Sabbath School classes for adults too, so parents can learn about God while the children are attending Sabbath School.”

Worship Together

Soon after Minoru started studying at the Adventist school, his parents began attending his Grandmother’s church. Today the family worships there together.

“I really like Sabbath School,” Minoru says. “There’s only one other

boy in my class, but we have a good program. I like the Bible quizzes that the teacher has. It makes me want to study my lesson and read the Bible so I’ll know the answers. I like the Bible stories, too.”

Last year Minoru’s father was baptized. Minoru hopes that soon his mother will choose to follow Jesus too. But he feels sad that the church has so few children and no class for his two younger sisters, who aren’t yet in school. Minoru has asked his parents to buy his sisters a Sabbath School lesson quarterly so he can read their Bible stories to them and teach them their memory verses.

Minoru is being a missionary when he reads the Bible stories to his sisters and teaches them their memory verses. How can you be a missionary this week? *[Let children respond.]* You can be a missionary by telling someone at school that God cares about them, by inviting them to Sabbath School, and by giving your mission offering every week. That way children around the world can learn that God loves them. 🌐

FUN WITH JAPANESE

Following are some Japanese words and phrases to use in your program. Vowel sounds are pronounced as follows: *ah* as in far; *ai* as in eye; *ee* as in bee; *eh* as in bet; *oh* as in toe; *oo* as in boot; *uh* as in butter. The accented syllables are written in capital letters.

Common Phrases

Welcome
Hello
Good morning
Please
Thank you
You’re welcome

Pronunciation

YOH-koh-soh
koh-NEE-chee-wah
oh-HAI-yoh goh-ZAI-mahs
DOH-zoh
ah-ree-GAH-toh (trill the r; sounds almost like d)
DOH-ee-tah-shee-mah-shee-teh



FINDING HELP FOR MASAAKI

When a boy faced bullies at his school, teachers at a Christian school reached out to him.

Masaaki [Mah-sah-AH-kee] is a boy who lives in Tokyo, Japan. [*Locate Japan on a map.*] When he started school, he had trouble reading. When some children learned about Masaaki's problem, they picked on him and called him names. Masaaki is a quiet boy and didn't tell his parents or his teacher.

When his parents realized the problem, they decided to change Masaaki's school. Mother found an Adventist school near their home and made an appointment to visit.

MISSION POST

- The majority of people in Japan are not Christians. Most worship their ancestors. Japan has only one Seventh-day Adventist for every 8,463 people. Most of the few new believers learn about the church through one of the Adventist schools in the country. That makes Adventist schools truly mission schools.
- Pray that the teachers and Adventist students in the Adventist schools in Japan will be able to share their faith with students who are not Christians. Pray that many of the children from non-Christian homes will give their hearts to God and share what they are learning with their families. This will help the church in Japan to grow.

The Right School

The school was not as modern as Masaaki's other school, and it didn't have the latest computer equipment. But when Mother saw that the teachers cared deeply about the children's welfare and the children treated one another with respect, she knew she had found the right school for her son.

Masaaki liked his new school. His teacher gave him the extra help he needed to gain confidence in himself. At last Masaaki was happy, and his grades improved.

Masaaki's teacher taught some things that he had never studied in

his former school. He loved learning about God and the heroes of the Bible in his religion class. He was excited to learn about the Sabbath and liked the idea of not working or studying on the Sabbath. In Japan, schools are very competitive, and students are urged to spend long periods studying to get ahead. But Masaaki's new teacher explained that our bodies and our minds need rest from work and school, so God gave us the Sabbath, a special time with Him.

Masaaki attends Sabbath School as part of his school requirements. He loves Sabbath School and invited his parents to come to the school to attend church with him. But the family business requires them to work on Sabbath. But Mother takes off work sometimes so she can attend church with Masaaki.

A Big Decision

One day Masaaki told his parents that he wanted to follow Jesus and join the Adventist Church. He explained that when a person wants to follow God, he shows the world by being baptized. "That means they are dead to sin and

alive to God," Masaaki said.

His parents let Masaaki make this important decision. "Now he has a faith he can hold onto during difficult times," his mother says.

Masaaki wrote an essay titled "I Love God." In it he expressed his thanks for the Adventist school he attends. "The teachers really care, and the students respect one another. Everyone helped me succeed, and I am grateful to be here. I am glad I could read the Bible and learn how much God loves me. From the bottom of my heart I want to continue to get to know God better and follow Him."

Boys and girls, Masaaki had a difficult experience in his first school, but God led him to the Adventist school, where he can learn without others calling him names. Best of all, he learned to love and obey Jesus. Let's pray that God will use Masaaki's testimony to lead his parents to Jesus. And remember, our mission offerings help children around the world learn about Jesus in school, in church, and in many other ways. *[Close with prayer.]* 🌍

SING IN JAPANESE

Jesus Loves Me

shoo wah reh oh ah-ee soo
shoo wah tsoo yoh keh reh bah
wah ree yoh wah koo toh moh
oh soh reh wah ah rah jee

Chorus:

wah gah shoo yay soo (repeat three times)
wah reh oh ah-ee soo

wah gah tsoo mee noh tah meh
sah kah-eh oh soo teh teh
ah meh yoh ree koo dah ree
jyoo jee kah nee tsoo keh ree

wah gah kee mee yay soo yoh
wah reh oh kee yoh meh teh
yoh kee hah tah rah kee oh
nah sah shee meh tah mah-eh



K O R E A | December 6

JOON

NOT TOO YOUNG TO SERVE

The church needed a pianist, but Joon Beom was just learning to play. Could a young boy step in and fill a need?

Joon Beom [bee-OHM] is 11 years old and lives in South Korea, a country off the eastern coast of China [*Locate South Korea on the map.*] South Korea is a mountainous country with many people. Unlike the countries around it—China, North Korea, Japan, and Taiwan—South Korea is mostly Christian.

Joon and his family attend a small Adventist church that has about 35 members.

Joon is rather shy around adults. He works hard to do his best in school and in outside activities.

When he was 8 years old, Joon started taking piano lessons. He practices every day and wants to do his best. But he is still learning the basics of piano playing. Then last year something happened that taught Joon that children are never too young to serve God.

FAST FACTS

- South Korea has a larger percentage of Christians than any other country in northern Asia. Even so, a large percentage of the population follows Buddhism. Of those who profess to be Christians, many mix Buddhist thinking with Christianity.
- About one person in every 247 people is a Seventh-day Adventist.
- The Adventist Church in South Korea operates one of the nation's largest universities, dozens of elementary and secondary schools, and a well-known English language institute that has introduced Jesus to thousands of students.

The New Pastor

One day Joon's pastor announced that he and his family were moving to another church and that a new pastor would come to take his place. Joon was sorry to hear that his pastor was going, but he wanted to make his new pastor feel welcome when he came.

When the new pastor arrived, he realized

that the church didn't have a pianist. The former pastor's wife had been the pianist for the believers; and, of course, when the pastor left, she left too. The new pastor didn't know what to do, for he couldn't play the piano either. On Sabbath morning the piano was silent as the church members bravely sang without it. Several church members told the pastor, "We're so sorry that we can't play the piano." The pastor smiled and urged the members to pray that God would provide a pianist to play for the worship services.

On Tuesday evening the members gathered for prayer meeting. Again they sang without the piano. Again the pastor asked the members to pray for a pianist.

Joon Steps In

On Friday afternoon the pastor was preparing for Friday night's worship when he heard someone playing the piano in the church next door. He walked to the church and looked in. There he saw Joon sitting at the piano, struggling to play a hymn. When Joon heard the pastor walking toward him, Joon stopped playing. "Pastor," Joon said shyly. "I'd like to play for worship tonight. I'm not very good yet," he continued. "But I know we need a pianist, so I've taught myself a few hymns."

The pastor smiled and put his arm on Joon's shoulder. "Yes, that would be great. I'm so glad that you are willing to play the piano for us. It's an answer to prayer." Then the pastor remembered something. "Joon, could you write down the names of the songs you know how to play? That way we can sing just those until you can learn some other songs."

Joon smiled and nodded. A few

minutes later Joon gave the pastor a list of 10 songs that he could play. The members sang those songs while Joon learned some new ones.

Help for Joon

Joon practiced hard and improved quickly. The church members were so glad that he was willing to play. They encouraged him to keep practicing. Then Joon's friend Da Eun [dah OON] asked the pastor to let him help Joon play for worship services. "I know a few songs too," Da Eun said. "They are different songs than the ones Joon knows. That way we would have more songs to sing." The pastor smiled at the boys' willingness to help answer their prayers. The church members are happy too; for once more they have someone to play the piano for worship.

Joon asked his music teacher to help him learn to play hymns, but the teacher told him that playing hymns was difficult and he needed more practice before he could learn to play hymns. "So I started learning to play the hymns by myself," Joon said. Though his playing is not perfect, the congregation is happy to have music once more, and they are especially happy that Joon and Da Eun are willing to make that music.

Each of us can do something to serve God. Some can play the piano. Some can sing. Others can make people happy by visiting them. What can you do for Jesus? *[Let children respond.]* One thing we all can do for Jesus is to bring our mission offerings to Sabbath School every week. They help others who we may never meet, learn about Jesus. 🌐

Yong In Kim is the pastor of Joon's family's church in southwestern Korea.



K O R E A | December 13

YEJI AND YEONJI

NEW FRIENDS FOR JESUS

Someone invited these best friends to Vacation Bible School, and now they are friends in Jesus, too.

MISSION POST

- South Korea is located on a beautiful mountainous peninsula east of China. The people speak Korean. While almost 200,000 people in Korea are Seventh-day Adventist Christians, millions more don't know who Jesus is. The church works hard to introduce others to Jesus.
- North Korea and South Korea were once part of the same country. But more than 50 years ago a war tore the country apart. North Korea is still a communist country, and religion is strongly discouraged. We have no idea how many Adventist believers live in North Korea, but South Korean Christians pray constantly that God will make it possible for them to share their faith with relatives and friends across the border.

Yeji [YEH-jee] and Yeonji [yee-OHN-jee] are best friends. They live in northeastern South Korea. [*Locate South Korea on a map.*]

One day the girls learned that the Adventist church, where Yeonji's little sister attended kindergarten, also had an after-school study program. The girls began going to the church to do their homework.

Summer vacation came, and Yeji and Yeonji were invited to attend Vacation Bible School at the church. They loved the nature stories, Bible stories, crafts, and activities. They made some new friends as well.

When school started again, the girls attended the after-school study program at the church. And when vacation time arrived, they eagerly awaited Vacation Bible School. But too soon Vacation Bible School ended, and the girls wished the church had another program they could attend. Then through some friends at church, Yeji and Yeonji learned about the summer camp that the church sponsored.

They wanted to go to camp with their friends, and to their joy, their mothers gave them permission to go.

Summer Camp

The girls could hardly wait for summer camp, where they could swim, do crafts, and enjoy spiritual activities. But when they arrived at camp, the weather turned terrible! It rained every day, and the power failed, leaving the camp without electricity. The girls, who slept in a tent, soon had damp clothes and sleeping bags.

But in spite of the weather, they enjoyed camp. Yeji and Yeonji fell in love with Jesus. On the last day of camp, the staff presented a drama portraying the death of Jesus. Yeji and Yeonji realized that Jesus had died for them. They were so touched that they cried.

Yeji and Yeonji returned home changed girls. They began attending church and told the members what a difference summer camp had made in their lives. The members were glad the girls had gotten so much good out of a rainy week at camp. They saw how the

girls were growing spiritually as well.

Yeji and Yeonji's mothers had begun studying the Bible with the pastor. They joined their daughters at the children's Bible classes on Sabbath afternoon. And when the pastor invited the girls' mothers to give their hearts to Jesus, the mothers agreed. One happy autumn day the church rejoiced when 10 people were baptized. Among them were Yeji and Yeonji and their mothers!

Yeji and Yeonji were glad that they had found special friends who cared enough for them to invite them to Vacation Bible School and then to summer camp. The friends befriended them and loved them. It made all the difference to Yeji and Yeonji, who have been best friends for years and now are best friends with Jesus.

Surely we know someone in our school or our neighborhood who would like to be a best friend to Jesus. All they need is an invitation to come. Will you be the one to invite them? And don't forget that your mission offerings help invite people you may never know to become a friend of Jesus too. 🌐

FUN WITH LANGUAGE: KOREAN

In Korean the sound represented by the letter *k* is quite similar to the hard *g*. Vowel sounds are pronounced as follows: *ah* as in father; *ai* as in eye; *ee* as in bee; *eh* as in bet; *ih* as in tip; *oh* as in toe; *oo* as in boot; *uh* as in butter. The accented syllables are written in capital letters.

Common Phrases

Happy Sabbath

Welcome

Hello

(standard greeting, replaces good morning, good afternoon, hello)

Thank you

You're welcome

Korean (Pronounce it)

GEE-poom AHN-sheek-ir IHM-nee-dah

HWAHN-yuhng HAHM-nee-dah

ahn-yuhng HAH-say-yoh

kahm-sah HAHM-nee-dah

CHAHN-mahn-AY-oh



K O R E A | December 20

SUNG HWA

THE TRACK MEET

Sung Hwa was chosen to represent his age group in a provincewide track-and-field meet. He did his best and had to make a difficult decision.

MISSION POST

- About one third of the population of Korea is Christian, and another third holds no religious belief. Most of the remaining Koreans are Buddhists. Almost 200,000 people in Korea are Seventh-day Adventist Christians. This is one person out of every 247. There is a lot of work to do in this country which offers complete freedom of religion.
- The education system in Korea is very competitive, and parents are eager that their children score well in school. Schools usually hold classes six days a week, including Sabbath mornings. This practice makes it difficult for Adventist children to worship on Sabbath. Pray for Adventist children and their parents, so that they can stand strong in their faith and honor God.

[Ask a junior-age boy to present this first-person testimony for your class.]

My name is Sung Hwa [suhng h'wah], and I live in South Korea. *[Locate South Korea on a map.]* I like sports, especially soccer and track. However, I don't take part in my school's sports programs because their competitions are often on Sabbath.

The Sabbath is important to me, but ever since I started first grade I have struggled to make my teachers understand how important Sabbath is. My school, like most schools in Korea, has classes on Sabbath morning. Some teachers don't understand why I don't go to school on Sabbath morning then to church later in the day. I try to explain that the Sabbath isn't just going to church, but is also the day that God set aside for us to spend with Him. I'm glad that some teachers understand what we

believe about the Sabbath and let me be absent from school.

Track Meet

Recently I was chosen to represent my grade level and my city in a regional track meet. I prayed that God would use my efforts to honor Him.

I did my best and was surprised when I made it to the finals in the broad jump. The finals were on Sabbath. I felt that I couldn't walk away from the competition and let my school and my city down, but I would not compete on Sabbath. Since the competition was not against other players, as a race is, but is my best score against others' best scores, I hoped that the judges would let me compete on Friday instead of Sabbath.

My father and I talked to my teacher, but at first he refused to talk to the officials. Then my father talked to him again. This time he agreed to talk to the officials. The officials agreed that I could compete with the older kids on Friday.

On Friday I did my best in my broad

jump trials, and on Sabbath my family and I worshipped God while my other age mates competed in their events.

Later I learned that I had taken second place in the broad jump. I'm happy with my performance, for I did my best. But I'm even happier that God helped the officials let me compete on Friday so that I could keep my Sabbath.

Many people in Korea are Christians, and there are lots of Seventh-day Adventist Christians here, too. But other people do not understand how important it is to honor God's commandment to keep the Sabbath. I'm grateful that my parents and my church support me and other children who must face Sabbath conflicts in school and in life.

Adventist children in Korea give their mission offerings on Sabbath so that others in our country and around the world will know that God loves them. When you give your mission offering today, remember to pray for the people in Korea who still must face problems because of their love for the Sabbath. 🌍

SING IN KOREAN

Jesus Loves Me

Yeh soo sah dahng hah shee muhn
Kaw rook hah sheen mar ihlr seh
Oo dee too ren yahk hah nah
Yeh soo kwan seh mahn toh dah

Chorus

Nahlr sah dahng hah sheem (repeat three times)
Son gyong eh soo sho neh

THIRTEENTH SABBATH PROGRAM

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

- Practice one or more songs from the Web site at www.AdventistMission.org. Sing throughout the program or as an offertory.
- Enlarge the flags on pages 30 and 31 and color them for use with the program that follows.
- Send home a note to remind parents of the program and to encourage the children to bring their Thirteenth Sabbath Offering the next week.

If your division will not join the adults for a special program, make Thirteenth Sabbath special by inviting a special guest to speak to

the children about life in Japan, Korea, or one of the other countries of Northern Asia-Pacific Division. Encourage the speaker to bring items that will interest the children and help them to understand the culture and challenges of the people there.

- Remind the children to bring their Thirteenth Sabbath Offering. Make the offering appeal a big event in Sabbath School. Count the money and let the children know how much they have brought for missions during the quarter. Praise them for what they have done and let them know that their offerings will make a big difference to children just like them who live in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division.

Participants and Props: Six children to walk across the platform carrying the flags you've made of China, Japan, Mongolia, North Korea, South Korea, and Taiwan as one or two narrators read the following short summaries. Three children present the specific projects.

Narrator 1: The Northern Asia-Pacific Division is made up of six countries. Each presents its own challenges to finishing the work of God.

Narrator 2: *[Child carrying Chinese flag crosses platform and stands at the far side.]* China, the world's most populous nation with 1.3 billion people, is opening its borders to the world. But

with only 354,000 believers, just one in every 3,783 is a Seventh-day Adventist Christian. Pray that God will use His children to light the lamps of faith throughout this vast nation.

Narrator 1: *[Child with Japanese flag crosses platform and stands at the far side.]* Japan is rich and increased in goods, but the people don't know that Jesus died for them. The church in Japan has just 15,000 members, one Adventist believer for about every 8,500 people. Most of the believers are elderly, and only a few are baptized each year. Pray that God will raise up an army of youth who will share their faith in Japan.

Narrator 2: *[Child with Mongolian flag crosses platform.]* Mongolia's first new believer in generations was baptized just 15 years ago. Most of the country's 1,200 believers are young people who are eager to share their faith with others. Pray that they will grow strong in faith and mighty in church leadership in one of the oldest cultures in the world.

Narrator 1: *[Child carrying North Korean flag crosses platform.]* No one knows how many Adventist believers live in North Korea. But the few who have made their way out of this closed nation give reason to hope. Pray that the doors of North Korea will open so that the gospel may flood in and feed hungry hearts with the bread of life.

Narrator 2: *[Child carrying South Korean flag crosses platform.]* South Korea is the most "Christian" nation in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, with about a third of the population professing to be Christians. About one person in every 247 is a Seventh-day Adventist Christian, but in spite of the best efforts to evangelize the masses, Adventists still are misunderstood. Pray for those who suffer for their faith in South Korea.

Narrator 1: *[Child carrying Taiwan's flag crosses platform.]* Taiwan is a small island off the coast of China. Most of the

country's Adventist members come from the original tribes who live primarily in the hill country. Only one in every 25,000 ethnic Chinese on Taiwan is an Adventist. Pray that God will touch the hearts of these people who need to know that Jesus died for them.

Narrator 2: Today our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help lift up the hands of our brothers and sisters in Northern Asia-Pacific Division. A portion of our offering today will help provide some vital tools to lead others to Jesus and to strengthen those who believe.

Child 1: *[Child holding Japanese flag steps forward.]* A church for Chinese-speaking people in Tokyo, Japan.

Child 2: *[Child holding Mongolian flag steps forward.]* A dormitory where Adventist university students can live and grow their faith while they study at the university.

Child 3: *[Child holding Taiwanese flag steps forward.]* Radio broadcasts in Mandarin Chinese to reach the people of Taiwan and China.

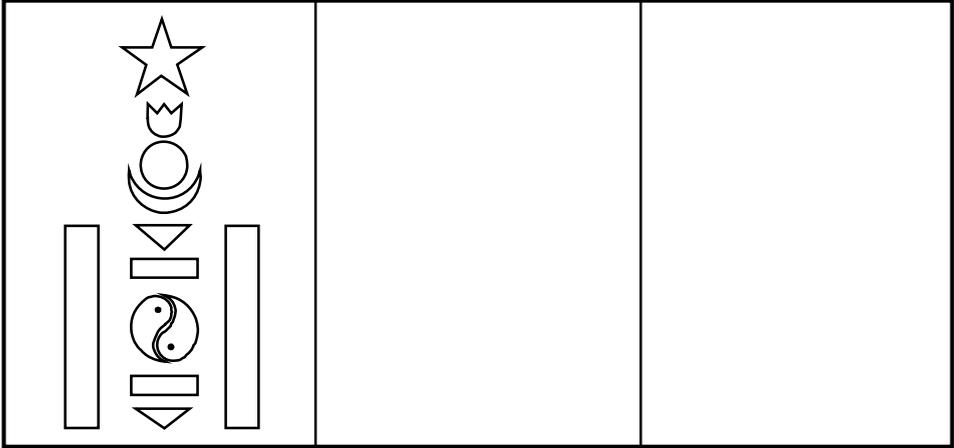
Let's do our part today to share God's love with our family members in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division.

[Offering]

COLOR THE FLAGS

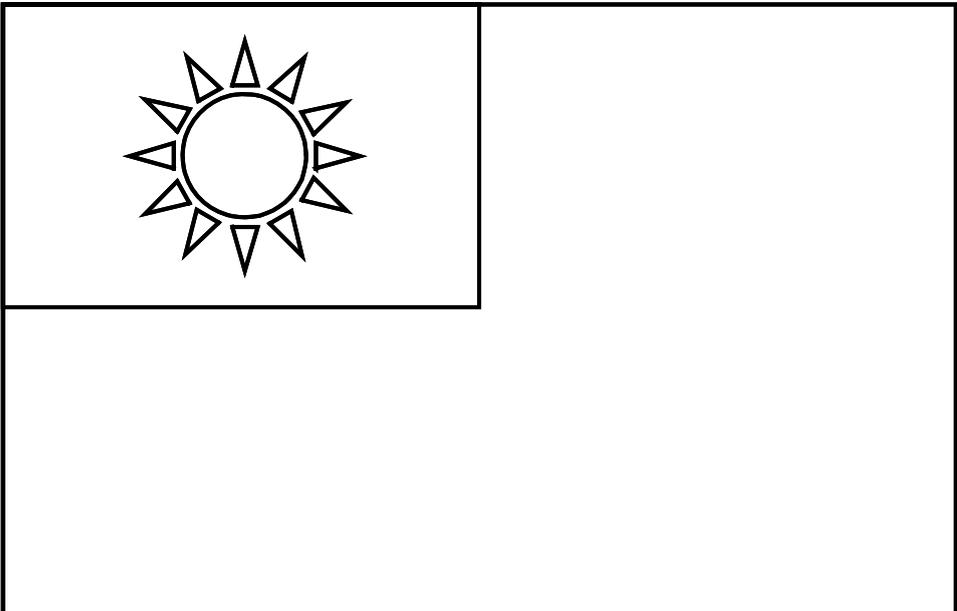
MONGOLIA

Left and right stripes: red-orange, Center stripe: light blue, Emblem: yellow



TAIWAN

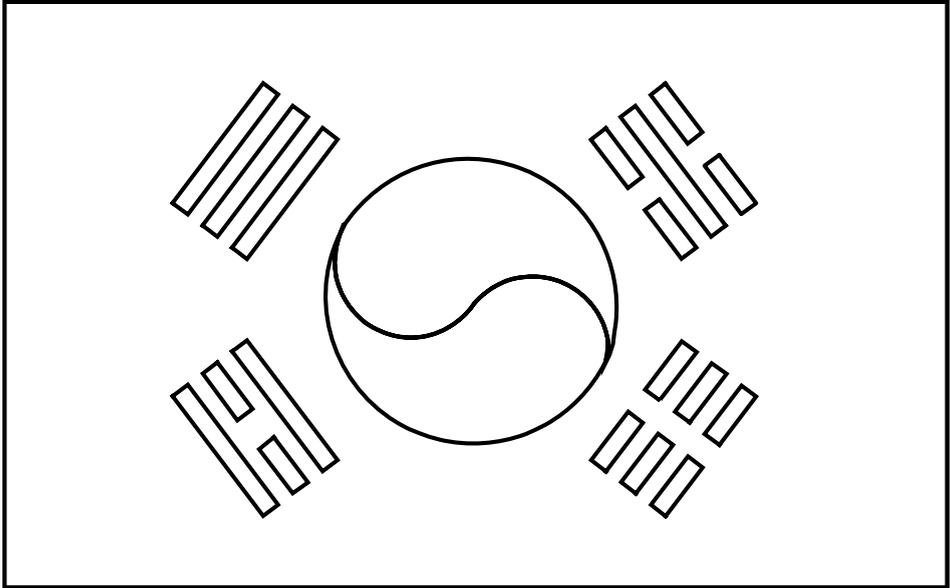
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For flags of China and North Korea, go to www.AdventistMission.org/article.php?id=38 and click on fourth quarter's activities.

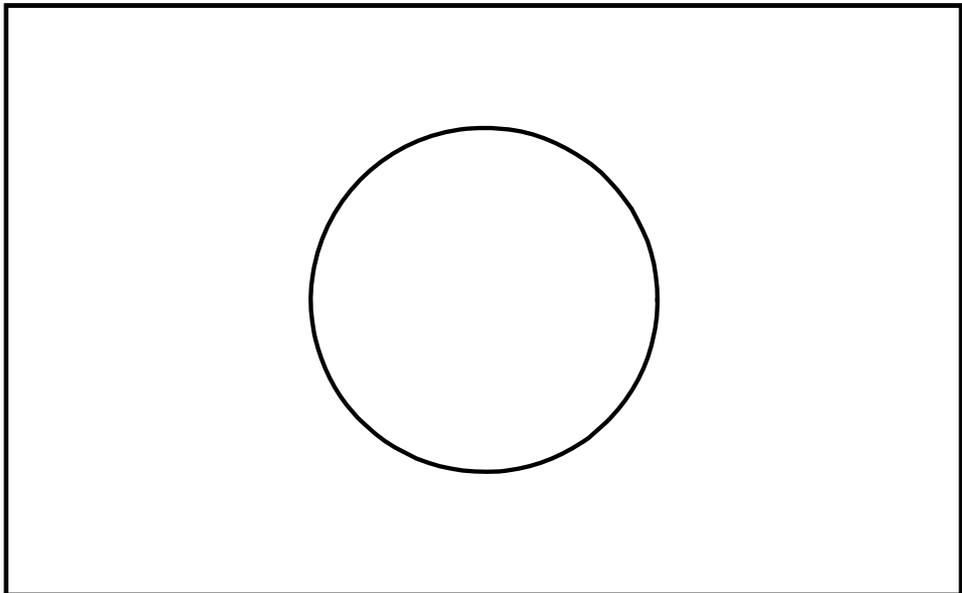
KOREA

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Panels: black (These panels represent earth, fire, water, and sky.)



JAPAN

Background: white, Circle: red



MAKE A CHINESE LANTERN

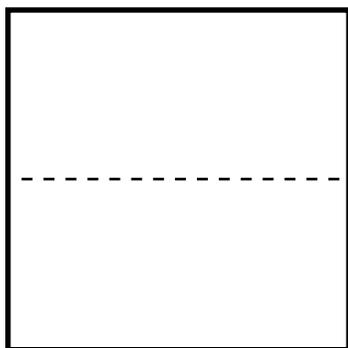
The Lantern Festival is a special event in Taiwan. People make lanterns of all shapes, sizes, and colors. Some of them are in the shape of a fish, a bird, or an animal. At night the children carry their lanterns outside and look at the moon. Then everyone receives gifts of moon cakes and other treats.

Help children make their own Chinese lantern. When finished, hang them around your classroom or let each child take their lantern home, put it

over a flashlight, and go outside to look at the moon. Remind them that the same moon shines on the boys and girls in China and Taiwan. Think of the thousands of boys and girls there who don't know about Jesus. Ask Jesus to bless each one.

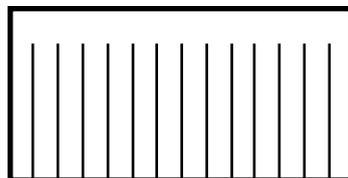
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scissors
glue

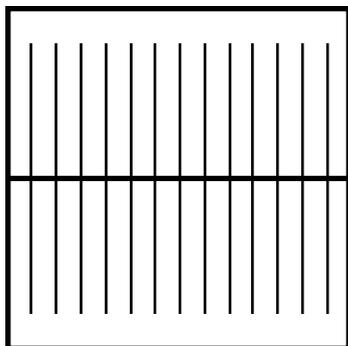


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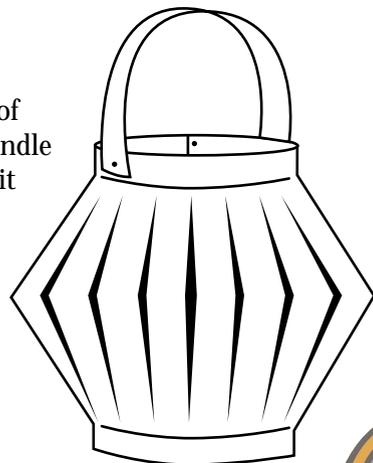
1. Fold a square piece of construction paper in half lengthwise.
2. Open the paper. Draw or paint designs on the strips and along the bottom and top edges.
3. Starting at the folded edge, cut slits to within 2 inch of the open edge. The slits should be about one inch apart.



4. Bring the two shorter edges of the paper together to form a circle, making sure the design side is facing out. Glue or tape the joined edges.



5. Cut another strip of paper to form a handle and staple or glue it onto the lantern.



A TASTE OF NORTHERN ASIA

Give children a taste of life in Northern Asia with the following ideas.

MONGOLIAN SOO-THE TSAH (SALTY TEA)

This drink is served to all guests who visit a Mongolian home.

1 quart boiling water

4 teabags (use decaffeinated or herbal tea, such as kafir tea)

½ cup milk

Pinch salt

Mix water, tea, milk, and salt in a pot and bring to a boil. Remove tea bags. Serve hot in small Chinese-style rice bowls or tea cups.

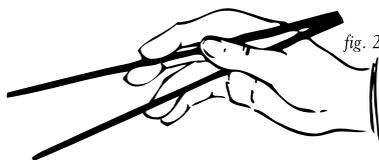


ASIAN NOODLES



Throughout Asia people eat noodles. And they eat them with chopsticks. In Korea, they even eat noodle soup with chopsticks. It's not as hard as it seems to eat with chopsticks, at least when a child has grown up with them. Offer children an experience in eating with

chopsticks. Buy inexpensive wooden chopsticks from an Asian market or Chinese restaurant and make a large batch of Ramen noodles (which are easier to grasp because they're curly). Offer children a small bowl of noodles, a pair of chopsticks, and a large napkin to serve as a bib. Then watch the fun. And for the juice that remains, offer a spoon or encourage children to drink it from the bowl.



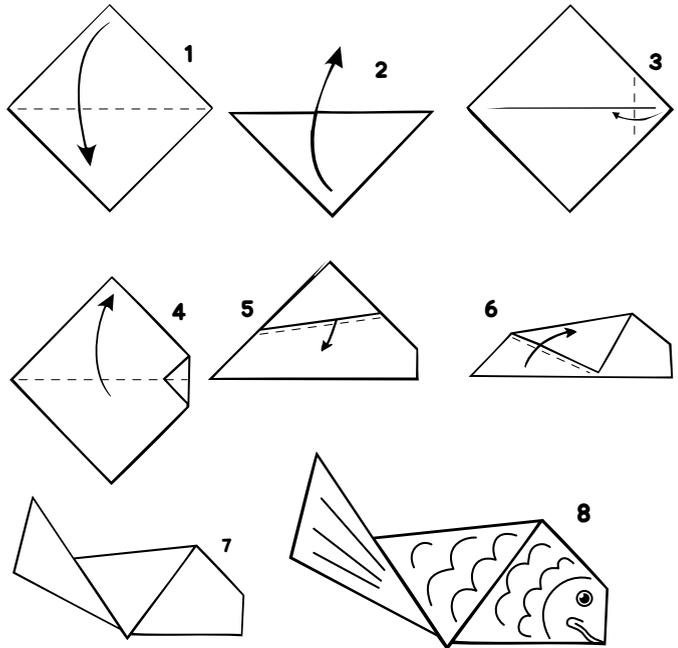
ORIGAMI, THE ART OF PAPER FOLDING

Children in Japan learn to make beautiful birds, fish, animals, and boxes by folding paper. This craft is called origami (oh-ree-GAH-mee).

Origami art is made from special lightweight paper that measures 6 inches (15 centimeters) square. The paper usually is colored on one side and white on the other. Follow the diagrams below to make an origami fish or cat.

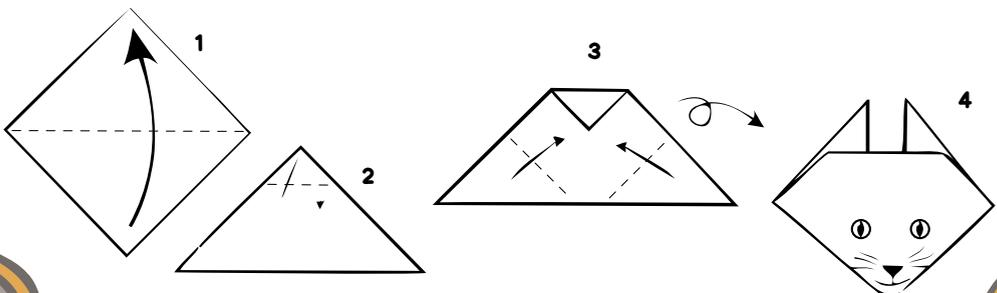
FISH

1. Fold the paper in half to form two triangles. Unfold.
2. Fold in one corner along the fold line, then fold the paper on the crease you just made to form a triangle.
3. Fold the point of the triangle down toward the flat line at an angle (along the dotted line in the picture).
4. Fold the pointed end of the triangle straight up, to form a tail. Turn the paper over and draw in the eyes and scales.



CAT

1. Fold square of paper in half to form a triangle.
2. Fold the point of the triangle down about one fourth of the way to the bottom.
3. Fold each of the bottom points of the triangle up toward the top so that the fold is parallel with the triangle you just folded down. (Line up the edge of the piece you are folding with the edge of the triangle above it.)
4. Turn the paper over and draw in a cat's face.



Following are sources of information that have proved helpful in preparing programs for *Children's Mission*. You may want to order these for your own Sabbath School.

BOOKS

Children Just Like Me, by Barnabas and Anabel Kindersley (New York: Dorling Kindersley Books, 1995). A beautifully illustrated large-format book that introduces children to many different cultures through children. Includes information on the children's hobbies, homes, schools, and lifestyle. Also available: *Children Just Like Me Sticker Book*.

You Can Change the World: Learning to Pray for People Around the World, volumes 1 and 2, by Jill Johnstone, et al (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1993, 1996). Volume 1 features Japan, Korea, and Mongolia; volume 2 features China

COOKBOOKS

The following cookbooks contain recipes from the countries featured this quarter. Most are suitable for a potluck:

Adventist International Cookbook, by Debby Shabo Wade (Nampa, Idaho: Pacific Press Publishing Assoc., 2000).

The Adventurous Vegetarian, by Colin Spencer (London: Adrian Morris Publishing, Ltd., 1989).

International Home Cooking, The United Nations International School 50th Anniversary Cookbook, by United Nations International School Parents Association (1997).

Betty Crocker's International Cookbook (New York: Random House, 1980).

MISCELLANEOUS

Library: Browse through the children's and travel sections of a public library or bookstore for picture books on Japan, Korea, Mongolia, and Taiwan.

Travel Agencies: Travel agencies often have colorful brochures of Asian countries. Call or visit one and ask what they have available to help you portray the scenery and culture of the featured countries.

Visit our Web site: For additional photos, recipes, language pages, puzzles, and other activities to make mission fun for children, go to www.AdventistMission.org. Click on "Resources for Leaders" on the right side of page. On the next screen click "Sabbath School Leaders and Teachers," then select "Mission Quarterly and Activities for Children." Choose the appropriate quarterly and click on "Activities," listed under the English language edition. Find PDF files of crafts, language, songs, recipes, games, and other activities that can be used in Sabbath School or outside of Sabbath during special mission-oriented programs.

Adventist Mission DVD is a free video that features stories from the featured countries as well as the worldwide mission of the Church. Ask your Sabbath School superintendent for it. Or go online at MissionDVD.org to download the DVD.

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