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DEAR SABBATH SCHOOL LEADER,

This quarter we feature the South American Division, which includes the countries of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, and Uruguay. The division is home to about 306 million people, 2.6 million of whom are Seventh-day Adventists. That's a ratio of one Adventist for every 117 people.

The Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will go to help complete three projects in Brazil and Ecuador.

Language Fun

Words and phrases in Portuguese, the official language of Brazil, are featured on pages 9 and 13; songs in Portuguese and Spanish (the language of Ecuador) are on pages 15 and 27. Look for additional words and songs on our website, www.AdventistMission.org. Click on "Resources" and "Children's Activities." Look for a new feature, "Say It, Sing It," which will help you to pronounce the words and sing some of the songs printed in the quarterly and online.

Mission Potluck

If you decide to host a mission potluck this quarter, find recipes and cultural items on the website listed above. Print the recipes and share with others who are willing to try something new. Label the foods with their country of origin.

Decorate the church fellowship hall with tissue-paper flowers (see the Children's Activity section of the website), coconuts, colored drawings of the *Luzero*, the first Adventist-owned mission boat on the Amazon. Add pictures cut from travel brochures or magazines.

Ask the children to greet people in

Portuguese or Spanish as they arrive. After the meal, invite the children to sing a song or two in one of these languages.

Make a Mission Scene

Make a mural featuring the Amazon River or rain forest. Include houses built on stilts, vibrant birds, monkeys, jaguars, and other rain forest creatures. Or create a scene featuring the Andes mountains of Ecuador with llamas, alpacas, and the colorful native Quechuan people.

Offering Device

Dress a child in a colorful poncho and give them a felt hat or coconut bowl to take up the offering. (Make a poncho from a widely striped piece of cloth by cutting a large X in the center to slip over their head).

Special Features

- **Adventist Mission DVD** has at least one video feature specifically for children. Ask your adult Sabbath School superintendent to make a copy for you to share with your children.
- **More Activities.** Visit our website at www.AdventistMission.org. Click on "Resources" and "Children's Activities." Click on the current quarter to find PDF pages of crafts, additional language activities and songs, recipes, games, and full-size activity pages to download or print for use in your Sabbath School.

Yours for the kingdom,


Charlotte Ishkanian

Editor, *Children's Mission*



BELÉM, BRAZIL | July 4

VITORIA

VITORIA'S BIBLE CLUB

Vitoria [vee-TOH-ree-ah] is 9 years old. She lives on an island in the Amazon River in Brazil. [*Locate the Amazon River in northern Brazil.*] Her house is built on stilts. Why do you think people do this? [*Let children respond.*] The Amazon River is surrounded by rain forests, and in the rainy season the river rises many feet, often flooding the islands in its path. If a house is built on stilts, it's safer from a flood when the river rises.

FAST FACTS

- Brazil is the world's fifth-biggest country. It covers about half of South America and is home to half the continent's people—about 190 million. Most of the people live along Brazil's long coastline. One of the large cities along the coast is Belém, where part of this quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help build a university for the thousands of Adventists living in this region.
- Belém lies on the Amazon River, the second longest river in the world. The Amazon begins in the Andes mountains in Peru and flows for about 4,000 miles (6,400 kilometers) until it reaches the Atlantic Ocean.

Vitoria's family doesn't own a car, for their island has no roads. Instead, they own a rowboat. They travel by rowboat or public motorboat when they need to buy food or clothes or want to visit a neighbor. Do you think it would be fun to live on Vitoria's island?

Vitoria's church is near their home, so they can walk to church. The whole family is busy sharing God's love with others. Since Vitoria was little, she has gone with her father to meet with people in small groups.

Vitoria's Friend Patrick

One of Vitoria's friends is Patrick, a boy who lives on the same island. He and his sister sometimes came to Sabbath School, but when he missed several weeks Vitoria

decided to visit him.

“I’ll go with you,” her father said. “I want to talk to Patrick’s parents about starting a small group in their home.” Vitoria nodded happily.

Vitoria and her father paddled their rowboat up the river to where Patrick lives. They tied up the boat and stepped out onto the slippery logs that line the shore. Father went inside while Vitoria and Patrick sat outside and talked.

When it was time to go, Vitoria and her father said goodbye and started paddling home. “Patrick’s parents agreed to have a small group meeting in their home,” Father told her.

“I talked to Patrick about it, and he wants to invite his friends to come,” Vitoria answered.

“Would you like to lead a children’s small group?” Father asked.

“That would be great!” Vitoria answered. She had seen her father lead many small group meetings and knew what to do.

A New Bible Club

The next week Vitoria; Daniel, her brother; and two friends from church climbed into the rowboat and paddled to Patrick’s house. When they arrived, several other children were already there. Patrick had invited them. Daniel and Patrick carried the group materials to the house, and soon they were ready to begin.

Vitoria led the group in a welcome song, and then the children knelt on the hard, wooden floor and prayed.

Vitoria’s brother gave each child a Heroes of the Faith activity book while she opened her leader’s guide. She had studied the lesson carefully and could

tell the Bible story well. She stopped to explain things that some of the children didn’t understand. After the story, each child opened their Heroes of the Faith activity book and completed the workbook pages for that day’s lesson. It was lots more fun than schoolwork, and Vitoria and her friends helped those who were new to studying the Bible.

When they all had finished their workbooks, they chatted while Patrick’s mother served a small snack. Soon it was time to leave, for Vitoria and her friends had to be home before the sun sets, because it gets dark quickly on the equator!

Vitoria’s Secret to Success

Vitoria has been leading the children’s small group for more than a year now. Every week she studies the lesson carefully so she knows what to say. Then, before she and her brother leave for Patrick’s house, she prays that God will keep them safe and help her say the things that will lead the children to Jesus. Since she started the Heroes of the Faith club, Patrick and his sister have been baptized and several other children have asked to follow Jesus. The group is praying that Patrick’s parents will give their hearts to God as well.

“Leading the small group is a lot of work,” Vitoria says, “but we’ll keep doing it as long as children want to attend. It’s God’s work.”

The small group isn’t Vitoria’s only ministry. She helps lead the primary Sabbath School and has a part in her father’s weekly radio ministry as well. “It’s fun doing God’s work!” Vitoria says. “We all must share God’s love with those we meet every day.” 🌍



B E L É M , B R A Z I L | July 11

VITORIA

VITORIA'S RADIO MINISTRY

[Have a map of South America or a globe available.]

Last week we met Vitoria. Who remembers where Vitoria lives? *[Let children respond.]* Yes, Brazil. Do you remember where in Brazil she lives? *[Let children respond.]* She lives on an island in the Amazon River. Who can find the Amazon River?

On her island there are no roads. How do the people get from place to place?

[Let children respond.] Yes, by rowboat. Sometimes they travel by public motorboat, which is faster and easier.

FAST FACTS

- The Amazon River flows across northern Brazil. Many smaller rivers flow into it. As the great river nears the Atlantic Ocean, it slows down and spreads out, creating hundreds of islands in the river.
- Vitoria lives on one of these islands in the Amazon River. There are no roads on her island, so the family has a rowboat that takes them to church, to visit neighbors, and on family errands.
- Adventist Mission DVD features a children's story about Vitoria. Ask your adult Sabbath School superintendent to make a copy for your children to watch.

Busy for God

Vitoria likes to be busy for God. Every week she leads a children's small group meeting at a friend's house. But she does more. She helps her father produce a radio program.

When her father started the program four years ago, he wanted to talk to grown-up people about God. Then he asked Vitoria to tell a story for the children. Now they do the program together.

"I tell a little story," Vitoria says. "We play music and share prayer requests. If someone writes and asks us to play a song dedicated to a friend, we do it. Then we talk about health for a few minutes, and my

father has a short sermon. Sometimes he invites someone else to have the sermon. And sometimes we invite a group of children to come in and sing a song.”

The radio station reaches the islands around Vitoria’s home, and many people listen. They write to the station to say that they like the programs, especially the special songs and prayer requests. The pastor says that the radio program has helped many people living on the islands near Vitoria’s home know about God and the church.

“Sometimes we talk about the small groups we lead,” Vitoria said. “We explain what we do in small groups, so that when the people are invited to join, they already know a little bit and are willing to join one.”

New Church

“We used to attend church across a creek from our house,” Vitoria said. “But last year one of Dad’s small groups became a church. Now we go to that church on Sabbath. It has 25 members now, and it’s growing.”

Vitoria and Daniel, her brother, are members of the Pathfinder Club, which meets in the church near her home. “The club has members of several churches, and some children are not Adventists,” says Vitoria. “But we’re glad they come, and we’re praying for them. Seven are planning to be baptized.”

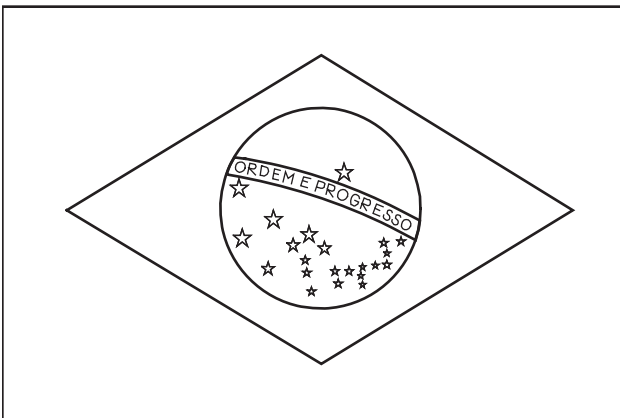
Lots of Ways to Share

“Pathfinders is another way I can share my faith,” Vitoria adds. I invite my friends to join Pathfinders, and there we introduce them to Jesus.

“Daniel and I sometimes preach in church. We’re always looking for ways to share God’s love with people.”

Boys and girls, Vitoria and her family are busy working for Jesus. We can work for Jesus right here where we live too. We can tell others about God, we can pray for them to give their hearts to Jesus, and we can give our mission offering every week. That way people we may never meet can learn that God loves them. There’s so much we can do! Let’s get busy—just like Vitoria. 🌐

COLOR THE FLAG



BRAZIL

Circle medium blue with white stars

Diamond: yellow

Background: green



BELÉM, BRAZIL | July 18

LEONARDO

THE SNOOPY BOY

Leonardo [leh-oh-NAR-doh] is 7 years old. He lives in Belém, a city on the Amazon River in Brazil. [*Locate Belém on a map.*] Leonardo is young, but already he has led people to Jesus.

MISSION POST

- The Amazon River region has one Adventist for every 40 people! One reason why so many people love Jesus is because everyone—adults and children alike—share their faith with family and friends.
- Many churches sponsor small groups for children and teenagers as well as for adults. Everyone meets in their small group sometimes during the week to study their Bible and pray together. And the small group members invite their friends to join them, so more people can learn about Jesus.
- Pray that the children in northern Brazil will continue to share Jesus with others all their lives.

The Curious Boy

Leonardo's family lived in an apartment. Sometimes he heard singing coming from the apartment across the hall, and he was curious. He would stop playing and listen. Sometimes he opened his apartment door to hear better. And sometimes he sat outside his neighbors' door and listened. When his mother found him there she'd whisper, "Get away from that door! It's not nice to snoop!"

One day Leonardo found the neighbors' door open. He slipped inside and joined them. The neighbors welcomed him in. Mother wasn't happy. Leonardo begged his mother to go with him, but she refused.

The Invitation

The neighbors visited often and invited her to come to the small group meeting with her son, but she wouldn't go. And when they invited Leonardo to attend church

with them, she refused to let him go.

Every Sabbath morning when the neighbors left for church, Leonardo pleaded to go with them. Finally Mother allowed him to go to church, hoping that he would be bored. But he returned home excited and announced that he wanted to go again. *What's happened to my boy?* Mother wondered.

Surprising Discovery

Leonardo's family moved to another part of town. *At last we're away from those Adventists!* Mother thought. But one day Leonardo heard singing and ran to the fence to listen. "Mama!" he cried out. "It's the Adventist church!" His mother sighed.

Leonardo begged to go to church, and finally Mother agreed to take him. She finally understood why Leonardo loved this church so much. She too felt God's

love tugging at her heart. And before long, Mother gave her life to Jesus.

Praying for Father

Leonardo's father tried to stop the family from attending the church. He disrupted their worship time at home, too. They prayed that Father would give his heart to God, and before too long Father began attending church with the family. Leonardo has brought his entire family to Jesus!

Because Leonardo shared God's love with his family, they now worship Jesus and invite others to join them. Is there someone in your family who needs to know how much Jesus loves them? You may be the person to tell them. Let's ask God to show us whom we can speak to this week about Jesus' love.

[Close with prayer.] 🌍

LET'S SPEAK PORTUGUESE

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Common Phrase

Good morning
 Good afternoon
 Happy Sabbath
 Hello
 Please
 Thank you
 You're welcome
 Yes
 No
 Goodbye
 What is your name?

Pronunciation

bohn DEE-ah
 boh-ah TAHR-deeh
 fay-LEEZ SAH-bah-doh
 oy (OH-lah)
 por fah-VOR
 oh-bree-GAH-doh* (dah)
 jee NAH-dah
 seen
 nah'ow
 chow
 kwowl oo seh-oh NAW-mee



THE POWER OF INFLUENCE

[If possible, ask a primary or junior girl to present this first-person story.]

Samara [sah-MAH-rah] lives in northern Brazil. *[Locate northern Brazil on a map.]* She was just 4 years old when she learned that children can make a difference for Jesus. Let's let her tell her story in her own words.

FAST FACTS

- Brazil is a big country. Only four countries (Russia, Canada, China, and the United States) are larger.
- Brazil has the world's largest rain forest. It surrounds the Amazon River and its tributaries as the river flows from the Peru border to the Atlantic Ocean. *[Trace the route of Amazon from Peru to the Atlantic.]* Nearly all the rivers in the northern half of Brazil flow into the Amazon.
- Rain forests are home to thousands of kinds of plants, animals, birds, reptiles, and fish. Many are found nowhere else on earth. Some 70,000 different varieties of insects live here, and scientists haven't even found them all yet!

The Little Teacher

One hot day I saw an old man selling popsicles on the street near our home. I asked my mom for one, and she gave me the money. I ran to buy the popsicle and saw that the man was holding a cigarette.

"Do you smoke?" I asked, "Smoking is bad for you and it makes Jesus sad."

The man threw the cigarette on the ground and said, "I will never smoke again."

After that, whenever Tio passed by our house, he'd stop and talk. One day my father met Tio and talked to him about Jesus. My father invited Tio to come to church, but Tio said he lived far from us. So my father gave him directions to a church near his home. Tio went to that church. He gave his heart to Jesus.

One day Tio told us that he was going to be baptized. I'm so glad that I helped lead

an old man to Jesus!

A New Friend for Jesus

One Sabbath afternoon I saw our new neighbor, a teenage boy named Eduardo, sitting on his porch. I asked him whether he believed in God. He said that he used to attend church with his parents, but when his father died the family had stopped going.

I invited him to the Sunday evening program at my church. He came and he brought his little brother, Marco. I talked to them about God's love and asked if they'd like to study the Bible with my father. The brothers agreed, so my father and I studied the Bible with Eduardo and Marco. Eduardo accepted Jesus and asked to be baptized. I asked if I could be baptized with him. My parents agreed, so Eduardo and I were baptized together.

Eduardo's family has moved away, but he has told me that he is sharing God's love with others. I'm so glad that Eduardo gave his life to Jesus.

Many Opportunities to Serve

This year our church had a children's week of prayer, and the leader asked me to preach one of the sermons. I was really nervous, especially when I walked onto the platform and saw all the people in the church. But I prayed, and God settled me down.

When it was time to stand and speak, God helped me speak with authority. I knew that the Holy Spirit was leading, so at the end I invited those who wanted to give their lives to Jesus to come forward. About 15 people came to the front, and I prayed for them.

I've found lots of ways to help others to let Jesus be their guide. And I'm sure God has many other ways He wants me to share His love. I've learned that age doesn't matter. You can tell people about Jesus whether you are young or old or in between. So get out and tell someone that God loves them. And remember, your mission offering helps people learn about Jesus too. 🌐

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Numbers

one	oom	six	sayz
two	DOH-ees	seven	SEH-tee
three	trehz	eight	OY-toh
four	KWAH-troh	nine	NAW-vee
five	SEEN-koh	ten	dehz



PUTTING FAITH TO WORK

Heitor [HAY-tor] kicked the soccer ball toward a teammate. Suddenly he heard a voice say, “Join your mother’s Bible study.” He looked around but saw no one nearby.

He heard the voice again. “Join the Bible study.” Heitor stopped playing and called to his friends, “I’ve got to go.” He walked toward his yard, where his neighbors and mother were studying.

MISSION POST

- While one person out of 40 in the North Brazil Union, which includes most of the Amazon River region, is an Adventist, 39 out of 40 are not yet Adventists. Many of these people have never heard the message that God has given to Adventists to preach.
- Part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will help to establish a university where young people can be trained as pastors, Bible workers, and teachers, and in other service work.
- The Adventist Mission DVD features a story about this new school. Ask the adult Sabbath School superintendent to make a copy of the DVD for your class to watch.

Troubled Times

Heitor lives in Belém, Brazil. His parents argued a lot, and his mother was sad. Then one day she asked their neighbors why they seemed so happy. “We are Seventh-day Adventist Christians,” they told her. They offered to study the Bible with her, but Heitor’s mom said no. She didn’t understand that to have peace you have to know God.

However Heitor’s mom eventually invited the neighbors to study the Bible with her. She invited Heitor to join them, but he wanted to play with his friends. Then one day he heard the voice urging him to join the Bible study.

Heitor listened as the adults talked about

how the Holy Spirit speaks to a person's heart. *That's what just happened to me!* He thought. After that Heitor never missed a Bible study. A few months later he and his mother were baptized.

Heitor's dad was unhappy that his wife had decided to become an Adventist. "I don't like this religion!" he said. When Mother refused to stop attending church, Heitor's father told her to leave the house.

Heitor and his mother stayed with their grandmother for awhile. When they returned home, Father tried to get them to leave their new faith. When they still refused, he left them.

A New Mission

Heitor seldom gets to see his dad, but every day during worship the family prays for him.

Heitor also talks to his friends at school about their faith and urges

them to pray. He leads a small group of students, mostly non-Adventists, in Bible studies. As many as 17 kids attend his meeting.

Heitor also helps other Adventist students to start their own small groups among their friends. And four members of Heitor's group have been baptized.

Heitor tries to help other young people who are having a difficult time. "I encourage them to become friends with God," he says, "for He will never leave them," Heitor adds, "It isn't enough to just pray for someone. We have to be willing to let God use us to change another person's heart."

Are you praying for someone? Has God told you to do something to help that person find Jesus? Are you doing it?

When we bring our mission offerings to Sabbath School, we are helping others find Jesus. It's that easy! 🌍

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Days of the Week

Sunday	doh-MEEN-goh
Monday	seh-GOON-duh FAY-ruh
Tuesday	TEHR-suh FAY-ruh
Wednesday	QWAR-duh FAY-ruh
Thursday	KEEN-tuh FAY-ruh
Friday	SEHS-tuh FAY-ruh
Saturday/Sabbath	SAH-bah-doh



A M A Z O N I A , B R A Z I L | August 8

VALÉRIA AND VANESSA

THE LITTLE LEADER

Valéria lives in a city where the Amazon River flows into the Atlantic Ocean. *[Let a child try to locate the Amazon River and the Atlantic Ocean on a map.]* She loves to share her faith with others. She learned how from her parents.

MISSION POST

- Valéria and her sister, Vanessa, couldn't start a church by themselves, but they could help their parents by teaching the children songs, telling them Bible stories, and teaching them how to pray. The children's parents started coming too, and that's how a new church was founded.
- Pray that God will bless Valéria and her family as they lead this new church and their new small groups. What do you think we need to pray for? What do you think they need most? *[Time to study their Bibles and Bible lessons; time to pray; time to visit people and invite them to come; strength to continue teaching others, even when they're tired.]*

Emergency Room Faith

When Valéria was 7 years old, she fell and broke her arm. Her parents took her to the hospital, where the doctors told her they would put her to sleep to set the bone. Valéria asked the doctors to wait until she had prayed for them. The doctors were surprised, but they waited while Valéria prayed.

Valéria stayed in the hospital overnight. When her doctor came to check on her, Valéria invited him to give his heart to Jesus. He smiled and said he would try to attend church.

Let Me Go!

The next day Valéria went to another hospital for the surgery. Different doctors took care of her, and when Valéria asked them to let her pray before surgery, they

refused! So Valéria prayed by herself. “Mom and Dad taught me to pray before we do anything. I wasn’t going to have that surgery without prayer!” she said.

The Little Leader

Valéria’s mother visited homes in a neighborhood near where they live. She found many people—especially children—who didn’t know Jesus. Mother wanted to start a children’s small group meeting and asked Valéria to lead it, even though she was only 7. Forty children came to the meeting. That’s a *big* small group!

The group grew, and Valéria’s father bought some land and invited the children to help build a temporary shelter of mud and straw. The children loved building a church of their own. Some parents started coming to the meetings too.

The Group Grows

Valéria’s mother planned a children’s

evangelistic series. Valéria and some friends preached, and 10 children and four adults were baptized. As more adults came to the meetings, Valéria’s mother taught a class for them so Valéria could teach the children. The mud-and-stick shelter became too crowded. It was time to build a permanent church. Today more than 80 people, including 55 children, attend the church. Valéria still teaches the children, and Mother teaches the adults. Her sister, Vanessa, leads the singing.

The church members have formed five smaller groups that meet during the week. Valéria and Vanessa lead two of these groups, and they hope one of these groups soon will become a church.

Valéria urges us to give our best to God’s work because the reward is better than anything money can buy. Our mission offerings help people like Valéria’s family do God’s work in Brazil and around the world. 🌍

SING IN PORTUGUESE

Sim, Cristo Me Ama (Jesus Loves Me)

Krees toh tehm ah mohr pohr meeng,
kohn sehr teh zah eh-oh cray-oh ah seeng;
pohr ah mohr deh meeng mohr hay oh,
vee voh-eh stah pohr meeng noh she-oh.

Chorus:

seeng k’drees toh meh ah mah
(repeat three times)
ah bee blee-ah-ah seeng meh deez†

seeng zheh zoos meh tehm ah mohr
ee seh fehz meh yoo sahl vah dohr
oh zheh ah-een dah tehng prah zehr
deh kree ahn sahs reh ceh behr

Meh-yoo zheh zoos koh mee goh-eh stah
Ee ah fee nahl meh leh vah rah
Pah rah oh leen doh seh-ow de looz
Poys meh rehs gah toh nah crooz



THE INVITATION

Amanda lives near the Amazon River in northern Brazil. Who can locate the Amazon on the map? *[Let a child try.]*

One day last year, Amanda arrived home from school and found a piece of paper on her front porch. It was an invitation to a series of church programs. There would be singing, a health talk, a movie about Jesus, and Bible lessons.

This sounded interesting to Amanda, and she asked her mother if she could go.

Her mother said yes, for the meetings were held near their home. So when the meetings started, Amanda went.

MISSION POST

- So far this quarter we've heard stories of several children who have shared their faith in several different ways. Can you tell how they were missionaries for Jesus? *(Vitoria leads a small group and helps her father present a radio program. Leonardo invited his mother to attend church with him. Samara told a man not to smoke and invited him to go to church. Heitor prays for his father. And Valéria and Vanessa helped establish a new church.*
- There are hundreds of ways we can share our faith with people we meet. What are some ways you can share your faith with someone?

Making New Friends

Amanda was a little shy when she first entered the building, but when she found other kids her age there, she felt at home. In fact, children her age were leading the singing and taking part in the rest of the program. The meeting was interesting, and Amanda decided to return the next night.

After the meeting, Amanda invited her mother to go with her. But her mother said that she was busy.

Amanda's Desire

Amanda wished that her mother would attend the meetings with her. Every day she

invited her to go. Finally, Mother agreed to go to the meeting. Mother enjoyed the meetings and signed up to study the Bible with someone.

One evening toward the end of the series, as Amanda and her mother were walking home, Amanda told her mother, "I want to be an Adventist."

Amanda's mother was surprised at her daughter's determination, but, as she thought about it, she decided that she should follow Amanda's example and attend the church too. Amanda and her mother began attending church and preparing for baptism.

After studying the Bible with the pastor for several weeks, Amanda and her mother were ready to be baptized. Amanda's mother told the pastor that Amanda was the person who had influenced her to accept Jesus as her Lord. Amanda and her mother were baptized together.

Amanda's Joy

Amanda joined Pathfinders, and soon she will attend her first Pathfinder camporee. She now has a missionary partner with whom she goes out to give literature to people. And she talks to her friends at school about Jesus. She has joined a small group of children her age and has invited some of her neighbors to join her.

"The best thing I did in my life was to give my life to Jesus," Amanda says. "He loves me so much!"

We can do as Amanda is doing. We can give out invitations to meetings and encourage one another to share God's love with our classmates and neighbors. There's so much we can do to help others learn about Jesus. And one other thing we can do is to give our mission offering every week. Then lots more people will learn that Jesus loves them. 🌍

MAKE KITES

Children in Brazil love to make and fly kites. Make a simple kite from newspaper or tissue paper. Or buy a simple kite, assemble it, and go outside to catch a breeze. (For directions on how to make a kite, go to www.AdventistMission.org. Click on "Resources," and "Children's Activities." Select the current quarter and scroll through activities to find the instructions.

Or use drawings of kites to make a mobile on which to write the names of the countries of the South American Division or the names of the children whose stories the children have heard this quarter. Hang it as a reminder to pray for the children of South America.





THE SERMON THAT CHANGED MY FAMILY

Maria lives in Quito [KEE-toh], Ecuador. [*Locate Ecuador on a map.*] Quito is a large city surrounded by mountains. Although it is located on the equator, it never gets very hot there, because it is high above sea level.

When Maria was 7 years old, her mother started attending the Adventist church. She took Maria and her brother, Luis, with her. Maria loved church and Sabbath School.

FAST FACTS

- The country of Ecuador is named for the equator, the imaginary line that circles the world and marks the middle of the earth, halfway between the north and south poles.
- If the earth weren't tilted on its axis, there would be no seasons. The sun would set at the same time all year, and the weather would remain the same all year long. That's what it's like living on the equator.
- Many places on the equator are hot and humid, but Quito, the capital city of Ecuador is well above sea level, and the weather remains comfortable all year round.

Invitation to Preach

One day a woman asked Maria to preach the next week. Maria had seen other children preach and understood what they did. She agreed to try. The woman gave her a short sermon to learn.

Maria worked hard to memorize her sermon. She practiced it while standing in front of a mirror to get her expressions right. Then she preached for her parents. Her father didn't go to church and wasn't interested in Maria's sermon, but Mother helped her. By Sabbath Maria felt ready.

Before church Maria prayed with her mother and asked God to speak through her so that the people would hear only what the Holy Spirit wanted them to

hear. She had no idea that someone's life would be changed by her sermon.

Surprise Visitor

Maria's father wasn't a Christian. He often became angry when Mother went out of the house, even to church. He was sure that Mother was meeting someone else. So on Sabbath when Maria and Mother left for church, he decided to follow them and make sure Mother was there. He stepped into the church sanctuary just as Maria stood to preach.

Maria was startled but very happy when she saw her father walk into the church. In her heart she thanked God for sending him to church that day and prayed that God would speak to his heart through her words. When Father sat down next to Mother, Maria knew that she was glad he was there, too.

Maria was a little nervous as she began to speak, and at one point she forgot what came next. Quickly she prayed, "Lord, help me!" Then she looked at her mother, who whispered the next words. Maria continued with the sermon.

A Special Prayer

At the end of her sermon she invited those who wanted to follow Jesus to stand up and come forward. About 30 people came forward. Among them was Maria's father! To her, his presence was the most beautiful sight she could imagine. He whispered to her, "Thank you so much, my daughter. Please pray for me that God will change my heart and my mind." Maria saw tears in his eyes. Maria prayed for those who had come forward, but in her heart she was praying for her father.

After church the family returned home together. Everyone was so happy! They had a great day together! As time passed Maria saw changes in her father. He gave up smoking and drinking, and sometimes he went to church with the family.

But Father loved soccer, and he had a hard time giving up playing soccer on Sabbath. Then one day he hurt his foot and couldn't play soccer. He told Maria, "I guess my sore foot is God's way of telling me to go to church." After that, Father went to church every Sabbath.

Happy in Jesus

Maria was thrilled that the entire family was worshipping together. And just a few months after Maria's first sermon, her father gave his heart to God and asked to be baptized. Mother hadn't been baptized yet either, so Maria's parents were baptized together. The next week Maria and her brother were baptized.

"I'm so glad that God brought my whole family to Jesus—and that He used me to make it happen," Maria says. "I urge all children to do whatever God asks them to do to share God's love with others. You never know who will come to Jesus because of something you say or do.

"Preach if you can, but you can pray and be a good example at home. This will help others want to follow Jesus. In this way you are being a missionary to the most important people—your family and friends."

Maria is right, boys and girls. When we live to honor God, we are being missionaries. And when we give our mission offering, we're helping others we don't know learn about Jesus. 🌍



PRAYING FOR ABUELITO

Miguel [mee-GEL] is 10 years old and lives in Quito, Ecuador. [*Locate Ecuador on a map.*] Miguel's family is Adventist, but his grandfather, whom he calls Abuelito [ah-bweh-LEE-toh], wasn't. He wouldn't go to church, and he drank a lot.

One Sabbath when Miguel was visiting his grandparents, he saw his grandfather watching television. Miguel turned off the television and said, "Abuelito, on Sabbath we don't watch TV." Then he added, "Jesus loves you and wants you to follow Him."

FAST FACTS

- The official language of Ecuador is Spanish, but 80 percent of the people living in Ecuador descended from native American tribes and speak one of many traditional languages, the most common of which is Quechua, the original language of the Inca.
- The capital city of Ecuador is Quito, which has about 1.5 million people. The largest city is Guayaquil [gwy-ah-KEEL], a city of 2 million people, which borders the Pacific Ocean.
- Ask the adult Sabbath School superintendent to share the Adventist Mission DVD with you so your class can watch a video from Ecuador.

Miguel's grandpa didn't say anything, but later Miguel learned that if anyone else had told grandpa to turn off the television, he would have become angry. But because Miguel was a child, his grandpa said nothing.

After that Miguel made his grandpa his special prayer project. He reminded his family to pray for Grandpa during family worship, and he prayed for him in his own prayers, too. "I wanted my grandpa to love Jesus as I do," Miguel said.

Sabbath Surprise

One day Miguel noticed that his grandpa no longer drank alcohol. Miguel was sure that God

was answering his prayers. Then one Sabbath Miguel saw his grandmother walk into church—with his grandpa! Grandmother always attended church, but this was the first time that Miguel remembered seeing his grandpa in church. Now he was sure that God was answering his prayers.

After that, Grandpa came to church with Grandma almost every week. Then one day Grandpa said, “I want to be baptized.” Miguel was so happy! But his uncle and his father weren’t so excited. They told Grandpa, “You have said that before, but you’ve never done it.” Miguel watched his grandfather’s face. How could his father say Grandpa didn’t mean it?

Later Miguel asked his father why he had said that to Grandpa. His father said, “Abuelito has promised to give his heart to Jesus so many times, but he has always changed his mind.” Miguel prayed really hard that this time his grandpa meant it.

“I’ll Be Ready”

Miguel’s father encouraged Grandpa to study the Bible and accept what it teaches before he asked to be baptized. Grandpa agreed. Miguel often told Grandpa that Jesus loves him and wants

him to be ready when He comes again. Grandpa would smile and say that he’d be ready.

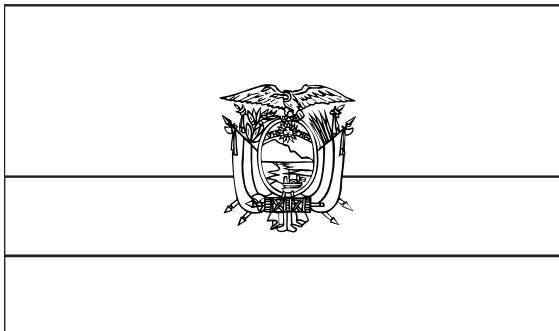
Grandpa took the Bible studies Miguel’s father offered. And one happy day Grandpa was baptized. Miguel hugged him and told him, “I’m so happy!” Abuelito smiled happily too, but he wasn’t any happier than Miguel’s grandmother. She told Miguel that she had been praying for Abuelito for 15 years!

Miguel’s Advice

“I prayed for Abuelito just four years,” Miguel said. “I know that God answered all our prayers, and I know that Jesus was as happy as we were that day when Abuelito decided to follow Him.”

Miguel encourages us all to pray for those we love. “If you want someone you know to be ready when Jesus comes,” Miguel says, “pray for them and tell them how much Jesus loves them.”

Miguel prayed for Abuelito, and God answered his prayer. Do you know someone who needs to follow Jesus? Are you praying for them? Are you telling them that Jesus loves them and wants them to live forever in heaven with Him? 🌍



COLOR THE FLAG

ECUADOR

Top band: yellow

Middle: medium blue

Bottom: red

Seal: yellow banners, brown eagle, landscape



QUITO, ECUADOR | September 5

JORDY

FOR GOD ALONE

Jordy is 12 years old and lives in Ecuador. [*Locate Ecuador on a map.*] He loves to read his Bible and tell others about Jesus. “I want to live for God alone,” he says.

MISSION POST

- The Spanish first landed on the coast of Ecuador in 1526. By 1534 they had conquered the Incas, who up till that time had dominated the land. Along with the Spanish language, the conquerors brought their Catholic faith.
- Today some 96 percent of the people living in Ecuador follow the Catholic religion. Only about 2 percent claim to be Protestant Christians, and just over 71,000 are Seventh-day Adventists. That’s one Adventist for every 190 people.
- Pray that the Adventist believers in Ecuador will openly share their faith with others, so that God’s message can flood the land.

Difficult Times

Jordy’s mother has a painful disease that has left her unable to walk. In spite of her pain, her love for Jesus shines through everything she does. Then last year his father lost his job, and the family has had no income. How would you feel if your family had problems such as this?

Jordy’s family doesn’t blame God for their problems. Instead, they praise God for watching over them and providing for their needs. “Every day God provides what we need,” Jordy says.

Jordy’s parents had to sell their house and move into a one-room apartment to pay for his mother’s medical treatments. But Jordy doesn’t mind. “My mother is more important than any house!” he says. “When we can’t see how we’ll manage, we remind ourselves that God provides for the sparrows. Surely He will provide for us, too.

When I wonder where money will come from, I give my worries to God and let Him handle things. Sometimes we've had no food in our house, and when we prayed someone brought us food. I know that God won't forget us."

But Jordy doesn't want to talk about his family problems. He wants to tell us about God's blessings.

A Call to Preach

Jordy was a shy boy. Then someone invited him to preach in church. He wasn't sure he could do it, but he agreed to try. "I prayed a lot, and I realized that God can use me to reach people's hearts. It changed my life!"

Now Jordy preaches often. He doesn't preach to bring glory to himself, but because he wants to tell others what God has done for him. He shares his faith with his neighbors and with his classmates at school too. "I want everyone to know that God loves them and has a plan for their lives," he says.

The Wedding Sermon

When Jordy's uncle was married, he

invited Jordy to preach the sermon at his wedding. His parents helped him prepare the wedding sermon. "When we arrived at the wedding, I was shocked to find 800 people there!" Jordy says. "But I prayed for God's blessing, and I felt God speaking through me. Afterward, people said they were blessed by hearing a child preach. When people thanked me for my sermon, I told them it wasn't from me; it was from God and was for His glory. I don't want credit for what God does through me. It's all for God and His glory."

Jordy wants everyone to know Jesus and love God as he does. "I tell them that they are God's child; they just didn't know it until someone told them."

Boys and girls, we can share our faith with people we meet just as Jordy does. That's the best way to be a missionary for Jesus. And when we give our mission offering in Sabbath School, we're also sharing God's love with others. Let's see how many ways we can share God's love this week. 🌍

PAO DE QUEIJO (CHEESE BREAD)

3 eggs
1 cup milk
¾ cup oil

9 tablespoons grated cheese
3 cups arrowroot powder
2 teaspoons salt

Place first three ingredients in blender and blend together. Add cheese, arrowroot powder, and salt; blend until smooth. Pour into greased muffin tins and bake in a hot oven (400° F) for 15 to 20 minutes.



GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR | September 12

VICTOR

VICTOR'S PRAYER VIGIL

Victor is 11 years old and lives in Guayaquil [gwy-ah-KEEL], a city on the coast of Ecuador. [Locate Ecuador on a map.] Victor's mother took him and his little brother to church on Sabbath, but his father didn't want to go.

Victor's mother would read the Bible to Victor. Once she read Revelation 22:11 to him: "He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still" (NKJV). Victor thought about his

father, who didn't go to church. Victor didn't want him to lose out on heaven when Jesus comes. There was just one thing to do. Victor would pray for his father every day.

And he did. Every morning and evening he prayed for his father. When his Sabbath School teacher asked if anyone had a prayer request, Victor always asked the class to pray for his father. Sometimes his friends would say, "We know about your dad. We pray for him all the time."

Long-distance Prayers

Victor's father worked in a distant city

FAST FACTS

- Guayaquil lies on a large bay on the Pacific Ocean. It is the largest city in Ecuador and a major shipping port. Because it lies at sea level and near the equator, it can be very hot and humid.
- The Galápagos Islands are part of Ecuador. They were made famous by Charles Darwin, who studied the wildlife on these isolated islands and originated the theories that led to the theory of evolution. The islands lie about 600 miles (960 kilometers) west of the mainland of South America.

and came home only twice a month for two days. Victor often wrote his father letters while he was away, telling him how much he missed him. Sometimes he drew pictures of the family to send to his father too. When his father was home, Victor invited him to go to church, but Father didn't want to go. This made Victor sad.

Victor's father didn't want to study the Bible either, but sometimes when he was home he let Victor read some Bible verses to him. Victor would practice reading verses he had studied in Sabbath School so he could read them clearly to his father. "Sometimes he listened with interest," Victor said. "But other times he wasn't so interested."

A Prayer and a Promise

One day Victor's Sabbath School teacher asked who wanted to be baptized. Victor raised his hand. But when the teacher started to write down his name, Victor said he would be baptized only if his father was baptized with him. Some children were surprised at Victor's answer, for they knew his father wasn't a believer. After all, they were praying for him. Victor realized that he was asking God for a miracle.

One day when Victor's father was leaving for two more weeks away, his mother gave him a Bible and begged him to read it while he was gone. Father took the Bible and promised to read it every morning. Father called to say he was keeping his promise to read the Bible every day. And Victor kept praying.

A few months later when Dad was home for the weekend, Victor invited

him to go to church. To Victor's joy, his father agreed. After church that afternoon, Victor told his father, "Daddy, I want to be baptized. But I want to be baptized with you."

His father was surprised, but he saw that Victor's eyes were bright with hope and excitement. He told Victor, "I would like that, but I have to prepare more for this important step." Victor was so happy to hear his father's answer. He hurried to his room and thanked God for answering his prayer.

Many Answered Prayers

Victor's father changed jobs so he could be home more. But when he returned home, he didn't bring the Bible that Mother had given him. "I gave it to the secretary in the office," he explained. "I told her to give it to clients to read while they wait for the boss." Mother and Victor smiled.

Father began attending church every week. Again Victor invited his father to be baptized, and this time his father agreed. Not long ago Victor and his father were baptized together. When Victor's grandfather saw the video of the baptism, he decided to prepare to be baptized, too. "I'm so glad God answered my prayers," Victor says. "He changed my father's heart, and I know He can do anything."

And Victor's father has learned that some people are reading the Bible he left behind, and they're learning about God, too.

Our mission offerings help reach people we may never see and tell them about God's love. Let's give our offering faithfully every week. 🌍



CALLED BY GOD

[If possible ask a primary or junior boy to present this first-person report.]

I am Samuel. My mother prayed and prayed for a child. At last God gave her one—me. She named me Samuel and dedicated me to God even before I was born. She told my father that her baby would be a boy and she would name him Samuel. Even though he wasn't a Christian, he agreed.

Since I was little, Mother taught me about God. She tells me that I would take a Bible and stand in front of the family and tell the Bible story we had studied in Sabbath School. Dad sat and listened to me talk about God's love, and it touched his heart.

Mom also says that whenever my father said something bad, I would tell him that God didn't like it. Father didn't like that, but he gave up his unkind words and started treating my mother better. Eventually he stopped drinking and smoking too. Then he gave his heart to Jesus. Mom and I were so happy!

MISSION POST

- Radio is an important means of communication in Ecuador. It can travel to the most isolated regions of this mountainous land. The Adventist Church has several radio stations in Ecuador that are linked and can share programming.
- Part of this quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help improve the broadcast capabilities of these radio stations and link them into a more effective network, so that programs can be produced at a central location for use throughout the country.
- Pray that God will bless these radio stations, which offer counseling to listeners, Bible studies, and other faith-building services.

The Little Preacher

When I was 7 years old my pastor asked me to preach for a week of prayer in one of his churches. The mission president had been asked to preach, but he couldn't come. I agreed to do it because my mom had given me to God, and I wanted to serve Him. I had preached before, but never for a whole week! The pastor gave me some sermons to learn, and I started practicing them.

When I arrived at the church for the first meeting, some people said, "Where's the president? He's supposed to speak." The pastor told them that I would preach. "But he's just a child," someone said. The pastor urged the people to listen, for God had given me something to say.

I preached all week, and at the end of the week 14 people gave their lives to God and asked to be baptized. Later the mission president came to the church and baptized the new believers.

In the Family

I still preach, and whenever I do I invite people to accept Christ. Almost 100 people have accepted Jesus as their Savior after I preached. I love visiting people and giving Bible studies too. I invite people to give their lives to Jesus. It's just part of my life. It's no surprise that I want to be a pastor when I grow up. After all, I was born in answer to my mother's prayer, and she dedicated me to God's service.

My dad is a lay preacher now too. He has a problem with his legs and can't walk, so please pray that God will strengthen him to do God's work. Our faith is strong, and we realize that even in our problems, God never leaves us alone.

You can dedicate your life to doing God's work too. Just tell your friends that Jesus loves them, be kind to them, and pray for them. And you can give your mission offering. That helps even more people learn about God's love. 🌍

SING A SONG IN SPANISH

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
He Decidido Seguir a Cristo

eh deh see dee doh seh geer ah krees toh
eh deh see dee doh seh geer ah krees toh
eh deh see dee doh seh geer ah krees toh
noh vwel voh -ah trahs, noh vwel voh-ah trahs

lah vee dah-ahn tee guah yah eh deh hah doh
lah vee dah-ahn tee guah yah eh deh hah doh
lah vee dah-ahn tee guah yah eh deh hah doh
noh vwel voh-ah trahs, noh vwel voh-ah trahs

THIRTEENTH SABBATH PROGRAM

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

- Practice one or more songs from the quarterly or the website (www.AdventistMission.org) to sing during the program or as an offertory.
- Send home a note to remind parents of the program and to encourage the children to bring their Thirteenth Sabbath Offering on September 26.
- Purchase colorful envelopes on which you've printed "My Thirteenth Sabbath Offering for Jesus." Ask deacons or children to distribute the envelopes at the beginning of your program. When it's time for the offering, let the children walk throughout the auditorium collecting the envelopes. Place them in a clear container or into a box wrapped to look like a gift. Remind everyone that our offerings are gifts to spread God's word around the world, and that one fourth of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will go directly to South America to help establish two universities and expand the Adventist radio network in Ecuador.
- **If your division will not join the adults** for a special program, present the following story during the mission time or invite a guest to speak to the children about life in Brazil or Ecuador.
- Remind the children to bring their Thirteenth Sabbath Offering. Count the money and let the children know how much they have brought for missions during the quarter and how much they gave for Thirteenth Sabbath today. Praise them for what they have done and let them know that their offerings will make a big difference to believers like them in Brazil and Ecuador.

RAQUEL'S NEW CHURCH

Raquel lives along the Amazon River in northern Brazil. She's 10 years old and in the sixth grade. She likes to sing and read the Bible and play dodgeball. She has a 14-year-old brother, Bruno.

Raquel's family doesn't go to church, but sometimes Raquel went to church with her cousin on Sunday. Then one Sunday evening her cousin didn't come to walk her to church. Raquel was disappointed, because she liked to worship God.

Near her house there was an Adventist church. She could hear the people singing in the church and asked her mother for permission to walk down to that church instead of missing the Sunday evening worship with her cousin. Her mother said she could, and Raquel hurried off to worship in the nearby church.

When she arrived at the church, the people greeted her warmly and made her feel happy that she had come.

She enjoyed the worship service and decided to return another time. The members invited her to come back for worship on Sabbath, so on Saturday morning when Raquel heard people singing in the little church, she hurried over and joined them.

She enjoyed her Sabbath School class the most, for the children were friendly and the teachers had interesting Bible discussions.

Raquel continued worshipping at the Adventist church for many months. When her cousin again invited her to go to church, Raquel told her that she had found a church she loved.

A Light Shining

Raquel is the only Adventist in her family. “I feel that I’m a light shining in my home,” she says. She has joined Pathfinders and sings in a little group. She enjoys helping with the children’s programs at church as well. Her parents are glad that Raquel wants to worship God. She invites them and her brother to join her for worship, and her mother and brother have come several times.

Raquel learned about the small group ministry in her church. A small group is a gathering of believers and visitors who study the Bible and talk about God. Raquel wanted to know how to lead a small group, so she took a class. Now she leads her own group that is made up of children. The group meets in the church once a week. Some of the children are Adventists, but others don’t go to any church. Raquel invites her friends to come to the small group and encourages the other children to

invite their friends as well.

Raquel has learned so many things in the little Adventist church near her home. One important lesson she learned is to pray and to trust God to answer. When her father was hospitalized with a serious illness, she prayed earnestly for him. He recovered, and she thanks God for making him better. She told her father that her small group is praying for him and that Jesus loves him. Her father promised to join her for worship in her church one day. Raquel can’t wait for him to keep that promise.

South Americans Pray

The children and adults in Ecuador and northern Brazil are all praying that we will give a generous offering today, for it’s Thirteenth Sabbath. Part of the offering we give today will help establish two colleges—one in northern Brazil and one in Ecuador—and will help make the Adventist radio network in Ecuador stronger so it can reach more people for Jesus. Let’s not disappoint the people in these countries. Let’s give our best, just as Jesus gave His best for us.

[Offering]

Your Offerings at Work

Three years ago, part of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering helped to build chapels in northern Argentina and eastern Brazil. The believers in these chapels say a hearty “Thank you!”

(See photos at www.AdventistMission.org.)

THE LUZEIRO (LIGHT-BEARER)

Missionaries Leo and Jessie Halliwell piloted a boat like this on the Amazon River for several years, treating the sick and preaching to the people who lived along the river. Drawing by Marcos Almeida.



LET'S SPEAK SPANISH

Spanish is a simple language to pronounce: *ah* as in far; *eh* as in bet; *ee* as in bee; *oh* as in boat; *oo* as in boot. The accented syllables are written in capital letters in the pronunciation column. D is pronounced as *th*.

Common Phrases

Happy Sabbath
Welcome
Hello
Good morning
Please
Thank you
Yes
No
You're welcome
Goodbye
Until later
My name is
This is Mr. Jones.
This is Mrs. Jones.
What is your name?

Pronunciation

fay-LEEZ SAH-bah-doh
bee-YEN-veh-NEE-doh
OH-lah
BWEH-nohs DEE-ahs
por fah-VOHR
GRAH-see-ahs
see
no
day NAH-thah
ah-dee-OHS
AHS-tah loo-EH-goh
mee NOM-bray ehs
ES-tay ehs el sen-YOR Jones
ES-tah ehs lah sen-YOR-ah Jones.
Coh-moh say ZHAH-mah

Numbers

One
Two
Three
Four
Five
Six
Seven
Eight
Nine
Ten

NOO-meh-rohs

OO-noh
dohs
trays
KWAH-troh
SEEN-koh
says
see-EH-teh
Oh-choh
noo-AY-veh
dee-EHZ

Days of the Week

Sunday
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday/Sabbath

DEE-ahs day lah seh-MAHN-ah

doh-MEEN-goh
LOO-nes
MAR-tes
me-AYR-co-les
HWAY-ves
vee-AYR-nes
SAH-bah-doh

For more words, phrases, and the Spanish spelling of the above words and phrases, visit www.AdventistMission.org. Click on "Resources" and "Children's Activities." Choose the current quarter and look for the language pages.

SING A SONG IN SPANISH

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He Decidido Seguir a Cristo (I Have Decided to Follow Jesus)

He decidido seguir a Cristo,	eh deh see dee doh seh geer ah krees toh
He decidido seguir a Cristo,	eh deh see dee doh seh geer ah krees toh
He decidido seguir a Cristo,	eh deh see dee doh seh geer ah krees toh
No vuelvo atrás, no vuelvo atrás	noh vwel voh-ah trahs, noh vwel voh-ah trahs
La vida antigua ya he dejado,	lah vee dah-ahn tee guah yah eh deh hah doh
La vida antigua ya he dejado,	lah vee dah-ahn tee guah yah eh deh hah doh
La vida antigua ya he dejado,	lah vee dah-ahn tee guah yah eh deh hah doh
No vuelvo atrás, no vuelvo atrás	noh vwel voh-ah trahs, noh vwel voh-ah trahs

Te Amo Rey (I Love You, Lord)

Te amo Rey y leanto mivoz	teh ah moh reh ee lah vahn toh mee voh
para adorar y gozarme en Ti	pah rah doh rahr ee goh zahr me-ehn tee
Regocíjate, escucha mi Rey	reh goh see hah teh ehs coo chah mee rey
que sea un dulce sonar para Ti	keh she-ah oon dool seh soh nahr pah rah tee

Padre, Te Adoro (Father I Adore You)

Padre te adoro	pah dreh teh ah doh oh
a tus pies me postro	ah toos pee-ehs me pohs troh
como te amo	coh moh teh ah moh
Cristo te adoro . . .	krees toh teh ah doh roh
Espíritu te adoro . . .	Eh-spee-ree too teh ah doh roh

Amor, Amor (Love, Love, Love, Love)

amor, amor, amor, amor	ah-mohr ah-mohr ah-mohr ah-mohr
es el evangelio en una palabra	ehs-el ee vahn hehl ee oh ehn-oon-ah pah lah brah
Ama a tu prójimo como a ti mismo	ah mah-ah too proh hee moh-ah tee mees moh
Dios es amor, Dios es amor	dyohs ehs ah mohr dyohs ehs ah mohr
Dios es amor	dyohs ehs ah mohr

Fija tus Ojos en Cristo (Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus)

Fija tus ojos en Cristo	fee hah toos oh hohs ehn krees toh
tan lleno de gracia y amor	tahn yeh noh de grah cyah-ee-ah mohr
y lo terrenal sin valor será	ee loh the rehn ahl seen vah lohr seh rah
a la luz del glorioso Señor	ah la looz del glo-yoh-soh sehn yohr

More songs are available at www.AdventistMission.org. Click on "Resources" and "Children's Activities." Click on the current quarter and look for songs.

BRAZIL

POLENTA DE MILHO (SAVORY CORNMEAL TREAT)

one small onion, chopped
oil
2½ cups water
salt to taste
1 cup cornmeal

1 to 2 cups tomato or pizza sauce
Parmesan cheese
black olives, optional
parsley, optional

Sauté chopped onion in a little oil until onions are soft. Add water and salt to the sautéed onions. Slowly add cornmeal, stirring constantly. Bring to boil and cook until it is a thick porridge. Pour into an eight-inch square baking pan. Flatten out. Cover with tomato sauce. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Heat for 15 to 20 minutes at 350° F to melt cheese. Cut into squares, garnish with black olives and parsley sprigs, and serve.

POLENTA (FRIED CORN MUSH)

¾ cups water
¾ teaspoon salt

1 cup cornmeal

Stir ingredients in a saucepan over medium-high heat until they come to a slow boil. Reduce heat to low, cover and cook for 15 minutes. Stir frequently. Spread the polenta in a bread pan. Wait until it is completely cool, then cut into two-inch wide slices. Fry them in a skillet over medium heat in two tablespoons of butter, 10 minutes on each side until crisp.

Commercial instant polenta is available in packages in the supermarket, usually displayed near the packaged rice. It would be an adequate substitute for the traditional method of preparation.

BLACK BEANS

Beans are a staple food in Brazil. Most often served with rice and manioc (cassava), beans—especially the small, shiny black beans—are virtually a national dish. A traditional dish often served at festivals is *feijoada*, black bean stew. Another popular way to serve black beans is directly over rice with coarsely ground cassava flour sprinkled on top. Serve beans and rice with sautéed greens. Roll the fresh greens and shred with a knife. Saute lightly with minced garlic in a small amount of oil until just tender. Serve with orange slices.

ECUADOR

LLAPINGACHOS (POTATO CAKES)

2 pounds potatoes, peeled and sliced
Salt
4 tablespoons (¼ cup) butter

2 medium onions, finely chopped
2 cups Muenster cheese, shredded
Oil

Boil the potatoes in salted water until soft. Drain and mash. Heat the butter in a skillet and sauté the onions until they are transparent. Add the onions to the mashed potatoes, and mix well. Let cool, and add shredded cheese. Shape potatoes into 12 patties about one inch thick. Chill in the refrigerator for 15 minutes. Pour enough oil in a skillet to cover the bottom. Sauté patties over medium heat until they are golden brown; turn over and brown other side. Serve hot. Serves six.

ENSALADA DE HABAS (FRESH BROAD BEAN SALAD)

2 cups young broad beans
2 tablespoons butter

Salt and pepper (optional)
1 tablespoon lemon juice

Cook the beans in enough water to cover until they are tender, about 15 minutes. Drain and cool. Melt the butter in a saucepan, add the beans, season to taste with salt and pepper, and cook for about one minute, turning the beans with a rubber spatula so that all are coated with the butter. Remove from the heat and pour the lemon juice over them, stirring to mix. Serve at room temperature as a salad. Serves four.

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.

ADVENTIST MISSION RESOURCES

Visit our website for additional photos, recipes, language pages, puzzles, and other activities that you can download and print to make mission more fun for children. Go to www.AdventistMission.org. Click on "Resources" then "Children's Activities" in the pop-up menu. Go to third quarter and select the activity you want.

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 one of the DVD programs.

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*.

MISCELLANEOUS

Library: Browse through the children's and travel sections of a public library or bookstore for picture books on Brazil and Ecuador.

Travel Agencies: Travel agencies often have colorful brochures on tourist destinations in Ecuador or the Amazon region of Brazil. Call or visit one and ask what they have available to help you portray the scenery and culture of the nation.

Embassies and Tourism Offices sometimes can provide interesting information on their country. In North America, contact:

Embassy of Brazil, 3009 Whitehaven St., NW, Washington, DC 20008. Phone: (202) 238-2805; e-mail: consular@brasilemb.org; website: <http://www.brasilemb.org>. The website contains cultural and tourism information.

Embassy of Ecuador, 2535 15th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009. Phone: (202) 234-7200; e-mail: embassy@ecuador.org. Consulate phone: (202) 234-7166; e-mail: consuladodc@ecuador.org; website: www.ecuador.org/tourism.htm.

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UNIONS	CHURCHES	MEMBERS	POPULATION*
Austral Union Conference	578	120,875	48,809,000
Bolivia Union Mission	278	205,950	9,815,000
Central Brazil Union Conference	908	193,897	43,055,000
Chile Union Mission	555	123,168	16,598,000
East Brazil Union Conference	971	157,870	37,813,000
Ecuador Union Mission	149	76,846	13,473,000
North Brazil Union Mission	1,608	313,022	20,753,000
North Peru Union Mission	936	364,541	13,753,000
Northeast Brazil Union Mission	1,237	290,492	44,830,000
South Brazil Union Conference	761	158,400	28,507,000
South Peru Union Mission	896	329,392	14,150,000
West Central Brazil Union Mission	461	95,003	14,379,000
Total	9338	2,416,291	305,935,000

*2008 figures

PROJECTS

- ① Help build the Amazon Adventist College in Belém, Brazil
- ② Upgrade classrooms, dormitories and cafeteria facilities at Ecuador Adventist Technical Institute
- ③ Expand and upgrade Radio Nuevo Tiempo in Ecuador