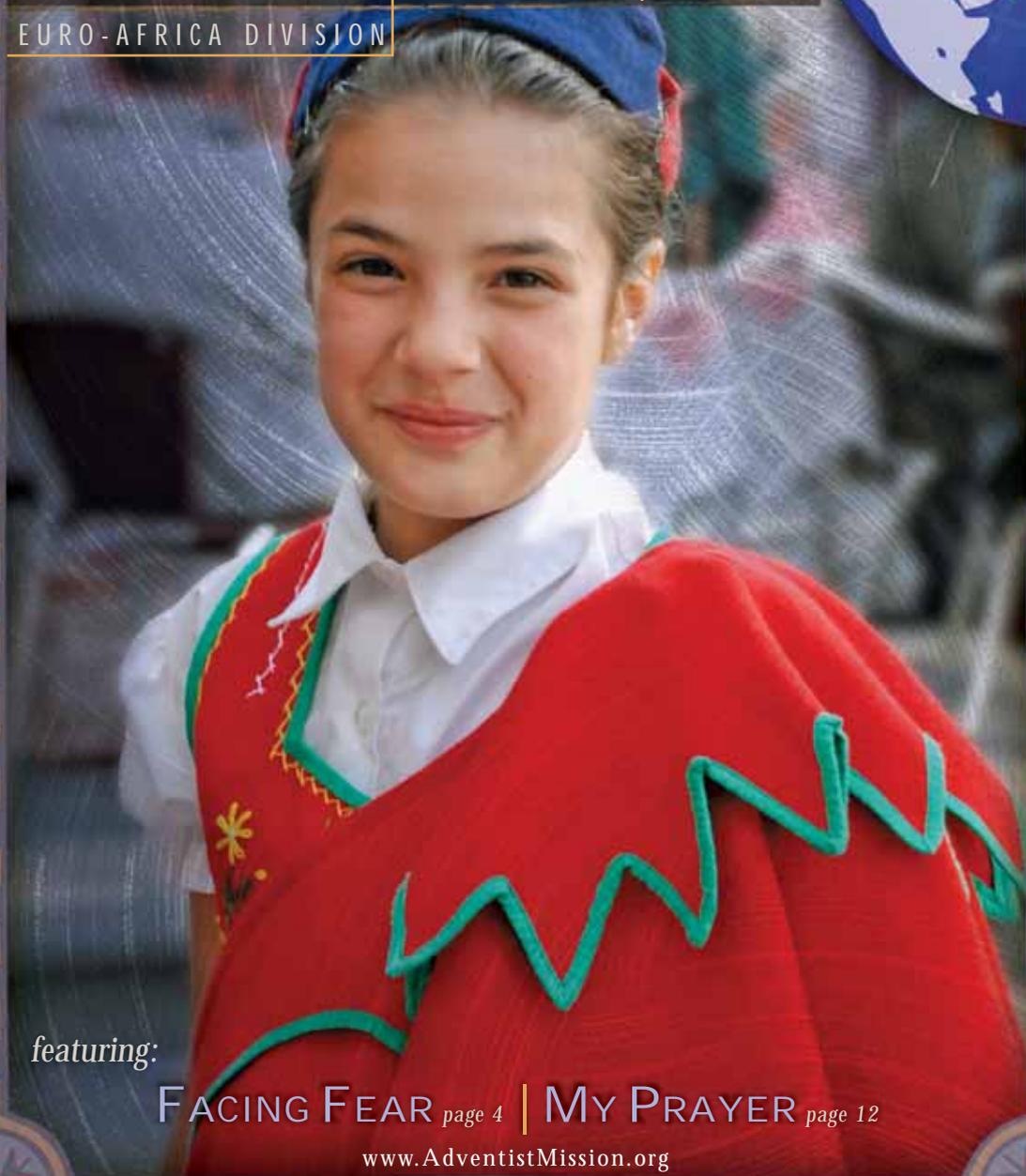


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DEAR SABBATH SCHOOL LEADER,

This quarter features the Euro-Africa Division, which includes the countries of Afghanistan, Algeria, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Gibraltar, Holy See, Iran, Italy, Libya, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Morocco, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, and Western Sahara.

The division is home to more than 596 million people, 176,230 of whom are Seventh-day Adventists. That's a ratio of one Adventist for every 3,382 people.

The Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will go to help provide:

- a church for two multiethnic groups in Brussels, Belgium
- a church for a Romanini congregation in Bulgaria
- an expanded and modernized mission school on the Portuguese island of Madeira.

Language Fun

Songs and words in French (spoken in Belgium), Portuguese, and Bulgarian are featured in the quarterly and on our website, www.AdventistMission.org. Click on "Resources" and "Children's Activities."

Mission Potluck

If you host a mission potluck this quarter, find recipes and cultural ideas on pages 31 through 33 and on the website. Label the foods with their country of origin. Decorate the church fellowship hall with travel brochures for the countries featured and colorful paper flowers. (See the Children's Activities section of the website).

As people arrive, let the children greet them in one of the languages featured this quarter. After the meal, invite the children to sing a song or two they've learned this quarter.

Offering Device

Use a woven basket trimmed in silk or paper flowers as an offering device this quarter.

Special Features

- **Adventist Mission DVD** features stories from the featured countries of Euro-Africa. Ask your adult Sabbath School superintendent to make a copy for you to share with your children.
- **Invite a guest** who has lived in one of the featured European countries to visit your class and speak to the children. Encourage them to bring appropriate items for the children to see and touch.
- **Decorate the room** with pictures cut from magazines or travel brochures and silk or paper flowers.
- **More Activities.** Visit our website at www.AdventistMission.org. Click on "Resources" and "Children's Activities." Click on the current quarter to find pages of crafts, additional language activities and songs, recipes, games, and activities to download or print for use in your Sabbath School.

Yours for the kingdom,



Charlotte Ishkanian

Editor, *Children's Mission*



FACING FEAR | PART 1

Today's story comes from Bulgaria, a country that lies on the western end of the Black Sea. [Locate Bulgaria on a map.]

Pavel [PAH-vehl, or Paul] is 6 years old and in the first grade. Pavel likes hiking and drawing, but he doesn't like the dark. Last year Pavel faced his fear and learned an important lesson at the same time.

FAST FACTS

- Bulgaria is a country that lies on the western shore of the Black Sea in southeastern Europe. The capital city is Sofia, and the national language is Bulgarian.
- The population of Bulgaria is decreasing because people are leaving to live in other countries. Today just over 7.6 million people live in this country. That's fewer than the population of several of the world's largest cities.
- Bulgaria lies on the crossroads between Europe and Asia (Asian Turkey lies just across a narrow waterway) and has ruins that date back almost to Bible times.

Family Outing

"Let's go for a hike in the mountains," Father said one day. Pavel was excited, for he enjoyed being out-of-doors. Mother prepared a picnic, and the family drove out of town toward the mountains. Father parked the car at the foot of the mountains, and Pavel helped carry the lunch and water to the lift that would take them to the top of the rocks.

"Oh look, Vivi!" Pavel said to his younger sister as the lift rose above the trees. "There's our town!" Pavel thought that the trees below him looked like green soldiers marching slowly down the mountainside.

The lift bumped gently as it came to a stop at the top of the mountain. Pavel and his family climbed out and stepped onto the rocky mountaintop.

"Wow!" Pavel said. "I can see everywhere

from here!” Mother and Father laughed as they followed the path along the craggy mountaintop toward a viewing platform where they could enjoy the beautiful scenery below.

“I’m hungry!” Pavel said. Father looked at his watch and laughed. “You should be!” he said. “It’s past lunchtime.” The family found a sunny spot and sat down to eat. Then the children continued to explore the mountaintop.

Long Hike Down

“It’s 3:00,” Father announced. “It’s time to head down the mountain.”

“OK,” Pavel said. It was such a beautiful day, and he hated to leave the mountaintop, but it would be fun to hike down the mountain before going home.

The family started down the trail. Father had hiked a lot, and he knew a shortcut to the bottom. He picked up Vivi and swung her onto his shoulders. “We’ll race you down!” he challenged Mother and Pavel. Father and Vivi took off down the narrow shortcut while Mother and Pavel walked on the wider trail. Birds chirped overhead in the trees.

As they walked, Mother showed Pavel the red and white stripes painted on a tree. “We need to follow these trail markers so we won’t get lost,” she said. Pavel studied the marker. “It’s the same in life,” Mother added. “We must follow God’s markers so we don’t get lost. And we find those markers in the Bible.”

Pavel thought about this as they scrambled over rocks and down the

dusty trail. The trip down the mountain seemed to take a long time, but he didn’t mind—until the shadows grew long and it started to get dark.

Finding the Trail Markers

They walked more slowly in the deepening shadows to avoid stumbling. Then Mother stopped. “We haven’t seen any trail markers for a while,” she said. “I need to walk ahead and make sure we’re on the trail. Stay here, Pavel. We may have to backtrack if I don’t find a marker.” Pavel nodded and sat down on a rock beside the trail as Mother disappeared around the corner. He didn’t like being alone in the dark.

The shadows grew longer, and a chill breeze made Pavel shiver. He was alone on a mountain trail, and it was getting dark. Pavel felt a familiar fear rise inside of him. He was afraid of the dark.

“Please God,” he prayed, “Help Mom find the trail marker, and help me not to be afraid.” Pavel wanted to run after his mother, but he obeyed and stayed where he was. “Please help her to hurry,” he added to his prayer.

The birds stopped singing, and the crickets chirped their evening chorus. Then Pavel heard a snap! *What was that?* he wondered as he turned toward the noise. A shadow moved on the trail.

We must wait until next week to learn what happened to Pavel and his family. In the meantime, remember that God is our help in trouble, and we don’t have to fear.* 

*Psalm 46: 1, 2



FACING FEAR | PART 2

Last week we heard a story about Pavel [PAH-vehl, or Paul], a 6-year-old boy who lives in Bulgaria. [*Locate Bulgaria on a map.*] The family went to the mountains for an outing. After their picnic they hiked down the mountain. Mother and Pavel took one route, and Father and Pavel's little sister, Vivi, took another.

FAST FACTS

- Bulgaria is one of many former Communist countries in Europe. Under Communism people didn't have the right to worship as they wished or even to talk about their faith. Even after Communism fell in Europe in the late 1980s and early 1990s, the dominant church has tried to rule religious life and make it difficult for churches such as ours to share God's love with people who are searching for Him.
- Since the fall of Communism the Adventist Church in Bulgaria has grown faster than in any other country in the Euro-Africa Division. One of the groups in which the church is growing fast is the Romani (Gypsy) people.

But the hike took longer than they'd thought it would, and it began to get dark. When Mother couldn't find the trail markers, she asked Pavel to stay where he was while she searched for the trail markers.

Pavel's Prayer

"Please God," Pavel prayed, "Help my mom find the trail markers, and help me not to be afraid. And please help her to hurry."

The sun had set, and crickets began chirping their evening song. Then Pavel heard a *snap!* He jerked around and saw a shadowy figure walking toward him. Relief flooded him when he realized it was Mother. Pavel ran to her. "I've found the trail markers!" she said. "Let's go!" Pavel followed his mother down the trail.

"While you were gone I got a little scared," Pavel told his mother. "I asked

God to help you find the trail markers and help me not to be afraid.” The two talked about God as they made their way down the mountain. In some places the trail was so steep that they held onto tree branches to keep from falling. They prayed out loud for God to help them. Pavel wished they had a flashlight, for he didn’t want to spend the night on the mountainside!

Together at Last

Finally Mother and Pavel reached the bottom of the trail near the parking lot where they had left their car. Pavel could see the lights of the city in the distance. Just then he saw his father and Vivi. When Mother greeted Father, Pavel realized that Mother had been worried about them too, for they were on a steeper trail.

Father reached into the car for the water jug and gave everyone a drink as

they chatted about their adventurous climb in the dark. They got into the car, and Father thanked God for keeping them safe as they climbed down the mountain.

As the family drove home in the darkness, Pavel remembered a part of Psalm 91 that he had learned. “You will not fear the terror of night” (verse 5, NIV). God had helped the family to get safely off the mountain—and He had helped Pavel not to be afraid in the darkness.

Sometimes Pavel is still a little afraid of the dark, but he remembers how God walked with him on the mountainside and kept him safe. “I’m glad that Jesus walks with me,” he says with a smile. “It makes everything easier—and less scary!”

Jesus reminds us that when we are afraid, we can trust in Him (Psalm 56:3). Let’s trust Him to help us share God’s love with others this week. 🌍

FLAG OF BULGARIA



Top stripe: white
Middle stripe: green
Bottom stripe: red



MILA'S PRAYERS

Today's story comes from Bulgaria. *[Locate Bulgaria on the map.]*

Mila [MEE-lah] is 6 years old, but already she's a prayer warrior. Who knows what it means to be a prayer warrior? *[Explain that a prayer warrior is someone who loves to pray for other people.]*

MISSION POST

- During the Communist years (from World War II to 1990) the church in Bulgaria faced great difficulties.
- In spite of a lack of freedom, the church continued to grow. And in the first five years after the fall of Communism, the church in Bulgaria doubled its membership.
- Today about 7,600 Adventists live in Bulgaria. That's about one Adventist for every 1,000 people. Believers share their faith and invite neighbors and friends to worship with them. Thus the church continues to grow.
- See the Adventist Mission DVD for special features on Bulgaria.

One day at school Mila saw her teachers go outside during their break and smoke cigarettes. Mila knows that smoking can hurt people, so she prayed for them. "Dear Jesus," she said, "please help my teachers know that smoking is bad for them. Help them to stop smoking before it makes them sick. Amen."

Prayer List Grows

That evening when Father arrived home, he saw Mila sitting on the couch with her head bowed. He wondered if something was wrong. He tapped her and asked if she was OK. Mila looked up and said, "I'm fine. I'm just praying for my teachers. They smoke and I don't want them to get sick."

Daddy sat down beside her and said, "Would you pray for a woman at work? She

smokes too. Mila smiled and bowed her head. She prayed for Daddy's friend at work and for her teachers. Mila kept praying for her teachers and her father's friend every day.

God Answers Her Prayer

One day several weeks later, Daddy came home and told Mila that his friend at work had stopped smoking. The woman told him that one day she had suddenly lost her desire to smoke and hadn't smoked again. Daddy knew that she had tried to stop smoking many times before, but she had always failed. Then suddenly one day she had no desire to smoke again.

Daddy asked her when she had stopped smoking. The woman thought for a minute and told him the date. Daddy smiled. It was the day after Mila started praying for her. Daddy told the woman that his daughter had been praying that she would stop smoking. She was surprised that a child's prayer could help her stop smoking. And she has not smoked again.

Still Praying

"My teachers still smoke," Mila said. "And I'm still praying for them. Sometimes when I see them smoke, I tell them that smoking is bad for them and that I'm concerned about them. I even told them that I had prayed for a friend of Daddy's, and she stopped smoking.

"Why don't you pray that I stop smoking too?" one of Mila's teachers asked. Mila smiled and said that she'd been praying for her for several weeks. "My teacher wants to stop smoking," Mila added. "And I'm sure God will answer my prayer."

God answers our prayers according to His will. We all can pray for others—our families, our friends at school and in our neighborhood, the store clerk, and people we have never met, such as missionaries who serve around the world and the children whose stories we hear every week in Sabbath School. Let's pray right now for those we love. That's part of being a missionary for Jesus. 🌍

[Close with prayer.]

FUN WITH BULGARIAN

Use the following words and phrases in Bulgarian in your program. Vowels are pronounced as follows: *ah* as in father; *ee* as in bee; *eh* as in bet; *oh* as in toe; *oo* as in boot; *uh* as in cup. The *r* is trilled. Accented syllables are written in capital letters.

Common Phrases

Happy Sabbath

Good morning

Please/You're welcome

Thank you

Yes

No

Goodbye

Say It

ch eh-STEE-tah SUH-boh-tah

doh-BROH OO-troh

MOHL-yah

blah-goh-dahl-rYAH

dah

neh

doh-VEEZH-dahn-meh



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ZARRY

LETTING OUR LIGHT SHINE

Today's story comes from Sofia, the capital city of Bulgaria. [Locate Bulgaria on the map.] Zarry [ZAH-ree] was going into the second grade, and he had a problem. The

special program he was studying in closed, and he had to enroll in another specialized course of study. His parents chose a music course for him. There was just one problem: all his classmates had been studying music for a year, and Zarry was just starting.

MISSION POST

- It's not always easy being an Adventist in Bulgaria. The dominant religious faith is quite different from Adventist beliefs. But Adventist children share their faith with their friends at school and invite them to visit Sabbath School.
- One group that is growing is the Romani (Gypsy) people. In their close-knit family-oriented culture, word has spread in several communities, and church groups are forming. One city has three large congregations of Romani people, and about one in every 10 Romani is a Seventh-day Adventist.
- See the Adventist Mission DVD for a special feature on the Romani church to be built with Thirteenth Sabbath Offering funds.

Catching Up

Zarry had to learn two years' worth of music history and music theory in just one year. He had to practice twice as hard in order to catch up with his classmates. But Zarry worked hard, and before the end of the year he had caught up and exceeded his classmates. At the end of the year Zarry was invited to play in a citywide recital program.

"God helped me do well," Zarry says. "And because of this, everyone in my class knows that I am an Adventist Christian. Sometimes they ask me about what I believe. I try to answer their questions and

share my faith so that they'll want to know more."

Letting His Light Shine

Not all of Zarry's classes are related to music. He studies literature and history and science and math, as other children do. Zarry likes his classes and enjoys the discussions the teacher has. The teacher noticed that Zarry listens in class, and she sometimes asks him to sum up what the class has discussed.

One of Zarry's literature classes included Bible stories. When he noticed that the teacher missed some points in the story of Moses, Zarry asked her permission to explain a few points about the story. The teacher agreed and was surprised that Zarry knew his Bible so well that he could explain the difficult ideas.

Once Zarry's teacher learned that he was a Christian, she often called upon him to answer questions about God.

Sharing His Faith at Home

God has helped Zarry be a witness in his own family, too. Zarry wanted to be baptized and asked his father, a pastor, to study with him. His father agreed, and Zarry began studying. Zarry invited his older brother, Larry, to study with him, for he hadn't been baptized yet either. Larry decided to study the Bible along with Zarry and even invited some of his friends to join the Bible class. Now several of Larry's friends are studying the Bible too. Zarry hopes they will be baptized together.

Zarry is sharing his faith at school, at home, and at church. We can share our faith with people wherever we are too, just by being like Jesus. If we don't tell them, who will? And when we give our mission offering, we help tell people that we don't even know that Jesus wants to be their friend. Let's give our best—our time, our talents, and our offerings—to God every day. 🌍

COUNT IN BULGARIAN

Vowels are pronounced as follows: *ah* as in father; *ee* as in bee; *eh* as in bet; *oh* as in toe. The *r* is trilled. Accented syllables are written in capital letters.

Numbers

one
two
three
four
five

Say It

ehd-NOH
dveh
t'dee
CHEH-tee-ree
peht

Numbers

six
seven
eight
nine
ten

Say It

schest
SEH-dehm
AW-sehm
DEH-veht
DEH-seht



MY PRAYER

Today's story is from Emilia [eh-MEEL-yah], a member of the Romani (Gypsy) community in central Bulgaria. She tells the story in her own words.

FAST FACTS

- Emilia is a Romani, sometimes called Gypsy. The Adventist Church is growing among the Romani people in Bulgaria. One new church group is in the town of Montana. They have no place in which to worship and must meet in homes.
- Part of this quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help build a church for the Romani people in Montana. And the special children's offering on Thirteenth Sabbath will help to build and furnish the children's Sabbath School in this church. They need chairs and felts and songbooks and other supplies. And we will help provide them.
- See the Adventist Mission DVD for a special feature on this church.

I used to attend a Protestant church with my grandmother. There I learned to love God and talk to Him often.

A New Way to Worship

Then one day I went to visit my other grandparents, who lived in another town. They invited me to join them for worship in their home. I was surprised to learn that they worship on Saturday, but I enjoyed the children's class and loved the worship service. The leader spoke about how much God loves us and that He gave His only Son to redeem us. This touched my heart. By the end of my first Sabbath, I knew that this was the true way to worship. I read the Ten Commandments and decided to start keeping the Sabbath.

When I went back home, I told my parents about my grandparents' worship service and that I wanted to become an

Adventist. They didn't object, though they didn't know a lot about how my grandparents worship.

New Home, New Church

A few months later my family moved to my Adventist grandparents' town, and I joined them for worship every Sabbath. Their small group had grown too large to meet in their home, so the congregation remodeled a house into a church and meet there. I loved discovering more about God.

One Sabbath the lay pastor, a Global Mission pioneer, gave us a small booklet and told us to write the name of a person we cared about in it. I wrote my father's name. Then the pastor challenged us to pray for that person all week. At the end of the week we were to give that person a book. I did this. The next week I wrote my mother's name and prayed for her all week. Then I invited them to visit the church. I was thrilled when they agreed to come.

My parents can't attend church together because my brother is sick and can't be left alone for long. So my mother came to Sabbath School, and my father came to church.

The Sabbath School lesson was on hope, and when the teacher asked my mother what she hoped for most, she said that she hoped that my brother would be healed and the whole family would be united in the church. She had tears in her eyes, and I know she meant it.

At the end of Sabbath School, the deacon found my mother and told her that my father had come and she

could leave to care for my brother. But Mother wanted to stay to hear the rest of the service!

During church I sat with my father. He's a big, tough man, but as he listened to a song that talked about letting God carry our burdens, I saw tears in his eyes. I knew that Father was thinking of my brother.

Life-changing Message

I returned home from church eager to know what my parents thought about the worship service. My mother told me what she had learned in Sabbath School, and Father told what he remembered from the sermon, which was about family life. I had heard the sermon and knew that the pastor had talked about how to show more tenderness to our family members and how to work together to solve family problems. That week I noticed that my father was more caring toward my mother.

My mother knows that I always pray at night before I go to bed. That week she suggested that we pray together as a family. Of course I agreed. I was so happy to be able to pray with my parents.

This all has happened in the past few weeks. At last my prayers that my parents would find peace and let God into their lives are beginning to see reality. I want to be baptized soon, and it would be wonderful to be baptized with my parents.

Emilia is sharing God's love with her parents. Ask God who you can share His love with this week. That's part of being a missionary for Jesus. 🌍



WHEN GOD DELAYED THE BUS

Gonçalo [gohn-SAH-loh] lives on the tiny island of Madeira [mah-DEH-rah], west of Portugal. [*Locate Madeira on a map.*] He is 10 years old and in the fourth grade. Although his family is not Adventist, he attends the Adventist primary school.

FAST FACTS

- Madeira is a tiny island 700 miles (1100 kilometers) southwest of Portugal and west of Morocco in northern Africa. The main island is a small mountain approximately 34 miles (55 kilometers) long and 14 miles (22 kilometers) wide.
- The largest city is Funchal, which lies on the only useful harbor on the island. The city is tightly packed into the gently sloping hills that surround the harbor. Almost half of Madeira's inhabitants live in or very near to Funchal.
- Portuguese is the official language of Madeira.

School ends at 3:30, but Gonçalo and many others stay at school until their parents get off work. During the after-school session, the children finish their homework, enjoy recess, and take special classes such as discovery class. In discovery class the teacher explores different topics with the children. They learn to identify traffic signs, play games that make them think, and learn Bible stories. "I like the after-school classes," Gonçalo says.

Gonçalo's family doesn't attend church, but Gonçalo wants to attend the Adventist church. He's asked his mother to go with him, but she works on Saturdays. However, Gonçalo has learned a lot about God in school. One of the things he's learned is the importance of praying.

The Forgotten Package

Gonçalo knows that God hears prayer, for

he's experienced it himself. One day he left school and walked to his mother's workplace, where he meets her at 7:00. He greeted his mother and waited while she gathered her things. Then they walked to the bus stop to catch the 7:25 bus home. They didn't hurry, for they had plenty of time.

They were almost at the bus stop when Mother realized she had left an important bag at work. "Oh dear!" Mother said as she turned to run back to her workplace. "We'll miss the bus!" Gonçalo knew that the next bus wouldn't come until 9:00.

As Gonçalo and his mother ran back along the street, he prayed in his heart that the bus would be delayed so they wouldn't miss it. "It's OK, Mom," he panted. "God will make the bus be late so we can catch it!" But Mother was equally sure that they wouldn't catch the bus.

The two arrived at Mother's workplace at 7:35—ten minutes after the bus should have arrived at their stop. Mother grabbed the bag she had forgotten, and the two started back to the bus stop. "Mom didn't even try to hurry," Gonçalo said. "She was so sure we'd missed the bus. But I ran on ahead, for I was sure that the bus hadn't come yet. Mom told me to slow down, but I asked her, 'Don't you have faith?' Finally Mom ran to catch up with me."

The Delayed Bus

When Gonçalo and his mother arrived at the bus stop, they saw that the people waiting there were the same people they often travelled with. The

bus hadn't come yet.

A few minutes later the bus rounded the corner. "See?" Gonçalo said with a smile. "I told you we wouldn't miss the bus!" They got on the bus and sat down. "Mom," Gonçalo said, "You've got to believe when you pray. Then God can answer."

Gonçalo and his mother learned that a truck had lost its load of paint on the bus's route. The mess blocked the road, and traffic was delayed.

"I think God answered my prayer because I have faith in Him," Gonçalo says.

Mom's Sore Throat

One day Gonçalo's mother complained of a sore throat that wouldn't go away. She went to a doctor who said she needed surgery. "When I learned that," Gonçalo says, "I prayed for her. The doctor gave Mother some medicine, but I prayed—and I urged her to pray too."

Gonçalo's mother did pray, and she got better without surgery. Now she believes that God answers prayer, just as Gonçalo does. Gonçalo now prays whenever he wants to talk to God about something—his schoolwork, his home, everything. "I'm glad that God hears my prayers and answers me when I need to talk to Him," he says. "Life is so much better since I've learned that God is my friend."

God wants us all to be His friends and talk to Him whenever we wish. Let's talk to God now and ask Him to help Gonçalo's mother to be able to go to church with Gonçalo on Sabbaths. 🌐



MARTA'S SPECIAL GRANNY

Today's story comes from Madeira, an island in the Atlantic Ocean southwest of Portugal. Who can find Madeira on the map? *[Let several children try.]*

The island of Madeira is home to about 300 Seventh-day Adventist Christians.

FAST FACTS

- The population of Madeira is about 244,000. The Adventist church in Madeira has about 600 members. However, many of the members have left the island to work on the mainland of Portugal and around the world. Probably about 300 Adventists still live on the island. This means that about one person out of every 800 is a Seventh-day Adventist.
- There is one church in central Funchal, the capital city, and several small groups scattered across the island. Some members meet in their homes, for they have no church or small group to attend. They sometimes drive up to two hours to worship in the church in Funchal.

We have one main church in the capital city and a school. Many people in the city know about Adventists because of the school. Most of the children who attend the school are not from Adventist homes. They learn about Jesus in school. This quarter part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help make the school bigger and better so more children can study there.

Marta

Marta is 9 years old and in the fourth grade. Her parents aren't Adventists, but her granny is. Granny takes Marta and her sister, Mariana, to church on Sabbath.

On Sabbath afternoons the girls and Granny take walks together. They talk about the things God has made, and Granny answers their questions. Marta is full of questions, such as why do worms die when they crawl out of the dirt. Granny talks to

them about heaven and what it will be like when Jesus comes. Marta and her sister love spending time with Granny!

What Should I do?

One day Marta's mother told the girls that she wanted them to attend her church sometimes. Marta wasn't sure what to tell her mother, so she asked Granny what to do. "I've gone to the Adventist church since I was little, and I want to be an Adventist," Marta says. "But I knew that my mom would be sad if we didn't go to her church at least once."

Granny listened as Marta explained her problem. "I don't want God to be unhappy with me," she told Granny.

"Jesus knows your heart," Granny said. "He won't be angry at you for going with Mother to her church. God knows that you want to follow Him."

Marta felt better after talking with

Granny. She understood that attending her mother's church doesn't change what's in her heart.

Showing God's Love

"I want to be a good Christian and live a good life so others will know that I love Jesus," Marta adds. "I want my family to know that I love Jesus too, and I want them to go to heaven with me when Jesus comes. I ask them to attend church with me so they will learn to love Jesus as I do. Please pray that they will give their hearts to Jesus so we will go to heaven together one day."

Marta is sharing God's love with her family. When we live for Jesus, others see God's love in our lives. That's one way to help others love Jesus. Another way is to give our mission offerings in Sabbath School so that other people can learn that God loves them, too. 🌍

FUN WITH PORTUGUESE

Pronounce vowels as follows: *ah* as in father; *ai* as in eye; *ay* as in hay; *ee* as in bee; *eh* as in bet; *ih* as in tip; *oh* as in toe; *oo* as in boot; *uh* as in cup. Roll the letter *r* until it sounds almost like a *d*. The accented syllables are written in capital letters.

Common Phrases

Good morning

Happy Sabbath

Welcome

(to Sabbath School)

Thank you

You're welcome

Yes

No

Goodbye

Say It

bohn DEE-ah

fuh-LEEZ SAH-bah-doh

bayn VEEN-dooH

ah es-KOH-lah sah-bah-TEE-nah

oh-bree-GAH-doh* (dah)

deh NAH-dah

seen

now

chow

*The *oh* ending is used by males, the *ah* ending by females.



PUTTING PRAYER TO WORK

Today's story comes from Madeira, a mountainous island off the coast of Portugal. *[Locate Madeira on a map.]*

Beatriz [bee-ah-TREEZ] is 8 years old and in the second grade. Although her parents are not Adventists, her mother's aunt Julia is, and Aunti Julia is teaching Beatriz and her brother to love God. She takes them to church on Sabbath, and she encouraged Beatriz's parents to send the children to the Adventist primary school. There Beatriz learned to love God and trust Him with her life.

MISSION POST

- The Adventist Church in Madeira operates a primary school, which includes kindergarten and preschool through grade four.
- Only one child out of 10 at the Adventist school comes from an Adventist home. That means that many children who attend the Adventist school don't know God's love as we do. They are learning to love Jesus in school, rather than in church.
- Part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will help enlarge the school and make room for more children. That way more families will learn that Jesus loves them and wants them to follow Him. See the Adventist Mission DVD for more information on the school.

Beatriz's Prayer

Beatriz lives next door to her grandparents. One day an ambulance siren pierced the air near her home. Beatriz looked out the window to watch it go by, but it stopped in front of her grandparents' door! Beatriz's grandfather had had a heart attack. "I was scared when I saw the ambulance stop," she says. "I love my grandfather so much!" Beatriz felt like crying, but Auntie Julia urged her to pray that her grandfather would be OK. Beatriz did, and she felt better.

All the time Grandfather was in the

hospital, Beatriz prayed for him several times a day. Even before Grandfather had gotten sick Beatriz had prayed for him. Grandfather smoked a lot, and Beatriz often asked him to stop smoking. She told him smoking was unhealthful and prayed that he would stop, but he hadn't. Only after his heart attack did he stop smoking.

Grandfather returned home from the hospital, but he wasn't well yet. He had to grow strong enough to fly to Lisbon, Portugal, and have heart surgery. Beatriz knew that Grandfather worried about his health. Every day before going to school she stopped to see her grandfather and give him hugs and kisses. She encouraged him to trust God to make him well, and she told him that she was praying for him. Grandfather was always happy to see her.

Auntie Julia

Auntie Julia is as old as Beatriz's grandparents are, but she's strong and works hard in her garden. She often

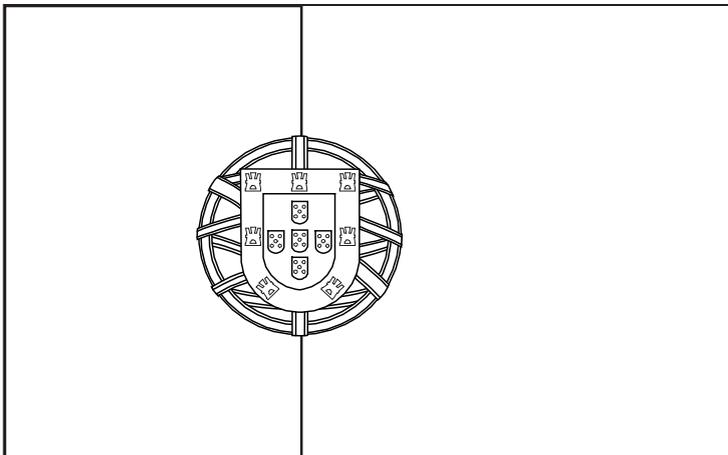
takes care of Beatriz and her brother. She cooks for the family and takes time to listen when someone has a problem and wants to talk about it.

"Auntie Julia tells us stories and cares for us when we're sick," Beatriz adds. "I love my auntie Julia. We share a bedroom, and we share lots of secrets! Auntie Julia is a happy person and laughs a lot. That makes her seem so much younger than she is."

Beatriz is glad that God sent Auntie Julia into her life to be a good example of a loving Christian. "I wish everyone had someone special like Auntie Julia to teach them to love God and obey Him," she says. "She taught me to pray for others and says that God loves to hear children's prayers."

Praying for others is one way of sharing our faith, just as being kind to others is. And giving our mission offering is another way to help others learn to love God. Let's be praying—and giving—Christians today. 🌍

FLAG OF PORTUGAL



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ALEX TAKES A STAND

Today's story comes from the island of Madeira, a province of Portugal. [*Locate Madeira on a map.*]

Ever since his mother died when he was little, Alex has lived with his father and grandmother. His mother was an Adventist, but his father's family is not. So his aunts—his mother's sisters—keep him over the weekend and take him to Sabbath School. Alex grew up thinking of himself as an Adventist.

MISSION POST

- Madeira is an island that is part of Portugal. The people speak Portuguese. Like Portugal, many of the people living on Madeira are Catholics.
- About 300 people on Madeira are Seventh-day Adventists. The Adventist primary school in Funchal, the capital city, serves Adventist families, but it also welcomes people who aren't Adventists. Only one in every 10 children at the school is from an Adventist family. The school is really a mission school.
- Part of this quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help enlarge and remodel the Adventist school so that more children and their families can learn to love Jesus as we do. See the Adventist Mission DVD for more information on this project.

Alex's Dilemmas

One day Alex's grandmother told him that she wanted him to attend her church. Alex didn't want to attend another church. He loved his Sabbath School and didn't want Jesus to be unhappy with him if he attended another church. He asked his aunt what to do, and she explained that Jesus wants us to follow Him. If he sometimes attended his grandmother's church to make her happy, Jesus wouldn't be sad. Alex finally agreed to attend his grandmother's church at least once in a while, but in his heart he knew that

he wanted to follow Jesus and join the Adventist Church.

Alex continued attending the Adventist church with his aunts and uncles. He joined Adventurers, which meets on Sabbath afternoons. “The children at church go to several different schools,” Alex says, “so we like to spend Sabbath together doing things we love. I especially like hiking mountain trails and camping in the mountains. We also learn to be better citizens and share our faith with others.”

Sometimes Alex’s grandmother would prepare unclean foods for dinner. Alex didn’t want to eat the unclean food, so he politely asked for a sandwich instead. Then one day Alex opened his Bible and showed his grandmother the Bible texts that explain why he refuses to eat unclean food. Grandmother read the verses slowly and nodded. She understood. And from that day on, she has prepared Alex food that he can eat.

Sharing His Faith

Alex noticed that his father and

grandparents no longer make fun of his beliefs. Sometimes they even ask him about his beliefs. “Grandma asks me questions about what we do at church and why we worship on Saturday instead of Sunday. I answer her the best I can, and if I can’t answer the question, I ask my aunt to help me.”

Alex knows that other children live with the same challenges he has, children who have family members who want them to attend their church instead of the Adventist church. “I would tell them that it’s most important to keep your connection with God, to listen for His voice, and to follow His leading,” he says. “When I pray, I wait to listen for God’s voice and ask myself what God wants me to do.”

That’s a good lesson for us all. We must ask God to lead us every day and wait for Him to show us what to do. That’s one way to share our faith with others. And another way to share is to give our mission offerings so that children such as Alex can hear that Jesus loves them. 🌍

LEARN PORTUGUESE

Except for Saturday and Sunday, the days of the week in Portuguese mean “second day,” “third day,” etc. Pronounce vowels as follows: *ah* as in father; *ai* as in eye; *ay* as in hay; *ee* as in bee; *eh* as in bet; *ih* as in tip; *oh* as in toe; *oo* as in boot; *uh* as in cup. Roll the letter *r* until it sounds almost like a *d*. The accented syllables are written in capital letters.

Week Days Say It

Sunday	doh-MEEN-goh
Monday	seh-GOON-duh FAY-ruh
Tuesday	TEHR-suh FAY-ruh
Wednesday	QWAR-duh FAY-ruh

Week Days Say It

Thursday	KEEN-tuh FAY-ruh
Friday	SEHS-tuh FAY-ruh
Saturday	SAH-bah-doh



B E L G I U M | June 5

CAMILO, LAURA, VICTORIA, FELIPE

FOUR LITTLE MISSIONARIES

[Note: Ask two boys and two girls from primary Sabbath School to present this report. They may read their parts, but encourage them to be familiar with their parts before they make their presentation.]

FAST FACTS

- Belgium is one of the smallest countries in Europe. It's one of the most urban countries in the world with 97 percent of the people living in cities and large towns. The capital is Brussels.
- Belgium lies north of France and wraps around the southern half of the Netherlands.
- Belgium has three official languages: Dutch (Flemish), spoken by more than half the population; French, spoken by about one third of the population; and German, spoken by a small minority who live along the German border.

Leader: Today we will meet four children from Brussels, the capital city of Belgium. *[Locate Belgium on a map.]* They like to share their faith with others and will tell us how they do it. They are Camilo, Laura, Victoria, and Felipe [feh-LEE-peh]. Let's let them tell us about their Christmas Love project.

Camilo: At Christmas we made Christmas cards for the people who live in a nursing home in Brussels. We wrote messages such as "Jesus loves you" or "Happy Christmas" or "Be happy in Jesus" on the cards. Then we decorated them with cheery Christmas designs. Inside the cards we pasted a Bible verse that would encourage the people. We made lots of cards!

The next week, we went to the nursing home. The old people were sitting in one

large room. We sang songs for them and gave them our cards and some chocolates, and we wished them a happy Christmas.

Victoria: Before we started to sing, some of the people looked sad. But as we sang they started to smile. And when we gave them the cards we had made and the chocolates, they were so happy. One lady even cried because she was so happy to receive our gifts.

I'm glad that we could share what we have with these people because that's what God wants us to do. He said to love our neighbors, and these are our neighbors.

Laura: Some of the old people thought that we were selling the Christmas cards, and they didn't have any money to buy one. But we told them that we had made the cards for them because Jesus loves them and so do we. Then they were happy.

Not everyone could come to the big hall to meet us, so the workers took us upstairs to visit the others in their rooms.

Felipe: As we walked toward the rooms of the people who couldn't get out of bed, I felt nervous. But my teacher explained that everyone needs our cheerfulness, not just the people who can come to our program. Then she said something I hadn't thought about before. She said that the people who live in this nursing home are someone's grandmother or grandfather. They live here because they're too sick to stay at home or don't have family members to

help them. She told us that these people get lonely when they are away from their families, and that it cheers them up when we come to visit. That's when I realized that we were being their family for that night.

Laura: We want to go back again. It makes me happy to share God's love with others, and I know that it makes Jesus happy, too. We weren't permitted to pray with the people inside the nursing home, but we prayed for them after we left, and we're still praying for them.

Camilo: Another time some of us visited Francisco, a man who sometimes attends our church. We sang for him, and he was so glad we came. "I'll see you in church!" he said. And he did.

Felipe: Another time we took flowers to someone in the hospital. We noticed that other people didn't have any flowers, so we gave them some flowers too. It was great to share with them.

Victoria: Another time we gave treats and warm socks to the homeless people at Christmas. I can't imagine living on a street. I'm glad we could do something to make their days brighter and warmer.

Leader: Thank you, children. These children are excited, for this quarter part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help remodel a building so their congregation can have a church home in which to worship. Let's give a big offering on Thirteenth Sabbath so these children have a church in which to worship. 🌍



BELGIUM | June 12

CINDY

THE LITTLE AMBASSADOR

Today's story comes from Belgium. Who can find Belgium on our map? *[Let several children try.]*

FAST FACTS

- Belgium is part of the European Union, a league of European nations that have banded together to strengthen their economies through cooperation. Today 27 countries belong to the European Union. The majority of these countries use a single currency, the euro.
- About 10 percent of the population of Belgium was born outside the country. Many people have come to Belgium, and Brussels in particular, in search of a better life. Many of these people come from outside of Europe.
- The Adventist Church in Belgium has a number of foreign-language congregations, particularly in Belgium. Part of this quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help provide church homes for some of these congregations.

Cindy is 9 years old. She and her parents have lived in Belgium for three years. But she was born in Namibia [nah-MIHB-ee-ah], a country in southwestern Africa. *[Locate Namibia on a map or globe.]*

Cindy and her parents came to Belgium because her mother works for the Namibian embassy. Her job is to help people who want to visit Namibia.

Mother goes to conventions and tells people about Namibia. Sometimes she takes Cindy with her. Cindy helps by giving brochures to people. Cindy is good at her job. She has learned a lot about her homeland and is helping others to learn about it too. In a way, Cindy is an ambassador for her homeland, just as her mother is.

Lots of Differences

Life in Belgium is very different from life in Namibia. Namibia is hot during the day, but sometimes it gets cold at night. However, in Belgium it's cold all winter. "I like the snow," Cindy says, "but I don't like months of cold."

Cindy finds other differences as well. People in Namibia speak English, but most of the people in Belgium speak either French or Flemish, a form of Dutch. Cindy studies at an international school, where she is learning French.

"The cities in Europe are big and hard to find our way around in," she says. "And there aren't as many Adventists here as in Namibia. I had lots of friends in my home church in Namibia, but in my Sabbath School class in Belgium there are only four children my age."

Cindy likes people and has no trouble making friends. "I have lots of friends in school," she says. "But I don't have a chance to talk to them about Jesus.

And I don't have many friends in my neighborhood. I don't know Flemish, and they don't know English."

Ambassador for Jesus

Sometimes Cindy misses Namibia. She misses her friends there and her church. But she knows that her mother's job is important, for she is representing Namibia to the people of Belgium. "People judge my country by what an ambassador says and does," Cindy says. "I want to be an ambassador for Jesus wherever I go. I do this by telling others that Jesus loves them. He protects us and provides for us, and He's our friend."

Boys and girls, Cindy is a good ambassador, don't you agree? We can be ambassadors for Jesus, too, as we tell others how much God loves them and how wonderful Jesus is. And when we bring our mission offering to church every week, we help tell others about Jesus everywhere in the world. 🌍

FUN WITH DUTCH (FLEMISH)

More than half of the people in Belgium speak Dutch (Flemish). Here are some words and phrases in Dutch. Vowels are pronounced as follows: *ah* as in father; *ai* as in eye; *aw* as in tot; *ay* as in hay; *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

Happy Sabbath
Please/You're welcome
Thank you
Yes
No
Goodbye
Jesus loves me
Jesus loves you

Say It

khuh-ZAY-huhn-duh SAH-baht
AHL-sheh-bleeft
buh-DAHnkT
yah
nay
tawt seens
YAY-suhs haot (out) fahn may
YAY-suhs haot fahn yao



LINDA'S SURPRISING DISCOVERY

Today's story comes from Belgium. [*Locate Belgium on a map.*]

Linda is 9 years old. She's in the third grade and lives in Brussels, the capital city of Belgium. Belgium has two main languages: French and Flemish (or Dutch). Linda's mother comes from South America, so the family speaks Spanish as well as Flemish.

MISSION POST

- Brussels, the capital city of Belgium, has thousands of foreign-born residents. Some of them are Seventh-day Adventists.
- The Adventist Church has planted churches among a number of these language groups, including the Spanish, Portuguese, Romanian, and English-speaking groups. At present these groups must borrow or rent worship halls.
- Part of this quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help provide churches for two foreign-language congregations. This will help make it possible for all the churches to worship in their own language group. See the Adventist Mission DVD for more information on the churches our offering will support.

Trouble in School

When Linda started school, her mother enrolled her in a French-speaking school. The other children in her class could speak at least some French, but Linda knew no French. So she didn't understand what the teacher was saying.

Linda liked school, and she worked hard to learn French.

A few weeks after school started, Linda's teacher, Miss Cathy, told Linda's mother that Linda was having trouble in school because she couldn't understand French. Mother offered to help Linda learn French at home.

Every afternoon Mother and Linda asked God to help Linda learn French. Then they worked together on Linda's French.

Surprising Improvement

Within a week Miss Cathy noticed that Linda's work was improving. When she gave the children a test in math, Linda received the highest score. Miss Cathy gave her a little trophy, and her classmates shouted, "Bravo! You did it!" That afternoon Miss Cathy asked Linda's mother how Linda had improved so much in just a week.

"We did two things," Mother said. "We prayed, and we worked together."

A few weeks later when the class took a test in French, Linda again scored the highest grade in class. Again her classmates shouted, "Bravo! You did it!" Again Miss Cathy asked her mother how Linda had improved so quickly. And again Linda's mother answered, "We prayed, and we worked together."

Special Friendship

Linda's mother took a job working at Linda's school. She and Miss Cathy became friends. When Miss Cathy shared a personal problem, Mother listened.

Then she offered to pray for her. Miss Cathy said she didn't believe in God, but she was glad for the prayers anyway.

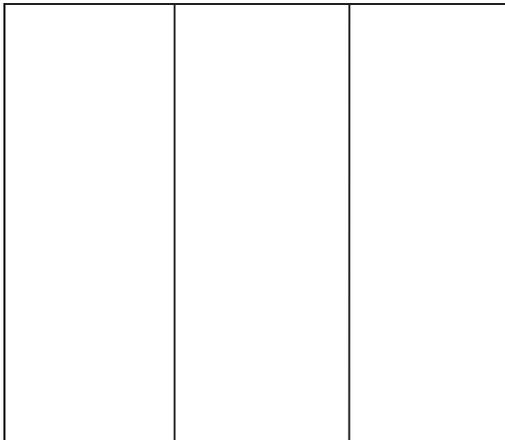
Later Miss Cathy thanked Linda's mother for helping her with her problem. Mother said, "Don't thank me, thank God, for He is the one who helped you."

Miss Cathy thought about what Mother said. "Maybe God does exist," she answered. "You and Linda certainly are different from others I know."

Linda's Surprising Discovery

Linda is now in the third grade and sometimes grades papers for Miss Cathy's first-grade class. Linda and her mother still pray for Miss Cathy. "I'm glad that Mother and I could show Miss Cathy God's love through our lives," Linda adds. "That's what Jesus wants all of us to do."

Boys and girls, we can show God's love in our lives wherever we are, at school, at play, and at church. Let's show God's love to someone this week. 🌍



FLAG OF BELGIUM

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Right stripe: red

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 June 26.
- As you collect the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, remind everyone that their offerings are gifts to spread God's Word around the world, and that one fourth of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will go directly to the Euro-Africa Division to help

complete the projects listed on the map on the back cover. In addition, remind the children of the special children's project, a Sabbath School classroom for the Romani church in Bulgaria.

If your class will not join the adults for a special program, present the following story promoting the special children's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering project during the mission time.

- 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 children like them around the world.

GOOD NEWS FOR MARIA

Maria is 8 years old and lives in Bulgaria. [*Locate Bulgaria on the map.*] She is a Romani, a group of people that is sometimes called Gypsy. Once Gypsies lived in tents and traveled from place to place in covered wooden wagons pulled by horses. They sold pots and pans and ribbons and anything else they could sell as they went from village to village. But today the Romani people live in communities with other Romani people. They have their own language and their own customs. Most Romani are poor.

Maria's family just moved to a new town in Bulgaria so they could be near her mother's family. Maria has lots

of cousins in the new village, so she doesn't feel lonely.

A New Friend

One day Maria came home jumping with excitement. Maria's new friend from school, Violeta, had invited Maria to go to church with her on Saturday. Maria didn't know people went to church on Saturday, but she wanted to go because Violeta had made it sound like fun.

"Please, Mother, may I go with Violeta to her church?" Mother thought for a minute then nodded. Yes, Maria could go. Maria clapped her hands and

ran to tell Violeta that she could go.

“What do you do at church?” Maria wanted to know.

“We sing songs and recite Bible verses and listen to our teacher tell us a Bible story. And sometimes we give a testimony of something God has done for us. I want to tell the members what God did for me this past week,” Violeta said, growing excited.

“What did God do for you?” Maria asked.

Violeta’s Miracle

“Last week I was playing ‘hide the coin’ with my cousin. We hid it in one of our hands, and the other guessed which hand it was in. We started playing really fast, and for some reason I put the coin into my mouth. And then I swallowed it!

“It didn’t hurt, but I ran and told my mother. She was worried and took me to the doctor. He took an X-ray and saw the coin in my stomach. He said that the coin should pass out of my body in a few days. But if it didn’t I’d have to have it removed! I was scared!

“My mom and I prayed that the coin would pass. My mom even called the women’s prayer group at church to come and pray over me.

“A few days later we went back to the doctor, but the coin still hadn’t passed. I was getting really worried. So was Mom. We prayed even more.

“Mom asked the women to come again and pray over me, and they came. I was glad for their prayers because I wanted to get that coin out before I had to have surgery!

“The women were supposed to come again the following day, but before

they came, the coin came out! I was so glad! So was my mom. We couldn’t wait to tell the prayer group that God had answered our prayers. That prayer meeting turned into a praise meeting.”

“Wow,” Maria said. “That’s exciting. I can’t wait to go to your church and hear you tell your story.”

Crowded Classes

On Sabbath Violeta walked with Maria to church. The church met in a house, and, because it was cold outside, the children met in one of the bedrooms. It was really crowded, but Maria enjoyed Sabbath School. Then she heard some adults talking about a new church. She asked her friend about it.

“We’re really praying,” Violeta said. “Our congregation is growing fast, and many people want to come to our church. But there’s no room for them. We need a bigger place to meet, but we don’t have the money to build a church.

“We’ve asked God to help the people around the world give a big offering today so that we can build a simple church that will hold all the people who want to come. And do you know what?” Violeta said with growing excitement. “The children in Sabbath Schools around the world are helping us build a children’s Sabbath School room. We’ll be able to buy little chairs and tables, felts for storytelling, and all the other things that make Sabbath School so interesting and so much fun.”

“Wow!” Maria said. “Do you mean children in Africa and India and America and Asia will help build *your* Sabbath School?”

“That’s right,” Violeta said. “We are working hard to raise as much money

as we can, but we need help, so people in other countries are helping us. That's what we do in our church."

"I want to be part of your church," Maria said, amazed. "May I?"

"Of course you can," Violeta said giggling. "Jesus wants you and everyone to be part of His family, and the church is His family!"

provide a Sabbath School room in a new church for Romani children in northwestern Bulgaria. Children just like Maria will have a place to learn about God's love. They will learn how to share their faith, just as Violeta shared her faith with Maria. Let's give a big offering today so that these children can learn to be God's children.

Boys and girls, part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering today will help

[Offering]

Our Offerings at Work

Adults and children alike learn that God loves them through radio and television programs. Many of these programs are produced in the new Adventist Media Center in Darmstadt, Germany, which was built three years ago with the help of a Thirteenth Sabbath Offering. Thank you for sharing your offerings so that others can hear about God's love.



RECIPES FROM BULGARIA

BANITSA

Banitsa is a Bulgarian bread coiled like a snail. Often it's made from phyllo dough, but it can be made from white bread dough (a loaf of frozen bread dough, thawed, is a quick alternative).

Filling:

4 to 6 ounces crumbled feta (or goat) cheese
2 or 3 eggs, beaten

Break cheese into smaller pieces. Pour the egg over cheese; mix until thoroughly incorporated.

Form the dough into a long rope (about 2- to 2½ feet long) and flatten out. Spoon cheese mixture along the center of the rope; roll the dough back into a rope. On a lightly greased cookie sheet, loosely form the dough into a coil; let it rise. Baste with oil and bake at 350°F for 20 to 30 minutes or until lightly browned. Serve alone or with soup or salad.

SNEJANKA (YOGURT SALAD)

1 pound low-fat plain yogurt
2 small cucumbers, finely diced
3 cloves garlic, crushed, or to taste (optional)
2 or 3 crushed walnuts
1 bunch of fresh dill tips, snipped
Salt to taste

Drain yogurt through a cheesecloth or fine sieve until all excess moisture has been removed (at least two hours). Place in serving bowl and add cucumbers, garlic, walnuts, and all but a teaspoon of dill. Mix together. Add salt if needed. Use an ice cream scoop to mound salad on a bed of lettuce leaves. Sprinkle with remaining dill. Serve chilled.

RECIPE FROM PORTUGAL

CALDO VERDE (PORTUGUESE KALE SOUP)

Serves 6 to 8

This traditional Portuguese soup is enjoyed by rich and poor alike.

¼ cup olive oil

1 large Spanish onion, diced

2 cloves garlic, thinly sliced or minced

10 ounces vegetarian Italian sausage
(Morningstar Farms), diced

6 medium potatoes, peeled and diced

8 cups cold water

1 pound kale or collard greens, cut into
very fine strips

Salt and pepper (optional) to taste

Heat the olive oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add the potatoes, garlic, and water (to cover), and bring to a boil; simmer until the potatoes are just tender (about 15 minutes). Let cool.

Purée soup in a food processor or ricer and return mixture to the pot. Add the sausage and the greens, and bring back to a boil; simmer for a few minutes to cook kale and heat sausage. Season with salt and pepper (optional), and stir well. Serve hot with crusty bread.

RECIPE FROM BELGIUM

LIEGE WAFFLES (BELGIAN WAFFLES)

Belgians love waffles any time of the day. They're often sold on the streets from trucks and served with ice cream, fruit, whipped cream, or a sprinkle of confectioners' sugar.

Make authentic-flavored waffles by adding a teaspoon of cinnamon and vanilla extract and a quarter cup of sugar to a basic waffle mix before baking. Top with your favorite dessert toppings.

SING PRAISES TO GOD

SING IN BULGARIAN

Vowels are pronounced as follows: *ah* as in father; *eh* as in bet; *oo* as in boot.

Hallelu Hallelujah, Praise Ye the Lord

ah leh loo ah leh loo ah leh loo ah leh loo yah
pay teh h'vah lah
ah leh loo ah leh loo ah leh loo ah leh loo yah
pay teh h'vah lah
pay teh h'vah lah, ah leh loo yah (repeat three times)
pay teh h'vah lah

SING IN PORTUGUESE

Sim, Cristo Me Ama (Jesus Loves Me)

Krees toh teh'm ah mohr pohr meeng	seeng Krees toh meh-ah mah
kohn sehr teh zah eh-oh cray-oh ah seeng	seeng Krees toh meh-ah mah
pohr ah mohr deh meeng mohr hay-oh	seeng Krees toh meh-ah mah
vee voh-eh stah pohr meeng noh she-oh	ah bee blee ah-ah seeng meh deez

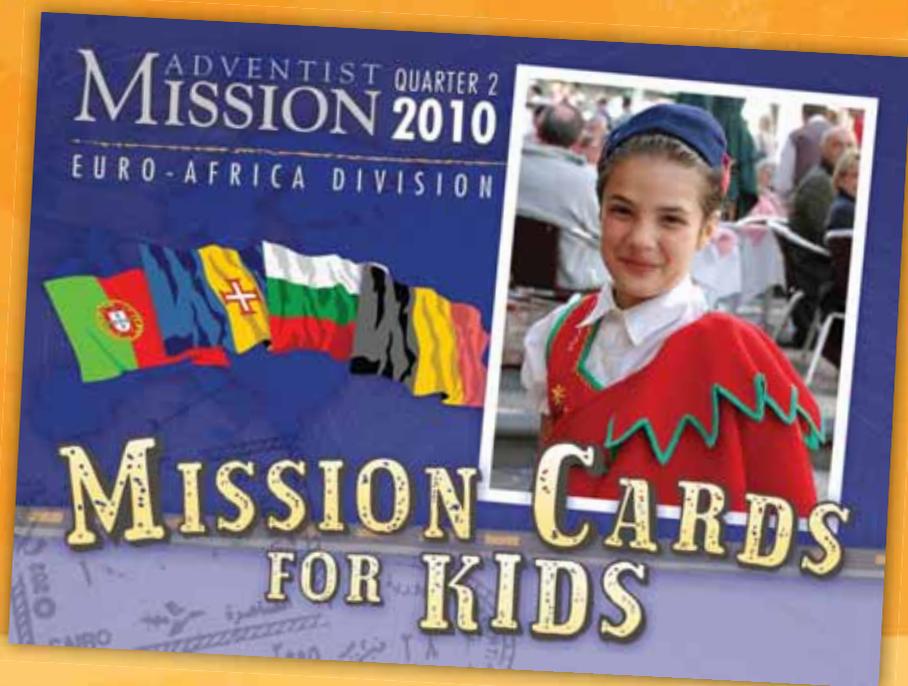
SING IN FRENCH (BELGIUM)

Pronounce vowels as follows: *ah* as in father; *ay* as in hay; *ee* as in bee; *eh* as in bet; *oh* as in toe; *oo* as in boot; *uh* as in cup.

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

feex leh ee-oo'h syuhr luh may truh
vee-uh soo sohn mehr vay yoo'h ruh-gahr
eh too suh rah dohn too tohn eh-truh
vee vee fee yeh poorh loo-ee mee ah pahr

SEND MISSION HOME



Send a missionary home with the children in your Sabbath School class each week. *Adventist Mission Cards for Kids* contains profiles of 12 children featured in the children's mission quarterly. Each card contains a photo, country information and fun facts about where the mission offerings go each quarter.

This new product from the General Conference Office of Adventist Mission and Children's Ministries can make the weekly mission stories tangible for your kids

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For more information contact us by visiting www.AdventistMission.org or by calling 1-800-648-5824. Please use the information below to order the cards.

To place an order with Review & Herald Publishing, please use the Sabbath School Supplies Standing order form or call 1-800-456-3991.

Following are sources of information that have proved helpful in preparing programs for *Children's Mission*.

ADVENTIST MISSION RESOURCES

Visit our website for additional photos, recipes, language pages, puzzles, decorating ideas, 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 second 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 to make you a copy of it. Or go online to dvd.adventistmission.org to download one of the DVD programs.

MISCELLANEOUS

Travel Agencies: Travel agencies often have colorful brochures on tourist destinations in the countries featured this quarter. Call or visit and ask what they have available to help you portray the scenic beauty and cultures of Belgium; Bulgaria; and Madeira, which is part of Portugal.

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

Embassy of Belgium, 3330 Garfield Street NW, Washington, DC 20008. Check out websites that feature information on Belgium at www.visitbelgium.com.

Embassy of Bulgaria, 621 22nd Street NW, Washington, DC 20008; phone 202-387-0174; websites: www.webhousing.biz/~bulgaria; www.bulgaria-embassy.org/about_bulgaria.htm; www.bulgaria-embassy.org/Culture_Intro.htm.

Embassy of Portugal, 2125 Kalorama Road, NW, Washington, DC 20008; phone 202-234-8524. For information specifically on the islands of Madeira, go to www.madeira-island.com or type "Madeira Islands" into your search engine and watch videos or see stills of the islands.

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UNION	CHURCHES	MEMBERS	POPULATION
Austrian Union of Churches	49	3,871	8,352,000
Bulgarian Union of Churches	118	7,598	7,621,000
Caecho-Slovakian Union Conference	186	9,861	15,833,000
Franco-Belgian Union Conference	138	14,626	73,263,000
Italian Union of Churches	107	8,675	60,309,000
North German Union Conference	357	20,301	47,905,000
Portuguese Union of Churches	97	9,332	10,621,000
Romanian Union Conference	1,085	67,393	21,498,000
South German Union Conference	225	15,371	34,265,000
Spanish Union of Churches	104	14,625	46,615,000
Swiss Union Conference	49	4,311	7,669,000
Trans-Mediterranean Territories	7	286	262,704,000
TOTALS	2,522	176,230	596,655,000
<i>(as of December 30, 2008)</i>			
PROJECTS			
1	Church for existing multiethnic groups in Brussels, Belgium		
2	Church for Romani congregation in Bulgaria		
3	Expand and modernize a mission school on the island of Madeira, Portugal		

