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SEVENTH-DAY
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DEAR SABBATH SCHOOL LEADER,

This quarter features the Trans-European Division, which includes countries located in Europe, Asia, Africa, and several island groups. The European countries include Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Channel Islands, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Faroe Islands, Finland, Greece, Greenland, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Isle of Man, Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Slovenia, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, United Kingdom, and Yugoslavia. The African and Asian countries lie within the Middle East Union and include Bahrain, Cyprus, Egypt, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Pakistan, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen.

The Trans-European Division is home to more than 600 million people, 111,000 of whom are Seventh-day Adventists. That's a ratio of one Adventist for every 5,555 people.

The Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will go to help:

- establish an international church congregation in Copenhagen, Denmark;
- remodel a building to provide a worship center for an active congregation in Finland;
- upgrade the summer camp in Poland to meet government standards and provide more outreach opportunities.

Language Fun

Songs and words in Polish are featured on our website, www.AdventistMission.org. Click on "Resources" and "Children's Activities."

Offering Device

Use a simple bowl made of birch or other

light-colored wood as an offering device this quarter. Because the special children's offering will help provide Bibles for children in three countries, purchase or make small banks in the shape of Bibles to encourage the children to save for the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering all quarter.

Special Features

- **Adventist Mission DVD** features stories from the featured countries of the Trans-European Division. 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, language activities and songs, recipes, games, and activities to download or print for use in your Sabbath School. Check out "See It, Say It," an audio file that helps you pronounce some of the words featured this quarter.

Yours for the kingdom,



Charlotte Ishkanian
Editor, *Children's Mission*



FINLAND | July 3

ELLA

MAKING FRIENDS WITH JESUS

Today's story is from Finland [*locate Finland on the map*]. Finland is a lovely country with hundreds of lakes, green forests, and beautiful farmland. In the winter lakes freeze over and snow piles up on the hillsides. Finns don't mind the cold; they love to ski and ice skate.

FAST FACTS

- Finland lies in Europe between Russia and Sweden. The northern part of the country lies above the Arctic Circle, where the sun doesn't set in the heart of summer and doesn't rise in the heart of winter.
- Because of the long, cold winters, everyone learns to enjoy the snow. Skiing and ice skating on Finland's thousands of lakes are major pastimes.
- While Finnish people claim to be Christians, few go to church regularly.

Kids' Action Time

Ella's mother studied the advertisement in the newspaper. Then she turned to Ella, who was 8, and said, "Would you like to go to a children's program this Sunday afternoon? It looks as if it might be fun."

Ella nodded eagerly. She, too, thought it would be fun.

On Sunday afternoon Mother drove Ella and her younger brothers to the program, which is sponsored by the Adventist Church. Mother stayed and watched while her children enjoyed the activities. Ella found a friend, and the two girls ran off to enjoy the activities.

The children gathered to sing some songs and watch a Bible story that the adults and some older children acted out. Then it was time to get moving!

The teachers explained that the children could visit any of the fun stations that had been set up in the meeting place. Ella looked around. Everything

looked like fun. At one station some teenagers were painting flowers and stars on children's hands and faces. At another station a huge trampoline had been set up, and children eagerly waited for a turn to bounce on it. There were art and craft stations and a rope course where children maneuvered through obstacles while holding onto the ropes that stretched overhead. Ella wanted to try everything!

The time went quickly as the children spent a happy and noisy hour learning new skills and playing active games. Soon it was time to come together to end the meeting. One more song, one more prayer, and a loving goodbye ended the meeting.

Ella loved the program and was thrilled to learn that next month there would be another Kids' Action Time program. "May we come again, Mother?" she asked, her cheeks still red from play. Mother smiled and nodded. It had been a fun time for all of them. Yes, they would return.

At Kids' Action Time Ella learned songs about Jesus and how to bow her head when the teachers prayed. And one day when the teacher asked the children whether anyone wanted to give their heart to Jesus, Ella raised her hand.

Summer Camp

While Ella and her brothers enjoyed Kids' Action Time one day, Mother received an invitation card to attend a family summer camp. She read the list of activities offered at camp. *This would make a great family vacation*, she thought. When Mother told Ella and

her brothers about the summer camp, they were so excited. "Oh, yes! Yes! Let's go!" the children exclaimed. Ella had heard about summer camp from some friends, and she knew it would be great fun.

Summer came, and the family prepared for camp. Some friends were joining them at camp, so they would have someone they knew to play and swim with. Ella and her family had great fun at family camp. The children attended meetings, went swimming and canoeing on the big lake, played volleyball, and went hiking in the forest. Camp was great fun! Ella couldn't wait to go to camp again the next year.

When she was old enough, Mother let Ella attend summer camp by herself. During that camp Ella again surrendered her heart to Jesus. Her best friend invited her to attend the Adventist church with her on Sabbath. Ella lives a long way from the church, so her mother takes her to her friend's house, and her friend's parents take her to church. Sometimes Ella's mother and brothers go to church with her.

Making Mission Possible

Ella is so glad that the people in the Adventist church sponsor Kids' Action Time. She's glad that adults work so hard to help children learn about Jesus. Now Ella helps the teachers put on the Kids' Action Time program so that other children can learn that God loves them too. Our mission offerings help pay for programs such as Kids' Action Time, at which Ella learned to love Jesus. 🌍



FINLAND | July 10

EMILA

EMILA'S ANSWERED PRAYERS

Emila [EH-mee-lah] lives in Finland [*locate Finland on the map.*]. When she was little she became very sick. The doctors discovered that her liver wasn't working, and she had to have a liver transplant to survive. Emila had the dangerous surgery.

MISSION POST

- Like many countries in Europe, Finland is modern, and its people are forgetting about God. Most Christian churches have only a handful of believers on Sunday morning.
- The Adventist Church in Finland is small, with more than 5,000 believers. That's about one Seventh-day Adventist for every 1,000 people there. Some churches are working hard to make their churches welcome places for people to come and hear God's message of love. By sponsoring programs such as Kids' Action Time and inviting children to attend the Adventist summer camp, children and adults are learning that God wants to be part of their lives.

Emila's New Family

But Emila would always need special care and expensive medicines to grow strong, and her parents couldn't give her the care she needed. So Emila was adopted by another family. Emila quickly learned to love her new family. Every night she snuggled in her new mother's arms and listened to Bible stories. She attended Sabbath School and church with the family, and soon Emila learned to love Jesus, just as her new family did.

Emila's Dilemma

When Emila started school, she made lots of new friends and often talked to them about Jesus. But some of the children didn't want to hear about Jesus. Some children even said unkind things about God or made fun of Emila. Emila's parents tried to explain that some families don't know what a wonderful

friend Jesus is. But Emila still felt sad that her friends didn't love Jesus.

Emila's parents wished they could send Emila to a Christian school, but the nearest one was 90 miles away—too far to drive every day. Still, the family prayed that God would make a way for Emila to attend the Christian school.

Emila's parents decided that they should enroll Emila in the Christian school, even if it meant they must move to the town where the school was located.

Two Answered Prayers

One day the family visited the Christian school. Emila liked the teacher, and the children seemed friendly. After her parents enrolled her for the coming school year, they decided to look for a suitable apartment where they could live in this town. After all, they had been praying for God to provide. Now they had to act on their faith.

That very day the family found an

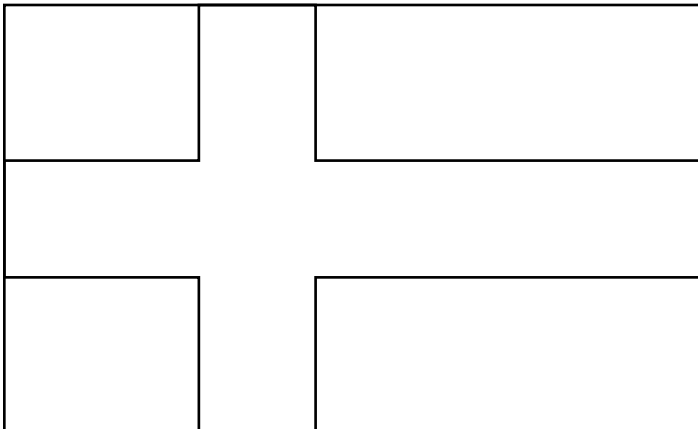
apartment that was close to Emila's new school. It was perfect! That night the family thanked God for answering two prayers in one day.

Emila is happy in her new school and grateful that Jesus answered their prayers. Many of her new classmates aren't from Christian homes, so she has lots of opportunities to share God's love with them.

Emila knows that God loves her. He gave her a new liver and a new family, and now a new school and a new home. "Jesus cares about what happens to us," she says. "We must trust Him when we have a problem, for He knows what is best for us."

Boys and girls, we can share God's love with those we meet at school, at play, and everywhere we go. Other people need to hear that God loves them. Some live near us, and others live far away. Our mission offerings help people we will never meet on this earth know that God loves them, just as He loves us. 🌍

FLAG OF FINLAND



White with dark-blue cross stripes



DENMARK | July 17

OLIVER, SAMUEL, VICTOR

SUMMER CAMP FRIENDS

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

Samuel is 9 years old. He lives in Denmark, a beautiful country that juts into the North Sea between Norway and Sweden. Although it gets really cold in the winter, the people there don't mind, for they can go skiing and ice skating when the snows come and the lakes freeze over.

FAST FACTS

- Denmark is a small country made up of a peninsula and almost 500 islands. It lies south of Norway, and Sweden. It's a wealthy and modern nation, and, like Finland, its people have lost their sense of need for God.
- Denmark is a monarchy, a kingdom; its flag is the world's oldest. It has been in continuous use for more than 700 years.
- Although most people can afford cars, many people prefer riding bicycles in Denmark. The average person cycles two miles (three kilometers) a day, and even the prime minister is sometimes seen riding his bicycle to work.

Samuel is in the third grade. He's the only Adventist in his class at school. Few of his classmates go to any church.

Summer Camp Adventure

When Samuel's parents told him that he could go to the church's summer camp last year, Samuel was excited. He had heard about all the fun things kids do at summer camp, but then he thought about being far from home for a whole week. He wished that one of his friends could go with him so he wouldn't get lonely.

Samuel's mother suggested that he invite Victor, his best friend, to go with him. Samuel talked to Victor about going to summer camp. Samuel's mother talked to Victor's mother, and Victor's family agreed

that Victor could go.

“I invited Victor so I wouldn’t be lonely,” Samuel said. “But I think he’s enjoying camp too.”

Victor doesn’t go to church, and Samuel wondered whether Victor would like the camp because the teachers have Bible classes every day. “I don’t know how much Victor understands about God,” Samuel said, “but I will be happy to answer his questions if he has any.”

Samuel’s Surprise

When summer started, Samuel had another surprise. His cousin Oliver came from America to visit his grandmothers in Denmark. And his grandmothers encouraged Oliver to go to camp with Samuel and Victor. So all three boys are enjoying a week at camp.

Oliver comes from an Adventist family, but he has never been to summer camp before. “I’m having lots of fun, and I like making new friends,” Oliver says, “I like playing soccer with the other kids at camp and doing the

rope obstacle course. It’s great!”

And how does Victor like camp? “It’s fun!” he says. He especially likes the animals—the llamas, the donkey, the horses, and the sheep. “I live in town where we don’t have these animals,” he says.

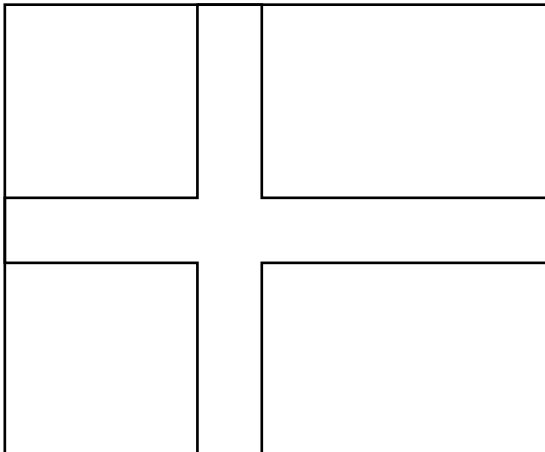
“Samuel is my best friend,” Victor adds. “I’m glad he invited me to summer camp. I hope he invites me to visit his church soon too.”

A Chance to Share

Samuel and Oliver are sharing God’s love with Victor through the camp. There are hundreds of ways we can share God’s love with our friends. It’s not hard; just find something you enjoy and invite your friends to do it with you. Then, while you’re playing, tell them about Jesus.

Another way to share God’s love is by giving our mission offering in Sabbath School. Our offerings go where we can’t go and tell people we may never meet that God loves them. 🌐

FLAG OF DENMARK



Red with white
cross stripes



P O L A N D | July 24

JAGODA, SARAH, KUBA

SUMMERTIME SHARING

It's summertime in Poland, and families like to go on vacation. Many Adventist families spend their vacation at camp meeting. About one Adventist in every five in Poland spend at least a few days at camp meeting on a lovely lake in western Poland.

The children's tent is alive with eager children who are learning new songs, trying new crafts, and making new friends. When their morning meeting ends, we will ask some of the children to tell us how they share God's love with their friends.

FAST FACTS

- Poland lies in Central Europe. For almost 50 years Poland was under Communist rule. During the time of Communism the government built large blocks of identical apartments that line most city streets. These apartment buildings emphasize the Communist belief that people were equal.
- Unlike most countries dominated by Communism, Polish farmers did not lose their land. Today small family-owned farms still dot the landscape. Most of the farmers rely on human and animal labor to harvest their crops.

Jagoda

Jagoda [yahGOH-da] is 8 years old and in the second grade. Here's her story:

"Our school has religion class three times a week. Because I am an Adventist I don't attend the class.

"Some of my classmates don't understand why I don't go to religion class. I told them that I go to religion class at my church. It's called Sabbath School. Some of my classmates say that I am not a child of God because I don't go to the school's religion class. I told them that I *am* a child of God because I have given my heart to Jesus. They asked if I had been baptized as a baby, and I told them that in my church we aren't baptized until we are old enough to understand what it means to follow Jesus and to choose for ourselves to

follow Him. Babies can't choose.

"I've invited some of my friends to come to my Sabbath School, but so far no one has come. One girl brought a children's Bible to class and showed it to me. I told her that I was glad she had a Bible and urged her to read it every day. We've become friends."

Sarah

Sarah is 9 and was born in Australia, but she's living in Poland now. Here's how she shares her faith with others.

"In school when there are breaks, I like to tell my friends about Jesus. One of my friends wanted to hear about Jesus, because she hadn't heard very much about Him. We talked about God during recess and I invited her to come with me to Sabbath School. When her parents came to get her, she asked them whether she could go to church with me. Her parents said she could go, but she hasn't gone to church with me yet. However, one day she brought a new Bible to school. Her parents had given it to her, and we read it together.

Kuba

Kuba [KOO-bah] is in the third grade. He lives in Warsaw, the capital city of Poland. He will tell us about an interesting experience he had during summer vacation last year.

"Last year my family went camping. I met a boy at the camp ground, and

we became friends. We talked about religion, and he asked me lots of questions. I answered them the best I could. But when my friend, Artur [AR-tuhr], told his parents what I had said, they weren't happy about it. They told him not to talk to me about religion again.

"But Artur [AR-tuhr] was interested in knowing about God, and he kept asking me lots of questions. I answered the ones I could. Artur asked me for a Bible, and I gave him one. I told him where to find the Ten Commandments. Artur was excited to have a Bible and showed it to his parents. But they made him give it back to me and made him tell me again not to talk about God to him. I felt bad about that.

"We spent the Sabbath at the camp ground and had a little family worship. Artur came by to see me and stayed for worship. He really liked our worship. That was the last day we were at the camp, and I didn't get to talk about God any more with Artur. But I'm praying that God will take the seeds that He sowed in Artur's heart and make them grow."

Boys and girls, we all can share God's love just by being friends with others. Another way to share God's love is through our mission offerings. Who has brought their offering today? 🌍



P O L A N D | July 31

KAMIL AND PETER

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Kamil [kah-MEEL] is 12 years old, and his brother, Peter, is 10. Their father is a pastor in Poland. Last year the church they attend held a special children's church

service once a month, and Kamil and Peter got to help.

MISSION POST

- There are only about 5,700 Seventh-day Adventists in Poland, or one Adventist for every 6,674 people.
- Nearly all of Poland's population belongs to the state-backed church. Children are taught religion in school unless their parents request that they receive religious instruction at their own church. Adventist children in school face difficulties in school from classmates who tease them that they aren't Christians and won't go to heaven because they don't attend the school's religion classes.
- Pray that the Adventist children living in Poland will share their faith with their friends. Pray that the parents will teach the children the importance of being faithful to God in the face of opposition.

Normally between 20 and 30 children attend their church. "But on those Sabbaths when the church had a children's church program, up to 40 children came. Some came from Adventist churches from around the city.

Eager Helpers

"Our mom decorated the room for the children's program," Peter says. "And we got to help. We even helped bake cookies for one program.

"I liked the book without words," Peter adds. The leader made a book that has no words or pictures, just colors. Every color represents a different feeling. She would tell us a story using her book without words. When something bad happened in her story, she showed a black page. But

when something good happened, the teacher showed a yellow page.

“At another meeting the teachers talked about sin. They explained that every time we commit a sin, we become dirty, and the only way to be clean again is to ask Jesus to forgive our sin,” Peter explains.

Singing and Sharing

“We learned new songs, some of which had motions or actions, and the children were able to use up their energy singing these songs.”

Kamil enjoys singing so much that he joined a choir that practiced several songs. Then they went to a nearby village and held a program for the people who live there. Then the children from the workshop sang for people. The people who came to the program got to hear a short sermon about Jesus. “That was my favorite,” Kamil says with a smile.

Good Results

“I liked children’s church,” Peter adds. “Because of what we learned at children’s church, I am spending more time reading books about how to be a good Christian and a follower of Jesus. I’m learning to follow Jesus and pray to Him about everything. Reading good books is so much better than watching television or playing video games. Some of the stories are about the importance of telling the truth and obeying our parents. I’ve learned that if I do something wrong, I must ask God to forgive me, and I must confess to the person I did something wrong to.”

Both brothers agree that children’s church has been a great way to help children have fun and learn to be good Christians at the same time.

Our mission offerings help churches hold programs such as those at Peter and Kamil’s church, during which children and adults alike can learn how to follow Jesus and live a joyful life. 🌍

FUN WITH POLISH

Following are some words and phrases in Polish, the language of Poland. Vowels are pronounced 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. The accented syllables are written in capital letters.

Common Phrase

Hello
Good morning
Yes
No
Goodbye
God loves you

Pronounce It

chrescht
jehn DOH-breh
Tahk
Nyah
DOH-veh DEHN yah
Bohk chen-ohn KOH-hah



MARTYNA'S MISSION

Martyna [mahr-TEE-nah] is 10 years old and in the fourth grade. She lives in a town in southern Poland. She likes swimming and reading her Bible, and she tells other children about Jesus.

MISSION POST

- A missionary is someone who tries to tell others about Jesus. There aren't many Adventists in Poland, and sometimes children in school don't know who Adventists are. Although there are a few children from Christian homes, Martyna is the only Adventist in her school, so she has a big job to do to tell others about Jesus. Pray that Martyna and other Adventist children like her will not become discouraged because they stand alone in their faith.
- One place children and adults in Poland can come together to strengthen their faith is at camp meeting. Part of this quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help make the camp a better place for Adventists to worship God and for others to come and learn that God loves them.

In Poland school children must attend religion class. Every child must attend unless their parents ask that they be excused. Sometimes when a child doesn't attend the religion class, other children tease them and say that they won't go to heaven. Martyna knows that it's not true, but it's hard to be different, especially since Martyna is the only Adventist in her school. "I've explained to my friends at school that I attend church and I worship God. I tell them that I attend religion class in my church. Now they don't tease me anymore."

Martyna wants to be a good example for Jesus. She tries to be happy and helpful in school, and she prays and reads her Bible at home. Whenever she can, she tells her friends about her faith.

Martyna's New Friend

One day Martyna met a girl in the hall after school. Martyna introduced herself and learned that the other girl's name is Natalya [nah-TAHL-yah]. The girls talked for quite a while. Martyna asked Natalya for permission to pray for her, and Natalya agreed. She was glad that someone would pray for her.

Two days later the girls saw each other again after school. They were happy to meet and talked about school and other things. Martyna asked Natalya where she lived and what she liked to do, and Natalya answered. Martyna told Natalya that she was praying for her every night. Natalya was surprised, but she was glad that she had a special friend who cared enough to pray for her. Martyna invited Natalya to come to church with her, and Natalya told her she would have to ask her mother first.

Martyna continued praying for Natalya at home. She was eager for her new friend to learn to love Jesus, just as Martyna did.

School's Out

But before Natalya could go to church with Martyna, school ended. Martyna and her mother and grandmother went on vacation. When they returned home, Martyna called Natalya's home, hoping they could spend some time together. That's when Martyna learned that Natalya had moved to another city.

Martyna was disappointed that Natalya couldn't go to church with her. Martyna is still praying for Natalya. Only now she's praying that someone else will invite her friend to visit an Adventist church with them.

Martyna continues to share her love for Jesus with others. She prays for them and invites them to church. Martyna is being a missionary.

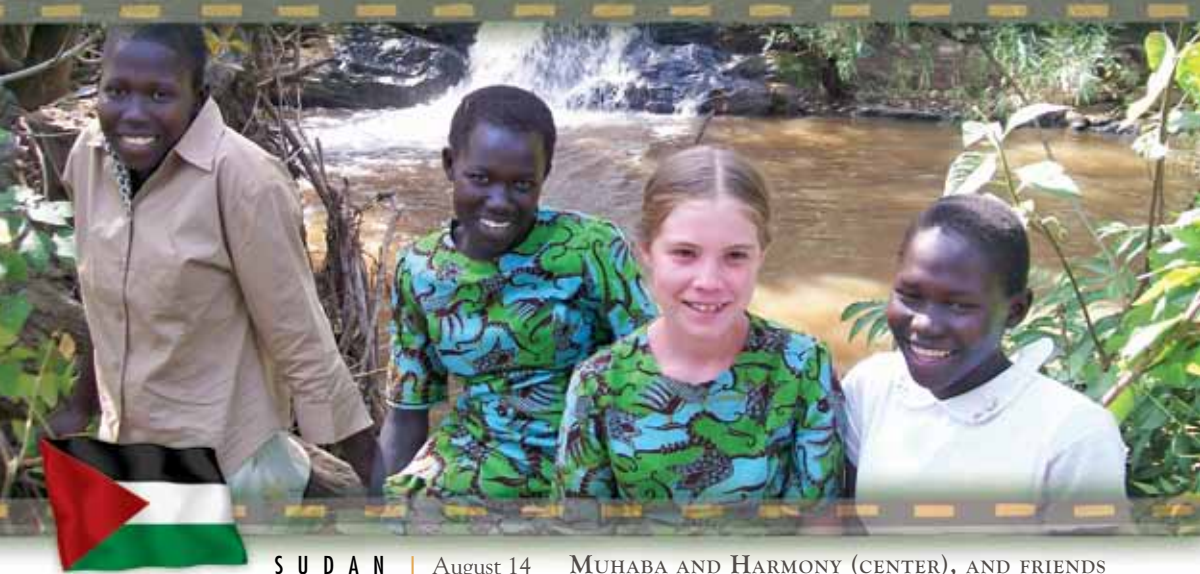
We can be missionaries at home, at school, and in our neighborhood by being cheerful and caring and telling others that God loves them. And we can give our mission offering so that others will learn that God loves them. Let's do everything we can this week to share God's love with someone else. 🌍

FLAG OF POLAND



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Bottom: Red



S U D A N | August 14 MUHABA AND HARMONY (CENTER), AND FRIENDS

MUHABA'S HOPE | PART 1

Muhaba put down the heavy plastic can filled with water from the neighborhood well. She sighed with relief. Then she picked up her broom, which was made of twigs tied together to form a handle, and swept the dusty ground around the mud-and-thatch hut. Later she would wash the family's clothes before she started preparing dinner over the open fire.

FAST FACTS

- Sudan is the largest country in Africa. It stretches from the Sahara Desert in the north to the swampy south. Arabs, most of whom are Muslim, live in the north, while Africans, who are Christian or who worship traditional gods, live in the south.
- These differences in race and religion have caused serious problems in Sudan. Wars have been fought over land and religion, and millions of people, especially in the south, fled for their lives when soldiers attacked and burned their villages and killed many people.
- The fighting has ended, but it will take years for people to rebuild their homes and resume a normal life.

Muhaba lives in a village on the border between Sudan and Uganda. [*Locate Sudan on the map.*] She is the youngest child in an Adventist farmer's family. But like many children in Africa, Muhaba lives with an older sister and helps her care for her family. Muhaba is used to working hard. Every day she helps cook the family's meals over an open fire outside their hut. She carries water from the village well—water for drinking, bathing, and washing clothes. When she's done with the household chores, Muhaba helps care for her sister's two older children and tries to keep up with her own studies.

Muhaba's Desire

Muhaba grew up in a family that loves

God. She loves Sabbaths when the family gathers for worship. They meet in their home, for there is no Adventist church nearby. They invite anyone who wants to join them to come. The group is small, but Father is determined that his children will grow up knowing the Bible and the Lord.

For as long as she can remember, Muhaba has wanted to follow Jesus and be His child. She has learned firsthand that life is uncertain, for her older brother, with whom she had been very close, died two years ago. Muhaba wants to be sure that she is ready to meet Jesus if she should die young. She wants to understand so many things she has heard about during family worship.

Her father has a Bible, the family's most precious possession. But the children aren't permitted to handle the Bible or read it whenever they want to. Perhaps her shyness has kept her from asking her father to let her read the Bible. Muhaba knows that many other families don't even own a Bible. Bibles cost too much for most people to own one, especially when parents struggle just to provide food and clothing for the children.

Bibles aren't always available in Muhaba's language. In fact, for two years people couldn't buy a Bible in their language even if they had the money. Just recently Muhaba learned that a few Bibles are now available; but until she attended the Bible retreat, she had little hope of ever owning one of her own.

The Spiritual Retreat

A family of missionaries lived in the big town about 20 miles from Muhaba's

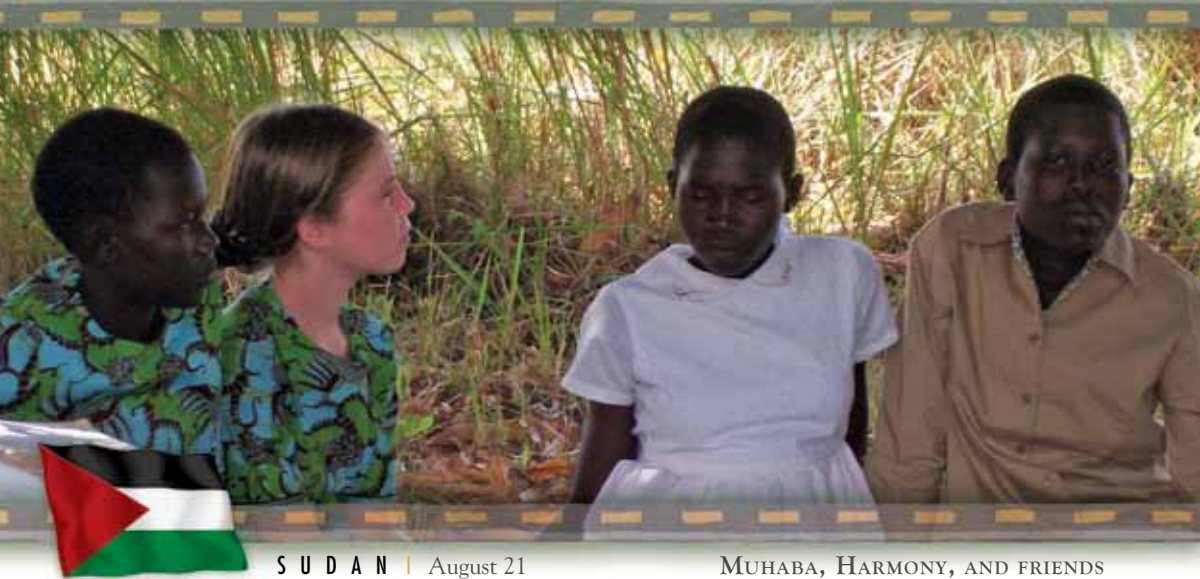
home. Several times each year the missionaries visited Muhaba's family to worship with them on Sabbath. Those were happy times for Muhaba, especially because the missionaries have a girl about her age. Her name is Harmony. The two girls love to talk and play together.

One day Harmony's mother told Muhaba that she was planning a weeklong spiritual retreat for a few girls and invited Muhaba and her sister to join them. They would study the Bible together and prepare for baptism.

Muhaba wanted to go so much, but how could she? Her sister had just had a baby, and she needed help around the house. Muhaba thought a lot about spending a week at a quiet place on the side of the mountain studying the Bible and learning to follow Jesus. If only her sister could let her to go!

Muhaba wasn't sure how to ask her sister if she could go to the retreat, but she did know how to work. So she worked extra hard to be sure that everything was done—the laundry, the cooking, the cleaning. When the missionary came on her motorbike to ask Muhaba's sister if Muhaba could go to the Bible study retreat, her sister agreed. Muhaba was so excited. She danced around, eager to go to Bible camp.

Boys and girls, have you ever been that excited about studying the Bible? Next week we'll learn what happened at the Bible retreat. In the meantime, remember that our mission offerings help send missionaries such as Harmony's family to teach people about Jesus. 🌍



S U D A N | August 21

MUHABA, HARMONY, AND FRIENDS

MUHABA'S HOPE | PART 2

[Review last week's story briefly with the children.]

Muhaba was so excited that she could go on the week long Bible study retreat that she raced into the house and changed her clothes. But she forgot to bring anything else.

Now it was the missionary's turn to chuckle. "You'll be gone for a week, Muhaba. You will need some work clothes, soap, and a towel," she said gently. Muhaba quickly gathered a few things and shoved them into a plastic bag. Soon they were on their way.

MISSION POST

- Few people in Sudan own a Bible. For years Bibles were not available in some of the local African languages. Now it is possible to buy a Bible, but they are expensive, often costing a family's monthly earnings to buy just one Bible. Few families can afford a Bible, even if they can read it.
- This quarter the special children's project on Thirteenth Sabbath will help buy Bibles for children in Sudan to share with their families. One Bible can help an entire family come closer to God.

The Retreat

The missionary and the girls arrived at their destination, a quiet hillside far from town. Each girl was given a Bible and instructed to find a quiet spot where they could be alone to talk to God and study. The girls scampered off to find their own quiet spot. Muhaba found a perfect spot where she could hear the birds chirp and feel the breeze blow across her face. She sat down and opened her Bible.

A while later a whistle called the girls back to their meeting place where they would study the Bible together.

Every day the girls awoke before dawn to prepare their food and clean the yard where they stayed. After breakfast they sat down to

study their Bibles. In the afternoon they had time to wash their clothes and even swim in the small river or play in the shade of the nearby trees.

The days sped by as the little group sat together and studied God's word and sang praises to Him. Sometimes people walking along the nearby path stopped and listened. Some saw that the girls had Bibles, and they asked how they could get one too.

The girls took turns reading Bible verses on each topic. When they studied about death, Muhaba had many questions.

On Sabbath the little group walked along a path that passed mud brick homes and cows grazing in the tall grass. At last they arrived in a village where a group of believers had gathered.

Muhaba was so happy to worship Jesus with others who kept the Sabbath. During the worship service the girls

were told that they could keep the Bible they had been studying from that week. Muhaba hugged her Bible close to her. *My very own Bible!* she thought. *Now I can read it whenever I have time. I don't have to ask to borrow someone else's Bible!*

A few weeks later Harmony watched as her friends were baptized in the small river near Muhaba's home.

A Way to Help

Muhaba loves her Bible. Thousands of children yearn to have their own Bible to read. This quarter we can help children realize their dream of owning a Bible, for part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help buy Bibles for children in the languages of Sudan, Israel, and Pakistan. Entire families will be influenced by the Bibles that we provide for children in these countries, all because we give our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering. 🌍

FUN WITH JUBA ARABIC

Following are some words and phrases in Juba Arabic, the trade language of southern Sudan. Vowels are pronounced 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; *u* as in cube. The accented syllables are written in capital letters.

Common Phrases

Happy Sabbath
Welcome
Good morning
Please
Thank you
Yes
No

Pronounce It

sah-BAHTH ahl-say-eed
FAH-dahl
sah-BAH ahl keh
behl IHZ-nahk
SHOH-krah
nahm
lah



A BIBLE FOR SHAROON

Today’s story is from Pakistan, a country lying northwest of India. [*Locate Pakistan on a map.*] Most people who live there are Muslims. There are only a few Christians and even fewer Adventists.

Eight-year-old Sharoon [shah-ROON] leaned forward in his seat as his Sabbath School teacher told a Bible story. She asked a question, and Sharoon’s hand shot into the air. The teacher called his name, and Sharoon answered, “David. It was David who killed the giant soldier with a slingshot and a stone.”

Sharoon loves Sabbath School. He loves the stories his teacher tells the class every week. And now he loves reading the stories for himself in his own Bible.

MISSION POST

- Pakistan lies northwest of India. Nearly all of the country’s people are Muslims.
- Only 12,877 Adventists live in Pakistan. That’s one Adventist for every 13,000 people. It’s difficult to share God’s Word in this country. But part of this quarter’s special children’s offering on Thirteenth Sabbath will help provide Bibles for Adventist children so they can read God’s Word for themselves and learn how to share their faith with others.

No Bibles for Children

Sharoon and his family attend the Adventist church in Lahore, a large city in Pakistan. The church meets in a house that’s been remodeled to make a church. Not long ago the members painted the church and put in a new floor. Now everything looks clean and bright.

Someone donated Bible story felts that the teacher could use to help tell the children’s stories. Now the children can see the story unfold in pictures as the teacher tells it. When a missionary visited the church, she noticed that the children didn’t bring their

Bibles to church. "Next week please bring your Bibles to Sabbath School," she encouraged with a smile.

"But Teacher," one girl said. "I don't have a Bible." Other children shook their heads too. Sharoon added, "My daddy has a Bible, but I don't think he will let me bring it to church."

The missionary was surprised that the children had no Bibles. "Let's memorize some Bible texts so we have God's words everywhere we go," the missionary suggested. The teacher agreed and printed Bible texts on sheets of paper. The children worked hard to learn the Bible texts. And they prayed for Bibles of their own.

Bibles for Children

Someone sent some money to the missionaries to buy Bibles for the children. The children eagerly waited for their Bibles to arrive. At last they

came. The teacher opened the box and gave each child a Bible. She helped them write their name inside the cover.

Now the children eagerly read the Bible stories in their own Bibles. They have memorized the books of the Bible and can repeat many Bible texts from memory. The children are so eager to learn more about God that some of them arrive an hour early for Sabbath School so they won't miss a thing!

Sharoon treasures his Bible, but he knows that other Adventist children in Pakistan don't have a Bible. He's excited to learn that part of this quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help buy Bibles for children in Pakistan, and in Israel and Sudan, too.

We can help these children by bringing a big offering on September 25. Then more children can have a Bible and learn for themselves that God loves them. 🌍

ARABIC NUMBERS

People in Pakistan speak Arabic. Below are the numbers 9 to 0 (Arabic reads from right to left). Can you read them?

٩ ٨ ٧ ٦ ٥ ٤ ٣ ٢ ١ .



A REALLY LITTLE SABBATH SCHOOL

Today we will meet a girl who lives in Israel. [*Locate Israel on the map.*] Israel is a small country located on the Mediterranean Sea. Most of the people living in Israel are descendants of the Israelites of Bible times, also called Jews. They have come from many countries around the world to live in the land that was promised to their forefathers.

FAST FACTS

- Israel is a tiny country that lies along the Mediterranean Sea. It is the land where Jesus was born.
- Relatively few of the people living in Israel are Christians. Just 874 Seventh-day Adventists live in Israel. That's one Adventist for every 8,580 people. Many of these people are not Jews or Palestinians, but are immigrants from other countries who have come to seek a better life.
- Children in Israel will receive some of the Bibles that our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will provide this quarter. The more we give, the more Bibles the church can buy.

New in Israel

Kristina and her mother moved to Israel from Ukraine, a country west of Russia. [*Locate Ukraine on map.*] They found an apartment in a large city, and Kristina started school. She quickly learned Hebrew, the national language of Israel, and soon she could understand her teacher and make new friends.

Kristina and her mother are Adventists, but they didn't know where to find an Adventist church in the city. So they worshipped every Sabbath in their apartment.

One of Kristina's new friends is Alona [ah-LOH-nah], a girl who lives in her apartment complex. The girls play together after school. One Sabbath Alona knocked on Kristina's door and asked her

to play. Because it was Sabbath, Kristina suggested that the girls play Sabbath School instead of ordinary games.

What Is Sabbath School?

“What is Sabbath School?” Alona asked, wrinkling up her nose. She knew what school was, and she knew what the Sabbath was, but she had never heard of Sabbath School.

“Sabbath School is fun!” Kristina explained. “We sing songs about God and listen to Bible stories. Then we learn a Bible verse and play a game based on the Bible.”

Alona thought Sabbath School sounded like fun, but she thought that it would be more fun if more children could play. “We can pretend that our dolls are the other children!” Kristina said. The girls gathered their dolls and stuffed animals and set them up in Kristina’s bedroom. Then Kristina began teaching Alona and the dolls songs about Jesus.

The girls had fun playing Sabbath School and decided to play again the next Sabbath. Kristina wrote Bible verses in one notebook, and Alona copied the verses into each doll’s notebook so the girls could pretend that the dolls were learning the verses. Soon Alona knew the Bible verses by heart.

The girls sang songs, and Kristina told a Bible story. Sometimes they drew pictures to illustrate the Bible story. Other times they played a Bible game or listened to a Bible story on cassette while they made cards that said “Jesus loves you” on them. They wrote a Bible verse on the inside of each card and sent these to their friends and families.

The girls told their friends about Kristina’s Sabbath School, and one week

their friend Nadia [NAH-de-ah] came. She continues to come whenever she can. Nadia and Alona aren’t Christians, but they love Kristina’s Sabbath School.

Attending Church

One day Kristina’s mother had good news. “I found an Adventist church today!” she said. “Now we can go to church on Sabbath!” Mother was delighted, and Kristina was happy that she would be able to attend Sabbath School again. Then she remembered her friends. “May I invite Alona and Nadia to come with us?”

Mother encouraged Kristina to invite the girls, but Alona’s parents feel that the church is too far from where they live. Kristina is sad that her friend cannot attend church with her, but the girls continue to play Sabbath School on Sabbath afternoon. Kristina tells the Bible story that she studied that week for Sabbath School.

Kristina’s Hopes

“I hope that someday Alona and Nadia will come with me to the church,” Kristina says. Kristina invites other friends to come to her little Sabbath School group, but so far none of them have come.

Kristina is being a missionary for Jesus. She is happy to help others learn that Jesus loves them. This quarter we can help Kristina and other children like her to share their faith. Part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will help buy Bibles in the languages of children who live in Israel, Pakistan, and Sudan. How many Bibles can we help buy? It depends on how much we give. 🌍



EGYPTIAN ADVENTURE

Today's story is from a missionary in Egypt.

Today is Friday, and throughout Cairo, Egypt's bustling capital city, loudspeakers broadcast the Muslim call to prayer. Friday is their holy day, the day when faithful Muslims go to the mosque to pray. It seems that the city is filled with mosques, and from almost anywhere we can hear the call to prayer.

FAST FACTS

- Egypt is an ancient land known for its pyramids and stories of Moses and the pharaohs. Today fewer than 1,000 Adventists live in Egypt. It's difficult to become a Christian there, but our Adventist secondary school, Nile Union Academy, is making a difference in the lives of children who study there.
- Pray for the believers in Egypt, for it is sometimes dangerous to share their faith with others. Pray especially for the young people who study at Nile Union Academy, where part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering some years ago is helping the school reach its community for Jesus.

A man's voice sings slowly and solemnly in a language I don't understand, calling people to pray. For some reason it comforts me, thinking that people are drawing closer to God, even if they call Him by another name.

A Trip to the Market

But even on this holy day, people are busy making a living. We join them, for we are going to the open market to buy fresh fruits and vegetables and bread for Sabbath. We must watch where we walk and watch out for cars. They have the right of way here, or at least the drivers think they do.

On the way to the market we pass a spice shop. White cloth bags filled with brightly colored spices stand in a row and send out wonderful smells. What beautiful colors and fresh scents this shop holds! Next we pass a little shop that sells hot beans. In Egypt people eat these beans for breakfast. Yum, they smell good!

We turn onto a narrow street that is shaded by the tall apartment buildings on either side. Clean laundry hangs from the balconies, drying in the breeze. At last we approach the market. Small stalls and wheeled carts are loaded with colorful fruits and vegetables. Others have large hunks of meat hanging from a rod. Flies buzz around us and the foods the people are selling.

I pick up an orange tangerine that still has its stem and a leaf hanging from it. The fruits grow in Egypt and are brought in fresh every day. The prices are written in Arabic numbers, and I struggle to read them in order to get the best buy. We choose our fruits and vegetables—some so fresh that they still have mud clinging to them—and start toward home. It's time to prepare for the Sabbath!

Church in a Village

On Sabbath morning we drive to a village where we have a small church. We are spotted as we enter the village. Children run beside our car as we make our way slowly down a narrow road toward the church. We park the car and walk to the church. The children follow us, chattering with excitement,

for they know that we are foreigners, and foreigners don't come to their village often.

Some adults try to shoo the children away. I think of the children who ran to Jesus in the Bible. Some adults wanted to push the children away, but Jesus said, "Let the children come to me." I hope the children in Egypt want Jesus to bless them!

The church in the village is active and alive! There are lots of young children and their parents. Their happy energy made our visit so nice. The children performed special Bible skits and sang songs for us. I especially liked the skit of when Jesus was born. The children's regular clothes look so much like what people wore in Jesus' times. It made the story even more real.

Even the food served after church was similar to what Jesus might have eaten! We had bread with buffalo cheese or molasses. And because the animals live with the people in their homes or tied near their doors, the flies were trying to join us for lunch as well! I had to be careful that I didn't take a bite of bread and get a fly too!

We say goodbye to our friends in the village and go with the pastor to visit people who were not in church today. When we get in the car to drive home, we are tired. I begin to understand why Jesus loved to go off by himself to talk with his Father after a long day preaching to the people. I think I'll enjoy my time with Jesus more now too. 🌍



MOMMY, I SAW ANGELS!

Today’s story is about a missionary family who lives in a country we can’t mention. They’re somewhere in the Middle East, an area that stretches from northern Africa east to the Arabian Peninsula. [*Locate the Middle Eastern region on a map.*]

MISSION POST

- In many countries in the world it’s difficult and often dangerous to share our faith with others. Pray for the people who work in these countries. Pray that God will protect them and give them wisdom to find those who have a sincere heart and want to know more about God. Pray that the missionaries working there will know how to talk to people in a way that will honor God but not endanger their own lives.
- Your mission offerings help support missionaries in places we cannot name. Thank you for giving your mission offering every week. Thousands will learn of God’s love because you give your offering.

“Karl,”* how would you like to go play in a park?” Daddy asked.

“Yippee!” Karl shouted as he ran to get his shoes and jacket. The two climbed into the family car and drove toward the park some distance from the family’s home.

“We’re here,” Daddy said as he parked the car. He helped Karl unbuckle his seat belt, and the two walked into the park. Daddy bought some drinks at a small shop and sat down at a table where he could watch Karl play.

The Strange Visitors

A few minutes later a young man walked into the park. He sat near Karl’s daddy, and the two men chatted casually. The young man was secretly interested in becoming a Christian, and Daddy was teaching him about God.

Then Daddy noticed several men walk into the park and sit down nearby. Daddy

wondered whether the men were watching him. But he continued chatting with the young man, hoping to look casual.

Karl returned to his father for a drink and then returned to play. Later he came back and laid his head on his father's shoulder for several minutes before returning to play. And still the strange men remained nearby.

Followed!

Finally Daddy got up from the table, called Karl, and started walking toward the park entrance, still talking casually with the young man. Daddy felt a chill as he saw the men who had sat nearby get up from their seats and follow them out of the park. *What's happening?* Daddy wondered. *Are they spies? Please, God, protect us,* he prayed.

Karl and his father climbed the steps leading out of the park and walked toward their car. Father glanced over his shoulder and saw the strange men turn away from the park entrance.

Daddy and Karl got into their car and started toward home. Karl was

quiet during the ride home, and Father wondered whether the boy had sensed his nervousness.

"I Saw Angels!"

When they arrived home, Mother greeted them. "Mommy, I saw angels today. I saw angels!"

Mommy knelt beside Karl and said, "Really? Where did you see angels?"

"On the steps at the park," Karl said. Daddy collapsed into his chair. *So that's why the men suddenly walked away from us at the entrance to the park!* he thought. *I didn't see the angels, but Karl did!* Father whispered a prayer of thanksgiving for safety as he met with the young man who wanted to follow Jesus in a land where being a Christian can be dangerous.

Karl and his parents are missionaries in a difficult part of the world. Our mission offerings and our prayers support our missionaries around the world. Thank you for giving so that we can continue to send missionaries where they are needed the most. 🌍

** Karl's real name was changed to protect the family's ministry in an unfriendly country.*

HUMMUS

This classic Middle Eastern dip is nutritious and easy to make.

1 can (15 oz.) chick peas (garbanzos),
drained, 1/3 cup liquid reserved
1 clove garlic, crushed
Chopped fresh parsley for garnish

3 tablespoons lemon juice
1/3 cup sesame seed
1/2 teaspoon salt
Pita bread wedges, crackers, or raw
vegetables for dipping, if desired

In a blender or food processor, place beans, reserved bean liquid, lemon juice, sesame seed, garlic, and salt. Cover; blend on high speed, stopping to scrape sides as necessary, until mixture is smooth.

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 25.
- 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 Trans-European 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, Bibles for children in Pakistan, Israel, and Sudan.

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

- Use the following program in your class.
- 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.

A BIG JOB TO DO

[Ask four children from the junior Sabbath School to present this program for primary and kindergarten. They don't have to memorize their parts, but they should be acquainted enough with it to read it comfortably and with feeling.]

Narrator: This quarter we've heard stories from children across the Trans-European Division *[point to map of division, if available]*. The special projects that will receive our offering today are all related to worship. Let's hear a bit about these projects.

Niko: I'm Niko [NEE-koh] from Finland. *[Point to Finland on the map.]* Finland is a land with thousands of lakes. The country is so far north that during the summer it never really gets

dark, even at night, and in the winter it gets dark really early!

I live in a small town near the capital city of Helsinki [hel-SINK-ee]. Near my home the Adventist Church owns a large farm with fields and tall trees and a big lake. The big house has been made into a school. It's a great place for a school, out in nature with lots of trees and fresh air. We don't have a church, so we meet in the biggest classroom of the school. It's getting really crowded as more and more people join our church.

On the farm is a barn that we will make into a church. We're working hard to raise the money to fix the barn up and make a house of worship. It will cost a lot of money to add heat and lights to make the barn comfortable. But if we don't, we won't have room for those who want to come to worship God. Please help us finish making our barn into a church so we can share God's love with more of our neighbors and invite them to worship with us too.

Narrator: Thank you, Niko. Now Anna will tell us about her project in Copenhagen [koh-pen-HAH-gen], Denmark.

Anna: I live in the capital city of Denmark, Copenhagen. It's a big city, but we don't have a lot of Adventists there. We have just three small Danish-speaking churches. One is a church that's set up like a café to attract young people.

But there are thousands of people in Denmark who are not Danish. Until a few months ago we had no church where they could feel at home. Some of these people are students; others are short-term workers from Asia; and others are tourists. One Sabbath I counted 17 different language groups in our church! But since most of the international people living in Denmark speak English, we worship using English.

Our congregation is growing fast, and we need a suitable place to worship! Now we meet in a tiny school classroom and hold our own worship service in one of the Danish churches. That's OK for now, but some people can't come because buses don't run nearby and it's dangerous to walk after dark when we

finish our evening vespers.

We have a part-time pastor who is helping us plant the international church in Copenhagen, and part of today's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help make this church a vibrant house of worship in the heart of Copenhagen. What a mission field!

Narrator: That's exciting! Now let's travel south to Poland, where the special project is a youth camp. Roza, why should we support a camp?

Roza: I've just come home from camp meeting at the Polish youth camp. Wow, was it exciting! Almost 1,000 people were there for at least the weekend! We had children's meetings and crafts and sports and evening evangelistic meetings like most camp meetings. But we did more too.

Some people formed groups and worked in the community. Some helped put roofs on houses or fixed things in peoples' homes. They did this free as an outreach. Others held a health fair in some of the towns nearby. The people who live near the camp know Adventists because of our work, and some come to camp meeting to listen to our messages.

At the end of camp meeting we had a baptism in the lake on the edge of the camp ground. Lots of people were baptized there.

But the church holds camp for people who aren't church members, too. Troubled children come to experience the peace and quiet here. Some have suffered abuse or are in danger of becoming delinquents. Some kids have never been outside a city before. Some

of them have asked to know more about God, and some have even been baptized.

But my dad says that the camp is old and needs lots of work to make it safe. We do what we can to make the camp better, but we need help. Part of today's offering will help us upgrade the camp so it can serve more people who need to learn about Jesus.

Narrator: Our last speaker will tell us about our special children's offering project, Bibles for children in Pakistan, Israel, and Sudan.

Elijah lives in Sudan, a country that has seen years of war and famine. But life is changing in Sudan, and now there is hope for a better future. Tell us what a Bible means to you, Elijah.

Elijah: I was born during a time of war. One day soldiers attacked our village and burned it to the ground. We ran into the bush taking only what we could carry. We hid for weeks with little to eat and no clean clothes to wear. But the war is over now, and we are rebuilding

new homes made of mud with straw roofs. Our schools were destroyed, so we meet under mango trees to learn to read and write until we can build a school.

My parents didn't learn to read because war disrupted their schooling as it did mine. One day a missionary came to our village and held worship. Afterward he gave a Bible to one child in each family. And I got one! Now I can read God's Word to my parents so they can build their faith in God.

Part of today's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help buy more Bibles for children in Sudan as well as Pakistan and Israel. What a joy it will be when every family has at least one Bible that they can read and share with others!

Narrator: Our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering has a lot of work to do. Let's give from our heart as well as our pocket today. When we reach heaven we'll see the difference our offerings have made in the lives of people we meet there.

[Offering]

Your Offerings at Work

Women students at Lakeview Adventist University in Malawi say a warm "Thank you" for your help in building a new dormitory to house them. Now they can live on campus instead of in the town nearby.



RECIPE FROM DENMARK

SMØRREBRØD (DANISH OPEN-FACED SANDWICHES)

Danes enjoy eating open-faced sandwiches using one piece of high quality bread and any variety of fillings. Try several of the combinations below, but don't hide the beauty of the finished sandwich by placing another piece of bread over it.

Bread: Danes prefer rye bread, but you can try French, high-quality whole wheat or multigrain (try a loaf of home-baked or bakery bread and slice it yourself), or Rye Krisp crackers. If using rye bread or any bread that tends to break easily, cut the slice in half before serving.

Topings: Try a vegetarian p \hat{a} te (available in health food stores) or make your own by grinding chicken-style soya meat or vegetarian hot dogs and blending with mayonnaise, chopped celery, chopped onion, a little pickle relish, and seasonings to taste. Top with fresh dill or parsley.

For a simpler open-faced sandwich, provide the following vegetables and condiments and let people create their own sandwich:

butter	thinly sliced sweet onion rings
thin slices of tomato, cucumber, sweet pickle	thinly sliced radishes
cheese (Camembert is a favorite)	pickled sliced beets or other vegetables
sliced red, yellow, and green sweet peppers	

RECIPE FROM POLAND

CHŁODNIK (COLD BEETROOT SOUP)

Chłodnik is a Polish soup eaten chilled. Serve with Polish rye bread.

2 medium beets, peeled	Juice from ½ lemon
2 cups water	1½ cups kefir* (or natural yogurt)
1 vegetable boullion cube	Scant ¼ cup sour cream
5 red-skinned radishes or one small cucumber	Salt to taste
2 green spring onions, whites only	Pepper to taste (optional)
2 tablespoons chives	2 hard boiled eggs, quartered
1 tablespoon parsley	

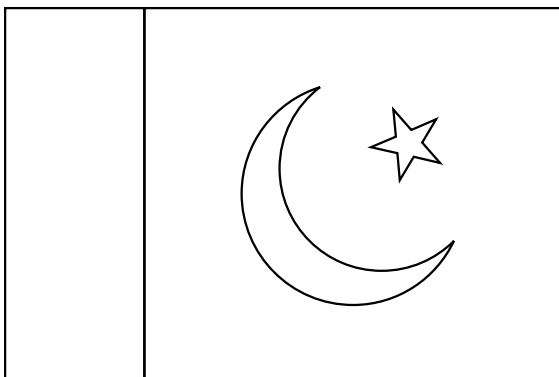
Grate beetroots. Dissolve vegetable cube in water in a medium pot and add beets. Cook until the beets are soft. Remove from heat and let cool completely.

Chop the radishes, chives, onions, and parsley. Add to chilled soup along with the lemon juice, sour cream, and kefir. Season with salt and pepper to taste, and chill in the refrigerator until completely cool. Garnish the cold soup with boiled eggs.

*If kefir isn't available, sour 1½ cups milk using lemon juice.

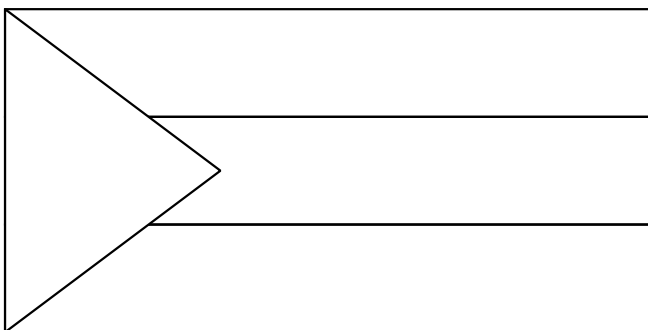
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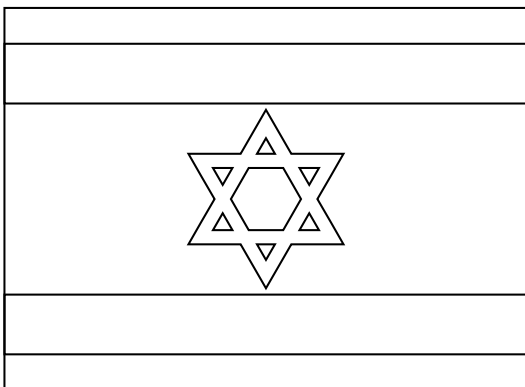
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white

FLAG OF SUDAN



Top stripe: red
Middle stripe: white
Bottom stripe: black
Left standard: dark
green

FLAG OF ISRAEL



Top and bottom
edges: white
Top and bottom
stripes: dark blue
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MESSAGE IN A PUZZLE

Find words relating to the countries we've read about this quarter and the special project our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help with. Cross off the words as you find them in the puzzle. Copy the remaining letters from the puzzle into the blanks below the puzzle and read a message from God.



- KEY**
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- BIBLE
 - CAMP
 - CHURCH
 - DENMARK
 - EGYPT
 - FINLAND
 - OFFERING
 - PAKISTAN
 - POLAND
 - SUDAN

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MESSAGE:

_____ !

Answer: Jesus loves all the children of the world—and me!

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.

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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.

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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 scenery and culture of these countries.

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

Embassy of Denmark, 3200 Whitehaven St., NW, Washington, DC 20008-3616. Phone: 202-234-4300; websites: www.ambwashington.um.dk and www.denmark.dk/en.

Embassy of Finland, 3301 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20008. Phone: 202-298-5800; website: www.finland.org/Public/Default.aspx and click on "About Finland."

Embassy of Poland, 2640 16th Street, NW, Washington DC 20009. Phone: 202-234 3800; website: www.polandembassy.org.

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UNIONS	CHURCHES	MEMBERSHIP	POPULATION	PROJECTS
Adriatic	99	3,767	9,708,000	1 Provide a church for an active congregation near Helsinki, Finland
Baltic	88	6,469	6,963,000	
British	246	29,736	66,000,000	
Danish	46	2,523	5,596,000	
Finland	73	5,044	5,312,000	2 Establish an international church in Copenhagen, Denmark
Hungarian	111	4,667	10,034,000	
Middle East	78	17,861	236,633,000	3 Renovate the Polish Union's campground at Zatonie, Poland
Netherlands	54	4,845	16,433,000	
Norwegian	65	4,612	4,765,000	4 CHILDREN'S PROJECT: Bibles for children in Pakistan, Israel, and Sudan
Pakistan	122	12,877	172,800,000	
Polish	122	5,710	38,110,000	
South-East European	215	8,151	16,064,000	
Swedish	39	2,801	9,214,000	
Attached Fields	32	1,942	19,043,000	
TOTALS	1,390	111,005	616,675,000	

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