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SONIA'S SPECIAL FRIEND | NOW MISS KETI KNOWS

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DEAR SABBATH SCHOOL LEADER,

This quarter features the Euro-Asia Division, which includes the countries of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan.

The Euro-Asia Division is home to more than 279 million people but fewer than 140,000 Adventists. That's a ratio of one Adventist for every 2,000 people.

The Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will help build three churches, one in Azerbaijan and two in Siberia (Russia). The special children's project will help provide children's Sabbath School materials in the languages of Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia.

Language Fun

Words and phrases in Russian are featured on pages 7, 9, and 11, and a song is featured on page 31. Other songs as well as "See It, Say It," an audio version of our words and phrases, are featured on our website, www.AdventistMission.org. Click on "Resources" and "Children's Activities." You can find other activities there as well, including a coloring page, a craft, and lots of recipes.

OPPORTUNITIES

This quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help build:

- churches for existing congregations in Krasnoyarsk and Tomsk in Siberia, Russia
- a church for an existing congregation in Baku, Azerbaijan
- CHILDREN'S PROJECT: Sabbath School lesson material in the local languages for children in Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia

Offering Device

The special children's project will help provide children's Sabbath School lessons for children in Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia. Draw or photocopy a picture of your children's Sabbath School lesson and attach it to the center of a large poster board. As your class reaches its weekly or cumulative mission offering goal, add a picture of a child to surround the lesson quarterly. (To determine your weekly goal, select a monetary goal and divide it by 13.)

Special Features

- **Adventist Mission DVD** this quarter contains several stories from Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Russia, including one specifically for children. Ask the adult Sabbath School superintendent to make a copy of the DVD for you to share with your children.
- **Decorate the Room** with pictures cut from magazines or travel brochures. Include hand-colored copies of the flags representing the countries being featured this quarter. Display several sets of *matryushka* (nesting dolls) if you have them available.
- **More Activities** are available on our website at www.AdventistMission.org. Click on "Resources" and "Children's Activities." Click on the current quarter to find additional activities, recipes, and language pages to use in Sabbath School. Be sure to look for "See It, Say It," an MP3 file that guides you in pronouncing words in Russian.

Yours for the kingdom,



Charlotte Ishkanian
Editor, *Children's Mission*



R U S S I A | April 2

SONIA

SONIA'S PRAYERS

Sonia is 6 years old. She lives in Tomsk, a city in the heart of Russia. Sonia's mother works in a dress shop and sometimes takes Sonia to work with her. Sonia likes to go with Mother. She likes the women who work there, even Mother's boss, who she calls Auntie Julia.

FAST FACTS

- Russia is the world's largest country in terms of territory. It is almost twice the size of Canada, the next-largest country, and more than twice as large as the United States, the third-largest country. It covers nine time zones and two continents—Europe and Asia. Yet its population is just 124 million.
- Most of the people in Russia live in the European part of the country, west of the Ural Mountains. Moscow, the capital city, has a population of about 10 million and is in the heart of European Russia.
- Adventists in Russia number about 45,700, or one Adventist for every 2,700 people.

The Lost Phone

One day when Sonia went to work with her mother, Sonia heard Auntie Julia telling the other women that she had lost her cell phone. "I know I had it when I left home," she said as she searched through her pockets. "But now I can't find it." Sonia knew that people seldom ever get their cell phones back if they are lost or stolen.

"Call your cell phone," one of the women suggested. "We'll listen for it. Maybe we can find it that way." Everyone stayed quiet, but no one heard a cell phone ringing.

"Maybe it's turned off," Mother said hopefully. "We'll search the shop for it." The women scattered throughout the shop and searched under the racks of

clothing, behind the cash register, even in the bathroom. Auntie Julia searched through her bag and in her coat pockets again. But no one found the phone.

Sonia's Solution

"I know what we can do," Sonia told Auntie Julia. "We can ask Jesus to help you find it!" Auntie Julia was surprised to hear Sonia suggest that they pray, for she had never prayed for anything before. But before Auntie Julia could say anything, Sonia knelt down in the middle of the shop and prayed.

"Dear Jesus," she said, "please help us to find Auntie Julia's telephone. We love you so much. Amen." Sonia opened her eyes and stood up. All the women were looking at her. Mother was a little surprised too, but she smiled a smile that told Sonia that she was happy that Sonia had prayed.

It was time to open the shop for the day, and the cell phone still hadn't been found. Whenever the women had a free moment, they looked in different places where the telephone might have fallen. But no one found it. They even searched the storage room in the attic.

Auntie Julia's Surprise

The next day Sonia went with her mother to the shop again. Soon after they arrived Auntie Julia walked in waving her cell phone. "Where was it?" everyone asked at the same time.

"I lost it in the bus on the way to work yesterday," Auntie Julia said. "The bus driver found it last night when he was cleaning the bus. Of course, he

didn't know whose phone it was, so he looked at the phone numbers in the directory and saw the one that said "Mother." He called the number and learned it was my phone. He actually took the phone to my house! Can you believe it?" she asked. "Imagine that we called that phone several times, but no one heard it ring. I've never heard of someone losing a phone and ever finding it again," Auntie Julia said. "Most people would keep the phone and use the minutes left on it. But to have someone find the phone and take it to the owner—that's amazing." The women nodded, knowing Auntie Julia was right.

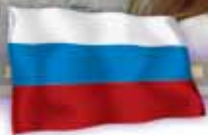
Then Auntie Julia saw Sonia standing near her mother. She bent over and said, "Thank you for praying for my phone, Sonia. I'm so amazed. God really helped me find my phone!"

Sonia smiled and said, "*Pajalusta* [pah-JAHLS-tah; you're welcome]. God likes to answer our prayers. You just have to believe."

Helping Auntie Julia Believe

Auntie Julia often asks Mother questions about God now. And Sonia and her mother have had lots of chances to tell Auntie Julia how much Jesus loves her.

God gives us lots of opportunities to share our faith with others. One way is to pray for them. Another is to tell them about God. And another way is to give our mission offerings so that people all around the world can learn about God's love. Let's see how many ways we can share God's love this week. 🌍



R U S S I A | April 9

OXANA

OXANA'S CHOICE

Oxana [ox-ANA] is 9 years old and lives in Tomsk, a city in the center of Russia. [*Locate Tomsk on a map.*] Oxana loves music. She studies at a special school that trains children to be musicians. Oxana's studies include recitals and competitions.

FAST FACTS

- Siberia is the large part of Russia that lies east of the Ural Mountains. It stretches all the way to the Pacific Ocean and from the Arctic Ocean in the north to China and Mongolia in the south. The name "Siberia" means "sleeping land."
- Siberia's winters are long and cold, lasting for seven or eight months. Temperatures can reach -40 degrees or colder, though the region usually gets little snow.
- Much of Siberia is covered with forests. Russia contains about one quarter of the world's forested area. Lots of wild animals make these forests their home, including the famous Siberian tiger.

The Special Music Festival

Oxana's teacher chose her to play a special piece on the piano for a citywide music festival. Oxana practiced hard to learn her piece. She knew that students who performed well would receive an award and their teachers would be honored too.

Then a few days before the festival, Oxana's teacher told her that the festival had been moved from Friday to Saturday. When Oxana told her mother about the change of dates, Mother could see the disappointment on her daughter's face. "Do you want to go to the festival on Sabbath?" Mother asked.

Oxana's Decision

Oxana thought about how hard she had worked to learn her music for the festival. But she never hesitated. "No, Mother. I want to go to church."

That evening Oxana telephoned her teacher to tell her that she would not take part in the festival on Sabbath. “I have chosen to honor God instead,” she said.

We Are Adventists

Although Oxana’s mother had explained that Oxana attends church on Sabbath, the teacher asked to speak to her father. Oxana gave the telephone to Father, who told the teacher the same thing. “We are Adventists and we worship on Sabbath,” he said gently. “I respect the work you are doing to teach my daughter, but we have chosen to obey God and keep His Sabbath day holy. This means that we don’t attend secular activities, even important ones, on Sabbath.”

Oxana’s teacher was upset and threatened to refuse to teach Oxana the rest of the year. “My teacher knows about the Sabbath because I leave school early on Friday so I can be ready for the Sabbath,” Oxana explained. Oxana knew that if her teacher didn’t

change her mind, she might have to find another school to attend.

Change of Heart

After the school festival, students had a weeklong vacation. When it was time to return to classes, Mother called Oxana’s teacher and asked whether Oxana could come to her regular music lesson. This time the teacher wasn’t angry and agreed that Oxana could come for her piano lesson.

“I’m glad that I stood up for my faith,” Oxana said. “Now my teacher knows that it really is important to obey God.” Oxana wants to study music so she can use her talents to honor God.

We can use our talents to honor God too. Whether we sing or play an instrument or just smile when we pass people, we each can do something to honor God. When we give our mission offerings we are honoring God and helping to tell others about how much He loves us. Let’s give our offering with joy today, for it may help someone give their heart to Jesus. 🌍

FUN WITH RUSSIAN

Vowel sounds 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 butter. Accented syllables are written in capital letters.

Greetings

Good morning
Welcome
Happy Sabbath
Please
Thank you
Yes
No
Goodbye

Pronunciation

DOH-bray-eh OOH-trah
dah-BROH pah-ZHAH-loh-vahts
chah-SLEE-vay soo-BOH-teh
pah-ZHAL-luh-stah
spah-SEE-bah
dah
nyeht
das-veh-DAH-ye-e-h



R U S S I A | April 16

SONIA

SONIA'S SPECIAL FRIEND

Sonia is 8 and in the third grade. She lives in Krasnoyarsk [KRAHZ-no-yarsk], a city in the heart of Russia.

When Sonia started school in the first grade, she met a boy in her class named Ikáz [ee-KAHZ]. Ikáz is smaller than the other children in their class because he has a heart problem. He can't run and play as most boys do. Ikáz comes from Armenia, a country west of Russia. [*Locate Armenia on a map and draw a line to Krasnoyarsk.*] It made Sonia sad when the other children teased Ikáz because he didn't speak Russian well. He couldn't help it if he was smaller than the other children or that his Russian wasn't as good.

MISSION POST

- Children can be missionaries in many ways. Sonia made friends with a boy in school and helped him learn Russian. She talked about how much she enjoys church, so when she invited him to go with her, he was happy to go.
- Sometimes children don't want to attend church, but they might love to attend Adventurers. This is another way we can share God's love with our friends while helping them learn about nature and good citizenship.

Helping Ikáz

Sonia told her mother about Ikáz, and her mother suggested that Sonia invite him to come to their home and work on their homework together. Sonia thought that this was a good idea, especially when Mother was able to help Ikáz with his math and Russian.

Sonia learned that Ikáz has a younger brother and three younger sisters. They all live with his grandmother. Sonia has no brothers

or sisters, and she tried to imagine what it was like to have five children in one family. Before long the two children became like brother and sister. “I would rather have had a sister,” Sonia says smiling. “But Ikáz makes a pretty good brother.”

Sonia often talked to Ikáz about her church and the Adventurer Club she had just joined. “I showed Ikáz my new Adventurer’s uniform. Really it’s just a white blouse and a special neckerchief, but Ikáz really liked it. He asked lots of questions about Adventurers.”

Being God’s Adventurers

Sonia invited Ikáz to church and Adventurers, but it wasn’t until her father invited him that he agreed to go. “I’m glad he came,” she said. “He really likes Adventurers, and the children there don’t tease him about being small or from another country.”

Today Ikáz is like a member of Sonia’s

family. He goes to church with her every week and takes part in Adventurers.

Sonia tells her classmates about Jesus, just as she told Ikáz. Some won’t listen, but some do. Sonia and her mother decided to hold an after-school Bible club for the children in Sonia’s school. Sonia invited several girls, but just a few came. “We talked about nature, and I taught them some songs about Jesus,” Sonia said. “But one by one the children stopped coming, and the Bible club ended. I want to invite more children and start the Bible club again. I am praying that the children’s parents will allow them to come.”

Sonia shares God’s love with the children in her school. In this way she is a missionary. Another way Sonia is a missionary is by giving her mission offering in Sabbath School. We all can be missionaries by sharing God’s love and by giving our mission offerings. That’s what Jesus wants us to do. 🌍

FUN WITH RUSSIAN, 2

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Numbers

one
two
three
four
five
six
seven
eight
nine
ten

Pronunciation

ah-DEEN
d’va
tree
chih-TEE-ree-eh
pyeh’ts*
shehst
SYEHM
VOH-see-ehm
DYEH-vyets*
DYEH-syeh*t*

* very soft *t* with a tiny *tch* sound



R U S S I A | April 23

IKÁZ

ADVENTURES WITH JESUS

Last week we met a girl named Sonia who lives in Krasnoyarsk, Russia. She made friends with Ikáz [ee-KAHZ], a boy in her class. Who remembers something about Ikáz? *[Let children respond.]* Ikáz and his family came from another country, Armenia. *[Locate Armenia on a map. Then locate Krasnoyarsk in central Russia.]* He couldn't speak Russian very well, and some children in his class teased him. But Sonia didn't tease him; she wanted to be his friend.

MISSION POST

- When Sonia helped Ikáz with his homework and helped him learn Russian, she was doing mission work in her own home without even realizing it. When she invited her friend to join Adventurers, Ikáz found new friends in a club that accepted him and made him feel loved. That's how we make friends for Jesus.
- Part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will help build two churches for the believers in Siberia where Sonia and Ikáz live.

Adventures With God

Sonia and her family invited Ikáz to go to church and Adventurers. Ikáz asked his grandmother if he could go with Sonia's family to church, and she said it was OK, even though Grandmother belongs to a different church. "Some of my grandmother's friends asked her why she let me go to the Adventist church instead of taking me to her church," Ikáz says. "Grandmother said that she is glad that I'm learning about God. I've invited her to go with us to church, but she has to work."

Ikáz likes Sabbath School, especially the singing. But he loves the Adventurer Club. "I get to wear the Adventurer neckerchief and learn neat things about nature," he says. "I've

learned that I must always be honest. And I memorize lots of Bible verses. I get my grandmother to help me, and that way she learns them too,” he adds.

Sharing God’s Love

“I’m glad that Sonia told me about Jesus and invited me to church,” Ikáz says. “Now I’m learning how to tell others about God’s love too. When my grandmother was sick, I told her to ask Jesus to heal her, and He would. I prayed with her, and she got better.”

Ikáz is eager for the day that his brother and sisters can attend church and Adventurers with him. In the meantime, he tells them Bible stories and they watch a Bible DVD together.

Church Newspaper Outreach

Every month the church prints a small newspaper to give away. Ikáz always takes extra copies to give to

people he meets at the bus stop. When the church printed a story about Ikáz in the newspaper, he took extra copies and urged everyone to read the story about him. “I hope they will want to know more about Jesus because I share the newspapers,” he says. “But not everyone wants to know about God. I gave my teacher one of the papers and tried to tell her about Jesus, but she wouldn’t listen. But that’s OK. I may not be able to tell her about God, but I can pray for her!”

A Chain of Friends for Jesus

Sonia invited Ikáz to attend church, and now Ikáz invites his friends to come to church, too. “If we all invite our friends to learn about Jesus, soon everyone will know!” Ikáz says. And when we give our mission offering, we’re helping tell others about Jesus, too. 🌍

FUN WITH RUSSIAN, 3

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Days of the Week

Sunday
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday

Pronunciation

vahs-kree-eh-SEHN-yeh
pah-nyeh-DYEH-neeK
F'TOHR-neeK
sree'eh-DAH
chit-VYERK
PYEHT-nee-tsay
soo-BOH-tah



R U S S I A | April 30

KIRIL

KIRIL'S NEW FAMILY

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

Kiril is an ordinary boy in most ways. He likes to work with computers and make things with his hands. But Kiril believes that God loves him in a special way. Let's let _____ *[name of boy presenting the story]* tell Kiril's story.

FAST FACTS

- Kiril lives near Moscow, the capital city of Russia. Moscow is a large city of 10 million people. Most people who live in the city live in large apartment complexes that are home to hundreds of families. Each apartment complex is like a small city. It often includes an elementary school and a few small stores where people can buy food.
- Many people who live in the city also have a small piece of land in the country where they can plant vegetables and flowers. They often build a small home, called a *dacha* where they can stay for a few days at a time to rest and enjoy the sunshine.

Kiril's Story

"When I was little I lived with my mother and my grandparents in Moscow, the capital city of Russia. *[Locate Moscow or Russia on the map.]*

"One day my mom went away and never came back. My grandparents drank a lot and didn't spend time with me, so I often went for long walks by myself.

"One winter day when my grandparents were drunk, I went for a walk. I walked and walked. It was cold outside, and I began to shiver. I saw steam coming out of a heating vent, so I sat down on it to get warm. But I was still cold. I got sleepy and fell asleep on the vent.

“When I woke up, I didn’t recognize anything. Someone told me that two men found me nearly dead lying on the heating vent. They took me to the hospital.

“I stayed in the hospital several days. Then I was transferred to a children’s home where I stayed while the people looked for my mother. I liked the children’s home, for I had good food and a nice bed.

“One day the matron of the children’s home told me that the police couldn’t find my mother so I was going to live in an orphanage. I didn’t want to leave the children’s center, but I had no choice.

A New Family

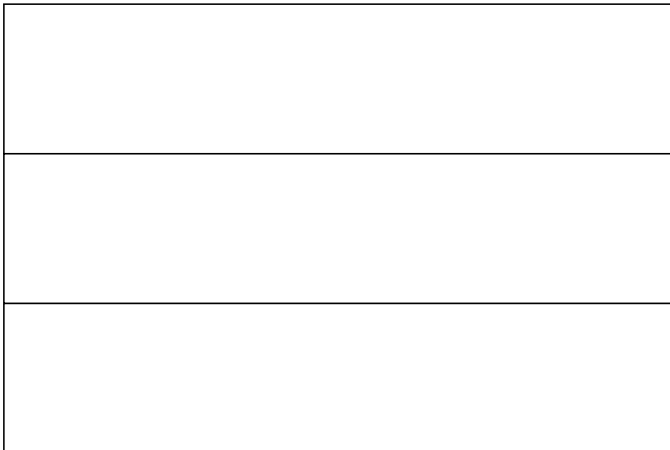
“One day a man and woman came to visit me in the orphanage. They asked me questions and told me about their family. Then one day they came back and asked me, ‘Would you like to come

and live with us and be our son?’

“I was so happy! I would have a real family again! I felt like crying, but I nodded my head yes. When I had lived with my mother, I was the youngest of three boys. In my new family I am the oldest of five boys! We get pretty noisy, but my parents don’t mind.

“My new parents are so kind to me. They’re teaching me about Jesus and showing me how to pray. When I told my parents about the men who found me on the heating vent, my new father said that God had sent those men to find me and save my life. Maybe they were angels; I don’t know. I just know that from that moment on, my life has changed. God has given me new parents who have taught me to love and trust God in all that I do. Now I’m not only part of a new family in Russia, but I am part of Jesus’ family too. 🌍

COLOR THE FLAG OF RUSSIA



Top stripe: White
 Middle stripe: Blue
 Bottom stripe: Red



A Z E R B A I J A N | May 7

IBRAHIM

IBRAHIM'S QUESTION

Ibrahim [EE-brah-heem] is 9 years old. He lives in the country of Azerbaijan. [*Locate Azerbaijan on the map.*] He's in the third grade and likes math and riding his bicycle.

FAST FACTS

- Azerbaijan lies along the Caspian Sea South of Russia.
- Most of the people in Azerbaijan are not Christians. Only about 720 Adventists live in the entire country. They worship in small groups and a few churches scattered in villages. Almost half the believers in the country live in Baku, the capital city.
- Believers in Azerbaijan have bought a building to remodel let God's love shine in a city that doesn't know His name.
- Part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will help the believers in Baku finish their church.

The Bus Driver's Questions

Ibrahim likes to go with his mother to do missionary work. Most people in Azerbaijan are religious, but they are not Christians. Often they take a minibus to a village near their home. Ibrahim likes to sit near the driver so they can talk. One day the driver asked Ibrahim some questions: "How many eyes do two birds have?"

Ibrahim thought for a moment before he answered, "Four!"

"How many eyes do four birds have?" the driver asked.

Again Ibrahim thought for a moment. "Eight!"

"You're very smart," the driver chuckled.

Then Ibrahim had an idea. "Now I have a question for *you*. How many days did it take God to create the earth?" The driver thought for a while, but he didn't know the answer. "It took six days,"

Ibrahim said. “If you want to know more about what God does, you should buy a book from my mom. It’s called *Only Allah Gives Us Peace*.”

Mother’s Gift

Some people on the bus heard the conversation between Ibrahim and the driver. One of them asked Ibrahim’s mother about the book Ibrahim had mentioned.

Mother usually sold the book to help pay their bus fare, but she decided to let Ibrahim give the book to the people in the bus for free.

Ibrahim walked down the aisle giving one to each person. The people smiled and said thank you. Ibrahim smiled back and said, “You’re welcome!”

When Mother and Ibrahim got off the bus, Ibrahim noticed that several of the passengers were reading the book.

As Ibrahim and his mother walked toward the village, Ibrahim thought, *It’s time to go to work for God. No!* he corrected himself. *We’ve already been working for God on the bus.*

Several weeks later when Ibrahim and his mother got on the minibus to ride to the village, he saw that his friend was driving the bus. “Do you remember the answer to my question?” Ibrahim asked. “How many days did it take for God to make the world?”

The bus driver thought a minute and smiled. “Six days!” he said.

“Good,” Ibrahim said. “You’re a good student!”

Ibrahim and Noah

In Ibrahim’s school students have a religion class. One day Ibrahim’s teacher read the story of Noah. Then she asked

some questions about the story.

“What did God tell Noah to do?” she asked. Ibrahim raised his hand, and the teacher called on him.

“God told Noah to build a boat,” he answered.

“Yes,” the teacher said, “and how long did it take to build the boat? A few days?”

“No,” Ibrahim answered. “It took Noah 120 years to finish building the boat and warn the people about the flood. But no one else would enter the boat except Noah and his family—eight people. So God sent the animals into the boat and closed the door. Then the flood came.”

“How many animals went into the boat?” the teacher asked.

Again Ibrahim raised his hand, and since no one else offered to answer, the teacher called on him. “Two of every animal, bird, and insect went into the boat. But God chose some animals to enter in groups of seven.”

“How do you know so much about this story?” the teacher asked.

“My mother and I read the sacred writings together,” Ibrahim told her.

Sharing God’s Stories

Ibrahim shares God’s love with grown-ups and children alike in a land where Jesus isn’t worshipped as God. He encourages us to share our faith with those around us every chance we have. We can do that at school and at play. And when we give our mission offering we’re helping people in lands such as Ibrahim’s learn that Jesus loves them, too. 🌍

See page 30 for Azerbaijan’s flag to color.



GEORGIA | May 14

LUKA

Now Miss KETI KNOWS

Luka is 5 years old. He lives in Georgia, where his father is a pastor. [*Locate the Republic of Georgia on the map.*]

Last spring Luka's father announced that the church would be holding evangelistic meetings. He urged everyone to invite their friends and families to attend the meetings.

FAST FACTS

- Georgia is a small country that lies along the eastern shore of the Black Sea. Beautiful mountains form the northern border of Georgia.
- Among the favorite foods in Georgia is *khachapuri* [hach-a-poo-ree], a round, cheesy bread that's often served hot from the oven for breakfast. Another favorite is honey-coated walnuts.
- The people of Georgia enjoy soccer and basketball. Because of the nearby mountains, skiing is also popular.

Who Can I Invite?

Luka wondered who he could invite to the meetings. His family already attended church, and his parents had invited the neighbors. *Who can I invite?* he wondered. Then Luka thought of Miss Keti, his kindergarten teacher.

The next day Luka found his teacher. "Miss Keti," he said cheerfully, "my church is having some special meetings, and I want you to come. You can get a free Bible. Please, can you come?"

Miss Keti smiled at Luka. "I'll see," she said, sending him scurrying to his seat.

Happy Surprise

When the meetings started, Father saw Miss Keti enter. Later he asked Luka if he knew that his teacher had come to the meeting. "Yes, Papa," Luka said. "You told everyone to invite someone, so I invited my teacher. I told her

that she can get a Bible if she comes every night.”

“So you really were listening,” Father said, smiling.

The next day Luka thanked Miss Ketí for coming to the meetings and reminded her about the free Bible. “I’ll be looking for you tonight,” he said with a smile as he quickly sat down to start his lessons. That night when Luka saw his teacher enter the church, he asked his mother to let him sit with her so she would feel welcome.

Every night Miss Ketí came to the meetings. When the evangelistic meetings ended, Father invited the people to attend another set of meetings to learn more about the Bible. Miss Ketí told Father that she would like to continue attending the meetings.

“Now I Understand”

Miss Ketí attended the follow-up meetings. At one meeting Papa told the people that our bodies are the temples

of God and that it’s important to live a healthful life. After the meeting, Miss Ketí told Luka’s father, “Now I understand why Luka refuses to eat pork.” And when she heard about the Sabbath, Miss Ketí said, “Now I understand why Luka refuses to attend school activities on Saturday. The Sabbath is a beautiful thing.”

At the end of the meetings, Miss Ketí asked to join the church. Luka was so happy. On the day of her baptism, Luka gave his teacher a big bouquet of flowers and hugged her tightly. “Now you’re my sister as well as my teacher!” he said.

Luka’s father smiled broadly and told the church members that little Luka had invited his teacher to come and learn about Jesus. He was a little missionary.

When we invite our friends to church we are being missionaries too. And when we give our mission offering, we’re helping people we don’t even know to learn about Jesus. 🌐

FUN WITH GEORGIAN

Vowel sounds are pronounced as follows: *ah* as in father; *ay* as in hay; *ee* as in bee; *eh* as in bet; *ih* as in tip; *oh* as in toe; *oo* as in boot. Accented syllables are written in capital letters. The *r* is pronounced hard, almost like a *d*.

Greeting

Hello
Goodbye
Please
Thank you
Yes
No

Pronunciation

goh-MAR-joh-vah
NAH-whan-dihs
too SHAY-dzih-leh-vah
MAH-duh-lobt
dee-ah-KEE
AH-rah

To hear these words spoken, visit <http://ggdavid.tripod.com/georgia/language/gphrases.htm>.



GEORGIA | May 21

NINO AND IRMA

WANTED: LESSONS TO SHARE

Nino and Irma are sisters. They live in the country of Georgia. Who can find Georgia on the map? *[Let a child try.]*

Nino and Irma didn't grow up in an Adventist home. But their aunt took the girls to the Adventist church. The girls loved Sabbath School and begged their mother to go with them. But Mother wasn't interested.

MISSION POST

- Georgia has 4.6 million people, but just a few more than 400 Adventists. This means that only one person out of every 11,000 people in the country is a Seventh-day Adventist. The country has just eight churches and four companies of believers. None of the churches is large.
- Children are an important part of every church and small group in the country, and children are encouraged to take part in reaching others for Jesus.

Special Children's Program

One day the children came home excited. "We're going to be in the children's program at Sabbath School!" Nino said. "Please, Mother, come and watch us sing!" she begged. Mother hadn't been interested in going to church. But she would go to hear her girls sing!

On the day of the children's program, Mother went with the girls to Sabbath School. She was so pleased with the children's program that a smile filled her face. Nino and Irma hurried to their mother after the program and gave her a big hug. Then the girls sat beside Mother for worship.

Invitation to Sing

Mother was amazed at how well the adult choir sang for worship. After the service the

choir director invited Mother to join the choir. Mother loved to sing, and she decided to attend choir rehearsals just for the fun of singing. She had no intention of attending church on Sabbath, even if it was to sing in the choir. But when the choir director urged Mother to sing on Sabbaths, she agreed. She enjoyed singing, even if it was in a church she didn't want to attend! And because the choir sang every week, Mother heard the sermon every week.

Mother wondered about some things that the pastor mentioned during his sermons. She jotted down the Bible texts that the pastor read, and soon she realized that everything that the pastor had said was in her Bible. Soon Mother joined the pastor's Bible study class to learn more.

Wanted: Lessons for Children

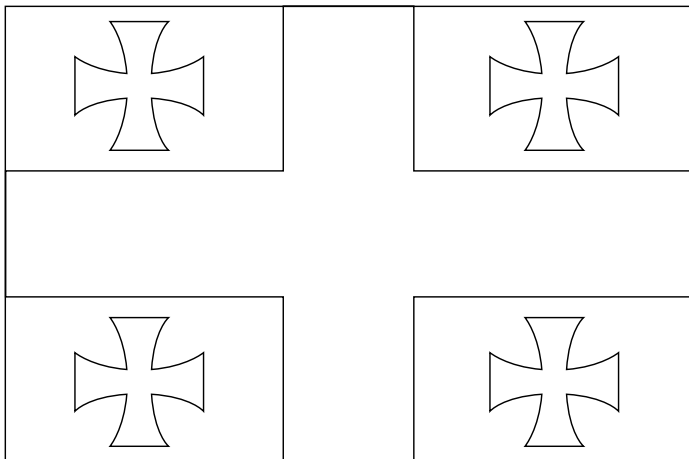
The children don't have Sabbath School quarterlies in their own

language, so their teacher reads the lesson in Russian and then tells the children the story in Georgian. "I wish we had lesson quarterlies that we could read. Then we could learn our Bible lessons," Nino says. "It would be so nice if we had lessons that we could share with our friends. Then our friends could know what we are studying about God."

"I like learning about God, and I want to learn more," Irma says. "Please help us to get Sabbath School lessons in our language so that we can learn the Bible faster and share it with our friends."

Boys and girls, we want every child to have their Sabbath School lesson so they can share God's love with their friends. And we can help them do this. On Thirteenth Sabbath our offering will help provide Sabbath School materials for children in Georgia, Armenia, and Azerbaijan. Let's save up our money so we can give a big offering on June 25. 🌍

COLOR THE FLAG OF GEORGIA



Background: White

Crosses: Dark red



ARMENIA | May 28

MOSES AND HAYK

BEST FRIENDS FOR JESUS

For the next few weeks we will meet children who live in Armenia [ar-MEE-nee-ee-ah], a small country in southwestern Asia. [Locate Armenia on a map.] Armenia lies next to Turkey, Iran, Azerbaijan, and Georgia [Point to each country as you name it.]

FAST FACTS

- Armenia is the oldest Christian country in the world. Almost 3 million people live in this small country that lies between Turkey, Georgia, and Azerbaijan. Mount Ararat, believed to be the possible landing site of Noah's Ark, stands on the border between Armenia and Turkey.
- Armenia is a landlocked country with many mountains and lakes. It was part of the Soviet Union for almost 70 years, and it gained independence in 1991.
- People in Armenia have their own language and their own alphabet.

Armenia is not a rich country. Many people struggle to live. But children everywhere love to play and make friends. Today's story is about what happens when a boy invites his friend to meet Jesus.

"Let's Pray for Them"

Moses is 8 years old. He and his family are Adventists. One day as Moses and his mother were walking to church, he saw a man working in his garden. "Why doesn't that person go to church?" Moses asked his mother.

"Perhaps it's because you haven't prayed for him," Mother said gently. "You must pray for people if you want them to know about God." So Moses began praying for people he met who, he thought, didn't know God.

Before long Moses had a long list of

people to pray for during family worship. Sometimes even his parents didn't know some of the people Moses prayed for!

Moses' New Friend

Several months ago Moses and his family moved to a little village in western Armenia. A few days later Moses met Hayk [hike], a boy who lives nearby. The two boys quickly became friends. They enjoy playing with Legos and riding their bicycles together.

Moses realized that Hayk didn't know Jesus. His family didn't go to church. So Moses started praying for his friend. He wanted to invite Hayk to church, but first he decided to give Hayk a book about Jesus. His mother helped him choose a book on the life of Jesus that Hayk would enjoy.

Hayk liked the book and started reading it even before Moses left his house. Hayk read late into the evening and again the next day. The book has lots of pictures that held Hayk's interest.

The next time Moses and Hayk were together, Moses' mother noticed that Hayk had been reading the book. She asked the boys some questions about stories she knew were in the book, and Hayk answered them all. Hayk said that he tells his mother the stories that he reads, and now his mother and sister want to read the book, too.

The Surprise Question

A few days after Moses gave Hayk the book, Hayk asked his friend, "May I go to church with you?"

Moses was surprised at Hayk's question, for he had planned to invite Hayk to church soon. "Of course you can go to church with me!" Moses said. He was thrilled that inviting his friend had been so easy.

Hayk went to church with Moses that week, and he loved it. "I want to go to church every Sabbath!" Hayk told Moses. "Even when it's raining, I want to go!"

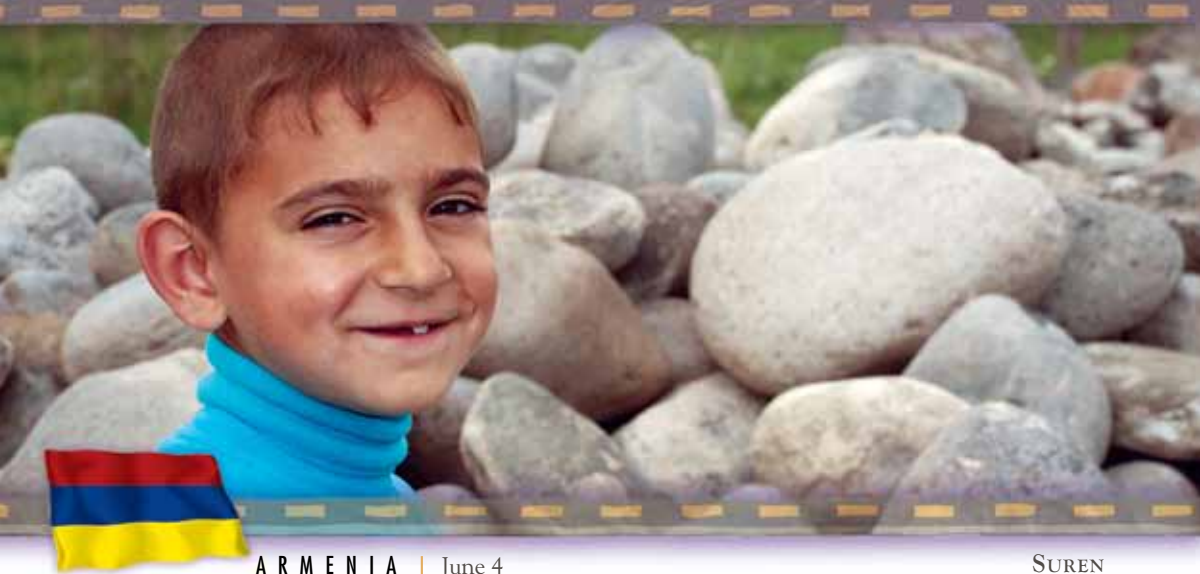
Hayk especially likes the Bible stories he hears in Sabbath School and church. Children in Armenia don't have lesson quarterlies, so the teacher reads the lesson in Russian and tells it to the children in Armenian. Then they memorize Bible texts that are related to the story they've heard. The teacher repeats the Bible texts over and over so the children can learn it.

Hayk is so excited about what he's learning in church that he's invited some of his friends to go with him. One week five boys and girls went to church with him. Now Hayk is looking for more children to invite to church.

Lessons Learned

Moses urges other children to pray for their friends and then invite them to church, just as he invited Hayk. And Hayk is glad that Moses cared enough to invite him to church. Now he is inviting others to come.

Boys and girls, we can be like Moses and Hayk. We can pray for the people we meet, and we can invite them to church. Who knows which ones will want to follow Jesus one day? 🌍



ARMENIA | June 4

SUREN

SUREN THE BELIEVER

Suren [SOO-rehn] is 7 years old. He lives in a village in Armenia. [*Locate Armenia on a map.*] Suren was just Suren until one day last year.

The Pamphlet

Someone gave Suren a paper with bright pictures on it. Suren studied the paper for several minutes. He couldn't read well yet, but he knew the paper talked about God.

He took it to his neighbor, Susanna. She was a believer; surely she would want to read the paper. Suren ran to Susanna's home.

"Auntie Susanna, I have something for you," he said, holding out the paper. "It's about God. I want to give it to you!"

FAST FACTS

- Armenian families hold fast to their cultural traditions. Much of their food and music are similar to nearby Middle Eastern countries.
- The people of Armenia love traditional folk music and circle dances. But their favorite sports are popular around the world—basketball, soccer, and tennis. They also like to play chess and backgammon, both board games.
- A terrible earthquake rocked northern Armenia in 1988, killing some 25,000 people and destroying huge portions of major cities and towns where people already were struggling during difficult financial times.

Suren's Surprise

Auntie Susanna took the paper and smiled. "Thank you, Suren," she said. "And *I* have something for *you!*" Auntie Susanna picked up a book and held it out to Suren. It was a children's Bible!

Suren opened the Bible and looked at the brightly drawn pictures. He tried to read the

words, but some of them were too hard. “I’ll help you learn to read the Bible,” Auntie Susanna said. Suren smiled and thanked her for the wonderful gift. Then he ran home to show his mother his new Bible.

Auntie Susanna helped Suren learn to read the Bible and told him stories as he looked at the pictures. Suren told his mother the Bible stories while he showed her the pictures. Mother was glad that Suren wanted to know about God.

Auntie Susanna invited Suren to a small-group meeting in her home on Sabbath. All the grown-ups loved having Suren at the meetings, and he loved their attention, too. Auntie Susanna lets him take up the offering; and there’s always a children’s story, even if he’s the only child there.

Sharing His Discoveries

Suren invites his mother to attend Auntie Susanna’s small-group meetings, and Mother goes when she can. Soon she will start studying the Bible with Auntie Susanna.

Suren wishes there were more children in his neighborhood so Auntie Susanna could start a children’s Sabbath School. But she has promised to take him to visit the church in a town not too far away. There are many children there. Suren is eager to visit a real children’s Sabbath School.

In the meantime, Auntie Susanna encourages Suren to study well in school and obey his parents so he will be a good example to his friends. Then he can invite them to come to church where he can help them learn to follow Jesus. Suren already tells his classmates about God. “I am not just Suren anymore,” he says. “Now I’m Suren the Believer!”

Boys and girls, we can share our faith with our families and with our classmates at school just as Suren is doing. Someone in your class may be waiting to hear about Jesus right now. Let’s not disappoint them. And when we give our mission offering, we’re helping grown-ups and children we may never meet to know about Jesus. 🌍

FUN WITH ARMENIAN

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Greeting

Hello
Good morning
Yes
No
Please
Thank you
You’re welcome
Goodbye

Pronunciation

pah-REHV
pah-REE LOO-his
ah-YOH
vohtch
hahd-JEES
k’n-TREHM
vah-ree yeh-GAHR
meh-NAHK vah-ROHV



ARMENIA | June 11

NICOLE

THE LITTLE MISSIONARY

Nicole is 7 years old and in the first grade. She and her family are missionaries serving in the country of Armenia. [*Locate Armenia on a map.*] Nicole is used to living far from her grandparents and aunts and uncles. Her family has been missionaries most of her life.

MISSION POST

- Fewer than 3 million people live in Armenia. The country was the first to adopt Christianity as the official religion in A.D. 301. The Armenian Apostolic Church, which is similar in many ways to the Catholic Church, is the dominant church in Armenia. About 80 percent of the people claim to be followers of this religion.
- Some 876 Seventh-day Adventists worship in 30 churches and small groups in Armenia. That's one Adventist for every 9,500 people. There's a lot of work to do to reach so many people with the message of God's love.

“A missionary is a person who tells others about God. They tell the whole world about Jesus,” she said. She’s right. Anyone who tells others about Jesus is a missionary. So that makes us all missionaries, doesn’t it?

Sharing a Gift

Nicole has learned to share in ways we may not have thought of before. When we visited her, we offered her some stickers of animals. She surprised us by saying, “No thank you. Could you please give the stickers to a child who doesn’t have any?” That’s a wonderful way to share!

Sharing God’s Love

Nicole is serious about being a missionary. She tells her friends about Jesus in many different ways. “When my friend Vivienne lost her dog, she felt sad. I told her to ask

God to help her feel better, and she did. One day her daddy came with a puppy that looked a lot like the dog she had lost. Vivienne felt better. I invited her to visit our church, and she wants to come,” Nicole said.

Nicole likes to go with her daddy when he preaches in the churches in Armenia. She’s learning Armenian, the local language, so she can talk to the children she meets in the churches that she visits. “I try to make friends with the children,” she says. “Sometimes it takes a few days, but we become friends.”

When Nicole told her teacher that she was a Christian, the teacher asked if she belonged to a certain church. “No,” she answered politely. “I’m a Seventh-day Adventist. That means we worship on the seventh day and want Jesus to come. We have a church in the city where we live, and there are churches

all around the world.” The teacher hadn’t realized that.

Helping Jesus Come Soon

Nicole wants Jesus to come back—soon. “I want to be a pastor when I grow up,” she says. “I want to tell as many people as I can that Jesus wants to take His friends to heaven and live in beautiful homes and have lions for pets. It takes bravery to tell others about Jesus, but we have to tell everyone so they can go to heaven.”

Nicole isn’t satisfied to be a missionary someday. She’s a missionary now. We can all be missionaries now by telling people we meet that Jesus loves them. Who can you tell this week? And remember, our mission offerings help tell people we don’t know that Jesus wants to be their special friend. So let’s all go and give so Jesus can come back soon. 🌍

FUN WITH ARMENIAN

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Numbers

one
two
three
four
five
six
seven
eight
nine
ten

Spelling

meg
yergou
yerek
tchorss
hink
vetss
yoteh
outeh
ineh
dasseh

Pronunciation

mehg
YEHR-goh
YEHR-ehk
t’chors
hihnk
vehts
YOH-t
OH-teh
IH-neh
DAH-seh



ARMENIA | June 18

LYUBA

LYUBA SHARES GOD'S LOVE

Lyuba [lee-OO-bah] lives in a small village in Armenia. [*Locate Armenia on the map.*] There are only 14 or 15 Adventist believers in Lyuba's village, and they worship in her family's house. Lyuba and her younger brother and sister are the only children in the church, so they worship with the adults.

"We tried to have a children's program outside," Lyuba says. "But the children were noisy and wouldn't listen. It was hard to teach them, and their noise made it difficult for the adults to worship. So we had to stop holding the children's meeting. That's sad," she says.

MISSION POST

- Many children in Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia are eager to learn that God loves them. And children such as Lyuba love to tell their friends about Jesus. But it's difficult to teach them stories of God without Bible lessons to share with their friends.
- The special children's project on Thirteenth Sabbath (June 25) will help provide Sabbath School lesson materials for the children in these three countries so that Adventist children can learn the lessons about God's love and share them with their friends.

Lyuba's Witness

Lyuba shares her faith with her friends and teachers. Schools in Armenia have classes on Sabbath. Lyuba told her teacher why she wouldn't be in school on Sabbaths. "The whole day is God's, not just the hours we're in church," she said. "God wants us to spend His holy day worshipping Him."

When Lyuba started fifth grade she had different teachers for each class. One of her teachers told her that she must attend classes, even on Sabbath, or she'd miss too much work. Lyuba told her teacher that her friends give her the assignments,

and she completes the work so she can be prepared for class on Monday.

Her friends don't want Lyuba to miss anything on Sabbath, especially parties. So they've asked the teachers to change the dates for tests and parties so Lyuba can join them.

Summer Camp Witness

Lyuba invites her friends to visit the church, but often her friends' parents don't let them go. So Lyuba invites them to other events such as the church-sponsored day camp held each summer in the school. Because the camp is held in the school, some of the parents allow their children to attend. The school principal even visited the summer camp last year. He told Lyuba's mother that the camp is a good thing for their village. At the end of the week of camp a special program is held in church on Sabbath. The children take part in the program, and this is another

way to introduce them and their parents to Adventists.

"Most of my friends don't know much about God," Lyuba says. "If they could just come to church and listen to the Bible lessons they would learn that God has lots of things to tell them."

Praying for the Children

Lyuba prays for her friends all the time. She asks God for wisdom to tell others what she believes, and she asks God to help her friends learn the truth of the Bible and to help them want to know God.

Let's pray for Lyuba and her family. Let's pray for the children she is trying to reach in her village. And let's remember that when we bring our mission offerings to Sabbath School, we're helping people in faraway places such as Armenia learn that Jesus loves them and wants to spend forever with them in His home. *[Close with prayer.]* 🌍

COLOR THE FLAG OF ARMENIA

Top stripe: Red

Middle stripe: Blue

Bottom stripe: Yellow

THIRTEENTH SABBATH PROGRAM

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

- Practice the song on page 31.
- Give out parts for the skit (below) and practice several times before the Thirteenth Sabbath program.
- Send home a note to remind parents of the program and to encourage the children to bring their Thirteenth Sabbath Offering the next week.

If your class will not join the adults for a special program, make Thirteenth Sabbath special by adapting the skit below.

- Remind the children to bring their Thirteenth Sabbath Offering. Make the offering appeal a big event in Sabbath School. Count the money and let the children know how much they have brought for missions during the quarter. Praise them for what they have done and let them know that their offerings will make a big difference to children just like them who live in the Euro-Asia Division.
- Invite a special guest to speak to the children about life in one of the countries of Euro-Asia. Encourage the speaker to bring items that will interest the children and help them to understand the culture and challenges of the people there.

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE

Participants and Props: Ask children, juniors, or teens to take the speaking parts below. They do not need to memorize their parts, but they should be able to read them clearly. If you have a small pool of participants, arrange for two or three speakers to rotate through the parts.

Since some of the countries being featured this quarter are difficult to locate, prepare a map outlining them or project a map onto a screen.

Narrator: Today is Thirteenth Sabbath. This quarter we've learned about some children who live in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Russia, four countries that are part of the Euro-Asia Division. *[Point out the Euro-Asia Division on a map.]* They have told us how they share their faith with others. Today we can share our offering to help children in these countries learn more about God.

Speaker 1: Russia is the largest country in the world. It stretches almost halfway around the globe and covers two continents—Europe and Asia. Russia is so large that when it is 9:00 in the morning in Moscow, it is 8:00 in the evening in eastern Russia.

Most of the people in Russia live in the western part of the country. Russia has about 45,000 Seventh-day Adventist Christians. That is just one

Adventist for every 2,700 people. So there is a lot of work ahead to teach people about Jesus.

Speaker 2: Most of the Asian part of Russia is known as Siberia. [*Locate Siberia on a map.*] While there are several large cities in Siberia, most of the land has few people living on it. Siberia gets very cold in the winter, and life is hard. During Communist times people who taught others about Jesus were often sent to prisons in Siberia as punishment. Today more than 10,000 Adventists live in Siberia.

Believers in two cities in Siberia need churches so that the members can invite their friends to study God's Word together.

Speaker 3: The people who live in the country of Azerbaijan [*locate on a map*] are almost all non-Christian. Only about 700 Adventists live in this country. The believers in the capital city, Baku, need a place to worship. They've bought a building, but now they need help fixing it up to make a church. Part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help the church members create a church that will stand for Christ in a land where few people know His name.

Speaker 4: [*If you wish, ask several children to walk across the stage carrying a Bible or their Sabbath School lesson quarterly as the project is mentioned.*]

The countries of Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia make up one region of the Adventist Church called the Trans-Caucasus [CAW-cus-us] Union Mission. [*Locate these countries*

between the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea.] More than 16 million people live in these three countries, but just 2,000 of them are Adventists. That's one Adventist for every 8,200 people. That means that many villages and towns in these countries don't have even one Seventh-day Adventist. But children are doing their part to share God's love with others.

Speaker 5: Ten-year-old Moses lives in Armenia. He loves to pray for people. During family worship he remembers to pray for people, even when his parents forget. He has made many friends in his village, and he prays for each of them.

Once he gave a children's Bible to Aram, one of his friends. Moses encouraged Aram to read a bit of the Bible every day. Aram tells Moses about the latest Bible stories he has read.

One day Aram read Jesus' command to "Let the little children come to me . . . for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Matthew 19:14, NIV). Aram took the command seriously and started inviting his friends to attend church. On Sabbath morning Aram walked into Moses' church with 10 boys!

The children in Armenia, Georgia, and Azerbaijan are eager to learn the Word of God, but they don't have Sabbath School lesson materials in their own languages. The only materials available are in Russian, and few children speak Russian. Their teachers must read the lesson and translate it into the local language.

Narrator: This quarter we have met children from each of these countries.

Adventist children around the world are giving their mission offerings today to help the children in Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia get Sabbath School Bible lessons in their own

language. Let's help these children learn of God's love by giving a big offering today for Thirteenth Sabbath.

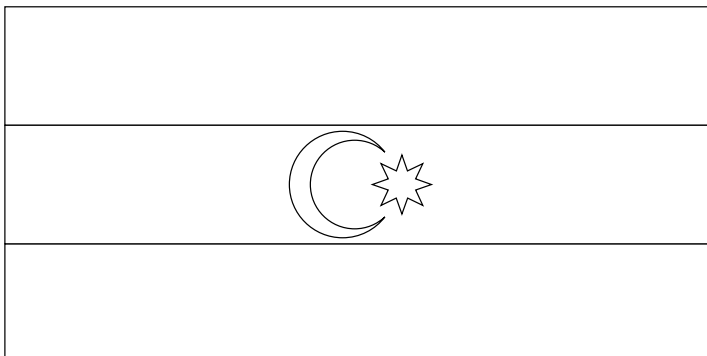
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Your Offerings at Work

Your mission offerings helped build several churches in the Euro-Asia Division three years ago. The believers in western Russia say a big thank-you for their new church home.



COLOR THE AZERBAIJAN FLAG



Top stripe: medium-blue
Middle stripe: red
Bottom stripe: green

SING A RUSSIAN SONG

DOBROTA

“Dobrota” means “kindness.”

Verse:

Mountains, sea, and hill, forest, field, and flowers,
Blue sky above me,
Wolves, rabbits, groundhogs, birds, fish, and elephants,
My Savior created all this for us.

Chorus:

Imagine that there were no sin on Planet Earth.
All people would be kinder,
And flowers more tender,
And the sun would never be dim.



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RECIPES FROM EURO-ASIA

VEGETARIAN BEEF STROGANOFF

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| 1 20-ounce can (12 cups)
vegetarian steaks or gluten | 2 teaspoons salt |
| 2 tablespoons oil | 2 tablespoons soy sauce |
| 1 medium or large onion, chopped | 1 tablespoon chopped parsley |
| $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 cup sliced mushrooms | 1 cup hot water |
| 1 large clove garlic or $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon garlic powder | $\frac{2}{3}$ cup sour cream |
| 2 or 3 tablespoons beef-like seasoning | $\frac{1}{3}$ cup grated cheddar cheese |
| | 1 pound wide egg noodles, cooked |

Cut vegetarian steaks or gluten into bite-size pieces and coat with flour. Sauté in oil until lightly browned. Add onion, mushrooms, and garlic and continue cooking until onion turns transparent. Add beef-like seasoning, salt, soy sauce, and parsley to water and mix well. Pour into pan with gluten and continue simmering for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally and adding a small amount of additional water if necessary to prevent sticking. (If dish will be served at a later time, remove from heat and refrigerate at this point.) Reheat to boiling and remove from stove. Add sour cream and grated cheese; stir until cheese melts. Serve over noodles.

APRICOT KISSEL

Kissel is a popular dessert in the countries of the Euro-Asia Division.

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| 1 cup (6 ounces) dried apricot halves | 3 tablespoons cornstarch |
| 2 cups water | Dash of salt |
| $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar | Whipped cream or sour cream |

Simmer apricots in water until tender, about 20 minutes. Place apricots and 2 cup cooking liquid in blender; purée until smooth. Press through a sieve. Mix sugar, cornstarch, and salt in saucepan; gradually stir in purée and remaining cooking liquid. Heat to boiling, stirring constantly. Boil one minute. Pour into dessert dishes. Serve with whipped cream or sour cream.

BLINY (RUSSIAN PANCAKES)

These crepelike pancakes, filled with sweetened cottage cheese or farmer's cheese or with fruit and sour cream, are a popular dessert throughout Russia.

PANCAKES

2 to 2½ cups wheat flour	4 cups sour milk (or use sour cream diluted with milk to cream consistency)
2 eggs, separated	Salt, to taste
4 tablespoons clarified butter	2 to 3 tablespoons vegetable oil

Mix flour, egg yolks, clarified butter, sour milk, and salt in a bowl. Beat egg whites until stiff, and stir into the batter. Heat a frying pan over medium heat; add oil and spread evenly over pan surface. Pour in small amount of bliny batter; when pancake turns light brown on the bottom and bubbles show on top, turn it over. Spread butter on finished pancakes and stack on plate. To serve, drop a spoonful of filling (see recipes below) onto pancake and roll up.

CHEESE FILLING

1 raw egg, beaten	1 cup small-curd cottage cheese
1 tablespoon sugar	Raisins, optional

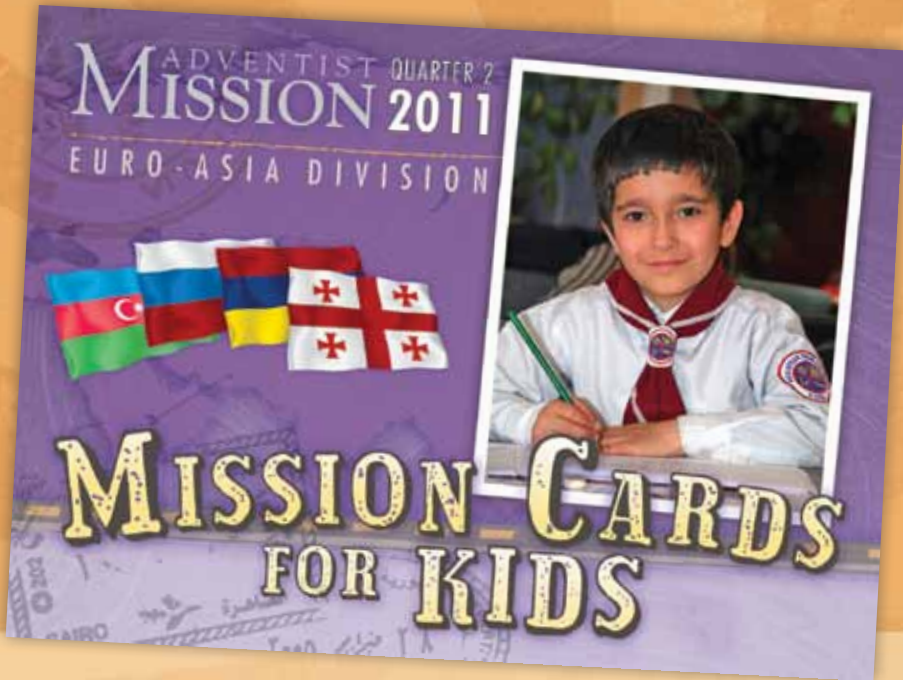
Mix egg and sugar or raisins into cottage cheese. Drop large spoonful onto pancake and roll up. Lay in lightly greased baking dish and bake at 350°F for 10 minutes or until egg is set.

FRUIT FILLING

2 cup water	1 cup fresh fruit (ex. strawberries or blueberries)
2 cup sugar	Sour cream or whipped cream
1 to 2 tablespoons cornstarch	

Place water, sugar, and cornstarch in a saucepan and mix until dissolved. Add fruit and bring to a boil, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens. Remove from heat. Drop by tablespoons onto individual blinys, roll up, and serve with sour cream or whipped cream as garnish. If fresh fruit is not available, use strawberry or apricot jam as a filling.

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

For more information on the culture and history of the countries featured this quarter, look in the travel section of a local library or online. Type the name of the country you want information about into your search engine. The CIA World Factbook offers concise information on every country: <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html>. Click on "References" and then "Guide to Country Profiles."

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

Adventist Mission DVD is a free video that features stories from Euro-Asia as well as the worldwide mission of the Adventist Church. Ask your Sabbath School superintendent to make you a copy of it. Or go online at www.AdventistMission.org to download one of the DVD programs.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

Embassy of Armenia, 2225 R Street, NW, Washington, DC 20008. Phone: 202-319-1976; website: www.armeniaemb.org.

Embassy of Azerbaijan, 2741 34th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20008. Phone: 202-337-3500; website: www.azembassy.us/new.

Embassy of Georgia, 2209 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20008. Phone: 202-387-2390.

Embassy of Russia, 2650 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20007. Phone: 202-298-5700.

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EURO-ASIA DIVISION



UNION	CHURCHES	COMPANIES	MEMBERS	POPULATION
Belarus	76	15	5,151	9,670,000
Caucasus	128	61	7,956	18,050,000
East Russian	97	55	6,893	22,270,000
Far Eastern	58	25	3,543	7,950,000
Moldova	154	86	10,918	4,140,000
Southern	88	53	6,331	61,310,000
Trans-Caucasus	29	26	2,004	16,490,000
Ukrainian	919	327	61,644	46,030,000
West Russian	431	356	35,290	93,590,000
TOTAL	1,980	1,004	139,730	279,500,000

PROJECTS:

- 1** Church buildings for three congregations in Azerbaijan and Russia
- 2** CHILDREN'S PROJECT: Sabbath School lesson materials for children in Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia

