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Your Offerings at Work



The children, their parents, and the teachers at Zamboanga Adventist School in southern Philippines say a big thank-you to all who gave to the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering in 2008 to help expand their school. Now even more children can learn in a safe and Christ-filled environment.



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Dear Sabbath School Leader,

This quarter features the Southern Asia-Pacific Division, which includes the countries of Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, East Timor, Vietnam, and islands of the Pacific, including Guam, the Federated States of Micronesia, Marshall Islands, Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, and Wake Island. Almost 800 million people live in this region, of which almost 1.1 million are Seventh-day Adventists. About one person out of about 700 is an Adventist.

Special Yearlong Celebration

This year marks the centennial of the mission quarterlies, which were first produced in 1912. Throughout the year we will feature at least one story that appeared in *Children's Mission* over the years, and some additional stories relating to the history of the mission offerings. Look for these special features each quarter.

Opportunities

This quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help:

- enlarge the Adventist hospital in Manado, Sulawesi, in eastern Indonesia
- provide medical equipment for a hospital in Medan, Sumatra, in western Indonesia
- enlarge the Yangon Adventist Seminary (a K-12 school) in Yangon, Myanmar
- CHILDREN'S PROJECT: Bibles for children in southeastern Asia



Language Fun

Words and phrases in Indonesian, Burmese, and Karen are featured in the quarterly. An audio version of Burmese, called "See It, Say It," is featured on our website, www.AdventistMission.org. Click on "Resources" and "Children's Activities."

Offering Device

The special children's project this quarter will help provide Bibles for children in one country in southeastern Asia. Make copies of the covers of different Bibles (or use felt Bibles). Copy the map of the Southern Asia-Pacific Division from the quarterly or the line drawing of the map, available on our website. Place a Bible on the map for every week the children reach their offering goal for the quarter.

Special Features

- **Adventist Mission DVD** this quarter contains several stories from the Southern Asia-Pacific Division, 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.
- **More Activities** are available on our website at www.AdventistMission.org. Click on "Resources" and "Children's Activities." Click on the current quarter.

Yours in His service,

Charlotte Shkavian



PITCAIRN | April 7

The First Mission Project

Catherine and Elisha* sat in the wooden pew of their small-town church on Sabbath morning. Their fingers tightly clutched coins they had brought for the mission offering. It was the Adventist Church's first special mission offering, and it would help build a mission ship. Catherine had helped her mother bake and sell bread, and Elisha had washed windows and delivered groceries for the owner of the general store. Together they had earned 16 cents[†] to give to the mission-ship fund.

When the offering was announced, the children marched forward. "We've brought enough to buy a board!" Elisha told the pastor, his eyes shining. Other children and adults came too. Some brought one cent, while others brought 10 or even 15 cents. "My offering can buy some nails!" one boy almost shouted. "I

hope my offering will buy canvas for the sails," a much quieter girl said.

United to Tell the World

Adventist believers were excited, for this mission ship was *their* ship, built and equipped to share God's love with people in the South Pacific. One boy helped his mother make hundreds of popcorn balls, which he sold to raise \$15 for the mission ship! Imagine popping popcorn over a wood-burning stove to make all those popcorn balls!

Every cent had been earned by sacrifice and hard work. It was almost impossible to imagine raising the \$12,000 needed to build the missionary ship.[‡]

A Boyhood Dream

The story of the ship called *Pitcairn* started many years earlier when a young man named John Tay heard the story of

a rebellious crew on a British ship who had put their cruel captain aboard a lifeboat and sailed away. The crew had found refuge on a tiny island in the South Pacific called Pitcairn.

But alcohol nearly destroyed the islanders as the men fought among themselves. Eventually only one man, John Adams, remained alive to care for the women and children on the island. He gave up alcohol and turned to the Bible. Soon he and all the people of Pitcairn gave their hearts to God.

Discovery

After some time news of Pitcairn Island reached the world. John Tay vowed to visit the island and share the Adventist message with the people there. In 1886 he arranged to sail to the South Pacific in exchange for working aboard a ship. Four months and six ships later John Tay arrived on Pitcairn.

The people of Pitcairn invited Tay to stay on their island until the next ship arrived several weeks later. Tay introduced the people to new Bible truths, and the

islanders accepted his message. By the time Tay left the island several weeks later, virtually everyone on Pitcairn was keeping the Sabbath.

“Please baptize us!” the people begged. John Tay promised to send a pastor to baptize them.

Sharing the Passion

Tay returned to the United States and shared the story of Pitcairn. Soon church leaders voted to raise funds to build a mission ship that would sail to Pitcairn and other South Pacific islands to share the gospel with the people there. Fittingly, the boat was named *Pitcairn*.

Sabbath School members across North America—for that’s where most Adventists lived at the time—joined together to build the mission boat. Penny by penny the ship was built, and in 1890, four years after John Tay had first visited Pitcairn Island, the mission ship *Pitcairn* sailed with its a crew and three missionary couples, including John and Hannah Tay.

When the little ship arrived at Pitcairn Island, the people of Pitcairn rejoiced! At last they could be baptized! Within a few weeks 82 people were baptized, and a church was formed on Pitcairn Island.

But the *Pitcairn*’s work wasn’t finished. It continued sailing the seas in the South Pacific, bringing the gospel message to city folk and cannibals alike. And just think: it all started with a dream, a lot of hard work, and hundreds of popcorn balls! 🌐

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- The ship *Pitcairn* was built with the first mission offerings dedicated to a specific project in the Adventist Church. It took six months to raise the funds. Adults and children alike worked to raise money for the mission ship.
- After the *Pitcairn* left Pitcairn Island, it sailed to other islands of the South Pacific. John Tay and his wife stayed in Fiji to share God’s love with cannibals living there. Sadly, he died five months later and is buried on the island.

* Children’s names are fictional, as records of individual donors were not kept.

† A little more than US\$4.70 today. For comparison, in 1886 a loaf of bread sold for less than five cents.

‡ The final cost of the ship, including furnishings and a pump organ, came to about \$19,000.



EAST INDONESIA | April 14

The Little Literature Evangelist

Cecilia and her sister

Cecilia lives in eastern Indonesia. *[Locate Manado, Indonesia, on a map.]* More than anything, Cecilia wanted to attend an Adventist school, but her father couldn't afford the tuition.

Cecilia often asked God to help her go to the Adventist school. He answered her prayer in an unusual way.

Christy, one of Cecilia's friends at church, invited Cecilia to become a literature evangelist. "What's a literature evangelist?" Cecilia asked.

"We sell Christian books so other people can learn about Jesus," Christy said. Cecilia liked the idea and asked her father for permission to sell Christian books with Christy. Father thought that Cecilia was too young to sell books, for she was only 8 years old. But after talking to Christy's parents, he agreed.

Working Together for God

The girls filled their book bags with books and walked to a government office. Cecilia listened as Christy showed people the books. "This book tells how God works in our lives," Christy said. "And this book is about how to have better health." Christy talked to the people about how much God loves them. Soon Cecilia was ready to try.

Cecilia sold lots of books and told lots of people about God. She carefully saved her money so she could go to school.

The Company Boss

Cecilia sometimes worked with Christy's brother, Paul. One day Cecilia and Paul were walking down the street together. They prayed about where they should go next. Just then they passed a soft-drink company and decided to go

inside to sell some books. They met a security guard at the door and asked to see the manager. “We’re on school holiday,” the children told the man. “We’re selling books to help pay our school tuition, and we’d like to get the manager’s permission to talk to the employees.”

The children hoped that the security guard would let them show him their books, but he asked them to sit down while he got the company’s owner. The children sat down and waited nervously. They hadn’t expected to talk to the *owner* of the big company.

A Big Surprise

A few minutes later a man walked up and greeted the children. He listened as they explained that they were selling books to earn money to pay their school tuition. “Where do you go to school?” the man asked. Paul said he attended the Adventist school, and Cecilia told him that she attended a different school.

“Would you like to study at the

Adventist school too?” the man asked Cecilia.

“Yes!” Cecilia said. “I’m saving my money so I can go there.”

The owner of the company smiled at Cecilia and said, “I can help you pay your tuition at that school. Ask your father to come to my office on Friday.”

Cecilia was thrilled, even though the man didn’t buy any books. That evening she told her father about the man who offered to help pay her school fees. Father wondered who this man was.

On Friday, Father and Cecilia went to see the owner of the company. The man greeted them and told Father that he was willing to pay Cecilia’s tuition—all of it—as long as she did well in school. *So it’s true!* Cecilia thought. *I can really go to the Adventist school next year!*

When the man learned that Cecilia has a younger sister, he offered to pay her tuition as well. *Wow!* Cecilia thought. *What a blessing! I was selling books to earn my tuition, and God sent someone to pay my tuition—and my sister’s!*

Fast Facts

- Indonesia is a nation of more than 13,000 islands scattered across the Southern Hemisphere between the Indian Ocean and the Pacific Ocean. The main islands are Sumatra [soo-MAH-trah] in the west, Java in the south, and Sulawesi [soo-lah-WEH-see] in the east.
- Half the population of Indonesia lives in cities; the other half are spread out across the fertile landscape. The island of Java is home to more than half of Indonesia’s population, and its largest city, the capital, Jakarta, which has a population of more than 9 million.

Still a Literature Evangelist

Cecilia still sells books. But now she isn’t trying to pay her tuition. “I just want other people to know about Jesus,” she says.

Cecilia and her friends are little missionaries. Many people are learning to love God because they share their faith every day. We can share our faith with our friends at school and in our neighborhoods. And when we give our mission offerings we’re helping others share their faith in places we may never go. Let’s see how many ways we can be little missionaries this week. 🌍



EAST INDONESIA | April 21

Nando, Miguel, Firman

New Friends for Jesus

Pastor Sakul [SAH-kool] and his wife moved to a house in a new neighborhood in Manado, Indonesia. [Locate Manado on the map.] They wanted to make friends with the neighbors, but everyone stayed in their own courtyards and kept their strong metal gates locked to protect their homes from thieves. Pastor Sakul and his wife prayed that God would help them find someone in their neighborhood with whom they could share their love for Jesus.

The Three Friends

One day Pastor Sakul heard voices outside. He looked up and saw three boys walking down the road talking loudly. As he stepped to the door, the boys stopped and looked at him. “May we come in?” one of the boys asked.

Pastor Sakul smiled and opened the gate. *These boys look hungry*, he thought.

He invited the boys to sit down in the shade on his small patio, and then he went into the house. A moment later he came back with a sack of local fruit. “Are you hungry?” he asked as he set the bag of fruit before the boys. The boys nodded and took a piece of fruit.

The oldest boy, Nando, stopped eating and looked at the pastor. “Are you a pastor?” he asked.

“Yes,” Pastor Sakul said, “but how did you know?”

“You’re kind, and you gave us fruit,” he answered. And with that a friendship began between Pastor Sakul and the boys.

Pastor Sakul learned that Nando and Miguel were brothers. Firman was their friend. The boys lived in a neighborhood of one-room houses on a hillside. Their homes were made of simple wood with palm-leaf roofs and dirt floors.

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- About 87 percent of the people of Indonesia are Muslims, and about 9 percent are Christians. One percent is Buddhist, and most of the Asian Indian population on the island of Bali worship Hindu gods. About 210,000 Indonesians are Seventh-day Adventists. This equals about one Adventist for every 1,100 people in Indonesia.
- The Adventist hospital in Manado holds medical clinics and health evangelism seminars in towns and villages around Manado. Last year more than 300 people gave their hearts to God as a result of this work.
- For more on the Adventist work in Manado and across the Southern Asia-Pacific Division, watch the Adventist Mission DVD.

Opa and Oma

The boys stopped by the pastor's house almost every weekend. They began calling Pastor Sakul "Opa" and Mrs. Sakul "Oma," which mean grandfather and grandmother.

One day the boys asked if they could stay the whole weekend. Pastor Sakul visited the boys' parents and asked permission for the boys to stay with him. They agreed, for the boys had told their parents of the kind pastor that lives at the bottom of the hill.

After that, the boys came almost every Friday to spend the weekend. They did their homework there and took their baths there. They joined Opa and Oma for worship and went to Sabbath School with them. They began learning to read the Bible and sing songs about Jesus.

Live With Us

Then one day Oma asked the boys if they would like to live at their house all the time. The boys were thrilled. "I like that Oma and Opa pray with us every day," Nando says. Miguel likes Opa and Oma's sons, who come home on school holidays. Firman likes that it's safe in Opa and Oma's house. They like to take turns reading the Bible and the devotional book. And of course the boys like to sing together.

The boys still spend time with their own families. Sometimes Miguel talks about what they are learning at church and at Oma and Opa's house. Nando helps his mother by sweeping the floor and caring for his little sister while his mother cooks. He talks to his parents about what he is learning in church.

The parents see that their sons have changed a lot since they met Pastor and Mrs. Sakul. The boys have learned to be honest and obedient. They help around the house and pray often. They've learned that God loves them and has a plan for their lives. And they want their families to get to know Jesus too.

Pastor's Answered Prayer

Pastor and Mrs. Sakul are glad to have three new sons now that their own sons are grown. They know that these boys are God's answer to their prayers for neighbors with whom they can share God's love.

We don't have to invite people to live in our house in order to share God's love. We can show them God's love by being kind and honest. And we can help others know that Jesus loves them when we give our mission offerings too. 



WEST INDONESIA | April 28

Angel and Roy

My Friend Angel

Roy is 8 years old. He lives in Medan [meh-DAN], a large city on the island of Sumatra, Indonesia. [*Locate Medan, Sumatra, on a map.*] Roy and his family live in a simple wooden house near a railroad track. Trains roar by almost every hour, and the noise is loud. But people have gotten used to it.

Come With Me!

The children in the neighborhood like to play marbles in Roy's backyard, for it's the flattest area around. One of the neighbors is Angel, who lives a few houses away from Roy. They like to play together.

Sometimes Roy would see Angel walk by his house on Saturday morning. He knew that she was going to the Adventist church at the end of the block. He thought it was strange that people go to church on Saturday.

One Saturday morning Roy was sitting on the front step of his house. He was bored, and there was no one to play marbles with. Then Angel walked by and stopped in front of Roy's house. "Come with me to church!" she called to him. "It's fun!"

Roy ran into the house and told his father that he was going to church with Angel. His father nodded, and Roy quickly changed into clean clothes and ran outside to meet Angel, who was waiting for him. They walked together to the church.

A Little Shy

Roy had been to his mother's church on Sunday, but he had never gone to the Adventist church. He was curious to see what the Adventist people do at church. But as he neared the church, he became

shy and wasn't so sure he wanted to go in.

Angel took his hand and encouraged him to hurry. "The children's Sabbath School is starting soon," she said. Angel showed Roy to the class for children his age and introduced him to the teacher. She promised to meet him after Sabbath School.

For a moment Roy stood by the door, unsure whether he wanted to stay. But the teacher greeted him with a smile and introduced him to Gabriel, who walked up, shook his hand, and offered to sit with him. Roy felt better already.

The children sang songs and prayed. Then the teacher told them a mission story. Some children recited their memory verse, and the teacher told them a Bible story. Before Roy knew it, Sabbath School was over.

Roy found Angel, and the two sat together for worship service. During the sermon a train roared by right behind the church. It was so noisy that the pastor stopped speaking until the train was gone. Nobody seemed to care; they were used to the trains.

After church Angel invited Roy to stay for lunch at the church. Roy was surprised, but he was also hungry. "I ate a lot," he says. "It was good!"

He thought they would go home after lunch, but Angel told him there was another program for children called Adventurers. It sounded fun, so Roy stayed. The children sang some more and listened to more Bible stories. Then they had a nature talk. When the program ended it was 4:00, and Roy was a little tired. But he was glad he had gone to church with Angel. It sure was more fun than playing marbles!

Fast Facts

- Medan is a large city in northern Sumatra, an island in western Indonesia. More than 90 percent of the people living in the region follow the religion called Islam. It's hard to talk to these people about Jesus, but they do appreciate the health message that Adventists teach, and that opens a door to sharing God's love with them.
- The hospital there needs modern medical equipment to serve the people of Medan and the surrounding area. Part of this quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help provide medical equipment so that this mission hospital can serve the people in Medan.

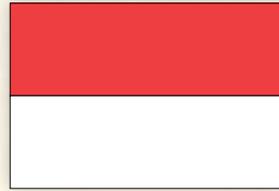
Going Alone

The next Saturday Roy got up and dressed and walked to the church alone. He didn't need to wait for Angel to take him. He wasn't a stranger anymore.

Roy attends the Adventist church every week. "I like Sabbath School and Adventurers the most," he says. "I like the singing, and I'm learning a lot about God and nature and the Bible."

Roy is glad his friend Angel invited him to Sabbath School. "When my little sisters are old enough, I'll ask Dad to let me take them to church," he says. "I know they'll like it, just as I do."

We can help children learn to love God by telling them about Him, inviting them to church, and giving our mission offerings. Just imagine! Some of our friends could be in heaven one day because we invited them to learn about God! 🌍



WEST INDONESIA | May 5

A Home and a Future

Andy

Who knows what an orphanage is? *[Let children respond. Explain that an orphanage is a home for children who don't have parents or whose parents can't take care of them.]* When you think of an orphanage, do you think of a sad place?

YAPI is an orphanage on the island of Sumatra in western Indonesia. *[Locate Sumatra on the mission map.]* Sad events have brought the children to YAPI, but YAPI is a happy place. Let's meet some of the children who live there.

Andri and Eddy

Andri (AHN-dreh) is 8 years old. He and his brother Eddy came to YAPI after their father died and their mother couldn't care for them. Their aunt told them that at YAPI they'd get a good education and could have a better life. So Eddy and Andri decided to live at YAPI.

"I like YAPI," Andri says. "We have good food, and I've made lots of friends. We work and study together and live like a family.

"We attended the Adventist church in

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- Many children in orphanages in Sumatra have lost one or both of their parents. Some may have lost their parents in the terrible earthquake and tsunami that struck the coast of Sumatra in December 2004.
- Orphanages such as YAPI offer family-style child care and a Christian education to the children who come to live there. The children learn that God doesn't bring bad things on children, but He can make good things come out of sad situations.
- The children at YAPI are learning to trust God and follow Him.

our home village. I'm glad that I can live in an Adventist orphanage where we can attend church and study in an Adventist school. I'm glad that there are Adventists who care about orphans and provide us with a good home."

Eddy likes living at YAPI too. "We all have chores to do. We wash our own clothes, pick up trash on campus, and feed the ducks who live at the pond. The orphanage sells the ducks' eggs to earn money for things we need.

"This is a safe place to live, and our house parents are good to us. They teach us to be kind and treat one another nicely. We love our house parents and want to please them. We want to please Jesus, too."

Andy

"I've lived with my grandmother since I was a baby. But she's getting old and can't care for me anymore, so I've come to YAPI. I didn't know about Adventists before I came to YAPI. But as I've

studied the Bible in school and gone to the church, I've learned to love God. I've given my heart to God and want to follow Him all my life. I might never have known God if I hadn't come to YAPI."

Indah

Indah came to YAPI three years ago with her elder brother. She was lonely at first, but the other children were kind and helped her feel less alone. She has learned a lot about God's love and has accepted Jesus into her life.

"YAPI is my home now," she says. "I will stay here until I finish high school. Then I can choose to become whatever God wants me to be.

YAPI is a happy place. Our mission offerings help support orphanages such as YAPI, which provides a safe place for children to learn about God. Thank you for giving so that other children like you can learn to love Jesus, too. 🌍

Fun With Language—Indonesian

Following are some words and phrases in Bahasa Indonesian. Use these in your program to make mission comes alive for your children. 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. G is pronounced as in go. The accented syllables are written in capital letters.

COMMON PHRASES

Happy Sabbath
Please
Thank you
You're welcome
Yes
No
Goodbye

PRONOUNCE IT

suh-LAH-maht SAH-baht
TOH-long
thuh-REE-mah KAH-see
kuhm-BAH-lee
yah
TEE-dahk
suh-LAH-maht buhr-PEE-sah



WEST INDONESIA | May 12

Angie

Just Keep Trying

Angie loves Jesus, and she wants everyone to know that. She lives in Medan [meh-DAN], a large city in northern Sumatra, one of many islands that make up the country of Indonesia.

Angie has gone to church since she was a little girl. Not long ago at a youth

meeting on Sabbath afternoon one of the teachers talked about how important it is to share our faith in God with others, Angie thought, *I can do that!* And she set out to tell others about God.

Angie's father doesn't attend church, so she invites him to come with the family to church. He says that one day he might come, but so far he hasn't. But Angie isn't giving up. She invites her father to come to special programs at church and knows that one day he will say yes. She prays that God will touch his heart and he will want to worship God with his family. In the meantime, Angie tries to show her father that God is making a difference in her life. She tries to be kind and helpful and respectful.

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- About 90 percent of the people living in Sumatra are Muslims. That makes it difficult for children to share their faith, for Muslim children are taught not to trust Christians. That makes it even more important for children such as Angie to keep on trying to share their faith. Even though nothing happens today or this year, one day perhaps their words will return to the listener, who will remember that Jesus wants to be their friend.

Andre and His Mother

Then Angie thought about her friend Andre. He lived in her neighborhood.

Angie liked Andre's mother a lot and invited Andre and his mother to church. "Please, would you come to my church this Sabbath?" she asked. "We have some wonderful programs, and we learn so much about God."

Andre's mother frowned. "I don't think we should," she said. "I'm afraid that my husband would be angry." Angie was sorry that her friends couldn't come to church, but she wasn't discouraged. She just kept looking for someone else to invite.

Friends at School

Angie has told several of her friends at school about God and has invited them to come to the special programs at her church. Some of her friends listen to her, but so far none of their families will allow them to go. A lot of the people in her city follow other religions that don't believe in Jesus, so it's hard for children to get

permission to attend church.

But Angie keeps trying. She tries to show through her actions that she loves Jesus. "My faith is important to me," she says. "I want others to know about Jesus. But I'm still trying, and I'm praying that my father and my friends will want to know Jesus."

Sometimes it's difficult to keep inviting people to hear about God or to attend church. We all should try to be like Angie and never give up. Many people don't know that Jesus loves them. How will they learn if we don't tell them? One way we can help them learn is to give our mission offering every week. These offerings help people around the world learn that Jesus loves them. So let's tell others about Jesus, give our offerings, and pray for those who need to hear about God's love this week. 🌍

Sing a Song in Indonesian

PRAISE HIM, PRAISE HIM*

mah ree kee tah poo jee pah dah too hahn
ee yah mah
ha cheen tah
mah ree kee tah poo jee pah dah too hahn
ee yah mah
ha cheen tah

* *Sabbath Songs for Tiny Tots, Cradle Roll*, no. 26.



WORLD | May 19

Sweet Potatoes

Eric B. Hare

Once upon a time not very long ago I attended a camp meeting on an island far, far away. I spent time with the little children and taught them to sing many Sabbath School songs. One they especially liked was [*encourage children to sing with you*] “Here is the way we walk to church, walk to church, walk to church. Here is the way we walk to church, every Sabbath morning.”*

On Sabbath morning a boy ran to the church and beat on the bamboo log, *dob, dob, dob-dob-dob, dob-ba, dob, dob*. And the boys and girls came running to Sabbath School. They were dressed in their best clothes. They lined up outside the church and marched in singing, “Here is the way we walk to church, walk to church, walk to church. Here is the way we walk to church, every Sabbath morning.”

Sweet Potatoes

Then I noticed that every boy and girl carried a big sweet potato in their hands. I thought, *What are these children going to do with those sweet potatoes?* You see, I had seen children eating sweet potatoes for their breakfast every morning. Then I thought, *So you think you’re going to eat your breakfast in Sabbath School, do you? Well, if I see someone eating a sweet potato in Sabbath School, I’ll just take it away. That’s what I’ll do!*

All through song service I watched the children, to see if any of them would eat their sweet potatoes. But they didn’t. They just held them quietly in their hands.

Throughout the program the children sat quietly, holding their sweet potatoes. When it was time for prayer, they knelt

down. And as soon as the leader said amen, the children got up from their knees and sat down. I looked to see if any of the children were eating their sweet potatoes. But they weren't. They just held them quietly in their hands.

Then it was my turn to tell the mission story. I told them about Mimi, a little girl in Burma who wore devil charms in her nose and in her ears and around her neck and around her wrists and around her stomach and around her ankles. And the children just loved it!

When I sat down, I looked to see if any of the children were eating their sweet potatoes. But they just kept holding them quietly in their hands.

Noisy Offering

Then the leader said, "Has anyone brought an offering this morning?"

And the children answered, "I have!"

"I have!"

"I have."

Mission Post

- Eric B. Hare and his family served as missionaries in Burma (Myanmar) for many years. He is best known for his mission stories, which thrilled children at summer camps and camp meetings for years.
- In the early years of mission, people often had no money. They traded crops or animals to buy what they needed from others. In a few isolated areas people continue to do this, bringing produce, such as sweet potatoes or tea, to church as their offering.

How could they have offerings? I wondered. They didn't have any money. The leader didn't notice what I was thinking. She just asked Titus and Maria to take up the offering. The children went behind a table and picked up two big buckets.

Buckets! I thought, *Whatever are they going to do with those buckets?* Then Titus and Maria held out their buckets while the little children dropped their sweet potatoes into the buckets with a *plunk, plunk, plunk, plunk!*

So that was it! They weren't going to eat the sweet potatoes in Sabbath School at all! Their sweet potatoes were their offering!

Soon Titus stood in front of me waiting for my offering. But I didn't have a sweet potato. All I had was a dollar bill. I dropped it into the bucket, but it didn't go *plunk!* I was so disappointed!

If ever I go to another camp meeting on that island in the South Pacific, I'm going to buy the biggest sweet potato I can find. Then I'll take my sweet potato to Sabbath School, and when the offering bucket comes, I'll drop my sweet potato in so I can hear it go *PLUNK!*

I think Jesus loves to hear those sweet potatoes dropping just as much as He loves to hear our offering dropping into the offering basket, don't you? 🌍

* *Sabbath Songs for Tiny Tots, Cradle Roll*, no. 18. If your children know this song, encourage them to sing it with you.

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May 26

A Gift of Love

Mai [my] lives in a jungle village in a country in southeastern Asia [*locate southeastern Asia on a map*]. We can't say which country she lives in, but we can say that most of the people living there don't know who Jesus is. They worship idols in temples and touch their heads to the ground when they pray. They bring gifts to their gods—gifts of flowers and food and sweet-smelling incense.

Some Adventist believers live in this country. Some worship in churches, such as we do, and others worship in small groups that meet in houses in the countryside. The believers try never to miss a worship service. They are hungry to know more about God.

Discovery

One day Mai saw a group of people sitting in the shade of a thatched building.

They were listening to a man standing under a nearby tree. He held up a large picture. Mai slipped to the front of the gathering and sat down on the warm dirt.

Mai looked at the picture the speaker held. In it she saw a man holding a lamb. The man looked so kind! *I wonder who he is*, she thought to herself. As she listened to the speaker, she learned that the man was named Jesus.

Mai had never heard of Jesus before. The speaker told the people that Jesus is the Son of the living God, that He loves them and wants them to live with Him forever in a place called heaven.

The speaker told stories of how Jesus healed people just by touching them or speaking to them. Mai listened as she stared at the picture. She wished she could meet Jesus. But then the man said something that made Mai sad. "Jesus came

to this world to show people what God is like, but cruel people killed Him.”

Now I'll never get to meet Jesus! Mai felt a lump of sadness in her throat.

Mission Post

- Children in many countries don't have access to a Bible and cannot read God's Word for themselves. This quarter in a country that we must not name, certain children will receive a Bible as part of their studies. They will be taught how to find the most important texts, and then they will be allowed to take the Bible home to study it with their parents. As the children share what they know about God, their parents may respond and want to know more as well.
- Our special children's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering goal is to buy thousands of Bibles for children in one country in southeastern Asia.

Hope

“But Jesus is God,” the speaker said. “Jesus rose from the dead and returned to His Father in heaven. And He's still there, telling His father how much He loves everyone on this earth—you and me and everyone! He wants to make you into a new person, pure and clean.”

A flame of hope glowed in Mai. *I want to know more about Jesus! I want to be clean and live with Jesus forever.*

A Gift of Love

Mai can read, but she doesn't have a Bible. Few people in her village have a Bible. This quarter part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help provide Bibles for children such as Mai so they can learn about Jesus and share what they are learning with their parents and friends. Let's give a large offering on Thirteenth Sabbath so that Mai and many others in her country can learn that Jesus loves them. 🌍

Sing in Burmese

JESUS LOVES ME

yay shoo chih doh moo bah ee
 jahn sah ah pyehn thee yah thee
 nyay yoo-ay thoh thoo nyay lay myah
 yay shoo chih jow thoo poh pyah

CHORUS

ah juh no goo leh (repeat three times)
 yay shoo chih bah ee-ee



MYANMAR | June 2

Ee

The Special Sisters

Ee and her sister, Kay Kay, live in Myanmar [MEE-ehn-mahr], also called Burma. [*Locate Myanmar on a map.*] Ee was only 4 when her father left the family. Mother couldn't find work to support Ee and Kay Kay, so she had to travel to a far country to work.

Ee and Kay Kay cried when their mother left, but they knew that it had to be. Ee went to live with one of her aunts, and Kay Kay went to live with a pastor so she could study at the Adventist school in Yangon, the largest city in Myanmar.

The Sad Sisters

Ee loved her aunt, but she missed her sister and cried often for her. The girls saw each other just once a month. During their short visits they would hug and cry and talk and talk and talk! Ee wished she could live with her sister. She wished she

could attend Sabbath School with her and learn more about the living God.

When Ee finished preschool, the pastor who cared for Kay Kay invited Ee to live with his family so she could attend the Adventist school with her sister. Ee's aunt loved her, but she knew that the sisters needed to be together. So she allowed Ee to go live with the pastor.

"I was so happy!" Ee said. "I quickly packed my few clothes and hurried to meet Kay Kay."

Noisy New Home

Ee's aunt didn't have any children, and the house was quiet. But the pastor and his wife had lots of children! Some were their own, and others were like Ee and her sister—children who stayed with the pastor's family because they wanted to go to the Adventist school.

Having that many children in one home can get mighty noisy, especially when everyone is playing. But when it is time for worship, the children gather quickly to pray and sing songs about Jesus. The boys sometimes tease Ee because she's the youngest child, but the grown-ups step in and make the teasing stop, and then everyone is friends again.

The Crowded School

When school started that year, Ee joined her sister at the Adventist seminary.

"I love my school!" Ee says. "The teachers are kind to us, and they help us with our studies. Half our classes are in English, and half are in Burmese. It's hard learning a new language, but the teachers want us to succeed, and they help us learn. And when we get it right, they praise us.

"I like Bible class the best! We learn to sing songs about Jesus, and the teacher tells us Bible stories. These stories teach me how to be an obedient girl and a good example to others."

Ee's school is very crowded. Some classes have 40 or even 50 students each. They can't divide the classes, because there aren't any more classrooms in the school. But the children behave well because they want to please their teachers. And if someone misbehaves when the teacher is out of the room, the class monitor writes their name down. When the teacher comes back into the room, she talks to those children.

Learning to Share God's Love

"I've been studying at the Adventist school for three years, and I'm still learning about Jesus. I want to know

Fast Facts

- Myanmar is a country in southeastern Asia. It shares its borders with India, Bangladesh, China, Laos, Thailand, and the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal. Its commercial capital and largest city is Yangon, which lies in the southern mainland of the country.
- Myanmar is rich in wildlife. Jungle animals such as the tiger, leopard, elephant, water buffalo, rhinoceros, gibbon (a monkey), and several species of deer and antelope still roam the highlands. Elephants are still tamed and used for heavy work.

more so I can tell others about God's love," Ee says. "Sometimes I sing a song about Jesus to my friends who live nearby. But they don't know who Jesus is. That makes me sad."

Many of the 450 children at Yangon Adventist Seminary come from homes that don't know Jesus. The school is a wonderful place to teach them about God's love for them. Every year many children studying at the Adventist school in Yangon give their hearts to Jesus. Children tell their parents what they're learning, and sometimes the parents give their hearts to God, too.

Part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will help to enlarge the school so that teachers can teach smaller classes and more children can have a chance to learn about God's love. 🌍



MYANMAR | June 9

Happy Little Pure Heart

Pure Heart

Pure Heart* walked into her house clutching her stomach. Mother sighed, for she knew that Pure Heart had had another difficult day at school.

Pure Heart loved to read and write, but the teacher's unkind words and the other children's behavior upset her. Mother decided that she must find a new school for Pure Heart, a school where her little girl could be happy.

Yangon Adventist Seminary

Mother heard about Yangon Adventist Seminary, in the country of Myanmar. This school teaches according to Christian principles. She enrolled Pure Heart.

"I love my new school!" Pure Heart says. "The teachers treat us with kindness and help us learn our lessons well. They teach us to be kind to one another. And

best of all, they teach us about Jesus!"

Pure Heart enjoys the daily worship at school. She loves to sing songs of praise to Jesus. "Each class takes a turn leading the school worship, and this is teaching me how to stand up in front of others and not be afraid," she says.

Mother is happy that Yangon Adventist teaches classes in English as well as Burmese. "Learning English will give Pure Heart a better future," she says.

Teaching Others

Pure Heart often sings the songs she's learned at school while she's working with her mother. "I sing them so often that even my baby sister sings with me now!" she says. "She can even do the motions that go with some songs!

"Sometimes I play worship with my

Fast Facts

- Yangon is Burma's largest city, with more than 4 million inhabitants.
- The official language is Burmese, but large segments of the population speak other languages, most notably the Karen [kah-REHN] people, who speak Karen.
- The vast majority of people living in Myanmar (about 80 percent) follow Buddhism; about 12 percent follow traditional beliefs such as ancestor or idol worship, and about 6 percent are Christians. Fewer than 30,000 Adventists live in Myanmar, and there is a ratio of one Adventist for about every 1,800 people.

sister. I tell her the stories I've learned in school, and we sing together.

"My mother wants to learn English better too. But sometimes she says something

wrong. I say it again, and she repeats it correctly. It's fun to teach my mother!"

Growing Together

"I love my school, and I want to keep studying here. I want my little sister to study there when she's old enough too. Then we can learn about God together.

Lots of parents want to send their children to Yangon Adventist Seminary, and the school has become crowded. Part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will help build more classrooms and buy more desks and chairs so that more children can study there. "I'm excited that we're going to get a bigger school," Pure Heart says. "Thank you to everyone who is helping our school to grow!" 🌍

* Pure Heart's Burmese name is Myat Manaw Phyu [mee-AHT mah-NAW pyoo].

Fun With Language—Karen

Following are some words and phrases in the Karen language, spoken in Myanmar. 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 ("good day")
Good morning
Please
Thank you
Yes
No
You're welcome
Goodbye

PRONOUNCE IT

nee luh whay
goh luh whay
wee thah soo
thah bloo
may
duh may bah
nay-gah-soh-doh
tah-tah



MYANMAR | June 16

Edel

A School for Edel

Edel entered his home looking like a sad puppy. “What’s wrong?” Mother asked.

“Teacher gave me a failing grade today,” he said, his voice wavering. “She saw that I didn’t pray to the idol when the other children did, and she told me I must bring the offering for the idol at school.” Tears clouded the boy’s eyes.

“Son, I’ve explained to you that we give our offerings to Jesus. The money your teacher demands buys flowers for the idol at school.”

Edel nodded. He understood. But he hated it when his teacher reminded him that he hadn’t brought his offering.

Mother’s Prayers

God, what can I do? Mother prayed. The family was Christian, and Christians are a small minority in the country of Myanmar [MEE-ehn-mahr, also called Burma].

Mother and Father wanted their son to

have a Christian education and learn the values taught in the Bible. *Please, God, tell me where I can send my son to school.*

The Students

A few days later on her way to the market Mother saw some students waiting for a school bus. “Where do you go to school,” Mother asked them.

“Yangon Adventist Seminary,” one of the older girls said. Mother asked to see her textbooks. The girl opened her backpack and pulled out her textbooks for Mother. One textbook was about the Bible. Mother smiled. “Do you have the school’s telephone number?” she asked the girl. The girl told Edel’s Mother the number. Mother thanked the children as she hurried toward the market.

Later that day Mother called the school and arranged to visit. As she walked through the small school with

Mission Post

- Yangon Adventist Seminary is the Adventist Church's only kindergarten-to-twelfth-grade school in Myanmar. It was built to accommodate about 150 students, but today houses more than 450. Classes are crowded, and teachers work hard to maintain a high standard of education at the school.
- In spite of the school's challenges, many parents are waiting for an opportunity to enroll their children in the school. Religion, morals, and prayer are taught freely. Even so, numerous Buddhist parents wish to enroll their children in the Adventist school.
- Part of this quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help build a large addition onto the school to accommodate the growing enrollment.

the principal, she noticed how attentive the teachers were and how disciplined the children seemed to be. *This is the*

school for my son! Mother thought. Father agreed that the Edel should study in the Adventist school.

Edel's New School

Edel loved his new school! He loved his teacher, he loved worshipping God instead of praying to an idol, and he enjoyed singing the songs about God. Many of the songs and Bible stories were the same as those he had learned in his family's church.

Mother told her friends and neighbors about Yangon Adventist Seminary, Edel's new school. The school has grown to more than 450 students and is quite crowded. But still more children want to study there, for Jesus is the heart of everything.

This quarter our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help build a larger school so that more children can learn that Jesus is the only true God, not the idols that sit in golden temples and school classrooms. 🌐

Count in Karen

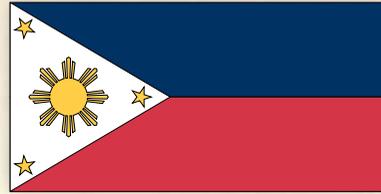
Karen is one of the major languages in Myanmar. (See page 23 for pronunciation guide.)

COMMON PHRASES

one
two
three
four
five
six
seven
eight
nine
ten

PRONOUNCE IT

duh
kee
thuh
lwee
jeh
khoo
nwee
hoh
kwee
duh-SEE



PHILIPPINES | June 23

Maria's Test of Faith

[This story appeared in one of the earliest editions of *Children's Mission*, in 1955.]

Maria listened quietly to the sermon in the little Adventist church. She wanted to catch every word. As the service ended, Maria slipped out the door and started toward home. Immediately her heart began to feel the heaviness that had become her constant companion.

Father's Threat

Her parents had been angry when they had learned that Maria had been attending the Adventist church. But Maria had continued worshipping God in the little church in spite of her parents' disapproval. Then this morning her father had shouted at her. "You are bringing shame and disgrace on us! If you go to that church again, I will kill you! Do you hear me?"

Maria's heart sank at the thought that her father had actually meant the words

he was saying. "Please, oh, please, dear God, help my father to understand," she prayed as she walked toward home. "And please help me to be brave."

God's Protecting Hand

Maria looked ahead to where her family's little hut stood high above the ground on tall poles. Where was her father now, she wondered. As she approached the hut, something made her pause. Perhaps her guardian angel touched her on the shoulder or spoke in her ear. She quietly slipped around to the back door and climbed the ladder.

Maria reached the top of the ladder and stopped. She stood perfectly still and stared into the darkness inside the little house. *It couldn't be!* She thought. She strained harder and realized it was

true! Her father was crouching behind the front door with his machete [mah-CHEH-tee], his long, sharp knife clutched in his hand!

Maria hesitated a moment, and then like a flash she sprang forward and locked her arms around her father's neck. "Oh, Father, I love you!" Maria sobbed.

A Change of Heart

Father's machete fell to the floor, and he turned to embrace his little girl. "Maria, my Maria," he said.

"Oh, Father, I *do* love you! But I love God, too, and Father, I must obey Him," Maria said through her tears as she clung to her father.

For a long moment her father gazed at her. "I have never known such courage and faith," he said.

Maria's life was spared by God's hand. But the best part of the story is that Maria's father gave his heart to Jesus and began worshipping God with Maria every Sabbath.

Mission Post

- For 100 years now the Adventist Church has mission projects and mission in general around the world through weekly mission offerings. Our Thirteenth Sabbath Offerings have helped send missionaries, build bush schools and urban colleges, establish clinics that have grown into large hospitals, and spread the gospel in thousands of other unique ways.
- Some of the most interesting recent projects have included an airplane for Papua New Guinea, where it's almost impossible to travel by land; Bibles for children in Israel, Pakistan, and Sudan; and flip charts (similar to the old Picture Rolls) for children in the South Pacific. Thank you!

Your mission offerings help spread the message of God's love around the world to modern cities and tiny mountain villages alike. Thank you for giving your offering every week so that others can hear God's message of love and hope, just as Maria did. 🌍

Sing in Tagalog

Tagalog, or Pilipino, is the official language of the Philippines, part of the Southern Asia-Pacific Division.

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

ahng moon ting ee lao koh
 pahg lee lee wah nah geen
 ahng moon ting ee lao koh
 pahng lee lee wah nah geen
 sah geeht nah
 nang moon dohng
 mah dee leem

Thirteenth Sabbath Program

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

- Practice the song on page 15 or one from the website (www.AdventistMission.org) for this quarter to sing during the program or as an offertory.
- Remind parents of the program

and encourage the children to bring their Thirteenth Sabbath Offering on June 30.

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

Narrator: This quarter we've met children from two countries. Who can name them? [*Let children identify Indonesia and Myanmar. Point to each one on the map.*]

Today is Thirteenth Sabbath. That means it's the day when we give a special offering to help the people in Indonesia and Myanmar share God's love with those who don't know that Jesus died for them and that He loves them and wants to be their friend.

Speaker 1: Indonesia is a country made up of thousands of islands. Most of the people who live in this country are not Christians. They worship many different gods. This quarter two cities in Indonesia will receive help to enlarge Adventist hospitals so that more people can come for medical care and receive spiritual care as well. One of these hospitals is on the westernmost large island of Indonesia, called Sumatra. [*Point to Sumatra on the map.*]

The second hospital is in the city of Manado in eastern Indonesia. [*Locate Manado on the map.*] Both of these hospitals hold clinics in outlying villages

and towns, where people don't have access to good medical care and don't get the chance to hear the message that Jesus loves them. Last year more than 400 people gave their hearts to God through the work of the staffs of these two hospitals. Part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help improve facilities at these hospitals so that even more people can learn of God's love.

Speaker 2: The third project is a school in the country of Myanmar (also called Burma). The school was built for about 100 students, but now it has 450 students. It is very crowded! Many more parents want to enroll their children in this school where teachers are kind and encourage students to help one another learn. Here the children learn to love God and make Jesus their best friend. Part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help Yangon Adventist Seminary build additional classrooms so that more children who want to study there can get a good Christian education.

[Ask a teenager or adult to present this story and appeal for the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering.]

Dimon's Dream

How many of you have a Bible in your home? [Encourage children to raise their hands.] How many have your own Bible? Can you imagine not having a Bible at all—not being able to read God's Word or to learn about God?

Children in some countries have no Bible. Their parents don't have one, and the children don't have a way to read God's Word and learn that Jesus loves them. Today we can help children in one of the countries of the Southern Asia-Pacific Division to have a Bible that they can read for themselves and share with their parents.

Disobedient Dimon

Dimon didn't like going to the field and working in the hot sun with his father. He didn't want to carry water for his mother to do laundry. Sometimes his father punished him for not obeying, but Dimon still disobeyed.

Then one day as Dimon wandered through his village, he heard singing. He stopped and listened. It was not the local priests chanting as they begged for food, and it wasn't a radio. It was people—happy people—singing songs from a nearby house. Dimon crept closer until he stood under an open window. He could hear the singing from there, and he *thought* no one could see him.

The Invitation

But a few minutes later Dimon felt a tap on his shoulder. He jumped up, prepared to run if the man standing over him threatened him. But the man didn't look angry.

"Why are you sitting out here?" The man asked gently. "Come inside where you can hear better and see what is going on. The man motioned to a door. Dimon followed, not sure he should enter the building.

He climbed the wooden steps of the simple building to an open hall filled with folding chairs. The man nodded to an empty chair next to a boy about Dimon's age. Dimon slid into the chair, and the boy sitting next to him held out his hand in welcome. Then he offered Dimon a booklet with the words to the songs printed in it.

After the singing ended, an older man stood to speak. He talked of how Jesus always obeyed His father. Damon wondered who this Jesus was. Was he a boy from the village?

"One night while Jesus was praying outside among some olive trees, a mob came and arrested Him. They took Jesus to the religious leaders and accused Him of pretending to be God. The crowds shouted, 'Kill Him!' And they won. Jesus, this kind and loving man, was killed.

"Jesus died for the sins of the world,"

the man said. “He died for you and me. He wants us to follow Him, and see for ourselves that God loves us. Will you follow Him today? Will you study His Word and learn what He wants for you?”

Dimon’s Dream

Dimon had never heard of Jesus before. He wanted to know more about this kind, obedient man who had died for *his* sins. Dimon began attending the small house church near his home every Saturday. His parents noticed that Dimon’s behavior was improving. He obediently did his work and didn’t run away to play. So they allowed him to go to church.

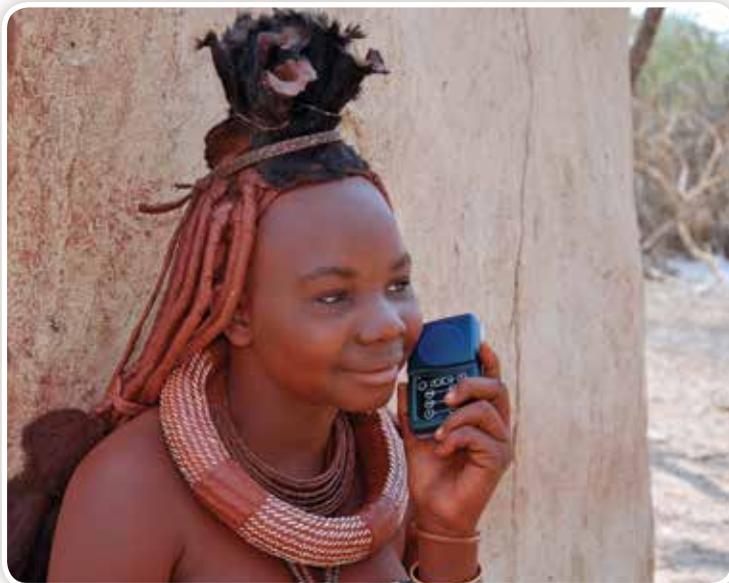
Dimon tries hard to remember the stories of Jesus that he hears in church, so he can run home and tell his mother what he has learned. He sings her the songs he’s learned in Sabbath School as well.

Mother listens as she washes the family’s clothes or cooks the family’s meal. She’s glad that Dimon is learning about God and learning to obey his parents, too.

Often Dimon watches the pastor or head elder read from a Bible, and he wishes he had a Bible of his own. He wants to read the stories of Jesus for himself and teach them to his parents.

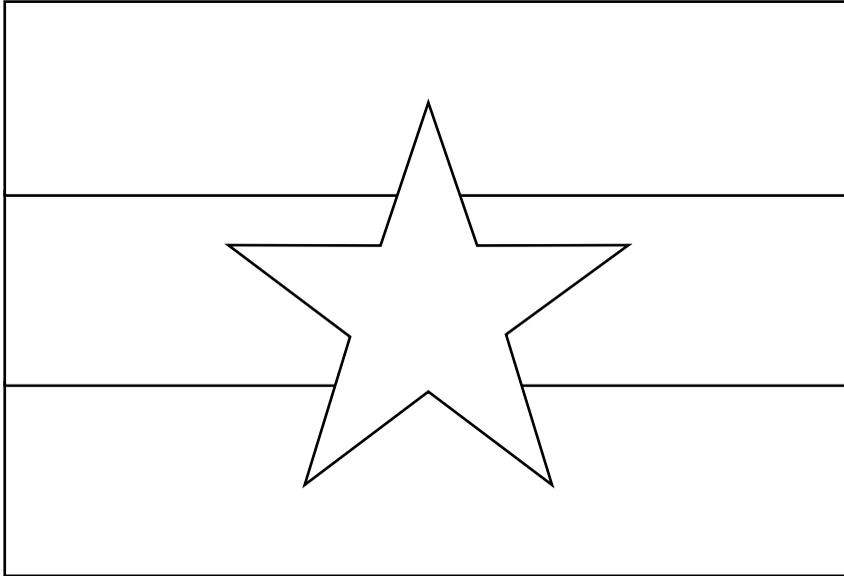
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[Offering]



Next quarter the **Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division** will be featured. Special projects include a university in Madagascar, a church and school in South Africa, and solar-powered MP3 players for the Himba people in Namibia. Fourth quarter will feature the South American Division, with projects in Brazil and Peru.

Flags of Southern Asia-Pacific Division



MYANMAR

Top stripe: yellow | Middle stripe: green | Bottom stripe: red | Star: white



INDONESIA

Top stripe: red | Bottom stripe: white

Recipes

FOLDED PANCAKES WITH RED BEANS AND COCONUT MYANMAR

⅔ cup all purpose flour
⅓ cup rice flour
½ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking soda
2 tablespoons sugar

3 ounces coconut milk
9 ounces water
⅓ cup sweetened red (azuki) beans
fresh grated coconut
pinch of salt

INSTRUCTIONS

Place flours, salt, baking soda, and sugar in a mixing bowl. Add the coconut milk and water, stirring to form a runny batter. Let rest for at least 30 minutes, or several hours. Spoon about ¼ cup of batter into lightly oiled griddle and fry until golden. Pancakes will be thin, similar to a crepe. Place on paper towel and cover until ready to serve.

Heat the beans, mashing to form a paste. Spoon beans onto each pancake; top with grated coconut and a pinch of salt to taste. Fold pancake over mixture and fold again into quarters. Serve warm or cooled.

NASI GORENG (FRIED RICE) INDONESIA

2 medium onions, chopped
3 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 cup finely chopped gluten or soy meat
½ cup finely chopped mushrooms
½ cup finely diced, lightly
cooked carrots
2 teaspoons curry powder

¼ teaspoon ground coriander
¼ teaspoon ground cumin
¼ teaspoon salt
4 cups cooked rice
2 tablespoons snipped parsley
2 spring onions, cut into strips and
soaked in ice water to curl

INSTRUCTIONS

In a three-quart pot, sauté onions in oil until tender. Add remaining ingredients except parsley and spring onions, and cook, stirring well to evenly distribute seasonings. Continue cooking until rice is golden brown (about 10 minutes). Stir in parsley. Reduce heat; cover pot and let sit two minutes. Garnish with curled onions.

Recipes

GADO-GADO (MIXED VEGETABLES) INDONESIA

1 cup tofu, cut into one-inch cubes
2 tablespoons oil
2 medium potatoes, thinly sliced
2 carrots, thinly sliced
1 cup cabbage, shredded or chopped
2 cups bean sprouts

1 cup sliced cucumber
2 medium tomatoes, sliced

GARNISH

2 hard-boiled eggs, sliced
1 spring onion, sliced

INSTRUCTIONS

Fry tofu in oil for five minutes or until lightly browned. In a large pot steam each of the following vegetables separately in a small amount of water for one or two minutes or until just tender: potatoes, carrots, cabbage, and bean sprouts. until tender. (Add water as necessary to prevent sticking.) When tender, remove each vegetable with a slotted spoon and layer one on top of the other in a shallow baking dish. Add tofu; top with cucumber and tomatoes. Garnish with gado-gado sauce (recipe follows) and top with boiled egg slices and green onions.

GADO-GADO SAUCE INDONESIA

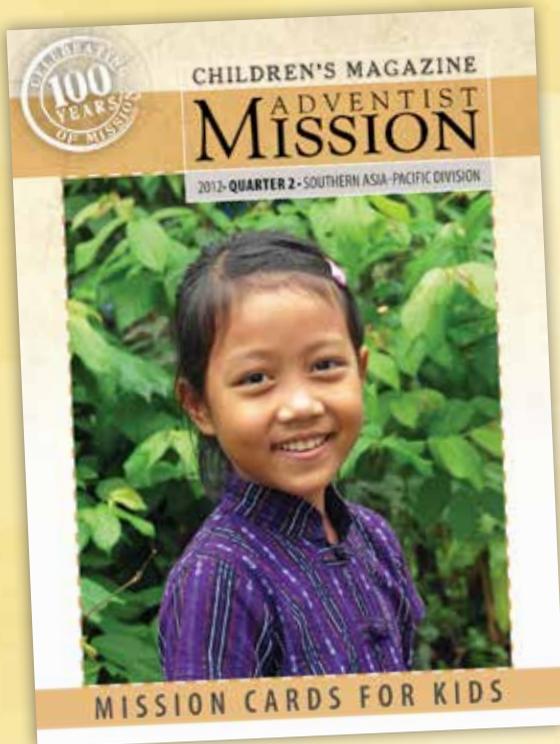
½ cup crunchy peanut butter
1 teaspoon lemon juice
½ cup coconut milk
½ cup hot water from cooked
vegetables

1 clove garlic, crushed
1 small onion, grated
1 tablespoon oil
1 teaspoon chili powder or Tabasco sauce
salt to taste

INSTRUCTIONS

Combine peanut butter, lemon juice, coconut milk, and water in container and mix well; set aside. Stir-fry garlic and onion in hot oil for two minutes. Add chili powder or Tabasco sauce, peanut sauce, and salt; simmer to thicken. If the sauce becomes too thick to pour, add a little more coconut milk or lemon juice. Pour sauce over the vegetables; garnish with egg slices and green onions.

SEND MISSION HOME!



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Leader's Resources

Following are sources of information that have proved helpful in preparing for the mission segment of Sabbath School.

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For more information on the culture and history of Indonesia and Myanmar (also called Burma), the countries featured this quarter, look in the travel section of a local library or go online and type the name of the country into your search engine.

The embassy of Myanmar's website offers some information on culture, religion, and places of interest. Visit www.myanmar.com, and click on "People," "Places," "Lifestyle," and "Religion."

The embassy of Indonesia's website, www.embassyofindonesia.org, has some limited information on the country. Click on "About Indonesia" for a map and basic information.

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. Select first quarter, and choose the activities you want.

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Remind Sabbath School members that the ongoing work of the world church depends on the *weekly* Sabbath School mission offerings. One fourth of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering is dedicated to the special projects featured this quarter. The remaining three fourths go into the world mission fund to support the worldwide mission work of the Adventist Church.

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Southern Asia-Pacific Division



	CHURCHES	COMPANIES	MEMBERS	POPULATION
Bangladesh	119	296	33,486	164,500,000
Central Philippine	1,173	556	146,549	19,330,000
East Indonesia	740	198	113,986	21,775,000
Myanmar	215	107	29,547	53,450,000
North Philippine	1,346	465	267,698	52,000,000
Pakistan	122	166	13,475	184,753,000
South Philippine	1,938	963	303,706	23,000,000
Southeast Asia	337	416	89,208	214,000,000
West Indonesia	738	413	102,978	215,000,000
Attached Fields	8	44	8,889	22,330,000
TOTALS	6,786	3,624	1,109,472	970,138,000

Membership statistics as of June 2011; population figures are estimates.

- PROJECTS:**
- 1** Enlarge the Adventist hospital in Manado, Sulawesi, in eastern Indonesia
 - 2** Provide medical equipment for a hospital in Medan, Sumatra, in western Indonesia
 - 3** Enlarge the Yangon Adventist Seminary (a K-12 school) in Yangon, Myanmar
 - 4** CHILDREN'S PROJECT: Bibles for children in one country in southeastern Asia

