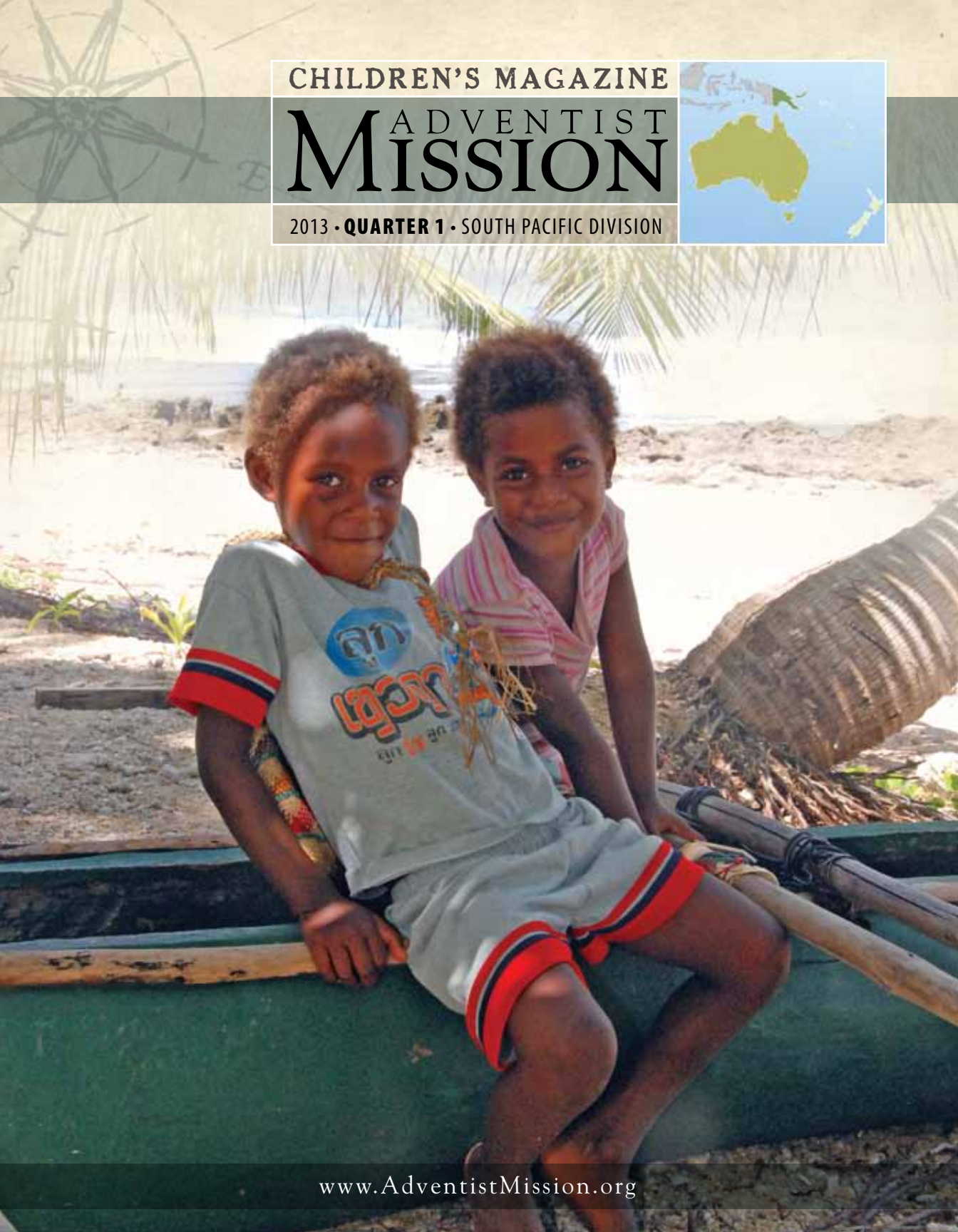


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# Your Offerings at Work



The children of Papua New Guinea and the other islands of the South Pacific say thank you for giving them flipchart pictures to look at as they listen to the Bible stories in Sabbath School. Adults like to listen to the children's Bible stories and see the flipcharts as well.



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## Dear Sabbath School Leader,

This quarter features the South Pacific Division, which includes the country of Australia and the island nations of Fiji, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Pitcairn, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu, and others.

The division is home to almost 37 million people, including 423,000 Seventh-day Adventists. That's a ratio of one Adventist for nearly every 87 people. The majority of Adventists live in the islands. Australia and New Zealand have a ratio of one Adventist for about every 400 people. The Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will go to help reach the people living in the islands of the South Pacific.

### Language Fun

Songs and words in pidgin (the trade language of Papua New Guinea and most of the South Pacific islands), are featured on our website, [www.AdventistMission.org](http://www.AdventistMission.org), in print form as well as an audio file called "See It, Say It." Click on "Resources" and "Children's Mission." Then click "Go" next to "Activities" on the left of the screen.

### Opportunities

This quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help:

- build clinics in at least four isolated areas in Papua New Guinea
- purchase solar-powered MP3 players ("God pods") for Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu
- provide 15,000 Bibles for children in the islands of the south Pacific to use and share with their families.

### Mission Potluck

Host a mission potluck this quarter. Find recipes and cultural items on the website listed above. Label the foods with their country of origin.

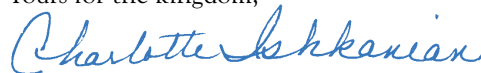
Decorate the church fellowship hall with tissue-paper flowers or silk-flower leis and seashells. Add pictures cut from travel brochures or magazines.

Invite the children to greet people as they arrive, saying, "*Apinoon* [aa-pee-NOON, or "good afternoon"]." After the meal let the children to sing a song they've learned this quarter.

### Special Features

- **Offering device:** Use half of a dried coconut shell as an offering device this quarter.
- **Adventist Mission DVD** features a short video specifically for children. Ask your adult Sabbath School superintendent to make a copy of the DVD for you.
- **Decorate the room** with tissue-paper flowers, flags, and/or pictures cut from magazines or travel brochures. Or make a mural for your classroom featuring a tropical island. Include houses built on stilts, vibrant birds, palm trees, and a light-blue sea. Use the brochures or pictures and drawings available free on the Internet.
- **More activities:** Visit our website at [www.AdventistMission.org](http://www.AdventistMission.org). Click on the current quarter to find pages of crafts, additional activities, recipes, and games to download or print for use in your Sabbath School.

Yours for the kingdom,







PAPUA NEW GUINEA | Jan. 5

Millie-Anne and Faithy

# The Sisters' New Friend

**M**illie-Anne and Faithy are sisters. They live with their mother in the large city of Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. [*Locate Papua New Guinea on a map; point to Port Moresby on the southern coast.*]

When Millie-Anne was 6 years old, she met a girl in her neighborhood named Julie, and the two girls became close friends. When school started that year, Millie-Anne realized that Julie wasn't there. She attended a different school. "I go to the Seventh-day Adventist school," Julie said. "I like it there. The teachers are really nice, and we get to learn lots of things about Jesus and the Bible."

## Millie-Anne's New School

Millie-Anne wished she could go to the Adventist school too. She told her mother about Julie's school and asked if

she could study there the next year.

Mother promised to think about it. Mother learned that the Adventist school was quite good, and it was close to their home. The girls could walk to school. The next year Mother enrolled Millie-Anne and Faithy in the Adventist school.

## Lots to Learn

Millie-Anne made lots of friends in the Adventist school. And just as Julie had said, the teachers were nice. Millie-Anne liked studying the Bible. She learned lots of new Bible stories and Bible texts. And she learned about the Sabbath.

"Mother," Millie-Anne said one day, "I learned that God didn't choose Sunday to be His special day; He chose Sabbath. I want to worship God on the Sabbath. May I go to the Adventist church to worship?"

Mother agreed to take the girls to the Adventist church on Sabbath if they wished. But she didn't go with them.

### The Long Afternoon

Faithy gets out of school at 12:30, and Millie-Anne gets out at 2:30. Their mother doesn't get off work until 5:30, so the girls had to stay at school until their mother picked them up. When Millie-Anne's teacher saw the girls waiting outside for their mom, she suggested that Millie-Anne's mother allow the girls to go to the home of Auntie Essie, a church member and a neighbor, after school.

Mother met Auntie Essie and liked her. She was glad to find someone to provide a safe and happy place for her girls to spend the afternoons. Millie-Anne and Faithy liked Auntie Essie, too. The next afternoon Faithy walked to Auntie Essie's house. A little later Millie-Anne arrived.

Every day the girls changed into play clothes and washed their school uniforms. Then they did their homework and played until their mother came to get them. The girls loved spending their afternoons with Auntie Essie.

### Fast Facts

- Papua New Guinea (PNG) is a mountainous island nation that lies north of Australia. About 6.3 million people live in PNG. Almost 250,000 of them are Seventh-day Adventists. That's more than half of the 423,000 Adventists living in all of the South Pacific Division.
- People in PNG speak more than 800 different languages and dialects.


### Auntie Essie's Invitation

One Friday Auntie Essie invited the girls to spend the weekend with her family. Mother was often busy and was glad that her daughters could stay with Auntie Essie. The girls hurried to Auntie Essie's after school on Friday. They changed their clothes and helped Auntie Essie prepare for Sabbath. Then they helped make the Friday evening salad. They chopped up carrots and cucumbers, tore lettuce into bite-size pieces, and sliced the tomatoes, green peppers, and onions. The salad was fun to make, and it tasted so good!

On Sabbath morning the girls walked to church with Auntie Essie and her family. After a quick lunch they joined other children for Adventurers, and then they returned to Auntie Essie's house for sundown worship. It was a busy day, and the girls were tired. But they were happy that they could spend the Sabbath with their friends at church.

Now the sisters spend every weekend with Auntie Essie. During the week they ask their mother to study their Sabbath School lesson with them, and they invite her to pray with them. They hope that soon their mother will join them at church on Sabbath to worship God.

### A Bible for Every Child

Millie-Anne and Faithy have a Bible of their own. But many children in Papua New Guinea don't have one. Part of this quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help buy Bibles so that children can read for themselves that God loves them and wants to be their best friend. 



PAPUA NEW GUINEA | Jan. 12

# William's Hard Lesson

William

Today's story comes from Papua New Guinea.

**C**ome on, William," some boys called. "We're going to the forest to play!" William liked playing with his friends, but his mother had warned him, "Don't play in the forest. It's dangerous, and you could get hurt."

But playing hide and seek in the forest was so much more fun; there were so many good places to hide. William jumped up and ran toward his friends. He'd go this once. Mother wouldn't know.

## Hidden Danger

William crouched low as one of the boys searched near his hiding place. When the boy had passed by, William darted toward the tree that was home base. He didn't see the vine that curled

across his path. It tangled around his leg and tossed him into the air. He landed in a deep ditch. He tried to stand up and reach the vine to pull himself up, but he couldn't reach it.

"Help!" he cried. "Help!" Some of the boys heard William call and ran to find him. They pushed the vine down so William could grab it, then they pulled him out of the ditch. He tried to stand, but his bare foot hurt. Two of his friends helped him walk home.

## William's Lies

William was glad that his mom was asleep when he arrived home. He didn't want to tell her that he had gotten hurt disobeying her. He washed his foot and examined a cut on the bottom. It hurt to walk on it, but maybe no one would notice.

But mothers notice things, and

William's mom noticed he was limping. "What happened to your foot?" she asked.

"I got a cut while I was playing," William said. *At least that much is true*, he thought.

"Where were you playing?" she asked as she examined William's foot.

"In the field," he lied.

Mother found out the truth, and William was punished twice—once for disobeying and playing in the forest, and once for lying.

### Important Lessons

"I learned that it doesn't pay to lie," William said. "And it doesn't pay to disobey, either. Mom reminded me that parents don't make rules just to keep us from having fun. They want to keep us safe.

"I want to be a pastor when I grow up. That means I must be a good example to others so that they will learn to listen to God's voice. We can do that by listening to our parents and teachers and others in authority. Then it will be natural to listen to God's voice and follow Him. Now when my friends want me to play in the

## Mission Post

- While Papua New Guinea (PNG) has several relatively modern cities, most of the people still live in small villages in the mountains, isolated from medical facilities. If someone becomes ill or is injured, they must hike or be carried hours or days to the nearest clinic.
- Part of this quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help build at least four medical clinics in the most isolated regions of PNG.
- Watch this quarter's Adventist Mission DVD for more on PNG and its challenges.

forest, I just tell them, 'No thanks. My parents don't want me to play there. I'll just stay home.'"

Boys and girls, when we obey those in authority, we are being good examples to others who need to learn to listen and obey God. Let's practice obedience this week. 🌐

## Let's Speak Pidgin

Vowels sounds are *ah*, as in car; *ai* as in high; *au* as in out; *eh* as in bet; *ee* as in bee; *ih* as in him; *o* as in four; *oh* as in boat; and *oo* as in boot.

### COMMON PHRASES

good morning  
good afternoon  
yes  
no  
please  
thank you  
child

### SPELL IT

moning  
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yes  
nogat  
plis  
tenkyu  
pikinini

### PRONOUNCE IT

MOH-nihng  
AH-pee-noon  
yes  
noh-gaht  
plees  
tehn-kyoo  
PEE-kihn-nee-nee





PAPUA NEW GUINEA | Jan. 19

Lina

# A Light for Jesus

**L**ina lives on the island of New Britain in Papua New Guinea. Who can find Papua New Guinea on the map?

Lina studies at an Adventist school. Many students who study there aren't Adventists, so Lina makes it her mission to share God's love with them.

## Sharing God's Love

How does someone share God's love in an Adventist school? Let's let Lina tell us.

"During lunch break and at recess, some of us talk about what we've learned in Bible class. If someone doesn't understand something, I try to explain it.

"Not long ago we studied about when Jesus will come again. During recess one girl asked, 'How do we know when Jesus will come?' I told her that the Bible signs that will happen before Jesus comes—earthquakes, famines, the sun darkening, and others—have already happened.

Jesus can come any time, and we must be ready. We must tell others so they can be ready, too.

"Two girls in my class aren't Adventists. I invited them to Sabbath School. One of the girls came. She enjoyed Sabbath School and worship and wanted to come again. She has been coming for many weeks now. She asked if she could become a member of my Sabbath School class, and I told that her she already was!

"Then she told me one day that she wants to follow Jesus. I was thrilled! Her auntie, with whom she lives, says it's OK if she wants to be an Adventist. I'm so glad I invited her. Now her older sister is coming to church too.

## Bible Storytime

"Some children want to come to church, but their parents won't let them.



So once or twice a week we have a Bible storytime under a tree during our lunch hour or our recess. We talk about God or I read a Bible story. My Bible story books are written in English. Some of the children don't understand English as well as pidgin, so I translate the story into pidgin so they will understand it better.


### Making God First

“My parents have taught me that it's important to make God first in my life. I want to share what I know about God with my friends. I want them to be ready when Jesus comes so we can be with Him together forever.

“I wish every child could have a Bible so they can read God's stories for themselves. I'm glad that part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will help buy Bibles in English and in

### Mission Post

- Many children in the South Pacific have parents who don't read well, and they don't own a Bible. When children learn to read in school, they can read the Bible to their parents.
- A Bible in pidgin or English costs just more than US\$10. The special children's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help buy 15,000 Bibles for children living on the islands of the South Pacific. A single Bible can help an entire family learn to love God and serve Him.

pidgin for children in my county and across the South Pacific. I'm going to give a big offering, and I hope you will, too. That way we can show others how much God loves them. We can be a light for Jesus.” 

## Count in Pidgin

Vowels sounds are *ah*, as in car; *ai* as in high; *au* as in out; *eh* as in bet; *ee* as in bee; *ih* as in him; *o* as in four; *oh* as in boat; and *oo* as in boot.

#### NUMBERS

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five  
six  
seven  
eight  
nine  
ten

#### SPELL IT

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tu  
tri  
fo  
faiv  
sikis  
seven  
et  
nain  
ten

#### PRONOUNCE IT

wahn  
too  
tree  
foh-ah  
faiv  
see-kees  
seh-ven  
eht  
nain  
tehn



PAPUA NEW GUINEA | Jan. 26

# Danger at Sea

Apolosa and John

Children who live near the sea are taught young to swim and handle a boat.

Apolosa [ah-poh-LOH-sah] and John often went fishing with their dads and uncles. Often they were told never to venture out to sea without an adult. But sometimes the boys sneaked away to go fishing alone. One day they learned the foolishness of disobedience.

## Sneaking Away to Fish

John and Apolosa and four other friends decided to go fishing alone. The boys waited until their parents had left home before sneaking down to the sea. They borrowed two canoes and paddled out into the surf. A light breeze whispered across the gentle waves as they made their way toward the reef where fishing was good. When they reached their destination,

one boy stayed with the canoes while the other five boys dove into the water with fishing guns and darts to catch fish. When the boys caught a fish, they hung it on an underwater vine and dove again. They were having so much fun that they didn't notice that the wind had picked up and heavy gray clouds had rolled in.

The boy who had stayed with the canoes struggled to stay near his friends, but wind pushed the canoes beyond the reef and into the open sea. When the other boys had filled the vine with fish, they surfaced and called to their friend to come and help them pull the vine and their fish into the boat. But their friend—and the canoes—were gone. They searched the horizon and saw the canoes drifting out to sea.

The boys were good swimmers, but they had been diving for three hours and were tired. They paddled to the nearby coral reef and rested in the shallow water. One of the boys saw a boat in the distance and shouted, but the person paddled away.

### The Long Swim

The boys realized that they were in serious trouble. It was midday, and no one knew where they were. They knew that the fish they had caught might attract sharks that hunted on the reef, so they let them go. The boys couldn't stay where they were. They had to get off the reef. They decided to try to swim to an uninhabited island more than a mile away. It was closer than the mainland. Before they began swimming toward the island they asked God to keep them safe. Then they stepped off the reef and into the deep water.

### Fast Facts

- Papua New Guinea is made up of half the island of New Guinea plus several islands surrounding it. The largest of these islands is New Britain.
- People live in small towns and traditional villages. They fish and grow vegetables in small garden plots. A major food source is sago, a tasteless starch made from the heart of a palm tree. The people usually eat it with a seasoned sauce. They cook most of their meals in a *mumu*, an underground or raised "oven" lined with rocks that have been heated over a fire.

"We had been taught to swim in a tight circle and stay together," John said. "We called to one another and kept our eyes on the island. And when we got tired, we'd float on our backs and let our muscles relax."

### Rescue!

The boys swam and floated for hours, but still they hadn't reached the island. Darkness was setting in when the boys saw a canoe coming toward them. They shouted and waved, and soon saw the boat coming toward them.

The canoe was too small to carry the boys, so they grabbed onto the sides while the paddler struggled to row the canoe toward the mainland. "Your parents are searching for you," the canoeist told the boys. As the canoe towing the boys neared the shore, the boys staggered onto the sand, exhausted, but safe.

Soon word came that another man had found their friend and the canoes and had helped the boy paddle them back to shore. The boys were glad to be reunited with their parents, but they realized how easily their adventure could have ended differently.

"We learned several lessons that day," Apolosa said. "We learned that our parents have rules to keep us safe. We realized that God heard our prayers and saved us, even though we had disobeyed. We're all more serious about trusting and obeying God."

Boys and girls, when we obey our parents we're learning to obey God, too. And when we obey God, we are a good example to our friends to help them want to follow Jesus, too. 🌐



PAPUA NEW GUINEA | Feb. 2

Gabi

# Gabi's Great Discovery™

**G**abi is 9 years old and in third grade. She lives on an island called New Britain, which is part of Papua New Guinea. *[Locate Papua New Guinea on the map.]* Her family isn't Adventist, but her father sends her to the Adventist school so she can learn English.

## Lots to Like

"I like my school," Gabi says. "I like learning about the Bible and singing happy songs about Jesus. When we go into the church every morning for worship, we sing loudly so that the people walking by hear us. Sometimes they stop and listen.

"I like my teachers because they're kind to us and help us. My dad wants me to go to church with him on Sunday, but sometimes he lets me go to the Adventist church on Sabbath. I tell my dad what I'm learning in Sabbath School and in school. I tell him about Bible heroes such

as David and Daniel, and about Jesus and what He teaches us to do. Daddy listens and is glad to hear the stories I tell him.

## Sharing What She Learns

"Sometimes I talk to Dad about things I am learning in health class. I tell him that we must eat well to keep our bodies healthy. Some foods aren't good for us to eat, such as processed foods and sweets.

"I tell my friends in my neighborhood about Jesus, and I ask Daddy to pray with me before meals and at nighttime. Daddy prays a memorized prayer, but I pray like we do at school. I talk to Jesus as I talk to my friends.

## Gabi's Special Friend

"Darlene is my neighbor. She's an Adventist. Sometimes Darlene invites me to her house on Fridays so that I can join them as they welcome the Sabbath.



Her mother makes a special meal that we eat together, and then we sing some songs. Sometimes Darlene's daddy tells a Bible story, and sometimes we tell one we've learned in school. I love spending Sabbaths with Darlene's family.

### A Bible for Every Child

"Because I attend an Adventist school, I have a Bible of my own. I look up the Bible texts my teacher reads. When I go home I read the Bible to my family and explain what the verses mean. My sister and my cousins don't go to the Adventist school, so they don't learn about God in school. I want to share God's love with my cousins so that they will want Jesus to be their friend, just as He's mine.

"Many children in my country don't have a Bible. This quarter children around the world will give their

## Mission Post

- Most children in the South Pacific don't have a Bible of their own. If their parents can't read well, the family may not own a Bible either.
- The children's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help buy Bibles for children of Papua New Guinea and the other islands of the South Pacific. One Bible can help a whole family learn about Jesus.
- Each Bible will cost a little more than US\$10.

Thirteenth Sabbath Offering to help children in the South Pacific have a Bible of their own. Then the children can read it to their parents and help them learn that Jesus loves them." 🌐

## John 3:16 in Pidgin

Try learning this favorite Bible text in pidgin. See page 9 for pronunciation.

**Pidgin: God i gat wanpela Pikinini tasol i stap.**

Literal translation: God He got onefela (one) Pikinini (son, child), that's all He got.

**Tasol God i laikim tumas olgeta manmeri bilong graun,**

But God He like Him too much altogether men and women belong ground (world),

**Olsem na em i givim dispela wanpela Pikinini long ol.**

Now He give him this fela one fela Pikinini (only son) to all.

**Em i mekim olsem bilong olgeta manmeri i bilip long em**

He made Him belong altogether men and women who believe long Him

**ol i no ken lus. Nogat.**  
all He no can lose. No!

**Bai ol i kisim laip i stap gut oltaim oltaim.**

All he catch life he stop good all time, all time (forever).



PAPUA NEW GUINEA | Feb. 9

# Visit to a Mountain Village

Today let's visit Kora, a village that sits on a mountainside in the highlands of Papua New Guinea. [*Locate Papua New Guinea on a map.*]

## Dangerous Journey

When your grandparents were young, it took missionaries many days to hike from a mission station into a village such as Kora. They climbed up muddy paths up mountain ridges and into steep valleys, and they crossed raging rivers on bridges made from a log or vines. It was hot and dangerous work.

Today, thanks to our mission plane, we can fly to Kora in just 20 minutes. The plane lands on a grass strip on the mountain ridge. From there we hike up a steep trail to the village. When it rains the trail is slippery. The children run past us,

for they are used to hiking up and down the mountain. We're tired when we reach a little clearing with several houses built of wood with thatched roofs. The houses are built on stilts to help keep out wild animals and allow air to flow through.

## A Mission Clinic

Farther up the mountainside stands the little Adventist clinic. The clinic's nurse is the only "doctor" for miles around. He sets broken bones, dresses wounds, and treats people for malaria or one of a dozen other sicknesses that people get. If someone is too sick or too seriously injured for the nurse to treat, the mission plane can fly the person to the nearest hospital.

The children in Kora who go to school learn to read and write in their local language or in pidgin, the common

language of the South Pacific islands. Many of their parents can't read, so children read to their parents.

Farther up the mountainside is the Adventist church. Children's voices echo over the mountain as they sing about Jesus. They love hearing Bible stories. Their teacher listens to the story on a solar-powered MP3 player and then

translates the story into local language. Some adults, especially those who can't read, enjoy hearing the Bible stories with the children.

### A Big Thank-You

People in villages such as Kora thank Sabbath School members around the world for helping them learn that God loves them. Our mission offerings helped to buy the mission plane that brings in supplies and links the village to the rest of the world.

This quarter part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help people in villages such as Kora throughout the South Pacific. The offering will help buy more solar-powered MP3 players and will help build medical clinics in some of the most isolated villages. The children's offering will buy Bibles for children to read and share with their families.

Our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will be very busy this quarter. Let's plan now to give as much as we can so that others who've never heard the story of Jesus can know that He loves them. 🌍

## Mission Post

- Papua New Guinea is an extremely mountainous country. The mountains separated villages, and the people developed their own languages.
- Today more than 800 languages exist in Papua New Guinea. Most of these languages have never been written down, and the people who speak them cannot read or write.
- Children are often the first in their village to learn to read and write. If they have a Bible, they can share it with their parents. Even one solar-powered MP3 player can teach many in a village the stories of Jesus.

## Sing in Pidgin

Vowels sounds are *ah*, as in car; *ai* as in high; *au* as in out; *eh* as in bet; *ee* as in bee; *ih* as in him; *o* as in four; *oh* as in boat; and *oo* as in boot.

### "I'M HAPPY TODAY"

Mee hah-mah-mahs too-mahs, mee hah-mah-mahs too-mahs,  
 In-sait long Kraist [Christ], mee hah-mah-mahs too-mahs  
 Ehm ee rau-sim sin bee-long mee  
 Nau ohl-sehm mee hah-mah-mahs too-mahs



PAPUA NEW GUINEA | Feb. 16

# Run Away to God

Six-year-old Andrew wandered down the steps of his parents' bamboo-and-thatch home in the mountains of Papua New Guinea. The warm breeze pushed clouds across the blue sky. Andrew picked up a stick and swatted the wildflowers.

## The Angel

"Andrew!" a voice called. Andrew turned and gazed at a man with a bright face and silver hair. The man seemed to float above the ground.

"Papa! Come and see!" Andrew called. Andrew's father ran to where the boy stood. "Look over there, above the bushes!" Andrew said, pointing. Papa squinted, but he couldn't see anyone. "It's an angel," Andrew whispered.

"Andrew," the angel said, "get dressed and go to church." Andrew looked at his bare feet. When he looked up again, the angel was gone.

Andrew ran into the house, grabbed his

clean shirt, and pulled it over his head. He ran up the path to the Adventist church. Andrew slowed as he approached the little thatch-roofed church. He had never been there before. He entered the church and sat down on a wooden bench. Several families were singing praises to God. Andrew loved the worship service.

## Surprise Opposition

When church ended, Andrew hurried home. His father met him and asked sternly, "Where have you been?"

"I went to church, like the angel said," Andrew answered.

"Do *not* go to that church again!" his father said.

But the next Saturday Andrew slipped out of the house and ran up the path to the church. He returned home to another stern lecture and a spanking. *What did I do wrong?* he wondered, tears spilling down his face.



## Mission Post

- Many children in Papua New Guinea and other islands of the South Pacific are learning to read. Often their parents cannot read, so the family has no Bible.
- Our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help buy Bibles for children in the South Pacific Division. Children will read these Bibles and share the stories with their parents. The whole family will learn more about Jesus just by having one Bible.
- Each Bible will cost a little more than US\$10.

After Andrew's third spanking, he stopped attending the Adventist church, but he didn't forget the angel's command: "Go to church."

### Long Walk to School

Andrew's village had no school. One day Andrew told his parents that he was leaving home to attend school. His

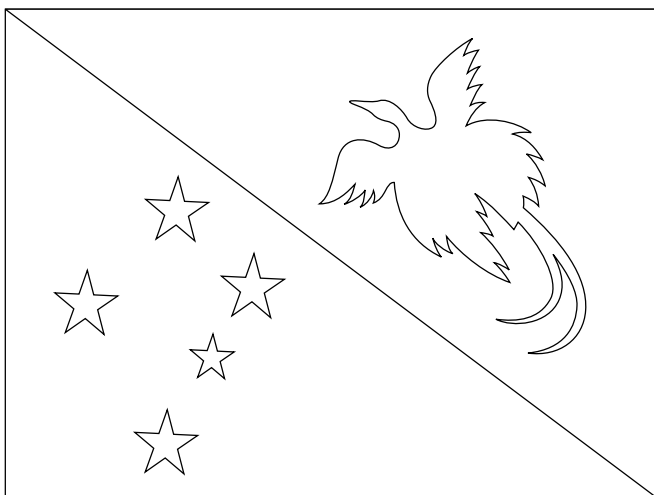
parents nodded, for children often live with a relative in order to go to school. Andrew followed the trail through the mountain forest. It was getting dark when he finally reached a village. An Adventist family took him in. Andrew tended their garden and went to church with the family on Sabbath. They taught him what it means to follow Jesus.

Andrew attended school for just two years. There wasn't money to pay for more schooling. But Andrew continued learning.

One day Andrew met his sister, who gave him a Bible. Andrew was excited, but there was just one problem: he couldn't read English. Andrew prayed that God would help him read and understand the Bible. He began to sound out words, and to his surprise he soon was able to read in English.

This quarter part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help buy Bibles for children in Papua New Guinea and across the South Pacific. Plan now to bring a special offering on March 30. 🌐

## Color the Flag of Papua New Guinea



**Upper-right triangle:**  
orange with yellow bird

**Lower-left triangle:** black  
with white stars



PAPUA NEW GUINEA | Feb. 23

Leanne

# Leanne's Special Prayers

Leanne is 6 years old. She lives in a city in Papua New Guinea. There are many Adventists in Papua New Guinea. Leanne has a special gift; she loves to pray for people. "My mommy and daddy have taught me to pray about everything," Leanne says.

## Praying for the Dentist

"When my tooth was hurting, Daddy took me to the dentist. The dentist saw another tooth pushing in behind the one that was there. He told my daddy that he had to pull the first tooth so that the next one would come in properly. He said it would hurt, but I wasn't afraid. I told him, 'It's OK to pull the tooth, but let's pray first.'"

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Leanne said, "Doctor, I want to pray for you." When Leanne said amen, the doctor had tears in his eyes.

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The dentist was surprised that such a little girl wanted to talk to Jesus. Leanne told the dentist to close his eyes and fold his hands. Then she prayed. "Dear Jesus, please help me be brave, and help the dentist to pull the tooth out so the new one can come in right."

## Making Friends for Jesus

The dentist was so surprised that Leanne had prayed for him that he took her to meet another doctor, a man who didn't believe in God. The doctor

and Leanne became good friends. Later the doctor told Leanne's parents, "You're raising your child so nicely. What is your secret?"

Father explained that the family prays together

## Fast Facts

- The children's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help buy Bibles for children of Papua New Guinea and the other islands of the South Pacific. One Bible can help a whole family learn about Jesus.
- Part of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will also help provide villages with solar-powered MP3 players so that those who can't read or don't own a Bible can learn about God's love.

every day. When Leanne and her father were ready to leave, Leanne said, "Doctor, I want to pray for you." When Leanne said amen, the doctor had tears in his eyes. The doctor asked Leanne to pray that the government would grant him the permits he needed in order to build a medical laboratory in another town. Leanne smiled and nodded.

Every day Leanne prayed for the doctor. One day the doctor called to tell Leanne's family that the government had approved his request for a medical lab. "You and I will be partners," he told Leanne. When Leanne and her little sister stop by to pray for him, the doctor always makes time.

### Baby Grace

One day the doctor told Leanne, "My little granddaughter Grace is sick with a disease that usually kills babies. Leanne, would you pray for little Baby Grace? She's only 1 year old."

Leanne promised to pray for Baby Grace, and she did. A month later the doctor

said that Baby Grace was much better.

Leanne's mother invited Baby Grace's mother to church. She was happy to worship God, who had helped her baby. And Baby Grace didn't want Leanne to leave her side.

Leanne and her family are praying for an opportunity to study the Bible with her doctor friend as well as Baby Grace's father. "We want them to know how much Jesus loves them," Leanne says earnestly.

### Engine Trouble

One time the family was going to a meeting at a camp when the car's engine failed. Daddy is a mechanic, and he knew that the engine was ruined. A friend stopped to help and offered to take the family to the camp. But Leanne said, "Wait! We need to pray." Then Leanne prayed. "Dear God, we are on Your business. Please fix Daddy's car so we can get to the camp." Then she told her father to start the car. It started right up. But before they drove on to the camp, Leanne said they must not go until they thanked God. The man who had stopped to help the family isn't a Christian, but he saw how God answered a child's prayers.

God is blessing Leanne with great faith and a love for praying. "I love God and know He hears my prayers. It's important to pray whenever you have a problem," Leanne says. "Jesus hears our prayers and loves to answer."

Boys and girls, many children all over the world need to know that Jesus loves them. Our mission offerings help people tell others about God. Let's pray for those children right now. 🌍

*[Close with prayer.]*



PAPUA NEW GUINEA | March 2

Vahid

# Vahid's Burning Faith

Ten-year-old Vahid [vah-HEED] looked up as his sister walked home from church. He admired her uniform—green skirt, white blouse, and yellow neckerchief. He walked toward her. “When can I join Pathfinders and wear a uniform like yours?” he asked.

“You’re old enough,” she said, smiling. “You can come to church with me next week.”

Vahid’s family didn’t attend church, but his aunt had taken his sister. Now Vahid was eager to go too. On Sabbath Vahid and his sister walked to church. He found the children’s class and enjoyed the songs and Bible stories. That afternoon he and his sister went to Pathfinders. It was great! Soon Vahid earned the right to wear the yellow neckerchief of a Pathfinder.

## Finding Ways to Share

Vahid realized that being a Pathfinder

was more than wearing a uniform. He studied the Pathfinder law and pledge, learned to be a good citizen, and shared his faith with others.

One day Vahid asked his mother if they could have family worship. “I’ll lead,” he offered. His mother agreed, but his father wasn’t interested. After dinner Vahid called the family together. He read a Bible verse and explained what it meant. Then he prayed. His family began having family worship every evening. Vahid found ideas and Bible texts in his Sabbath School lesson. It felt good leading the family worship.

When Vahid’s teacher asked him to lead his school’s religion class, he agreed. Some boys teased him, but others admired his willingness to lead the class.

Vahid loved to sing and formed a singing group. He taught his friends



songs he had learned in church. Five of the boys began attending church with him. They named their group the Soul Seekers and looked for ways to reach out to others. They visited former church members and shut-ins, singing and leading Bible studies.

## Tragedy to Triumph

Then Vahid's father became seriously ill. He needed major surgery, but the family didn't have the money for the surgery. Vahid's heart felt heavy. Without a miracle, his father would die.

Vahid's father began reading the Bible. He joined the family worships, and when he was too ill to get out of bed, the family prayed in his bedroom. He asked Vahid to invite the Soul Seekers to sing and pray for him.

Then a miracle happened. Vahid's father began to feel better. The doctors said it was impossible, but Father was getting better without surgery. "God is healing me," Father declared. When

## Mission Post

- Children in Papua New Guinea love to share their faith with others and invite their friends and family to church.
- It's easier if the children have a Bible that they can share. Part of this quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help to buy Bibles for children throughout the South Pacific.

Father felt strong enough, he began attending church with the family. He asked Vahid and his friends to study the Bible with him. Mother joined the Bible studies as well, and before long Vahid's parents joined the Adventist Church. Today Vahid's family worships God together, and Vahid's love for God helped make it happen.

Our mission offerings help reach people in Papua New Guinea and across the South Pacific. Thank you! 🌍

## Let's Cook

### PEANUT BALLS

1½ cups roasted peanuts or ¾ cup peanut flour

2 cups cooked, mashed sweet potato, yam, or taro

### INSTRUCTIONS

Let children make the peanut flour by grinding roasted peanuts on a clean cloth using a clean stone, rolling pin, or mortar and pestle. Sift out large pieces and continue grinding until all pieces pass through a sifter. Mix peanut flour with sweet potato, adding a small amount of water if necessary to make the mixture stick together. Roll mixture into balls about an inch in diameter, and set aside to dry.



PAPUA NEW GUINEA | March 9

cassowary

# Lessons From a Cassowary™

**G**rowing up as a missionary kid in rural Papua New Guinea was a great adventure. Once we took a boat trip up a river to visit a village for Sabbath. The houses are built on stilts to help catch the breeze and keep out pesky mosquitoes. The villagers make a ladder from a log into which they cut notches for steps.

Cassowaries [kass-oh-weh-rees] are large birds like ostriches that live here. They can grow as tall as an adult and cannot fly. Their heads are red and blue, and the adults have a bony “hat” on their head.

## Copycat Cassowary

After church on Sabbath we walked to the river for a baptism. Two pastors waded into the water, and those who were being baptized lined up on shore. The villagers gathered on the riverbank to watch and sing.

Partway through the baptism, we noticed a cassowary standing on the riverbank watching the baptism. Cassowaries are curious and like to copy what they see. This bird’s beady eyes seemed to take everything in.

Two by two the people waded into the water and were baptized by the pastors. Then they waded out, smiling broadly, as two more people entered the water. The cassowary watched the happenings for a few minutes and then waded into the water on its long legs. As the pastors lowered the people into the water, the cassowary ducked its head under the water too! We children tried not to laugh, for we didn’t want to disturb the sacred ceremony. Each time someone was baptized, the cassowary ducked its head under the water. Finally a deacon saw the cassowary and chased it away. We children

## Mission Post

- Missionaries traveled over dangerous mountains and up disease-infested rivers to reach people with the good news that Jesus loves them. Many of the boys and girls who first heard about Jesus from a missionary have grown up to lead the churches in their villages or teach in an Adventist school.
- Our regular mission offerings help many people hear for the first time that Jesus loves them.

were sure that God had laughed at the cassowary just as we had.

### Cassowary in Church

Another time Father attended a camp meeting on the same river. The villagers had built a large hall out of bush materials to protect the people

from the tropical rains and the hot sun. The people sat on woven mats on the floor. The men sat on one side, and the women sat on the other. The young people and children sat in the front.

Just as the preacher stood to speak, a cassowary walked down the center aisle of the meeting hall. It walked right to the front and sat down, fixing its beady eyes on the preacher. The bird sat quietly, staring at the preacher through the rest of the worship service. When the preacher finished speaking, the cassowary stood up and walked quietly out of the hall.

That cassowary was a good example. It reminds us to sit quietly and listen to what God is telling us. And it helps us remember that God loves us all, no matter who we are. Let's tell others that good news this week! 🌐

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Colin Richardson spent much of his childhood in Papua New Guinea.

## Sing a Song in Pidgen

### JESUS LOVES ME

Jee sahs ehm ee prehn b'long mee  
 Lihk lihk meh ree nah mahn kee  
 Ehm ee strong nah mee noh gaht  
 Ehm ee nahp long raos ihm sihn  
 Goot peh lah jee sahs  
 Goot peh lah jee sahs  
 Goot peh lah jee sahs  
 Jee sahs ee prehn b'long mee



VANUATU | March 16

# Fun Sharing Jesus

Lana

Lana lives on an island in the nation of Vanuatu. [*Locate Vanuatu, a string of islands east of Australia and south of the Solomon Islands.*] Lana loves to share God's love with others. Every week she, her parents, and her sister and brothers go to her father's home village to share God's love.

There weren't any Adventists in her father's village, so the family decided to start a Branch Sabbath School. Mother led a children's program, and that attracted lots of adults, so Father started a class for the adults, and Mother and Lana led the children's group. They sang and listened to Bible stories. At first Lana helped her mother by leading the singing. Sometimes she told a Bible story. On days when Mother couldn't go to the village with the family, Lana led the entire children's program.

## A Happy Job

Lana uses the kindergarten Sabbath School lesson for her Bible story. The children range from babies to 12-year-olds, so she plans activities for different ages.

"When we arrive in the village, the children come running to our cousin's house, where we meet," Lana says. "I welcome them, and we start singing. The children like the songs with motions the best. They sing lots of songs while more children arrive.

"After prayer we sometimes have a mission story, then I tell the Bible story," Lana explains." We use the new Bible story flipchart that the past Thirteenth Sabbath Offering helped to buy. The children love the pictures, and the older ones can read the Bible verse printed at the bottom. Many of the children don't



have a Bible of their own, so we review the Bible verse several times to help them remember it.”

## God Provides Supplies

The family prayed for supplies to make the Branch Sabbath School more fun for the children. Then Mother found some Bible felts at a yard sale. She was thrilled! When the woman learned that Mother wanted to use the felts to teach children about Jesus, she gave Mother lots of books, craft items, pictures, and Bible coloring books, too. Lana uses them in the Branch Sabbath School.

Lana has been leading the Branch Sabbath School for a year now, and she enjoys it. “I miss going when we can’t be there,” she says. “I learn a lot by teaching the children.”

Lana’s family sponsored some health and friendship-building meetings in this village. “Lots of people came,” Lana says. “But many of them wouldn’t sit in the pavilion we built. They wanted to stand outside the circle of light from the generator-powered lights. But we knew they were there, and they were listening.”

## A Growing Ministry

Now the family stays in the village all day on Sabbath. “After the Sabbath School program for kids and adults, my dad preaches for church,” Lana says. “Sometimes my cousins and I offer the prayer, read the Scripture lesson, or ask for the offering. Then after church we have a potluck and invite anyone who wishes to come, even if they didn’t take part in the worship service. Then the kids hold a youth meeting. They are learning

## Mission Post

- The flipcharts that Lana uses contain a picture and Bible text for each week. Three years ago part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering helped provide flipcharts for every church’s children’s Sabbath School.
- Children in much of the South Pacific don’t have their own Bibles. If parents don’t read well, the family might not have a Bible in the home. This quarter the children’s Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help to buy Bibles for children across the South Pacific who don’t have one. That’s an important way to share God’s love.

to lead the singing, and sometimes I do a Bible quiz or Bible game. Sometimes I tell a Bible story. After the youth meeting we plan the next week’s youth program so that everyone knows what they will do. Then we close the Sabbath with songs and a prayer before we return home. It’s a long day, but I love it and love being with my cousins and new friends in the village. I love sharing God’s love with my cousins and their friends.”

## We Can, Too

Lana has made lots of friends for Jesus in her Branch Sabbath School. We can make friends for Jesus by sharing God’s love with just one other person. Another important way to make friends for Jesus is to give our mission offerings each week. Let’s see how many ways we can make friends for Jesus this coming week. 🌐



VANUATU | March 23

# Mary's New School

Mary

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On an island in Vanuatu a little school made of bush materials stands in a clearing off a bumpy dirt road. Next to it stands a simple church. In one half of the bush school first-grade children chant the words that the teacher has written on the blackboard. “Bat! Cat! Fat! Hat! Mat!” In the other half of the building second-grade children are learning about good health.

A few feet away stand four more classrooms in which older children are reading, practicing multiplication and division, and studying science. Four years ago there was no school or church in this village. Girls spent their days working in their family garden or caring for younger brothers and sisters. Boys went with their fathers to hunt wild pig in the bush.

## Tapi and Rosa

Tapi is in the third grade. He is glad that he has a chance to go to school and learn to read and write. He shows us a book about snow that he’s read. He’s never seen snow.

Rosa is in the second grade. She works hard to form her letters into a neat row. Her parents are glad that the village now has a school where their children can learn to read and write and learn how to have a better life.

## Mary

While the students are busy with classwork, a small girl of 8 or 9 slips into the clearing. She stands near the bamboo trees that surround the clearing and watches, eyes bright with wonder. She’s

never been to school before.

For months Mary has seen the children walk past her aunt's home toward the clearing up the dirt road. She knew they were going to school, and she wished she could join them.

Today when Mary saw the children walk by, she stepped out of her aunt's house and followed them up the road to the little school.

When asked if Mary wants to attend school, she doesn't speak but says yes by lifting her eyebrows. She can't read or write her name, and she can't count. But she wants to learn. But she must have her aunt's permission to enroll in the school.

Just then a woman carrying a baby appears in the clearing. It's Mary's aunt. She has followed Mary to the school. When Mary hears her aunt give permission for her to attend school, her little brown face breaks into a huge smile!

### Bibles for Children

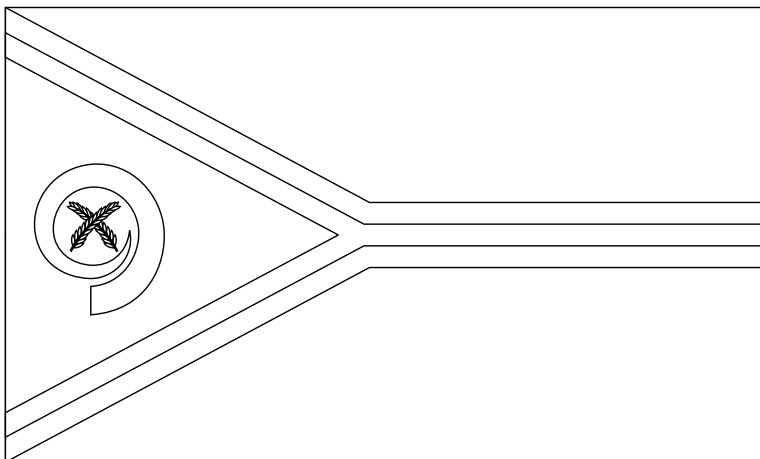
Almost no one in the village has a

## Mission Post

- Ever since Adventists first began work in the South Pacific, schools have been important to teaching people about Jesus.
- When a child attends an Adventist school, the whole family has a chance to hear about God's love, good health, and service for Jesus.
- Our mission offerings help support schools across the islands of the South Pacific and around the world.

Bible because few of the parents can read. Part of this quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help buy Bibles so that Mary and Rosa and Tapi and all the other children in the little school in the clearing can read God's message of love for themselves. Let's save our money and bring a big gift of love on Thirteenth Sabbath so that many children can read for themselves that Jesus loves them. 🌍

## Color the Flag of Vanuatu



- Top banner:** red
- Bottom banner:** green
- Left triangle:** black
- Trim and design:** yellow

# Thirteenth Sabbath Program

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

- practice one or more songs from the quarterly or the website ([www.AdventistMission.org](http://www.AdventistMission.org)) to sing during the program.

➤ encourage the children to bring their Thirteenth Sabbath Offering on March 30.

- **If your division will not join the adults** for a special program, ask two juniors or teens to present the following story.

## Mission Then and Now

**Narrator:** Pioneer missionaries took God's message of love to people in faraway lands. We still share God's love with others, but the ways we do it have changed.

Today we're going to hear the story of one missionary family who went to Papua New Guinea (PNG) to teach others about God. [*Locate Papua New Guinea on the map.*]

\_\_\_\_\_ [*name of storyteller*] will present the story of the Barnard family's mission adventures 50 years ago, and \_\_\_\_\_ [*name of reporter*] will tell us about mission today.

**Reporter:** More than half the Adventist Christians in the South Pacific Division live in Papua New Guinea. Many of these believers still live in rural villages scattered across the mountainous country. Most still live in traditional village homes

and live off the gardens that they plant on the mountainsides.

Some areas are so isolated that the people live much as they have for thousands of years. Only recently has cannibalism been wiped out in the most isolated areas of the country.

Entire villages are changed when the people have a chance to hear God's message of love. But reaching them has been an ongoing struggle to push back the darkness and claim lives for Jesus Christ.

### Storyteller

Len Barnard stood outside the small bush hospital in Papua New Guinea, a rugged island nation north of Australia. Brown patches on the green mountainsides marked villages that could be reached only by hiking for days on dangerous trails. *Someday I'll visit those villages*, he thought. A plane



flew overhead and landed at the nearby air base. *And someday I'll fly over those mountaintops for God*, he added.

When Mr. Barnard's military term ended, he learned to fly a plane. The church didn't have funds to send another missionary to PNG, so he took a job working in a government hospital. He learned to treat people suffering from leprosy, a fearful and contagious disease that robbed people of fingers and toes and hands and feet.

A year later the president of the Adventist mission invited the Barnards to open a leprosy hospital and colony in the highlands. At last the couple were missionaries!

The family's first home was a grass-roofed hut. Just weeks after they arrived, their home burned to the ground, and the family lost everything but their lives. But the work among lepers grew rapidly.

**Reporter:** Today most missionaries live in houses built of concrete blocks. But people living in isolated villages still live in thatch-and-wood houses.

Thanks to modern drugs, leprosy isn't the threat it once was, and if treated early, most people can live normal lives.

**Storyteller:** But Mr. Barnard knew that hundreds of villages needed medical care—and the hope that Jesus brings. *I must reach them!* he thought. Mr. Barnard and his helpers hiked for days over rugged, dangerous trails to treat people who needed medical care and to tell them about Jesus. "If only we had a plane," he told one church leader. "We could build airstrips and reach these people in hours instead of weeks."

"Too expensive," the official responded. "Perhaps someday."

It would be 18 years before Mr. Barnard flew the first mission plane to PNG. The mission plane carried workers to new fields and rushed the injured or the sick to hospitals in hours rather than days. When a new village was reached for Jesus, Mr. Barnard urged the people to build a church and a grass airstrip.

**Reporter:** Today a modern mission plane, paid for in part by our Thirteenth Sabbath Offerings, flies across Papua New Guinea, landing on those same grass airstrips, doing much the same work that Mr. Barnard did with the first plane.

**Storyteller:** The Barnards served in PNG for 25 years and rejoiced to see villagers who once had been heathen now serving God as pastors and nurses. Clinics he had helped start were still the sole source of medical aid, and the mission plane was the link to the outside world.

**Reporter:** The work that the Barnards pioneered represents the same mission spirit that powers the work in Papua New Guinea today. Today's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering reflects the passion to bring Christ and His Word to unreached people that the Barnards and other pioneer missionaries started.

Mr. Barnard had a vision to use a plane to reach the most isolated parts of PNG. Today the church's mission plane, which our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering helped provide, continues that mission.

Mr. Barnard reached people for Jesus through medical work. Today's offering will help establish more medical clinics in the most isolated regions of PNG.

Mr. Barnard shared God's love with people who had never heard. Part of today's offering will provide solar-powered MP3 players ("God pods") to continue bringing God's love to people in PNG and across the South Pacific.

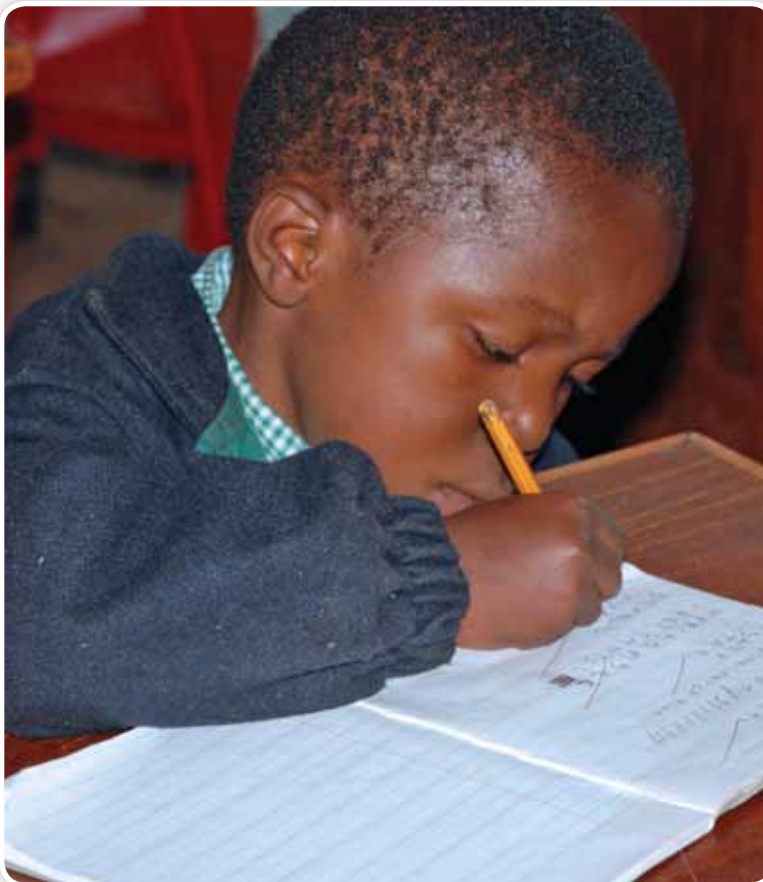
And our children's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help provide Bibles for children in the South Pacific. Many adults still cannot read or write. They rely

on their children to read God's Word to them. Entire families can be strengthened in Christ through a single Bible.

Our offering will help continue the battle against spiritual darkness. Let's help the people of the South Pacific hear that God loves them and wants them to prepare to live with Him forever.

*[Offering]*

## Future Thirteenth Sabbath Projects



Next quarter will feature the East-Central Africa Division. Special projects include a primary school classroom block at the University of Eastern Africa, Baraton, Kenya; phase two of Mwansa Adventist Hospital in Tanzania; a classroom block for Adventist University of Lukanga in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC); an evangelistic training center in Kinshasa, DRC. The children's project will provide a lamb shelter for children who worship outside in Kinshasa, DRC.

# Color a Picture



# Let's Cook

## RECIPES FROM PAPUA NEW GUINEA GREEN BEANS AND COCONUT

1 pound fresh green beans, sliced  
salt to taste  
1 small onion  
3 cloves garlic

2 small chilies (optional)  
1 tablespoon vegetable oil  
¼ to ½ cup grated coconut

### INSTRUCTIONS

Slice beans, and steam in small amount of salted water for 10 minutes or until tender. Chop the onion, crush the garlic, and chop the chili, if used; fry in oil until the onion is transparent. Add coconut and beans and additional salt, if needed, and cook for an additional three or four minutes.

## BANANA RICE

3 to 3½ cups water  
1 teaspoon salt or to taste  
2 cups rice

12 ripe bananas  
1 cup coconut milk

### INSTRUCTIONS

Bring water to a boil; add salt, rice, and sliced bananas. Cook until rice is done. Add coconut milk and salt to taste. Serve hot or cold.

## PAPUA NEW GUINEA COCONUT RICE

6 cups coconut milk\*

3 cups white rice

### INSTRUCTIONS

Bring coconut milk to a boil; add rice and reduce heat to low. Cover, and let simmer until all liquid is absorbed.

\*Buy canned coconut milk in the international section of large grocery stores. If a less-strong flavor is desired, mix equal parts coconut milk and water.



# Sing in Pidgin

Here are some additional songs and choruses children and adults alike enjoy singing in Papua New Guinea. Vowel sounds are *ah*, as in car; *ai* as in high; *au* as in out; *eh* as in bet; *ee* as in bee; *ih* as in him; *o* as in four; *oh* as in

boat; and *oo* as in boot. Syllables that must be run together in order to fit the music are linked with a short dash (-). A long dash (—) after a syllable indicates that a syllable must be drawn out to fit the music.

## THIS IS THE WAY WE WALK TO CHURCH

Dih pah lah wee yoo-mee wahk ah baot  
Wahk ah baot wahk ah baot  
Dih pah lah wer yoo-mee wahk ah baot  
Ohl geh-tah sah baht moh ning

### DO LORD *(verse only, no chorus)*

God ehm ee pah pah ehm ee pah pah bee—long me  
Jee sahs ehm ee brah tah ehm ee brah-tah bee—long me  
Spirit ehm ee help ihm, ehm ee help ihm bee—long me  
Spirit-ehm ee help-ihm b'long mee

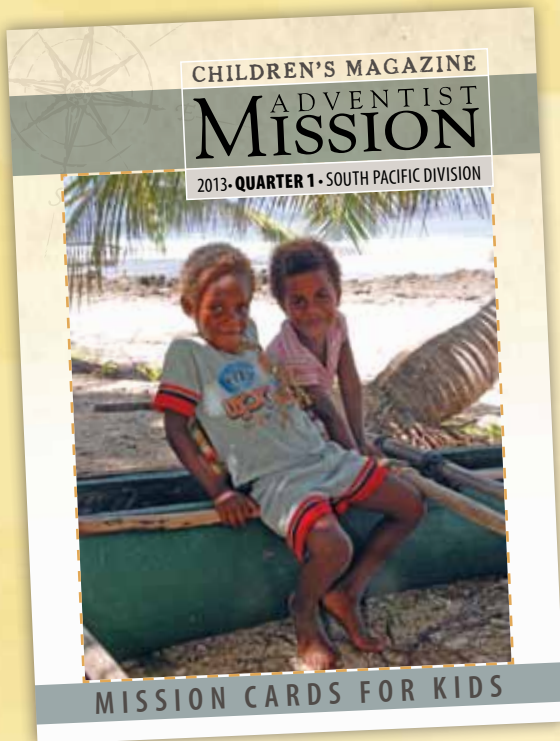
Bai behl ehm ee kai-kai, ehm ee kai-kai bee—long mee  
Sah baht ehm ee sihn- daon, ehm ee sihn-daom bee—long mee  
Preh ehm ee strong ihm, ehm ee strong-ihm bee—long mee  
Preh-ehm ee strong-bee long mee

Heh vehn ehm ee plehs, ehm ee plehs bee—long me  
Heh vehn ehm ee plehs, ehm ee plehs bee—long me  
Heh vehn ehm ee plehs, ehm ee plehs bee—long me  
Heh-ven-em ee plehs bee long mee

## SABBATH IS A HAPPY DAY

Sah baht ehm ee hah-mah mahs deh,  
Hah-mah mahs deh, hah-mah mahs deh  
Sah baht ehm ee hah-mah mahs deh  
Mee lai-kihm ohl-geh tah sah baht

# SEND MISSION HOME!



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

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

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per quarter for a pack of five sets.**

For more information contact us by visiting [www.AdventistMission.org](http://www.AdventistMission.org) or by calling 1-800-648-5824. Please use the information below to order the cards.

Place your order on the North American Division Sabbath School Standing Order Form or call 1-800-456-3991.

# Leader's Resources

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

Visit our website for additional photos, recipes, language pages, puzzles, and other activities that you can download and print to make mission more fun for children. Go to [www.AdventistMission.org](http://www.AdventistMission.org). Click on "Resources," then "Children's Magazine." Then click on "Activities" on the left side of the screen. Go to the current quarter and select the activity you want.

**Adventist Mission DVD** is a free video that features stories from the featured countries as well as the worldwide mission of the church. Ask your Sabbath School superintendent to make you a copy of it. Or go online at [MissionDVD.org](http://MissionDVD.org) to download one of the DVD programs.

**Travel Agencies:** Travel agencies often have colorful brochures on tourist destinations in the islands of the South Pacific. Call or visit and ask what they have available to help you portray the scenery and culture of Australia and the island nations. Or search online for available photos and country information.

**Online Resources:** search for one of the countries of the South Pacific by name, and scan the information provided. For Papua New Guinea, try these websites: [travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_996.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_996.html); Papua New Guinea tourism: [pngtourism.org.pg](http://pngtourism.org.pg); a pictorial insight with comments on Papua New Guinea: [janeresture.com](http://janeresture.com).

**Offering device:** Buy a ripe coconut (brown and hairy looking) and carefully cut it in half. Drain the liquid and save for a tasty drink. Scrape out the white meat inside and save it for cooking. Then scrub out all traces of white using a strong spoon. Wash thoroughly and let dry completely. If necessary, lightly sand the edges to avoid scratches. Coconut shells are used throughout the South Pacific islands as cups and dippers.

Remind children that their weekly mission offering and 75 percent of their Thirteenth Sabbath Offering helps the church around the world to tell people about Jesus. The remaining 25 percent goes directly to the special projects listed on the back cover of the quarterly.

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# SOUTH PACIFIC DIVISION

# PACIFIC OCEAN

HOWLAND ISLAND  
BAKER ISLAND

KIRIBATI

TUVALU

NAURU

TOKELAU

SOLOMON ISLANDS

PAPUA  
NEW GUINEA

INDONESIA  
EAST TIMOR

Port Moresby

WALLIS AND FUTUNA

AMERICAN SAMOA

VANUATU

FIJI

NIUE

TONGA

FRENCH  
POLYNESIA

AUSTRALIA

NEW CALEDONIA

COOK ISLANDS

Canberra

Wellington

NEW ZEALAND

# INDIAN OCEAN

	CHURCHES	COMPANIES	MEMBERS	POPULATION
Australian	421	98	56,741	22,674,000
New Zealand Pacific	135	60	17,998	4,970,000
Papua New Guinea	904	2,812	247,756	6,888,000
Trans Pacific	461	581	10,1084	2,137,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,921</b>	<b>3,551</b>	<b>423,579</b>	<b>36,669,000</b>

As of 12/2011

### PROJECTS:

- 1** Build clinics in at least four isolated areas in Papua New Guinea
- 2** Purchase solar-powered MP3 players ("God pods") for Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu
- 3** CHILDREN'S PROJECT: Provide 15,000 Bibles for children in the islands of the south Pacific to use and share with their families

