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Your Offerings at Work



In 2012, the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering Children's Project went to provide training material for children so they can learn how to lead small Bible study groups for children in northern Peru.

The Thirteenth Sabbath Offering also helped to build a church for the students at the Central Brazil Adventist Academy.

Thank you for giving!



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Dear Sabbath School Leader,

This quarter we feature the South American Division (SAD), one of the fastest-growing divisions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The countries include Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Falkland Islands, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, and adjacent islands. More than 330 million people live in these countries, and nearly 2.3 million are Seventh-day Adventists.

We have exciting stories from the jungles of the Amazon, to a child preacher in Paraguay, and a blind man in Uruguay who can now “see.” We also have a special nature item, “Amazon Animal Facts,” featuring one animal each week.

Brazil

As with any large country, Brazil displays great diversity. Modern cities with populations in the millions lie along the Atlantic Ocean. São Paulo, is the third-largest city in the world. Much of Brazil,

however, is less developed. Tribes and other unreached people groups have lived along the Amazon river for centuries.

Beginning in the 1930s, Leo and Jessie Halliwell were missionaries to the people here as they navigated the river on their hand-built boat, the *Luzeiro*. Today *Luzeiro* mission boats again sail the Amazon, bringing hope and healing in their wake. Part of this quarter’s Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help to build a “floating church” boat that will follow the *Luzeiro* into the villages to help start Adventist churches in the communities.

Paraguay and Uruguay

For years, the Adventist Church in Paraguay and Uruguay struggled. But now the church there is growing, thanks to the help of many in SAD and around the world. Currently, there are 12,807 Adventists in Paraguay, with a population of 6.9 million. Part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help to build a new church there.

In Uruguay, considered to be the most secular country in South America, there are only 8,016 Seventh-day Adventists out of 3.4 million people. Part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will build a center of influence and a new church.

Thank you for your dedication to mission and helping children connect with their spiritual brothers and sisters around the world.



Gina Wahlen, *Mission* quarterlies editor

Opportunities

This quarter’s Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help to:

- build two floating churches/clinics on the Amazon and Solimoes Rivers.
- a chapel at the Agro-Industrial Adventist Trans-Amazon Academy in Brazil.
- establish a church plant in Asuncion, Paraguay.
- construct a center of influence in Asuncion, Paraguay.
- build a center of influence in La Teja, Montevideo, Uruguay.
- establish a new church in Goes, Montevideo, Uruguay.



BRAZIL | January 2

Leo and Jessie Halliwell

Angels on the Amazon

The longest river in South America is the Amazon. It flows from the Andes Mountains of Peru, only 85 miles [140 kilometers] from the Pacific Ocean [locate on map], almost 4,000 miles [6400 kilometers] to the Atlantic Ocean. [Locate the mouth of the river.]

The Luzeiro Mission Boats

The large city of Manaus [mah-NOWS] lies along the Amazon. [Locate Manaus west of Belem, on the coast.] Outside the city on a quiet inlet rests a boat called the *Luzeiro* [Lu-ZAY-roh], which is the Portuguese word for “light bearer.”* This boat and others like it sail along the Amazon, bringing medical care and the good news about Jesus to the people who live along the river.

The boats take doctors, dentists, nurses, and other missionaries to the people living in the rain forest. They take teachers and preachers to their new

workplaces in riverside villages too. The man who built the first *Luzeiro* mission boat was Leo Halliwell.

Many stories are told about the wonderful things that happened when the Halliwells worked along the Amazon River. One of those stories is called “Angels on the Amazon.”

The Three Hitchhikers

Pastor Halliwell steered the *Luzeiro* along the river. The jungle trees formed a green canopy overhead. Jack, Pastor Halliwell’s 15-year-old son, stared into the jungle hoping to see a jaguar, the “jungle leopard.” Overhead a brilliant red, blue, green, and yellow macaw flew by, squawking loudly. In the distance a woolly monkey howled. Then the boat’s engine slowed, and Jack noticed three well-dressed men waving at the *Luzeiro* from a canoe.

“Hello!” one man called out. “Can you give us a tow upstream?”

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- Leo Halliwell established a medical-missionary boat ministry among the Indians of the Amazon with the *Luzeiro* in 1931; since then there have been 25 *Luzeiro* boats, as well as a number of smaller boats.

Pastor Halliwell knew it was dangerous to give hitchhikers a ride. But something impressed him to stop. “Throw them a line, Jack,” he called to his son. Jack threw the men the rope, and the men attached it to their boat.

Avoiding the Rocks

Two men climbed aboard and stood beside Pastor Halliwell as he steered the boat up the river. Suddenly one of the men grabbed the wheel and turned the boat around. The boat shuddered and moved suddenly away from the riverbank and out into the middle of the river. The sudden movement nearly threw Jack overboard!

Pastor Halliwell stared at the waters they had just crossed. Not 20 feet from where they had been heading, the jagged points of hundreds of rocks lay just beneath the surface of the water. If the boat had hit those rocks, it would have been ripped apart. The missionaries might have lost their lives that day!

“Whew!” Pastor Halliwell exclaimed. “Thank you! You saved our boat and probably our lives!”

The man smiled but said nothing as he steered the boat through the rocky waters. Then the man gave the wheel back to

Pastor Halliwell. “Thank you for the ride, Sir,” the man said. “If you stop, we’ll get out now.”

This is strange! thought Pastor Halliwell. *There are no signs of a village nearby.* Nevertheless, he stopped the boat, and the two men climbed back into their canoe and pushed off into the current.

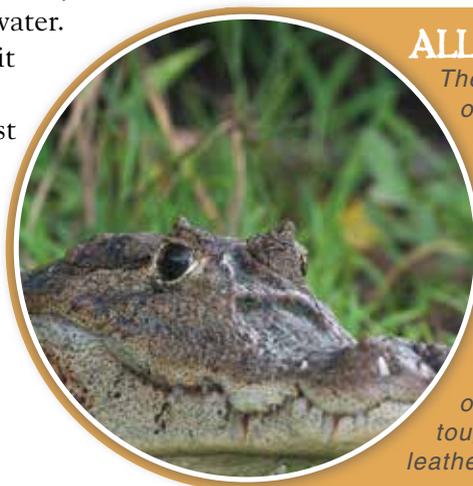
“Watch where they go,” Leo called to Jack.

“Dad, they’ve disappeared!” Jack called.

Leo turned from the wheel. The river was empty. There was no bend in the river, no ripples in the water. The three men and their boat had disappeared.

They must have been angels! Pastor Halliwell thought as he steered the *Luzeiro*. *Thank you Lord for sending your angels to protect us today! What a wonderful God you are!*

The Halliwells served for many years along the Amazon River, caring for the health of the people and sharing the good news of Jesus. Our mission offerings supported their work and continue to support the work among the people living in isolated villages and large cities along the Amazon River. 🌍



ALLIGATOR

The alligators that bask on the banks of the Amazon are actually caimans. They are reptiles that live up to 60 years. They can grow to be 18 feet long. A 12-foot alligator weighs about 500 pounds. They are often killed for their tough skins to make leather purses and shoes.



BRAZIL | January 9

Matheus and Adaias

River Boys Part I

Matheus (MATH-use) and Adaias (AD-i-us) grew up in a small village named *Rosa de Saron* (“Rose of Sharon”). This village was located along the Amazon River. There were many happy things about living by the river. They enjoyed swimming together and looking for crocodiles. They liked to fish and to play games such as football (soccer) with their many cousins in the village (just about everyone in the village was related to everyone else). Even though the village didn’t have electricity, the children didn’t mind not being able to watch television or movies or play video games or go on the internet because they had so much fun playing together in nature.

The village school had just one room, where all of the children from grades 1 to 5 crowded in, sitting at long wooden

tables that served as desks. They had no books. During the four hours that they were in school, the students listened to the teacher and answered his questions. And they took turns writing on the chalkboard. This is the way that they learned to read and write and to do arithmetic. After they finished grade 5, they were done with school, unless they knew someone wealthy or had the money themselves to go to a big city—but that hardly ever happened.

Another hard thing about living in the Amazon jungle was that if you got sick or if something bad happened to you like a snake bite or an accident, there were no doctors or nurses or hospitals where you could get help.

Then one day in 2010, something exciting happened—a big boat came to

Fast Facts

- The Amazon River is in South America. It runs through Guyana, Ecuador, Venezuela, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia and Peru.
- The length of the Amazon River is about 6,400 kilometers (4,000 miles).
- During the wet season, the Amazon River can become more than 190 kilometers (120 miles) wide!
- There are *no* bridges that cross the Amazon River. Most of the river runs through rainforests.

Matheus and Adaias' village! This boat was named the *Luzeiro XXVI* (26th) and there was a doctor, a nurse, a dentist, and a pastor who came to help the people.

The *Luzeiro XXVI* is part of the ministry of ADRA (Adventist Development and Relief Agency). Matheus and Adaias had never seen such a big boat and they were happy that the *Luzeiro XXVI* would be staying in their village for many days to help not only the people who lived there but the people who lived in the many surrounding villages too.

Every day Matheus and Adaias came to the boat. They became friends with those who were helping the people. Matheus and Adaias wanted to help people too, so they became ADRA volunteers. They worked hard carrying wood and heavy bags

of sand needed to build a new classroom for the children. Everyone could see how hard they worked.

The boys were just finishing at their village school when one day the Luzeiro nurse asked them if they would like to learn more.

“Oh, yes!” they replied. Then the nurse told them about a Seventh-day Adventist boarding school called Instituto Adventista Agro-Industrial (Adventist Agricultural-Industrial Academy)—but most people just call it IAAI (pronounced E-I). IAAI sounded like a wonderful place to Matheus and Adaias. They would learn many new things and live in a big house called a dormitory. And they would learn more about God.

But neither Matheus nor Adaias nor their parents had enough money to send them to this school. What could they do? 🌍

To be continued.

ANACONDA

The anaconda is the largest snake in the world, measuring 20 to 30 feet [6 to 9 meters] in length. They can swim, and are also called water boas. They are not poisonous, but kill their prey by wrapping around it and squeezing it to death. An anaconda has teeth and can bite, but the bite heals quickly. It seldom attacks anything larger than birds and small mammals. It takes two men to handle one of these snakes.





BRAZIL | January 16

Matheus and Adaias with
Pastor Kalbermatter

River Boys Part 2

The story thus far: Last week we met Matheus and Adaias who lived in a small village along the Amazon River. They were excited when the Luzeiro XXVI boat came to help the people in their village. The boys wanted to help, too, so they became ADRA volunteers. They became friends with the nurse and the pastor on the Luzeiro, and heard about a wonderful Adventist boarding school called IAAI (pronounced E-I). They really wanted to go to this school, but didn't know how it would be possible.

I know you don't have enough money for this," said the nurse, but we can ask our pastor to help find scholarship money for you. Pastor Herber Kalbermatter told the boys that he would do everything he could to help them.

A few months later, Matheus and Adaias heard the good news that they were accepted by IAAI (pronounced E-I), and that they had been awarded some scholarship money. The boys were

so happy—and a little bit nervous too, because they would need to leave their village and go to a place where they had never been.

So, the boys gathered their few things together, said goodbye to their families and started on their way to IAAI. First, they had to travel in a little boat for eight hours up the river just to reach the nearest city. Then they got on a crowded bus and traveled many more hours until they finally reached the school.

After arriving at the school, Matheus and Adaias were taken to their dormitory room, which they would share. For a while, the two boys felt very shy and went everywhere together. Living in their little village on the river was a very closed life, and it wasn't normal for them to talk with people who weren't from their village.

But after a while they could see that their teachers really cared about them, and that gave them courage to start

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- The *Instituto Adventista Agro-Industrial* (Adventist Agricultural-Industrial Academy) was established in 1968.
- The first hydroelectric plant in the Amazon was located at IAAI. (The plant is no longer operational after the dam broke in 1982.)
- The school belongs to the Amazonas-Roraima Conference, which is part of the Northwest Brazil Union Mission.
- This quarter, part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help to build a much-needed church on the campus of IAAI.

making friends with some of the other students at IAAI. One day, Matheus saw another student sitting in the classroom all by himself, so Matheus went over to him and became his friend. Matheus was happy about his new friend, and his new friend helped him to study more! Adaias also made new friends and learned to study more.

The boys liked the music at IAAI and decided to join the school choir. They learned a lot and they were in the choir when the group recorded their very first CD.

Matheus and Adaias have now graduated from IAAI. They are continuing their studies—Matheus is planning to be a pastor and to return to help the people living in the Amazon villages. Adaias plans to become an engineer. Both of them say that when they lived in their little village they didn't have a dream of what they could become, but now they do. They are so happy that the people on the *Luzeiro* came to help the people in their village and told them about IAAI, and now they can help others.

Your Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will help to build a new church for the students at IAAI. Thank you for giving your mission offerings! 🌍



CAPYBARA

The capybara is the world's largest rodent, and it looks like a huge guinea pig. It can weigh as much as 100 pounds. It has webbed feet and swims well. It walks in shallow water eating water plants. It is also called water pig or water hog.

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Sing in Portuguese

SIM, CRISTO ME AMA (JESUS LOVES ME)

Krees toh tehm ah mohr pohr meeng,
kohn sehr teh zah eh-oh cray-oh ah seeng;
pohr ah mohr deh meeng mohr hay oh,
vee voh-eh stah pohr meeng noh she-oh.

CHORUS:
seeng kdrees toh meh ah mah
(repeat three times)
ah bee blee-ah-ah seeng meh deez



BRAZIL | January 23

The Invitation

Amanda

Amanda lives near the Amazon River in northern Brazil. Who can locate the Amazon on the map? *[Help a child find the Amazon.]*

One day, Amanda arrived home from school and found a piece of paper on her front porch. It was an invitation to a series of church programs. There would be singing, a health talk, a movie about Jesus, and Bible lessons.

This sounded interesting to Amanda, and she asked her mother if she could go. Her mother said yes, for the meetings were held near their home. So when the meetings started, Amanda went.

Making New Friends

Amanda was a little shy when she first entered the building, but when she found other kids her age there, she felt at home. In fact, children her age were leading the

singing and taking part in the rest of the program. The meeting was interesting, and Amanda decided to return the next night.

After the meeting ended, Amanda stayed to talk with some of the children. She made some new friends and she also saw some friends from school. Amanda told her mother about the meeting when she arrived home and invited her mother to go with her. But her mother said that she was busy.

Amanda's Desire

Amanda wished that her mother would attend the meetings with her. Every day she invited her to go. Finally, a week later, Amanda's mother agreed to go with her to the meeting. Mother enjoyed the meetings and signed up to study the Bible with someone.

One evening toward the end of the

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- So far we've heard stories of several children who have shared their faith in many different ways. Can you tell how they were missionaries for Jesus? *(Vitoria leads a small group and helps her father present a radio program. Leonardo invited his mother to attend church with him. Samara told a man not to smoke and invited him to go to church. Heitor prays for his father. Eduardo and his sister, Christiane, joined Pathfinders and encouraged their parents to come to church. And Valéria and Vanessa helped establish a new church.*
- There are hundreds of ways we can share our faith with people we meet. What are some ways you can share your faith with someone?

series, as Amanda and her mother were walking home, Amanda told her mother, "I want to go to the Seventh-day Adventist church. If you don't want to come with me, I'll go alone. I want to become a Seventh-day Adventist."

Amanda's mother was surprised at her daughter's determination, but as she thought about it, she decided that she should follow Amanda's example and attend the church too.

Before long, both of them were preparing for baptism.

After studying the Bible with the pastor for several weeks, Amanda and her mother were ready to be baptized. The mother told the pastor that Amanda was the person who had influenced her to accept Jesus as her Lord. Amanda was so

happy that she and her mother could be baptized together!

Amanda's Joy

Amanda joined Pathfinders, and especially enjoyed the camporees. She also has a missionary partner with whom she goes out to give literature to people. And she talks to her friends at school about Jesus.

"The best thing I did in my life was to give my life to Jesus," Amanda says. "He loves me so much!"

We can do as Amanda is doing. We can give out invitations to meetings and encourage one another to share God's love with classmates and neighbors. There's so much we can do to help others learn about Jesus. And another thing we can do is to give our mission offering every week. Then lots more people will learn that Jesus loves them. 🌍

RIVER DOLPHIN

The Amazon River dolphin grows to about eight feet long and may weigh 150 to 200 pounds [67 to 90 kilograms]. It locates objects under water by use of a natural sonar system called echolocation. Many sailors think that dolphins swimming around their ship bring good luck. Their swimming speed is 25 miles [40 kilometers] per hour. That's the same speed an elephant can run.





BRAZIL | January 30

The Power of Influence

Samara

Samara [sah-MAH-rah] lives in northern Brazil. [*Locate northern Brazil on a map.*] She was just 4 years old when she learned that children can make a difference for Jesus.

The Little Teacher

One hot day Samara saw an old man selling Popsicles on the street near her home. She asked her mother if she could have one, and she gave Samara the money. Samara ran to buy the popsicle and saw that the man was holding a cigarette.

“Do you smoke?” Samara asked, surprised. He nodded, and Samara told him, “You know, smoking is bad for you and it makes Jesus sad.”

The man threw the cigarette on the ground. He gave Samara the popsicle and followed her back to her mother. He told Samara’s mom, “I should be teaching this little girl, but she has taught me. I will never smoke again.”

After that, whenever he passed by Samara’s house, he’d stop and ask, “Where’s my little teacher?” Samara was happy to talk to this man, whom she called Tio. One day Samara’s father met Tio and talked to him about Jesus. Her father invited Tio to come to church with their family, and Tio said he wanted to. But he lived far away. So Samara’s father gave him directions to a church near his home. Tio went to that church. He gave his heart to Jesus.

One day Tio stopped by Samara’s house and told them that he was going to be baptized. Samara’s family lived too far away to attend his baptism, but they were so happy that Tio had given his life to Jesus!

A New Friend for Jesus

One Sabbath afternoon Samara was sitting on the porch of her house. She saw their new neighbor, a teenage boy named Eduardo, sitting on his porch a few feet away. The two started talking, and Samara asked him whether he believed in God.

Fast Facts

- Brazil is a big country. Only four countries (Russia, Canada, China, and the United States) are larger.
- Brazil has the world's largest rain forest. It surrounds the Amazon River and its tributaries as the river flows from the Peru border to the Atlantic Ocean. *[Trace the route of the Amazon from Peru to the Atlantic.]* Nearly all the rivers in the northern half of Brazil flow into the Amazon.
- Rain forests are home to thousands of kinds of plants, animals, birds, reptiles, and fish. Many are found nowhere else on earth. Some 70,000 different varieties of insects live here, and scientists haven't even found them all yet!

He said that he used to attend church with his parents, but when his father died the family had stopped going.

Samara invited him to the Sunday evening program at her church. He couldn't go that week, but the next time he came, he brought his little brother, Marco. Samara talked to them about God's love and asked if they'd like to study the Bible with her father. The brothers agreed, so on Sabbath afternoon Samara and her father studied the Bible with Eduardo and Marco. When Eduardo finished the Bible studies, he accepted Jesus and asked to be baptized. Samara wasn't baptized yet, so she asked if she could be baptized with him. Her parents and the pastor agreed, so Eduardo and Samara were baptized together. It was a happy day for both of them.

Eduardo and his family have moved away, but Eduardo told Samara

that he is giving Bible studies, and has joined a small group in his new town.

Many Opportunities to Serve

Sometime later, Samara's church had a children's Week of Prayer, and the leader asked her to preach one of the sermons. She gave Samara the sermon, and Samara had to learn it. It was a little hard, and she was really nervous, especially when she walked onto the platform and saw all the people in the church. But she prayed, and God helped her to be calm.

When it was time to stand and speak, Samara wasn't nervous at all. God helped her to speak well. At the end of the sermon she invited those who wanted to give their lives to Jesus to come forward. About 15 people came to the front, and Samara prayed for them.

Samara has found lots of ways to influence others to let Jesus be their Friend and Guide. And she's sure God has many other ways that He wants her to share His love with others. She has learned that age doesn't matter. You can tell people about Jesus whether you are young or old or in between. 🌍



JAGUAR

The jaguar is the most feared animal in the Amazon rain forest. When grown it is 8 feet long, including 2 1/2 feet of tail. It weighs 290 pounds [130 kilograms] and has a deep, loud roar. It lies on tree branches waiting to jump on its prey. It is also known to have killed humans.



BRAZIL | February 6

Heitor

Putting Faith to Work

Heitor [HAY-tor] lives in Belen, Brazil. His parents argued a lot, and his mother was often sad. One day she decided to ask their neighbors why they seemed so happy. “We are Seventh-day Adventists,” they told her. They offered to study the Bible with Heitor’s mom, but she said no. She didn’t understand that to have peace you have to know God.

However, Heitor’s mother eventually invited the neighbors to study the Bible with her. She invited Heitor to join them, but he wanted to play with his friends. As Heitor was playing soccer, he suddenly heard a voice say, “Join your mother’s Bible study.” He looked around but saw no one nearby. He heard the voice again. “Join the Bible study.” Heitor stopped playing and called to his friends, “I’ve got to go.” He walked toward his yard, where his neighbors and mother were studying.

Heitor listened as the adults talked

about how the Holy Spirit speaks to a person’s heart. *That’s what just happened to me!* he thought. After that Heitor never missed a Bible study. A few months later he and his mother were baptized.

Trouble at Home

Heitor’s dad was unhappy that Heitor and his mother had decided to become Adventists. “I don’t like this religion!” he said. When Mother refused to stop attending church, Heitor’s father told her to leave the house.

Heitor and his mother stayed with Heitor’s grandmother for a while. When they returned home, Father tried to get them to leave their new faith. When they still refused, he left them.

Heitor’s Dream

Heitor had a dream that changed his life. He saw a stairway leading to heaven. An angel called the names of people and

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- Many of the people in the villages around the Amazon have never heard the message that God has given to Adventists to preach.
- Part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help to build a floating church boat that missionaries will use to visit the people who live along the Amazon and teach them about Jesus.
- The *Mission Spotlight* DVD features more stories from the Amazonas region. Ask the Sabbath School superintendent for it, or download it at www.Adventistmission.org/DVD.

invited them to climb the steps to heaven. Heitor looked around for his father and saw him in a bar, drinking. Heitor ran to his father and urged him, “Let’s go, Dad!” But his father told him he’d come later.

Heitor awoke and realized that he couldn’t wait for someone else to reach his father; he had to do something himself.

Heitor seldom gets to see his dad, but

every day during worship he prays for him.

Heitor also talks to his friends at school about their faith and urges them to pray. He leads a small group of students, mostly non-Adventists, in Bible studies. As many as 17 kids attend his meetings. So far, four members of Heitor’s group have been baptized.

Heitor also helps other Adventist students start their own small groups among their friends.

“I encourage them to become friends with God,” he says. “And it’s important to be willing to let God use us to change another person’s heart.” 🌍



MANATEE

The manatee, sometimes called the sea cow, grows to 14 feet [4 meters] long and may weigh up to 1,500 pounds [675 kilograms]. It eats water plants in the Amazon River. Its upper lip is divided into halves, which it uses to close on the plants like a pair of pliers.

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Let’s Speak Portuguese

Pronounce vowels as follows: *ah* as in far; *eh* as in bet; *ee* as in bee; *oh* as in boat; *oo* as in boot. The accented syllables are written in capital letters in the pronunciation column. In Portuguese the letter “r” is rolled and sounds almost like a *d*.

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

DAYS	PRONUNCIATION
Thursday	KEEN-tuh FAY-ruh
Friday	SEHS-tuh FAY-ruh
Saturday/Sabbath	SAH-bah-doh



BRAZIL | February 13

Eduardo

Leading a Family to Jesus

Eduardo lives in a city in Brazil. His family didn't attend the Adventist church, but his sister had joined the Pathfinder Club when she was younger. She enjoyed Pathfinders so much that when Eduardo was 8, his mother encouraged him to join Pathfinders as well. Eduardo remembered hearing his sister, Christiane [Chris-tee-AN], talk about all the great things Pathfinders did, such as camping, learning about nature, crafts, and other fun activities.

Christiane was right: Pathfinding was so much fun! He made new friends, enjoyed camping trips and sports days, learned how to march, and earned honors. When the Pathfinder Club was asked to take the church service on Sabbath, Eduardo took part too, even though he didn't belong to the church. The club members wore their uniforms and marched smartly into the sanctuary. Some

Pathfinders served as deacons, others took up the offering, and others led the singing or prayed. Then two or three Pathfinders preached. Eduardo was proud to be a member of Pathfinders!

Church Is Fun!

Eduardo's sister had graduated from the Pathfinder Club, but she still attended the church. Often she invited Eduardo to go to church with her, even when the Pathfinders did not have a part in the program. Eduardo's mother was glad that the children were attending church together, for her work as a nurse made it difficult for her to get time off to go with them.

Eduardo enjoyed Sabbath School. He took a children's Bible study course and decided that he wanted to be baptized. Eduardo wanted his parents to be there at his baptism. He asked them, and both of them came to see him get baptized. What

Fast Facts

- Brazil is home to a wide range of animals, including armadillo, tapirs, jaguars and pumas.
- The capital city is Brasilia, but the largest city is Sao Paulo.
- Brazil has 3 time zones

a happy day it was for Eduardo!

When Eduardo's sister finished school, she moved to another city. Eduardo walked to church alone. His mother wanted to encourage him, and she felt bad that both she and her husband worked weekends and could not take him to church. She decided to try to get Sabbaths off so she could take Eduardo to church.

Worship: A Family Affair

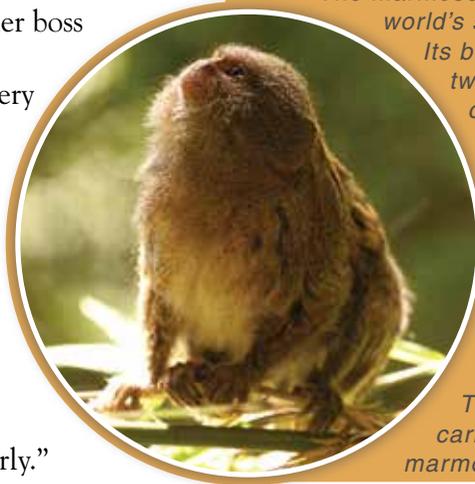
Not long after Mother started attending church with Eduardo, Father also started attending church whenever he had the day off. This encouraged Eduardo's mother to attend church every week. She went to her supervisor at work and asked to have Sabbaths off. She agreed to work extra shifts in order to have the Sabbath off. Her boss granted her request, and Mother went to church with Eduardo every Sabbath. A year later, during some evangelistic meetings, Eduardo's father and mother asked to prepare for baptism. "Our son and our daughter have been good examples to us," Eduardo's parents said. "We want our family to be a Christ-centered family, and we want to start by coming to church regularly."

Eduardo says, "I'm happy that God helped my sister and me lead our family to Jesus. Now when my friends in the neighborhood see me walking to church and ask me where I am going, I invite them to come along. When there's a special program at the church, I invite them. And I invite them to join Pathfinders too. Two of my friends have joined. They think Pathfinders is a great program, and they have invited their parents to come to special Pathfinder programs at the church. If the parents have questions, I go and explain it to them and tell them how important it is that they come and support their son or daughter. I hope that my friends and their parents will find Jesus through the Pathfinders, just as my sister and I did."

Eduardo's mother says, "Because my children kept inviting us to worship with them, we are all in God's family today.

Please remember to pray for families where the children have accepted Jesus, but they are praying that their mother, father, or both will love Jesus, too. 🌍

MARMOSET



The marmoset is one of the world's smallest monkeys.

Its body is less than twelve inches [30 centimeters] long, and it weighs less than a pound [500 grams].

Sometimes it weighs as little as 3 or 4 ounces [85 to 113 grams].

Its tail is usually longer than its body. The male marmoset carries the baby marmosets on his back.



PARAGUAY | February 20

Pedrito Prays

Pedrito

Pedrito (ped-REE-toe) lived with his mother and father in a small house in a little village in the northern part of Paraguay [*Help children find Paraguay on a map of South America.*] Those who live in this village are native people of Paraguay. They are often called Indians.

Many families lived in this village, and Pedrito's grandfather was the village chief. When Pedrito turned 7 years old, his grandfather (the chief) wanted him to go to a school where he could receive an excellent education. The chief heard about a school called *Escuela Adventista de Coaguazu* (Adventist School of Coaguazu). Some people told him that his grandson would receive a very good education there.

Going to School

The chief and Pedrito traveled many hours to reach this Adventist school. After they arrived, Pedrito and his

grandfather were shown around the school, including the dormitory where Pedrito and the other schoolboys lived. Then his grandfather said goodbye and went home.

At first Pedrito was a little lonely, but that didn't last long because he quickly made new friends with the other children, and with the teachers too. He learned to read and write, and to do arithmetic. But even more important, he learned about the God who loves him. Pedrito also learned that God gives us good things, including food. He learned that that's why before we eat, we pray and thank God for the meal.

Back at Home

The first few weeks at school went by quickly for Pedrito, and soon it was time to go home for a short break. When he came home, Pedrito was so excited to see his family! He could hardly wait to tell them all about his school and the many things he had learned there—especially what he had learned about God.

Mission Post

- Paraguay has 62 churches and 10,804 church members.
- There are three Adventist academies and one university in Paraguay.
- Paraguay has four Adventist medical centers: two hospitals, a clinic, and a health education and lifestyle center.

When it was time to eat, Pedrito sat down together with his family. At school, he had become so used to having prayer before meals that Pedrito was surprised when everybody just started eating. Feeling awkward, he bowed his head alone and offered a silent prayer of thanks.

“Why are you doing that?!” thundered Pedrito’s father. “We don’t do that! If you want to pray, then take your food, go outside, and eat alone!”

Obediently, young Pedrito took his food, went outside of their humble home, sat on the ground, and started eating.

Before long, Pedrito’s grandfather came by and asked Pedrito why he was eating outside. “My daddy doesn’t want me to pray for the food, so I came out here,” replied the boy.

Being Thankful

Pedrito’s grandfather went into the house and talked to his son, who was Pedrito’s father. “Why are you doing this to your son?” he asked him. “You should be happy that he wants to pray! He has changed, and you should be thankful for that! I’m going to visit that school and ask them to come to our community and teach us

what Pedrito has learned.”

The grandfather went back to the Adventist school and told them how happy he was with the changes he had seen in Pedrito. “Would you be willing,” he asked, “to send someone to our community to teach us about your God?”

Friendly Witness

Happily, the school sent a pastor to the community, where he became friends with the people and taught them from the Bible for three months. Pedrito’s grandfather, his mother, and 17 other people from their community were baptized.

As time went on more baptisms were held and now more than 40 people are baptized members of the new Seventh-day Adventist church in this community—a church planted by a little boy who wanted to thank God for his meal.

While he isn’t baptized yet, Pedrito’s father often goes to church with his family. Because of Pedrito’s testimony, seven more children, including his younger brother, are now attending *Escuela Adventista de Coaguazu*. Thank you for giving your mission offerings so that more boys and girls like Pedrito can learn about Jesus. 🌍



PIRANHA

The piranha is a flesh-eating fish found in the Amazon River. It is more dangerous than a shark. Thousands travel together in schools. They have sharp teeth, and some kinds can eat the flesh off a large animal in only a few minutes.



PARAGUAY | February 27

Pablo

Pablo Preaches

Pablo lives in a big city called Asuncion, the capital city of Paraguay [*Help children locate Asuncion, Paraguay, on a map of South America.*] Ever since he was a little boy, Pablo loved to go to Sabbath School and church every Sabbath.

When he was very small, Pablo enjoyed sitting in the front row of the church and drawing pictures of the preacher. Pablo was a very good artist and his pictures captured the expressions on the pastor's face as he preached. As he drew, Pablo listened intently to the sermon, and by the time he was 6 years old his Sabbath School teacher invited him to help preach a sermon at his church. She gave Pablo his part of the sermon, and after three days he was ready to give the sermon.

Afterwards, the Sabbath School teacher told Pablo that he was a very good preacher and that she believed he had a calling from God to preach. Pablo

was so surprised and happy!

Several months later, Pablo received another invitation to preach—this time not at his home church. After that, Pablo began getting more and more invitations to preach at many other places—small churches and big ones. Sometimes he is also invited to tell people about Jesus at big evangelistic meetings held throughout the country of Paraguay.

The Bible is very important to Pablo and his family because they know that it is God's Word for everyone. Each morning and evening they have worship time where they sing, pray, and read from God's word. This time has helped Pablo learn many important things from the Bible that he can share with others.

"I like to preach about Joseph or Daniel; or sometimes about kids who don't want to obey their parents and then I compare their experiences with what

the Bible says,” Pablo explains.

Pablo loves sharing the Bible with others. His favorite text is Psalm 91:15,16, “because it tells us that if we call on God, He’s going to be with us, and we can be sure of that!”

Pablo wants to encourage more children to share God’s Word with others. “We need to take our Bibles and go and talk to other people about God,” he says.

Nobody is too young to tell others about Jesus. It doesn’t matter how young—or old—you are! What are some ways that you can do this? Here are a few ideas:

1. Be sure that *you* know Jesus and that He is your very best friend. Every day take time to pray and read the Bible, or ask someone else to read it to you. The very first book of the Bible, Genesis (which means “beginnings”), is a good place to start, because that’s where we learn about our beginnings! It also has lots of interesting stories in it from which we may learn many important lessons.
2. If your family doesn’t have a special time for worship, ask your mom or dad, grandparent, or another adult in your home if you could have worship together each day. Even in just 15 minutes you could sing a song, pray, and read from the Bible or a good devotional book.
3. When you pray, ask Jesus to help you find someone who needs to know about Him, and ask Him to help you to know what to say. Maybe there is someone in your neighborhood who is lonely or sad? Maybe there is a friend at school whom you can help? When

Fast Facts

- Spanish explorer Juan de Salazar founded Asuncion (now the capital) on the Feast Day of the Assumption, August 15, 1537.
- California-size Paraguay is surrounded by Brazil, Bolivia, and Argentina and is completely landlocked.
- Paraguay is 90% Roman Catholic, 6% Protestant, 1% other Christian and 3% other or none.

you go to the store with your mom or dad or another trusted adult, you can smile and say something nice to the cashier.

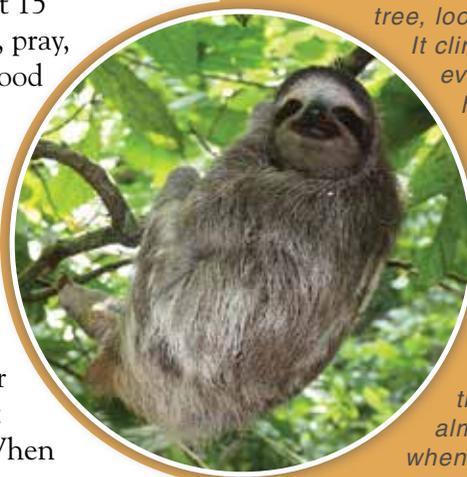
4. Talk with your pastor or Sabbath School teacher about having a special “Children’s Sabbath” at your church where children present the worship service. Ask your teacher or pastor for help preparing the sermon.

What other ideas do you have for sharing Jesus and His word with others? 🌍

SLOTH

A sloth hangs upside down in a tree, looking for tasty leaves.

It clings with its claws, even falling asleep hanging upside down. Sometimes it remains suspended from the tree branch even after it dies. The sloth moves very slowly, but can climb trees easily. They are unable to walk on the ground, and are almost defenseless when not in a tree.





URUGUAY | March 5

Mr. Francisco

The Blind Man Who Sees

Mr. Francisco was born in the country of Argentina, [*Help children find Argentina on a map.*] but has lived in the country of Uruguay for a long time. [*Help children find Uruguay on the map.*]

When he was just a baby he lost his mother and father, so he had to live in an orphanage. Life was very hard for him, so by the time he was 9 years old, Mr. Francisco started looking for a way to earn some money. He found a job working at the cemetery. His job was to keep all the graves and tombs looking nice and tidy. He was paid pennies for his work.

When he was 12 years old he got a better job working in a candy shop. It was a happier place, and he was better paid so he had more money to buy food and other things. As he got older, he kept working in little shops and in this way he was able to earn enough money to take care of himself.

Life in God's Hands

A few years later, Mr. Francisco met a wonderful Christian woman. The two of them got married and were very happy. However, Mr. Francisco had the bad habit of smoking, and he smoked many cigarettes every day. After a while he became very sick and went to the hospital. The doctor told him that he didn't have long to live, but Mrs. Francisco was praying for her husband. While he was still in the hospital, Mr. Francisco was visited by the hospital chaplain. The chaplain told Mr. Francisco that God loved him, and that his life was in God's hands.

Mr. Francisco quit smoking, and his wife kept praying for him. He went home from the hospital and got better and better, until he was completely well!

Then a few years later, two very sad things happened. First, Mrs. Francisco

Mission Post

- Uruguay has 54 Adventist churches and 8,233 church members.
- Uruguay has one Adventist academy, in Progreso, just north of the capital city, Montevideo.
- *Radio Nuevo Tiempo Uruguay* is the Adventist radio station, located in Montevideo.

died. Then, Mr. Francisco had some problems with his eyes, and he became blind! He didn't know what to do. He just sat at home all day and was very sad.

A New Friend

One day a friend came to visit Mr. Francisco. The friend told him about an Adventist radio station called *Nuevo Tiempo* (nu-AVE-o TEE-em-po). He thought that Mr. Francisco would enjoy listening to the many good programs.

Once Mr. Francisco started listening to this radio station, he couldn't stop! He listened all day long, and it became like a friend to him. He learned many things, such as how to eat and live healthfully, and about God and the Bible. And he learned about God's holy Sabbath day.

One day, Mr. Francisco called the radio station and asked for Bible studies. An Adventist Bible worker came to his home and studied the Bible with him. Before long, Mr. Francisco was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He says that even though he is physically blind, he can "see" more life because he has Jesus in his heart!

A New Family

Mr. Francisco is no longer lonely because, he says, "The church is my family now." When he was in the hospital not long ago, he was so happy when the whole church came to visit him!

Mr. Francisco likes sharing his faith with others. Every week he goes back to the hospital and shares the Bible and prays with the people. He also visits a school for blind people and studies the Bible with the students there. Sometimes he brings people to church so that they can experience the same joy that he has found.

What Can You Do?

Maybe there is someone living close to you who is sad or lonely or needs to know about God. Find out about an Adventist television or radio station in your area, such as Hope TV Channel or *Nuevo Tiempo* TV/radio. Ask your pastor or Sabbath School teacher how people can watch or listen to the Adventist radio or TV station, and then share that information with your friends, family, and neighbors. (*Note to teachers: Visit www.hopetv.org or <http://nuevotiempo.org> for more information.*) 



TAPIR

The tapir looks much like a pig, except that it has a short, movable, trunk-like nose. It walks slowly with its snout close to the ground. It is related to the horse and the rhinoceros. The tapir loves to swim. It wades into shallow water, searching for plants and roots to eat.



URUGUAY | March 12

Miss Sonia's House

Miss Sonia

Miss Sonia loves helping children to learn about Jesus and His special Book, the Bible. Each Sabbath boys and girls love coming to her Sabbath School class at the *La Teja* (la TAY-ah) Seventh-day Adventist church in Montevideo, Uruguay. Most of the people who come to *La Teja* are very new Adventists, or else they are studying to become Adventist.

The Idea

Miss Sonia not only cares about the children in her Sabbath School class, but she wants the children who live around her to know about Jesus too. When she moved into a new neighborhood, Miss Sonia got an idea—she would invite the neighborhood children to come to her house to learn about Jesus. They would sing Christian songs, play games, do crafts, and learn Bible stories. It would be kind of like a Vacation Bible School.

Miss Sonia was excited about this idea!

She got some nice invitations and started walking down her street, giving the invitations to the children and visiting their homes.

Eight children came to the first meeting. The next day more children came, and the next even more. The group met for four days in a row, and then continued meeting once a week.

A New House Needed

The children's group kept growing, and after six months the group was just too big to meet at Miss Sonia's house anymore! What could she do? The children were having a wonderful time and Miss Sonia could see that they were learning to love Jesus. She decided to pray about the problem, and Jesus answered her prayers through a friend, named Miss Graciela.

Miss Graciela loved Jesus and she loved children very much. She had just become a Seventh-day Adventist not long before this, and she had a house that was bigger than Miss Sonia's house. This house was very special to Miss Graciela because it

used to be a house church where she came to worship God when she was young. She told Miss Sonia, “This house has always been a place to serve God, so the children can come here.”

Miss Sonia was so happy, and so was Miss Graciela and so were the children! Now they come to the bigger house each week where they continue to have a wonderful time together learning about God and the Bible. “I always loved reading the Bible,” Miss Graciela says, “and knowing that Jesus really loves me means a lot.” And she and Miss Sonia want the children who come each week to know that too.

The Children Love Coming

Aron is 9 years old and he’s been coming to “Miss Sonia’s House” for more than a year now. Miss Sonia visited his house and invited him and his siblings to come. Aron has three brothers and two sisters. He and his two sisters come each week, and Aron especially enjoys the Bible stories and the crafts. His favorite Bible story is Daniel in the lions’ den.

Yemina is 12 years old. She attends the Adventist school in Montevideo, and she first heard about “Miss Sonia’s House” from her teacher. Each week she takes a city bus to get to “Miss Sonia’s House.” It isn’t difficult for her, because she’s been riding the city buses alone since she was 8 years old. She really enjoys coming to Miss Sonia’s House, and says that “it’s very good here. I like the way they treat us—they are very kind.”

Many of the children who have been coming to Miss Sonia’s House are now coming to the La

Fast Facts

- With an area of 200 square miles, Montevideo (the capital city) is the largest city and the chief port of Uruguay. Almost half of the country’s population live there.
- Montevideo is the southernmost capital city in the Americas, and the third most southerly in the world (only Canberra, Australia and Wellington, New Zealand, are farther south).
- Uruguay was the first country in the Americas to achieve complete digital telephone coverage in 1997.

Vida. Seventh-day Adventist Church in Montevideo. Part of your Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help to build a new place where more people can come and learn about Jesus. Thank you for remembering to bring your mission offerings and your special Thirteenth Sabbath Offering to Sabbath school! 🌐

TARANTULA

The hairy tarantula is one of the world’s largest spiders. Some are bigger than a dinner plate, with a body about 3 1/2 inches [8.9 centimeters] long and legs 7 inches [18 centimeters] long. Some tarantulas live in the tops of trees in the rain forest and catch birds for food. Their bite is usually no more harmful than a bee sting. A National Geographic photographer once reported that some tribal people roasted tarantulas and served them for dinner.





URUGUAY | March 19

Miss Graciela

The Book in the Shoe Store

In our mission story last week about Miss Sonia's House, we were introduced to Miss Sonia's friend, Miss Graciela. Miss Graciela let the children meet at her house when the group outgrew Miss Sonia's home. This week we're going to learn more about Miss Graciela and how she became a Seventh-day Adventist.

Miss Graciela always had a place in her heart for Jesus. When she was a child and teenager, Miss Graciela went to a small church group that met on Sundays in the very home that now belongs to her! While she was happy to learn about Jesus and His love for her, sometimes the church service became very noisy with many people making strange noises all at once, and Miss Graciela felt very uncomfortable.

But Miss Graciela fell in love with the son of the owner of that house, and after they grew up, they got married, and they

had two children of their own. Then their children had children, and they became grandparents!

Looking for a Book

One day Miss Graciela was at home watching a television program from a Sunday-keeping church. The preacher started talking about someone by the name of Ellen White. He said that this woman had written some books that weren't true and that she was a very bad person. As Miss Graciela listened to the preacher going on and on about this, she decided that she wanted to read a book by this Ellen White so that she could decide for herself if her books were good or bad.

Miss Graciela went to the library, but she couldn't find any books by a woman named Ellen White. She went to the bookstore, but she couldn't find any books by Ellen White there either. But Miss

Fast Facts

- Covering an area of 68,000 square miles, Uruguay is the second-smallest nation in South America.
- The guitar is the preferred musical instrument, and in a popular traditional contest called the *payada*, two singers, each with a guitar, take turns improvising verses to the same tune.
- Football (soccer) is the most popular sport in Uruguay. The first international match outside the British Isles was played between Uruguay and Argentina in Montevideo in July 1902.

Graciela didn't give up. She kept praying that one day she would be able to read a book by Ellen White.

A Gift from God

Then one day something wonderful happened. Miss Graciela's granddaughter needed a new pair of shoes, so her daddy (Miss Graciela's son) took her to the shoe store. While they were looking for shoes, they saw a book that was being given away. Even though Miss Graciela's son and granddaughter aren't Christians, they picked up the book because they thought that Miss Graciela would like to read it.

When they got to Miss Graciela's house and gave her the book, she was so excited! It was a book by Ellen White called *The Great Hope!*

Miss Graciela was sure that this book was a gift from God, and she started to read it right away. She liked the book and could see that what Ellen White

wrote followed the Bible and that it was true. It was so interesting that she wanted to learn more.

Learning More

Miss Graciela started listening to the Adventist radio station, *Nuevo Tiempo*, and one day she heard the announcer offering free Bible studies. She called the radio station, and they sent a Bible worker to come to her home. Miss Graciela loved the Bible studies, and before long she was baptized.

When Miss Graciela started coming to the *La Teja* Seventh-day Adventist group, she met Miss Sonia. The two ladies became good friends, and they now work together teaching the children that come each week to their branch Sabbath School that we heard about last week.

Thank you for giving to the Thirteenth Sabbath offering. Thank you also for praying for the many children and adults in Uruguay who need to learn about Jesus and His love for them. 🌍

WOOLLY MONKEY

Woolly monkeys are large monkeys, with bodies 15 to 23 inches [38 to 58 centimeters] long, not including the tail. This monkey likes to swing by its tail from tree branches. It is sometimes nicknamed bag belly because it stuffs itself with ripe fruit and berries until it is about to burst! Woolly monkeys make good pets.



Thirteenth Sabbath Program

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

- Prepare to present your theme song for this quarter, or choose to sing a song well-known and loved by the children.
- Review with the children the information needed for the quiz *before* the Thirteenth Sabbath program, as they will be answering the quiz questions during the program.
- Send home a note to remind parents of the program and to encourage the children to bring their Thirteenth Sabbath Offering the next week.
- **If your division will not join the adults** for a special program, make Thirteenth Sabbath special by inviting a special guest to speak to the children about life in Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay or one of the other countries in South America. Encourage the speaker to bring items that will interest the children and help them to understand the culture and challenges of the people there. You may still use the quiz in the children's division—they enjoy sharing what they have learned!
- Remind the children to bring their Thirteenth Sabbath Offering. Make the offering appeal a big event in Sabbath School. Count the money and let the children know how much they have brought for missions during the quarter. Praise them for what they have done and let them know that their offerings will make a big difference to children just like them who live in the South American Division.

Mission Quiz

Teacher: This quarter we have learned many things and have heard wonderful stories about people living in the countries of Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay. These countries are part of the South American Division. The children are eager to share what they have learned with you, and are ready to take a little mission quiz. While you listen to the children, see how many of the answers you know!

OK, children. Are you ready? (*Wait for their response.*) I will ask you a question

about what you have learned during our mission time this quarter, and if you think you know the answer, raise your hand.

Q 1: How many countries are in the South American Division? (a) 9, (b) 12, or (c) 18. [*Answer: (c) 9 countries*]

Q 2: Who can name at least three countries that are in the South American Division? [*Answer: Any three of the following—Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Falkland Islands, Paraguay, Peru, and Uruguay*]

Q 3: The South American Division is one of the fastest-growing divisions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. How many members are in this division? Nearly (a) 1.5 million, (b) 2.3 million, (c) 4.2 million (d) 5.1 million [Answer: (b) 2.3 million]

Q 4: In Paraguay, what was it that Pedrito wanted to do that angered his father so much that he made Pedrito eat outside? [Answer: Pedrito wanted to pray and thank God for the food.]

Q 5: What is *Nuevo Tiempo* in Uruguay? [Answer: The Adventist radio station in Uruguay]

Q 6: What are the two main languages spoken in South America? [Answer: Spanish and Portuguese]

Q 7: What is the name of the mission boat that sails on the Amazon River? [Answer: The *Luzeiro*]

Q 8: What does *luzeiro* mean in Portuguese? [Answer: light bearer]

Q 9: Who were the first missionaries to sail on the *Luzeiro* and help the people along the Amazon? [Answer: Leo and Jessie Halliwell]

Q 10: In our first mission story this quarter, titled “Angels on the Amazon,” what happened to the three hitchhikers who helped steer the *Luzeiro* so it wouldn’t hit the rocks? [Answer: They disappeared]

Q 11: How long is the Amazon River? [Answer: About 6,400 kilometers, or about 4,000 miles]

Q 12: What is the name of the Adventist academy where the “River Boys” went to school? [Answer: IAAI, (pronounced E-I)]

Q 13: This is the flag of which country in the South American Division? [Show the flag (or picture of flag) of Uruguay.]

Q 14: What will our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering help to do in Uruguay? [Answer: It will help to build a new church and a center of influence so that more people can learn how to live healthfully and to love Jesus.]

Q 15: This is the flag of which country in the South American Division? [Show the flag (or picture of flag) of Paraguay.]

Q 16: What will our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering help to do in Paraguay? [Answer: It will help people learn about Jesus and the Adventist message through a new church plant in Asuncion, and help them to learn to live healthfully by building a center of influence.]

Q 17: This is the flag of which country in the South American Division? [Show the flag (or picture of flag) of Brazil.]

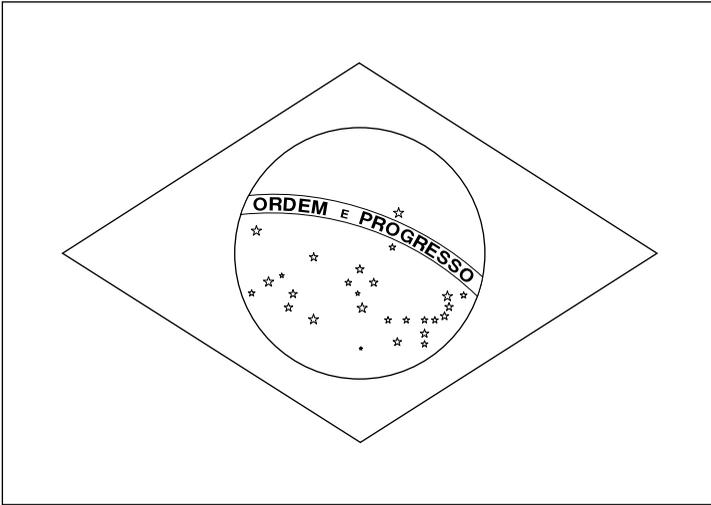
Q 18: What will our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering help to do in Brazil? [Answer: It will help reach thousands of people for Jesus who live along the Amazon River by building two floating churches, and will provide a church for the students at IAAI.]

Narrator: The Thirteenth Sabbath has traditionally been a time when Adventists bring an extra generous offering to help the people in the featured division spread the Adventist message of hope to the people there. Thank you so much for giving generously to help the people in the Amazon jungles of Brazil, and in the capital cities of Paraguay and Uruguay. Please know that your gifts really help! Thank you!

[Offering]

Color The Flags

BRAZIL



DIRECTIONS

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Color globe dark blue, leaving stars white

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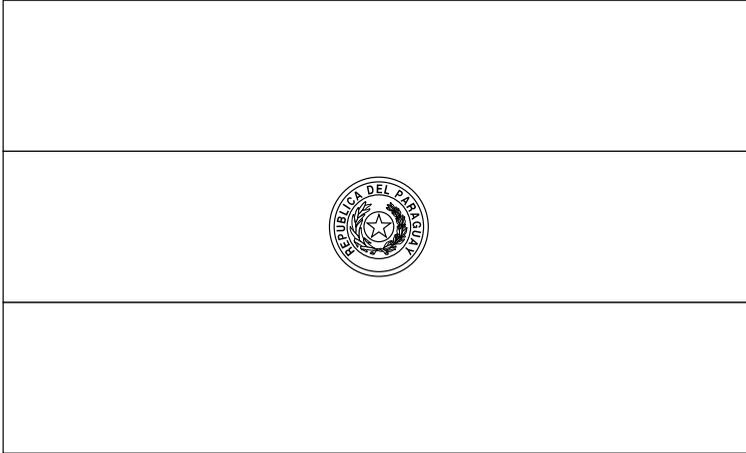
Future Thirteenth Sabbath Projects

Next quarter the East Central Africa Division (ECD) will be featured. Special projects include dormitories and a cafeteria at the Adventist University of Central Africa in Kigali, Rwanda, and a Lamb Shelter for children at the Juba Adventist Central Church in South Sudan.



Color The Flags

PARAGUAY



DIRECTIONS

Color the top horizontal stripe bright red

Leave the middle horizontal stripe white

Color the bottom horizontal stripe blue

Color the star in the middle bright yellow.

Color the disk the star is on bright blue.

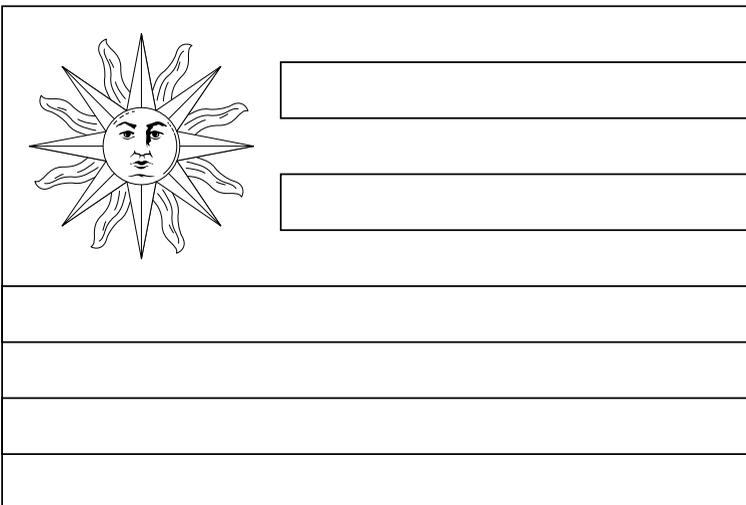
Color the palm branch and the olive branch dark green.

Trace bright yellow over the black letters.

Color the circle that the letters are in, red.

Leave the rest of the seal white.

URUGUAY



DIRECTIONS

Color the "Sun of May"* bright yellow.

Leave the top stripe white.

Color the second stripe blue.

Alternate between white and blue stripes.

The bottom stripe should be blue.

* The sun on the flag of Uruguay (and Argentina) is called the "Sun of May" because on May 25, 1810, during a large public meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina, the sun broke through the clouds. People saw that as a good sign for their struggle for independence from Spain.

Games Children Play in Brazil

Note to teachers: You may want to have a class picnic (indoors or outdoors, depending on the weather), and teach these games to the children.

GATO DOENTE (SICK CAT)

Choose one child to be the *gato* (cat). The rest scatter around the play area. When the signal is given, the *gato* chases the other children. Each one touched becomes a “*gato doente*” (sick cat).

The “sick cats” have to hold the part where they were touched by the one tagging them. The “sick cats” can catch other children who then become “sick cats” too, holding the part where they were touched. The last one to escape getting caught becomes the winner.

COELHO NA TOCA (RABBIT IN HIS HOUSE)

Two children pair off holding hands with both hands facing each other, thus making the house. A third child is the rabbit in the house. Make as many of these houses with rabbits as you have children. One extra rabbit must remain to be “It.”

Someone calls out, “Rabbit in the house!” and each rabbit must duck out of his house and find a new house to enter. The rabbit who was It tries to find himself a house. Whoever is left without a house becomes It, and the game goes on.

LUTA DE GALO (CHICKEN FIGHT)

Two players are opponents in this game. Each tucks a small cloth in his belt and folds his right arm across his chest. Each child hops on his right foot. The left foot is not allowed to touch the ground. With his free left arm each child tries to snatch the cloth from the belt of his opponent. The players may ward off blows with the right elbow, but they are not allowed to unbend the right arm.

CABRA-CEGA (BLIND GOAT)

The players form a circle facing a child in the middle who is blindfolded. The leader turns him around three times. He must then go forward until he touches another child. He may touch someone only above the shoulders. He must guess whom he has touched by the feel of his or her face and head.

Games Children Play In Brazil

CHEF MANDE (THE CHIEF COMMANDS)

This game is similar to Simon Says. The person who is It says, “The Chief commands you to point to something blue.” All the other players point to something blue. If It says only, “Point to something blue,” without saying, “The Chief commands....,” the players are to do nothing. It soon learns to give three or four commands in rapid succession with the last one having no orders from the Chief. The first player to make five mistakes becomes “It.” Any number of children may play.

CHO-CHO-CHUCKIE (CALLING THE CHICKENS)

All the children sit in a circle with one person who is It.

It runs or skips around the outside of the circle calling the chickens, “Cho-cho-chuckie! Cho-cho-chuckie!” (This is what a Brazilian child calling chickens seems to say when the sounds are put into English.) In his hand he has a ball made out of a pair of socks. Or tie a towel into a knot to use instead.

Quietly and quickly It drops the sock ball behind a player. The player must pick up the ball and run after It, trying to tag him before It runs around the circle and reaches the empty space.

The one who reaches the empty space does not get to sit down. Instead, he must stand on one foot, holding his other foot with his hand until the end of the game. It is OK to switch feet, but he must remain standing on one foot.

The new person who is It now calls “Cho-cho-chuckie!” and repeats the process, dropping the sock ball behind a different child. The game continues until all but the person who is It are standing on one foot. Then the leader shouts, “It’s raining!”

Everyone gets on two feet and scatters until It catches one of them who becomes It for the next round of the game.

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MISSION SPOTLIGHT

is back!



Starting in 2015, Adventist Mission presents “Mission Spotlight,” a DVD featuring Sabbath School mission reports from around the world. Like the old classic, the new Mission Spotlight DVD will include a video for each month of the quarter that focuses on:

1. Introducing the quarter’s featured division.
2. Highlighting Mission challenges, issues or past projects.
3. Featuring the quarter’s Thirteenth Sabbath offering projects.

Plus short video mission stories for use before or during church, in classrooms, on lobby monitors, prayer meetings, or even embedded on your church website.

DOWNLOAD AT WWW.MISSIONSPOTLIGHT.ORG

Leader's Resources

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

For more information on the cultures and history of Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, and other countries within the South American Division, visit your local library or a travel agency, or visit the websites listed below.

For cultural information and pictures:

Brazil: www.lonelyplanet.com/brazil

Uruguay: www.lonelyplanet.com/uruguay

Paraguay: www.lonelyplanet.com/paraguay

You may also find the following websites helpful:

South American Division: <http://www.adventistas.org> (available in Portuguese and Spanish)

The *Luzero*: www.amazonlifesavers.org/archives/565

Paraguay Union of Churches Mission: <http://up.adventistas.org> (available in Spanish)

"Into Uruguay": www.adventistworld.org/2008/june/into-uruguay/1320-into-uruguay.html

The *Adventist Mission* website contains additional material that can add flavor to your mission presentation. You will find recipes and other activities in the Children's *Mission* quarterly section.

Mission Spotlight video reports are available to download or stream at <https://am.adventistmission.org/mission-spotlight>

An offering goal device will help focus attention on world missions and increase weekly mission giving. Ask your Sabbath School council to set a quarterly mission offering goal (set the goal a little higher than last quarter and divide it by 14, one part for each of the 12 regular Sabbaths this quarter and two parts for Thirteenth Sabbath). Chart the weekly progress toward the quarter's goal on the goal device.

Remind members that the ongoing work of the world church depends on Sabbath School mission giving every week, and that one quarter of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will go directly to the projects in Southern Asia-Pacific Division. On the twelfth Sabbath, report on mission giving during the quarter. Encourage members to double or triple their normal mission giving on Thirteenth Sabbath. Count the offering and record the amount given at the end of Sabbath School. This immediate feedback will encourage members to continue their mission giving.

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SOUTH AMERICAN DIVISION



UNION	CHURCHES	COMPANIES	MEMBERSHIP	POPULATION
Argentina	567	434	106,192	41,267,000
Bolivia	347	707	98,403	11,020,000
Central Brazil	1,069	738	229,359	41,569,040
Chile	670	375	109,062	17,560,000
East Brazil	905	1,341	185,105	15,348,870
Ecuador	235	416	59,031	15,789,000
North Brazil	1,426	1,263	233,206	14,293,024
North Peru	1,169	1,674	205,601	13,637,563
Northeast Brazil	823	1,303	198,893	36,113,837
Northwest Brazil	838	680	140,374	6,315,522
Paraguay	61	70	12,823	6,798,000
South Brazil	1,001	1,058	183,575	27,608,412
South Peru	1,055	1,486	214,286	16,837,437
Southeast Brazil	1,160	1,082	180,115	38,616,582
Uruguay	54	34	7,986	3,392,000
West Central Brazil	606	702	107,578	15,661,713
Total:	11,986	13,363	2,271,589	321,828,000

- PROJECTS**
- ① Two floating church/clinics on the Amazon and Solimoes rivers.
 - ② A chapel at the Trans-Amazon Academy, Altamira-Itaituba, Brazil.
 - ③ Church plant in Asuncion, Paraguay.
 - ④ Center of influence in Sajonia, Asuncion, Paraguay.
 - ⑤ Center of influence in La Teja, Montevideo, Uruguay.
 - ⑥ Church plant in Goes, Montevideo, Uruguay.