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Your Offerings at Work



Three years ago, part of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering went to build a food and nutrition department at Mozambique Adventist University in Beira, Mozambique. Despite COVID-19, construction work was well under way by July 2021, when these photos were taken.



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Dear Sabbath School Leader,

Andrew McChesney
Editor



This quarter we feature the Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division, which oversees the Seventh-day Adventist Church's work in Angola, Botswana, Malawi, Mozambique, São Tomé and Príncipe, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and seven Indian Ocean island-nations, including Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mayotte, Reunion, Rodrigues, and Seychelles.

The region is home to 215 million people, including 4.2 million Adventists. That's a

ratio of one Adventist for 51 people.

This quarter's six Thirteenth Sabbath projects are in three countries: Angola, Malawi, and the Indian Ocean island-nation of Mayotte. See the sidebar for more information.

If you want to make your Sabbath School class come alive this quarter, we offer photos and other materials to accompany each mission story. More information is provided in the sidebar with each story. For photos of tourist sites and other scenes from the featured countries, try a free photo bank such as pixabay.com or unsplash.com.

In addition, you can download a PDF of facts and activities from the Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division at bit.ly/sid-2022. Follow us at facebook.com/missionquarterlies.

You can download the PDF version of the *Children's Mission* magazine at bit.ly/childrensmision and the youth and adult *Mission* magazine at bit.ly/adultmision. Mission Spotlight videos are available at bit.ly/missionspotlight. A printable mission bank image, which the children can color, can be downloaded at bit.ly/bank-coloring-page.

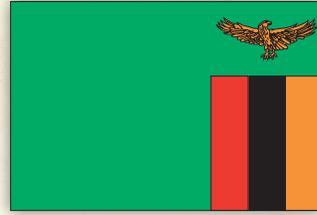
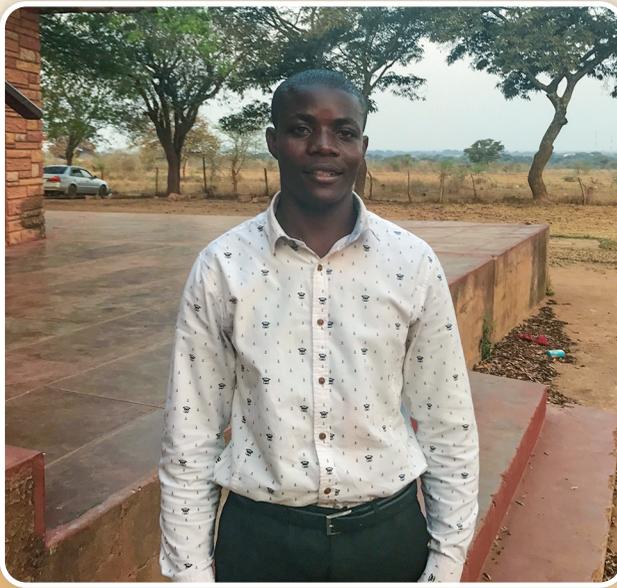
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Thank you for encouraging others to be mission-minded! 🌍

Opportunities

The Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will help the Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division to establish:

- Church and elementary school, Belize, Angola
- Men's dormitory, Adventist University of Angola, Huambo, Angola
- Domestic violence and counseling center, Lombe, Angola
- Sequele elementary school, Luanda, Angola
- Community outreach and leadership development center at Mzuzu campus of Malawi Adventist University, Malawi
- Better Living Center and FM radio station, Mayotte



ZAMBIA | April 2

Jeremiah

Let's Go to Church!

Something strange happened when Uncle got married in Zambia.

Jeremiah, who lived with Uncle, woke up on Saturday morning, thinking that he would enjoy a relaxing day and maybe play with some friends. But his new aunt stopped him before he could get out the door.

"Let's go to church!" she said.

Jeremiah thought she was joking. Who would want to sit inside church on such a lovely day? He had spent the whole week at work, helping Uncle make cupboards and kitchen cabinets. Jeremiah was only 12, but he worked every day. He hadn't been in school since the third grade, when his father had been badly injured in a car accident and he had moved in with Uncle.

A few days earlier, Uncle had married a Seventh-day Adventist woman, and now she was inviting him to go to church. He didn't want to go, but he didn't want to be

rude. "No, I'll go later," he said.

The next Sabbath morning, Aunt invited Jeremiah to go to church again.

"Let's go to church!" she said.

Jeremiah didn't want to go, but he didn't want to be rude. "Later," he said.

The next Sabbath morning, Aunt invited Jeremiah a third time.

"Let's go to church!" she said.

Jeremiah didn't want to go. But when he opened his mouth, he found himself saying something that he hadn't planned to say. "Let's go!" he said.

Aunt was so pleased.

Jeremiah was surprised to find out that he also was pleased that he went. The whole Sabbath worship service was led by children. Children wearing green pants, white shirts, and yellow scarves marched into the church. Children wearing green pants, white shirts, and yellow scarves sang at the front. Children wearing green

pants, white shirts, and yellow scarves prayed. Children wearing green pants, white shirts, and yellow scarves preached the sermon. It was Pathfinder Day at church, and Pathfinders led the Sabbath worship service.

Jeremiah had never heard of the Pathfinder club, and he wanted to join. He liked the Pathfinder uniform of green pants, a white shirt, and a yellow scarf. He especially liked the Sabbath worship service, and he decided that very day that he wanted to give his heart to Jesus.

The next Sabbath, Aunt didn't need to invite Jeremiah to church. He was ready to go before she could even say, "Let's go to church!"

"Let's go!" he said to her, eagerly.

Soon, he was baptized and joined the Adventist Church.

One day, a boy a church told him about the Rusangu Adventist school. Jeremiah wanted more than anything to study at the Adventist school, and he begged Uncle for permission to go. Uncle agreed.

Today, Jeremiah is finishing twelfth grade, and he couldn't be happier. But do you know who might be even happier? His aunt. "My aunt is proud that I'm in the Adventist Church," he said. "When

Story Tips

- Find Monze, where Rusangu Secondary School is located, in Zambia on the map.
- Watch Jeremiah on YouTube: bit.ly/Jer-Z.
- Download photos on Facebook: bit.ly/fb-mq.
- Download Mission Posts and Fast Facts from the Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division: bit.ly/sid-2022.
- This mission story illustrates Spiritual Growth Objective No. 5 of the Seventh-day Adventist Church's "I Will Go" strategic plan, "To disciple individuals and families into spirit-filled lives." Jeremiah's studies at Rusangu Secondary School illustrate Mission Objective No. 4, "To strengthen Seventh-day Adventist institutions in upholding freedom, wholistic health, and hope through Jesus, and restoring in people the image of God." For more information, go to the website: IWillGo2020.org.

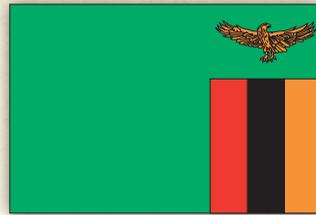
"I'm at home, we always go to church together." On Sabbath morning, Aunt rarely is able to say to Jeremiah, "Let's go to church!" Before she can open her mouth, Jeremiah says to her, "Let's go!" 🌐

By Andrew McChesney



MISSION
RECORD

In 1903, W. H. Anderson, Jacob Detcha, and several African workers set out from Solusi Station in what was then Southern Rhodesia to Northern Rhodesia to look for a suitable mission site. After traveling by foot for much of the journey, and Anderson nearly dying of dysentery, they arrived at Chief Monze's territory, 100 miles (160 kilometers) to the northeast of the capital, Kalomo. Chief Monze granted them a 5,436-acre (2,200-hectare) plot of ground, which became Rusangu Station. The Rusangu Secondary School is located on the land.



ZAMBIA | April 9

Praying for a Baby

Marjorie Chisonga

What is your favorite Bible story? In the African country of Zambia lives a mother whose favorite Bible story is Hannah.

Do you remember the story of Hannah?

Hannah was a loving wife who wanted more than anything to become a mother. She wanted to have a baby. But she couldn't. She and her husband waited for many years, but no baby was born. Hannah was very sad. In those days, the people of Israel traveled to worship in the tabernacle in Shiloh once a year. Hannah was especially sad during these trips. She cried and sometimes refused to eat.

During one visit to Shiloh, Hannah went to the tabernacle to pray for a baby. When Eli the high priest saw her crying and praying, he told her that God would give her a baby. And God did! Hannah became the happiest of mothers when she gave birth to a boy she named Samuel.

In Zambia, Mother read the story of Hannah in the Bible, and she liked it very much. You see, Mother also had a problem. After she got married, she gave birth to a baby boy. But then no more babies came. She and her husband waited. One year. Two years. Five years. Ten years.

People started to ask questions.

"Why aren't you having any more babies?" a friend asked.

"That's the way it is," Mother replied. "God will provide."

A kind neighbor suggested Mother go to the hospital for a checkup. "Maybe the medical doctor can help," she said.

"No, that's the way it is," Mother said. "God will provide."

Someone suggested that Mother visit the witchdoctor. "The witchdoctor can give you a secret herb," she said.

Mother wanted a baby, but she knew the witchdoctor could not help. She did not believe in witchdoctors. She believed in the God of heaven, and she was sure that only He could give her a baby.

“No,” Mother said. “God will provide.”

The story of Hannah gave Mother hope. Hannah was a praying woman who never gave up praying. Mother prayed. She prayed for 13 years. Father prayed with her. “God, please give us another child,” she prayed.

Then one day Mother noticed something was different. She was pregnant! Mother and Father immediately knelt to pray.

“Thank you, God!” they prayed.

A few months later, Mother gave birth to a baby boy. She and Father named him Cheelele, which means “worthwhile” in her Tonga language.

In no time, Mother gave birth to another boy. This child was named Chakondela, which means “let it be so.”

Today, Mother perhaps is the happiest mother in Zambia. She has three boys, and they love Jesus.

“God has blessed my family beyond measure,” Mother said. “We just had to be patient. When you ask God for something good in faith, He will give you more than you could possibly desire.” 🌍

Mother (Marjorie Chisonga) teaches home economics and food and nutrition at Rusangu Secondary School, located on land where U.S. missionary William

Story Tips

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- This mission story illustrates Spiritual Growth Objective No. 5 of the Seventh-day Adventist Church’s “I Will Go” strategic plan, “To disciple individuals and families into spirit-filled lives.” Marjorie’s work at Rusangu Secondary School illustrates Mission Objective No. 4, “To strengthen Seventh-day Adventist institutions in upholding freedom, wholistic health, and hope through Jesus, and restoring in people the image of God.” For more information, go to the website: IWillGo2020.org.

Harrison Anderson established the first Adventist outpost in Northern Rhodesia (now Zambia) in 1905. Mission offerings supported Anderson’s work and still help to spread the gospel through missionaries. Thank you for your mission offering.

By Andrew McChesney

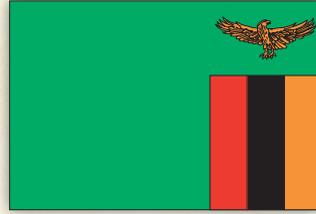


MISSION RECORD

The illegal trade in rhino horn has been responsible for the virtual extinction of the rhinoceros in Zambia, and poaching of elephants for their tusks has greatly reduced their numbers despite government measures to deter the practice.



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ZAMBIA | April 16

Grandmother Ruth Jereh

Big Bright Light

Grandmother was acting strangely when she came home on Friday night in Mazabuka, Zambia.

Usually, Grandmother arrived home singing. But this time she walked silently into the house and went straight to bed. She did not say a word to Grandfather. She did not say a word to little Cynthia. She lay down and closed her eyes.

But little Cynthia could tell that Grandmother wasn't sleeping. Grandmother moved her arms and legs. She turned onto her right side and then onto her left side and then back onto her right side. Something was wrong. Grandmother certainly was acting strangely this Friday night.

Finally, little Cynthia went to bed. Grandfather also went to bed.

In the morning, Grandmother told Grandfather and Cynthia why she had acted so strangely. She had been scared.

Grandmother said she was drinking at a bar when the sun started to go down. Then the sky grew dark, and she decided that it was time to go home.

She was singing loudly as walked down the dark street toward the house when suddenly a dazzling white light appeared in front of her. The light was not from a car or a streetlight. The light hovered in the air like a big bright ball.

Grandmother stared at the light. She did not know where the light had come from and where it might go. The song that she was singing stuck in her throat. Then the bright light vanished. Trembling from head to toe, Grandmother quietly walked the rest of the way home.

Little Cynthia was astonished to hear about the big bright light. Grandfather also was astonished.

"You'd better stop drinking," he said. "This could be God talking to you."

Little Cynthia wondered whether Grandfather was right. Was God trying to say something to Grandmother?

Little Cynthia was still thinking about God when she heard a knock on the door. Grandmother opened the door. Outside stood a woman wearing a bright blue dress and a white woolen hat.

“Happy Sabbath!” the woman said. “I would like to invite you to church.”

Grandmother didn’t have to be asked twice. Still frightened by the bright light, she wanted to go to church. Little Cynthia wanted to go to church. Grandfather also wanted to go to church.

The family attended the Sabbath worship service at an elementary school. It was a special Sabbath program organized especially for visitors.

That night, before going to bed, little Cynthia heard Grandmother pray for the first time. “Dear God, I’m not living a good life,” she prayed. “Help me to stop drinking.” The next night, Grandmother prayed the same prayer. Every night for two weeks, little Cynthia heard Grandmother pray to God for help. She wondered what would happen next.

One morning, Grandmother got up with a big smile on her face. Little Cynthia knew that God must have answered Grandmother’s prayers. She was right. Grandmother never drank again. She also gave her heart to Jesus.

Neighbors were shocked to see that Grandmother no longer drank. “How did you stop?” said one. “Tell us about the secret medicine that you got from the witchdoctor,” said another.

Grandmother happily told everyone that no witchdoctor had cured her. It was the God of heaven who had helped her to

Story Tips

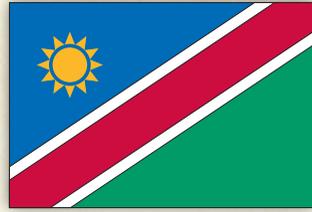
- Find Mazabuka in southern Zambia on the map.
- Challenge the children to be a missionary like Grandmother and pray for others to know Jesus.
- Know that Grandmother is wearing the blue-and-white clothing of her church’s Dorcas society, the same clothing as the woman who first invited her to church.
- Cynthia is a pseudonym.
- Watch Grandmother Ruth Jereh on YouTube: bit.ly/Ruth-Z.
- Download photos on Facebook: bit.ly/fb-mq.
- Download Mission Posts and Fast Facts from the Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division: bit.ly/sid-2022.
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stop drinking. “The medicine that I used was prayer,” she said.

Grandmother did not stop praying. Little Cynthia heard her pray for Grandfather, and Grandfather gave his heart to Jesus. Grandmother prayed for her 14 children and many grandchildren, including little Cynthia. Many of them gave their hearts to Jesus. Grandmother is a real missionary because she brings people to God by praying for them.

Little Cynthia is glad for the Friday night when Grandmother came home acting strangely. It was the night that God began to turn Grandmother into a missionary. 🌍

By Andrew McChesney



NAMIBIA | April 23

Melissa and Diana

Mother Is Sleeping

When evening came, Maria told the weeping twins to open the kitchen windows and put some food on the table in their home in Namibia.

“Your mother is not far from you,” Maria said. “Prepare food every evening and leave it in the kitchen for your mother to come and eat.”

It was a sad day. Mother had died. Maria was a family friend who was taking care of the twins until Auntie could arrive from Zimbabwe.

Melissa and Diana liked the idea of placing a dish of vegetable stew and *mealie pap* maize porridge on the table. Then they could sleep, knowing that Mother could come and visit them from heaven.

But that night, they didn’t put any food on the table. They were too tired and sad to do anything but climb into bed and cry themselves to sleep.

Early the next morning, Maria woke

up the twins. “Your mother was here!” she said. “She spoke to me and asked if you were taking good care of me.”

The twins smiled with excitement.

“Really, Maria?” Melissa said.

“Mama is with us?” said Diana.

When Auntie arrived from Zimbabwe later that day, she was astonished to hear that Maria had told the twins to put out food for Mother and that she had claimed to have seen Mother.

She scolded Maria.

“Why are you teaching the girls this superstitious nonsense?” she said.

Then she called Melissa and Diana for a serious talk about what happens after death.

“I know you love and miss your mother very much,” Auntie said. “Your mother also loved you very much. But she is not going to eat anything while you are sleeping at night. She also is sleeping, and she will sleep until Jesus comes again.”

Opening her Bible, Auntie showed the girls that the Bible teaches that “the dead know nothing” (Ecclesiastes 9:5, NKJV) and do not praise God (Psalm 115:17). Those who are dead “sleep,” waiting for Jesus to return to the earth in clouds of power and great glory (Matthew 24:30–31). When Jesus comes, Auntie said, He will awaken the sleeping dead, and “we shall always be with the Lord” (1 Thessalonians 4:16–17).

Melissa and Diana had gone to church with Mother on Sundays. But they had never heard that the dead were sleeping, and they listened eagerly to Auntie.

“Jesus knows how sad you are,” Auntie said. “He also is sad. Death is a sad thing. But Jesus promises to be with us today and every day. He promises that He will never leave us or forsake us” (Hebrews 13:5).

Melissa and Diana liked the sound of that. They believed Auntie. They decided never to put food on the table at night. Mother was not going to visit that night — or any night. She was sleeping in the grave, waiting for Jesus to wake her up.

Melissa and Diana decided that they wanted to be ready to meet Jesus when He comes. They started going to Auntie’s Seventh-day Adventist church, and they

Story Tips

- Find Namibia and Zimbabwe on the map.
- Know that Maria is a pseudonym.
- Download photos on Facebook: bit.ly/fb-mq.
- Download Mission Posts and Fast Facts from the Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division: bit.ly/sid-2022.
- This mission story illustrates the following components of the Seventh-day Adventist Church’s “I Will Go” strategic plan: Spiritual Growth Objective No. 5, “To disciple individuals and families into spirit-filled lives,” and Spiritual Growth Objective No. 7, “To help youth and young adults place God first and exemplify a biblical worldview.” For more information, go to the website: IWillGo2020.org.

gave their hearts to Jesus. Today, Melissa is married to an Adventist pastor, and Diana serves as a church deaconess. They eagerly are waiting for that wonderful day when Jesus will appear in the clouds of glory, and they will meet Him and Mother in the air. 🌍

By Ochrain Matengu



AMAZING
COUNTRY

The Namib Desert stretches along the entire coastline of Namibia and is believed to be the oldest desert on the globe. In addition, the sand dunes located here are the highest in the world; the tallest is about 1,273 feet (388 meters) high.





MOZAMBIQUE | April 30

Locked Out!

Otilia

Otilia loves her father very much. But she isn't sure that he loves her.

One Sabbath, the girl came home from church and found all her clothes dumped in front of the home. Otilia tried to open the front door of the house, but it was locked. Father had locked her out again.

The trouble started when Otilia was living with her older sister in another town. In that town, Otilia befriended Seventh-day Adventist children at school, and they told her about the Sabbath. She started going with them to an Adventist church. After a while, she decided to give her heart to Jesus and be baptized.

Father was furious when he learned that she had joined the Adventist church. Father was the pastor of another church.

"I forbid you from being an Adventist!" he shouted over the phone.

He told Otilia's sister to stop her from going to church on Sabbath.

Otilia's sister did not want to get into trouble with Father, so she sent Otilia back home to live with Father.

On the first Sabbath morning that she was at home, Father locked the door so she could not leave the house.

"You may not go to church," he said.

Otilia was locked in the house all day.

But the next Sabbath, Father had to work, and Otilia left the house to go to church. When she returned home, she found that Father had locked her out of the house. He refused to give her lunch and supper. Otilia waited until he fell asleep that night, and then a younger sister opened the door and let her in.

Father tried everything he could think of to stop Otilia from going to church. He threatened to throw her out of the house. He tossed her clothes into the yard and locked the door. He spanked her.

Otilia felt sad that Father was so

angry, but she never spoke back. She remembered that Jesus also did not speak back when His enemies were angry. She remembered that Jesus prayed for the people who killed Him. As Jesus was being crucified, He prayed, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do” (Luke 23:34, NKJV).

So, when Father was angry, Otilia prayed silently, “Father, forgive him because he doesn’t know what he is doing.”

One day, Father stopped being angry. He stopped locking the door. He stopped throwing out her clothes. He stopped spanking her. But he still isn’t very happy.

Otilia is praying for him.

She hopes to grow up to help other children who have had trouble with their parents. She wants every girl and boy to know her favorite Bible verse, where Jesus said, “In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world” (John 16:33).

Otilia is of good cheer. She is happy because she knows Jesus has overcome all of the trouble in the world and will return one day soon to take her to His home. She knows Jesus will never lock her out of the house or throw her clothes into the yard. She loves Jesus very much, and she is sure that He loves her, too. 🌍

Story Tips

- Find Nampula, Mozambique, on the map.
- Otilia is pronounced: oh-TIL-iyah
- Watch Otilia on YouTube: bit.ly/Otilia-1.
- Download photos on Facebook: bit.ly/fb-mq.
- Download Mission Posts and Fast Facts from the Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division: bit.ly/sid-2022.
- This mission story illustrates Spiritual Growth Objective No. 5 of the Seventh-day Adventist Church’s “I Will Go” strategic plan, “To disciple individuals and families into spirit-filled lives.” The new orphanage illustrates Mission Objective No. 4, “To strengthen Seventh-day Adventist institutions in upholding freedom, wholistic health, and hope through Jesus, and restoring in people the image of God.” For more information, go to the website: IWillGo2020.org.

Thank you for your Thirteenth Sabbath Offering three years ago that helped provide a home to children without parents in Otilia’s hometown, Nampula. The orphanage is for children whose parents have died of HIV/AIDS.

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MISSION RECORD

The Adventist message entered Mozambique in 1931 when two students from the Malamulo Mission School in Malawi returned to their homes in Portuguese East Africa. Both carried out evangelism and soon were teaching 555 people in Bible classes. O. U. Giddings and Max Webster made a visit to Mozambique to investigate the interest, and, in 1933, Webster was sent to the Zambesi district in Mozambique to establish a mission. In 1935, with permission from the governor-general, he established a mission, naming it Munguluni, meaning “light.”



SOUTH AFRICA | May 7

Gideon Reyneke

Faithful Grandparents

This is the story of how a family began to keep the Sabbath in South Africa without knowing about the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

In the evening, after it was too dark to work in the maize field, the Reyneke family gathered around a large kitchen table for supper on their small farmhouse in central South Africa in the 1920s.

Father, Mother and their seven boys and four girls ate a meal of homegrown food every evening: a main serving of maize porridge along with some potatoes, pumpkin, and meat. After the meal, the children cleared the dishes from the table, and Father opened his Dutch-language Bible for family worship.

The bigger children listened attentively from their wooden chairs around the table, while the smaller ones climbed onto their parents' laps. They knew that when Father finished reading the Bible, they

would sing a hymn and Father would pray.

On this particular evening, Father opened his Bible and read, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it you shall do no work" (Exodus 20:8–10, NKJV).

Father sometimes asked the children questions to help keep them awake, but this time he had a question of his own.

"Listen," he said, puzzled. "It says here, 'Six days you shall labor, but on the seventh day you shall rest.'"

The idea of resting on the seventh day was new to him. He and the family had always observed the first day, Sunday, as the Sabbath. But the Bible said otherwise.

Father made a note in the Bible. Beside the words, "Six days you shall labor," he wrote, "Plow time." Beside the words, "On the seventh day you shall rest" he wrote,

“Rest time.” The matter was clear. From now on, he and the family would labor from Sunday through Friday, and they would rest on the seventh-day Sabbath.

From that week, the family started to keep the Sabbath as they had read in the Bible. Every Saturday, they stopped plowing and did not engage in any regular work.

Families on the neighboring farms took notice, and soon three families also were keeping the seventh-day Sabbath.

Time passed, and an Adventist literature evangelist stopped by the farm and sold Father a book titled, *God’s Covenant With Man*. Through the book, Father and Mother learned about the Seventh-day Adventist Church for the first time. They understood that other people also worshiped on the seventh-day Sabbath.

No one knows whether Father and Mother joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church, but four of their 11 children became Adventists. One of their grandchildren is Gideon, a pastor who helps run mission work in the Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division, the division that will receive the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter.

Story Tips

- Find South Africa on the map. Show the children the 14 countries of the Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division: Angola, Botswana, Malawi, Mozambique, São Tomé and Príncipe, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and seven Indian Ocean island-nations, including Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mayotte, Reunion, Rodrigues, and Seychelles.
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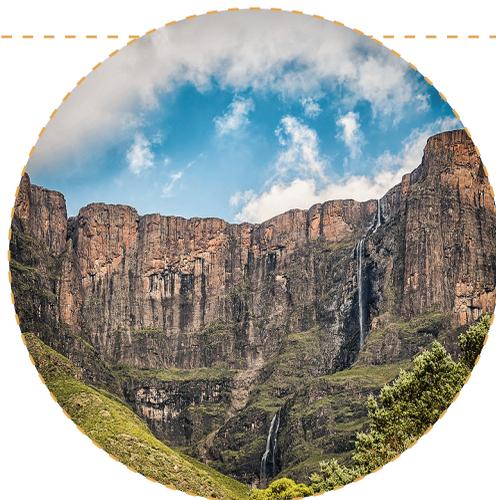
Gideon, who is executive secretary of the division, is very happy that his grandfather and grandmother read the Bible and obeyed it 100 years ago. God also is happy when we read and obey the Bible. 🌐

By Andrew McChesney



AMAZING
COUNTRY

Tugela Falls, the world’s second-highest waterfall after the Angel Falls in Venezuela, is located in the Royal Natal National Park in South Africa’s KwaZulu-Natal Province. Tugela Falls is comprised of five free-leaping falls with a total drop of 3,225 feet (983 meters).





BOTSWANA | May 14

Praying for School

Gorata

I was born into a Seventh-day Adventist home in the African country of Botswana.

My father was a church elder, but my mother refused to go to worship services. She didn't believe in God. So, I went to church with my father, two older brothers, and older sister.

When I was in the third grade, my father left his job with Botswana Railways and decided to become a politician. He also stopped attending church — and that meant we all stopped attending church.

After a while, Mother began to realize that life without God was meaningless, and she wanted to go to church. Some Christians came to our house offering books for sale, and Mother took us to their church on Sunday.

During my vacation before eighth grade, an Adventist literature evangelist showed up at our door with books for sale. My mother was interested, and she bought three books by Ellen White. The visitor invited her to visit his church on Sabbath,

and we started attending after that. Soon Mother was baptized.

By that point I was in the eighth grade and thinking about high school. Mother began to pray and fast because she wanted me to go to Eastern Gate Academy, an Adventist boarding school in Francistown, about a 2 ½-hour drive from our home. But Father refused. He said he didn't have the money to pay for the tuition.

Mother didn't lose hope, and she kept on praying. I prayed with her. She woke me early in the mornings, and we prayed together. We also prayed during evening devotions.

But my father didn't change his mind. I began ninth grade at a government boarding school in another city. Being at that school was difficult. Some students drank alcohol and used drugs. The teachers didn't seem to care whether we did our homework.

After two years at the school, I decided that I had had enough. I begged Father to

allow me to go to the Adventist school.

“No,” he said.

That night I cried and prayed. I asked the Lord to help me because I really wanted to go to Eastern Gate Academy.

“Please help me to go to the Adventist school if it is Your will,” I prayed.

The next day, I spoke with my mother. She opened her Bible and read Psalms 30:5, which says, “Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning” (NKJV).

That verse gave me hope. I kept praying.

Two months later, as vacation was ending, I asked my father again if I could attend the Adventist school.

Father was silent for a moment. I wondered what he would say.

“Fine,” he said. “You can go.”

I thanked the Lord! From this experience, I learned that the Lord is always listening. Everything happens according to His plan when we have faith and obey Him. Now my whole family has joined the Adventist Church, except my father. Please pray for him, for us, and for the school. 🌍

Eastern Gate Academy shares a campus with Eastern Gate Primary School, which opened in 2017 with the help of

Story Tips

- Find Botswana on the map.
- Ask a girl to read this first-hand account.
- Pronounce Gorata’s name as: kho-RATA
- Know Gorata’s name means “to love.”
- Watch Gorata on YouTube at: bit.ly/Gorata.
- Download photos on Facebook: bit.ly/fb-mq.
- Download Mission Posts and Fast Facts from the Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division: bit.ly/sid-2022.
- This mission story illustrates Spiritual Growth Objective No. 5 of the Seventh-day Adventist Church’s “I Will Go” strategic plan, “To disciple individuals and families into spirit-filled lives.” Eastern Gate Academy and Eastern Gate Primary School illustrate Mission Objective No. 4, “To strengthen Seventh-day Adventist institutions in upholding freedom, wholistic health, and hope through Jesus, and restoring in people the image of God.” For more information, go to the website: IWillGo2020.org.

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By Gorata as told to Andrew McChesney

In 1921, W. H. Anderson, in an interview with the queen mother, Gagoangwe, regent for the then-16-year-old chief, Bathoen II, received permission to open a hospital in Kanye, Botswana, on the understanding that no preaching be done. The work of Dr. A. H. Kretschmar in the new hospital broke down prejudice and, in 1922, J. R. Campbell was allowed to enter Kanye and hold meetings. In 1927, H. Walker was permitted to conduct regular mission work there and also at Mauyana, a village 30 miles (50 kilometers) away, where David Livingstone once worked.



ANGOLA | May 21

Alexandra

Making a New Friend

More than anything, Alexandra wanted to go over to Abigail's house. Abigail invited other girls from school to her house on weekends. They went to church on Sabbaths and participated in Adventurers on Sundays. Alexandra didn't have many friends, and she wanted to be friends with Abigail. But she didn't say anything to anyone.

Until one day.

Abigail had a big party for her sixth birthday, and she invited her friends to eat birthday cake and play birthday games all day at her house. When Alexandra heard about the party, she confided to Mother that she really wished Abigail would invite her over someday. She wanted Abigail to be her friend.

The next day, Mother was talking with some mothers at school while waiting for Alexandra to finish her classes when she saw Abigail's mother.

"My daughter really would like to visit your house someday," she said. "She wants to be friends with Abigail."

"No problem!" Abigail's mother said.

The two mothers agreed on a weekend when Alexandra could visit.

Alexandra was thrilled about spending the whole weekend with Abigail. On Sabbath, the two girls went to church together, and Abigail introduced Alexandra to her Friend Jesus. On Sunday, they went to Adventurers together, and Alexandra learned more about Jesus.

"Did you like Adventurers?" Abigail's mother asked afterward.

"Yes!" Alexandra exclaimed.

"Would you like to go to Adventurers again?" Abigail's mother asked.

"Yes!" Alexandra exclaimed.

On Sunday evening, Mother and Father picked up Alexandra to take her home. On the way, she told her parents about church,

Adventurers, and Jesus.

Near the end of the school year, Grandmother fell ill, and Mother asked Abigail's mother if Alexandra could stay over at her house until Grandmother got better. Abigail's mother agreed, and Alexandra moved in with Abigail.

When vacation began, Alexandra asked to stay with Abigail every weekend. Abigail's mother said Alexandra was welcome anytime. Mother was pleased, but she had a request. She wanted to see what Abigail did at church and with the Adventurers. "Maybe we could spend a Sabbath together," she said.

Abigail's mother liked the idea. "I know the perfect Sabbath," she said. She invited Mother and Father to come to church to watch Alexandra's induction into Adventurers.

It was a wonderful Sabbath. Alexandra was especially happy. Not only did she join the Adventurers, but she also got to spend special time with her best friends in the whole world: Mother, Father, Abigail, and Jesus. 🌍

Part of this quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help open an Adventist school in Alexandra's hometown of Luanda, Angola, so other children can

Story Tips

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learn about her best friend, Jesus. Thank you for planning a generous offering.

By Andrew McChesney



MISSION
RECORD

The first Seventh-day Adventist arrived in Angola in 1922 when W. H. Anderson visited from elsewhere in Africa to explore the possibilities of establishing mission work in the country. The next year he, T. M. French, and J. D. Baker, after traveling around the country for a month, selected a site in the Lepi district, on the central plateau, and in 1924 the headquarters of the South Atlantic United Missions were established. In 1928 the Angola Union Mission was organized. Anderson served as president from 1924 to 1933.



ANGOLA | May 28

Jurema Matos

Happy™ for a Bee Sting

Jurema didn't like going to church. But Mother liked going to church. Mother liked going to church so much that she went to church every Wednesday, Friday, and Sabbath. She went on Wednesdays for prayer meeting. She went on Fridays for sundown worship. She went on Sabbaths for Sabbath School and the sermon. After lunch at home, she returned to church for the afternoon program.

And she took 9-year-old Jurema with her.

Jurema made sure that Mother knew about her displeasure in going to church. Every time Mother took her, she frowned deeply, her eyes squinted in anger, and she spoke crossly.

One Wednesday evening, Mother and Jurema left the house to walk to prayer meeting. Jurema frowned deeply, her eyes squinted in anger, and she spoke crossly to Mother as they crossed the yard.

A neighbor stopped them.

“That girl doesn't want to go to church,” the neighbor said.

Mother was embarrassed, and she didn't know what to say. After the neighbor left, Mother turned to Jurema and, looking her straight in the eye, said, “Even our neighbor knows that you don't want to go to church. Do you think that is good? What do you want?” Mother scolded Jurema all the way to church. Jurema's frown grew deeper. She resolved never to go to church with Mother again.

The next time Mother got ready for church, Jurema announced that she would go instead with Big Sister. Mother agreed.

One Sabbath afternoon, after lunch, Big Sister and Mother went to a Pathfinder program at church. Jurema decided to stay at home alone and read a book.

As she opened the book, she felt something sting her neck. She ignored the sting and settled down on the bed to read.

After a few minutes, she found it difficult to breathe, so she sat up. As she sat up, a small yellow bee fell into her lap.

Jurema hoped that it would be easier to breathe sitting up. But it wasn't. Her head began to spin, and she was scared. Breathing hard, she ran to the house of a neighbor. "A bee stung me, and I can't breathe!" she cried. "Please call Mother!"

Mother arrived a short time later and quickly gave Jurema some medicine. When the girl was able to breathe normally, Mother took her on a little walk.

"See what can happen when we skip church?" she said. "Do you still want to keep acting this way?"

From that day on, Jurema went to church willingly with Mother. She didn't want to be stung by a bee again!

But when Jurema stopped being angry, she noticed that church was actually a happy place. She made friends, and she enjoyed singing and listening to sermons. She began to love Jesus.

Today, Jurema is grateful for the bee sting. She said the bee sting caused her to stop being angry. The bee sting caused her to learn that church is a happy place. The bee sting introduced her to her Best Friend, Jesus. 🌍

Story Tips

- Find Angola on the map.
- Pronounce Jurema as: JU-re-ma.
- Jurema says, "I don't know where you are right now, but I guarantee you one thing: God will not give up on you. If pain is the only way to bring you to Him, He will allow pain to visit you. But if you prefer another way, you can accept His love today."
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By Andrew McChesney



AMAZING
NATURE

Angola may be the birthplace of the dreadlock hairstyle. The women of the Mwila tribe cover their hair with a mixture of crushed tree bark, oil, butter, dried cow dung, and herbs and then form it into a number of dreadlocks, depending on their age. The dreadlocks are then often dyed red with powdered rock dust.



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ANGOLA | June 4

Bread for Trash

Maria

Adna was a grumpy woman. She liked to quarrel, and she especially liked to quarrel with neighbors in Luanda, Angola.

But there was one neighbor who refused to quarrel. Every time Adna saw Mary, she yelled. Every time she saw Mary, she tried to pick a quarrel. But Mary only smiled and greeted her joyfully.

“It’s good to see you today!” Mary said. “May God bless you!”

Adna couldn’t understand why Mary was so happy. She couldn’t understand why Mary never yelled or quarreled. Adna yelled louder and tried harder to pick a quarrel. But Mary only seemed to smile more and greet her even more joyfully.

“It’s very good to see you today!” Mary said. “May God bless you in a very special way!”

Then Adna had an idea. She often had to pick up garbage that had blown into her yard from the street. So, when she cleaned her yard the next time, she took the bag of garbage and set it beside Mary’s

front gate. Mary didn’t complain. She didn’t say a word. She picked up the bag of garbage and took it down the street to the big trash container. Then she returned to her house, took something from her kitchen, and brought it to Adna’s house.

When Adna opened the door, Mary said, “It’s good to see you today! This bread is for you.”

She handed Adna a loaf of homemade bread wrapped in a plastic bag.

Adna was surprised. But she didn’t change her mind. The next time she cleaned her yard, she again set the bag of garbage at Mary’s front gate. Mary again picked up the bag and took it to the big trash container. Then she came to Adna.

“It’s good to see you today!” she said. “This bread is for you.”

The story repeated itself again and again. Adna left bags of garbage at Mary’s gate, and Mary brought over bread.

On a Sabbath morning, Mary came out of her house just as Adna was setting a bag of garbage at the front gate. Mary

was dressed up and ready to go to church. Would she be upset?

Mary took one look at the bag of garbage and, even though she was wearing her Sabbath clothes, picked it up and carried it in the big trash container. Then she went to Adna's house.

"It's good to see you today!" she said. "This bread is for you."

As Mary turned to leave, Adna stopped her. She had tears in her eyes.

"Thank you very much for the bread," she said. "But please wait for us. We also want to go to church with you."

Mary was surprised.

"Us?" she asked. "What do you mean 'us'?"

"My family and I would like to learn to love your Jesus," Adna said.

And so it was that Adna and her husband and their four children became Seventh-day Adventists. Why? Mary never shared a Bible verse with them. Mary never spoke to them about God. Mary only showed God's love through her actions. She obeyed Jesus by loving her enemies. Jesus said, "But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:44–45, NKJV).

Today, Adna is no longer grumpy. She no longer likes to quarrel. Instead, she smiles at her neighbors and joyfully says, "It's good to see you today! May God bless you!" 🌍

Part of this quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help open an Adventist school in Luanda, Angola, so other children can learn about Jesus.

By Andrew McChesney

Story Tips

- Find Angola on the map.
- Ask the children how they can love their enemies, just like Mary loved Adna. Possible answers: help an unkind classmate with homework; share a treat with a brother or sister after an argument; pray for a bully at school.
- Tell the children that Jesus also said, "But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also" (Matthew 5:39) and "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men" (Matthew 5:13). Ask how these verses and those in the mission story can be applied to everyday life.
- Know Adna is a pseudonym.
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ANGOLA | June 11

Adelina

How Many Bible Books?

Adelina went to Mother with a question in their home in Angola.

“Is there only one book in the Bible?” she asked.

Mother was surprised.

“Whatever do you mean?” she said.

“Is there only one book in the Bible?” Adelina persisted.

“No, of course not,” Mother said. “The Bible has many books.”

Mother was correct. Do you know how many books are in the Bible? The Bible actually has 66 books, starting with Genesis in the Old Testament and ending with Revelation in the New Testament.

Mother might have thought that the question about the number of books in the Bible was settled. But it wasn't. Adelina had another question.

“Mother,” she said, “does the Bible have only one chapter?”

This question surprised Mother even more than the first. She thought that now

Adelina was just being silly.

“What kind of silly question is that?” she said. “I just told you that the Bible has many books. Each book has one or more chapters.”

Again, Mother was correct. The Bible does contain many chapters. Do you know how many chapters are in the Bible? The Bible has 1,189 chapters.

Now Mother really might have thought that the matter was settled. But it wasn't.

“I think that the Bible contains only one book with only one chapter,” Adelina said.

Mother didn't know what to think. She didn't want to talk about it anymore, but she had to ask.

“Why do you say that?” she said.

“Because our pastor reads from the same chapter in the same book of the Bible every Sunday,” Adelina said.

Adelina was correct. The pastor always seemed to preach from the same chapter in the book of Matthew on Sundays.

Mother scowled. She did not like the way that Adelina was speaking. To her, it sounded like Adelina was being disrespectful to the pastor. Mother reached out her hand and slapped Adelina's cheek.

Adelina smiled. She wasn't happy that Mother had slapped her. The slap hurt. But she wasn't upset. She realized that Mother was angry because she did not know God. She wished Mother would get to know God.

Adelina was getting to know God by going to evangelistic meetings in Uíge, a city in northern Angola. She also had questions about the Bible after hearing the Seventh-day Adventist preacher. The preacher spoke from the book of Matthew. But he also preached from many other books of the Bible. Adelina liked listening to stories from many chapters and books of the Bible. She especially listened, amazed, as he spoke about God's love.

After the conversation with Mother, Adelina decided that she loved God with all her heart and wanted to live only for Him. She was among 12 people who joined the Adventist Church at the evangelistic meetings.

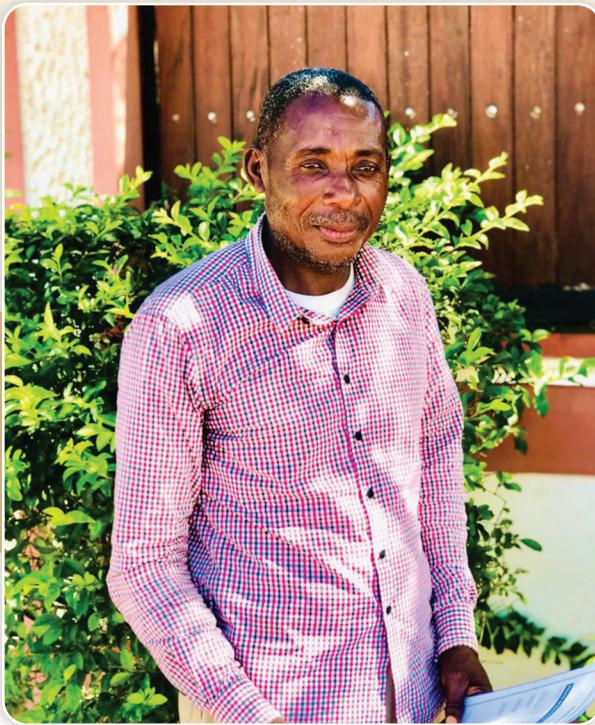
After her baptism, Adelina faced new problems at home. But she is not worried. She knows that God protects those who trust Him. She has found the true God — the God who appears in every one of the 66 books and 1,189 chapters of the Bible. 🌍

Part of this quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help open an Adventist school in Belize in northern Angola, an area that, like Adelina's hometown, has proved difficult to reach.

Story Tips

- Find Angola on the map.
- Know Adelina is a pseudonym. The Seventh-day Adventist preacher who spoke at the evangelistic meetings was Augusto Munana. He has led meetings in sometimes very difficult circumstances across Angola.
- Quiz the children about their knowledge of the Bible. In addition to challenging them to know the number of books and chapters, ask them to guess the longest chapter (Psalm 119) and the shortest chapter (Psalm 117). Interestingly, Psalm 117 also is the middle chapter of the Bible.
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By Andrew McChesney



ANGOLA | June 18

A New Man

Grandfather Paulo Domingos

Grandfather enjoyed drinking and smoking.

Grandmother loved Grandfather very much, but she didn't like his drinking and smoking. She scolded him loudly. She prayed for him often. But nothing seemed to happen.

Then Grandmother started going to another church in their village in Angola. Grandfather went to his church on Sundays, and Grandmother went to the new church on Saturdays. Soon Grandmother joined the small Seventh-day Adventist church and became a deaconess.

One Sabbath, shortly after Grandmother became an Adventist, she was listening to the sermon in the church when she heard Grandfather's voice outside.

"Grandmother, come out!" he called. "Let's go home!"

From the sound of his voice, Grandmother knew he had been drinking.

She felt sad and embarrassed. What could she do? She quietly got up and went home with Grandfather.

The same thing happened the next Sabbath. As Grandmother was listening to the sermon, she heard Grandfather cry from outside the church, "Grandmother, come out! Let's go home!" Grandmother quietly got up and went home with him.

This went on for several years.

To Grandfather's surprise, Grandmother always treated him kindly at home. She never scolded him loudly like before.

One day, the Adventist pastor whose sermons he kept interrupting knocked on the door. Grandfather was impressed. No pastor had ever visited his home before. The next Sabbath, Grandfather decided to go with Grandmother to church and listen to the pastor's sermon for himself. Grandmother was so happy! The other church members also were happy to see Grandfather, and they gave him a warm welcome. After the sermon, Grandfather

told Grandmother, “I have an idea. From now on, I will go with you to your church on Saturdays, and you will come with me to my church on Sundays.”

And so it was for the next month. Then the Adventist pastor returned to Grandfather’s house for another visit. He prayed for each of Grandfather’s 10 children. He prayed for his four grandchildren. He prayed for Grandfather and Grandmother and their marriage. Grandfather was amazed. No pastor had visited his home twice and prayed for each member of his family. After the visit, Grandfather went to the Adventist church for prayer meetings on Wednesdays, vespers on Fridays, and church services on Sabbaths. He always arrived on time and stayed to the end.

The day came when the church held evangelistic meetings, and Grandfather decided to get baptized. Neighbors in his village of Ambriz, Angola, are amazed by the changes in Grandfather’s life. He no longer drinks or smokes. Instead, he enjoys reading the Bible and going to church. He is a new man. “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation” (2 Corinthians 5:17, NKJV). 🌍

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This quarter’s Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will go to four projects in Angola, the homeland of Grandfather Paulo Domingos. Thank you for planning a generous offering next week.

By Burns Musa Sibanda



AMAZING
NATURE

Angola is very rich in natural resources and is the second-largest oil and diamond producer in sub-Saharan Africa.



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13th SABBATH | June 25

Seeing Jesus

Ricardo Ferreira

When Ricardo was 10, he had an accident while jumping over a fence in Angola. He didn't notice a thin metal wire on the other side of the fence, and it caused him to hit the ground headfirst.

After the accident, he began to lose his sight. At school, he had trouble seeing what the teacher wrote on the chalkboard, and he asked to sit in the front row. After a while, he could not see from the front row. Finally, the teacher sent him home, saying the school could not teach a blind boy.

Ricardo's parents took him to many doctors, but none could help him. They said he would never see again.

Ricardo was very sad. He could no longer play soccer, ride a bicycle, or play hide and seek with his friends. When he left home, he could hear his old playmates making fun of him. "Little blind boy! Little blind boy!" they said.

The boys and girls thought that they were making a funny joke. They didn't

know that their words were hurting Ricardo. He felt like life was hopeless.

One day, an older cousin invited Ricardo to go on a Pathfinder outing. The cousin was the leader of a Pathfinder club. Ricardo didn't want to go, but his cousin kept insisting, so finally he went. Ricardo was surprised that he could participate in many Pathfinder activities. The cousin even asked him to help him out. Ricardo felt needed. He felt good.

A short time later, Ricardo heard a sermon that made him want to give his heart to Jesus. But then trouble struck. At the baptismal class, the teacher asked Ricardo and the other people who wanted to be baptized to memorize the Ten Commandments. But Ricardo couldn't read the Bible or the piece of paper with the Ten Commandments that the teacher passed out. He sadly thought that he would not be able to get baptized. At home, Mother encouraged him. "God willing, you will get baptized," she said.

During the week, his older sister read

the Ten Commandments out loud to Ricardo. She read them again and again so the boy could memorize them.

On Friday, everyone who wanted to be baptized gathered at the church.

“Who will be the first to recite the Ten Commandments?” a church elder asked.

No one volunteered, so Ricardo raised his hand. He couldn’t remember the correct order, but he recited all 10 perfectly. The elder was amazed and shook his hand. Turning to the others, he asked, “Who will recite like Ricardo?”

The next day, on Sabbath, everyone, including Ricardo, was baptized.

Shortly afterward, Ricardo was invited to share the weekly mission story in Sabbath School. When some church members heard, they asked the Sabbath School leader to change his mind.

“Ricardo can’t tell the mission story

Story Tips

- Find Angola on the map.
- Discuss with the children the behavior of Ricardo’s playmates and ask how a visually impaired child should be treated. Ask how Jesus would treat a visually impaired child. Encourage the children to show love and patience with everyone regardless of perceived differences.
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AMAZING NATURE

Animals of the savannah include buffaloes, elephants, giraffes, hippopotamuses, hyenas, leopards, lions, monkeys, wildebeests (gnu) and other antelopes, and zebras. Insects include mosquitoes and tsetse flies, both of which carry serious diseases.



because he can't read," they said.

The Sabbath School leader gently touched Ricardo on the shoulder.

"Do you hear what they are saying?" he asked. Ricardo nodded. "Show everyone what you are able to do," he said. "Prepare to tell the story next Sabbath."

Ricardo's sister read the mission story to him from the *Mission* quarterly, and he easily memorized it. On Sabbath, Ricardo told the story from beginning to end. When he finished, loud and astonished "Amens" filled the church.

Today, Ricardo is a 25-year-old university student and is preparing to become a pastor. He has led a Pathfinder club for the past two years, and he preaches regularly in churches around Angola. Dozens of people have been baptized after his sermons.

Ricardo is no longer sad. Although he cannot see with his eyes, he knows that God has given Him an excellent memory. He also says doctors were wrong when they said he would never see again, for Revelation 1:7 says, "Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him" (NKJV). This is a promise that when Jesus returns, every eye will see Him — including Ricardo.

"One day I will see the face of my Jesus," he says. 🌍

Before 13th Sabbath

- Send home a note to remind parents of the program and to encourage the children to bring their Thirteenth Sabbath Offering on June 25. Remind everyone that their mission offerings are gifts to spread God's Word around the world, and that one-fourth of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will go directly to help six projects in three countries of the Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division. The projects are listed on page 3 and on the back cover.
- The narrator doesn't need to memorize the story, but he or she should be familiar enough with the material so as not to have to read it. Alternatively, the children can act out the story.
- Before or after the story, use a map to show the three countries in the Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division — Angola, Malawi, and Mayotte — that will receive the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering. Describe the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering projects.

Today's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help open an Adventist school in Ricardo's hometown of Luanda, Angola. Thank you for giving generously to the Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division.

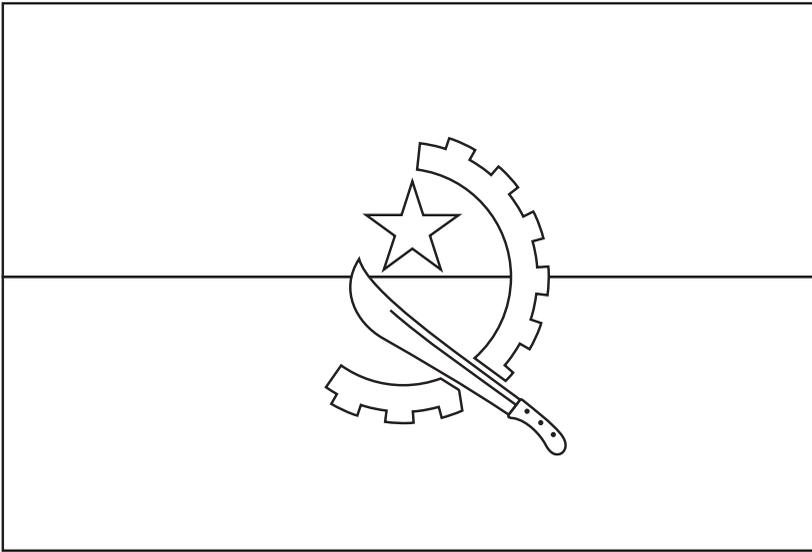
By Andrew McChesney

Future Thirteenth Sabbath Projects

The Thirteenth Sabbath Offering next quarter will help the South American Division to establish churches in:

- Cochabamba, Bolivia
- El Alto, Bolivia
- La Paz, Bolivia
- Trinidad, Bolivia
- Santos, Brazil
- Maua, Brazil
- Brodowski, Brazil
- Ribeirão Preto, Brazil

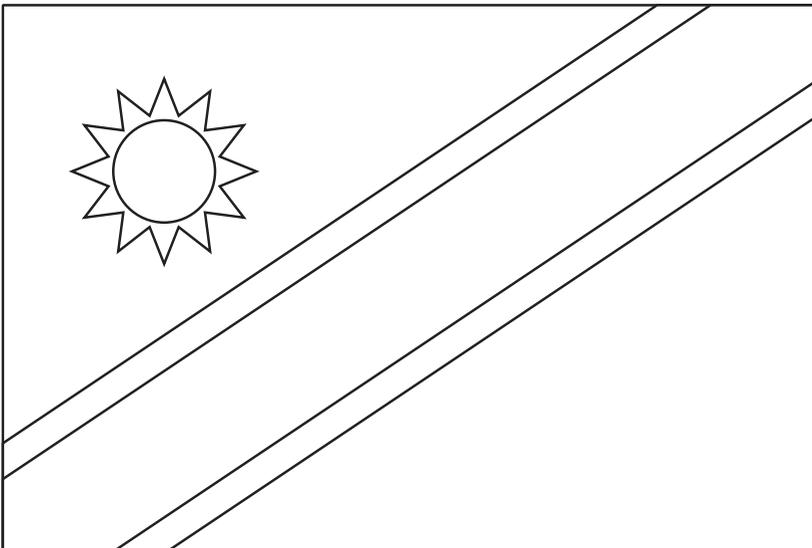
Color The Flag



ANGOLA

DIRECTIONS:

Color the top half red and the bottom half black. Color the star, gear, and machete in the middle yellow.

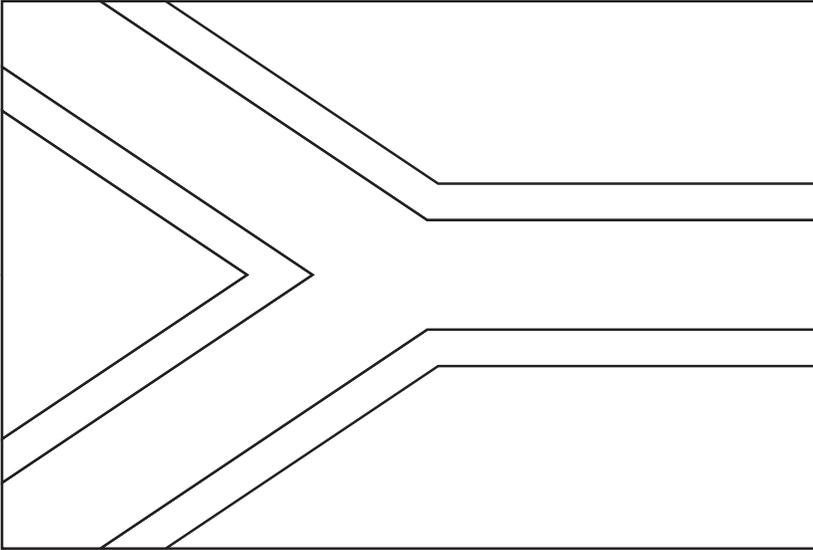


NAMIBIA

DIRECTIONS:

Color the top left triangle blue and the bottom right triangle green. Color the wide diagonal stripe red and leave the narrow stripes on either side of it white. Color the sun yellow.

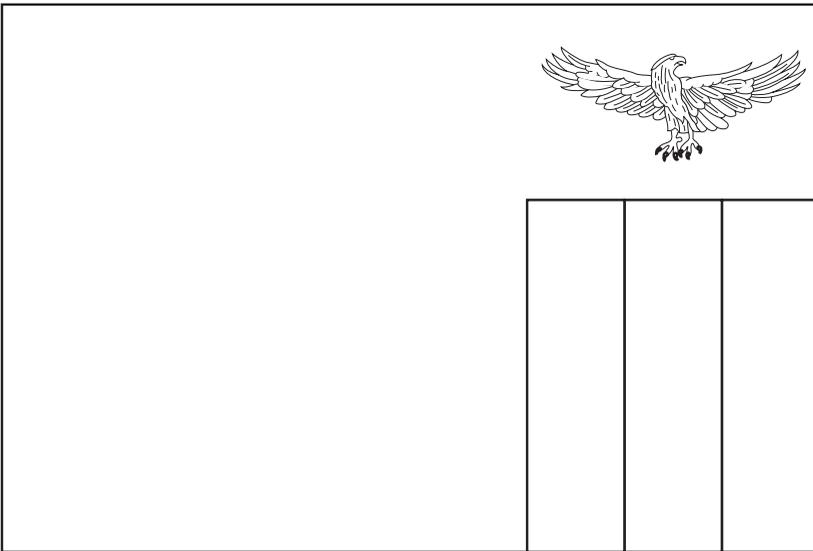
Color The Flag



SOUTH AFRICA

DIRECTIONS:

Color the Y shaped band in the middle green. Color the triangle on the left black. Use yellow to color the narrow V shaped band between the green and black. Leave the narrow bands on either side of the Y white. Color the remaining top section red and the remaining bottom section blue.



ZAMBIA

DIRECTIONS:

Color the main part of the flag green. In the bottom right corner, color the stripes red, black, and gold. Color the eagle gold.

Let's Cook!

NAMIBIAN FAT CAKES (FRIED DOUGH) (NAMIBIA)

Prep Time: 1 hour
Cook Time: 10 minutes

Makes 12 Servings

INGREDIENTS

3 cups (0.7 liter) flour	2 teaspoons (10 ml) salt
2 packets/4.5 tsp (22 ml) of quick-rise yeast	1 3/4 cups (415 ml) of water
1/2 cup (118 ml) sugar	2 teaspoons (10 ml) vinegar
	Oil for frying

INSTRUCTIONS

Mix flour, yeast, sugar, and salt together in a bowl.

Mix the water and vinegar and add to the dry ingredients, mixing until a soft dough forms and there are no lumps. Add more water if needed.

Cover the dough and let it rise in a warm place until double

Heat 1–2 inches (2.5–5 cm) of oil until hot in a saucepan with a heavy bottom.

Take spoonfuls of dough about the size of a ping-pong ball and carefully drop into the hot oil.

Cook until golden and then flip so they are browned all over. Carefully remove from oil and drain briefly on paper towel.

Serve hot — plain, with jam or peanut butter, or rolled in powdered sugar, or a cinnamon/sugar mix.



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Let's Play!

NCHUBA

(ZAMBIA)

Nchuba is a game children play in Zambia. It is similar to the game of jacks.

The children dig a hole in the ground about 10 inches (25 cm) wide, but you can draw a circle with chalk or a stick. You then place 10 small pebbles around the edge. The children sit around the hole and take turns tossing a larger rock into the air and, using the same hand they threw with, moving one of the small stones into the hole or circle before catching the stone they threw. The first child to get all 10 rocks into the hole/circle without making any mistakes or letting the thrown stone fall is the winner.

Let's Sing!

DEUS É TÃO BOM (GOD IS SO GOOD)

(ANGOLA)

PORTUGUESE

Deus é tão bom

Deus é tão bom

Deus é tão bom

Deus é bom pra mim!

PRONUNCIATION

Day-ohs eh tau bom

Day-ohs eh tau bom

Day-ohs eh tau bom

Day-ohs eh bom prah meem

ENGLISH

God is so good

God is so good

God is so good

He's so good to me

CRISTO TEM AMOR POR MIM (JESUS LOVES ME)

(ANGOLA)

PORTUGUESE

Cristo tem amor por mim

Com certeza eu creio assim

Por amor de mim morreu

Vivo está por mim no Céu

Sim, Cristo me ama

Sim, Cristo me ama

Sim, Cristo me ama

A Bíblia assim me diz

PRONUNCIATION

Cree-stoh taym am-oor poor meem

Comb sair-tay-zah ee-you cray-ee-oh
ah-seem

Poor am-oor day meem more-he-oh

Vee-vo ay-stah poor meem no seh-yow

Seem, Cree-stoh me ah-ma

Seem, Cree-stoh me ah-ma

Seem, Cree-stoh me ah-ma

Ah Bee-blee-ah ah-seem meh deesh

ENGLISH

Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me!

The Bible tells me so.

Leader's Resources

Be sure to download your free Mission Spotlight video, featuring video reports from around the Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division and beyond. Download or stream from the Adventist Mission website at bit.ly/missionspotlight.

Online Information

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 the countries featured in this quarterly, visit:

Websites

Angola: government website	bit.ly/AngolaGovt
Nations Online	bit.ly/NationsOnlineAngola
Wikitravel	bit.ly/WikitravelAngola
Namibia: government website	bit.ly/NamibiaGovt
United Nations	bit.ly/UnitedNationsNamibia
Explore Namibia	bit.ly/Explore_Namibia
South Africa: government website	bit.ly/SAGov
Lonely Planet	bit.ly/LP-SAfrica
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Zambia: government website	bit.ly/ZambiaGovt
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Zambia Tourism	bit.ly/ZambiaTourism
Zimbabwe: government website	bit.ly/ZimbabweGovt
World Factbook	bit.ly/WFBZimbabwe
Wikitravel	bit.ly/WikitravelZimbabwe

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South-Western Angola Union Mission	bit.ly/SWAUnionMiss
Southern Africa Union Conference	bit.ly/SAUnionConf
Northern Zambia Union Conference	bit.ly/NZambiaUC
Southern Zambia Union Conference	bit.ly/SZambiaUC
Zimbabwe Central Union Conference	bit.ly/ZCUnionConf
Zimbabwe East Union Conference	bit.ly/ZEUnionConf
Zimbabwe West Union Conference	bit.ly/ZWUnionConf

An offering goal device will help focus attention on world missions and increase weekly mission giving. Determine a goal for your class's weekly mission offering. Multiply it by 14, allowing a double goal for the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering. Remind your Sabbath School members that their regular weekly mission offerings will help the missionary work of the world church and that one-quarter of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will go directly to the projects in the Southern Africa-Indian Ocean 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.

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SOUTHERN AFRICA - INDIAN OCEAN DIVISION

UNION	CHURCHES	COMPANIES	MEMBERSHIP	POPULATION
Botswana Union Conference	165	80	47,590	2,317,000
Indian Ocean Union Conference	1,178	1,220	199,852	31,069,000
Malawi Union Conference	1,624	2,015	622,546	19,130,000
Mozambique Union Mission	1,054	1,638	363,796	31,166,000
North-Eastern Angola Union Mission	660	951	265,933	13,008,800
Northern Zambia Union Conference	2,040	1,922	676,650	10,397,990
Southern Africa Union Conference	1,391	447	189,255	65,421,000
Southern Zambia Union Conference	1,482	2,315	623,414	7,986,010
South-Western Angola Union Mission	983	1,435	293,407	19,513,200
Zimbabwe Central Union Conference	1,085	265	324,980	4,904,790
Zimbabwe East Union Conference	984	1,086	346,496	5,202,050
Zimbabwe West Union Conference	454	732	269,351	4,756,160
Sao Tome and Principe Mission	26	75	7,396	210,000
DIVISION TOTALS	13,126	14,181	4,230,666	215,082,000

PROJECTS

- 1 Church and elementary school, Belize, Angola
- 2 Sequele elementary school, Luanda, Angola
- 3 Domestic violence and counseling center, Lombe, Angola
- 4 Men's dormitory, Adventist University of Angola, Huambo, Angola
- 5 Community outreach and leadership development center at Mzuzu campus of Malawi Adventist University, Malawi
- 6 Better Living Center and FM radio station, Mayotte