



he just couldn't believe it! There was no way! Daniel\* had tried so many times to get off drugs but he always went back. Still, Amelia\* couldn't deny the changes she saw in her husband. She wondered what had happened.

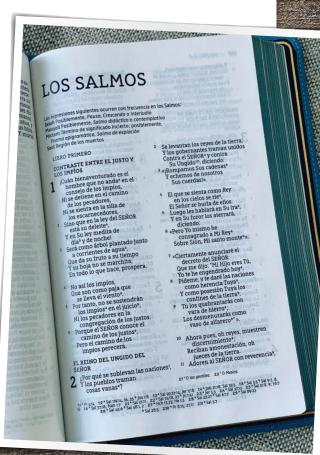
It all started with a little church plant in Bogotá. Three families wanted to plant a church in an unreached part of this huge city. They began working with a local drug rehab center, offering special Sabbath afternoon programs. They always started with songs, after which one of the leaders, Oscar, led presentations on how to get your life back on track. He showed videos of people overcoming great obstacles in life, never giving up. Then came the Bible study.

Daniel was drawn in by the singing. The hymns touched his heart and he was excited about studying the Bible. Before long, he was ready

to be baptized into the Adventist Church. Amelia saw how he had changed, and it surprised her. She said, "I want to go to that church. I want to know more!" Now Daniel, Amelia, and their three kids have all come to know Jesus.

In the first two years of this ministry alone, there were 70 baptisms and the church plant connected with about 500 families. God is using this little church plant to change lives!

\*Name has been changed





### **VEILED COUNTRY Peppers and More Peppers!**

an you imagine harvesting 5 acres of hot peppers on your own? A looking perplexed in his yard. He had thousands of hot peppers to harvest, but he didn't have the right equipment or the money to hire workers. If the peppers were not harvested before they rotted, he would lose a lot of money.

These Global Mission pioneers were moved to help Mr. Wang, and they got together volunteers from their church plant. They spent 10 hard days helping with the harvest. Mr. Wang was able to deliver his peppers to the market, making a good profit. Word spread in Mr. Wang's community about the helpful group of Christians, and he even decided to join them for worship on Sabbath!

This pioneer team is following Christ's method of ministry through home visitations, community service and healthy living presentations. Their work in this unentered city is bringing more and more people to their Sabbath worships.

A veiled country is one where the work of the church, our workers, and the people we seek to reach would be endangered if details were released. We've removed identifying information to protect the Global Mission pioneers and their community, so that the work can move forward to the glory of God.



# The Showroom in Jakarta

In the city, it can be hard to find healthy food. It's too easy to pick up fast food or a cheap meal. Yet even this challenge has provided an opportunity to introduce people to Christ.

Adventists in Indonesia have focused on city ministry by opening urban centers of influence (UCIs). For example, Club Sehat is a healthy grocery store with a vegetarian restaurant above. The staff and volunteers offer health seminars, cooking classes, and Bible studies too. They sell the healthy items that are hard to find.

Arlaine, the operations manager, says that this UCI is like a showroom. People can come to see who Adventists are—how they live, how they eat, and even how they dress. They don't have to be afraid of going to a church. They can just stop by Club Sehat to learn more first.

The cooking and lifestyle classes have made a difference to the community. Many have experienced health improvements after learning of the Adventist Church's teachings on health. "We can see how God has really intervened in the work here. How God has really blessed this ministry and brought healing to customers and guests," Arlaine says.

## The Unreached Need Your Help!

#### Dear Friend,

t has been said that we should never underestimate the power of music. In this issue of *Picture Story*, we see how the Holy Spirit used the sweet sound of hymns to attract Daniel to encounter Adventists who were running a program at his local drug rehabilitation center. The very first visit sparked something that later transformed not only him but also his entire family.

God is working through volunteers at centers of influence in Colombia, Indonesia, and many parts of the world to impact local communities by sharing the good news about Jesus. And in an unentered city in a veiled country, Global Mission pioneers are impressing the hearts of perplexed pepper growers through selfless acts of kindness.

I hope you enjoy reading about the physical and mental health benefits that these volunteers and Global Mission pioneers are bringing to their local neighborhoods.

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In His service, **Sylva Keshishian** 

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