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SEVENTH-DAY
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DEAR SABBATH SCHOOL LEADER,

This quarter we feature the Southern Asia-Pacific Division, which includes 20 countries that are home to 743 million people and 876,000 Adventists. That's one Adventist for every 848 people.

The Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will go to help complete three projects, all located in the Philippines, where the largest concentration of Adventists in this division lives.

Language Fun

Some words and phrases in Pilipino, the official language of the Philippines, are featured on pages 9, 13, and 21; songs in Pilipino are featured on pages 17 and 23. Look for additional words and songs on our website, www.AdventistMission.org, along with a new feature, "Say It, Sing It," which will help you pronounce the words and sing the songs.

Mission Potluck

If you decide to host a mission potluck featuring the foods and cultures of the Philippines, visit our website for recipes. Label the foods with their name.

Decorate the church fellowship tables with tissue-paper flowers (see the "Children's Activity" page under the "Resources" page on the website), coconuts (green or ripe), and the flag of the Philippines that the children have colored (enlarge the pattern on page 7 or download a larger pattern from the Internet). If you wish, add pictures cut from travel brochures or magazines.

Ask the children to greet people in Pilipino as they arrive. After the meal, invite the children to sing a Pilipino song or two that they have learned.

Make a Mission Scene

Make a mural featuring the land and the people of the Philippines. Enlarge the map on page 31 and attach the pictures of the children from each story to the map near their location. Add photos from travel brochures or magazines to the map as well.

Offering Device

Make the jeepney bus (see pattern on page 33) from a one-quart milk or juice carton and use it as an offering device. Or cut the top from a ripe (brown) coconut and hollow it out to form a coconut-shell bank.

Special Features

- **Adventist Mission DVD** has at least one video feature specifically for children. Ask your adult Sabbath School superintendent to make a copy for you to share with your children.
- **Further Activities.** For more activities, such as games, crafts, recipes, puzzles, and other mission ideas, visit our website at www.AdventistMission.org. Click on "Resources" and "Children's Activities." Click on first quarter, and find PDF pages of crafts, additional language, and songs, recipes, and games to download or print for use in your Sabbath School.

Yours for the kingdom,



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SHELTER FROM THE STORM

Throughout the night Mother often stepped to the window and stared out into the blackness. What was she looking for?

Our story today comes from the island of Palawan [pah-LAO-wan], in the Philippines. [*Locate Palawan on the map on page 31.*]

“Miriam, wake up! Grab your blanket and come with me!” Mother’s voice sounded urgent. Miriam reached for her blanket and followed her mother out of the room.

Then Miriam heard it—the howling outside rattled the wooden walls that sheltered her family. It whistled through the windows and tossed debris down the road. Trees bent toward the ground and broke under the pressure of the wind. The rain pelted the metal roof like a loud drum.

FAST FACTS

- The Philippines is a nation made up of more than 7,000 islands. Most of the people live on the 11 largest islands.
- Much of the land is mountainous, and some of the mountains are volcanoes. Several of these volcanoes have erupted in recent years, destroying villages and farmland and even killing people who did not leave the area in time.
- The official language in the Philippines is Pilipino, but English is widely spoken.

Miriam’s mother pointed to a corner of the room farthest from the wind. The children wrapped themselves in their blankets and huddled into the corner. Mother prayed aloud, asking God to protect them from the storm.

Don’t Be Afraid

Mother walked to the window and stared silently outside. When she turned to her children, she saw the fear in their eyes. “Don’t be afraid,” she said.

For hours the storm battered the house and every other building in town. Then

Miriam heard banging at the door. Mother flung the door open and found some of their neighbors standing there. Mother quickly urged them into the house. As they entered the room where Miriam sat, bits of conversation reached her above the howling wind. “Our roof flew off the house,” a woman cried. “Our home is gone,” another said. “The river washed it away.” Mother shushed the people as they entered the room where Miriam and her family sat. “Don’t frighten the children,” she whispered.

The grown-ups spoke in hushed whispers while the constant pounding of the rain lulled Miriam and her sisters to sleep. Throughout the day and into the night Mother prayed for the safety of those sheltered in the little house.

Silence Following the Storm

When Miriam awoke, the first thing she noticed was the silence. The wind no longer rattled the walls; the rain no longer pelted the metal roof. Miriam unwrapped herself from her blanket and made her way to the window, where her mother had stood the day before. She looked out the window at the now strange landscape. Her mother stood beside her. “We are safe now,” Mother said. “God has protected those who sought shelter in our home. The river did not reach our house.”

The river! Miriam thought. *That’s what Mother was watching yesterday!* She searched the landscape and saw that the river, while far higher than it usually was, flowed several feet below the level of their house.

Miriam stayed close to her mother as she examined the house. Part of their roof had blown off, but the walls had

stood fast. For the next few days Mother watched the level of the river that still raged above flood level. But it never threatened their home. And Miriam helped Mother care for the neighbors who had no home to return to.

Cleaning Up

Mother arranged for someone to repair the roof while the children cleared the debris that the storm had blown into their yard. As they worked, they thanked God for protecting them from the biggest storm they had ever seen.

Someone stopped by to tell Miriam’s mother that the children’s school had been seriously damaged when the roof had blown off. The textbooks were soaked, and the wind-blown debris had created quite a mess that would have to be cleaned up before the school could open again.

Miriam can’t remember a storm as bad as that one. “I was a little afraid because I didn’t understand what was happening,” she said. “But my mother reminded us that God was protecting us. And He did!”

Learning a Lesson

The Bible says, “When I am afraid, I will trust in you” (Psalm 56:3, NIV). When a storm comes into our lives, we don’t have to be afraid. We can trust God. Maybe the storm is a school exam or some trouble at home. We can trust God, for He will lead us through the storms in our lives.

This quarter our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help build three schools in the Philippines, where Miriam lives. Let’s bring a big offering to help children in this land get an Adventist education. 🌍



HELPING HANDS

Today we will meet two children who are helping hands for Jesus. They live in Palawan [pah-LAO-wan], the long, skinny island in western Philippines. [*Locate Palawan on the map on page 31.*] Their names are Denzel and Deborah.

Denzel is 7 years old and in the first grade. He likes to read in his free time. His

favorite game is *dampa*, * a simple game that children invented. Denzel would like to be a doctor when he grows up.

Denzel likes to help his mother. He washes the dishes and helps make the beds in the house. He sets the table for dinner and even helps his mother cook. “I have to stand on a bench to reach the countertop, but I like to help,” he says with a smile. And when the garden needs weeding, his grandmother often asks him to help her. “I don’t mind,” Denzel says. “I like working with my grandmother.”

MISSION POST

- Palawan is a long, narrow island to the west of most of the islands that make up the Philippines. Mountains form the backbone of the island, but one is never far from the sea.
- Two Adventist secondary schools are located in Palawan. One is a day school in the main city of Puerto Princesa [pWER-toh prin-CES-sah], and the other is Palawan Adventist Academy, a boarding school farther south on the island.
- Part of this quarter’s Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help expand the boarding school to include technical and vocational classes for the students who complete high school.

Denzel’s Caring Heart

Denzel likes to help others because he sees his family helping people. “Sometimes people come from the mountains,” Denzel says. “They are poor and often don’t have enough clothes. So I share my clothes

with them. I also give them rice to eat.”

Denzel likes helping with his mother’s Bible club too. Many children come to the Bible club, and she lets Denzel tell the children a Bible story. “Most of the children are older than I am, but they listen to the Bible story I tell. I like to tell Bible stories!”

Denzel wants other children to find something that they can do to show God’s love to others.

Deborah

Deborah is 8 years old and in the second grade. Her favorite game is called “I love you.” That sounds like a friendly game, doesn’t it? Deborah would like to become a doctor or a nurse.

“My parents do special missionary work, and I help,” Deborah says. “We are starting a church in a town an hour from our home. We’ve built a missionary training center there, and we hold medical clinics and health training programs in it.

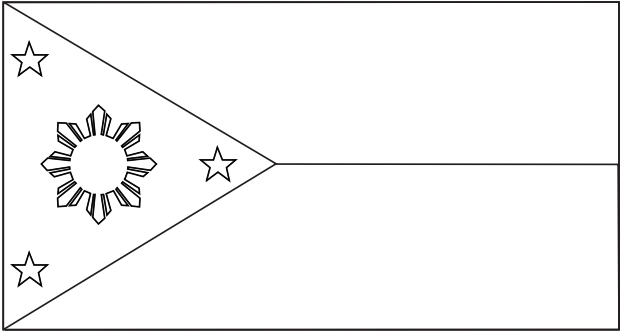
“Mother sometimes wants to give people herbal medicines, and she asks me to count out the pills for the people. Before I touch the medicine I wash my hands. Then I count out the pills and put them into a plastic bag. I give the bag to the person with a smile.” It sounds as if Deborah is going to be a good nurse someday.

There is no church building yet in the town where the missionary training center is located. So the people meet for church in the training center. “Sometimes my mother asks me to sing for Sabbath School,” Deborah says happily. “I like to tell other people about Jesus because I love Jesus and want other people to know Him too.”

That’s the best reason to tell others about Jesus. Deborah and Denzel are being missionaries by sharing God’s love with others. We can share God’s love in our own town, too. And when we bring our mission offering to Sabbath School we’re also being a missionary. 🌐

**See page 30 for instructions on how to play dampa and “I love you.”*

COLOR THE FLAG



PHILIPPINES

Top, blue;
 Bottom, red;
 Triangle, white;
 Stars and sunburst, gold



My New Sister

Jirah always wanted a sister, and one day she got one. Princess needed a home.

MISSION POST

- Children in the Philippines attend primary school for six years and secondary school for four years. So many are as young as 15 when they complete secondary school. There is no Adventist college or university on the island of Palawan where these young people can study, so they must choose between studying in a government university and leaving their home island to study in one of several Adventist colleges throughout the Philippines.
- Part of this quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help build a junior-college-level school at Palawan Adventist Academy so local students as well as Adventist students from throughout the island can study subjects such as computer science and auto mechanics and take basic college courses in an Adventist institution close to home.

Jirah [Jai-rah] lives on the island of Palawan in the Philippines. [Locate Palawan on the map on page 31.] She is 8 years old and in the second grade. Jirah's father is dean of boys at Palawan Adventist Academy, so the family lives in the boys' dormitory. Jirah has two brothers but no sisters, so she's surrounded by boys. Ever since she can remember, she has wanted a sister.

Stowaway Girl

One day Jirah met a girl about her age who said that she was staying with her uncles in the dormitory. Jirah knew that girls should not live in the boys' dormitory, so she told her parents.

Father went to check and found the girl and learned that her name was Princess. Her uncles explained that they had found Princess living with someone who didn't treat her well, so they had brought her to the school, hoping to find a home for her.

"What shall we do?" Mother asked

when she heard the story. “We can’t send her back, and she can’t live in the dormitory.”

“She can live with us,” Jirah said hopefully.

Mother looked at Father, then at Jirah. “You’d have to share your room with her,” Mother said, “and your clothes and toys.” Jirah agreed, and Mother nodded to Father. They would take her in—at least for a while. At last Jirah would have a sister!

Princess’s New Home

Jirah made room for Princess in her room. She shared her clothes and her toys. Mother enrolled Princess in the Adventist school, and Jirah helped her with her studies.

Princess helps the family by washing dishes and sweeping the floors, just as Jirah does.

Princess didn’t know about Jesus until her uncles brought her to the Adventist school. Now she loves hearing Bible stories and singing songs of praise.

Jirah is glad that she has a sister, even though Princess won’t stay with them for long. When the school year ends, Princess will go to live with her grandmother. “I will miss Princess when she goes away,” Jirah says. “But she should be with her own family if she can.”

We can share God’s love with people we know—our neighbors, our classmates, even children we don’t know well. When we are kind to someone who is lonely or who seems sad, we’re letting our light shine for God. We can let our light shine when we give our mission offerings too. Let’s let our lights shine brightly for God this week. Maybe we’ll help guide someone to Jesus. 🌍

SPEAK PILIPINO

The official language of the Philippines is called Pilipino. Pronounce vowels as follows: *ah* as in father, *ai* as in eye, *eh* as in bed, *ee* as in seed, *ih* as in him, *oh* as in toe, and *oo* as in moon. *Ng* is pronounced simply *ng*, as in *ing*, and *mga*, which forms the plural of many words, is pronounced *manh-AH*. Accented syllables are capitalized. For more words and phrases go to www.AdventistMission.org, click on “Resources,” and “Children’s Activities.”

Common Phrases

- Happy Sabbath
- Hello
- Please
- Thank you
- You’re welcome
- Yes
- No
- Good bye

Write it

- maligayang Sabado
- Kamusta po
- Paki
- Salamat po
- Walang anuman
- Oo
- Hindi
- Paalam na po

(Pronounce it)

- mah-lee-GAI-yahng SAH-bah-doh
- kah-MOO-stah poh
- pah-kee
- sah-LAH-maht poh
- wah-LAHNG ah-noo-MAHN
- oh-oh (clipped)
- hin-DIH (clipped)
- pah-AH-lahm nah poh



CENTRAL PHILIPPINES | January 24

ELICA AND
SHEKINAH

A NEW FRIEND FOR JESUS

These sisters learned that it's easy to share their faith with others.

[If possible, ask a junior girl to present this as a first-person report.]

My name is Elica [eh-LAI-kah]. My family lives in the central Philippines, where my father is a pastor. Our family loves God and loves to share God's love with others.

Minda

One day a woman named Minda came to stay in our home. We invited Minda to join us for family worship. Minda sat with us as we sang one of our favorite songs,

“Jesus Loves Me.” Then we sang another song and then another. Minda tried to sing along with us, so we sang some songs more than once so she could join us. Then, because Father was on a trip, Mother read us a Bible story. When she finished reading, we talked about the story. Sometimes Mom asks us questions about the story that we try to answer. But if we don't understand something, then we ask Mother a question. Then it's time to pray, and we all kneel down while one of us prays.

FAST FACTS

- The Philippines is a nation made up of more than 7,000 islands. Most of the people live on the 11 largest islands.
- Much of the land is mountainous, and some of the mountains are volcanoes. Several of these volcanoes have erupted in recent years, destroying villages and farmland and even killing people who did not leave the area in time.
- The official language in the Philippines is Pilipino, but English is widely spoken.

Teaching Minda

School was not in session when Minda lived with us, so when she wasn't looking for work, we spent time together. We

taught Minda songs about Jesus and even taught her the motions! We told her Bible stories that we had read or learned in Sabbath School. Minda was glad that we were willing to spend time with her and teach her about Jesus.

Before long, Minda could sing along with us during worship. And when Mother quizzed us on a story, Minda sometimes answered too. We were glad when Minda asked Mother or Father questions about something in the Bible that she didn't understand.

Of course, we invited Minda to go to church with us. When she expressed surprise that we went to church on Sabbath, my youngest sister told her that she needed to study the Bible with our father, the pastor! We all laughed, but Minda thought that this was a good idea.

A New Friend for Jesus

Father explained to Minda that Sabbath starts at sundown on Friday so that she could prepare for Sabbath on Friday afternoon. Minda went with us to church on Friday evening and again on Sabbath. My sister Shekainah [sheh-KAI-nah] and I sat with Minda in church so she wouldn't feel lonely.

Even after Minda found a job she continued to stay in our house for several weeks. During this time she joined us in family worship and went to church with us.

One day Papa came home with a smile on his face. He said that Minda wanted to become a Seventh-day Adventist Christian. We were so excited! On the day of her baptism, my sisters and I sat up front so we could

stand when she was baptized, telling everyone that she was our friend, and now she is our sister in Jesus.

Minda's Turn to Share

One day Minda said that she needed to go to her home in another town to tell her children that she was an Adventist Christian. Her children are older than we are, but they listened as Minda taught them about God. The pastor in her town visited her and helped her study the Bible with her children. Her husband also became interested in what she was teaching.

When Minda visited us again, she told us that her children were studying the Bible. We were happy that she was sharing God's love with her own family.

We are happy that our family helped lead Minda to Jesus. We share God's love with our friends in the neighborhood and invite them to church programs on Friday evenings. The children can't attend Sabbath School because they attend public schools and have classes that day. So we try to teach them what we learn in Sabbath School.

Appeal

When we start high school in grade 7, we'll have to go to public school too, unless the new Adventist secondary school is ready by then. Your Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help build this school so we can keep the Sabbath and learn more about God while we're in school. Please help us finish the secondary school so lots of children can learn about God. 🌍



MOTHER'S LESSON IN FAITH

Mother taught her boys to pray; then Harry taught Mother to trust.

Harry is 5 years old. He lives in central Philippines with his two older brothers and his parents. His family often talks about how God has answered their prayers. But one day something happened that showed Harry that God answers even the youngest child's prayer if it's in His will.

MISSION POST

- Today's story comes from Dumaguete, a city in central Philippines. Like most large cities in Philippines, Dumaguete is located on the ocean. [Locate Dumaguete on the map on page 31.]
- Dumaguete has a primary school, but when students finish the sixth grade they must either attend the government high school or travel far away to another island to study in an Adventist school. Part of this quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help to build a secondary school in Dumaguete so children can study in an Adventist school and still live at home.

No Birthday?

Harry's mother is studying at the local university. Every month she receives an allowance to help pay her school bills and the family's living expenses while she is in school. Then one month her allowance didn't come when it should have. Mother thought that it was just late, so she stretched her pesos to make them last until the money came in.

Then in the middle of the month Harry reminded his mother that his birthday was a few days away. "I'd like a toy car for my birthday," Harry told his mother.

Mother knelt down to speak to her son. "Harry, I don't have any money," Mother told him. "We have just enough rice for four days. After that I don't know where our food will come from."

Harry thought about what his mother had said. Suddenly he jumped up and ran to his mother. “Mama, we can ask Jesus for food! Let’s pray!” Mother nodded. She had told Harry to ask God for what he needed.

Harry took his mother’s hand and walked to his bedroom. They knelt down, and he prayed. “Dear Jesus, we don’t have food, and soon it will be my birthday. Please send us some food. Amen.”

After Mother prayed, Harry went outside to play. The next day Harry reminded his mother that his birthday was coming. Again Mother told him that the family had no money. “Mama,” he said, “Jesus has said if we believe, He will answer our prayer, and we’ve already prayed for food.” Mother just smiled, for she didn’t know how to answer Harry.

The next day was Harry’s birthday. Mother got up early to finish a report that was due. She checked her purse

and found only 20 pesos (about 50 cents), just enough to ride a jeepney* to the school and back. She knew without looking that the cupboard held just enough rice for that day.

Then her phone rang. It was the secretary at the university, telling her to come and claim her monthly allowance. Mother shouted her praises. “The money will be at the school when I arrive! Jesus has answered our prayers.” Harry ran to his mother, and they thanked God for His answer to their prayers.

Mother hurried to the university to pick up her allowance. On the way home she stopped at the grocery store and bought food for dinner. She found a toy car for Harry and a small cake to celebrate his birthday. When she arrived home, Harry smiled brightly. “See, Mommy?” he said. “Jesus really does hear our prayers.”

Now whenever Mother seems worried, Harry prays for her. He knows that Jesus answers prayers. 🌐

*A jeepney is a long, covered vehicle with seats along both sides in the back. (See a photo at www.AdventistMission.org by clicking on “Resources” and “Children’s Activities.” Or see page 32 for instructions on how to make a jeepney bank from a milk carton.)

COUNT IN PILIPINO

(See page 9 for pronunciation guide.)

Common Phrases	Write it	(Pronounce it)
One	Isa	ee-SAH
Two	Dalawa	dah-lah-WAH
Three	Tatlo	taht-LOH
Four	Apat	AH-paht
Five	Lima	lee-MAH
Six	Anim	AH-neem
Seven	Pito	pee-TOH
Eight	Walo	wah-LOH
Nine	Siyam	see-YAHM
Ten	Sampu	sahm-POOH



JAMIMAH'S PRAYED-FOR SCHOOL

Jamimah was unhappy with her school. So she did the only thing she knew to do: she prayed to go to a different school.

MISSION POST

- Jamimah lives in Dumaguete [doo-mah-GEH-tee], in central Philippines (see the map on page 31 for the exact location).
- About one in every 100 people is an Adventist there. That means that 99 out of every 100 are not Adventists. Many towns and villages have few or no Adventist believers.
- In the Philippines children study for 10 years—six years in primary school and four years in secondary. Adventist children often go to boarding school as young as 12 or 13 years of age.
- Part of this quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help build an Adventist secondary school in Dumaguete so that young Adventists can study in a Christian setting and still live at home.

Jamimah [Jah-MAI-mah] is 9 years old and lives in central Philippines. *[Locate Philippines on a map.]* Her family lived in a small town where her papa had a good job. They lived in a pretty house on a hill overlooking the ocean. They were happy living in that town.

Jamimah loved school, but sometimes her teacher taught things that disagreed with what the Bible says. When her class studied science, the teacher told the children that humans came from apes. Jamimah knew better. She raised her hand and said, "Teacher, the Bible says that God made people. He made everything—the trees and fish and animals and people—in one week."

To Jamimah's surprise, the teacher laughed and said that the world evolved over thousands and thousands of years.

Jamimah felt sad that her teacher didn't believe what the Bible says.

When Jamimah’s class took their test in science, she wrote that God created the world in six days, not over thousands of years. When she received her test paper back, she discovered that the teacher had marked her wrong because she had written that God had created the world.

Jamimah’s Dream

That day a dream formed in Jamimah’s heart. She wanted to attend a school where teachers taught children the truth, according to the Bible, and not the ideas of humans. She began praying that God would help her study in an Adventist school.

When she told her mother about her prayer, Mother explained that there was no Adventist school near their home. But that didn’t stop Jamimah from praying.

When Mother saw Jamimah’s determination to study in an Adventist school, she started praying too. And God began showing Mother how Jamimah’s prayer could be answered. But it would mean sacrificing a lot. The family would have to move to another city. And what about Papa’s work? But Mother knew that her children needed to study in an Adventist school!

The Moving Miracle

Mother felt God telling her to sell their home. But she didn’t put a “for sale” sign on their house. Instead she prayed that God would send someone to buy the house if it was God’s will that they move. Then she started to pack the family’s things.

A few days later a man knocked on the door. He wanted to talk to Mother and Father about selling their house.

Mother reminded Father of her prayers and that she had never put a “for sale” sign out, so Papa finally agreed that God was leading the family to move.

The family drove to the big town where the Adventist school was located. They found a place to live near the school, and the family moved. But because his work is still in the small town where they used to live, Papa stays with Jamimah’s grandmother during the week and spends weekends with his family in town.

Jamimah’s New School

Jamimah loves her new school. She knows that God answered her prayers and honored her mother’s faith so she and her younger brothers and sisters could study in the Adventist school. “I like my teacher,” Jamimah says. “Now when we study the Bible, I know that what we’re learning is really what the Bible says. The children in my class are more respectful too. Sometimes we have problems, but the teacher helps us sort them out, and we pray about it.”

Jamimah’s papa often says that God always provides. Jamimah knows that it’s true. God does provide—and He answers prayers according to His will.

Now Jamimah has another prayer. She prays that when she is ready for secondary school, the new Adventist secondary school will be ready for her. Part of this quarter’s Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help build that secondary school in Jamimah’s town. So, we can help answer Jamimah’s prayers by giving a big offering on Thirteenth Sabbath, March 28.

“I’m praying,” Jamimah says. “I know God will answer.” 🙏



A FAMILY FOR JESUS

Life was difficult for Rosville until she discovered God's love and shared it with her family.

Rosville's [RAWS-vil] family struggled to survive one day at a time. Their father sold scrap metal for a living in central Philippines, but he spent most of the money he earned on alcohol, cigarettes, and gambling. Mother worked long hours washing other people's clothes and doing other odd jobs so the family would have food to eat. Often they went hungry. Life was difficult for Rosville's family.

A New Hope

Then a neighbor invited Rosville and her sister Rocille [roh-SEEL] to some evangelistic meetings. The girls went and listened. Then they returned home

and told their mother what they had learned. Every evening the girls invited their mother to go to the meetings with them, and she went when she could.

Rosville had known that her father's drinking and smoking were dangerous, but when she learned that the second-hand smoke from her father's cigarettes were hurting the rest of the family, she begged him to stop smoking—for everyone's sake. She also invited him to attend the evangelistic meetings.

Mother let the girls go to Sabbath

MISSION POST

- In the region near Dumaguete, where Rosville and her family live, one person out of every 100 is a Seventh-day Adventist. But that means that 99 out of 100 are not Adventists. Some people have never heard of Adventists and don't know what we believe.
- Let's pray that adults and children alike will share their faith and lead many others to Jesus.

School. She noticed that her daughters had become more respectful and obedient after they started worshipping God. But Mother had so much work to do that it was difficult for her to go to church on Sabbath.

Rosville wanted to be baptized, but before she could prepare for baptism something wonderful happened.

A New Family

The church announced meetings in a nearby area, and Rosville invited her family to attend. This time everyone, even Father, went. As God's truth penetrated his life, he stopped smoking and drinking and gambling. Mother and Father asked Jesus into their lives and prepared for baptism.

"Rosville and Rocille showed us the way to truth," Mother said. "Their positive example and the Bible truths that they shared with us helped our family come to God. Now we have peace in Jesus."

Rosville's father adds, "When I realized that my wife and daughters were praying for me, I asked God to help me quit my bad habits. And God delivered me. My family is so much happier now that we are united in Christ. No more quarrelling, we're a happy family."

And Rosville testifies, "I'm glad that my neighbor invited us to the evangelistic meetings. My whole family is united and happy in Jesus."

Rosville wants every child to share their faith with their friends and family. "You never know what a difference God's love will make in someone's life until you invite them to meet Jesus," she says.

Your mission offerings help make a difference in the lives of people every day. Thousands—millions—of people will hear about God's love because we give our mission offerings, pray for them, and share God's love with them. Let's all do our part to be missionaries for God. 🌍

SING IN PILIPINO

(See page 9 for pronunciation guide. For more songs in Pilipino visit www.AdventistMission.org, click on "Resources," and "Children's Activities.")

Jesus Loves Me

Ako ay iniibig
Ni Hesus na nagsakit
Ito'y aking nabatid
Dahil sa Bibliang tinig

Chorus

OO, at lubos / na minamahal
Ako ni Hesus / Biblia ang may saysay

(Ako ay Iniibig ni Hesus)

ah koh ai ee nee ee bihg
nee heh soos nah nahg sah kiht
ee too'ey ah keeng nah bah tihd
dah heel sah bee blee ahng tee neeg

oh-oh, aht loo boh / nah mee nah mah hal
Ah koh nee heh soos / bee lee ah ang mai
sai sai



DANGER IN THE NIGHT

What does a bomb exploding in the backyard have to do with a dream to study in an Adventist school? God tied them together for one young girl in the Philippines.

Ten-year-old Jelaica [jeh-LAI-kah] sat up in her bed and searched the darkness. *What was that?* She wondered. It sounded like an explosion. Had she been dreaming? Then she heard shouts in the street. She flung the sheet back and knelt at the window. Carefully she lifted the curtain and peeked outside. She saw people running past her house.

MISSION POST

- Zamboanga is a large city on the southwestern tip of the island of Mindanao in the Philippines. [Locate Zamboanga on the map on page 31.]
- The majority of the Philippines' Muslims live in Mindanao, the large island on which Zamboanga is located, and on the islands nearby. While most of the people are friendly and peaceful, sometimes there is tension and fighting between some Muslims and the government, especially on the smaller islands.
- See the Adventist Mission DVD for a special feature on this school and the people of Zamboanga.

Puzzled and worried, she stood up and made her way to her parents' room. "What happened?" she asked into the darkness. Then she heard her two younger sisters whimpering in her parents' bed.

"I think it was an explosion," Mother said, trying to sound calm. "It's probably nothing to worry about. Come, get into bed with us. Things will quiet down soon."

Jelaica climbed into the space on the bed left when her father had gone to see what had happened.

Jelaica awoke to learn that the explosion they had heard was a bomb that had gone off between their home

and a nightclub. Mother's voice shook as she tried to assure the children that everything was OK.

Staying With Lola

The family went to stay with Jelaica's *lola* (grandmother) until it was safe to return to the city. Father, a dentist for the government, returned to town to work. One day Jelaica heard Mother and Lola talking. "I know how much she wants to attend the Adventist school near here," Mother said. "But we can't live here, for Father's work is in the city." Jelaica realized that they were talking about her.

There was no Adventist school in the city where they lived, and Jelaica was too young to leave home. So Jelaica attended the public school. Often Jelaica wondered what it would be like to study in an Adventist school.

A few days later, Jelaica's father came to spend the weekend with his family. Jelaica heard Mother beg Father to move the family to a safer place.

Father's News

Several days later the family returned to their home in the city. Mother immediately began packing the family's belongings. She was determined to leave this city and live somewhere safer. Jelaica often heard her parents talking quietly about what to do. They prayed together that God would protect them from harm.

Then one day Mother told the children to pack all their belongings into boxes. They were leaving the city and moving to another city on another island. When Mother told her that the city they would live in had an Adventist school, Jelaica was thrilled. She worked twice as hard to finish packing the

family's belongings so they could leave right away.

One day Father said, "Today we leave this island." Some men came to help move the family's boxes and furniture while the family went to the dock to board the ship that would take them to their new home in the city of Zamboanga [zahn-boh-AHN-gah], on the southwestern tip of the island of Mindanao in the Philippines. [Locate Zamboanga on the map on page 31.]

Jelaica's New School

Father helped the family find a place to live, and they unpacked their things. On Monday morning Mother took Jelaica to enroll in her new school—the Adventist school. Jelaica likes her new school. The classrooms are new, and the students are kind to one another.

"I'm so glad that I can study in the church school," Jelaica says. "I like my teachers and have made lots of new friends here. I even get to sing in the children's choir! Best of all, I get to learn about God in school."

Jelaica urges children to pray for what they really want. "If it's God's will, it will happen," she says. "In the meantime, study your lessons and obey your parents." That's good advice for all of us.

Our mission offerings help provide schools where children can learn about Jesus. And this quarter Jelaica's new school will receive part of our special Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, which will help expand the school so more students can learn about Jesus. Let's give our mission offerings every week and an extra big offering on Thirteenth Sabbath, March 28, so more children will love God. 🌍



Lucky Boy

Dzon [d'ZOHN] is a happy 10-year-old boy who thinks he's pretty lucky. He's a fourth grader at the Adventist school in Zamboanga [zahm-boh-AHN-gah], a city in southwest Philippines. [*Locate Zamboanga on the map on page 31.*] But a few years ago life for Dzon didn't seem so lucky.

No Place to Call Home

When Dzon was 3 years old his father died. Later his mother married another man

who didn't want children. Mother sent Dzon to live with his *lolo*, his grandfather. Lolo couldn't care for Dzon, so he sent the boy to live with an auntie. But she had several children and couldn't care for another child. So Auntie asked the Adventist pastor what to do. The pastor agreed to take Dzon. In three years the boy had lived in four homes.

MISSION POST

- Dzon attends the Adventist elementary school in Zamboanga, Philippines. Almost half the students who attend this school are not from Seventh-day Adventist homes. That makes the school a true mission school, in which children and their parents can meet Jesus and learn to love Him as Dzon and his classmates do.
- For a special video feature about Dzon's school, ask the adult Sabbath School superintendent to make a copy of the Adventist Mission DVD for your class to watch, and see your children's eyes light up when they meet some of the students at this school.

Dzon was glad to find a family who wanted him. But even though his new parents assured him that they would not send him away, he still wondered whether he would have to leave this home too.

Then one day the pastor and his wife went to town. When they

came home later, they held up some papers. “Dzon, these papers say that now you are really our son. No one can take you away from us.”

And just as with any other family, Dzon has his chores to do. He washes dishes and cleans his room. And Dzon and his brother and sister squabble, as brothers and sisters sometimes do. “Sometimes my brother says he’s jealous because I’m better looking than he is,” Dzon says. “I just smile and tell him ‘Thank you,’ and we laugh.”

The Little Singer

Dzon loves to sing. He sings while doing his chores, and he sings while taking his bath. One day his father heard him singing and asked Dzon to sing another song. “You sing really well,” Father said. “I will teach you how to sing for God.”

Father taught Dzon how to stand up tall and breathe properly while singing. He gave Dzon voice exercises to practice every day. Dzon’s brother and sister sing and play the piano, so sometimes they

would play while he practiced.

Then one day Father asked Dzon to sing for church. He reminded Dzon that he would be singing for God’s glory, not his own. Dzon likes to sing for Jesus because Jesus has done so much for him. He wants to use his talent to honor God.

Some people who have heard Dzon sing tell him that he could be famous or earn a lot of money singing. But he tells them that he doesn’t want to sing for fame. He just wants to sing for Jesus.

Blessed Boy

“I am really blessed,” Dzon says. “God has given me a loving family and a special talent to use for Him. I hope all the children who hear my story will appreciate and love their family and use their talents for God.”

Part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will help enlarge the Adventist school that Dzon attends so that more children can learn to honor God with their talents, just as Dzon does. Let’s give a big offering so many will hear that God loves them. 🌐

DAYS OF THE WEEK IN PILIPINO

(See page 9 for pronunciation guide. For more words and phrases in Pilipino go to www.AdventistMission.org, click on “Resources,” and “Children’s Activities.”)

Common Phrases

Sunday
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday
Saturday/Sabbath

Write it

Linggo
Lunes
Martes
Miyerkules
Huwebes
Biyernes
Sabado

(Pronounce it)

leeng-GOH
LOO-nes
MAHR-tes
mee-ERH-koh-les
HWEH-bes
Bee-YEHR-nes
SAH-bah-doh



DRIVEN TO SUCCEED

James wanted to attend the Adventist school so much that when he had no bus money, he walked—10 miles—to school!

James lives in Zamboanga [zahm-boh-AHN-gah], Philippines. [*Locate Zamboanga in the southwestern part of the Philippines on the map on page 31.*] He's in the sixth grade at the Adventist school. James knows the value of a good education, for it has cost him and his family a lot.

MISSION POST

- When James didn't have money for bus fare, he often walked to school—10 miles each way. (It would take about three hours to walk 10 miles.) Would you give up and study in a school closer to home? Pray for James as he continues his studies. Life is still hard for him and his family, even though caring people are helping him study.
- Pray for all the children studying in the Adventist school in Zamboanga. Many children are not from Adventist homes. They share with their parents what they are learning about God. This way many more people learn that Jesus loves them.

His family is poor, but in spite of their finances, James' parents enrolled him in the Adventist school for kindergarten. James loved his new school and was so disappointed when the next year his parents couldn't afford to send him back. Instead they enrolled him in the public school near his home.

James didn't like the public school. Students were taught in a local dialect, not in English, which he had learned in kindergarten. James didn't know the dialect, so during recess the other children played among themselves while James sat alone.

Begged to Study

After a week of this James begged his parents to let him study at the Adventist school. They could see how sad James was, and finally they agreed to send him to the

Adventist school. His oldest brother took him to school by motorcycle taxi. School was 10 miles [16 kilometers] from his home.

James was so happy that he could go back to the school he loved. Sometimes he missed a day of school if his parents didn't have money for bus fare.

Setbacks for the Family

When James was in the fourth grade, his father got sick and couldn't work. Sometimes James had to stay home and help his mother. But now when the family had no money for bus fare to school, James walked—all 10 miles to school and 10 miles back home. But he would not study at the public school.

When a member of the church learned of the family's difficulties, he agreed to help pay James' tuition. Another family pays for his schoolbooks so his parents don't have to. Knowing others cared made James want to study even harder. For three straight years James has earned first place in his class. "I want to do my best to thank those

who are helping me study," James says. Besides studying hard, James also cleans bathrooms and the kindergarten room at school to help pay his expenses.

"I'm glad my parents allowed me to study in the Adventist school," James says. "It's worth the extra work to study in a Christian school."

James just graduated from sixth grade and will go into high school next year.* He would like to study in an Adventist high school, but the church can't finish the secondary school in time. "I pray that soon the school will be finished, and I can continue my education there," James says. "I'm planning on it."

We can help make that dream come true with our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter. And when we give our mission offerings every week, we're helping children and adults learn that Jesus loves them. Let's give all we can so more people will be in heaven with us. 🌐

**The education system in the Philippines includes six years of primary school and four years of secondary school.*

SING IN PILIPINO

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Lift Up the Trumpet

Hipan ang pakakak
inyong ilakas
He-sus muling darating
Mga manlalakbay
kayo=y magalak
Hesus muling darating!
S=ya=y darating, S=ya=y darating,
Hesus muling darating!

(Hipan ang Pakakak)

hee pahn-ang pah-kahk ahk
een yohng ee lah kahs
heh soos moo ling dah rah tihng
mahn gah-mahn lah-lahk bai
kah-yo=-y mah-gah-lak
heh-soos moo-ling dah-rah-tihng
shai dah rah tihng, shai dah rah tihng
Heh soos moo lihng dah rah tihng



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MOHAMMAD

MOHAMMAD'S NEW SCHOOL

Mohammad looked at the old school building and wondered what his parents had done to him.

MISSION POST

- Mohammad, like many children who attend the Adventist school in Zamboanga, comes from a family who is not Adventist. But his parents like the school and the education Mohammad is receiving there. Mohammad is ready to graduate from sixth grade and go on to high school. His parents would like for him to continue his studies at the new high school, but it may not be ready when school starts in June.
- Part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will help finish the secondary school so Mohammad and many others like him can continue their studies at an Adventist school, where prayer and Bible study are an important part of each day's lessons.

Mohammad lives in Zamboanga, Philippines. *[Locate Zamboanga on the map on page 31.]* Even though his family is Muslim, Mohammad studies at the Adventist school.

Mohammad had been attending another school in the city when someone told his father about the Adventist school.

His parents visited the school. The old building needed much repair, and the principal explained that the school would be replaced soon. But Mohammad's parents didn't see the leaky, metal roof or the holes in the screens. They saw happy children who loved their teachers, and teachers who really cared for the children. They decided to send Mohammad to the Adventist school.

Reluctant New Student

Mohammad didn't want to leave his friends. But he obeyed his parents' wishes. He wondered whether he would make any friends at his new school. Even before class started, several children welcomed

him. At lunchtime some boys invited Mohammad to eat with them and join their games at recess. By the end of the day Mohammad had made several new friends. Maybe his new school wasn't so bad after all!

"I *do* like this school," Mohammad says, smiling. "I enjoy Pathfinders, especially going camping and learning new skills such as knot tying. And I enjoy learning new songs."

The New School

Then one day near the end of the school year, his teacher announced that when they returned from summer vacation they would have a new school. Everyone cheered. The children helped their teachers box up the textbooks, clear out the closets, and empty the shelves.

Mohammad and his family went on vacation, so he didn't see his old school tumble down or the new one rise in its place. But when he returned from vacation and saw the new school, it was beautiful. Some of the classrooms still needed painting, so the classes met in the church until the rooms were ready. Everyone was happy and excited.

Mohammad likes his new school, but he insists that the building isn't as important as what happens inside the classroom. "Here in this school I learned to pray to God in a special way that makes me realize that Jesus is really my friend," he says. "I've learned to love God here."

Mohammad's Wish

It's great to have a new school to study in, but Mohammad is a little sad. "Soon I graduate and will go on to high school," he says. "But the Adventist high school hasn't been built yet. So I have to go to a different school. I'll miss praying with my friends here. I wish the school could be ready so I could study here."

Boys and girls, we can help make Mohammad's wish come true. Part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will help build the Adventist high school in Mohammad's city so students can continue their Christian education. Let's plan to give a really big Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter to help children just like us. Perhaps Mohammad can study in the Adventist school after all. 🌍

PEANUT BUTTER POLVORON

1 cup cake flour
2 tablespoons peanut butter
¼ cup butter

½ cup sugar
½ cup powdered milk

Directions:

Toast flour until lightly brown, stirring constantly. In a saucepan melt peanut butter and butter. In a bowl combine all the ingredients and blend well. Shape into small cookie formations using a polvoron (cookie shaper) or other small mold or cookie cutter. Carefully wrap each cookie in thin waxed paper or saran wrap.



CURLY, THE PRAYED-FOR PUPPY

Melita was lonely without any playmates, so she asked God for a special friend.

[Ask a junior-age girl to present this first-person report.]

My name is Melita, and I'm 10 years old. I live in Zamboanga [zahn-boh-AHN-gah], Philippines. *[Locate Zamboanga on a map.]*

MISSION POST

- This quarter we've heard stories from Filipino children who attend Adventist elementary schools. Those students who live in Dumaguete and Zamboanga don't have an Adventist secondary school to attend. That means they must study in a government school and face Sabbath conflicts, or they must travel a long distance from home—to another island—to study in an Adventist secondary school.
- Our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help make sure that these students will have a Christian secondary school in which to study. Let's plan to give a big offering next week so that these students won't be disappointed.

A New Home

Last year our family moved to a new house. I was excited because I would have my own bedroom and could ride my bicycle on a safe road. But soon I discovered that I had no playmates in our new neighborhood.

I was lonely and wanted someone to play with. I wondered where I could find a playmate. Then I remembered that we once had a dog, Queenie. I loved her, but when our family developed allergies to Queenie, we had to give her away.

The more I thought about Queenie, the more I wished I could have a dog for a playmate. I talked to my mother about it, and she suggested that I pray about finding a dog that wouldn't make us sneeze. I was so happy!

Papa and I went to a pet store to look at dogs. We found one that I liked. He was part poodle, and the store owner said he did not shed much. When I got home I told my mom that we had found the perfect dog. “We’ll have to pray that we get some extra money to buy the dog,” Mom said. Because we had just moved, we didn’t have any extra money, so I prayed that God would help us get the money to buy the dog before someone else bought him.

Surprise at the Hospital

My mom’s a doctor, and one day she felt impressed to go to the hospital after she finished seeing patients. *That’s strange*, she thought. *I don’t have any patients in the hospital. Why should I go there?* But the impression stayed. So after work she went to the hospital. Perhaps someone there needed her.

When Mother arrived at the hospital, a clerk told her to go to the accounting office. She was surprised, but she went,

and there she learned that someone had left money for her. A former patient who had owed her money for a long time had paid their bill. The money was more than enough to buy the dog.

Mother told Papa to come and get the money and buy the puppy. We hurried to the pet shop to buy Curly—that’s my dog’s name. He barked with excitement all the way home.

When Mom got home a little later, she found Papa and me on the floor playing with Curly. She was surprised at how happy Papa was to have a dog. The best thing is that we’re not allergic to Curly. God answered my prayer for a playmate and gave me a friend that I wasn’t allergic to. Isn’t God great? Jesus is so kind to hear our prayers and answer them!

God hears all our prayers. He doesn’t always answer yes, but He listens and does what’s best for us. Let’s pray for children around the world who don’t know Jesus. That’s a prayer God is eager to answer! 🌍

PANCIT SOTANGHON (NOODLES)

¼ cup oil
1 teaspoon minced garlic
1 onion, sliced
1 cup gluten or soya meat, torn into small pieces
salt and seasonings to taste
(optional: ½ cup broccoli, green or red pepper, cut into small pieces)

1 carrot, cut julienne
4 cups chicken-style broth
½ head cabbage, shredded
8 to 10 ounces mung bean (“bean thread”) noodles†
3 stalks green onions, chopped

Heat oil in a wok (or frying pan) and sauté garlic, onion, and vegemeat; season to taste. Add vegetables and broth; bring to a boil then add mung bean noodles. Cook until noodles and vegetables are cooked and stock has been absorbed. Serve hot, topped with chopped green onions or other vegetables.

For more recipes visit our website, www.AdventistMission.org, and click on “Resources,” then on “Children’s Activities.” Select “Recipes.”

† Available in Asian markets

THIRTEENTH SABBATH PROGRAM

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

- Practice one or more songs from the quarterly or the website (www.AdventistMission.org) to sing during the program or as an offertory.
- Arrange for the children to carry school supplies (pencils, notebooks, textbooks, etc.) onto the platform to represent the schools that will benefit from the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering. Ask an adult to mention each of the special projects as the children place their school supplies in a box on the platform (see the box on the map on the back cover of *Children's Mission*).
- 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, present the following story or invite a guest to speak to the children about life in the Philippines.

- Remind the children to bring their Thirteenth Sabbath Offering. Count the money and let the children know how much they have brought for missions during the quarter and how much they gave for Thirteenth Sabbath today. 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 Philippines.

ROSEMARIE'S FAITH

"Pastor," 6-year-old Rosemarie said, "when may I be baptized?"

The pastor smiled at Rosemarie and said, "Not yet, but soon."

Rosemarie lives in a small farming community in the Philippines. She has loved God since her cousin invited her to attend some youth evangelistic meetings when she was 4 years old.

Rosemarie sat in the front row and listened as the young people talked about Jesus. She learned the songs and sang them eagerly. When the meetings ended, the love of God had been firmly planted in Rosemarie's heart.

Vacation Bible School

Later when the young people held Vacation Bible School in her town, Rosemarie went every day. She loved to sing and learned her Bible verses. At the closing program everyone was surprised when little Rosemarie said all her memory verses!

The youth group returned again to hold more meetings, and this time Rosemarie invited her older sisters to attend. After the meetings the new believers organized a church that met in a house near where Rosemarie lived. She was always one of the first ones to

arrive at church every week.

The new believers built a church even closer to Rosemarie's home, and on the first Sabbath in the new church the pastor held a baptism. Rosemarie had never seen a baptism before, but she knew that she wanted to follow Jesus and be baptized. That's when she asked the pastor when she could be baptized.

"Wait until you are in the third grade," he said kindly.

"The third grade!" Rosemarie said stunned. "That's three years from now! How can I wait that long?" The pastor smiled and told her to be a little missionary, and the time would pass quickly.

Little Missionary

Rosemarie decided to do just that. She would be a missionary. She invited her sisters and her cousins to attend church with her, and some of them came. She eagerly helped her Sabbath School teacher by leading the singing and helping the children learn their memory verses.

When the church started a Branch Sabbath School in a nearby neighborhood, Rosemarie led the singing, even though she was only in the first grade! And she often asked church members to let her go with them to give Bible studies. After one such Bible study the local elder asked Rosemarie, "When will we have a Bible study at your house?"

Rosemarie's eyes lit up. "I will ask my mother today!" Rosemarie asked her parents to have a Bible study in their

home, and when they finally agreed, Rosemarie was the happiest girl in the village! Rosemarie loved reading the Bible texts, even though she was still just learning to read. And when they studied the subject of baptism, Rosemarie again asked the pastor when she could be baptized. He told her that if one of her parents was baptized, she could be baptized too.

Rosemarie's Wish

That summer after Vacation Bible School, one of Rosemarie's older sisters asked to be baptized. When Rosemarie heard this, she asked the pastor to baptize her too. The pastor talked to Rosemarie's parents. They agreed, so the pastor told Rosemarie she could be baptized. She was just 8 years old.

"Now my dream has come true, and I am a member of God's family," Rosemarie says with a smile. "I pray that my parents will be baptized one day too."

Rosemarie continues to work in the church. She is the assistant teacher in her Sabbath School class and continues to invite her family to church. Rosemarie is convinced that it will not be long before her parents become Christians.

Rosemarie is a real missionary. She lets Jesus' love shine through her life. We can let God's love shine in our lives as we give our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering today, and as we tell others we meet that Jesus loves them.

[Offer prayer before taking up offering.]

LET'S PLAY A GAME!

Children in the Philippines like many of the same games you do. But they also make up interesting games using what they have on hand. *Dampa* is Denzel's favorite game, and "I love you" is Deborah's favorite game (see their stories on page 6).

Dampa

Dampa is a simple game that requires only some rubber bands. Draw a circle in the dirt or on a board with chalk. Each child places their rubber bands in the area. Then they take turns trying to make their rubber bands jump on top of another player's rubber bands without touching them. They interlock their thumbs, palms down, and hit the ground or the board near the rubber bands to make the bands jump. If a player can make their rubber bands dance on top of other rubber bands, they get to keep the rubber bands. The person with the most rubber bands wins.

"I Love You"

This game requires a flip-flop (sandal) or a slipper to play. Choose one child to be "it" and position that child with their back to the other children. "It" shouts, "I love you!" as they toss the slipper over their head for someone to catch. "It" then turns around and tries to catch the person who caught the slipper. If they cannot catch the child with the slipper, they must try again. But if they catch the child holding the slipper, that child becomes "it." If the slipper falls to the ground without being caught, everyone freezes. The first person to move becomes "it."

Patintero

Patintero [pah-teen-TEH-roh] is another popular game in the Philippines. To play you need at least six players, divided into two teams, and a large playing area.

For a small group (six to eight children), mark off a square playing area about 18 feet (6 meters) wide. Divide this square into four equal squares.

One team will be the runners and the other will be the catchers. The catchers stand along one of the intersecting lines within the larger square or on the line farthest from the runners' starting point.

The runners try to reach the far end of the playing area and return to their home base without being tagged by the catchers. They can run in any pattern they wish, but they cannot step outside the side boundaries.

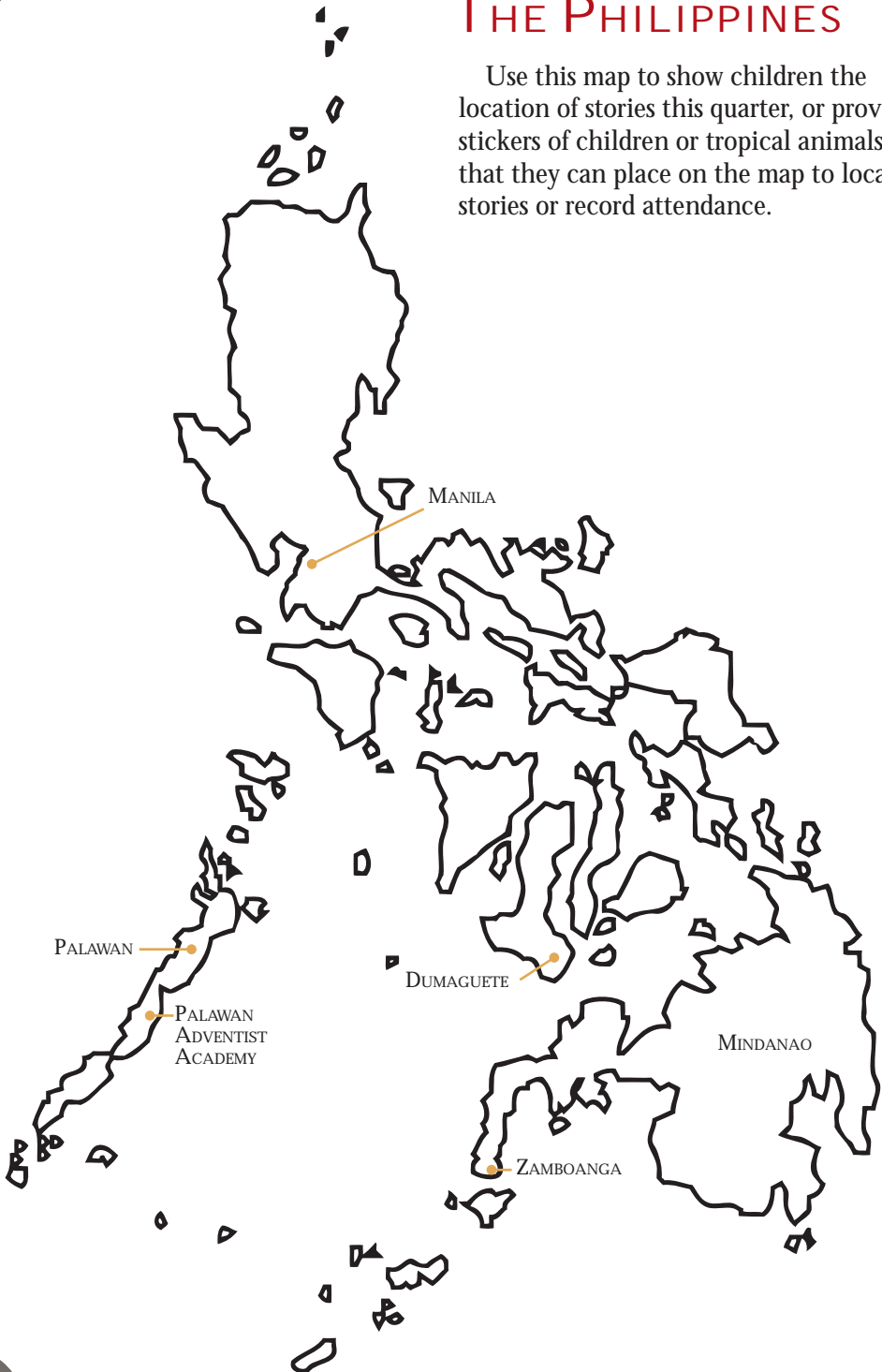
The catchers may run along the lines, but they may not step off the line in order to catch a runner.

When a runner is tagged, the teams trade places and the catchers become the runners. Runners who successfully complete the circuit without being tagged score a point.

For variations of this game (including diagrams of the playing area) visit www.AdventistMission.org and click on "Resources" then "Children's Activities." Look for the page titled "Games."

THE PHILIPPINES

Use this map to show children the location of stories this quarter, or provide stickers of children or tropical animals that they can place on the map to locate stories or record attendance.



MAKE A JEEPNEY MISSION BANK



Make colorful jeepney mission banks for the children to take home or make a large one to collect the mission offering in Sabbath School.

YOU WILL NEED:

One pint-size milk or juice carton for each child. (If milk cartons are not available, use cardboard boxes approximately 3 inches by 3 inches by 5 inches.) For a Sabbath School bank use a one-quart milk carton.

Aluminum foil (12-inch square piece for each jeepney)

A copy of the drawing below for each child

Glue or tape

Colored pencils, crayons, or markers

DIRECTIONS:

Thoroughly wash and air-dry the milk cartons several days before

making the banks.

Copy the drawings on the next page so that each child will have one. You may need to enlarge or reduce the drawing if your boxes or milk cartons are not a standard size. Make one bank ahead of time to be sure the proportion of enlargement or reduction is correct.

With the milk carton lying on its side, pointed end parallel with the tabletop, wrap a piece of foil around it.

Allow three inches of foil to overlap the bottom of the carton (which will become the back of the jeepney). Tape the foil onto the bottom of the carton.

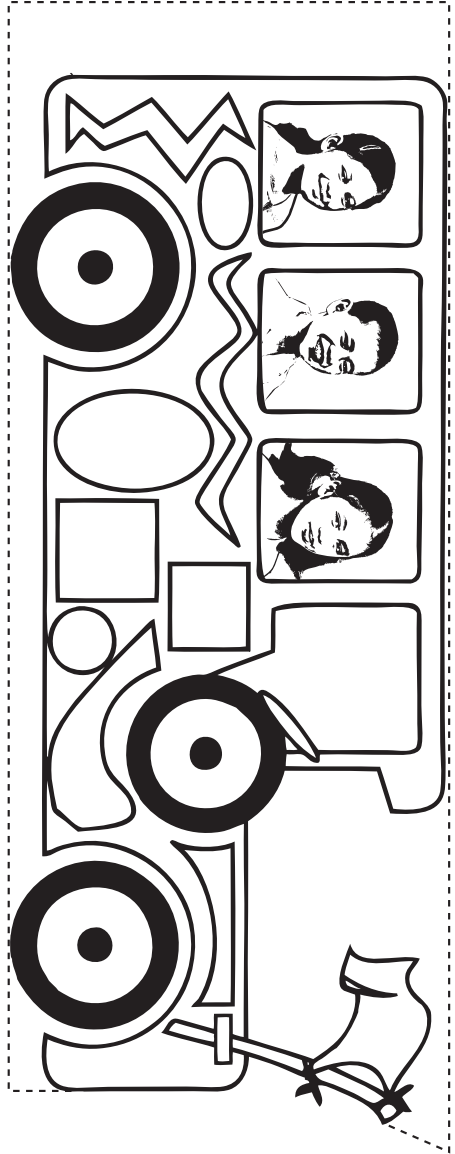
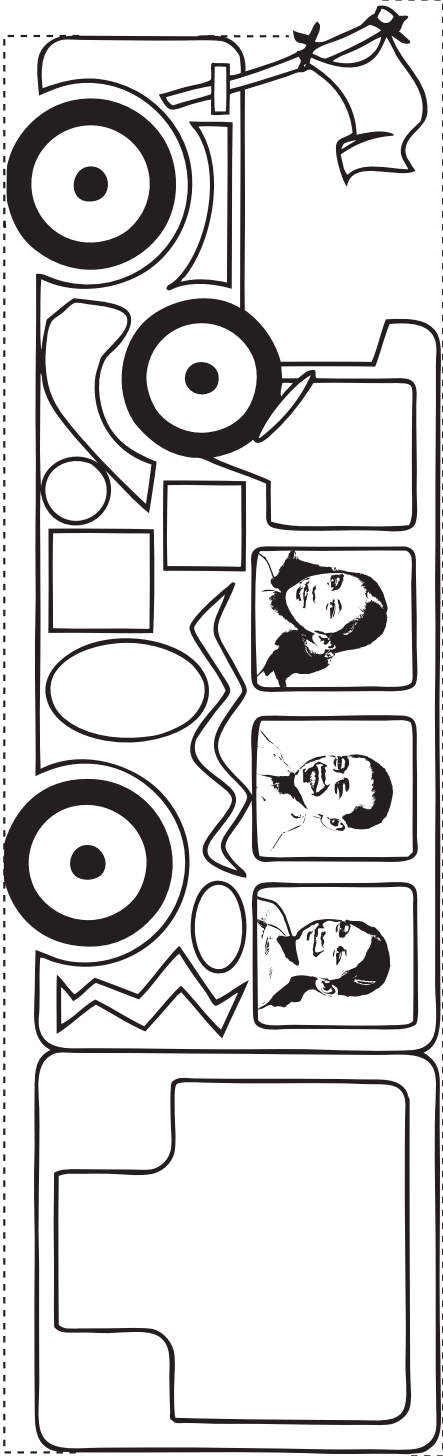
To form the back of the jeepney, fold the edges of the foil in just enough to create a square flap the size of the bottom of the carton. Press into place and tape to bottom of carton.

Wrap the foil around the pointed end of the carton and tape end to bottom of carton. Do not push foil into indentations on the sides.

Using an X-ACTO knife, carefully cut a slit into the top of the carton large enough to insert coins and paper money.

Give each child a copy of the drawings to color. Help children cut the pieces out and glue or tape them onto the sides, front, and back of the jeepney.

Send the banks home with a letter asking parents to help their children earn money for missions during the quarter.

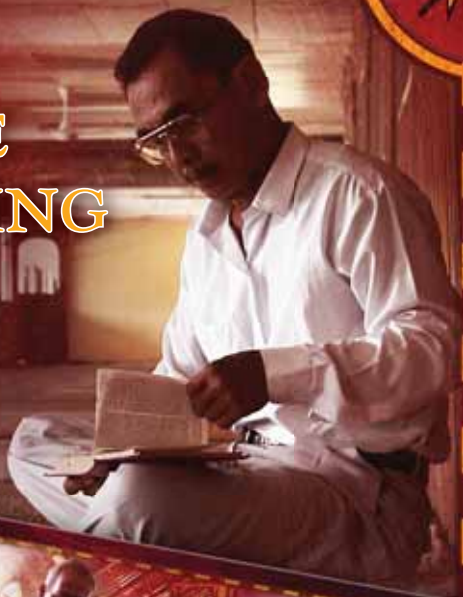


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Adventist Mission DVD is a free video that features stories from the featured countries as well as the worldwide mission of the Church. Ask your Sabbath School superintendent for it. Or go online at MissionDVD.org to download the DVD.

BOOKS

Children Just Like Me, by Barnabas and Anabel Kindersley (New York: Dorling Kindersley Books, 1995). A beautifully illustrated, large-format book that introduces children to many different cultures through children. Includes information on the children's hobbies, homes, schools, and lifestyle. Also available: *Children Just Like Me Sticker Book*.

MISCELLANEOUS

Library: Browse through the children's and travel sections of a public library or bookstore for picture books on the Philippines.

Travel Agencies: Travel agencies often have colorful brochures on tourist destinations in the Philippines. Call or visit one and ask what they have available to help you portray the scenery and culture of the island nation.

Embassies and Tourism Offices sometimes can provide interesting information on their country. In North America, contact:

The Embassy of the Philippines, 1600 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, DC. Telephone: (202)467-9300.

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UNIONS	SRI LANKA CHURCH MEMBERSHIP	POPULATION
Bangladesh	107	149,002,000
Central Philippine	1,141	15,329,000
East Indonesia	656	21,378,000
Myanmar	192	49,805,000
North Philippine	1,300	54,865,000
South Philippine	1,824	18,513,000
Southeast Asia	305	203,232,000
West Indonesia	660	210,251,300
Guam-Micronesia Mission	18	450,000
Sri Lanka Mission	36	20,087,000
Attached Field		1,048,000
Totals January 2008	6,240	876,197
PROJECTS:		
① Classroom block at Palawan Adventist Academy, Palawan, Philippines.		
② Secondary school in Dumaguete, Central Philippines...		
③ Secondary school in Zamboanga, South Philippines.		