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# DEAR SABBATH SCHOOL LEADER,

This quarter features the South Pacific, which includes the countries of Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, and the islands of the Pacific including Pitcairn, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu, and other islands.

The division is home to more than 34 million people, 400,900 of whom are Seventh-day Adventists. That's a ratio of one Adventist for every 85 people. The majority of Adventists live in the islands. The countries of Australia and New Zealand have a ratio of one Adventist for about every 362 people.

The Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will go to help build a new campus for Fulton College in Fiji and provide picture rolls for children in the islands of the South Pacific.

## Language Fun

Songs and words in Pidgin (the trade language of Papua New Guinea), Fijian, and Maori (the language of the original inhabitants of New Zealand) are featured on [www.AdventistMission.org](http://www.AdventistMission.org). Click on "Resources" and "Children's Activities."

## Mission Potluck

If you host a mission potluck this quarter, find recipes and cultural items on the website listed above. Label the foods with their country of origin.

As people arrive, let the children greet people in one of the languages featured this quarter. After the meal, invite the children to sing a song or two they've learned this quarter.

## Make a Mission Scene

Make a mural scene featuring a tropical island. Include houses built on stilts, vibrant birds, palm trees, and a light-blue sea. If you wish, make part of the scene an underwater garden of coral reefs and tropical fish. Use the travel brochures or the outlines of coral and fish from the website.

## 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.
- **Invite a guest** who has lived in the South Pacific to visit your class and speak to the children. Invite them to bring appropriate items for the children to see and touch.
- **Decorate the room** with tissue-paper flowers, flags, and/or pictures cut from magazines or travel brochures.
- **More Activities.** Visit our website at [www.AdventistMission.org](http://www.AdventistMission.org). Click on "Resources" and "Children's Activities." Click on the current quarter to find pages of crafts, additional language activities and songs, recipes, games, and activities to download or print for use in your Sabbath School.

Yours for the kingdom,



Charlotte Ishkanian  
Editor, *Children's Mission*



## DORCAS AND THE UNEXPECTED CHURCH

Today we start a new quarter with stories from the South Pacific Division. The South Pacific Division includes Australia [point to Australia on a map] and lots of islands. Today's story comes from Papua New Guinea, which is just north of Australia. Can someone find Papua New Guinea on our map? [Let several children find it.]

### FAST FACTS

- Papua New Guinea is a mountainous island nation. The main island lies just north of Australia. The pointy part of Australia points directly to Papua New Guinea, which shares the island of New Guinea with Papua, a province of Indonesia.
- About 6.3 million people live in Papua New Guinea. While the cities are modern, many people still live in small villages in the mountains. Although they may see a village on another mountain ridge, it could take days to hike there, and it's likely that they don't speak the same dialect. More than 700 different languages and dialects are spoken in Papua New Guinea.

### Dorcas Has an Idea

Dorcas lives in a village in the mountains of eastern Papua New Guinea. [Locate Port Moresby on the map and trace a line northeast into the heart of the peninsula to show where Dorcas lives.] While attending summer camp last year she had an idea.

Camp was such fun! The leaders told Bible stories and taught the children new songs to sing and simple crafts to do. And every day the children received a card with a Bible text on it to learn. As Dorcas held her Bible text card one day, she had an idea.

When she returned home from camp, she asked her father to make copies of the Bible verse cards to share with her friends at school. Then she invited two of her best friends to meet her during recess.

"I've brought you something," Dorcas said. "It's a Bible verse. Let's meet during

recess to practice them and learn them together.” The girls accepted the cards and agreed to learn the Bible texts. But when they met the next day, the girls had a surprise for Dorcas.

### Unexpected Surprise

The next morning Dorcas’s friends met her by the river that flowed nearby. But instead of just two girls, 10 children met Dorcas during recess. They all wanted Bible verse cards and they all agreed to memorize the Bible texts. Dorcas was amazed that so many children wanted to learn God’s Word! She needed more Bible verse cards!

Dorcas gave each child a card and invited them to come back the next day to practice the Bible verses.

Every day more children came to Dorcas during morning recess to say their Bible verse and get another card. Within two weeks 20 children were learning Bible verses during school recess. That was a *big* group!

### Dorcas’ Bible Club

When Dorcas told her mother how many children were coming to her group, Mother suggested that the children meet at their house.

Dorcas invited her friends to meet at her house on Wednesday and Friday evenings. All 20 friends came, and they invited more friends. “Mother and I planned a program for the children,” Dorcas says. “We sang songs, I told a Bible story, and we did the same crafts I had learned at summer camp. And the group kept growing.”

Soon too many children were coming to meet inside the house, and the children began meeting under

the house. (Houses in hot parts of Papua New Guinea often are built on stilts to catch the breeze. The space underneath the house is a perfect place for a meeting.)

Six months after Dorcas started the Bible group, about 50 children and some of their parents were coming to Dorcas’ Wednesday and Friday meetings. And almost 100 were attending on Sabbath morning for worship. Dorcas planned a regular Sabbath School program for the children, and her mother and dad helped conduct the worship.

### A New Church

One day Dorcas’ parents told her that several people had given their hearts to Jesus and wanted to be baptized! What good news that was!

“It makes me happy to know that something I did is helping others learn about Jesus,” Dorcas says. “Most of my friends don’t have Bibles and don’t know Bible texts. I wanted to help them learn some Bible texts and to get to know Jesus as I do.”

Because Dorcas let God lead her, a whole new church was planted in her village. We can do big things for God if we follow the ideas that Jesus gives us. And we can help Dorcas and other people in the islands of the South Pacific teach children about God. Part of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will help provide new picture rolls to go with the Sabbath School lessons. In this way children can see a Bible picture while they hear the story. Let’s save our money all quarter to help these children have pictures that will help them understand that God loves them. 🌍



PAPUA NEW GUINEA | October 10

ANGELINE

## ANGELINE'S SPECIAL AUNTIE

Today's story again comes from Papua New Guinea. Who can find Papua New Guinea on our map? *[Let several children try.]* Angeline lives near Port Moresby, the capital city. *[Point to Port Moresby.]*

### FAST FACTS

- The people of Papua New Guinea (PNG) are Melanesians, a distinctive, dark-skinned people with lovely wide smiles. Many parts of the nation are isolated, and the people speak some 700 separate languages and dialects.
- Most people who live outside the large cities live in traditional villages made of wood and thatch. They hunt and fish for food and harvest plants from the forest. A major food is sago, a tasteless starch made from the heart of a palm tree.
- While two thirds of the people in PNG claim to be Christians, many still hold traditional beliefs based on ancestor and spirit worship.

Angeline's father is a police officer, and the family lives in a special area called a barracks, with other police officers and their families. Angeline knows nearly everyone there. Angeline loves to spend time with Auntie Eunice, one of her neighbors. "She's like a grandmother or a favorite aunt," Angeline explains. "All the children love her. We spend lots of time at her house. She's kind and likes spending time with us. My parents are pretty busy, so it's nice to have a friend like Auntie Eunice."

### Auntie Eunice's Kids' Club

Auntie Eunice loves to tell the children Bible stories. One day she invited all the children in the neighborhood to her house for a Bible club. And 36 kids came! There wasn't enough room inside the house for everyone, so they met under Auntie

Eunice's mango tree. She led them in songs and taught them finger plays and gave them pictures to color. It was fun!

"We sang really loud," Angeline says. "Six more children came running when they heard us singing. It was fun sitting under Auntie Eunice's mango tree praising Jesus."

After that, every Monday and Friday evening the children met at Auntie Eunice's for Bible club. "No one wanted to miss the Bible club!" Angeline says. "And when Auntie Eunice told us a Bible story, we'd listen carefully because sometimes she would stop and let us guess what happened next."

Auntie Eunice told the children about things that make Jesus sad, such as disobeying their parents or telling lies or drinking alcohol or smoking or eating unhealthful foods. "Our bodies are God's temple," she explained. "God wants us to keep our temple clean and pure to honor Him."

Auntie Eunice often took some of the children to church with her. But

one week she took everyone—all 42 children! "We led out in Sabbath School and talked about how we can be good neighbors by visiting the sick and making friends with people. Then during the worship service we sang a special song. Most of the people were smiling, but a few were crying. Later Auntie Eunice told me that our program made them so happy that they cried.

### Learning to Be God's Friends

"I love Auntie Eunice," Angeline adds. "I want to be like her when I grow up. She tells me that Jesus wants every child to be His friend. Please pray for me and for the other children who come to Auntie Eunice's kids' club, so we can learn to follow Jesus and be His friends. And please pray that my parents also will want to follow Jesus."

Auntie Eunice adds that we can't all go to another land to be a missionary, but we can all share God's love right where we live. How can you share God's love this week? 🌍

## SING IN PIDGEN JESUS LOVES ME

Pronounce vowels as follows: *ah* (as in awe), *ai* (as in high), *ao* (as in out), *eh* (as in bet), *ee* (as in bee), *ih* (as in him) *oh* (as in oh) and *oo* (as in boot).

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



P A P U A   N E W   G U I N E A | October 17

NATASHA AND JIQUI

## MI SALA!\*

Jiqui [JEE-quee] lives in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. Who can find Papua New Guinea on our map? *[Let child point to it.]* Who can find Port Moresby on the map?

Jiqui is 8 years old, but already she has helped someone meet Jesus. Last year her church sponsored a Children's Sabbath, and Jiqui was one of four children who spoke for the worship service.

"It was a little hard," Jiqui says. "I was in the first grade then, and I couldn't read very well. So Mother read my sermon to me, and I memorized it. She helped me learn how to speak loudly and how to use my hands for expression. By the time of the service, I was only a little nervous."

On Children's Sabbath Jiqui prayed that God would give her a strong voice and use her words to help someone want to know more about Jesus. She didn't know it, but someone in the audience was touched by God as Jiqui spoke.

### Natasha

Natasha had never been to the Adventist church before. Her aunt had invited her to the Children's Sabbath program. Natasha

## MISSION POST

- The South Pacific Division has about 400,000 Seventh-day Adventists. That's one Adventist for every 85 people. But more than half of those Adventists live in Papua New Guinea, where one person out of every 27 is an Adventist.
- Even so, hundreds of small villages hidden in the mountains and thousands of people walking the streets of the larger cities still don't know that Jesus loves them, that He died for them. Thousands still worship gods of wood or stone or gods they cannot see but fear.
- Watch the Adventist Mission DVD for great stories from Papua New Guinea this quarter.



attends church with her parents on Sunday, but the children's program sounded interesting, so she decided to attend. She had never seen children lead a worship service before. They led the singing and prayed, and four children even preached. She was excited to see the children up front.

Then Jiqui, the smallest child, stood to speak. Natasha listened in amazement. This girl was younger than Natasha! *How can such a little girl preach?* She wondered. Then she whispered to her auntie, "*Mi sala!* [I like it!] I want to learn to do that too!"

Natasha wanted to visit the Adventist church again, and her parents agreed. Since then Natasha has attended church every Sabbath. She especially likes Sabbath School with its active songs for children and an interesting Bible story every week. "It's great! I like how the teacher tells us about God in words we can understand. *Mi sala!*"

### Another Special Program

Several months later the children presented another special program. This time Natasha took part. She told the people how a little girl's sermon had made her want to continue coming to church. Then Natasha called Jiqui to the front and thanked her for her part in the program.

Jiqui didn't know that her sermon had helped Natasha come to church. She was glad that God had used her words to touch Natasha's heart.

Natasha looks forward to the day she can preach in church. "I'll ask Jiqui to help me," she says. "And I'll invite my parents and friends to come. And I'll ask God to help me tell them more about Jesus' love, just as Jiqui did when she preached. I think God would answer my prayer. He answered Jiqui's!"

Jiqui and Natasha want you to share God's love with others so they can get excited about God. You can do that this week! 🌍

\* "I like it" in Pidgin

## SPEAK PIDGIN

Many words in Pidgin sound similar to English. Encourage children to guess what the literal translation of some words mean just by hearing the pronunciation.

Vowels are *ah* (as in awe), *ai* (as in high), *ao* (as in out), *eh* (as in bet), *ee* (as in bee), *ih* (as in him) *oh* (as in oh) and *oo* (as in boot).

Good morning	MOH-ning
Good afternoon	AH-pee-noon
Yes	yes
No	noh-gaht
Please	plees
Thank you	tehnk-yoo
Child	PEE-kihn-nee-nee



## THE SISTERS' PRAYER

Tema [THE-mah] and Tonia [TOHN-yah] live with their parents and little brother, Mua [MOO-ah], in a village near the sea on the big island of Fiji. *[Point to Fiji on a map and invite one or two children to find it also.]* Their house is built of wood and stands several feet off the ground to prevent flooding during the rainy season. The sisters like to play *pani\**, a game similar to dodge ball, and eat fish cooked in coconut milk.

### FAST FACTS

- Fiji is a nation made up of more than 800 islands with a population of about 800,000. Most of the people live on the two largest islands.
- About half of the population is ethnic Fijian, and almost half are of Indian descent. While most ethnic Fijians consider themselves Christians, most Indians have clung to their own traditions, including their religion. Few have become Christians.
- The 26,000 Adventists living in Fiji mean that one person out of every 33 is a Seventh-day Adventist.

Ever since the girls were little, their Bu [boo, grandmother] and Nau [now, grandfather] have taken them to Sabbath School. And when Mua was big enough, they took him, too. The children enjoy Sabbath School a lot, especially the singing and the Bible stories. Often they arrive at church in time for a special prayer-and-praise service before Sabbath School. This is a time when anyone can share their prayer requests and praises with church members. Tonia and Tema often asked the church to pray that their parents would attend church with them.

### Please Come!

On Sabbath morning Mother helped the children get ready for church. She made a breakfast of bread and raisins for them to eat.

But whenever the girls invited their mother to go to church with them, she just smiled and sent them off with Bu and Nau. Sometimes Bu and Nau urged Mother to attend church in order to be a good example to the children. Mother would just answer, “Perhaps one day.”

Bu and Nau encouraged the children to pray every day for their parents. And they did.

### Visitors’ Sabbath

One Sabbath the pastor announced that visitors’ Sabbath was the next week. Tonia and Tema hurried home from church and invited their mother to be their visitor the following Sabbath. Even little brother Mua chimed in, “Yes, Mama, come with us.” Their father worked on Sabbath, so the children knew that he wouldn’t go. Every day that week the children invited their mother to go to church with them, and finally Mother agreed. The children jumped up and down and clapped their hands and hugged Mother. Mother just smiled, for she was happy too.

On Sabbath morning the children dressed quickly for church. Mother dressed for church, as well. They quickly ate their breakfast of bread and raisins and started down the road toward the church. The girls held Mother’s hands and pulled her along so she would hurry. Bu and Nau followed along and smiled. Everyone was glad that Mother was going to church.

The children sat with Mother and Bu and Nau in church. When it was time to introduce the visitors, Tema stood and introduced her mother. And all three children were extra quiet during

church, for they wanted Mother to be proud of them. During the sermon Tonia looked at Mother and saw tears in her eyes. She prayed that Mother was listening as Jesus talked to her heart.

After the worship service the members prepared a big lunch to welcome everyone. Then it was time to go home. Tonia held Mother’s hand as they walked toward home while little Mua ran on ahead. He was happy too. They all were happy, for Mother had gone to church with them.

### Mother’s Surprise

During the week the children invited Mother to join them at church the next week. And this time Mother said yes! Mother continued attending church with the family. Then one week she told the pastor that she wanted to become part of God’s family.

Tema and Tonia are thrilled that God has answered their prayer and helped their mother come to Jesus. Now they’re praying for their father. “I know that God will speak to his heart, just as He spoke to Mother’s,” Tema says. “We know that all things are possible if we just believe, and we do believe,” Tonia adds.

Tema and Tonia like being missionaries for Jesus. “It’s easy!” they say. “Just pray for your friends and tell them how much God loves them. Then invite them to worship with you on Sabbath.” One other way to be a missionary is to bring your mission offering to church. That way even more people can hear about Jesus. 🌐

\*Pani is a popular game in Fiji. For instructions visit [www.AdventistMission.org](http://www.AdventistMission.org). Click on “Resources” in the drop-down menu and then click on “Children’s Activities.”



## THE RUNAWAY

Today's story comes from the Solomon Islands. Who can find the Solomon Islands on our map? *[Help a child locate the islands, which lie between Papua New Guinea and Fiji.]*

### MISSION POST

- Most of the people living in the Solomon Islands claim to be Christians, but some follow cargo cults, groups that follow foreign leaders in hope that doing so will bring them wealth.
- Of the almost 500,000 people living in the Solomon Islands, more than 36,000, or one person in every 14, is a Seventh-day Adventist.
- While the church has many members, it is poor, and children have no Sabbath School lessons or pictures to hold their interest during Sabbath School. Part of this quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help provide "Flip for Jesus" charts (similar to picture rolls) for the children in the South Pacific islands.

Tiroa [tee-ROH-ah] wandered down the dirt road. Tears streaked his dusty face.

Some women saw him as they returned to their village. "You'd better hurry home," one woman said. "It will be dark soon."

"No!" he said fiercely. "I won't go back there. They'll beat me." The boy's fierce defense surprised the women. They learned that his name was Tiroa, and that he was about 10 years old. He had run away from his aunt and uncle who lived in a village in the mountains.

The women couldn't leave the boy alone, so Enta [EHN-tah] offered to take him home with her. "Some food and a bath will make you feel better," she said, smiling at him. Tiroa sensed he could trust her and followed her home.

### A New Home

Enta prepared some potatoes, cassava,

bananas, and *pawpaw* (papaya) for dinner. The boy ate it hungrily. Then he washed his face and fell asleep on the sleeping mat that Enta had placed on the floor for him.

Tiroa awoke to find more food to eat. Tiroa smiled a shy “thank you” at his new auntie, Enta. He liked her!

It was Friday, and that evening the family gathered to pray as the sun set. Tiroa watched the others kneel on the hard, wooden floor and fold their hands. He did the same. After a meal of pineapple and bananas, the boy curled up on the sleeping mat and fell asleep again.

### Reluctant Worshipper

On Sabbath morning the family ate breakfast and dressed for church, but Tiroa didn’t want to go. Auntie Enta sensed that he was afraid and allowed Tiroa to stay home. During the following week the family gathered for worship every evening. They sang a song, listened to a Bible story, and prayed. By the next Sabbath Tiroa was willing to go to church with Auntie Enta. Tiroa

liked Sabbath School. He liked the story and the sing-sing time. He had begun learning some songs in worship and joined the children as they sang.

### Lessons for Tiroa

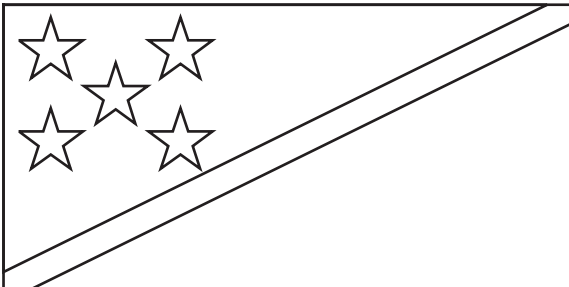
Tiroa’s family learned where he was and came to see him. Tiroa was afraid they would make him go back with them, but Auntie Enta convinced them that he was better off living with her. They agreed to allow him to stay in her village.

Tiroa has never been to school, and he cannot read or write. Auntie Enta wants to send him to school next year. Meanwhile there are other lessons to learn, such as trust and obedience.

Although Tiroa had heard of Jesus before he ran away, he didn’t know that Jesus loves him. In fact, he didn’t know what love was until Auntie Enta and her family took him in. Now they are teaching him that they love him, and Jesus loves him too.

Our mission offerings help people such as Tiroa learn that Jesus loves them. Thank you for giving. 🌍

## COLOR THE FLAG



### SOLOMON ISLANDS

Upper-left triangle: medium blue

stars: white

diagonal stripe: yellow

lower-right triangle: dark green



SOLOMON ISLANDS | November 7

BERNISHA AND RUTHINA

## THE POWER OF INFLUENCE

Bernisha [ber-NEE-shah] and Ruthina [roo-THEE-nah] are cousins. They live in the Solomon Islands. [*Locate the Solomon Islands on a map and then encourage one or two children to find them.*]

### FAST FACTS

- The Solomon Islands lie between Papua New Guinea and Fiji. The country is made up of about 30 islands and many atolls (coral outcroppings). Because they lie near the equator, the islands are hot and humid. The main islands of the Solomon Island group are volcanic mountains.
- English is the official language, but 80 local languages, including Pidgin, are spoken throughout the country. Only about half the people can read.
- Most of the people living in the Solomon Islands are of Melanesian descent, and most depend on farming and fishing for their livelihood.

Ruthina and her family live in Honiara [hohn-ee-AH-rah], the capital city of the island nation. Bernisha's family lives on another island two days away. But Bernisha's father sent her to live with Ruthina's family so she could learn about Jesus.

### New Home for Bernisha

Bernisha's family sometimes attends church on Sunday, but religion is not an important part of their lives. They don't pray together or study the Bible together. Bernisha's father decided to send Bernisha and her brother to live with Ruthina's family so they could learn more about God.

Bernisha and Ruthina have become best friends, more like sisters than cousins. They go to school together and to church together and to Pathfinders together. Bernisha especially likes Sabbath School, where the teacher's lively actions make

the Bible stories come alive.

The girls attend public school, and sometimes their classmates make fun of them for worshipping on Sabbath. But Ruthina helps Bernisha explain to them that they love Jesus and want to obey His commandments.

### Teaching Bernisha Faith

Ruthina has taught Bernisha how to lead the family in worship every day. She chooses the songs to sing and reads or tells a Bible story. “Leading the family worship helps me learn to talk in front of other people,” Bernisha says.

Ruthina and Bernisha like to play together, and usually they get along fine. But sometimes they have a disagreement, as all friends do. But they pray about their problems and forgive each other. Ruthina smiles as she says, “I love Bernisha. She’s my best friend as well as my cousin.”

Because Ruthina has shared God’s love with her and been a good example, Bernisha has given her heart to Jesus. “I’ve learned so much about following God since I came to live with Ruthina

and her family,” Bernisha says. “I’ve learned to study the Bible to know about God. My auntie and cousins are teaching me what it means to be an Adventist Christian. And my brother is learning more about God too.”

### Making a Difference

When Ruthina and Bernisha have a problem, they pray about it. When someone teases them about their faith, the girls tell them that Jesus lives in their hearts. Then they pray for their friends who tease them. “It makes me feel better to know that Ruthina is there to help me know what to do,” Bernisha says. “She reminds me to show others by my actions that I love Jesus.”

The girls pray for Bernisha’s family too. Bernisha wants them to know that Jesus has made a difference in her life, and He can make a big difference in theirs as well.

Speaking of making a difference, our mission offerings make a difference in the lives of people all around the world every day. It’s one more way we can be a missionary for God. 🌍

## COUNT IN PIDGIN

People throughout the islands of the South Pacific speak some form of Pidgin. See page 9 for pronunciation guide.

### Numbers

one  
two  
three  
four  
five

### Nahm-bahs

wahn  
too  
tree  
foh-ah  
faiv

### Numbers

six  
seven  
eight  
nine  
ten

### Nahm-bahs

see-kees  
seh-ven  
eht  
nain  
tehn



## ARNIE'S SHACK

Telling other kids about Jesus is serious business. But some children in Australia have discovered that it can be fun too. They and their families produce a program called *Arnie's Shack*. It's a video that includes puppets, balloons, crafts, and stories about God.

"There's so much on television that shows families behaving badly," Pastor Darren says, "but very few programs help children make good choices. That's how *Arnie's Shack* came about.

### FAST FACTS

- Australia is the smallest continent in the world. The culture is secular, and most people don't attend religious services of any kind. Only one person out of every 392 in Australia is a Seventh-day Adventist Christian (as opposed to the division-wide ratio of one Adventist for every 85 people).
- It's hard to reach people with the message of Jesus because they aren't interested in listening. Let's pray that God will help us know how to reach people with His love and help the people want to listen.

### *Arnie's Shack*

*Arnie's Shack* is a video program, but the adults and children present live programs in churches and at public events. The programs teach life lessons through the use of puppets, singing, acting, and other activities. No one is a professional actor, and no one gets paid. They practice hard for each recording session and whenever they have a church program to present.

Preparing fun programs isn't all fun and games, however. Dena, 14, says, "A lot of work goes into doing these programs. It can take an hour to produce five minutes of video. And because we do most of our



filming during our school breaks, it's like a full-time job.

"Sometimes the live programs in public places are the most difficult. Because Australia is a secular country with lots of people who don't believe in God, people sometimes laugh at us or try to make us feel uncomfortable. But at the end I know we're doing this for God. This is a ministry I can do!"

Leticia, 8, enjoys acting and singing, but she really enjoyed teaching children to make paper flowers for one video. Her favorite memory is when the group sang a song written for them called, "It Was for Me." It's a song that tells children that Jesus died for them. "When children hear it, they sometimes cry," she says. "That's special to me."

### Mission Fiji

Recently some members of the *Arnie's Shack* group went to Fiji as part of a children's ministries program. They put on several programs and taught people how to use puppets in their ministries. Andrew, 12, helped his dad make balloon animals that they used to talk about Bible ideas.

Andrew enjoys the programs the kids put on for churches and public events. "After one program," he says, "a little boy told me that he didn't usually go to church, but he wanted to start. It takes a lot of time to prepare and practice for these programs, but seeing people come to Jesus makes it all worthwhile."

Maddison, 8, enjoyed the trip to Fiji too. "I made friends with Fijian children," she says. "I got to make balloon animals and give them to the children. They really liked them!"

Maddison loves to make people smile.

"One day we went to a nursing home and sang," she says. "When I smiled at the old ladies, they smiled back. We gave them little cards that we had made, and that made them so happy."

### Eternal Rewards

*Arnie's Shack* is a family program, and the grown-ups are involved too. One woman writes the songs that the children sing; others help with production of the videos; and still others are the voices behind the puppets. Pastor Darren, whose children are in the group, is the "balloon guy." He likes to create an animal out of a balloon or two and talk about a Bible lesson. For example, when he makes a bee with a black stinger, he explains that sin can sting us.

Once the group put on a puppet program at a large camp meeting. One puppet gave his heart to Jesus. Later a mother told the group that when the puppet asked Jesus into his heart, her little boy did too. "That makes it all worthwhile," Pastor Darren says.

### Tell Them!

"Many of the kids in Australia don't know about Jesus. They don't know the Bible stories. So we're starting from scratch to tell them. We use life lessons that kids need to know, such as loyalty, honesty, and obedience. It's like being a missionary."

Children, maybe we can't act in a video like *Arnie's Shack*, but we can tell our friends about Jesus. Let's watch for opportunities to tell someone that God loves them this week. And remember, our mission offerings tell people about Jesus too. 🌐



A U S T R A L I A | November 21

RYAN

## RYAN'S BIRTHDAY GIFTS

*[If possible, ask a primary or junior boy to present this first-person report.]*

My name is Ryan, and I live in Australia. Not very long ago I turned 7 years old. In my family when we turn 7, we get to invite our friends to a birthday party. We play games, have a cake with candles, and eat party food. But instead of getting birthday gifts, the children who come are invited to bring a donation toward a special project that will bless others.

### FAST FACTS

- Vanuatu is an island nation in the South Pacific. It's located about 1,100 miles [1,750 kilometers] northeast of Australia and consists of about 80 islands.
- About 235,000 people live on the islands that make up Vanuatu. More than 16,000 are Seventh-day Adventists. That makes one Adventist for every 15 people.
- Even with that many Adventists, many villages are dominated by other churches, and the people don't know what Adventists believe. So there is still a lot of work to do to reach everyone in Vanuatu for Jesus.

My family was planning to go on a mission trip to Vanuatu [van-oo-AH-too], an island nation in the South Pacific. So I decided that for my birthday project I wanted to buy books and literature to give to the people there so they could learn more about Jesus.

### Birthday Offering

At my birthday party I received \$104 for my mission project. But some of the children who couldn't come to my party decided to give a donation anyway. My friend Stevie gave me nearly all the money he had, \$70. I ended up having \$182 to spend.

My mom and I went to the Adventist Book Center to buy things for the people in Vanuatu. The store had a big

sale, so my money went even further! We bought 245 books and Bible study guides and other literature.

### Mission Adventure

A month after my birthday we flew to Vanuatu. First we went to a marketplace, where Mom bought coconuts and lots of fruits and vegetables. I noticed that many children sit on the ground near their mothers who are selling food and other things from tables. I gave the children some of the pamphlets I'd brought.

Later I met a mission volunteer named Sope [SOH-peh], who told us about the prisoners he was working with. I gave Sope some of my Bible study pamphlets to give to the prisoners that he was going to give Bibles to. Sope invited us to go to the prison with him when he gave the Bibles and study guides to the guards who then gave them to the prisoners for us.

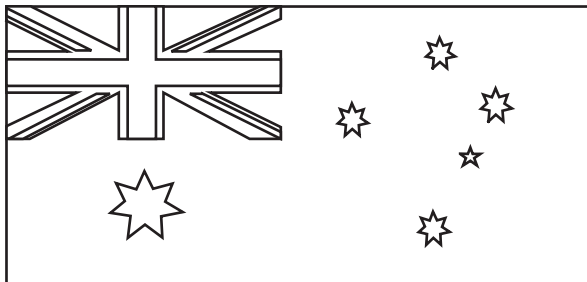
### Kids' Meetings

My family and I held lots of meetings on two different islands. It seemed as though everyone wanted to come to our children's meetings! At one meeting we started with 20 kids, and the next day everyone brought a friend. The attendance just kept going up. And even though the meetings were for children, lots of adults came too and listened to God's messages. I gave out lots of literature and was surprised at how happy people were to receive it. It's not easy for them to get these things, and they were glad to have them.

I'm so happy that my parents helped me have a special birthday this year—a birthday that taught me the joy of giving to others. I'll never forget how happy people were to receive even one piece of literature about Jesus. That was a gift enough for me!

I'm just a boy, but I can do lots of things for Jesus! 🌍

## COLOR THE FLAG



### AUSTRALIA

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## WHERE GOD LEADS

Jaime [JAY-mee] Warren lives in western Australia. He is part Aboriginal. That means that some of his ancestors lived in Australia long before Europeans arrived.

Jaime is adopted, and he and his mother are very close. Two years ago his mother had to go to the hospital for surgery. When Jaime worried about his mother, his grandmother told him to pray. “Prayer does what you can’t,” she said. So Jaime and his grandmother prayed. The next day Grandmother and Jaime went to see his mother in the hospital. “When can you come home?” Jaime asked his mother.

“I’m pretty sick,” she told him. The doctor told Grandmother that it would be several days before she could go home.

When Mother did return home she was still really weak, and she didn’t get better as quickly as she had hoped. She had to stay in bed, so Jaime did what he could to help her. He fixed her breakfast and hurried home from school to do what he could to help take care of her. The two spent a lot of time talking.

Eventually Jaime’s mother got better, but she was still too weak to work. Whenever Jaime found himself worrying about his mom, he remembered to pray.

### A New Adventure

Then one day Mother told Jaime that God was calling them to go to western Australia. Jaime was excited—until he realized that he would have to leave his aunts and uncles and

## MISSION POST

- Aboriginal Australians are the original people of Australia. They lived in small, family-based groups, surviving on food they could hunt or dig up with basic tools.
- The Aboriginal Australians invented the boomerang, a curved, carved piece of wood that they used as a hunting weapon.

cousins and grandparents behind. His grandparents and aunts and uncles and cousins were sad too, but Mother said that God had called, so they went.

The day after they arrived in western Australia, Jaime met Mitch, a boy who's become Jaime's best friend. Jaime made other new friends and found that he liked western Australia.

Then one day he returned home from school and found his mom was sick again. She had to go back to the hospital. Jaime stayed with Mitch while his mother was in the hospital, and every day the boys prayed for Jaime's mom. She had to have surgery again, and Jaime was tempted to worry. He prayed extra hard. Only later did he learn that the doctors thought she would die. Jaime thanked God for saving his mother's life.

### A Special Bond

"I love my mom so much," Jaime says. "We pray together every day and ask God to protect each other."

Jaime likes western Australia. He's learning more about his Aboriginal culture. "I can play a didgeridoo [dih-juhr-ee-DOO, an Aboriginal musical instrument] and I'm learning some Aboriginal dances. I'm learning to throw a boomerang, too," he adds. *[Show children a boomerang.]*

"I know that I'm adopted, and sometimes I felt bad because my birth mom didn't want me. But now I realize that Mom has given me such a great life—a lot better than my birth mom could have. It's the same with God. He wants to adopt us into His family as His children and give us a home forever and ever with Him in heaven. Who could say no to that?" 🌐

## MAKE DAMPER

Australians in the outback make a camp bread called damper. Invite the children to help make this fun food and bake it over a campfire. Use clean twigs or straightened metal coat hangers to wrap the bread dough around. Start the charcoal or wood burning well before preparing the dough.

2 cups all-purpose flour

2 teaspoon salt

peanut butter, jelly, Marmite or Vegemite

*(yeast spreads popular in Australia and available in most Adventist Book Centers)*

4 teaspoons baking powder

¾ cup milk

Sift flour, baking powder, and salt into a large mixing bowl. Add the milk and stir with a spoon until a soft dough forms. Add more milk if the dough is too stiff. Roll dough out to about ¼- to ½-inch thick. Cut the dough into strips about one inch wide and let the children wrap a strip around a stick in a spiral pattern. Pinch the dough together at the end. Show the children how to hold the stick over the fire to bake the dough until it is a light brown. When bread is completely cooked, let it cool before an adult removes it from the stick. Spread with a favorite topping and eat.



## WORKING WITH JESUS

Jennifer lives in New Zealand, a beautiful island nation east of Australia. [*Locate New Zealand on a map.*] Her home overlooks the sea. Jennifer loves telling others about Jesus.

### FAST FACTS

- New Zealand is a beautiful country that lies east of Australia. It is made up of two large islands and several smaller ones.
- Only about 4 million people live in New Zealand, most of them on North Island. The largest city is Auckland [AWK-land], with just over 1.1 million people.
- The original settlers of New Zealand were Polynesians who came from other islands in the South Pacific. Today these people are known as the Maori [MOW-ree] and make up less than one tenth of the total population.

### Kidz Time

When she was 5 years old her mother and two other women in their church started a children's Bible club that they called Kidz Time. They held the club meetings in a classroom in a school on Sabbath mornings. Jennifer wanted to help. But what could a 5-year-old do? The answer? Lots!

She helped make signs to put up in the neighborhood inviting the children to come. And she posed as a Bible character for a picture her mom put in a leaflet to tell people about the Kidz Time Bible club.

At first just four children came to Kidz Time, but the number grew, and today as many as 14 children come. Some of their parents come too. They want to see what their kids are learning.

Jennifer helps teach the children while

her uncle teaches the adults who come. “I teach them a Bible verse and tell the Bible story,” Jennifer says. “And sometimes I lead the singing and other activities. We invent games to teach the children Bible lessons. Once we did a very s-l-o-w game of ‘Simon Says.’ We wanted the kids to know that sometimes it takes a while to know what God wants us to do. It was fun, and they caught on quickly.”

Jennifer likes helping with Kidz Time. “I want other children to know about God,” she says. “I like to do things for people because Jesus has done so much for me. When I see someone give their heart to Jesus, it’s all worth it!”

### Ernest

Ernest has been coming to Kidz Time since the program started. His parents don’t let him come every week, but he loves the programs and comes whenever he can. A few months ago Ernest gave his heart to Jesus and asked for his own Bible. Jennifer’s mother gave him a children’s Bible. Even when Ernest’s parents try to get him to stop attending the Kidz’ Time, he still wants to come. Ernest and Jennifer have become friends. Jennifer prays for him. She prays for all the children and adults who attend Kidz Time. She prays for those who don’t come too.

Caring about others is one important lesson that Jennifer has learned by helping with Kidz’ Time. But Jesus has taught her lots of other lessons as well.

### Lesson in a Lamb

Jennifer’s grandmother has sheep, and one day a mother sheep gave birth

to twin lambs. She couldn’t care for both of them, so she rejected one of the lambs. Jennifer found the little lamb and took it to her grandmother, who taught the children how to feed him and keep him warm. The children named him Tom. Soon Tom was strong enough to live with the other sheep. When one of the children called to him, Tom would run to them.

### Lesson From Death

Then one day Jennifer found Tom lying near the fence. He wasn’t moving. She touched Tom’s lifeless body. “I cried for Tom, because I loved him,” Jennifer said.

As Jennifer’s father buried Tom, Jennifer thought about how much she had loved Tom. She thought of the Israelites who had to give their best lamb to be sacrificed for their sins. *How hard that must have been!* Jennifer thought. *I could never have let Tom be sacrificed.*

Then she thought about Jesus, who was the Lamb of God. He knew that He would have to die one day for the sins of everyone. That must have been hard too. But He did it for us because it was the only way to save us. “Thinking about that makes me want to never disobey Jesus,” Jennifer adds. “Jesus died for me, and I want to live for Him forever. That’s another reason I want to tell others that God loves us.”

We can tell our friends and neighbors how much God loves them, just as Jennifer does. And we can bring our mission offering to church so that more people will learn that God loves them so much He let Jesus die for them. 🌐



## MAD FOR GOD

Esther's goal is to be MAD for God. She was named after the Bible queen who made a difference for God, and that's what MAD means—making a difference.

Esther was born in South Africa, but her family moved to New Zealand two years ago. [*Locate South Africa on a map; trace a line to Auckland, New Zealand.*]

Esther is homeschooled, so she has lots of time to make a difference for God in the lives of those she meets.

### MISSION POST

- New Zealand is a beautiful and comfortable country to live in. Its people live comfortably for the most part and are not in great need.
- More than 60 percent of the people living in New Zealand claim to be Christian, but many no longer attend church regularly. Of the remaining 40 percent of the population, most claim no religion at all.
- Pray for the people of New Zealand, especially for the children and teenagers who don't have a personal relationship with Jesus.

She takes ice skating and gymnastics classes, and her coach and teammates know that she doesn't go to competitions on Sabbath. Often they ask why, and she has a chance to share what God means to her. If someone asks her about the Sabbath, she shows them in the Bible that God wants His children to spend the Sabbath with Him. When someone begs her to come "just this once" to a competition on Sabbath, Esther tells them that the whole Sabbath is God's special day, not just an hour or two.

### Bible Class

Some kids in New Zealand don't go to church, and the only thing they know about God is what they learn in



a once-a-week religion class in school. Esther's mother teaches this religion class in three different schools. Esther helps her by writing scripts, preparing Bible story costumes and object lessons, and by showing pictures on the computer while her mom tells a story. This makes the Bible class more interesting to the children.

When her mother told the story of Noah, Esther created a rainbow with a poem using the colors of the rainbow. And when the story was about Paul and Timothy, Esther gave them an assignment to write a text message from Paul to Timothy. They enjoyed these activities a lot, and when Esther doesn't go with her mother, the children ask, "Where's Esther?" They love her—and she loves them!

### Being MAD for God

Esther loves to do whatever God asks her. She teaches, she preaches, she

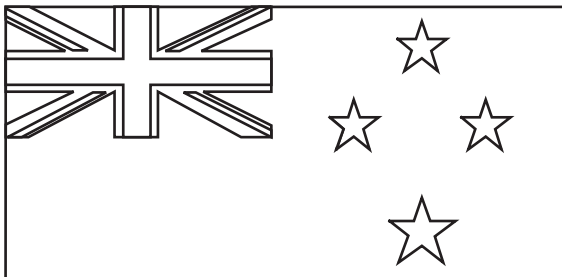
prepares the visual aids for her mother's Bible classes, and she does many other things. "I'm glad that I can use my talents for Jesus," she says.

"The Bible says: 'Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity' [1Timothy 4:12 NIV]. We children need to be an example to others—to our elders and our parents as well as to our peers. We can do that by learning how to share God's love with others. We must let God's love shine through everything we do so that others can see that God really does make a difference in our lives.

"My mom tells the kids in the Bible class to be MAD—making a difference—for God. That's what I want to do."

Boys and girls, we all can be MAD—making a difference—for God in how we behave. Let's be MAD for God this week. 🌐

## COLOR THE FLAG



### NEW ZEALAND

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NEW ZEALAND | December 19

KATIE AND BRODIE

## SHARING GOD'S LOVE

*[Invite two primary or junior girls to help present this program. Give them the report ahead of time so they can practice reading it.]*

### MISSION POST

- The Adventist Church is growing in New Zealand. Much of this growth is because friends invite friends to learn about Jesus.
- New churches are being planted in areas that had no church or had just a handful of members with no place to worship.
- One of the greatest needs is to share God's love with the native Maori [MOW-ree] people, the people who have lived in New Zealand for more than 1,000 years.
- Praise God for the many immigrants from other countries, especially from the Cook Islands, Samoa, and Vanuatu. Many of these islanders are Adventists who share their faith in their new homeland.

**Leader:** Katie and Brodie [BROH-dee] live in Auckland, New Zealand. *[Locate New Zealand on a map.]* Katie's family are Seventh-day Adventists. When her church announced its Spring Praise program, Katie was excited.

**Katie:** I love Spring Praise! The church is filled with spring flowers, and the worship service is filled with music. I invited lots of my friends to come. One was Brodie.

**Brodie:** I had never been to Sabbath School before, and I didn't know the songs the kids were singing. But Katie showed me that the words were flashed onto a screen, and I could sing along. Then the teacher told us a Bible story, and we talked about what we had learned. Katie really helped

me feel welcome, and I even saw a few people from school that I knew. I liked Sabbath School.

**Katie:** After Sabbath School we went to the sanctuary for the special praise service. We sang some songs and had a story. Then the children went to the front and were given flowers to give to people in the congregation who would share them with friends and neighbors who didn't know Jesus.

**Brodie:** I really enjoyed the program! After church we took flowers to Katie's piano teacher, and I took some home to my parents. I told them that the church members gave them to us to share. I said that I wanted to go to church with Katie all the time and to be a Christian. To me, being a Christian is having fun sharing with others while I learn about Jesus and God.

**Katie:** I was so happy when Brodie said she wanted to come to church again! Of course I invited her back, and she's been coming every week since then.

**Brodie:** I love learning about God. I want to invite my parents to come. I'm learning to pray, too. One day my little sister's foot hurt. I asked God to heal her, and the next day her foot felt better. I realized that God hears our prayers and cares about us.

**Katie:** I pray for people who are sick or sad or lonely. Sometimes when I'm praying God reminds me to visit someone who needs a friend.

**Brodie:** Katie is the only real Christian friend I have. She has taught me what it means to be a Christian, to love God and to trust Him with my life.

**Katie:** Seeing Brodie learn to love God makes me want to tell others about God too.

**Leader:** We can all tell friends about how much God loves us. We can invite them to church and be friendly to visitors. And we can give our mission offering. All of these are ways God wants us to share His love with others. 🌍

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## KIWI FRUIT SALAD



The kiwi fruit originally came from China but is hugely popular in New Zealand—so much so that New Zealanders named it after their national bird, the kiwi. This bright-green (or sometimes golden) fruit is wrapped in a thin, brown peel. Its slightly tart taste goes well with strawberries, blueberries, and apples. Serve peeled, sliced kiwi by itself to the children or make a kiwi fruit salad using any of the above fruits. Make it just before serving and cover tightly to keep fresh until ready to serve. It needs no sugar or dressing.

# THIRTEENTH SABBATH PROGRAM

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

- Practice one or more songs from the quarterly or the website ([www.AdventistMission.org](http://www.AdventistMission.org)) to sing during the program or as an offertory.
- Send home a note to remind parents of the program and to encourage the children to bring their Thirteenth Sabbath Offering on December 26.
- Purchase colorful envelopes on which you've printed "My Thirteenth Sabbath Offering for Jesus." Ask deacons or children to distribute the envelopes at the beginning of your program. When it's time for the offering, let the children walk throughout the auditorium collecting the envelopes. Place them in a clear container or into a box wrapped to look like a gift. Remind everyone

that our offerings are gifts to spread God's Word around the world, and that one fourth of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will go directly to the South Pacific to help establish the new campus for Fulton College and to provide durable picture rolls for the children of the islands in the South Pacific.

If your class will not join the adults for a special program, present the following story during the mission time or invite a guest to speak to the children about one of the countries being featured this quarter.

- 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 like them in the South Pacific.

## IMAGINATION STATION

When you listen to a mission story or a Bible story in Sabbath School you use your imagination to see in your mind what's happening in the story. Your teacher may show you a picture or may put felt pictures on a board to help you understand the story.

But what would it be like to have no Sabbath School lesson to read during the week? And what if your teacher had no picture or felts to show you what was happening in the story? Would Sabbath School be as much fun? Would it be easy to pay attention to what the teacher is saying? *[Let children respond.]*

In many islands of the South Pacific *[point to the islands]*, children have no Sabbath School lessons. Their teachers have no felts to put on a board. They have no pictures to illustrate the Bible stories. Let's visit one island church today and use our imaginations to understand what Sabbath School is like for these children.

It's 9:00, and the head deacon picks up a metal pipe and bangs it on a large metal cylinder hanging from a tree branch. He's calling everyone to Sabbath School.

The children come running. They sit on benches under a thatched roof or on the ground under a tree. The teacher greets them and starts with singing. Oh, how they love to sing!

Then it's story time. The teacher tells the Bible story the best she can. She has no felts to illustrate the story and no picture for the children to see and understand. She uses her voice to make the story as real as possible.

When she finishes the story, she repeats the Bible text to the children. They have no Sabbath School lessons to read, so they must learn their Bible verses by repeating them after the teacher.

The teacher wants to help the children remember the Bible story. She has no paper, no crayons, not even any pencils that the children can use. What can she do? *[Let children offer suggestions. Guide them to remember that they are on an island, so they probably are near the sea. They would have only what they can find around them, such as wild flowers, palm fronds, banana leaves, rocks, and seashells. And they have sandy soil.]*

The teacher divides children into groups and tells them to draw a picture in the sand to illustrate the Bible text.

The children scatter, looking for things to use in their drawing. They don't stop to play or even notice the ocean's beauty, for they see it every day. Instead they focus on their task. It takes time to find what they need, and they bring back seashells, flower petals, a stick to draw in the sand. After 30 minutes, the children are finished. They stand near their sand drawings as the teacher walks among them, asking questions and complementing them on their work.

### Helping Other Children

How much easier it would be if the teacher had a picture from the Bible lesson *[hold up a Sabbath School quarterly lesson page with a picture]*.

We can help these children have picture charts that show the same Bible pictures we see every week in our lessons. Part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering today will help provide these Bible pictures for the children in Sabbath Schools throughout the South Pacific. The children eagerly await their pictures. They send their love and say "thank you" for your help!

*[Offering]*

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### Your Offerings at Work

"The church has come!" the people shout as they watch the sleek new airplane land on their grass air strip on the top of a mountain. Three years ago, part of your Thirteenth Sabbath Offering helped to buy this mission plane for Papua New Guinea. The believers in Papua New Guinea say a hearty "Thank you!"

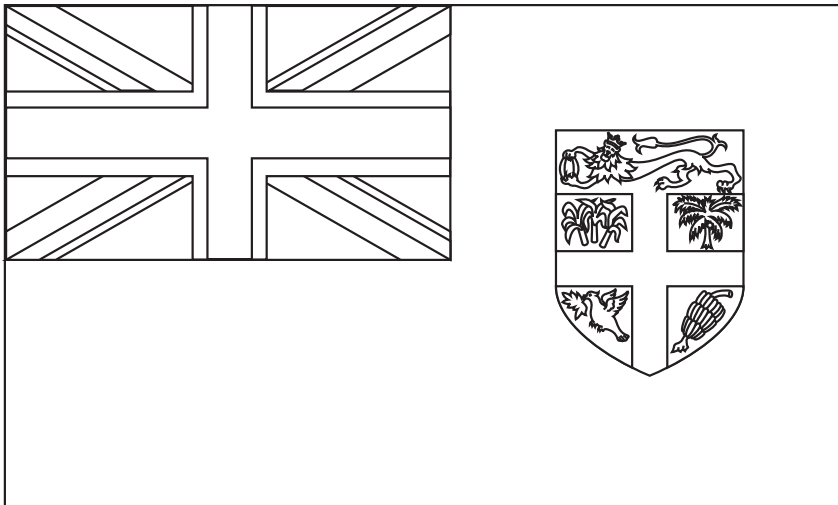


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# FLAGS OF FIJI AND PAPUA NEW GUINEA

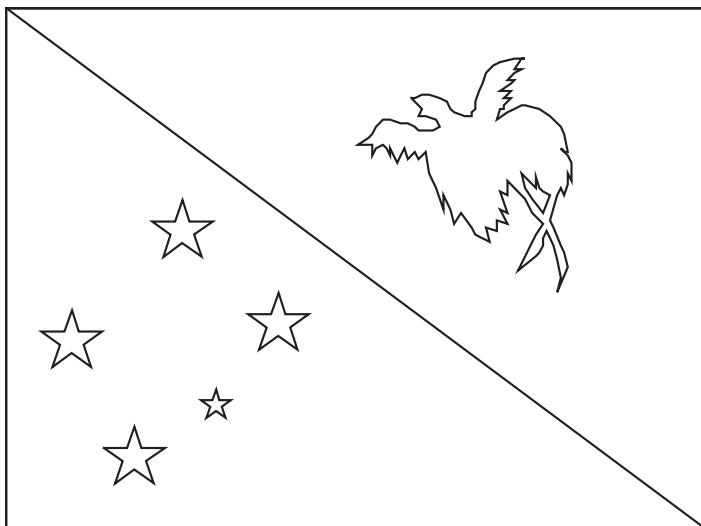
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white squares and triangles; yellow lion



## PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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upper right: red with yellow bird



# RECIPES FROM THE SOUTH PACIFIC

## COCONUT RICE

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

6 cups coconut milk\*

3 cups white rice

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

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

## POI (BANANA AND COCONUT MILK ICE CREAM)

FIJI

8 overripe bananas

1 cup coconut milk

Mash bananas or blend in a blender. Add coconut milk and continue to blend until mixture reaches the desired thickness. Add a few ice cubes to chill, or freeze slightly for an “ice cream” treat. For added flavor, add a few drops of lemon or vanilla extract.

## KAU KAU (SWEET POTATO PATTIES)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

(Kau kau are white sweet potatoes, but orange ones work equally well.)

4 medium sweet potatoes, shredded

4 green onions (or one medium onion), diced

3 or 4 eggs, beaten

Seasoning to taste

Bread crumbs

Oil for frying

Mix all ingredients together and season with salt or other spices to taste. Form into patties and coat with bread crumbs. Fry in small amount of oil until golden and crispy. Serve hot.

## TROPICAL FRUIT DELIGHT

SOUTH PACIFIC

Coconut palms, banana trees, and mango trees dot the South Pacific. Enjoy the taste of the tropics with this fruit salad.

4 ripe mangoes (or 2 cups pineapple chunks)

8 ripe bananas

4 cups shredded coconut

Cut fruit into bite-size pieces, toss, and serve cold.

# TRADITIONAL PAPUA NEW GUINEA DANCER





# FUN WITH LANGUAGE

Following are some words and phrases in Fijian (spoken in Fiji), Manjiljarra [man-jihl-jar-rah, spoken by the Mardu Aborigines of western Australia), and Maori (the language of the Maori people in New Zealand). Vowels are pronounced as follows: *ah* as in father; *ai* as in eye; *ay* as in hay; *ee* as in bee; *eh* as in bet; *ih* as in tip; *oh* as in toe; *oo* as in boot.

## Fijian

Good morning	sah YAHN-drah
Welcome	KIN-dah-vah-kee
Hello	BOO-lah
Happy Sabbath	sing-ah-TAH-boo vee-NAH-kah
Please	KEH-reh-KEH-reh
Thank you	vee-NAH-kah

## Manjiljarra

Good morning	yoon-goön bah bahl-yah
Yes	yoo-wah
No	joo-rrah
You're welcome	goon-joon-yoon
Goodbye	bah-lohl-yoo

## Maori

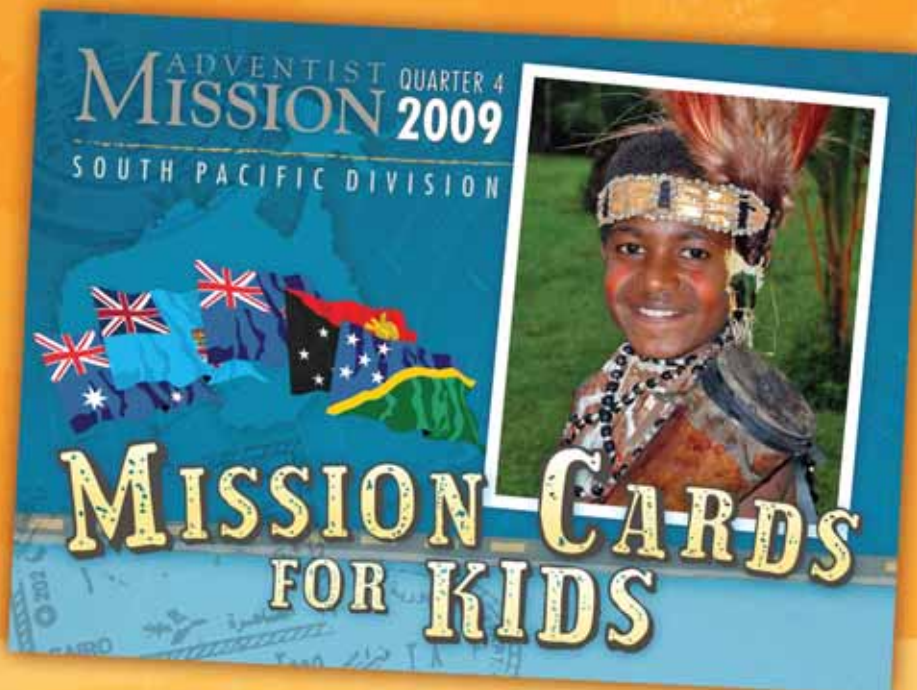
In capitalized syllables hold out the vowel a bit longer than normal.

Good morning	MOH-reh-nah eh
Goodbye	hah-eh-reh RAH
[General greeting to several people]	TEE-nah ko'oo-to'oo
Yes	AH-eh
No	KAH-oh
Thank you	KEE-ah oh-rah tah-tah'oh



Students in an Adventist school in New Zealand perform a Maori welcome dance called a haka.

# SEND MISSION HOME



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

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

for less than 12 cents a week or just \$5.99 per year!

Check out the sample included with this quarter's children's mission quarterly. If you didn't receive it, please talk to your church secretary.

For more information visit us online at [www.AdventistMission.org](http://www.AdventistMission.org) or 1-800-648-5824.

Following are sources of information that have proved helpful in preparing programs for *Children's Mission*. You may want to order these for your own Sabbath School.

## ADVENTIST MISSION RESOURCES

**Visit our website** for additional photos, recipes, language pages, puzzles, and other activities that you can download and print to make mission more fun for children. Go to [www.AdventistMission.org](http://www.AdventistMission.org). Click on "Resources" then "Children's Activities" in the pop-up menu. Go to "4<sup>th</sup> quarter" and select the activity you want.

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

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Travel Agencies:** Travel agencies often have colorful brochures on tourist destinations in the countries featured this quarter. Call or visit and ask what they have available to help you portray the scenery and culture of Australia and the island nations.

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

Embassy of Australia, 1601 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20036. Phone: (202) 797-3000; website: [www.usa.embassy.gov.au/whwh/home.html](http://www.usa.embassy.gov.au/whwh/home.html).

Embassy of Fiji, 2000 M Street, NW, Suite 710, Washington, DC 20036. Phone: (202) 466-8320; fax: (202) 466-8325; websites: [www.fijiembassydc.com/](http://www.fijiembassydc.com/). Click on "About Fiji," or go to [www.fijiembassydc.com/default.asp?contentID=506](http://www.fijiembassydc.com/default.asp?contentID=506).

Embassy of New Zealand, 37 Observatory Circle, NW, Washington DC 20008. Phone: (202) 328-4800; fax: (202) 667-5227; website [www.nzembassy.com/home.cfm?c=31](http://www.nzembassy.com/home.cfm?c=31).

Embassy of Papua New Guinea, 1779 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 805, Washington, DC 20036. Phone: (202) 745-3680; fax: (202) 745-3679; website: [pngembassy.org/tourism.html](http://pngembassy.org/tourism.html).

Embassy of the Solomon Islands, 800 2nd Avenue, Suite 400L, New York, NY 10017. Phone: (212) 559-6192; fax: (212) 661-8925; website: [www.visitsolomons.com.sb](http://www.visitsolomons.com.sb). Find interesting photos on the website for the embassy of Solomon Islands in Taiwan at [www.solomons.org.tw](http://www.solomons.org.tw).

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UNION	CHURCHES	MEMBERS	POPULATION
Australian	414	53,535	21,003,500
New Zealand Pacific	136	17,521	4,713,000
Papua New Guinea	868	237,532	6,331,000
Trans Pacific	444	92,306	2,070,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,862</b>	<b>400,894</b>	<b>34,118,000</b>
(as of June 30, 2008)			
<b>PROJECTS</b>			
① Relocate Fulton College, Fiji			
② Flip for Jesus picture rolls for children's Sabbath Schools throughout the South Pacific			