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**On the Cover:** *Following the earthquake in Haiti on January 12, 2010, this little girl and her family, along with 10,000 others, took refuge in temporary housing on the campus of the Adventist university in Port-au-Prince.*

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SEVENTH-DAY  
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# DEAR SABBATH SCHOOL LEADER,

This quarter is unprecedented in the history of mission offerings. For at least the past 50 years the world divisions of the Adventist Church have received the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering in a rotating order. However, news of the terrible destruction following the earthquake in Haiti in January prompted church leaders to ask the West-Central Africa Division, which was to receive the offering this quarter, to allow the church family to help the believers in Haiti rebuild their churches and other buildings that were damaged or destroyed in the earthquake. West-Central Africa will be featured in third quarter 2011 instead.

## The Challenges

Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere and one of the poorest in the world. Yet the more than 330,000 Adventists in Haiti give more mission offerings per tithe dollar than any other country or union field in the Inter-American Division. Their passion to finish the work and leave this world drives them to share their faith openly and enthusiastically.

## OPPORTUNITIES

**This quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help**

- rebuild the churches that were destroyed or damaged
- rebuild the women's dormitory on the campus of Haiti Adventist University and repair the men's dormitory
- rebuild or repair the church headquarters building in Port-au-Prince.

On January 12, 2010, an earthquake measuring 7.0 on the Richter scale rocked central and southern Haiti, including the capital city, Port-au-Prince. The quake destroyed or severely damaged homes, schools, businesses, and government offices; it killed more than 200,000 people. Thousands more were injured, and up to a million lost their homes and everything they owned.

The earthquake destroyed or severely damaged 115 Adventist churches—one fourth of the Adventist churches in the nation. In addition, several schools and the church headquarters building suffered major damage. In Haiti the church is the heart of the community of believers. Often churches have more than one service to accommodate the many who want to come and worship. It took years for believers to build even simple churches, and a loss of this magnitude will cripple the outreach efforts of our believers for years unless we help them rebuild.

## Special Features

- **Adventist Mission DVD** this quarter features several stories from Haiti, including one specifically for children. Ask the adult Sabbath School superintendent to make a copy of the DVD for you to share with your children.
- **More Activities** are available on our website at [www.AdventistMission.org](http://www.AdventistMission.org). Click on "Resources" and "Children's Activities." Click on the current quarter to find additional language activities, recipes, and activities to use in Sabbath School.

Yours for the kingdom,



Charlotte Ishkanian

Editor, *Children's Mission*





# DATELINE: HAITI

*[If you wish, ask a junior-age boy to present Jacque’s part of this story.]*

This quarter we will learn about the country of Haiti. *[Locate Haiti on a map.]* Haiti is one of the poorest countries in the world. Many people in Haiti don’t have enough food to eat or a decent home to live in. Tropical storms batter the island nation with high winds and heavy rains that cause great damage. Many people have lost their homes in these floods, and some people have died.

## FAST FACTS

- Haiti is a nation in the Caribbean Sea. It shares the island of Hispaniola with the Dominican Republic.
- Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere and one of the poorest in the world.
- Much of Haiti is covered with mountains. The remaining area was cleared for farming 200 years ago. Now the land is poor and cannot produce enough food to feed its people.

Haiti has a lot of sadness. But many people there look to God for help. They know that heaven will be a wonderful place!

More than 330,000 Adventists live in Haiti. That’s one Adventist for every 30 people.

## Earthquake

January 12, 2010, was an ordinary day. People went to work, and children went to school. Near dinnertime, families headed home. Then at about 5:00, the earth began shaking—hard! People ran outside as buildings crumbled around them. Many people were killed, and many others were injured.

This quarter we will hear stories from some children in Haiti, but they aren’t stories just about the earthquake. These stories will talk about what children are doing to help others find Jesus during a difficult time.

Jacque is 11 years old. He lives in Port-au-Prince, the capital city of Haiti. This is his story.

### Jacque

I live with my aunt, who has taught me to love and serve Jesus. Ever since I was little, she has taken me with her when she visits people and tells them about Jesus. She studies the Bible with me and helps me memorize lots of Bible texts. Her example has taught me to share God's love with others wherever I am. And now I love to tell others about Jesus too.

My parents and brother and sister aren't Adventists. They live in a distant part of Haiti, and I don't get to see them often. But when we talk on the telephone, I encourage them to follow Jesus. My dad smoked, and I often told him that smoking isn't good for him. Now he has quit smoking. My mom has made some changes in her life, too. I don't know whether it's because of what I said, but I hope so. I hope that soon they will follow Jesus too.

Sometimes when we visited people to tell them about Jesus, they would want to know whether our church was giving out food. We would tell them that God has something better than bread; He wants us to have the Bread of Life—Jesus.

### January 12

On January 12 my aunt went to visit a friend in the hospital. She told my

sister and me to go to the church, where we were holding evangelistic meetings. She said that she would meet us there.

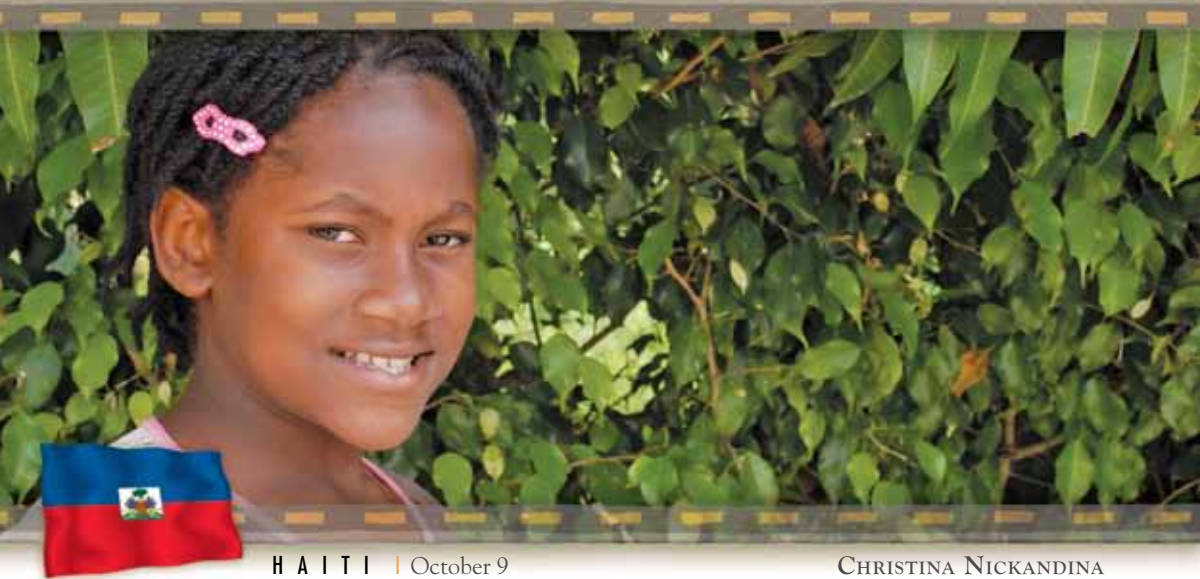
My sister and I arrived at the church and waited for the program to begin. While we were waiting, we heard a big noise outside. I felt the earth shaking and ran out of the church. Buildings were crumbling and falling down, and the ground kept shaking! I thought that Jesus was coming! I looked up, but I didn't see Jesus. Only later did I realize that the shaking was an earthquake, and many people had died when buildings fell on them.

Since the earthquake damaged our home, we are living in a tent. As I walked around my new tent neighborhood, I realized that many grown-ups and children don't know about Jesus and aren't ready for His return. I began telling more people that Jesus is coming soon and that He wants to take them to heaven with Him. I urge them to give their hearts to God so Jesus can take them to heaven when He comes.

It's important not to wait to tell others about Jesus. We must tell them now, before it's too late.

### Appeal

Boys and girls, this Thirteenth Sabbath our special project will be to help rebuild the churches that were destroyed in the earthquake in Haiti. Let's start today to save money for that special offering in December. 🌐



H A I T I | October 9

CHRISTINA NICKANDINA

## "I CAN'T WAIT!"

Christina is 10 years old and lives with her parents in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Her mother and grandmother are Adventists, so Christina has gone to church all her life. Ever since she was about 7 years old she has wanted to be baptized and become a member of the Adventist Church. Whenever there was a call for people to give their lives to Jesus and follow Him in baptism, Christina begged her mother to let her be baptized. But her mother always said, "You're too young; wait awhile."

### MISSION POST

- Adventists in Haiti are a people of faith. Every January most Adventist churches hold evangelistic meetings for two or three weeks. A significant number of these evangelistic series are led by laypersons or theology students.
- Even though Adventists are not wealthy, members try to help those less fortunate in their community. Following the earthquake many church members shared what little food they had with others living nearby so that everyone had something to eat.

When evangelistic meetings started in her church last January, Christina knew that there would be a baptismal ceremony. She prayed that this year she wouldn't be "too young."

### Earthquake Terror

Then the earthquake hit, and their home was damaged. The family slept in the nearby park that night. The next day Mother suggested that they move to the church, which has a large yard. The deacons welcomed them and showed them where they could stay. They rescued a few things from home—a mattress, some cooking pots, and some clothes—and the church supplied a tarp to protect them from the hot sun.

Many other people were staying in the

churchyard. Mother joined the women who were pooling their food supplies and cooking a pot of beans and rice to share with those staying in the churchyard.

### Yes!

A few days later the evangelistic meetings started again. And when the speaker invited people to follow Jesus and be baptized, Christina told her mother, “Mom, I can’t wait any longer. I have to be baptized!”

Her mother smiled at her and said, “Yes. I think you’re old enough.” Christina was thrilled. At last she could become a member of the church she loves.

“My father isn’t an Adventist,” she says, “but he’s taking part in family worship now, and he even reads the Bible with us. I talk to him about giving his life completely to Jesus, and I think he’s listening.”

Christina’s father attends church on Sunday, and often she reminds

him that he needs to obey all of God’s commandments. “He can escape to his church on Sunday,” she says, “but he can never escape from our prayers. So I pray for him and tell him how much God loves him.”

“I’m glad that God led us to take shelter at the Adventist church after the earthquake,” she adds. “Here the atmosphere is one of praise and worship. God is present here, and He is working in many people’s lives, including my father’s.”

### Prayer Request

Let’s join Christina as she prays for her father. And let’s pray for the families who are suffering because of the earthquake that destroyed so much and hurt so many people in Haiti. And remember, this quarter our special project for Thirteenth Sabbath is to help rebuild the many Adventist churches that were destroyed during the earthquake.

*[Close with prayer.]* 🌍

## FUN WITH CREOLE

Creole, somewhat similar to French, is spoken in Haiti. 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; *uh* as in cup. The accented syllables are written in capital letters.

### Common Phrases

Happy Sabbath  
Welcome  
Hello  
Good morning  
Please  
Thank you  
You’re welcome  
Yes  
No  
Goodbye

### Pronunciation

Bohn sah-BAH  
Bee-yehn vee-nee  
ah-loh  
bohn joohr  
soo play  
mehr-SEE  
ooh-byeh vee-nee  
wee  
noh  
oh reh-VWAH





# A SAFE PLACE

Aveska [ah-VEHS-kah] lives in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. [Ask a child to locate Haiti and Port-au-Prince on a map.] Her family lived in an apartment above her father’s business. Life was good.

Then one afternoon Aveska heard a loud rumbling noise and her home began to shake violently. Mother grabbed Aveska’s little brother and sister and raced out of the building.

## FAST FACTS

- About one third of Haiti’s 9 million people live in and around Port-au-Prince, which was the epicenter of the devastating earthquake.
- The Adventist Mission DVD features several stories from Haiti this quarter. Ask your adult Sabbath School superintendent to make a copy of the DVD for you to use, or go to <http://MissionDVD.org> to download a story for your Sabbath School.
- The special Thirteenth Sabbath Children’s Offering will help children such as Aveska buy a school uniform, textbooks, and shoes so that they can return to school.

*Jesus is coming!* Aveska thought as she hurried down the steps behind her mother. But instead of Jesus, she saw buildings crumble around her. Dust from the debris choked her. “What happened?” Aveska asked her mother.

“Earthquake,” Mother said. “A terrible earthquake.”

### Life Under a Tarp

“Our home is gone,” Aveska says. “Now we live under a tarp in a camp with thousands of other people.” Aveska and her family found refuge on the campus of the Adventist university. Most have lost everything they owned. “I don’t like living like this,” she adds, frowning. “There is no privacy. Every family is just inches from the next. I hear and see everyone, and



they hear and see me.”

### A Special Place

ADRA (Adventist Development and Relief Agency) oversees the camp where Aveska and her family stay. ADRA provides more than food and water and toilets and showers. They help people understand the emotions they are feeling after the tragic earthquake.

ADRA provides a special place away from the crowded tent area, a place where children can be children. They can play games and talk and have fun in a safe place. “My favorite activity is drawing,” Aveska says with a smile. “I like being able to laugh and play and forget for a few hours the bad things that happen and the sadness all around us.”

“It has really helped me to talk about my feelings about the earthquake,” she adds.

“I’m thankful to Jesus that I no longer have nightmares about houses falling down and hurting or killing people.”

“Our goal for the children is to help

them get back to the way they were before the earthquake,” says one staff leader. The children just see it as a fun and safe place to be in a world suddenly not so fun or safe.”

### Keeping Up With School

No one knows just when school will start again, so the children are encouraged to read and work on math and other study skills at camp. Aveska is eager to return to school.

She worries about her parents. Will they find work now that her father’s business is gone? “If I had a wish,” she says thoughtfully, “I would give my parents jobs so they wouldn’t be so sad. And I would go back to school so I can prepare to become a doctor.”

Let’s pray for the children of Haiti who were affected by the earthquake. This quarter our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help the believers in Haiti. Let’s plan to give a big offering. 🌍

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## COUNT IN CREOLE

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### Numbers

one  
two  
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five

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twah  
kaht  
sank

six  
seven  
eight  
nine  
ten

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nehf  
dees



H A I T I | October 23

SEBASTIEN

## OUT OF THE ASHES

Eight-year-old Sebastien's life has not been easy. He never knew his father, and his mother died when he was 7. He went to live with his grandmother. Sebastien and his grandmother were visiting his friend next door when the earth shook violently. The walls crumbled, and the floor above fell in.

### MISSION POST

- Haiti Adventist Hospital was established in Port-au-Prince in 1978 with the help of a Thirteenth Sabbath Offering. The hospital suffered only minor damage during the earthquake.
- During the first month after the earthquake this 70-bed hospital served more than 6,000 patients.
- Loma Linda University Medical School partners with Haiti Adventist Hospital to help provide equipment and medicines as well as volunteers to operate the hospital. Because of this arrangement, Loma Linda was able to get volunteers to the hospital within a few days after the earthquake.

### Searching for Life

Sebastien's aunt rushed to where Sebastien and his grandmother lived. Nothing remained but a pile of rubble, as if an angry child had kicked over a stack of blocks. Someone told her that no one inside had survived. Sebastien's aunt wept for her mother and her nephew.

The day after the earthquake, a neighbor was passing by the house next door to where Sebastien had lived and heard a voice from the rubble. He stopped and listened. Someone was alive under the pile of stones and concrete! It was a child. It was Sebastien.

The man called to the boy and asked if he was hurt. "My leg is stuck under some rocks, and I can't pull it out," the boy said. "It hurts." "Hold on!" the man answered. "We'll get you out." Soon several men were removing

rubble with their hands to reach the boy. But progress was slow.

When Sebastien's aunt learned that her nephew was alive in the rubble, she rushed to the scene with food and water for him. The men worked feverishly to reach Sebastien, but they couldn't work too fast for fear that another piece of concrete might fall on him. As the sun set on the second day after the earthquake, the men had to stop digging. Sebastien asked that someone stay with him during the night so he wouldn't be alone.

### Freed at Last

Early the next morning the men began digging again. One man squeezed through a tiny hole to where the boy was trapped and worked to release him. Hours later he stumbled out of the ruins carrying Sebastien in his arms.

The nearest hospital couldn't provide the care Sebastien needed, so his aunt took him to Haiti Adventist Hospital. There doctors said that his leg was too badly injured. It had to be cut off to save his life.

When Sebastien woke up and saw that his leg was missing, he asked his aunt to take him to church so the pastor could pray that his leg would grow back.

### Tent Home

Sebastien and his aunt moved into a tent on the grounds of the hospital. There doctors and nurses cared for Sebastien. He was given crutches and was taught how to walk again.


A month after the earthquake, Sebastien seems to be adjusting well. The only time he doesn't smile is when the nurses must change his bandages or when he talks about the earthquake.

He keeps busy playing games with his new friends on the hospital grounds and talking with the medical staff. And he's an eager subject for a photo and will try to talk people into letting him take a few pictures with their camera too.

### Uncertain Future

Living in the camp at the Adventist hospital is a constant reminder that the future is not certain. For now, Sebastien's aunt takes care of him, but she isn't sure how she can give Sebastien the care he needs and provide for her own four children as well. She lost her home and everything she owned in the earthquake, and there is no work and no money to buy basic necessities.

Sebastien's future may be uncertain, but he knows that he has a family who loves him and lots of new friends who want to help him. But the earthquake has made one thing certain for Sebastien. When he grows up, he wants to be a doctor.

Our mission offerings help the Adventist hospital in Haiti give people the care they need to get well. And our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will help rebuild the Adventist churches and other buildings that were destroyed or damaged during the earthquake. 

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H A I T I | October 30

SOPHONIE PIERRE

## MY FRIEND JESUS

Sophonie [soh-FOH-nee] loves Jesus, and she loves telling her friends about Jesus. One day in Sabbath School Sophonie's teacher told the children that it's important to tell our friends about Jesus. Sophonie had not thought about it before.

### FAST FACTS

- Haiti has more than 330,000 Seventh-day Adventists. This makes Haiti the largest French/Creole-speaking church region in the world. It continues to grow, primarily because people such as Sophonie actively share their faith with others.
- Thousands of parents, both Adventist and non-Adventist, look to our schools to provide quality education for their children. Many of our schools were seriously damaged or destroyed in the earthquake.
- The Thirteenth Sabbath children's project this quarter will help children buy books and school uniforms so they can return to school once classes start again.

Then she remembered Fabienne [fah-BYEN], who lives in her neighborhood. Although Fabienne is older than Sophonie, the girls have been friends since before they started school. But Sophonie had never invited Fabienne to church. So that week Sophonie visited Fabienne. As they played together, Sophonie said, "Would you like to go to church with me this Saturday?"

Fabienne said she would, and the girls ran into the house to ask Fabienne's mother if it was OK. "I was so excited when Fabienine's mother said she could come to church with me," Sophonie says.

Fabienne liked church, so Sophonie invited her to attend again the next week, and Fabienne agreed. Soon the girls were walking to church together



every week. And one week when Sophonie was sick, Fabienne went to church alone.

### A Big Step

Fabienne's family doesn't attend church regularly, so her parents are glad that Fabienne enjoys attending church with Sophonie. Sometimes the girls invite Fabienne's parents to attend special meetings, and sometimes they come. That always makes the girls glad.

Last year Sophonie invited Fabienne to attend the church's evangelistic meetings with her. Fabienne accepted, and the girls walked to the meetings together. Before the meetings ended, Fabienne asked Jesus into her heart. "I want to be baptized," Fabienne told her mother. Her parents gave permission for her to become an Adventist Christian, and Fabienne prepared for her baptism. Sophonie isn't quite old enough to be baptized yet, but she offered to be Fabienne's spiritual sister. That made both girls happy.

"When I realized how happy Fabienne was to come to church with me," Sophonie says, "I decided to invite

other friends. I invited a girl named Andy, and she agreed to come to our evangelistic meetings. Now Andy wants to become a member of my church too."

"I've learned how important it is to share my faith with others," Sophonie adds.

### Share the Joy

God is showing me other ways that I can share my faith. I've read Scripture and sung for church, but one time my Pathfinder Club asked me to preach for Children's Sabbath. It's an honor and a great responsibility to speak for God to adults as well as children. I prepared carefully, and I asked God to speak through me.

"Not everyone I invite to church wants to come with me. But I don't know who will come until I invite them. So I invite as many people as I can. I know that when someone comes to church, they have a chance to learn about God in a special way. And maybe they'll make a decision to follow Jesus."

Boys and girls, let's follow Sophonie's example and invite someone to come to church with us this week. 🌍

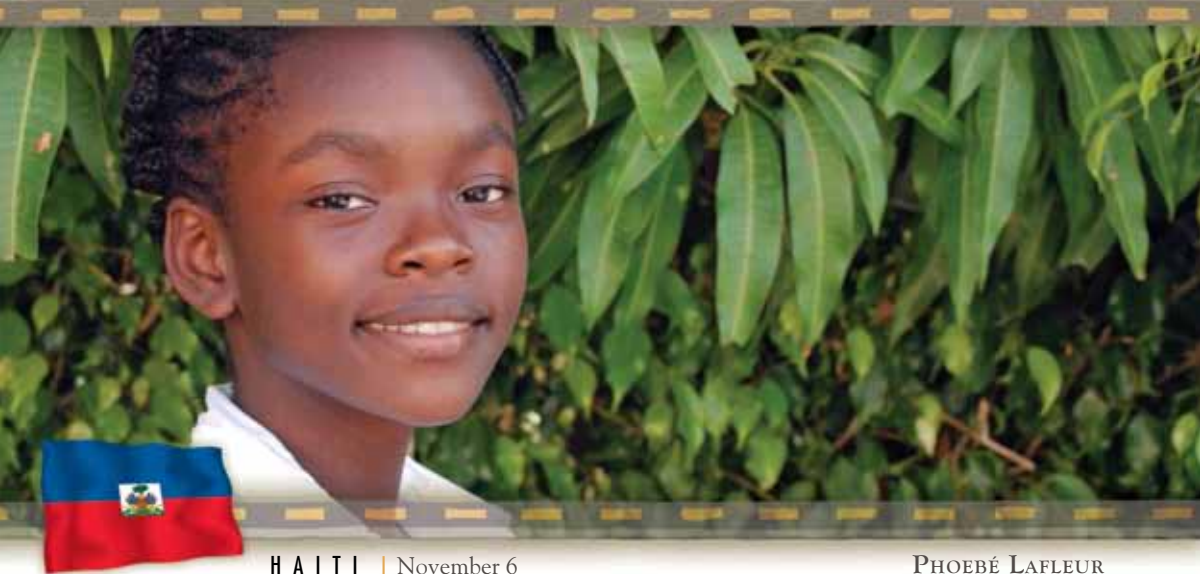
## SING IN CREOLE

### Jesus Loves Me (Chorus only)

wee zeh zee reh mehm  
wee zeh zee reh mehm  
wee zeh zee reh mehm  
seh bihb lah kee dih m sah

### God Is So Good

Jeh zee see bohn  
Jeh zee see bohn  
Jeh zee see bohn  
Lee see bohn poom weh



H A I T I | November 6

PHOEBÉ LAFLEUR

## SINGING PRAISES TO GOD

It's Sabbath morning, and we make our way to church in Haiti. We can hear people singing, but the music isn't coming from the church, which stands empty since the earthquake struck this country in January. The singing is coming from a sea of blue tents, where thousands of people have lived since the earthquake. Under a large piece of heavy plastic, we find the "church."

### MISSION POST

- About eight out of every 10 Haitians are Catholic, but many combine their Christian beliefs with voodoo, a form of spirit worship from Africa. They need to hear that Jesus wants them to worship only Him, not false gods.
- Seventh-day Adventists are the largest single Protestant denomination in Haiti, with more than 330,000 members. That's one member for every 30 people.
- Watch the Adventist Mission DVD for stories of faith and faithfulness in Haiti.

There isn't a lot of room between the rows of tents, but the pastor explains that many of the church members are inside their tents listening. When it's time to pray, we kneel on the brown grass in front of the platform.

Then a girl steps to the microphone and begins singing without music and without accompaniment. As she sings, our hearts are lifted in praise to Jesus.

After church we thank Phoebé [FEE-bee], the girl who sang. "Praise God," she says in Creole, her native language.

Phoebé tells us that her voice is a gift from God, and her singing is her gift to God. Her whole family sings, so it's no surprise that Phoebé, the youngest in the family, loves to sing. "I started singing in church when I was 6 years old," she says. "The choir director let me sing with the big choir. I loved it. I love

praising God with singing.”

When Phobé was 7 she was asked to sing a solo in church. “I had never sung alone in front of people before,” she says. “But my mother reminded me that I would be singing to praise God, not to please people. I was still nervous, but I knew that God was with me.” And she’s been singing for God ever since.

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“No matter what happens, I will always sing praises to my God.”

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“I don’t want to sing for anyone but God,” Phobé says. “He’s my Savior, and I sing to thank Him for all He’s done for me. He’s given me a good family, a wonderful faith, and Jesus. My heart is filled with His love, and I praise Him.”

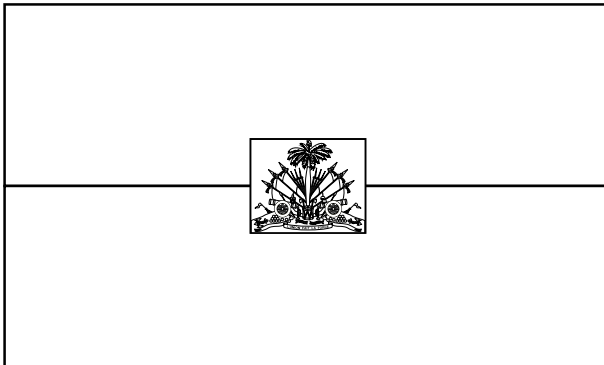
As Phobé sang in church today, it was

hard to believe that her world has been turned upside down since the earthquake shook her homeland. “No matter what happens,” she says, “I will always sing praises to my God. Even in hard times it’s good to sing praises to the Lord.”

Phobé loves to share her faith with her friends, too. “I invited my friend Kaency (CAHN-see) to come to church with me,” Phobé says, “and she has been coming ever since. Some weeks she says that she isn’t sure that she can come, but she’s always there. And during a recent Week of Prayer, Kaency gave her heart to God and asked to be baptized.

Boys and girls, we may not all be able to sing as Phobé can, but we all can share God’s love in some way—by a smile, encouraging words, or our actions. This week let’s find a way to share His love with someone. 🌍

## FLAG OF HAITI



Top stripe: Blue

Bottom stripe: Red

Shield: green ground and palm tree; blue and red banners on white background



## FIGHTING FEAR WITH FAITH

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

My name is Rose. I live in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. *[Locate Port-au-Prince and Haiti on a map.]* When the earthquake struck my country last January, thousands of buildings were destroyed. Everyone had to get out of their houses. People were afraid to go back inside their homes because they thought another big earthquake could hit and crush them.

### MISSION POST

- When the earthquake hit, 115 Adventist churches were destroyed or seriously damaged. The dormitories at the Adventist university also suffered a lot of damage, and the church headquarters was seriously damaged. In addition, a number of Adventist schools suffered moderate to severe damage and will need to be rebuilt.
- When schools in Haiti are able to reopen, this quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Children's Offering will help children return to school by helping to provide them with school supplies, uniforms, and textbooks.

My father went to the church and got the Pathfinder tents. We gave the tents to people who had no shelter. It didn't matter if they were church members; we wanted to share what we had with others during those hard days. I was so glad that I am a Pathfinder, because I could help my dad set up the tents.

### Fighting With Faith

In the days after the earthquake, I noticed that most of the children seemed afraid. Some of them were fighting, and others were crying and asking to go back home. I realized that most of these children didn't know much about



Jesus, so I asked my mom to help me start a program for them. My mom and her friend, who works with children, came up with some ideas. They asked me what I thought, and I told them we should teach them to sing songs about Jesus. I offered to teach the children some songs I know from church.

I found some Adventist children in the camp, and together we invited them to a meeting just for them. We met with the children every evening. My friends and I taught them some songs and Bible verses, and my mom and her friend told them Bible stories. The children really enjoyed coming, and the behavior problems in the camp got better.

### Reaching Adults Too

The adults saw that the children were enjoying our meetings, so they came too. Then they asked my mom to hold meetings for them. So she did. We don't have chairs to sit on, so we found some cement blocks in the rubble, and we use them as chairs.

Mom brought our little DVD player one day and showed a video about Jesus' life. When they saw how Jesus died, some of the children cried. One boy asked, "Why did He have to die like that?"

I told him that Jesus didn't have to die; he *chose* to die to save us. I realized that these children didn't know much about the Bible. Our children's meetings have opened the door to talk to the other children about Jesus.

### Sharing Jesus With Friends

One girl, Sara, doesn't believe in

God. She didn't know who Jesus was until she came to our meeting. She told me that she thought Jesus doesn't exist, but I told her that He does exist and would be happy if she believed in Him and talked to Him. "Jesus gives us so much—the food we eat, our parents, everything."

Another girl was treating her mother cruelly. Several times I talked to her about respecting our parents and obeying them. Since she began coming to our meetings, I've noticed that she's more respectful, so I think she's listening.

Because our schools were damaged in the earthquake, we aren't having school now. So my mother and I are trying to teach the children things to keep them busy, such as how to wash their hands so they won't get sick. We teach them how to make paper flowers to brighten their day and keep them busy. This helps them want to listen when we talk about Jesus.

I'm so glad that my parents have taught me how to share what I have with others. I'm glad that Pathfinders has helped me learn how to cope with our difficult living situation. And I'm especially glad that my mother has taught me by her example how to share with others, even though we don't have a lot ourselves.

I would like to encourage children to tell others about Jesus so they'll know that He loves them and wants to help them. Help them read the Bible and invite them to go to church with you. Then they will make friends with Jesus and never have to feel alone again. 🌍



## SHARING GOD'S LOVE

Melissa lives in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. *[Let a child locate Port-au-Prince or Haiti on a map.]*

Melissa attends an Adventist school, but she has learned that not everyone in her school is an Adventist. One of her classmates, Laurine, has been her friend since kindergarten. The girls often play together and study together.

Melissa often talked to Laurine about Jesus. When Melissa learned that Laurine's family members weren't Adventists, Melissa invited Laurine to visit the Adventist

church. Laurine wanted to go, but she lives far from Melissa's church. So Melissa said that there are lots of Adventist churches in Haiti, and she suggested that Laurine attend the church that's quite close to her home.

Laurine's mother gave her permission, and Laurine began attending the Adventist church near her home. During the week Melissa talked to Laurine about what she had learned in Sabbath School. If Laurine didn't understand something, Melissa tried to explain it to her. Every Friday Melissa called to remind Laurine to go to church on Sabbath.

### Following Melissa's Example

Last year when Melissa decided to be

## MISSION POST

- One out of every four Adventist churches in Haiti was seriously damaged or destroyed during the earthquake that struck on January 12.
- Churches in Haiti are more than a place to worship for three hours on Sabbath morning. Many of the churches hold two or even three services every Sabbath. Church is the heart of the people's faith.
- Part of this quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help to repair or rebuild these churches so that everyone will have a house of worship again.

baptized, she thought of Laurine. Her friend attended an Adventist school and an Adventist church. So Melissa invited Laurine to prepare for baptism with her. Laurine was thrilled. Her mother agreed, so the girls were baptized together.

Last year when all the churches in the city held evangelistic meetings, Melissa suggested that Laurine invite her mother to attend the meetings with her. Laurine agreed, and her mother came to the meetings. At the end of the meetings, Laurine's mother gave her heart to Jesus and asked to be baptized. The girls were so happy to learn that Laurine's mother wanted to follow Jesus too.

### Multiplying Blessings

"I realized that I had helped lead my best friend—and her mother—to Jesus," Melissa says. "And now Laurine's two brothers and three sisters also attend church with Laurine and her mother. In fact, Laurine's oldest sister has also been baptized. I shared my faith with Laurine,

and now her whole family loves God in a new and important way.

"I urge other children not to be afraid to tell their friends about God and to invite them to church. We don't ever know how many people are waiting to hear about Jesus. Everyone—young and old—needs to hear that Jesus loves them. We don't even have to use words to preach to people. Our actions can preach even louder than our words. If we're kind and patient with others, we're being like Jesus.

"Invite your friends to visit your house for family worship or to open the Sabbath together on Friday evenings. If we let the light of Jesus shine through our lives in the music we listen to and the words we say, people will notice. If someone has done something bad, forgive them. In this way you can be an example of God's love to them."

Melissa is right, boys and girls. Let's be examples of God's love this week. 🌍

## TASTE OF HAITI

### CORN FRITTERS

½ cup flour  
¼ cup butter  
pinch of salt  
1 cup water

3 eggs  
1 10-ounce can of corn  
Oil for frying

Mix flour, butter, salt, water, and eggs to form a batter. Pour corn into batter and mix well. Drop by tablespoons into very hot oil. Brown; remove from oil pan and drain on paper toweling. Serve with tomato sauce.



## MAKING FRIENDS FOR JESUS

Milenny [mee-LEH-nee] lives in Santo Domingo, the capital city of the Dominican Republic. [*Locate the capital city of the Dominican Republic on a map.*] Sharing God's love with others comes naturally for Milenny. Her mother produces a children's program for the Adventist radio station in town, and Milenny gets to help her.

"Sometimes I tell a story, and sometimes I give a short devotional message or talk about a certain idea from the Bible," Milenny says. "It's a fun way to tell children about God." And of course Milenny invites her friends to listen to the children's program.

Milenny also helps her mother put on children's programs in churches around the city. She's a member of a children's drama group that acts out Bible stories. So Milenny has lots of things to invite her friends to where they can learn about Jesus.

### FAST FACTS

- The Dominican Republic shares the island of Hispaniola with Haiti. While Haitians speak French or Creole (a mixture of French and African languages), Dominicans speak Spanish.
- Dominicans are not as poor as Haitians are, but they still suffer from poverty, unemployment, and political instability.
- Fertile land helps this country rise above the poverty of its island neighbors. The government has laws forbidding people to cut down forests. This law has helped prevent some of the disastrous floods and droughts that Haiti suffers.

### A New Friend for Jesus

One day Milenny met Nicole, a new girl who had moved into her neighborhood. Milenny asked Nicole to be her friend. Soon Milenny realized that Nicole's family didn't attend church regularly. So Milenny invited Nicole and her brother José to



attend church with her. The children came, and they liked it.

Milenny's mother visited Nicole's mother and invited Nicole and her brother José to a children's Bible club she was starting in her home. "We'll sing songs and learn Bible stories and pray," Mother offered. The children's mother liked the idea, so the next Tuesday José and Nicole went to Milenny's house for the first meeting.

Several other children came, too. They talked for a few minutes about what was happening in their lives, then they studied a Bible story, sang, and prayed. Milenny was glad that her friends could come to the Bible club. She worked hard to make sure that they enjoyed the club activities and would want to attend every week.

### Sharing God's Love

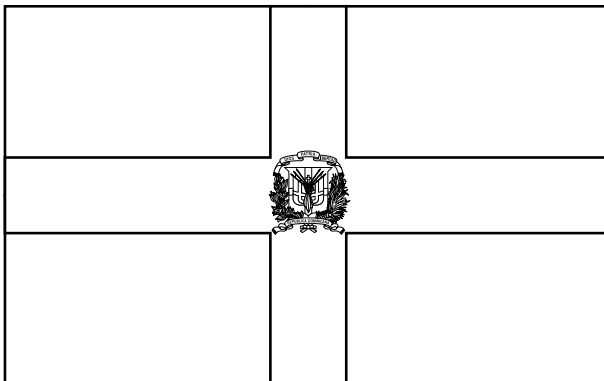
Nicole and José are still attending the Bible club and Sabbath School. They like to tell their parents what

they are learning. So Milenny's mother invited José and Nicole's parents to study the Bible with her, and they accepted. They want to know more about God and what their children are learning in church.

"I'm so glad that my parents have taught me to share God's love with my friends," Milenny says. "Because Nicole and José accepted my invitations to attend church and my mom's Bible club, two more people are in God's family today. I hope that soon their older brother and sister and their parents will come to know Jesus and join the Adventist Church too."

When Jesus is a big part of our lives, it's easy to share God's love with our friends. How can you share God's love with someone this week? You may not help make a radio program, but maybe you can invite your friends to listen to a Bible program for children that's on a local radio station. And you can invite them to Sabbath School. 🌐

## FLAG OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



Top-left and lower-right quadrants: blue

Top-right and lower-left quadrants: red

Stripe: white

Shield: green with red ribbon on bottom and blue on top.



## LETTING OUR LIGHT SHINE

Last week we heard a story about a girl named Milenny. Who remembers where she lives? [*Let children respond, then let a child find Santo Domingo, in the Dominican Republic, on a map.*]

Milenny made friends with Nicole and José, her neighbors, and often talked to them about God. One day Milenny invited Nicole and José to Sabbath School. The children went.

“I really like church,” Nicole says. “I especially like the Bible stories and the mission stories from faraway places. And I like to sing. Sometimes Milenny and I sing together for church.”

### MISSION POST

- The Dominican Republic has more than 260,000 Adventists, or one Adventist for every 39 people.
- Adventists in the Dominican Republic are active lay evangelists. Every member helps by sharing God’s love with others. This is the reason why the Adventist church is growing so rapidly in this part of the world.
- The Inter-American Division has more than 3.2 million members, an average of one Adventist for every 83 people. This is the highest ratio of any division in the world church.

### Sharing With the Family

“I tell my parents about what I learn in Sabbath School, and I invite them and my older brother and sister to come to church with us. Sometimes they come, especially when I am singing.

“When Milenny was baptized, José and I wanted to be baptized too. Our parents said we could, so we were baptized on the same day as Milenny. I’m glad that Jesus invites children to be His friends!”

## All Around the Neighborhood

“Not long ago we moved to another neighborhood several miles away from Milenny. So I don’t get to see her much. But now I have a whole new neighborhood of children that I can talk to about God. I tell them that Jesus loves them and He is coming soon. I invite them to listen to the children’s program on the Adventist radio station every afternoon. Some of them listen to the program, and they like it. This is a good way to teach them about God.

“And just like Milenny invited my brother and me to church, now I invite my friends in the neighborhood to come to church. So far none have come, but I’m sure they will one day.

“Our new church is small, and we don’t have a Pathfinder or an Adventurer Club. But we do have a children’s drama group. We act out the Bible stories we learn. We put these drama programs on for the children in our neighborhood. That’s fun, and the children like it. We have 15 to 25

children at our meetings.”

## Let It Shine Till Jesus Comes

“I invite my friends from the neighborhood to come to the Bible program at church. I’m glad that the grown-ups in our church help us put on this program so we can share God’s love with other kids.

“I’m so glad that my friend Milenny told me about God’s love. I’m glad that her mother invited us to church and to her children’s Bible club. Now it’s my turn to tell other children—and adults, too—that Jesus loves them and is coming soon to take us home. I want them to be ready when Jesus comes. Please pray that we will all be ready when Jesus comes to take us to heaven.”

Boys and girls, let’s invite someone to hear about Jesus this week. And let’s pray that Nicole’s parents and older brother and sister will follow Jesus, just as she and José have done. 🌍

*[Close with prayer.]*

## SING IN SPANISH

### Padre, Te Adoro (Father I Adore You)

Padre te adoro	pah dreh teh ah doh oh
a tus pies me postro	ah toos pee-ehs me pohs troh
como te amo	coh moh teh ah moh

Cristo te adoro . . .	krees toh teh ah doh roh
Espíritu te adoro . . .	Eh-spee-ree too teh ah doh roh



## EVERYONE LOVES ABUELO

*Today's story comes from the Dominican Republic.*

### Adopted Abuelo

A circle of boys bend over the ground as they play a game of marbles in the dirt. A shadow falls across the circle, and the boys look up. “*Abuelo Carlos!*” [ah-bweh-loh CAR-los; Grandpa Carlos], one of the boys says, a smile spreading across his face.

Abuelo Carlos smiles and watches as a boy rests his hand on the edge of the circle.

*Pop!* The boy's marble rolls across the dirt and knocks another marble out of the circle.

“Good job!” Abuelo Carlos says. He continues cheering as each player takes a turn.

Abuelo Carlos loves the boys and girls who live in his neighborhood. And the children love him. His own grandchildren live far from him, so Abuelo Carlos has adopted the neighborhood children. He plays with them and laughs with them, and he listens to their problems. He visits their homes and gets to know their parents, too. And everywhere he goes he carries his well-worn Bible.

### FAST FACTS

- Christopher Columbus landed where the Dominican Republic is now. He claimed the island for Spain, and even today Spanish is the national language of this country.
- The people of the Dominican Republic are a mixture of Spanish and African descent, a result of the slaves that were brought to this land to work on the large plantations.
- Most of the people are Catholic, though many attend church only once or twice a year. Among the small number of Protestants in the country are more than 200,000 Seventh-day Adventists.



## A Helping Hand

The neighborhood is poor, and families do without many things that other families take for granted. Some children weren't going to school because their parents couldn't afford the basic school supplies and uniforms to send them. Abuelo Carlos didn't have much money either, but he was determined to find a way to meet their needs. He started with prayer.

God told Abuelo Carlos to ask for help, so he visited some shops in the area and asked for money to buy shoes and school supplies for the children of his neighborhood. Shopkeepers gave him money and goods that the families needed. Abuelo Carlos turned his unused garage into a storehouse for the children's supplies. Soon he had boxes of pens, notebooks, and backpacks for the children.

As word spread of Abuelo Carlos' mission to help the children, parents welcomed him into their home. He offered to study the Bible with them, and many accepted. Often the children joined him for the Bible studies, and even if a parent stopped studying, the children continued. And that was OK with Abuelo Carlos, for God had given him a heart for children.

## Ellie and Elizabeth

Ellie and Elizabeth sit at the worn kitchen table. They lean forward on their chairs, their eyes eager. Abuelo Carlos asks them questions from the Bible study they have just completed, and the girls compete to answer. The girls don't think of Bible study as work. They love it! And clearly Abuelo Carlos does, too.

He invited the sisters to attend church and join the local Pathfinder Club. And he invited the girls' parents too. Ellie and Elizabeth's parents gave their permission for the girls to attend church and Pathfinders, and before long the sisters asked to join the pastor's Bible study class. The pastor soon realized that these girls were ready for baptism because they had studied with Abuelo Carlos. When their parents gave their consent, the girls were baptized.

The girls' mother now attends church with them, and the girls hope that soon their father will get Sabbaths off and can join them. Ellie and Elizabeth look forward to the day when their family will worship God together, right next to Abuelo Carlos.

## Everybody's Abuelo

Abuelo Carlos enjoys taking the neighborhood children on outings to the park or the river to refresh their spirits. And he invites them to attend church to learn more about God. He continues to collect school supplies for the children and encourages them to study hard. He hopes his efforts will help lead them to Jesus.

"I guess I'm just a kid at heart," Abuelo Carlos says, a smile breaking across his weathered face. "God has given me a mission field, and it's His children. Jesus tells us to 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these' [Matthew 19:14, NIV]. I'm just doing what God has told me to do."

Our mission offerings help people such as Abuelo Carlos lead adults and children to Jesus. Thank you for sharing. 🌍



## DIVINE APPOINTMENT

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

I was disappointed when our church cancelled its river outing, so my dad suggested that we go anyway. We drove to a friend's house to invite him to go with us, but he couldn't go. However, my dad's friend asked us to invite a friend who was visiting him. "His name is José [hoh-SAY]," my dad's friend said. "And he's having a rough time."

### Unexpected Encounter

Dad spoke to José, and the man's face brightened. Dad motioned for me to come over and said that José would take us to the river in his truck. I had wanted to spend time alone with Dad, but I followed him to José's truck for the ride to the river.

### FAST FACTS

- Baseball is the national sport in the Dominican Republic. Many young boys dream of one day becoming baseball stars and playing for a major-league team in the United States.
- The country's wide sandy beaches have attracted thousands of tourists a year, which helps the area's economy grow stronger.

At the river we had a great time playing tag in the water. Then Dad saw José leave the water and sit down on the river bank. Dad signaled to me that he was going to talk to José. "Stay near the shore," he warned me. I watched Dad sit by José, and the two started talking. It looked pretty intense. I wasn't having much fun alone, so I left the river and joined my dad and José.

### Surprise Story

"When my wife left," José said, "I just gave up. I was saying goodbye to my friends when you drove in. I was going to kill myself." José's words stunned

me. *No wonder he looks so sad*, I thought.

“I don’t know why I’m telling you this,” José said. “But something’s different about you. I know that you’re a Christian, so I can tell you these things.”

Dad nodded, and I knew he was praying as he listened to José. I prayed in my heart too. Then Dad said, “José, I think our meeting today was no accident. God impressed me to visit my friend’s house because He knew you’d be there.” José nodded and sat for a while thinking.

Dad urged José not to give in to the devil’s suggestion. “It’s not God’s plan for you to die,” he added. “God wants you to give your life to Him.”

José said that he would let God have a chance in his life. Then Dad asked me to join them for prayer together.

After we prayed, José’s face changed. It showed hope and peace.

As we rode back to our friend’s home, I remembered that I hadn’t wanted to include a stranger in our plans for that day. But I know now that meeting José was God’s plan—a divine appointment, Dad would call it. I asked God to help me recognize His divine appointments in my life and to make me more like my father, fearless to share God’s love with others.

Boys and girls, we don’t know when someone is having a tough time. But God knows, and sometimes He will ask us to speak to someone about God’s love. So listen for God’s voice and try to be aware that this might be God’s divine appointment. 🌍

## FUN WITH SPANISH

Following are some words and phrases in Spanish, the language of the Dominican Republic. Vowels are pronounced as follows: *ah* as in father; *ee* as in bee; *eh* as in bet; *oh* as in oh; and *oo* as in boot. The accented syllables are written in capital letters

### Common Phrases

Happy Sabbath  
Welcome  
Hello  
Please  
Thank you  
Yes  
No  
Goodbye

### (Pronounce it)

feh-LEEZ SAH-bah-doh  
bee-EN-vehn-EE-do  
O-lah  
Por fah-VOR  
GRAH-see-as  
see  
no  
ah-dee-OHS

# 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.
- Send home a note to remind parents of the program and to encourage the children to bring their Thirteenth Sabbath Offering on December 18.\*
- Remind everyone that their mission offerings are gifts to spread God's

Word around the world, and that one fourth of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will go directly to help the people of Haiti rebuild their churches and help children buy school books, uniforms, and shoes so they can return to school when they open.

**If your class will not join the adults** for a special program, present the following children's project story during the mission time.

*\*Thirteenth Sabbath this year falls on December 25. Plan to celebrate it a week early so that more children can take part.*

## HELPING OTHERS

**Narrator:** For the past three months we've heard stories from Haiti, where a terrible earthquake struck this past January. [*Locate these countries on a map.*] Today is Thirteenth Sabbath, the time when we can bring an offering to help these believers rebuild their churches that were damaged or destroyed. \_\_\_\_\_ [*Name of Speaker 1*] will help us imagine what it was like to live in Haiti on the day of the earthquake.

**Speaker 1:** January 12 was a normal day. The sun shone hot in the sky. I arrived home from school and was helping my mother. My baby brother was playing on the floor nearby.

Suddenly the ground under my feet shook. Dishes clattered on the shelf,

and a bookcase banged against the wall. I was scared, and my feet felt rooted to the ground. Mother grabbed my little brother and shouted for me to get out of the house. We raced out the door and into the sunlight.

Dust filled the air, and I could hear people screaming. Then slowly our house began to crumble. I still didn't understand what was happening. My friend's house next door was still standing, but some of the plaster had fallen off, and some cement blocks had fallen.

I didn't realize when the ground stopped shaking, for my legs were still shaking. Our house was a pile of rubble, and everything we owned was buried inside. If Mother hadn't gotten us out in



time, we'd have been killed.

Everyone, it seemed, slept in the streets that night. Some of our neighbors were hurt, and one man had died when a wall of his house fell. The next day we went to the Adventist university where we'd learned that people were staying.

We were given a tarp to hang up for shelter and shown where we could hang it. In time we got a tent, and that tent has been our home ever since the earthquake hit almost a year ago. It's hard living in a small tent, but ADRA is helping us with food, and we have a few pots to cook with now.

We lost more than our home. Our church was destroyed in the earthquake too. It was a nice church, and we worked hard to keep it clean and neat for Jesus. In just minutes it was a pile of stones. The church members have taken the stones away and cleared the land so we can worship under tarps on Sabbath. I'm glad to see my friends at worship on Sabbath, but I miss our church.

More than 115 churches were destroyed or badly damaged. That's one out of every four of the Adventist churches in the whole country. The people of Haiti are poor; it took us many years to build our church, and now it's gone—many of them are gone.

I'm glad that today Adventists around the world are preparing to give a large Thirteenth Sabbath Offering that will help Adventists in Haiti rebuild their churches.

**Narrator:** Thank you \_\_\_\_\_ [*name of speaker*]. A million people or more in Haiti lost their homes because of this disaster, and thousands of Haitian

believers are without a place to worship. But that doesn't keep people from sharing their faith. \_\_\_\_\_ [*Name of speaker*] will tell us about what some people are doing to share God's love during these difficult times.

**Speaker 2:** Jacque [jock] and Joseph are friends. Joseph has invited Jacque to Sabbath School and special meetings at his church for several months. When his church announced special evangelistic meetings, Joseph invited Jacque's parents to come, too. And they came.

Then the earthquake hit, and the church was damaged. But a few days later, after the rubble was cleared away from the outside of the church and some tarps were hung from the trees and tall poles, the meetings started again—this time outside of the church. People were too afraid to go into most buildings so soon after the earthquake.

When the meetings ended, Joseph was thrilled when Jacque and his parents stood to say that they wanted to ask Jesus to live in their heart.

**Speaker 3:** "I'm tired of staying in a tent with so many strangers around!" Jean [John] said to his friend Pierre. "I want to go home."

Pierre understood how Jean felt. He wished he could go home, too. But home was a damaged building that wasn't safe. "I know how you feel," Pierre said. "But I heard that ADRA® has started a program for kids. Let's go and see what they're doing."

The boys walked through the busy tent city. Near the back fence they found four large tents. Several adults

were welcoming children as they arrived. A tub held sports equipment, and several tables were filled with crayons, paints, felt markers, and other art supplies.

The boys joined a group of boys that played games together. For a while they forgot their troubles. When it was their turn to do art, the leaders encouraged them to draw what they felt. Jean drew a picture of his damaged home. The leaders talked with each child about their picture and how they felt. Jean told the others that he was tired of living in a camp and wanted to go home. Other children nodded; they understood. The camp was OK, but it wasn't home.

Pierre and Jean returned to their tents. "I feel better," Jean said. "Thanks for telling me about the play session."

Pierre smiled as an idea formed in his mind. "Hey, Jean, come with me to Sabbath School on Saturday morning.

The church is nearby. We sing songs and hear Bible stories and pray."

Jean thought for a minute. "It sounds like fun," he said. "I'll ask my mom." Jean's mother gave him permission to go to Sabbath School with Pierre. It was a new experience for him, and he liked it.

Pierre and Jean became good friends, and Jean continued attending the children's program and Sabbath School. Pierre hopes that in time Jean will give his heart to Jesus, who loves him and wants him to feel at home wherever he is.

**Narrator:** The Bible tells us that "whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40, NIV). The people of Haiti are our brothers, and they need our help, especially today.

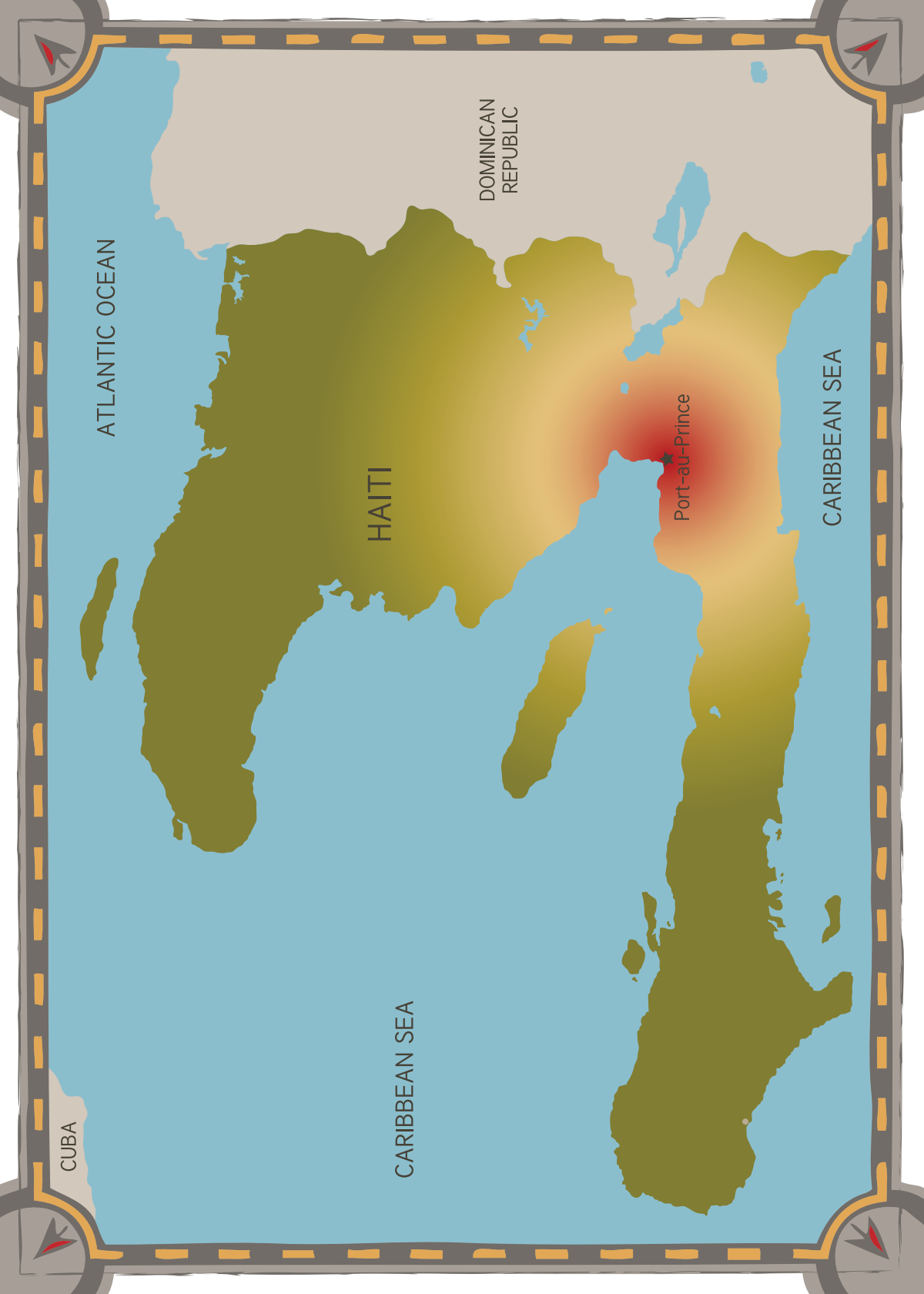
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## Your Offerings at Work

Three years ago part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering helped enlarge this youth camp in southeastern Mexico for use as a center to hold Festivals of the Laity and lay training programs, such as this one for small group leaders. The members say thank you.





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## RECIPES FROM HAITI

### FRIED BANANAS (BEYEN)

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| 3 very ripe bananas          | ½ teaspoon vanilla extract |
| 1 tablespoon flour           | 1 tablespoon sugar         |
| ⅛ teaspoon baking soda       | ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon |
| sugar for topping (optional) |                            |

Mash bananas in a medium bowl; add vanilla to banana mixture and stir in. Mix together in a separate bowl the flour, sugar, baking soda, and cinnamon; add to banana mixture. Place a spoonful of batter in very hot oil and fry until it's golden brown. Remove from oil and drain on paper towel. Sprinkle with sugar if desired.

### RICE AND BEANS

Every country has its favorite version of rice and beans. Here is one from Haiti:

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 2 quarts water                    | 3 scallions or green onions, chopped |
| 2 cups dried red beans, rinsed    | 3 garlic cloves                      |
| 1 can (13 ounces) vegetable broth | ¼ teaspoon dried rosemary            |
| 1 tablespoon salt                 | 3 tablespoons peanut oil             |
| 8 parsley sprigs                  | 2 cups rice                          |

Bring water to boiling. Add red beans and cook covered for 1½ hours. Drain beans, reserving liquid, and set aside. Add broth and enough water to bean liquid to equal 4¾ cups liquid. Set aside.

In a mortar, pound the salt, parsley, scallions, garlic, and rosemary together to form a paste.

Heat oil in a large covered pot over medium heat; add paste and mix well. Add rice and stir until well coated with oil. Add reserved liquid and bring to a boil, stirring. Add beans and return to a boil. Reduce heat, cover, and cook undisturbed for 20 minutes. Remove cover, stir, and cook about 5 minutes longer, or until liquid is absorbed.



## RECIPES FROM HAITI

### BOILED PLANTAIN

Green plantain  
Fresh lime  
Boiling salted water

Peel the plantain and cut off and discard both ends. Cut in half lengthwise and in half widthwise. Rub plantain with lime and boil in salted water for about 30 minutes, until tender.

### HAITIAN CORNMEAL (MAIS MOULINE)

1 minced garlic clove	½ finely chopped onion
4 cups water	1 cup cornmeal
1 teaspoon thyme	1 teaspoon parsley
1 tablespoon oil	Salt and hot pepper (optional), to taste

Sauté garlic and onion in oil in a medium pot. Add water to garlic and onions and bring to a boil. Combine remaining ingredients. Stir mixture constantly to avoid lumps.



# SEND MISSION HOME



**S**end 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.

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Following are sources of information that may be helpful in preparing programs for *Children's Mission*.

**For more information** on the culture and history of Haiti, look in the travel section of a local library or online. Type "Haiti culture" or "Haiti history" into your search engine.

**Visit our website** for additional photos, recipes, language pages, 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" and "Children's Activities" in the pop-up menu. Go to fourth 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 Adventist Church. Ask your Sabbath School superintendent to make you a copy of it. Or go online at [www.AdventistMission.org](http://www.AdventistMission.org) to download one of the DVD programs.

## MISCELLANEOUS

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

The Embassy of Haiti, 2311 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20008-2802. Phone: 202-332-4090; website: [www.Haiti.org](http://www.Haiti.org).

The Embassy of the Dominican Republic, 1715 22nd Street, NW, Washington DC 20008. Phone: 202-332-6280; e-mail: [embassy@us.serex.gov.do](mailto:embassy@us.serex.gov.do); websites: [www.domrep.org](http://www.domrep.org); [www.dominicanrepublic.com](http://www.dominicanrepublic.com).

Also remind members also that the ongoing work of the world church depends on the weekly Sabbath School mission offerings. On the twelfth Sabbath, report on mission giving during the quarter. Explain that one fourth of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering is dedicated to the special projects featured this quarter. The remaining three fourths goes into the world mission fund along with the weekly mission offerings.

**Note:** Because this quarter the last Sabbath of the year falls on December 25, feel free to move your special Thirteenth Sabbath promotion to December 18. Encourage church members to give their Thirteenth Sabbath Offering in a tithe envelope clearly marked "Thirteenth Sabbath Offering" so that the church's treasurer will know how to credit it.

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# INTER-AMERICAN DIVISION

## ATLANTIC OCEAN



UNIONS	CHURCHES	MEMBERSHIP	POPULATION
Belize	75	33,364	329,000
Caribbean	589	211,244	3,682,006
Central Mexican	171	67,243	36,752,233
Colombian	1,169	275,272	45,065,000
Cuban	273	29,533	11,225,000
Dominican	618	260,805	10,090,000
French Antilles-Guiana	135	29,362	1,077,000
Guatemala	693	211,069	14,027,000
Haitian	473	335,751	9,242,000
Inter-Oceanic Mexican	964	162,162	27,558,656
Mid-Central American	1,045	421,138	14,805,000
North Mexican	487	120,304	36,083,612
Puerto Rican	296	37,114	3,971,000
South Central American	632	260,030	13,632,000
South Mexican	1,032	288,847	9,415,499
Venezuela-Antilles	814	219,980	28,636,994
West Indies	678	269,620	3,116,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>10,145</b>	<b>3,232,946</b>	<b>268,528,000</b>

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### PROJECT:

- 1 Help rebuild or repair churches and dormitories at the Adventist university that were damaged or destroyed in the 2010 earthquake.
- 2 CHILDREN'S PROJECT: Help provide children with school uniforms, shoes, and textbooks as they return to school.

