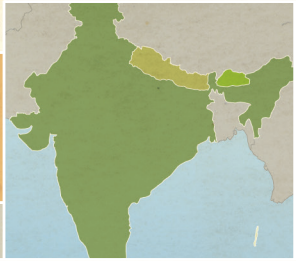




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Your Offerings at Work



A few years ago part of Southern Asia Division's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering helped build a boys' dormitory at Raymond Memorial Higher Secondary School in India. Excited children lined up to tour the building before the boys moved into their new rooms.

Your offerings also helped build

churches throughout the Southern Asia Division. Although the new churches are simple, they are far nicer than the mud-and-thatch churches that some new buildings replaced. For more information and photos on the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering projects, visit www.AdventistMission.org.



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Dear Sabbath School Leader,

This quarter features the Southern Asia Division, which includes the countries of Bhutan, India, and Nepal, plus the islands of the Maldives.

The Adventist Church in the Southern Asia Division has grown dramatically in the past few years, and today has more than 1.6 million members. That's a ratio of one Adventist for every 804 people. Much of the growth can be attributed to outreach initiatives such as Global Mission. But the foundation for growth was laid as Adventist schools were established throughout India. Thousands have been baptized while studying in Adventist schools. As membership continues to grow in this division, so does the need for places to worship. A portion of this quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will be used to build seven churches in India and a meeting hall in Bhutan. Other projects in India include a boys' dormitory at the Adventist school in Karmatar, a men's dormitory at Flaiz Adventist College in Andhra Pradesh, and classrooms for a

primary school in Kollegal Karnataka.

Some of the best stories from past issues of *Children's Mission* have been used in this issue. Many thanks to the previous editor, Charlotte Ishkanian, for use of this material.

Language Fun

Songs and words in several languages of the Southern Asia Division are featured throughout the quarterly and on our website, www.AdventistMission.org. Click on "Resources" and "Children's Activities."

Special Features

- **Mission 360 DVD** this quarter contains stories featuring the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering projects and other stories from southern Asia. Download or live stream from www.AdventistMission.org. Share the website with your students and their parents.
- **Decorate the Room** with pictures cut from magazines or travel brochures. Include hand-colored copies of the flags of the Southern Asia Division and garlands of paper flowers.
- **Invite a Guest** who has lived in Southern Asia to visit your class and speak to the children. Encourage them to bring appropriate items for the children to see and touch.
- **More Activities** are available on our website at 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.

Opportunities

This quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help build:

- Boys' dormitory for boarding school in Karmatar, Northern India
- Men's dormitory for seminary students at Flaiz Adventist College, Andhra Pradesh, India
- Classrooms for primary school in Kollegal Karnataka, India
- Meeting hall in Bhutan and seven churches in India



BHUTAN | April 5

Quietly Doing God's Work

The Kingdom of Bhutan is a tiny country between India, Tibet, and China. Even though it is a tiny country, Bhutan has very big mountains! The people who live there (called Bhutanese) are friendly, and many of them are farmers who grow food or take care of animals.

Most people (about 75 percent) who live in Bhutan follow a kind of religion called Tibetan Buddhism. The rest of the people follow a mixture of Buddhism and Hinduism, a religion from India. There are very few Christians there. In Bhutan it is against the law for people to change their religion.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church

“Dema began to understand that there is a living God who loves her—the God who made everything, including her.”

started working for the Bhutanese people in 1991, but it was hard. Because Christian missionaries aren't allowed into Bhutan, the Adventist missionaries started telling the people

from Bhutan living across the border in India about Jesus. Two years later a few of these Bhutanese people in India had become believers. Then some Bible workers taught these people how to give Bible studies. Some of the new believers went back to Bhutan to tell others what they had learned. A few years later about 120 Bhutanese people had become Seventh-day Adventists.

Dema's Answered Prayers

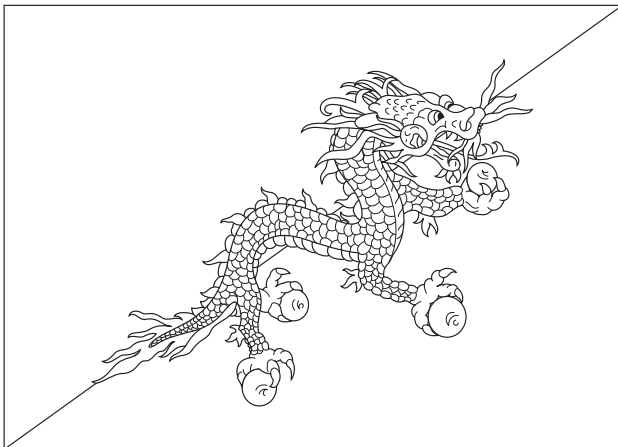
Dema [DEE-mah] was born in eastern Bhutan. Her parents are Buddhists. Dema completed school through tenth grade in her hometown. Her parents began looking for a school where she could continue her studies, but it wasn't easy to find a school in Bhutan.

About this time Dema met an Adventist man who told her many stories from the Bible. Through these stories Dema learned about the creation of the world and God's Sabbath day. She began to understand that there is a living God who loves her—the God who made the earth and all the creatures in it, including her.

Dema's parents decided to send her to Darjeeling, a city in northern India, to study. But the Adventist man worried that if Dema were to go to Darjeeling, she would forget what she had learned about

God and the Bible. She might never have another opportunity to learn about Jesus Christ. The man told Dema about an Adventist boarding school in northern India where she could complete her high school studies. Dema was excited to think that she could attend a Christian school and began praying that her parents would change their mind about sending her to Darjeeling. She told her parents about the Adventist boarding school, and they decided to send her there for her studies. God answered Dema's prayers, and she was able to study in the Adventist school, where she learned so much more about Jesus than she could ever have learned in Bhutan. Now she can quietly tell other people in Bhutan about what she learned at the Adventist school and teach them about Jesus. 🌍

Color the Bhutan Flag



Upper left: light orange
Lower right: dark orange
Dragon: White



BHUTAN | April 12

Stronger Than Demons

Bindya [BIHND-yah] lives on a tea estate in India near the border of Bhutan. A few years ago she became demon possessed. When the demons went into her, Bindya became totally helpless—she couldn't do anything! It was terrible. Then two Adventist men visited the tea estate where Bindya's family lived and worked. They learned about Bindya's terrible problem and visited her home to pray for her. The two men sang some Christian songs and prayed for the family and especially for Bindya. When the Adventists returned a few weeks later, they saw that Bindya was getting better. They again prayed for her and told her parents to trust in the God of heaven to heal her, for only He was stronger than the demons that troubled her.

Later when a Seventh-day Adventist pastor visited the family, Bindya's parents were so happy that she was getting better that they asked him to take Bindya home with him and pray for her until she was completely healed.

The pastor took Bindya back to his home, and the following Sabbath he took the girl to church. That day Bindya told everyone that God had healed her from the evil spirits. She gave her life completely to Jesus Christ and asked the church members to pray for her. The church responded by dedicating her to God.

Bindya is now baptized, and many families on the tea estate where Bindya lives want to know more about the God who is stronger than the demons. Please pray for them.

The True Sabbath

Mr. David is a Seventh-day Adventist who lives in Bhutan. There are some other small Christian churches where Mr. David lives. Not all of these churches are Seventh-day Adventist. One time when Mr. David was visiting people in their homes, he met Mr. Bora, the leader of another Christian church that had about 60 members. Mr. David said that he was a Seventh-day Adventist, and Mr. Bora was curious. *Who are Seventh-day Adventists, and what did they believe*, he wondered? The two men talked for a while, and Mr. David explained a few things that Adventists believe. Mr. Bora was still curious, and so the two men began studying the Bible together. Soon Mr. Bora learned about the Sabbath. After he carefully studied his Bible, he believed that the seventh-day Sabbath was God's holy day.

After Mr. Bora was sure that the

Fast Facts

- Bhutan is a south Asian country located in the eastern side of the Himalayas. To its north lies China, and it is bordered on the east, west and south by India. Bhutan is a small country with an area of about 18,000 square miles (47,000 square km.).
- The capital city of Thimphu is located on the western side of Bhutan at an elevation of about 7,000 feet (2,350 meters). It is Bhutan's largest city and has a population of 104,214. There are no traffic lights in Thimphu.
- Twenty-four languages are spoken in Bhutan. Dzongkha is the official one.

Sabbath day is the Bible day of worship, he shared this wonderful news with all of the people who went to his church. Then, Mr. Bora's whole church decided to begin worshipping on the true Sabbath! That was a very happy day for Mr. Bora and everybody at his church. Mr. David is happy too, as he teaches these new Sabbathkeepers more about the Bible. 🌍

Bhutan Recipe

BUCKWHEAT NOODLES

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|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Fresh spring onions | 3. Vegetable oil | 5. Seasonings (your choice) |
| 2. Salt | 4. Buckwheat flour | 6. Water |

Mix the buckwheat flour with water and knead into fine dough. Divide the dough into small portions and dust with flour. Wrap the portions in plastic to prevent them from drying and hardening. Take a portion and press it using a noodle pressing tool, dusting with flour occasionally to prevent from sticking or breaking. Put the noodles into boiling water until they are floating. Using a strainer, take the noodles out and run cold water over them and set aside. Follow the same procedure with the remaining dough portions. Chop fresh spring onions into fine pieces and spread them on top of the noodles. Dust with salt and other seasonings. Heat oil until it is searing and pour over the noodles. Mix thoroughly.



HIDDEN COUNTRY | April 19

Change of Heart

In my country it can be very dangerous to be a Christian. At my school, not very many people know that I believe in Jesus. Some of my classmates steal from other students and even from the teachers. Their language is filled with profanity. Although I didn't like everything these guys were doing, they were still my friends. However, my parents were worried that the habits of my friends would rub off on me and asked me to stop being friends with these classmates.

Every day I could hear my mother praying for me, asking God to protect me from the bad influence of these boys, but I still kept them as my friends. However, at home I would still have

worship with my mother and sister.

My father drank and smoked, and he wouldn't join us for worship or come to church with us. Sometimes when he saw us praying for him, he grabbed our hair, forcing our heads to come up while we were bowed in prayer.

When we weren't praying, and when Dad wasn't drunk, he was wonderful. He took us places and did things with us.

It was only when we prayed or went to church that he would mock us.

Sometimes, when he was drunk, my father kept us from going to church by locking the doors of the house and leaving.

Locked In

Sometimes, when he was drunk, my father kept us from going to church by locking the doors of the house and leaving. We couldn't get

out because the doors were locked from the outside, so we stayed inside, praying and crying. Then Mother would lead us in our Sabbath School at home. We sang, read our Bible lessons, and repeated our memory verses. Then, instead of a sermon, Mother would read a Bible text and talk to us about it.

When my father would finally return home at 6:00 p.m., he would unlock the doors and let us go out. But by then Sabbath was ending, so after having one more prayer to end the Sabbath, we would eat supper together with him.

Once in a while when we were locked in, we were able to open the lock by shaking the door very hard. Then we would quickly run to church and back home again. On other Sabbaths my father would stay home, making sure that we wouldn't go anywhere. However, when he was sober, he allowed us to attend church.

Changes

Last year my father's mother died. My father and grandmother were close, and after she died, my father began to change. Mother often encouraged Father to pray, assuring him that God would help. Father began reading the Bible. When we were having worship, he no longer pulled our hair and made fun of us, but instead would come and sit in the room but not in the circle, listening to our prayers.

Then we noticed that he had stopped drinking. He had promised to stop, and he kept that promise. But he still smokes. We continue to pray about this, and he has greatly reduced his smoking.

Mission Post

- Sharing God's love with others is what Jesus wants us to do. And when we tell others about Jesus, people want to worship Him, too. This means that we need more churches to hold the believers and schools to train the children.
- This quarter part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help build seven churches in India and a meeting hall in Bhutan. It will also help build classrooms and dormitories at three Adventist schools so that many more children can study and prepare themselves for service to Jesus.

My father still doesn't come to church with us, but he comes to the room when we pray, and he sits quietly. We can see him changing little by little into the man God wants him to be. Now that Father is no longer drinking, he's a happier man. We enjoy spending time with him and being his children.

My father also talked with me about the bad friends I had at school. He warned me not to be their friend, because they were a bad influence. Then one day I learned the hard way that my parents were right. I got into a fight with those classmates, and we are no longer good friends. It's interesting to see how God is working not only in the life of my father but in my life as well. 🌍



NEPAL | April 26

Kabita and Gita

A Missionary's Special Gift

Kabita [kah-BEE-tah] and Gita [GEE-tah] are sisters. They live in a town not far from Kathmandu [kaht-mahn-DOO], the capital city of Nepal. *[Find Nepal on the map.]* Nepal is a small country, but it has the highest mountains in the world.

Like most young girls in Nepal, they enjoy playing games when they are not helping their parents. But when it is time to plant or harvest rice, the whole family works in the fields until the rice is safely dried and stored in their homes. Rice is the most important food in Nepal, and many families must grow their own rice.

New Neighbors

When Kabita and Gita were small, an Adventist missionary came to live in their village. The missionary's daughter, Janie, invited the girls to come and play with

her. Sometimes the missionary father told the children Bible stories and taught them songs about Jesus. Kabita and Gita liked that, for in their family's religion they did not sing.

Kabita and Gita's family did not mind that the girls spent a lot of time with the missionary family, for they knew the missionaries were teaching the girls good things.

Then one day Kabita and Gita found the missionary family putting their belongings into boxes. "Where are you going?" the girls asked. Janie explained that they must leave Nepal because of dangerous fighting nearby. The girls hugged Janie and promised never to forget her and never to forget the stories and the songs the missionaries had taught them. They felt sad when their neighbors left the village, but when they sang the songs

that the missionaries taught them, they felt better. The songs helped keep them to remember Jesus.

Let's Pray

One day the police came and arrested Kabita and Gita's father and took him to jail. Kabita knew that her mother was worried, and she remembered that Jesus hears our prayers and will help if we ask Him. She told her mother to pray to Jesus for help. Mother and the girls asked Jesus to help Father get out of jail, and he was released. How happy the family was that God answered their prayer.

New School

Before the missionaries had left, they told Kabita about the Adventist boarding school in Kathmandu, the capital city. The missionary had promised to find a sponsor for her, and he did. Kabita loved studying at the Adventist school, and when Gita was old enough, she joined her sister. Now both girls are studying there and learning more about Jesus every day. "We like studying here," Kabita said. It is a beautiful school, and we have learned a lot here."

"When we go home during holidays,"

Gita said, "we tell our friends in the village about Jesus. We teach them to sing songs, and we pray for sick people. Sometimes they get well. We tell them they must pray to Jesus, for He is the living God."

Kabita and Gita's village does not have an Adventist church yet, so the girls invite people who want to know more about God to come to the church at their school in the capital city. Sometimes they have business in the city, and then they may come to church. And some even come by bus just to worship God. This makes the girls happy!

"I like to tell people about Jesus," Kabita adds. "I tell my brothers and sister and our friends the stories we are learning at school. Gita and I teach them songs we have learned too. We pray before we eat and before we sleep to thank God for what He has given us."

Message for the Missionary

The girls have not heard from the missionaries since they left Nepal, but Kabita has a message for them. "Thank you for teaching us about Jesus and for teaching us how to pray. We are doing well in school and are very happy here."

Kabita has a request for us. "Please pray for our family, especially our father and brother, that they will give their hearts to Jesus."

Praying for people is one way we can share God's love. Another is by bringing our mission offerings. Let's pray for them right now, and let's give a big offering to help the people in the Southern Asia Division learn that God loves them. 🌍

[Close with prayer.]

Mission Post

- The Adventist Church has worked in the Southern Asia Division for more than 100 years. Much of the growth and strength of the work in India came as a result of Adventist schools.
- Our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help build dormitories at two Adventist boarding schools in India and churches for seven congregations.



CENTRAL INDIA | May 3

From One to Many

I walked down the dusty village streets, looking for people to speak with. How I wanted to share the stories I had been told about God! Laundry flapped in the breeze, and cook fires scented the air. Goats and sheep jostled in the street with the farmers and shepherds. “Do you know Jesus?” I asked a group of men.

They crowded close to me, threatening. Their voices rose, and then they drove me outside of the village. Soon I was lying curled on the road and groaning, the men laughing.

The men who had beaten me disappeared, but I lay as they had left me, too weak and wounded to rise. I let out another groan. The landscape swam around me; pain gripped me.

All of a sudden I saw sandaled feet and dust by my head. Had the men come back to kill me? There was nothing I could do.

“Can I help you? What happened to you?” His voice was kind.

I told the man above me that I had been beaten by a group of men.

“I am Nagaraj, and I will help you,” he

Fast Facts

- More than 80 percent of the people in India are Hindus, a religion that began in India. Other religions in India include Islam (13 percent), Christianity (2.3 percent), Sikhs (almost 2 percent), and Buddhists (under 1 percent).
- Hindus don't have a set of beliefs as Christians do. Each follower is encouraged to find their own spiritual or moral truth. Hindus often worship a variety of gods and don't designate one as superior to another. There is no savior, no single God to be worshipped, as there is in Christianity.

said before gently lifting me into his cart.

Nagaraj took me to a hospital and paid for my treatment. I stayed overnight, and the next day he came back for me.

“You can stay in my home until you are recovered,” he said.

I was filled with gratitude as I thought of my handicapped mother. I knew that it would be best to stay with Nagaraj. My mother could not care for me, and my father had left us years before. “Thank you,” I said. I knew my heavenly Father was caring for me through this kind man.

In Nagaraj’s home my bruises and injuries healed, and I grew stronger. As I was accepted into his family, I began to tell them about Jesus. Nagaraj listened closely to the stories I knew from the Bible and accepted Jesus into his life.

“Stay with us and bring your mother to live here, too,” he invited. My heart filled with gratitude, and I brought my mother into his home.

When I healed, I went again into the villages I wanted to reach for Jesus. Now that I was staying with Nagaraj I was better accepted, and the stories of Jesus spread. Five people formed a church, then 10, then 20. During 10 years our numbers swelled to 200. We met in Nagaraj’s rented home in the middle of the village. Our space was tight and small for 200.

Recently I visited new villages and discovered a church I had not known about. It was a group of Seventh-day Adventists, and I decided it was my duty to bring truth to them. I prepared to attend church one Sabbath morning to worship with them and then speak about true worship.

I entered the church and found about 100 members. I was told that they had

been meeting for 40 years in this village. I sat silently in my seat throughout the service, thinking about the truth of Sunday worship I would reveal to them.

After the service I greeted the pastor, and we spoke to each other; I was still thinking of what I would share. Before I began sharing, he started speaking to me about the Sabbath. His beliefs seemed grounded in the Bible. Very quickly I became interested in what he had to say and wanted to learn more. When he offered to study the Bible with me, I accepted.

The Adventist pastor and I studied together weekly for about six months. As I learned new truths, I shared them with the 200 people I worshipped with. As I became convinced of new truths, those I worshipped with argued. Would God hold us together?

I invited the Adventist pastor to speak in our church. A few months ago I was baptized with all 200 of my church members—into the Seventh-day Adventist Church!

People from the surrounding villages were curious and came to see our large baptism. More than 100 of those that came to watch indicated they were interested in learning more about God, and so the Adventist pastor and I began studying with them.

My congregation and I continue to meet in the home that Nagaraj rents, though now we meet on Sabbath rather than Sunday. We hope to build a church or two for our expanding body of believers. We are excited to see where God will take us. From one to many, it has been an amazing journey with Him, and we know He will continue to be with us. 🌍



CENTRAL INDIA | May 10

Aaron and Alan

The Seed Planters

Aaron and Alan are twins. They live in Bangalore, in central India. They are seed planters; they plant seeds of faith in the hearts of their teachers and classmates. Seed planting comes naturally to the boys, for they see their parents sharing their faith all the time.

The brothers attend a Christian school, but it's not Adventist. They are always looking for opportunities to share God's love with fellow students and even their teachers.

Sabbath Classes

"Sometimes when a holiday falls during the week, the school makes it up by holding classes on Saturday," Alan says. "We are new in the school, so our teachers don't know yet that we're Adventists. They don't know what Adventists believe.

"The first time we missed a class on a Saturday, our teacher asked us the next Monday why we weren't in school on Saturday. We explained that we're Adventists and worship God on His true Sabbath. The teacher accepted our reason, but we thought that maybe she didn't really understand. So we began praying for a way to tell her more about what Adventists believe."

The Hidden Paper

Aaron and Alan play the piano and violin. A few weeks later their teacher asked them to be in charge of music for an all-school worship. She asked them to choose some songs from the hymnbook that they could play for song service. The brothers chose songs that they felt would bless everyone in the Christian school.

“We printed a page of information on the Sabbath and on Seventh-day Adventist beliefs and slipped it into the hymnbook,” Aaron said. “We wanted our teacher to find it when she opened the hymnbook. We took the hymnbook to her the next morning. During the day we prayed that she would find the piece of paper and read it. After school that day we returned to our teacher’s class to pick up the hymnbook.”

Alan went to the teacher to get the hymnbook and noticed that the paper was still inside. Disappointed, he wondered whether the teacher had even seen the paper. But as he walked toward the door, the teacher called him back. “May I have the paper in the hymnbook?” she asked. Alan smiled broadly and gave her the paper.

Aaron was waiting outside the room, praying while Alan went in to get the hymnbook. Alan came out wearing a big smile on his face. The brothers rejoiced that the teacher was interested to know more about the Sabbath and Seventh-day Adventists.

Stand for the Sabbath

Recently an exam was scheduled for Sabbath, and Aaron and Alan didn’t go to school to take the test. The next Monday the school director called the brothers into her office to ask why they hadn’t been in class to take the exam. Aaron and Alan explained the Sabbath to her and told her that they never attend school on Saturdays, no matter what the reason.

The director thought for a moment and then asked, “What if the national exam comes on a Saturday? Will you come to take the exam then?”

Fast Facts

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“No, ma’am,” the brothers said in unison. “We won’t take the exam if it falls on Sabbath, even if it means we miss an entire year of school!”

“And what if someday your employer tells you that you must work on Saturdays? Will you obey?” she asked

Again the brothers said no. “We’d just look for another job,” Alan said. “God honors those who honor Him, and He will help us find a job if we refuse to dishonor His Sabbath.”

“Our Sabbath is that important to us,” Aaron added.

After the brothers missed the exam on Sabbath, one of their classmates asked why they hadn’t been in class. Alan explained the Sabbath from Genesis to the New Testament. “It was a casual conversation,” Alan says, smiling. “I was just planting some seeds of faith.”

Alan and Aaron are dropping seeds of faith along their pathway every day. We can do that too just by being kind and telling others that Jesus loves them. We can share our faith by giving our mission offering every week in Sabbath School too. 🌍



CENTRAL INDIA | May 17

Yasiah's Miracle

Yasiah

Ten-year-old Yasiah [yuh-SIGH-uh] lay on his bamboo mat on the floor of his family's small mud-brick house. He watched idly as his mother swept the floor clean. Then she prepared a mixture of cow manure and water and rubbed it all over the dirt floor. When it dried, the floor became shiny, like polished stone, and kept the mosquitos and bugs away.

Yasiah's mother went outside and began grinding chilies, onions, garlic, and some leaves on a grinding stone. She was making a paste for the family's curry that night.

Yasiah crawled to the door of the house and saw his mother lift a waterpot onto her shoulder and begin to walk toward the village well to draw water. Yasiah wished he could run along to help his mother as the other children did, but he could not. When he had been a baby he'd had a terrible sickness called polio. It had left his legs too weak to support his body.

"Mother, will I always be crippled like this?" Yasiah asked.

"Yes, unless God works a miracle," his mother said. He knew his mother felt as bad as he did that he could not walk. "But for now you must be content as you are."

"You said that maybe God could do a miracle for me," Yasiah said hopefully. "Could we ask a pastor to pray with us for a miracle?"

"Since the missionaries left our village, we have had no pastor to pray with us," Mother said.

Good News for Yasiah

A few days later Yasiah's father came home from the fields with some news. "A pastor is visiting a village about 10 miles away. Some people went to talk to him and ask him to come and visit our village. They say he belongs to the 'Seven-day Church,' but he is a good man."

Yasiah's eyes brightened. "Maybe the pastor can come and pray that I can walk again," he said.

The pastor visited Yasiah's home and prayed for the boy. Then he told Yasiah's father, "You should take your son to the city, where we are holding special meetings. Ask the pastors there to pray for your son."

Father and some of the village men carried Yasiah to the bus stop, where they caught the bus to the city. They found the Adventist pastors and asked them to pray for Yasiah. After they prayed one of the pastors said, "Believe in the power of Jesus Christ, and I believe you will walk again!"

Yasiah was so happy! He was sure that Jesus would heal his legs and that he would walk again. "When will the miracle happen?" he asked his father. "Will it be tomorrow?"

"I don't know," his father said. "We must have faith that Jesus knows best."

The Miracle

The next morning when Yasiah was alone he tried to pull himself up and stand. He did it! He could stand! "Yes, Jesus," he whispered. "I believe You will heal my legs."

After that Yasiah pulled himself up and stood many times every day. He could feel his legs growing stronger. Soon he could even take a few steps.

"Look, Father!" Yasiah called one night as his father came in from the fields. "I can stand, and I can walk if I hold on to something!" He showed his father.

"Yes, God is answering our prayers," Father said. "Tomorrow I will make a stick to help you walk!"

After that no one could keep Yasiah

Fast Facts


- English and Hindi are the official languages in India. In addition, each of India's 28 states is allowed to choose its own official language. Some of these include: Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Kannada, Konkani, Malayalam, Marathi, Oriya, Punjabi, Rajasthani, Tamil, Telugu, and Urdu.
- English was introduced by the British in the 1700s and is widely used in education and government.
- Hindi is the most widely spoken language in India. For more than 500 million people it's their first language. Millions more speak it as a second language.

down. He was up practicing his walking with the help of his stick. Slowly his legs grew stronger. Soon Yasiah could go on errands for his mother; he could help her draw water from the well and even help his father in the fields.

Come and Teach Us

When people in the village heard of Yasiah's miracle, they begged the Adventist pastor to come and teach them about Jesus. They were hungry to learn more about God's Word.

Now on Sabbath Yasiah walks with his parents to a little church made of mud with a thatched palm roof near the village well. The believers sit on the ground to sing and worship.

Our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help build a church for believers like Yasiah and his family. Let's do all we can to help make their dreams and prayers come true. 



NORTHERN INDIA | May 24

Renu's Song

Renu

Ten-year-old Renu [RAY-noo] peered out the door and watched as the two strangers walked toward her house. *I wonder who they are?* Renu thought. *I've never seen them in our village before.*

The young man and woman smiled when they saw Renu. “Hi. Is your mother home?” the young woman asked.

Renu turned and ran into the house, calling, “Mama! Mama! Someone has come to see you.”

Renu's mother wiped the flour from her hands as she walked out of the kitchen, where she had been rolling out chapatis for dinner. She greeted the visitors with the traditional “*Namaste* [NAH-mahs-teh].” [*Demonstrate by placing palms of hands together as if in prayer.*]

“We are Sharan [SHAH-ran] and Sonia [SOHN-yah],” the man said. “We are visiting people in the village and praying for their needs. We heard that your

husband is sick. Could we pray for him?”

Prayers for Father

Renu's mother nodded, and then she led the couple to the bedroom, where her husband lay on a cot. “Some visitors have come to see you,” she said. He sat up and smiled weakly.

Renu sat on the bed beside her father. Her mother brought stools for the visitors. “I am Sharan, and this is my wife, Sonia,” the young man said. “We are Christian workers, and we are going from house to house praying for people. Someone told us that you have been sick, and we would like to pray that God will heal you if it is His will.”

“I have had a heart problem since I was 8 years old,” Renu's father said. “Recently it has gotten much worse. The doctors cannot do anything to help me. They say I don't have long to live.” Father stopped a

moment and put his arm around Renu. “I love my little girl so much, and I feel bad that she will be left without a father.”

“We worship Jesus Christ, the Great Physician,” Sharan said. “He has all power in heaven and earth. If it is His will, and if you have faith, He can heal you.”

“I believe in God,” Renu’s father answered. “I don’t know much about Jesus Christ, but I wish you would pray for me. I need all the help I can get.”

The young man prayed a simple prayer for Renu’s father, and then they left. They came daily after that to pray for Renu’s family. Father seemed to be getting stronger, but he still had to stay on his bed. Renu began to look forward to the young couple’s visits.

Renu’s Songs

One day Sharan told Renu, “We are going to have some special meetings for children in the village. There will be stories and songs and crafts and games. Would you like to come to our house for the programs?”

Renu’s eyes sparkled. “Yes,” she said. “I will come if it is OK with Mommy and Daddy.” Renu asked her parents, and they gave her permission to go.

Renu loved the stories, the songs, and the Bible memory verses she was learning. Every day after the program she hurried home and told the stories to her father. She recited her memory verses and sang the songs she had learned.

“Sing that song again!” her father often asked. “I love your songs. They make me so happy.”

Father’s Dream

One night as Father lay awake on his bed, he thought about the songs Renu

Fast Facts

- India’s economy is growing fast, but it is still a poor nation. Many people are poor, cannot read, and suffer from disease and poor quality food.
- India’s citizens are made up of hundreds of different ethnic groups and several hundred different languages and dialects. Hindi and English are the two official languages, but numerous state languages are also recognized.
- Watch the Adventist Mission DVD at www.adventistmission.org for more stories.

had sung that evening. Each song had filled his heart with hope. He went to sleep with the songs ringing in his ears.

That night he dreamed that someone was standing beside his bed. The person reached out and touched his heart. It seemed that a bright light passed through his body. He sensed that the person standing beside him must be Jesus Christ.

The next morning Father told Renu and her mother about the dream. “I feel wonderful!” He said. “I don’t have any pain at all! I believe Jesus Christ has healed me!”

Later that day when Sharan and Sonia came to visit, they were surprised to find Father sitting up, waiting for them. They were thrilled as they listened to his story. Then he said, “My wife and I want to become Christians. Please teach us more about Jesus.”

Not long after that Renu’s parents were baptized. Now every Sabbath the whole family worships with their friends, Sharan and Sonia. They praise God for physical and spiritual healing. 🌍



NORTHERN INDIA | May 31

Kumari

Who Is That Man?

Kumari [koo-MAR-ee] wondered about the new neighbors who had just moved in. They were friendly, but somehow different from the people in her small mountain village in northern India. One afternoon as she walked home from school she had an idea. She hurried home and ran into the house. “Mama, may I go visit the new neighbors?” she asked.

“Yes,” Mama answered. “Mrs. Singh [sing] has invited us to come over. But be good.”

Kumari hurried down the road. She found Mrs. Singh sweeping the yard. “Welcome!” she said. “I’m so glad you have come to visit.”

Kumari chatted with Mrs. Singh while the woman worked. Then Mrs. Singh said, “I have some things to do in the house. Come inside, and we can talk some more.” Eagerly Kumari followed Mrs. Singh into the house. Everything was neat and clean. Colorful pictures hung on the walls, but

they were different from the pictures of the gods that Kumari had seen on other people’s walls.

Who Is That Man?

Then Kumari’s eyes fell on a picture of a man hanging on a cross. “Who is that man?” Kumari asked, pointing to the picture.

“His name is Jesus,” Mrs. Singh replied. “He is the God we worship.”

“But why is He hanging there?” Kumari asked, puzzled.

“Sit down, and I will tell you the story,” the woman said. Kumari listened intently as Mrs. Singh told the story of Jesus.

Mr. Singh came home and sat down with his wife and Kumari. “Would you like to stay and join us as we worship our God?” he asked Kumari. “I think you’ll enjoy the songs we sing.”

Kumari enjoyed hearing the lovely songs about Jesus. Then they read from their holy

Fast Facts

- India has more than a billion people—that’s more people than any nation except China!
- India is shaped like a diamond, with its northern borders touching Pakistan, China, Nepal, and Bhutan, and its eastern border touching Bangladesh and Myanmar. This area is often called a “subcontinent” because the Himalayas limit travel to the rest of Asia and the political/social aspects of the area are different.
- For more information on India, watch or download a segment of the DVD online at www.AdventistMission.org.

book, the Bible, and prayed. She noticed that they talked to their God as though He were a close friend. *How different their worship is from ours!* Kumari thought. *There are no idols, no burning incense, no ringing bells, no reciting of mantras, and no offerings of fruits, oil, sweets, and flowers.*

After worship Kumari thanked the Singhs, then hurried home for dinner. She liked this young couple and decided to visit as often as she could, especially around sundown, when she could join their worship. Soon she could sing the Christian songs with them. Often she found herself singing the songs as she worked around the house.

Father Joins In

Kumari’s father noticed that Kumari was spending a lot of time at the Singhs’ house. He decided to go with her and meet his new neighbors. He introduced himself to the young couple, and they invited him in.

“Your daughter loves to hear the stories

we tell her from the Bible,” Mr. Singh told Kumari’s father. “Would you like to know what this holy Book says about Jesus Christ too? I’d be happy to teach you.”

Kumari’s father was interested, and father and daughter began going together to the Singhs’ home every evening to learn more about God. Sometimes after worship Father would send Kumari home while he stayed to talk with Mr. Singh.

The Gang of Drunken Men

Late one night as Father was returning from a Bible study, he noticed a crowd of drunken men walking toward him. Some of them were carrying sticks. They surrounded Father and began to shout and wave their sticks in the air.

“What are you doing with these Christians?” one man demanded. “You must stop meeting with them!”

“No, I will not stop,” Father replied.

“If you don’t stop,” they threatened, “we will kill you and your family!” The men began hitting Kumari’s father with their sticks. Others kicked him. Kumari’s father fell to the ground in pain. The men gave him a few more kicks and then left him to die.

Kumari’s father was not dead; he was unconscious. When he awoke, he hurt all over. He struggled home and told his wife what had happened. As she treated his wounds, he told her, “I am not going to stop learning about God! They are teaching the truth! We will follow the Lord Jesus Christ, and no one can stop us.”

Many of Kumari’s neighbors heard about Father’s beating and became curious about the Singhs’ God. Some of them began taking Bible studies. Now Kumari’s family and many of their neighbors worship the true and living God. 🌍



WESTERN INDIA | June 7

Priya

“I Won’t Bow Down!”

Priya sat down under the huge mango tree on the farm where her *nani* [Hindi for grandmother] lives. She picked up a ripe mango and peeled it with her fingers. Then she bit into the sweet, juicy fruit. When she finished eating it, she slid down onto her back and looked up into the tree. It was cool in the shade, and Priya grew sleepy. Soon she was fast asleep.

Priya’s Scary Dream

While Priya was asleep, she dreamed that Satan came to her and told her that the mango she had eaten would make her die. While still dreaming, she prayed that God would make Satan go away. “I’ve given my heart to Jesus,” she told Satan. “I belong to Him.”

When Priya awoke, her cousin was standing nearby. He told her that they must go to Nani’s house. Priya stretched and walked with her cousin to her

nani’s home. “I had a strange dream this afternoon,” Priya told her nani while they worked together to prepare dinner. After she told her grandmother about her dream, she added, “I believe God is protecting me from Satan.”

Priya’s nani looked concerned. “We must visit the goddess in the temple to be sure that you’re safe,” she urged.

“I won’t bow down to an idol!” Priya said. “I believe in Jesus, the living and powerful God. How can I forsake Him for an idol made of stone?” Nani said nothing more about Priya’s dream, but Priya knew her nani was thinking hard.

Learning About Jesus

Priya’s mother wasn’t an Adventist when she married Priya’s father. But she had heard about Jesus and knew in her heart that Jesus was the living and true God. She learned that God loves her, and in time

she gave her heart to Jesus and became a Seventh-day Adventist Christian.

But Priya's nani didn't become a Christian. All she understood were the idols that she had worshipped all her life. And when Priya told her nani about the dream, Nani was worried.

Trouble at the Fair

The next day Nani took Priya to a fair. Priya enjoyed the happy sounds of children and the spicy smells of samosas [sah-MOH-sahs; pastries filled with spiced vegetables or meat]. As she and Nani wandered through the festival grounds, Nani saw a small temple with a wood carving of a snake god inside. Nani pointed toward the temple and said, "Let's bow before that idol so you will be delivered from your bad dreams."

Priya cringed. "Nani," she said urgently but kindly, "I don't want to bow down before an idol. I believe in the living God, Jesus. He will protect me from the devil and all evil in this world."

Nani was disappointed, but at last she agreed. "OK," she said. "Believe in your own God." Priya took hold of Nani's hand as they continued walking through the festival grounds.

Since that day Nani has never tried to force Priya to worship an idol. In fact, she's never talked about her gods to Priya again.

Priya wishes that she could invite her nani to worship in an Adventist church, but there isn't one in her village. "I pray for my nani and my cousins and aunties who live in that village," she says. "I want them to know that Jesus is the only living God, the true God who loves us and wants us to live with Him forever."

Mission Post

- Priya's family worshipped idols before they learned that Jesus is the living God, who hears their prayers and wants to be their friend. Most of the people in India follow the teachings of Hinduism, a religion that has thousands of minor gods and several more popular major gods.
- The second-most common religion in India is Islam, practiced by more than one out of every 10 people. Christians account for about 5 percent of the population, with Adventists numbering about 1 percent.
- See the Mission 360 DVD at www.adventistmission.org for more information on the challenges of the Southern Asia Division.

Sharing Her Faith

Priya attends an Adventist boarding school several hours from her family's home. She likes her school because she can learn so much about Jesus there. "Every morning and evening we have worship in our dormitory," she says. "And I have religion class, too. Some children in my class are not Christians. They worship the same gods my nani worships. Please pray that they will open their hearts to God's love while they are at the school. I want them to learn that God loves them."

This quarter part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help build more classrooms at Priya's school so more children can study there and learn that God loves them. 🌍



WESTERN INDIA | June 14

Sanji

Sanji's New Song

Sanji [SAHN-jee] picked up the homemade broom and swept the leaves in the dirt yard around her family's new home. Life in town was different than on the farm. As Sanji swept, she heard singing and stopped sweeping to listen. It was coming from a building nearby. *It sounds so nice, so happy*, Sanji thought. *I wonder what is happening there.*

A New Home

Sanji grew up on a small farm. Although her family worked hard, they were poor. One day Sanji's mother became sick. Sanji's *nani* (grandmother) went to the temple in the village to pray to the idol. But Mother died. Everyone was sad.

Sanji's family moved to a small town where Father found a job. Sanji's sister, Savitha [sah-VEE-thah], cleaned the house while Sanji swept the leaves from the dirt yard. That's when she had heard the singing.

Drawn by a Song

The music made Sanji happy as she went about her chores. Later, as she helped hang clothes on the line to dry, she saw people walking away from the building. Sanji wondered about the little building. *Who are these people? Why do they sing?*

Sanji learned that the building was a church. She often sat outside to listen as the people sang. One day she ventured to the church and stood outside to listen. Someone invited her to go inside, where she could hear better. Sanji went inside. But when the singing ended, Sanji scampered home. She wasn't interested in hearing grown-ups talk. She just liked the singing.

A New Mother

One day Father told the children that they would soon have a new mother. Sanji smiled, for she had met the woman, and she liked her. In fact, the woman

Mission Post

- Thousands of people in India have become Adventist Christians in the past 20 years. Today more than a million Adventists live in India. In many villages an Adventist congregation has formed almost overnight as people have learned of the power and love of God. But many of these congregations don't have a church in which to worship. Many worship in private homes or under a tree.
- Part of this quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help build seven churches for congregations that don't have a place to worship.

attended the church near their home.

Sanji's new mother was kind to the children and treated them well. She invited Father and the children to attend the church. Sanji felt at home because she had often gone to the church to sing. But now they would stay for the whole worship service.

Sanji learned that the children had their own Sabbath School, and Sanji took her brother, Samuel, to the children's class. There they learned many Bible stories and lots of new songs.

In time Sanji gave her heart to Jesus. She was glad when her father gave his heart to Jesus, too.

Sanji's New School

Sanji's parents wanted the children to get a really good education and learn English, so they sent them to Lasalgaon [LAH-sahl-gawn] School to study. The children studied English for a year before they enrolled in regular classes. Sanji likes her new school. She likes to help other children with their lessons and has decided that God wants her to become a teacher so she can hel

p other children learn about God.

We can tell other children about God too. And when we give our mission offerings, we are telling children around the world that Jesus loves them. Let's give a generous offering so that many will hear about Jesus. 🌍

Sing in Marathi

Marathi is the state language in Maharashtra, the state where Lasalgaon School is located. 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.

JESUS LOVES ME

ay shoo pree thee kah ree thoh
 poor nah hay mee tzah nah thoh
 shah strah ah sah kah thee tah
 teh kahr rah cheh sang ah tee

Chorus:

ay shoo seth pree tee
 ay shoo seth pree tee
 ay shoo seth pree tee
 bah lah vah ree kuh ree



WESTERN INDIA | June 21

Nisha

Father's New Heart

Nisha lives in western India. She comes from a home that worships idols. Her father, Ravi, hated Christians and often threatened to beat people who visited a Christian church.

Nisha's neighbors were Adventist Christians, and Ravi often threatened them, too. But his threats didn't stop the neighbors from worshipping God. The neighbors had a secret weapon: prayer.

The Prayer Vigil

The Adventists asked the church members to pray that Nisha's father would let God speak to his heart. The church members prayed for weeks that God would touch Ravi's heart. The neighbors knew that Ravi wouldn't listen to them or even let them talk to him, so they asked their pastor to visit Ravi and pray for him.

To Nisha's surprise, her father allowed the pastor and some other church

members into their home to pray for them. The church members returned often to pray with the family.

One day Nisha's father became very angry with her mother. He yelled at her, and he beat her. Nisha knew that her mother was hurt, and she became frightened.

When the Adventist neighbors heard the disturbance, they came to Nisha's house to pray for the family. Father didn't say anything, but Nisha could tell that he was still angry. The neighbors noticed too, but they continued to pray for almost a half hour. Then they offered to take Nisha's mother to the hospital for her injuries.

The Invitation

The neighbors continued visiting the family almost every day to pray for them. When Mother felt better, the neighbors invited the family to visit the church. And Father agreed! Nisha felt peaceful

Fast Facts

- After China, India is the most populous country in the world. It has far less land than China, and many places are quite crowded.
- In spite of so many people, India has many kinds of wild animals. Besides elephants, tigers, and buffalo, India is home to panthers, clouded leopards, snow leopards, and even Asiatic lions!
- Many deadly snakes and reptiles live in India too, such as cobras, saltwater snakes, pythons, and crocodiles.
- The peacock is the most colorful bird in India.

in church, though she didn't understand everything that was happening there.

The family continued to attend the church, and the neighbors kept coming to pray for them. Then one day the pastor invited Nisha's parents to give their hearts to God. Nisha's father immediately

said yes. It was the first time Nisha remembered seeing her father smile.

Nisha saw so many changes in her father. He stopped drinking and didn't hit Mother again. He came home from work instead of going out drinking, and he spent more time with the family. Father and Mother even joined the neighbors as they went to people's homes to pray!

In time Nisha's parents joined the Adventist Church. "How our lives have changed!" Nisha says. "It's like walking out of a dark cave into the bright sunlight. Now, instead of Father beating people, he invites them to become Christians!"

More Churches

This quarter part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help build more churches in India so there will be more places where people can learn more about God. Let's give a generous offering to mission every week, and an extra-large offering on Thirteenth Sabbath. 🌐

Sing in Hindi

Gently roll the *r*; vocalize the *th* sound, as in the words "then," or "the," rather than in the word "with." It sounds almost like a *d*. 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.

JESUS LOVES ME

yee soo moodj say kahr tah pyahr
 bai buhl may hai sah mah char
 mai whoo nirh bahl whah bahl wahn
 bahl coh pur hai thai uh wahn

Chorus:

pyahr khar tah moodj say
 pyahr khar tah moodj say
 pyahr khar tah moodj say
 hai sah thee-yah sah mah char

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) 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 June 28.

- 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 the Southern Asia Division build dormitories at two Adventist boarding schools, seven churches in India, and one meeting hall in Bhutan.

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

Helping Children Grow

[Ask four junior-age children to present this program. They don't have to memorize their parts, but encourage them to read through their part several times so that their presentation is smooth and comfortable.]

Narrator: Southern Asia Division is made up of three main countries—India, Bhutan, and Nepal. India has more people than any country except China—almost 3 billion people. The Adventist Church has sent missionaries to India for more than 100 years. Today more than 1.6 million people in India are Adventists. That's one Adventist for every 804 people.

For most of those 100 years schools have been an important way to lead people to Jesus. Many children from non-Christian homes study at Adventist

schools because parents know their children will be taught well and will learn to be honest and kind. Let's meet Alia [ah-LEE-ah], whose life was changed because she attended an Adventist school.

Alia: My parents weren't Christians when I was starting school. But after a difficult experience in the first grade, they sent me to the Adventist school, hoping that I would do better there. The teachers were kind and helpful to me, and I learned quickly.

I didn't learn only reading and math and geography; they taught me about Jesus in morals class. The school didn't hold classes on Saturday, but I learned that some children attended Sabbath School that day. So I went to Sabbath School too, for

I wanted to know more about God. I liked Sabbath School a lot, especially the stories. I love stories, and my Sabbath School teacher told many stories about Jesus.

I told my mother what I was learning in Sabbath School, and she came to church with me. She attended the adult class, and before too many months Mother gave her heart to Jesus and joined the church. When I was old enough, I joined the church too. My father hasn't given his heart to Jesus yet, but he comes to church with us sometimes.

I'm so glad that my parents sent me to an Adventist school. My whole life is different because of this school.

Narrator: India has two main languages, Hindi and English, and many other state languages. Adventist schools in India teach in English. Being able to speak and read English helps children do better after they finish high school.

Many children are being sponsored to attend Adventist schools throughout India. One of these children is Amol. He attends one of the schools that will receive new classrooms from our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering today. Amol, tell us about yourself and why you are studying at an Adventist school.

Amol: My parents were Adventist Christians. My father died when I was 6 years old, and my mother got sick and died a year later. My brother and I went to live with our grandparents, but life was difficult.

One day a pastor came to our village and held evangelistic meetings. My grandfather asked the pastor to help me go to an Adventist school, and the pastor found a sponsor for me.

I really like my school. The teachers are nice, and the children are friendly. I just wish my little brother could study here, but he doesn't have a sponsor, and my grandparents can't pay his school fees.

I remember that my mother wanted me to be a pastor. If God calls me, I will be happy to obey.

Our school is getting old, and the classroom block needs to be replaced. Part of today's offering will help my school get a new classroom block. Thank you for helping children like me get a good education in a Christian school.

Narrator: Thank you, Amol. Three Adventist schools will receive help from our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering today. But there is another project. It's to help build churches in India. Kevin is 9 years old and lives in western India. He is a child preacher. Kevin knows that when a child preaches, even adults listen.

Kevin: I started preaching when I was 7 years old. My Sabbath School teacher invited me to speak for Children's Sabbath in church. I couldn't read much yet, so my parents helped me learn my sermons. We children practiced our parts a lot, and we were prepared. God really blessed, and, though I was nervous, God used my friend and me to speak to many people that day.

Since then I've preached at many different churches in our area of India. I'm learning how to speak in front of other people, and this is a good skill for when I grow up.

I think that when a kid preaches, people relax and listen with their hearts. People have told me that when they know

a child is preaching, they like to invite their friends who don't go to church. It's a neat experience for the visitors, and they're often surprised that children can speak in front of adults.

When I preach, I give an altar call. One time a woman came forward and asked for prayer. She said she was visiting the church and just learning about Adventists. She had planned to go somewhere else that day, but God led her to church.

People in India are hungry to hear the good news that Jesus is the true and living God, that He loves them and wants to be part of their lives. Many people are joining the Adventist Church, and that's good. But many new congregations don't

have a place to meet. Some worship under trees or in homes or rented buildings. They need a simple church of their own in which to worship and invite their friends.

Part of today's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help build churches for congregations in the Southern Asia Division that don't have a permanent place to worship.

Narrator: Today we have the opportunity to help our brothers and sisters in the Southern Asia Division to have places where they can worship God and where students can sleep when they are at boarding schools. Let's give generously to help them.

[Offering]

Next Quarter's Projects



- Church in Kazan, (Tatarstan), Russia
- Adventist school in Cherkassy, Ukraine
- Educational complex in Dnepropetrovsk, Ukraine
- Adventist school in Lvov, Ukraine
- Adventist secondary school in Vinnitsa, Ukraine
- Children's playground to be used as missionary playground in Kazan

Southern Asia Recipes

SAMOSAS (VEGETABLE-CURRY PUFFS)

PASTRY:

2 cups all-purpose flour
pinch of salt

2 tablespoons butter
 $\frac{2}{3}$ cup water

Sift flour with salt; cut in the butter until it resembles bread crumbs. Add water, a little at a time, until it forms soft dough. Cover and set aside.

FILLING:

1 onion, chopped fine
2 tablespoons oil
5 medium potatoes, boiled, peeled, cubed
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon turmeric powder

$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon curry powder
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup green peas
salt to taste
fresh coriander leaves, chopped

Sauté chopped onion in oil until golden. Add potatoes, turmeric powder, curry powder, green peas, salt, and coriander leaves, and stir gently. Cook on low heat until peas are tender. Divide pastry dough into 6 or 7 equal parts. Roll each into a thin circular shape; dust with flour to make rolling easier. Cut each circle in half and place a spoonful of filling on each semicircle. Fold the pastry edges toward the middle and bring up circular edge. Moisten edges with water and seal carefully to make a triangular-shaped pastry. Heat oil for deep frying and fry the samosas on both sides until light brown. Drain and serve hot.

YOGURT SALAD

1 cup yogurt
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sour cream
1 cucumber, chopped

1 tomato, chopped
 $\frac{1}{2}$ onion, chopped fine
salt to taste

Combine ingredients; serve chilled as a delightful complement to spicy curries.

Southern Asia Recipes

VEGETABLE CURRY

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| 3 tablespoons oil | 2 large tomatoes, chopped |
| 2 large onions, minced | 1 teaspoon brown sugar |
| 2 or 3 cloves garlic, minced | 2 teaspoons salt |
| 1 teaspoon chili powder | 1 cup boiling water |
| 2 green peppers, sliced | 4 tablespoons lemon juice |
| ½ teaspoon turmeric powder | 2 teaspoons coriander powder |
| 2 pounds vegetables (carrots, peas, potatoes, beans, cauliflower), cut into small pieces | |

Sauté onions and garlic in hot oil until light brown. Add the spices and tomatoes and continue cooking, stirring continuously to prevent the spices from sticking. Add remaining vegetables, sugar, and salt; stir well. Add the water; cover and cook until vegetables are tender. Five minutes before vegetables are done, add lemon juice and continue cooking until done. Do not overcook. Serve with rice, dahl, and chapatis.

SPICED CORN AND NUT MIX

Serve this as an appetizer or a snack.

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| 2 tablespoons vegetable oil | ½ cup unsalted peanuts |
| ¼ cup popping corn | 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce |
| ¼ cup butter | 1 teaspoon curry powder or paste |
| 1 garlic clove, peeled and crushed | ¼ teaspoon chili powder |
| ⅓ cup unblanched almonds | ⅓ cup seedless raisins |
| ½ cup unsalted cashews | salt to taste |

Heat oil in a heavy saucepan; add the popcorn. Cover and shake while cooking over high heat for 3 to 5 minutes, until the corn stops popping. Pour the popped corn into a dish, discarding any unpopped kernels. (You should have about 10 cups of popped corn.)

Melt butter; add garlic, almonds, cashews, and peanuts; stir in the Worcestershire sauce, curry powder or paste, and chili powder; cook over medium heat for 2 to 3 minutes, stirring frequently.

Remove pan from heat and stir in raisins and popped corn. Season with salt to taste, and mix well. Transfer to a serving bowl and serve warm or at room temperature. If you want a less-spicy treat, omit the curry and chili powders and add 1 teaspoon cumin seeds, ground coriander, and a half teaspoon paprika instead.

Fun With Hindi

Below are some greetings and words in Hindi. Gently roll the *r*; and vocalize the *th* sound, as in the words “then,” or “the,” rather than in the word “with.” It sounds almost like a *d*. 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.

GREETINGS

PRONUNCIATION

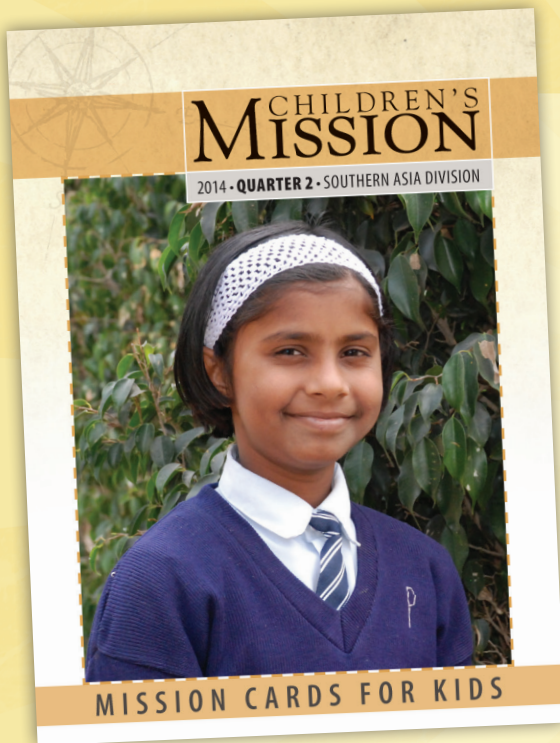
Happy Sabbath	shoob sah-BAHT
Hello (Goodbye)*	NAH-mah-stay
Please	krih-pai yah
Thank you	THUN-yuh-wahdh
You're welcome	THUN-yuh-wahdh
Jesus loves you	yay-soo toom-say pyar kar-tuh HAI
Yes	HAH
No	nuh-HEE

DAYS OF THE WEEK

Sunday	RUH-vee-wahr
Monday	SOHM-wahr
Tuesday	MUHN-gol-wahr
Wednesday	BOOD-wahr
Thursday	GOO-roo-wahr
Friday	SOOK-wahr
Saturday	SUH-nee-wahr

* This greeting is used all day and means both “hello” and “goodbye.” Bow slightly when saying it, while pressing your hands together in front of you.

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.

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Leader's Resources

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

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For more information on the rich culture and history of India, look in the travel section of a local library or online. Try India's official site, india.gov.in, or check out incredibleindia.org, a website filled with pictures and videos of some of India's most colorful sites.

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. Click on "Resources" and "Children's Activities." Go to the second quarter and select activities.

Mission 360 DVD is a free video that features the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering projects and other stories from Southern Asia. Ask your Sabbath School superintendent to make a copy for you, or visit www.AdventistMission.org to download the DVD.

MISCELLANEOUS

For up-to-date information about India, Bhutan, and Nepal, visit their national portals at: india.gov.in, bhutan.gov.bt, and nepal.gov.np.

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

Embassy of India, 2536 Massachusetts Avenue N.W., Washington, DC 20008 (202-939-9839), or contact the Government of India Tourist Office, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, Suite 15, North Mezzanine, New York, NY 10112 (212-586-4901).

Royal Bhutan Embassy, Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Bhutan to the UN, 763 United Nations Plaza (1st Ave.) New York, N.Y. 10017 (212-682-2268/682-2312/682-2371/682-2752)

Embassy of Nepal, 2131 Leroy Pl., Washington, D.C., 20008, (202-667-4550).

Remind Sabbath School members 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 to support the worldwide mission work of the Adventist Church.

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UNION	CHURCHES	COMPANIES	MEMBERSHIP	POPULATION
East-Central India	2,516	1,593	950,956	131,852,478
Northeast India	192	320	49,611	46,821,310
Northern India	445	1,402	152,401	723,915,049
South-Central India	250	212	72,848	65,402,195
Southeast India	428	822	119,872	76,284,925
Southwest India	227	101	36,169	34,865,298
Western India	232	507	143,099	32,021,552

TOTAL 4,324 5,069 1,534,593 1,291,678,000
 Statistics as of December 2013

PROJECTS

- ① Boy's dormitory for boarding school in Karmatar, India
- ② Men's dormitory for seminary students at Flaiz Adventist College, Andhra Pradesh
- ③ Classrooms for Primary School in Kollegal Karnataka, India
- ④ Meeting hall in Bhutan and seven churches in India.

CHILDREN'S PROJECT: Children's rooms with furnishings in each of the churches built.

