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Your Offerings at Work

*Here is a copy of the children's Bible we purchased with the 13th Sabbath offering:
32,000 Children's Bibles English
1,000 Children's Bibles French*

Thanks so much. They have been dedicated and are starting to be distributed to children in remote villages.

My Directors are very excited to have them.

*Blessings
June Westlake*

Reach Up . Reach Out . Reach Across

Thanks to your generous Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, thousands of children are receiving their very own Bible in the South Pacific Division (SPD). Using the funds collected during the second quarter, 2012, the SPD purchased 32,000 children’s Bibles in English, and 1,000 children’s Bibles in French. The Bibles were dedicated and then distributed to children living in remote villages of the South Pacific islands. The children were delighted to receive such a wonderful gift.

Thank you for giving!



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Dear Sabbath School Leader,

This quarter features the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, which includes the countries of China, Japan, Korea, Mongolia, and Taiwan. Almost 1.6 *billion* people live in this region, of which fewer than 650,000 are Seventh-day Adventists. That means that about one person out of every 2,440 is an Adventist.

Language Fun


Words and phrases in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and Mongolian are featured throughout the quarterly. An audio version of Japanese, called “See It, Say It,” is featured on our website, www.AdventistMission.org. Click on “Resources” and then “Activities” next to the Children’s *Mission Quarterly*.

Offering Device

The special children’s project will help provide books for children at

Opportunities

This quarter’s Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help provide:

- four classrooms and a library at the Adventist school in Mongolia
- an international evangelistic center for the immigrant population in Japan
- a youth evangelism training center in South Korea
- house churches in 16 large cities of China
- three centers of influence in Taiwan
- CHILDREN’S PROJECT: Books for the school library in Mongolia 

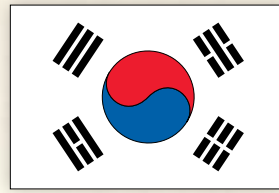
the Seventh-day Adventist School in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Photocopy or draw a simple map of the world. Prepare drawings or pictures of a single book. Each week that you reach your predetermined offering goal, place a paper book on the map near Mongolia. Hopefully by the end of the quarter you will have a good collection of paper books on the map.

Special Features

- **Mission Spotlight DVD** this quarter contains several stories from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, including one specifically for children. You can download all of the *Mission Spotlight* programs absolutely free at www.missionspotlight.org.
- **Decorate the room** with pictures of people and scenic places cut from magazines or travel brochures. Print copies of the flags representing the countries of Northern Asia-Pacific (available online) and invite the children to color them. Post them as part of the quarter’s decorations.
- **More activities**, including recipes, games, and puzzles, are available on our website at www.AdventistMission.org.

Thank you for all you do to connect the children and young people in your Sabbath School to their brothers and sisters around the world through mission!

Gina Wahlen
Editor



SOUTH KOREA | April 4

The Pancake Church

Bo Hwa

It all started one Sabbath morning, with a girl crying in her bedroom.

“What’s wrong, Bo Hwa? Why are you crying?” Mrs. Shin asked.

“I’m so sad,” said Bo Hwa with tears on her face. “Sabbath is so, so sad. I don’t want to go to church! There’s no one my age. It’s lonely.”

Mrs. Shin had noticed for some time that her 15-year-old daughter, Bo Hwa, wasn’t happy. During the week, Bo Hwa was at school with many friends, but on Sabbaths she was the only teen in church.

The Pancake Plan

They prayed together, and soon Mrs. Shin had a plan. Every weekday morning, she got up very early and made 2,000 *hotteoks* [*HOE-tocks*]*—*a popular sweet-filled Korean pancake. Then she took her pancakes and set up a little shop right across from the local high school. All

day long Mrs. Shin sold pancakes to the hungry students. But she did much more than that—she became their friend.

“How’s it going?” she asked them. For many of her young customers, this was the first time someone was interested in them. The young people began trusting Mrs. Shin and telling her their problems. Many came from families with big problems. Some of the students were even living by themselves.

Helping Others

As Mrs. Shin became their friend, she decided to invite them to do something nice for others. “What are you doing on Saturday afternoon?” she asked her daily customers.

“Nothing,” the students usually replied.

“Would you like to come with me to visit some old people and cheer them up?” she asked.

Fast Facts

- In 1912 the countries that now make up Northern Asia-Pacific Division had about 1,400 members meeting in 26 churches. There were 95 missionaries and literature evangelists serving in the countries of China, Japan, and Korea.
- Today almost 650,000 Adventists worship in more than 6,000 churches and companies in China, Japan, Mongolia, and South Korea. It is unknown how many Adventists live in North Korea. In spite of the growth in Adventist membership, only about one person out of every 2,500 is an Adventist.

“Sure!” they answered.

Mrs. Shin knew about some old people living nearby who didn’t have any family taking care of them. Every Sabbath afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Shin, Bo Hwa, and many of their new friends visited these people and cheered them up. Afterward, Mrs. Shin invited the students to her home for a feast. The students loved the food and felt at home. They could tell that Mr. and Mrs. Shin and Bo Hwa really cared about them, and Bo Hwa was excited to have so many new friends!

The Shin family taught the students about God. They taught them to sing Christian songs, studied the Bible with them, and showed them how to pray. During the week, besides selling pancakes, Mrs. Shin visited the students in their homes. Sometimes the Shins invited some of the young people who were having a really hard time to come and live with them.

After a while, the Shins’ little house was too small. They prayed, and soon

God provided an opportunity for them to move into a larger home, so they could take care of even more children and young people.


Pancake Church Plant

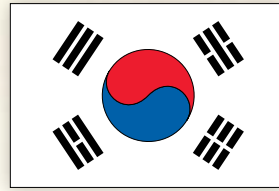
After a while, many of the students who were coming to the Shins’ house accepted Jesus and wanted to be baptized. There were so many of them that there were enough to make a whole new church—of young people!

But now they needed a church building. They prayed about it. One day, Mr. Shin saw an old house for sale. He prayed, “Lord, please give us this place, and we’ll turn it into a home for Your honor and glory.”

God answered that prayer and US\$5,000 was raised to buy the house. The group worked together making the building into a nice place for worship. But they needed a pastor for their new church.

Although he was already 45-years-old, Mr. Shin told the young people that he was willing to study at a university if they were. He was accepted at Sahmyook University, a large Adventist university near Seoul, Korea, where he studied theology. Mr. Shin, Bo Hwa, and three of the “adopted” children completed university studies—all paid for by the money Mrs. Shin earned by selling her pancakes!

Since this youth church began, more than 400 people have been baptized. They’ve presented 39 evangelistic programs and have gone on mission trips to Cambodia, Hong Kong, the Philippines, and Taiwan. Part of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help this youth church to have a bigger place to worship and to train young people for mission. 



SOUTH KOREA | April 11

Mr. Song

The Banner Man

Mr. Song lives in the Seoul Capital Area in South Korea. Living and working in such a big city, Mr. Song wondered how to reach the millions of people all around him with the important news that Jesus is coming soon and how to be ready.

He thought and prayed about it and decided that it was very important for people to know about the Sabbath because it will help them to be ready for Jesus' soon coming. He wanted them to know about the three angels' messages in Revelation 14.

"I wanted people to see the truth, so my plan was to come up with a way for them to immediately see the heart of the three angels' messages—which is the Sabbath," Mr. Song said.

A Big Idea

Soon, a big idea came to Mr. Song. He contacted an advertising company, and

designed a special backpack with a big banner. The sign has large yellow words on a blue background. The words are in Korean, but translated they mean: "Lord's Day = Saturday = Seventh-day."

As he thought about this special way of evangelism, Mr. Song remembered two Bible examples: 1) Jonah, who was sent to walk around a large city, proclaiming the need for repentance; and 2) the children of Israel who were a silent witness as they marched around Jericho.

Surprising Encounters

Mr. Song wears his banner as he rides his bicycle or the subway to and from work each day. He also wears the banner when he goes walking in the park.

"When people see the banner, they are curious and they read it with a loud voice," he says. "There are always people around, and they talk about the words on the banner. The Sabbath is an important

Discussion Questions

- 1 Do you think Mr. Song's Sabbath banner is a good idea? Why or why not?
- 2 Why do you think children especially like the Sabbath banner?
- 3 If you had a backpack banner, what would it say?

message. There are many ways to spread this message, but this is my strategy.”

When he first started wearing the Sabbath banner, Mr. Song worried that people might get mad at him, or think that he was judging them. Instead, he was delighted to see that many were interested in learning more about the message that he carried on his back.

“One day when I took the subway, a man kept following me. Finally he said, ‘I know this is the truth. Is there a church that keeps the Sabbath day?’”

Sometimes Sunday-keeping Christians read Mr. Song's banner and exclaim, “I didn't know that!”

One Sabbath afternoon when Mr. Song was walking in the park, two couples were excited to see the banner. “Oh, you must be from the Seventh-day Adventist Church!” they exclaimed. “We haven't been to church in a long time. Where is it? We've been looking for one!”

Children also enjoy seeing Mr. Song and his banner. They love following him around for as long as their parents will let them. Sometimes Mr. Song lets them wear his banner—like the little girl on the front of this magazine. Children love to wear the Sabbath banner!

Angels Walking Beside Me

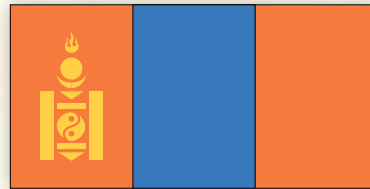
But sometimes it's a little harder for adults. “I'm not brave enough to carry this banner on my own,” says Mr. Song. “I need to behave very well because I'm carrying this important message. My mind should be peaceful. I pray and pray—then I feel at peace and filled with the Holy Spirit's power. I know that God's angels are walking right beside me.”

Now other people want banners. Not long ago an elder in Mr. Song's church asked for a copy of the design for the special banner backpack. “I felt that I needed to do some type of evangelism too,” said the elder. “And this is the one for me.” Already his banner has attracted a lot of attention.

“I feel very happy,” Mr. Song says. “I am looking for lost sheep. My strategy is: just one look, and the message on the banner is forever recorded in their minds. And whenever people ask for more information, I share literature with them. This is just the beginning. Who knows what will be the results?”🌍

Banner Activity

Design your own banner. Take a sheet of paper and fold it in half vertically. Unfold and cut the paper in half, lengthwise along the line where the paper was folded. Using lots of colors, design your own banner with an important message you think people need to know. Remember to use just a few words that will be big enough for people to read quickly.



MONGOLIA | April 18

Binderya

Binderya's Joy

Binderya [*been-DEHR-yah*] sat in the church pew singing songs as she waited for her mother to finish mopping the floor. Binderya's mother cleans the church. She says it's her way of worshipping God. Binderya often helps her mother clean when she doesn't have classes. "I like helping Mother clean the church," Binderya says. "It's my way to thank God for being the king of my life."

Binderya's New Friend

When Binderya's family moved to Ulaanbaatar [*ooh-lahn-BAH-tr*], the capital city of Mongolia, she met a girl named Anojin [*AH-noh-jihn*]. The two girls became friends, and Anojin invited Binderya to the Adventist Church.

"I'd never been to a Christian church before," Binderya says. "But I liked the program. I especially liked learning to sing songs about Jesus. I tried hard to learn them so I could sing them for my mother

when I went home. I didn't understand who God was at that time, but the songs made me happy, and I wanted to sing all the time."

Father's Surprise

Binderya's father was often away at work for days at a time. When he came home one day, Binderya told him that she was attending church with her friend. He was glad and even asked Binderya if he could go to the church with her. Binderya was surprised and so happy!

"I had invited my mother to go to church, but she has hearing problems and was shy about going. She thought people wouldn't treat her nicely because she couldn't hear well. But she joined Father and me when we had family prayers together every night."

Binderya continued inviting her mother to attend church, but her mother was too shy to go. People from the church came

to visit in Binderya's home. They invited Binderya's mother to church too, but she still wasn't sure about it.

Father's Illness

Then one day Binderya's father became very sick. The doctor wasn't sure he would survive. Binderya's mother realized that she didn't know how to pray for her husband. She began attending church and discovered that the church members really were warm and loving. They prayed with her for Binderya's father. She gave her heart to God.

After a while, Binderya's father did get well, and now the entire family worships God together.

Sharing God's Love With Others

"I'm so glad that my friend invited me to church, because now my whole family has found joy in Jesus," says Binderya. "Father invites people to church—people he meets in the bus, in the stores, wherever he is. I invite my friends to come to church too, but so far they haven't come. Some say that Christianity is a foreign religion. I keep inviting them and telling them about God. I know that

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- The first Adventist missionaries to Mongolia were Russians who began working there in 1926. But Communism entered Mongolia a few years later, and the work stopped.
- In 1991 missionaries again entered Mongolia, and two years later the first Adventist Christians were baptized. Today more than 1,600 Adventists worship in ten churches and companies in Mongolia. The majority of believers are young people.
- Several years ago a Thirteenth Sabbath Offering helped several congregations buy buildings to serve as churches or enlarge existing buildings so congregations can grow.

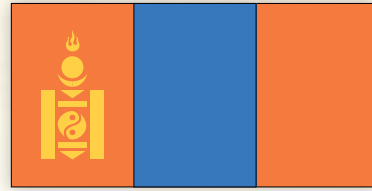
one day someone will accept."

Our mission offerings this quarter will go to help the Adventist school in Mongolia to have more classrooms and a library. Many children and their parents learn about God through this school. Please remember to bring your Thirteenth Sabbath Mission Offering. Thank you! 🌍

Fun With Mongolian, 1

Following are some Mongolian words and phrases. Vowel sounds are pronounced as follows: *ah* as in father; *ai* as in eye; *ee* as in bee; *eh* as in bet; *ih* as in tip; *oh* as in toe; *oo* as in boot. Roll the *r*. The accented syllables are written in capital letters.

PHRASE	PRONUNCIATION	PHRASE	PRONUNCIATION
Happy Sabbath	shah-bah-TEEN mihnd	Yes	teem
Hello	sahn-noh	No	oo-GWEE
Thank you	bai-EHR-lah	Goodbye	bai-ERH-teh
You're welcome	dzoo-GEHR		



MONGOLIA | April 25

Hongra

Making Music for God

Hongra [*hong-rah*],” Grandmother said gently. “The music you are listening to is not good for children. The beat is strong, and the words put bad ideas into your head.”

Hongra was just five years old. She lives in the country of Mongolia with her parents and grandmother. Hongra loves music and had discovered rock music on the radio. She began dancing to the beat, and soon was repeating the words to the music. Some of it was really bad, and it worried her grandmother.

“But I like music,” Hongra told Grandmother.

Invitation to a New World

“Come with me to church,” Grandmother invited. “You will hear wonderful music that will fill your heart with good things.” Hongra had never been

to a church before, but she agreed to go with her grandmother.

“When I entered the church, I heard the people singing praises to God,” Hongra said. “I liked the music! I didn’t know the songs, so I felt a little out of place. But as I learned to sing along with the other children, I liked it. I wanted to go to church every Sabbath. It was like a whole new way of living and thinking.

“Grandmother and I go to the biggest church in the city. A lot of children my age attend that church, and some of them are new. That makes me feel more comfortable. I really like it and feel it is a wonderful world.”

Hongra’s parents don’t go to church with her, but they’re happy that she goes with Grandmother. Sometimes the family listens when Hongra reads the Bible to them. That makes Hongra happy.

Important Lessons

“I’ve been attending church for five years now,” she says. “I feel God has really changed my life. I understand that the music I once liked was bad, and that God has better things for us to listen to.

“I’ve also learned how to forgive. When my little brother broke my precious cup, I was tempted to get mad at him. But I prayed for forgiveness and found that God took the anger away. My parents were impressed when they realized that even though I was hurt, I wasn’t angry. God helped me to be kind.

“My little brother is too young to go to church with me. So I tell him Bible stories and teach him the songs I’ve learned at church. I want him to know about God, even though it’s hard for him to sit and listen.”

Praising God

“God changed my life through music. He taught me that His music is so much better than the world’s music. I want to sing to God forever. God is happy to

Mission Post

- More than 1,600 Adventist Christians live in Mongolia. Some worship in a traditional church, and others meet in homes or in rented buildings. But wherever they meet, God meets with them.
- Most of the believers in Mongolia are young people. Many are studying in universities in the capital city.
- The church needs to train its young people to become leaders in the church. Part of this quarter’s Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help add classrooms and a library to the one Seventh-day Adventist school in Mongolia.

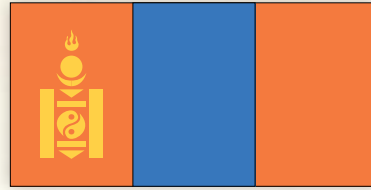
receive our songs of praise if we’re sincere and want to praise Him.”

Boys and girls, we can praise God by singing, by telling others about Jesus, and by giving our mission offerings on Sabbath morning. How will you praise God today? 🌍

Fun With Mongolian, 2

Vowel sounds are pronounced as follows: *a* as in sang; *aa* as in bad; *ah* as in father; *ai* as in eye; *ay* as in hay; *ee* as in bee; *eh* as in bet; *oh* as in toe; *oo* as in boot. The accented syllables are written in capital letters.

PHRASE	PRONUNCIATION	PHRASE	PRONUNCIATION
one	nihg	six	dzohr-GAH
two	hoy-YEHR	seven	daw-LAH
three	gor-OH	eight	naam
four	DOH-roo	nine	yoos
five	tao	ten	ah-RAO



MONGOLIA | May 2

Mook

Lessons of Life

Mook is eight years old and in the third grade. Ever since he was little, his mother has taught him about God. “I’m so glad that I know Jesus,” Mook says. “Many children in Mongolia don’t even know who Jesus is.”

Mook’s New School

When Mook was ready to start school, he thought he would attend the same school as his brother. It frightened him a little to think of being in a classroom with many other children he didn’t know.

Then one Sabbath the pastor talked about a new school—an Adventist school. Mook wasn’t sure what an Adventist school was.

After church Mook’s mother asked the pastor about the new school. The pastor explained that the church was starting its own school. “The students will study the

same subjects as children in public school do,” he said. “But they will learn from a Christian point of view. They will study the Bible and learn about God. They won’t compete with one another in class, but will be kind to one another and help one another with their studies. And since the teachers are Adventist Christians, the children won’t be taught things that Christians don’t believe.”

“Where is this new school?” Mother asked.

“It will be right here in the church,” the pastor said. “We’ll have to use the church’s classrooms until we can find a suitable building for our school.”

A smile crept over Mother’s face, and Mook realized that she was thinking of sending him to this new church school.

Mother *did* send Mook to the new Adventist school, and Mook is so glad.

Overcoming Shyness

“I used to be really shy and didn’t feel comfortable talking to people,” Mook says. “But my teachers encourage me to speak in class. I hope that soon I’ll be able to talk to other children in my apartment house. I want to tell them about Jesus and invite them to Sabbath School. Already I’m telling my cousins about Jesus when we spend the summer together.”

Important Lessons

Mook has learned lots more about God since he started studying at the Adventist school. He’s learned that he can pray about anything that concerns him. He prays for his father, who doesn’t attend church with the family. “I know that my prayers will make a difference in my father’s life,” he says.

“The best part of attending the Adventist school is that I feel safe there. My teacher is kind and helps me with my lessons. And the children are all friends. I hope more children will be able to attend

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- Most people in Mongolia follow the Buddhist faith or no religion at all. Buddhists don’t worship gods, but they often do bow and pray before the image of Buddha in a temple. They believe that they must live a good life so that when they die they will be reborn into a better situation.
- Christians believe that Jesus died for everyone, and if we follow Him, He will give us eternal life with Him. Buddhists believe that they must earn their place in a better life.

the Adventist school in Mongolia and learn to love Jesus as I have.”

Boys and girls, our mission offerings are helping introduce children and adults in Mongolia to Jesus in many ways. Let’s do our part by bringing our mission offerings every week. Someday when Jesus takes us to heaven with Him, we’ll meet children who met Jesus because we gave our mission offering. 🌐

Sing in Mongolian

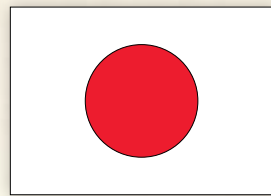
See pronunciation guide on page nine to sing this ever-popular children’s song.

JESUS LOVES ME

yeh-soos nah-daht hahr-tah-dah
bee-bisch nah-daht hihl-sehn-deh
jah-hong hoh-doodt too neech-teh
yeh-soos hooch-teh beet-hooch-kwee

CHORUS:

tah-nah daht hahr-tah (repeat twice)
gehch bee-bisch hihl-sehn-deh
meh-nee geh-meek oh-chahl-sahng
yeh-soos nah-daht hahr-tah-dah
moong-heen seh hong ah-rahndah
yeh-soos nah-maag ah-rokh-nah



JAPAN | May 9

School Is Our Mission Field

Ken, Kaycee, Mark

My name is Ken. My parents come from the Philippines; but my brother and sister, Mark and Kaycee, and I were born and grew up in Japan, where my father works for a bank.

Challenges and Blessings

We live in Tokyo. Since there's no Adventist school nearby, we attend a public school. All public schools have classes on Sabbath, but we're allowed to attend Sabbath School instead. Our Sabbath School teacher signs a paper that says we were in Sabbath School and studied our lessons.

But when we enter the seventh grade, we won't have that permission any longer. The only way we can keep the Sabbath then is to attend an Adventist school. And there isn't one where we live.

The Faith Challenge

We're the only Adventists—and probably the only Christians—at our school. Our classmates don't understand our faith, and sometimes it's hard to explain why we love a God we can't see.

We know that God created everything and made us in His image, but our teachers teach evolution. It's hard to explain what we know as truth.

Our family talked about how we can share our beliefs, and we decided to give our teachers and friends Bibles and other literature. But that's expensive.

God Provides a Way

Then last summer at our church's retreat, we received Japanese Bibles to give to our friends. My brother, sister, and I took ten Bibles plus *Steps to Christ* books to give to our teachers and friends.

Fast Facts

- Japan is located in the northern Pacific Ocean off the coast of Russia and the Korean peninsula. The area of Japan is 145,925 sq. miles (377,944 km²), consisting of four main larger islands and more than 4,000 smaller islands.
- With a population of more than 37 million people, Japan's capital city of Tokyo is the largest city in the world.
- Japan has more than 50,000 people who are over 100 years old.
- Japan has more pets than children.

My sister gave a Bible to her friend Mayuko. Mayuko said that she had once visited a Christian church and had heard something about Jesus. She was glad to have the Bible and plans to read it.

My brother Mark, who is 8, takes his Bible to school with him and reads it when he finishes his class work. The teacher realized how important his Bible

was to him, so when Mark accidentally left his Bible at school, the teacher called to tell him where his Bible was. Mark gave her a Japanese Bible. He wants to be sure his teacher will get to know God.

The Missing Alarm

All students here wear a small electronic alarm around their neck. If we ever feel in danger, we can pull the alarm.

One day Mark lost his alarm, and his teacher was worried about his safety. Mark held out his Bible and said that God would keep him safe! His teacher smiled and told him to keep his Bible close until he received his new alarm.

Every Chance to Share

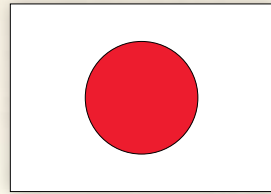
Sometimes our classmates ask us why we don't worship their gods or attend school on Saturdays. We use these opportunities to tell them about God and how much He cares for us.

Japan isn't a Christian nation, and very few Adventists live there. Please pray that God will use our offerings to share His love here in Japan. 🌐

Fun With Japanese

Following are some Japanese words and phrases. Vowel sounds are pronounced as follows: *ah* as in far; *ai* as in eye; *ee* as in bee; *eh* as in bet; *oh* as in toe; *oo* as in boot; *uh* as in butter. The accented syllables are written in capital letters.

PHRASE	PRONUNCIATION	PHRASE	PRONUNCIATION
Welcome	YOH-koh-soh	You're welcome	DOH-ee-tah-shee-mah-shee-teh
Hello	koh-NEE-chee-wah	Yes	HAI
Good morning	oh-HAI-yoh goh-ZAI-mahs	No	EE-yeh' (clipped)
Please	DOH-zoh	Goodbye	sai-oh-NAH-rah



JAPAN | May 16

Helio's Search

Helio

About 100 years ago, people from Japan started moving to countries in South America in search of work and a better life. These Japanese people stayed in South America, and over the years many more Japanese people came to live in South America. Today there are many people who are Japanese Brazilian, Japanese Ecuadorian, and so on. Some of these people are now coming to Japan—the land of their ancestors. Helio is one of many South American immigrants to Japan. He shares his story here:

Helio's Search

My father came to Brazil from Japan. He was a Buddhist. My mother's ancestors came from Japan; but she was born

in Brazil, and her parents were Roman Catholic, so she was raised going to the Catholic Church.

The home I grew up in was kind of a combination of Christian and Buddhist. When I was 14 years old, my father became very sick with tuberculosis. He really wanted to be healed and he started praying every day, but he still died.

He had a small watchmaking business; after he died I had to take over the

business. It was hard to lose my father and suddenly have to be the one responsible to earn money for our family. I started reading the Bible and found a text that stayed with me. Jesus says in John 14:6: "I am the way and the truth and the

Every time I bowed down to the idols, I wondered where Jesus Christ was.

life. No one comes to the Father except through Me” (NIV). I kept thinking about that text again and again.

I worked hard and got very tired, but I had to keep working so that my family would have enough money for food. I did this for many years while I was growing up. Twelve years after my father died, I decided to move to Japan. I thought things might be better there, but instead things only got worse! My back started to hurt terribly, and I went to many doctors trying to get help. But it seemed that no one could help me.

A New Direction

I was very sad and didn't know what to do with my life. Then one day at the factory where I worked, I met a man named Silvio. I could tell that he was a very nice person and that he was always in a good mood, even though he was often in pain because of a very bad accident that he had been in. I knew what it was like to be hurting, so I really admired Silvio, who was always happy even though he was in pain.

At that time I was a member of a Japanese spiritualist group called Mahikari. We believed in a god of the universe, and a god of the earth. Every time I bowed down to these idols, I remembered John 14:6, and wondered where Jesus Christ was.

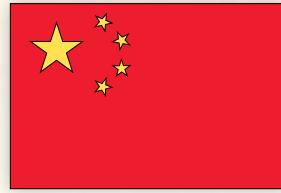
Silvio was a Seventh-day Adventist; and a few months after meeting him, he invited me to visit his church. We became good friends, and Silvio told me about Jesus and how He could change my life. Because of the wonderful things Silvio shared with me, I wanted to know more about Adventists. I began going to church every Sabbath with

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- Japan is one of the most difficult countries to reach for Christ. The culture discourages people from reaching out to share their faith with others.
- The Japanese people are deeply traditional and feel honor-bound to observe ancient religious festivals, including ancestor worship. But they are not deeply religious. Only four people out of every 100 in Japan are Christians, and only one person out of every 8,361 is an Adventist.
- Watch the *Mission Spotlight* story about Adventists in Japan by going to www.MissionSpotlight.org. It's free!

Silvio, and I took Bible studies with the pastor. Before long, I was baptized. I am so happy that I met Silvio and that He told me about Jesus and invited me to come to his church!

There are many other people from South America, who, like me, came to Japan looking for a better life. These people need to know about Jesus, just like I did. We are trying to find them and invite them to our church where there are many other Japanese South American people. One of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering projects this quarter is to build an international evangelistic center here in Japan. Thank you for helping us by giving generously to the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering! 🌍



CHINA | May 23

Ah Tan

What About the Idol?

This is a story about ten-year-old Ah Tan, who lives with her family in southern China. *[Locate China on a map.]*

The Idol Guan Yin

It seemed that everyone in Ah Tan's family was sick. Her father had painful kidney stones, and her mother often felt dizzy. When Ah Tan ran high fevers, her mother had to take her to the doctor. Every doctor visit cost a day's wages.

Ah Tan's family had an idol named Guan Yin. It was the only god Ah Tan knew. The family gave gifts to the idol and prayed for better health, but they still got sick.

Then one day Ah Tan's mother found a piece of paper on the family's doorstep. She picked it up and read it. It was about Jesus. The pamphlet said that Jesus was kind, loving, and powerful—the only true God.

Ah Tan's mother told her daughter

about what the paper said. Ah Tan had never heard of Jesus before. She didn't realize that a god could be kind or loving. Mother wondered, too, whether Guan Yin was worthy of their worship. After all, the idol didn't make the family well when they prayed. Perhaps Jesus was more powerful than Guan Yin.

Getting to Know Jesus

Ah Tan's mother decided to learn more about Jesus. She talked to Ah Tan's father about this new God, and he asked her to find out more about this Jesus.

Ah Tan's neighbor was an Adventist, so Ah Tan's Mother asked her questions about Jesus. The neighbor invited Mother to church the following Sabbath, and she gladly accepted.

Ah Tan's mother went with her neighbor to the simple Adventist church. As she sat listening to the sermon, she began to

feel sick. She got up and walked outside. Then she walked home. By the time she arrived home, she was feeling better. The next week she went to church with her neighbor again, and again she became sick. But as soon as she left the church she felt better. This happened several times.

But Ah Tan's mother wouldn't give up. She wanted to know more about God. She realized that Satan was making her sick to keep her from learning about God. Mother decided to become a Christian.

Ah Tan's father began go to church with Mother. When the believers learned about the family's health problems, they prayed for them. After that, Ah Tan's parents weren't troubled by weakness or pain. Even Ah Tan, who didn't yet attend church, stopped having the mysterious fevers.

What About the Idol?

Ah Tan's mother wanted to be baptized, but first she had to destroy the idol, Guan Yin. When Ah Tan found out, she cried, "Oh, no! You mustn't destroy the idol! It's very expensive! Can't we sell it?"

"If we don't get rid of the idol," her

mother explained, "then we can't expect Jesus to answer our prayers. We know now that Guan Yin has no power." Ah Tan thought about this and finally agreed to let Mother destroy the idol. She watched as her parents broke the idol and threw it into the trash.

Ah Tan Loves Jesus

Ah Tan decided to study the Bible with her parents and was very happy to learn about the one true God. Her parents were also glad to know the truth. A few months later, the church members spent an afternoon at a pond in the countryside. There Ah Tan was baptized. Because the government doesn't want children and young people to be baptized, she didn't tell her school friends about her baptism.

Ah Tan is glad that Jesus is her friend now. She wants to encourage children everywhere to believe in God and trust Him so Satan can't pull them down.

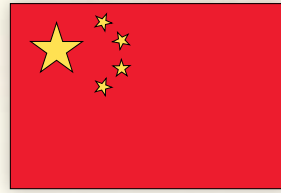
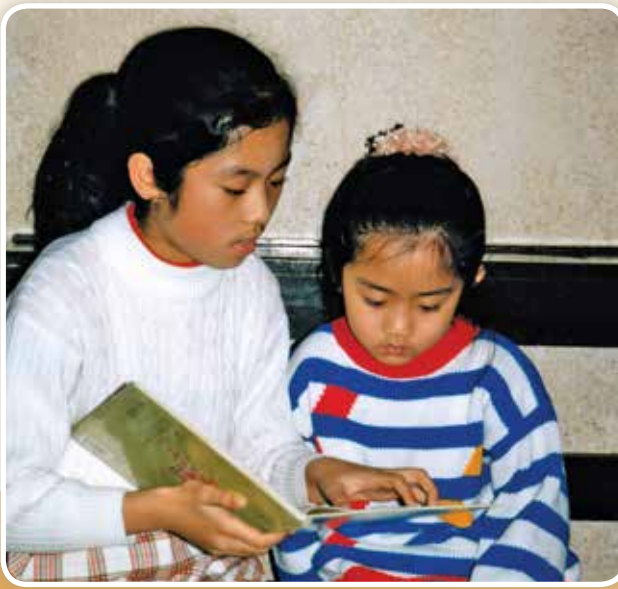
Let's pray for the thousands of children in China who need to know that Jesus loves them. And let's remember to bring our mission offerings so even more children can learn to love Jesus. 🌍

Sing in Chinese

JESUS LOVES ME

Yay-soo ai waw waw jur dow
Een yoh sheng jeeng gow soo waw
Yoh shee-ow hai tong tah moo young
Tah muhn roo-en raw joo guhng chi-uhng.

CHORUS:
Joo yay soo ai waw,
Joo yay soo ai waw,
Joo yay soo ai waw,
Yoh sheng jing gow soo waw.



CHINA | May 30

Lin

Standing Up for Jesus

Lin lives in China. She is 11 years old and in the fifth grade. Lin wants to be a teacher when she grows up, and she has already taught her younger sister, Chee, to read.

Lin would like to travel to another country and visit a church on Sabbath, but for now that isn't possible.

Sharing Her Faith

It's difficult for children in China to share their faith in Jesus with their friends. Many parents don't want their children to be Christians. But Lin has learned to share her love for Jesus in quiet ways.

One time her class was having a test. Some of her classmates wore chains

Lin told her friend that she is a Christian and worships the living God, the God who made the heaven and the earth.

around their necks with little idols on them. During the test the children sometimes touched the idol. This was their way of worshipping the idol and asking the god it represents to help them pass the test.

One of Lin's classmates asked Lin why she didn't wear an idol around her neck. Lin explained that she doesn't worship an idol. "What *do* you worship?" her friend asked her. Lin told her friend that she is a Christian and worships the living God, the God who made the heaven and the earth.

Lin explained that God created everything—the world, the stars, the trees, the sea, and all the animals. She said

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- China has almost 1.4 *billion* people, or one out of every five people on the earth. China is the most populous country in the world. A little more than 400,000 Chinese, or one in every 3,400 people, is an Adventist Christian.
- The traditional religions of China are Confucianism, Daoism, and Buddhism. People often practiced traditions of all three religions. In 1949 the Chinese Communist government officially did away with organized religion.
- There are few Christians in China, and many were imprisoned for their beliefs during the most difficult years of Communist rule.

that Jesus is God's Son, and that He came to live on earth so that people could see what God is like and know that He loves them. "He's alive," she said. "He hears our prayers and answers them because He cares for us."

Science Teacher

A few days later Lin's science teacher asked the class, "Who believes in God?" Lin and another student stood. The teacher told the class, "We don't need gods; we have evolution!"

After school that day some of Lin's friends asked her why she had stood up in class. "Look around you," Lin said. "How could so many different kinds of trees and flowers and birds just come into existence by chance? God created the world; He left nothing to chance." She told her friends how God made Adam and Eve

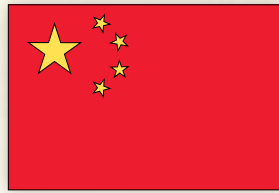
and placed them in a beautiful garden. She told them how God told Adam and Eve not to eat the forbidden fruit, but they disobeyed. And ever since then the world has known sin and death.

Lin is a good missionary. She's not afraid to stand up for her faith. And she doesn't feel bad when someone laughs at her. She hopes that other children will want to know about Jesus because she has stood up for her faith. Then she can introduce them to her Best Friend, Jesus.

This quarter part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help buy apartments in 16 large cities in China where there are no Seventh-day Adventists. These apartments will become house churches where new Seventh-day Adventists can worship together. Thank you for helping the people in China by bringing your mission offerings. 🌍



Millions of boys and girls in China are waiting to learn about Jesus.



CHINA | June 6

Mrs. Tang

Divine Encounters

Mrs. Tang and her six-year-old son were on their way to the market to buy food. They often went to the market and Mrs. Tang's son enjoyed looking at all the different vegetables for sale, and watching the people try to get the best prices from the sellers.

On this particular day, as they walked hand-in-hand to the market, Mrs. Tang and her son didn't expect anything unusual—but they were about to get a big surprise!

Mrs. Tang believed in God, and she met with other Christian believers every Sunday, but she had to be careful about taking her son with her to these meetings, because the government didn't like children to learn about God.

As they were walking along the road to the market, two kind-looking men came up to Mrs. Tang and her son and stopped.

"You know," said one, "keeping Sunday is not from the Bible." He held up a Bible

and showed the astonished Mrs. Tang texts about the seventh-day Sabbath. Encouraging her to see for herself, the other man told her, "You can search the Internet, and see what day is really the Sabbath day." Then the men concluded their brief presentation by telling Mrs. Tang that "Jesus came to this world, and the Saturday church is really God's church." Then as quickly as they had come, the two men disappeared into the crowd.

Finding the Church

Amazed by this short and unusual meeting, Mrs. Tang and her son continued on to the market where they quickly bought the things they needed and hurried home. Once they were home, Mrs. Tang began searching the Internet for answers to the questions the strangers had talked about. Surprised, Mrs. Tang found an amazing website—in Chinese—that had

clear answers about the seventh day—Saturday—being God’s true Sabbath. The site also offered easy-to-follow Bible studies. Learning that the website was from a Seventh-day Adventist ministry called Amazing Facts, she wondered if there was a nearby Adventist church that she could visit.

After a little searching, Mrs. Tang was happy to find an Adventist group meeting in an apartment in her city. *There must really be something special about this group*, she thought to herself.

Finding her way to the Adventist apartment the following Sabbath, Tang Yue looked for the two men who had talked with her on the street, but she didn’t see them. In fact, she never saw them again.

Mrs. Tang keeps meeting with the Adventists and believes that she has found her spiritual home. “[This church] is teaching what the Bible says,” says Tang Yue. “It’s very different from the other church. I believe that what the Adventists are teaching is the truth, and that Jesus is coming soon.”

Mr. Zhang’s Story

Everybody respected Mr. Zhang. He used to be in the Chinese army, and then he was the mayor of his village. Later, he decided to move to a big city where he could earn more money.

One day as he was walking along a city street, he heard something unusual—music coming from the ground level of a large apartment building. Peering through the windows he could see people singing.

Soon someone came up to Mr. Zhang and invited him to come inside the apartment. Feeling a bit shy but curious, Mr. Zhang entered the Adventist house church. Noticing that several people had


Bibles, he wanted to see this unusual book. Happily the Adventists shared with Mr. Zhang some of their favorite Bible verses and prayed with him.

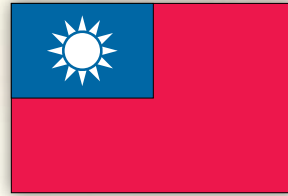
Mr. Zhang kept coming to the Adventist house church. One day they talked about healthy living, including food. Explaining the Biblical laws of clean and unclean meat, the members told Mr. Zhang that pigs were unclean and often full of worms. Thinking they couldn’t be right, Mr. Zhang decided to do a little experiment.

The Pig Experiment

Many people worked were Mr. Zhang worked, and the company cook sometimes bought an entire pig to feed them. One day when pork was on the menu, Mr. Zhang sneaked up to the carcass to see if the pig was really “unclean.” Making sure no one was watching, Mr. Zhang quickly took a knife and sliced the animal open—the pig was filled with wiggling worms! Shocked and disgusted, he never ate pork again. Soon, Mr. Zhang accepted all of the Bible truths he was learning at the Adventist church and was baptized.

Then returned to his home village where he began an Adventist house church with just one person—himself! But he started sharing the things he had learned from the Bible with others, and soon the church grew. Today, the county where Zhang Wei lives has six Adventist churches, and three neighboring counties each have churches—due to the prayers and powerful witness of Zhang Wei.

This quarter, part of your Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help to establish more house churches in China. Thank you so much for your generous support! 



TAIWAN | June 13

Duh and Yu

The Honest Brothers

Duh and Yu are brothers. They live with their father in a tiny one-room apartment in a large city in Taiwan. *[On a map, locate Taiwan, off the coast of China.]* The boys' mother died when the brothers were small. Their father feels bad that he can't work at a steady job and provide well for his boys. Often the boys go to school hungry. But the boys love their father and don't want to live with someone else.

The boys do well in school because after classes end Duh and Yu go to the after-school center in the Adventist church across the street from the school. There volunteer teachers help the children with their homework and provide a hot meal for them.

"I like coming to the after-school center," Yu said. "It's fun to play games when our work is done, and the food is good too."

Sabbath Program

Duh and Yu are not from an Adventist home. But on Sabbath the children from the after-school center return to the center to attend children's church. "I like learning about God," Duh says. "And we get lunch, too," he adds with a smile. The brothers stay at church all afternoon for worship, Pathfinders, and an after-sunset playtime.

The brothers especially enjoy Pathfinders and are proud of the honors they have earned. Although their father is not a Christian, he gladly allows them to attend the church's programs because he knows that the boys are learning to be good citizens. The lessons they have learned at church and in Pathfinders have made a big impact on the boys.

The Found Money

Last year when Duh and Yu and two girls from the after-school program were walking to the library, Duh found a small cloth bag filled with coins. “It’s not ours,” one of the children said, so they took the money to the nearby police station.

The police officer listened to the children’s story. He took their names and addresses, then he emptied the bag to count the money. It was more money than the children had ever seen.

The next day a newspaper reporter interviewed the children about the money they had found. “We learned to be honest at the church and in Pathfinders,” Duh told the reporter. “At church we are taught that Jesus is our example, and we want to be like Him.”

No one claimed the money, so the police officer gave the money to the children’s school to help pay their school fees.

Although the children are poor, they think of others who have even less. When

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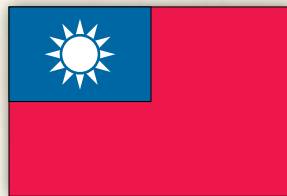
- Taiwan is a small island with many people. More than 23 million people live in Taiwan, mostly in the lowland along the western coast. Taipei is the largest city and capital. Duh and Yu live in Taichung, the second-largest city, located near the center of the island.
- Only about half the people in Taiwan follow a religion, and of those most are Buddhists. Among the Chinese people living in Taiwan, only one in every 25,000 is a Seventh-day Adventist Christian. Most Adventists belong to the tribal people groups, who live in the mountains outside the cities.

Yu grows up, he wants to work in an after-school program such as the one the church operates. Our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will help support the after-school programs in Taiwan as well as a center for elderly people. Thank for giving your mission offerings! 🌐

Speak Mandarin Chinese

The official language of Taiwan is Mandarin Chinese. The words below are written phonetically. Chinese is spoken in one of four tones, shown here by the following marks. (1) ¯ - tone remains even, (2) ´ - tone rises at end, (3) ˊ - tone dips in the middle and rises at end, and (4) ` - tone falls at the end. If no mark appears over the syllable, say it softly.

PHRASE	PRONUNCIATION
Hello	nee´ how-
Welcome	hwan¯ yeen´
Please	cheeng-
Thank you	shi-eh` shi-eh`
Goodbye	dzai` jee-en`



TAIWAN | June 20

Jien-Yu

The Invitation

Jien-Yu [jee-EHN yoo] lives on the island of Taiwan. [Locate Taiwan, off the eastern coast of China, on a map.] He and his mother and grandmother and younger sister worship in the Adventist church next door to their home.

When the pastor announced that the church would hold evangelistic meetings, he urged everyone to invite their friends and families to attend. Jien-Yu decided to invite his school teacher.

The next day at school Jien-Yu approached the teacher's desk. "Teacher," he said, "our church is going to hold evangelistic meetings, and I'd like you to come." He gave her a brochure about the meetings.

The teacher looked at the brochure and said, "Yes, I will try to come if I can. Thank you." Jien-Yu smiled as he returned to his seat.

Waiting for His Teacher

The evangelistic programs began on Sunday evening. All weekend Jien-Yu prayed that his teacher would come. On Sunday afternoon Jien-Yu helped the pastor place chairs in the church courtyard. He checked to see that all the electrical equipment was properly plugged in. Then he scanned the courtyard. Everything was ready!

Jien-Yu watched as people entered the courtyard. He didn't see his teacher. When it was time to begin the song service, he joined his friends up front to lead the singing. As he sang, he looked for his teacher, but he didn't see her. She hadn't come. Jien-Yu was so disappointed.

A Special Message

The next day at school he decided to write a note in his homework notebook inviting her to come again.

“Dear Teacher,” he wrote. “We had our first meeting at church last night. I helped lead the song service, but I didn’t see you. I was disappointed. But the meetings continue this week. I hope you can come.”

Jien-Yu turned in his homework notebook for the teacher to correct. That afternoon when the teacher returned the students’ notebooks Jien-Yu opened his and saw the note he had written. Underneath it his teacher had written a note to him. “I am sorry I missed the appointment last night. We had a meeting at school until late.”

Jien-Yu wrote another note to his teacher. “Dear Teacher, It’s OK. We have meetings all this week. I hope you can come.” Jien-Yu finished his homework then hurried to the church to help prepare for the evening meeting. Again he led song service and watched for his teacher to arrive. But he didn’t see her. He watched for her during the sermon, but she still didn’t come.

The next morning Jien-Yu again turned in his homework notebook with the note he had written the day before. And when the teacher returned the notebook later

that afternoon, Jien-Yu found another message from the teacher. “Thank you for your understanding. I wish you all the best on your performance tonight.”

That night as Jien-Yu helped lead the singing, he saw his teacher slip in and sit down in the back. At last she had come! He sang with new energy. After the meeting Jien-Yu hurried to thank his teacher for coming, but she had already gone.

The next day when Jien-Yu’s teacher returned the homework notebook, Jien-Yu found another note from her. It said, “I came to the meeting last night. It was wonderful, and you were great.” Jien-Yu smiled to himself.

That evening Jien-Yu wrote one last note to his teacher. “Dear Teacher,” he wrote. “I’m so glad you came to the meeting last night. If you have time, please come again. We have refreshments after the meeting. Please do come.”

Every evening Jien-Yu watched for his teacher, but she didn’t return. Jien-Yu was glad he’d invited her, even though she didn’t come every night and hasn’t yet given her heart to Jesus.

Jien-Yu prays for his teacher often. He knows that maybe one day she will remember his invitation and accept Jesus into her heart. Meanwhile, Jien-Yu tries to be the best student he can be so that his teacher will see that he is a friend of Jesus and will want to know Jesus too.

You can be a missionary just like Jien-Yu. You can invite someone to Sabbath School or to a special meeting at church. And by being kind, thoughtful, and obedient, you can show others that Jesus is your friend. 🌍

Fast Facts

- Taiwan is also called, “Ihla Formosa.” That is what the Portuguese explorers called it 500 years ago when they first saw it from their ships. It means “Beautiful Island.”
- Taipei, Taiwan’s capital city, is the Asian capital of art and culture, and has many famous museums. The National Palace Museum has the world’s largest collection of oriental art treasures.

Thirteenth Sabbath Program

If your Sabbath School class will present the Thirteenth Sabbath program for the adults, practice singing “Jesus Loves Me” in Mongolian, Korean, and Chinese (see previous lessons); remind parents of the program; and encourage the children to bring their Thirteenth Sabbath Offering.

If your Sabbath School class will not join the adults, you may still do the program below or a modification of it for your own class.

Remind the children to bring their

Thirteenth Sabbath Offering. Tell them that it is their gift to Jesus and the children He loves around the world. Make the offering a big event in Sabbath School. Let the children know how much they have brought for missions during the quarter. Count the money given on Thirteenth Sabbath and tell the children the total. Praise them for what they have done and let them know that their offerings will make a big difference to children in northern Asia.

Lifting Up Jesus in Asia

Participants and Props: Large flags of China, Japan, Mongolia, North Korea, South Korea, and Taiwan. Ask six Kindergarten-age children to carry the flags across the platform, one or two Primary- or Junior-age children to read the narrators’ parts, and six Primary children to present the specific projects. If you don’t have enough children to take these parts, ask two more narrators to alternate taking the children’s parts.

Narrator 1: The Northern Asia-Pacific Division is made up of six countries. Each presents its own challenges to finishing the work of God.

Child 1 carries Chinese flag across the platform and stands at the far side.

Narrator 2: China, the world’s most populous nation with almost 1.4 billion people, is opening its borders to the world. But with a little more than 400,000

believers, only one in every 3,400 is a Seventh-day Adventist Christian. Pray that God will use His children to light the lamps of faith throughout this vast nation.

Child 2 carries Japanese flag across the platform and stands next to child 1.

Narrator 1: Japan is rich and increased in goods, but the people don’t know that Jesus died for them. The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Japan has a little more than

15,000 members, one Adventist believer for about every 8,300 people. Most of the believers are elderly. Pray that God will raise up an army of youth who will share their faith in Japan.

Child 3 carries Mongolian flag across platform.

Narrator 2: Mongolia's first new believers in generations were baptized just a little more than 20 years ago. Most of the country's 1,600 believers are young people who are eager to share their faith with others. Pray that they will grow strong in faith and mighty in church leadership in one of the oldest cultures in the world.

Child 4 carries North Korean flag across platform.

Narrator 1: No one knows how many Christians or how many Adventist believers live in North Korea. But the few who have made their way out of this closed nation give reason to hope. Pray that the doors of North Korea will open so that the gospel may flood in and feed hungry hearts with the bread of life.

Child 5 carries South Korean flag across platform.

Narrator 2: South Korea is the most Christian nation in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division. Still, just a third of the population of Korea professes to be Christians, and about one person in every 250 is a Seventh-day Adventist Christian. But in spite of the best efforts to evangelize the masses, Adventists still are misunderstood. Pray for brothers and sisters in South Korea.

Child 6 carries Taiwan's flag across platform.

Narrator 1: Taiwan is a small island off the coast of China. Most of the country's Adventist members come from the original tribes who live primarily in the hill country. Only one in every 25,000 ethnic Chinese in Taiwan is an Adventist. Pray that God will touch the hearts of these people who need to know that Jesus died for them.

Narrator 2: Today our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help lift up the hands of our brothers and sisters in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division. A portion of our offering today will help provide some vital tools to lead others to Jesus and to strengthen those who believe.

Child holding Japanese flag also steps forward and holds his/her flag high.

Child 1: In Japan, our offerings will help build an international evangelistic center to reach the many Japanese South American immigrants coming to Japan.

Child holding Mongolian flag also steps forward and holds his/her flag high.

Child 2: An expansion of four classrooms and a library for the Seventh-day Adventist School in the capital city of Ulaanbaatar. Many families are coming to learn about Jesus through this school.

Child holding Korean flag steps forward and holds flag high.

Child 3: Part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering today will help a special group of young people in Korea to have a youth evangelism center. These young people helped start the "Pancake Church," and now they are eager to train more young people to reach others for Jesus.

Child holding Taiwanese flag steps forward and holds flag high.

Child 4: A few years ago part of our special Thirteenth Sabbath Offering was used to establish a recording studio in Taiwan where programs are prepared in Mandarin Chinese for radio and television. Today a part will go to support three centers of influence that will help children and elderly people.

Child holding Chinese flag steps forward and holds flag high.

Child 5: Today part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will be used to purchase apartments in 16 large cities of China where there are no Seventh-day Adventists. These apartments will be used as house churches for new believers.

Child holding North Korean flag steps forward and holds flag high.

Child 6: We don't know how many Christians live in North Korea. But we know there are some. We know from people who have lived there that at least

a few of these Christians are Seventh-day Adventists. Life is hard for them. Let's pray that God will protect and bless His children in this country where Christianity is a foreign religion.

Narrator 1: We can help make a difference in the countries of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division through our prayers and offerings. And part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will make a big difference for the young people who attend the "Pancake Church" in Korea [*point to South Korea on the map*]; to the children and elderly people in Taiwan [*point to the island of Taiwan*]; to the young people in the Adventist school in Mongolia [*point to Mongolia*]; to the South American immigrants in Japan [*point to Japan*]; and to the many, many people in China who need to know about Jesus [*sweep your hand across China*]. Let's do our part today to share God's love with our brothers and sisters in the Northern Asia-Pacific Division.

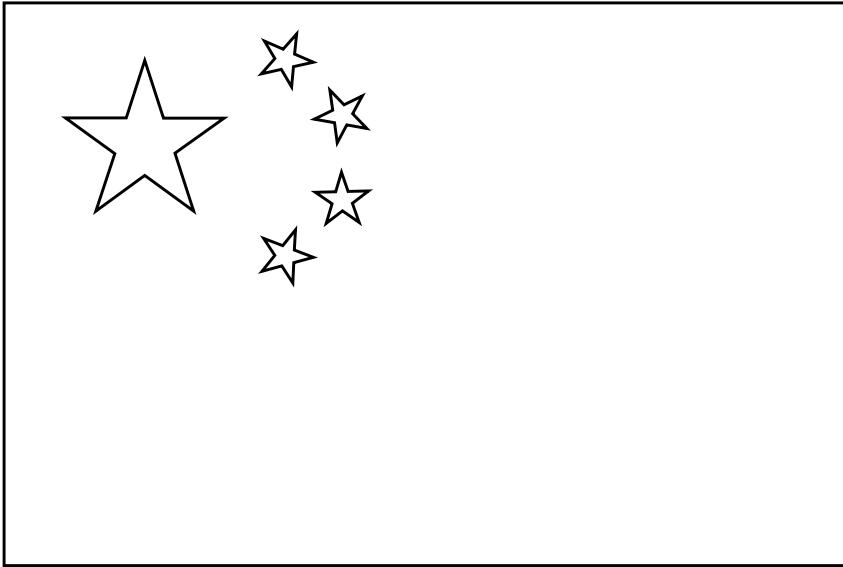
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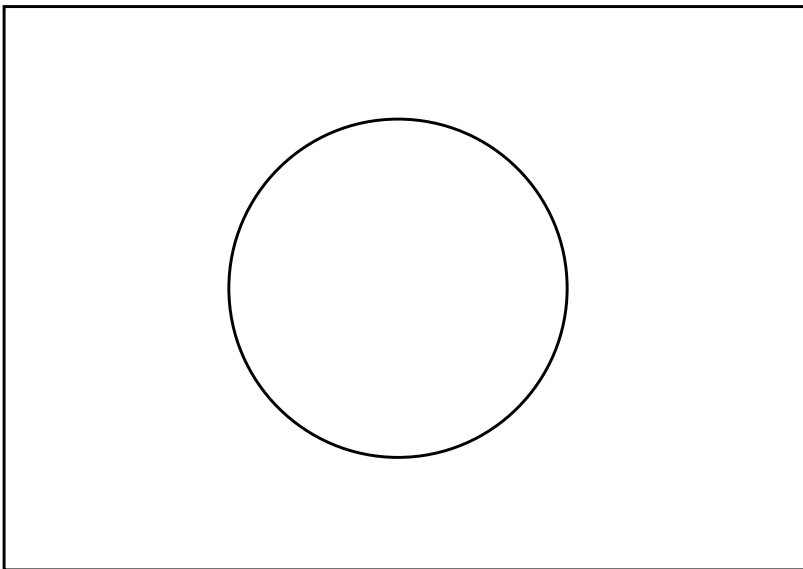
Next quarter the Southern Asia-Pacific Division will be featured. Special projects include an Adventist International School in Dili, Timor-Leste; a church at the Lakpahana Adventist College and Seminary in Sri Lanka; and a building for the Adventist Nursing School in Gazipur, Bangladesh. The children's project will be to provide desks for the children at the new school in Timor-Leste.

Flags of Northern Asia-Pacific Division



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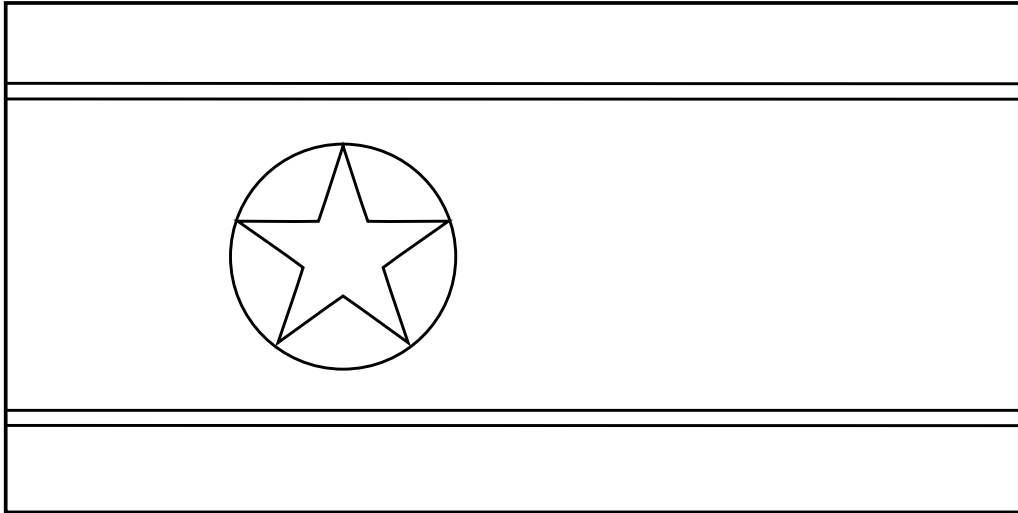
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JAPAN

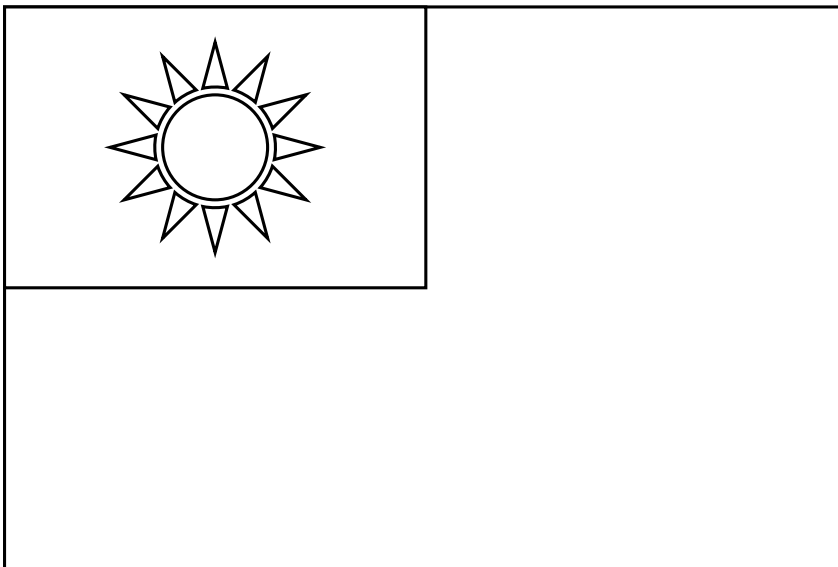
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NORTH KOREA

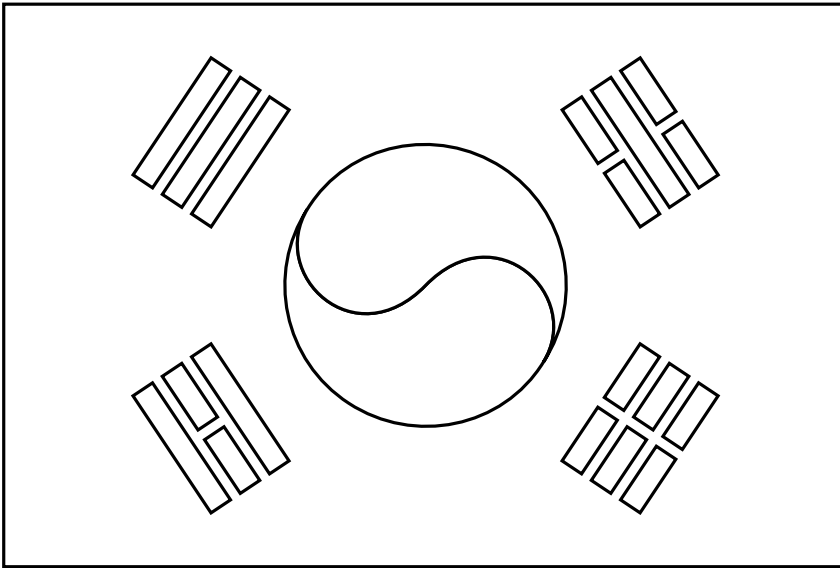
Top and bottom wide stripes: Medium blue | Top and bottom narrow stripes: white
Center area: red | Circle: white | Star: red



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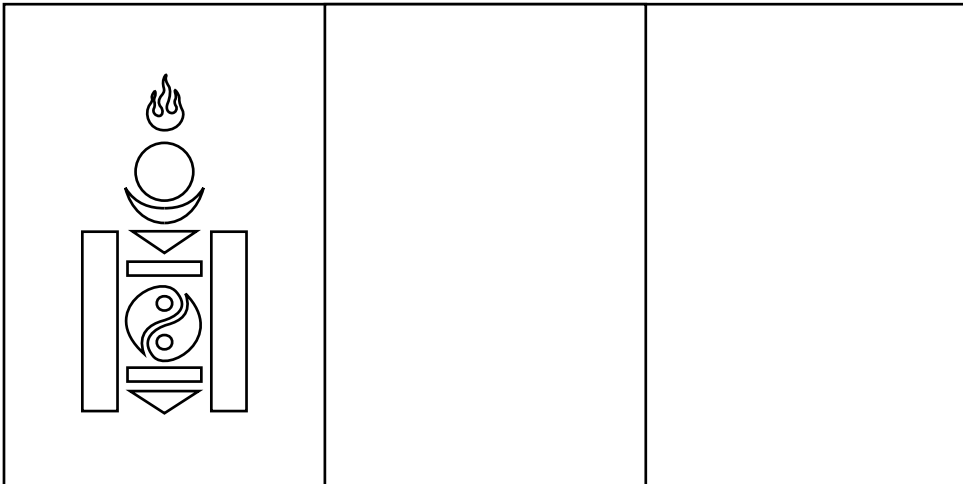
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Rest of flag: red

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SOUTH KOREA

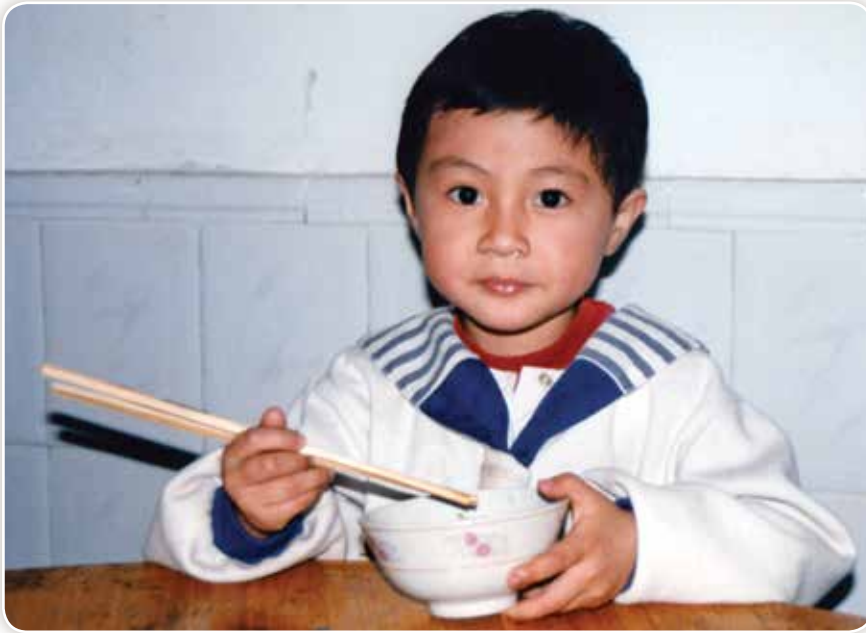
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MONGOLIA

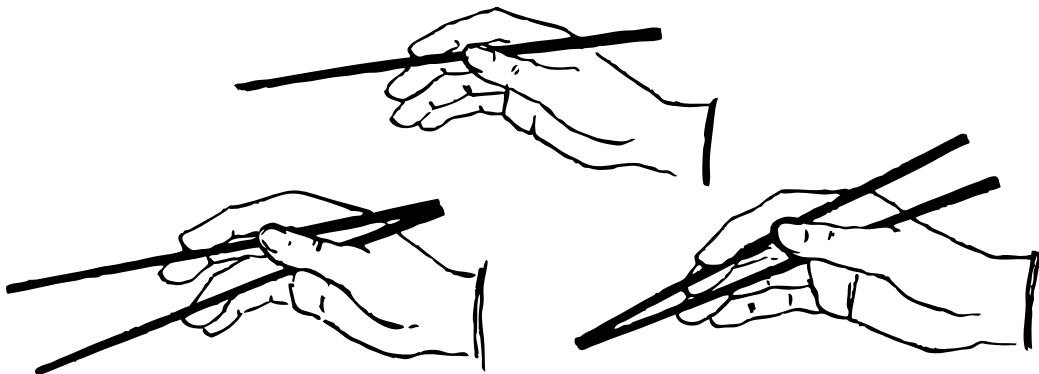
Left and right stripe: red-orange | Center stripe: light blue | Emblem: yellow

Asian Noodles



Throughout Asia people eat noodles. And they eat them with chopsticks. In Korea they even eat noodle soup with chopsticks. It's not as hard as it seems to eat with chopsticks, at least when a child has grown up with them. Offer children an experience in eating with chopsticks. Buy inexpensive wooden chopsticks from an Asian market or

Chinese restaurant and make a large batch of Ramen noodles (which are easier to grasp because they're curly). Offer children a small bowl of noodles, a pair of chopsticks, and a large napkin to serve as a bib. Then watch the fun. And for the juice that remains, offer a spoon or encourage children to drink it from the bowl.



Leader's Resources

ADVENTIST MISSION

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

Mission Spotlight is back! Download your free *Mission Spotlight* programs at: www.missionspotlight.org.

Each quarter *Mission Spotlight* features stories from the highlighted division as well as stories from around the world, music videos, and a children's story. Excellent for use in Sabbath School, before church, school worship, Pathfinders, prayer meetings, family worship and more.

Adventist Regional Websites:

Northern Asia-Pacific Division: www.nsdadventist.org
China Union Mission: www.chumadventist.org
Japan Union Conference: www.adventist.jp
Korean Union Conference: www.adventist.or.kr
Taiwan Conference: www.twcadventist.org.tw

For more information on the history and cultures of the Northern Asia-Pacific region, visit your local library or a travel agency, and/or explore the websites listed below:

China: www.countryreports.org/country/China.htm
Japan: www.countryreports.org/country/Japan.htm
Mongolia: www.countryreports.org/country/Mongolia.htm
N. Korea: www.countryreports.org/country/KoreaNorth.htm
S. Korea: www.countryreports.org/country/KoreaSouth.htm
Taiwan: www.countryreports.org/country/Taiwan.htm

The **Adventist Mission website** contains additional material that can add flavor to your mission presentations. Look for words and songs in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and Mongolian as well as puzzles, recipes, and games on the Children's Mission page. Go to www.AdventistMission.org. Click on "Resources" and "Children's magazine" in the pop-up menu. Click on "second quarter" and select an activity.

Remind members that the ongoing work of the world church depends on Sabbath School mission giving every week. On the twelfth Sabbath, report on mission giving during the quarter. Encourage members to double or triple their normal mission giving on Thirteenth Sabbath. Count the offering and record the amount given at the end of Sabbath School. This immediate feedback will encourage members to continue their mission giving.

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CONFERENCE	CHURCHES	COMPANIES	MEMBERSHIP	POPULATION
Chinese Union	1,284	3,303	419,378	1,368,462,000
Japan Union	102	47	15,236	127,301,000
Korean Union	714	185	237,418	74,940,000
Mongolia	4	6	1,992	2,792,000
Taiwan	56	30	6,367	23,361,000
Total:	2,160	3,571	680,391	1,596,856,000

*Like 1st Qtr 2015, the church, company, and membership stats are from the beginning of 2014. But the population stats are from June 30, 2013.

PROJECTS

- 1** Japan: Japanese International Evangelistic Center in Shizuoka
- 2** China: Large City Church Planting in Chongqing, Hengyang, and Nanning
- 3** S. Korea: Saebyeokisil Mission Institute for Youth in Naju
- 4** Taiwan: Three Centers of Influence in Taipei, Taichung, and Kaohsiung
- 5** Mongolia: Three classrooms and a library in the capital city of Ulaanbaatar