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Your Offerings at Work

Your Thirteenth Sabbath Offering for the Inter-European Division during the third quarter, 2013, provided funds for building a community outreach center and church near Lisbon, Portugal; a church for the Romani (Gypsy) people in western Bulgaria; and funding for evangelistic outreach to students in the Czech Republic and Slovakia. Thank you!



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Dear Sabbath School Leader,

This quarter we feature the Inter-European Division. More than 336 million people live in the Inter-European Division, but only 178,380 are Seventh-day Adventists, a ratio of about one Adventist for every 1,800 people.

The Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will help to build a new church in Vienna, Austria for an international Adventist congregation; a Jewish-Adventist friendship center in Paris, France; an Adventist church in Ragusa, Italy; and a health education program for children and youth in Romania.

We have several stories this quarter featuring children who have found ways of sharing their faith with others. These stories provide a good platform to introduce your Sabbath school students to Total Member Involvement (TMI), an initiative that encourages every Seventh-day Adventist, no matter how young or old, to be actively involved in reaching others for Christ. This is a great opportunity to discuss with your class ways

in which each member can share their faith with others. For more information about TMI, visit <http://tmi.adventist.org>.

Activities

Several European countries are known for good food and we have included some recipes from France, Italy, Austria, and Romania for you and your students to enjoy. In addition you will find several other activities that will enhance your students' understanding of the countries and cultures of where the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering is going to this quarter.

Special Features

- **The Mission Spotlight DVD** features a video specifically for children as well as music videos and other mission stories. You can download this popular DVD at <https://am.adventistmission.org/mission-spotlight>.

- **Mission Quarterlies online.** Visit the Adventist Mission website at <https://www.adventistmission.org/mission-quarterlies> to read and download the current or past issues of the Children's and Youth/Adult *Mission* quarterlies.

- **Mission Quarterlies Facebook Page.** Read and share mission stories online, see pictures, take a peek behind the scenes of gathering stories, and make comments—all on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mission-quarterlies.

Thank you for all you do to make mission come alive for your Sabbath school members, and to encourage life-long giving.

Wishing you God's richest blessings!



Mission quarterlies editor

Opportunities

The Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will go to help fund:

- a new building for the International Seventh-day Adventist Church in Vienna, Austria.
- a Jewish-Adventist Friendship Center in Paris, France.
- a church for the Adventist congregation in Ragusa, Italy.
- CHILDREN'S PROJECT: Healthy Lifestyle Project for children in Romania.



ITALY | October 1

Rachele's Prayers

Rachele

Rachele is eight years old and lives in Ragusa, Italy. Ragusa is located on the island of Sicily, the biggest island of Italy [*locate Sicily on a map*].

Rachele loves coming to Sabbath school each week where she learns more about God through the Bible stories, songs, crafts, and other activities. She's also an Adventurer and really enjoys camping, staying in tents, and being with friends.

At school, Rachele enjoys learning and has many friends. In her classroom, the children sit at long desks, with two children at every desk. The teacher assigns where the students sit. Every few weeks the seating arrangement is changed.

New Seating Arrangement

One day when the new seating arrangement was announced, Rachele learned that she would be sitting beside Alessandro—the meanest boy in the class. Sometimes Alessandro pushed other

students and would throw things off their desks. And sometimes his classmates called him “stupid” because he had a hard time understanding the lessons.

When Rachele came home after school that day, she told her mother about her new seat assignment next to Alessandro.

“I’m afraid to sit next to him,” Rachele confided. “He’s mean.”

Listening carefully, Rachele’s mother responded, “It’s important to get along with all of the children. Let’s pray about it and ask Jesus to help you.”

Another Prayer

The next morning before going to school Rachele said another prayer, asking Jesus to help her get along with Alessandro. When she got to her classroom, Rachele wasn’t afraid anymore. Sitting down at her new desk, she smiled at Alessandro.

Each day before going to school, Rachele prayed that Jesus would help her to be a friend to Alessandro, and that Alessandro would be kind.

Fast Facts

- There are more than 140 types of pasta, and even more names. Some pasta varieties are only produced regionally, while others are known under a different name in various regions.
- The mechanical clock, the barometer, the thermometer, and optical glasses are all Italian inventions.
- Etna, the greatest active volcano in Europe, is on Sicily's eastern coast.

Effective Prayer

As the days went by, Rachele and Alessandro *did* become friends. It was the first time that anyone in the class had become friends with him. And each day before coming to school, Rachele remembered to pray for her friend, Alessandro.

Day-by-day everyone could see that Alessandro was changing. He was becoming nicer to the other students and more obedient to the teacher. Once in a while, when he slipped back into his old habits, Rachele talked with him and he

would listen and try to do better.

“I want to keep praying for Alessandro,” Rachele says. “I pray that he will respect the others students and be kind to them.”

The teacher is happy that Rachele opened her heart to help this boy, and one day Alessandro's mother called Rachele's mother to tell her how much she appreciates Rachele.

“Thank you that Rachele is friendly to Alessandro and is helping him,” his mother said. “We have found peace.”

Rachele's mother is happy that her daughter has learned so many good things at Sabbath school and Adventurers, and that she knows how important prayer is. Rachele's mother believes God is answering Rachele's prayers and says that whatever good is happening is not just because of Rachele but because of her connection with God.

Boys and girls, you can have a connection with God, just like Rachele. You can pray to Him anytime, day or night, and he will hear your prayers. 🌍

Classic Italian Pasta Salad

1 ½ cups shell, bow-tie or corkscrew pasta
 2 cups broccoli, chopped
 1 cup cauliflower, chopped
 1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
 1 6-ounce can artichoke hearts, drained and chopped

½ cup chopped onion
 1 cup Italian salad dressing (see separate recipe, p. 9)
 ¾ cup sliced black olives
 1 tomato chopped
 1 avocado, chopped

DIRECTIONS:

Cook the pasta according to the package directions. Drain and rinse with cold water. Drain well. In a large salad bowl, combine the cooked pasta with the broccoli, cauliflower, mushrooms, artichoke hearts and onion. Toss with the dressing (dressing recipe on page 9), then cover and chill for 4 hours.



ITALY | October 8

Marika's Mission

Marika

Marika is nine years old and is in the fourth grade of primary school. She loves Jesus and is already serving Him as a young missionary.

Marika is a good student and goes to school faithfully every day that school meets except for one—Saturday. Each Sabbath Marika and her family go to worship with other Seventh-day Adventists in Ragusa, Italy. You might remember from last week's story that Ragusa is located on the island of Sicily [*invite a child to point to Sicily on a map*].

Why Don't You Come?

Marika's classmates started asking her questions. "Why don't you come to school on Saturdays?" they wondered.

"Because I'm a Seventh-day Adventist,"

said Marika. "I go to church every Saturday because I want to worship God. God wants us to worship Him on Saturday—and we know from the Creation story in Genesis that God rested on the seventh day and made it holy."

This made the classmates even more curious. "So what do you do in church on Saturday?" they asked Marika.

"We pray, we sing, and we study the Bible," she said. "You know, the Sabbath is the real day of rest. God sanctified this day, He rested, and He made it holy for everyone."

Marika also told her classmates about the Adventurer and Pathfinder Clubs that meet on Sabbaths. "We do many activities to help other people," she explained. One of the ways that the Pathfinders help

Mission Post

- There are 111 Adventist churches in Italy, and 9,527 Adventist members in that country.
- Italy was the first country in Europe where Adventist doctrines were preached. M. B. Czechowski, a Polish ex-Catholic priest, who had been baptized in the United States 1857, went to Italy as an unofficial missionary in 1864.

others is by being involved in a health education program helping other children to learn about how to be healthy.

To Learn More

The children were very curious. “Wow!” they said. “We didn’t know you could do all those things at church, and to be involved in such activities there!” They wanted to know more about Marika’s church.

One day Marika had an idea and shared it with her mother—what if the Pathfinder Club could come to her school and present a children’s health expo?! Her mother thought it was a wonderful idea and encouraged Marika to talk with her teacher about it. Her teacher also thought it was a good idea and talked to the school principal about it, who agreed for the Pathfinders to come and present the program.

“They were really touched how much we [Adventists] respect nature, the Bible, our neighbors, and living a healthy

lifestyle,” Marika’s mother said.

Marika’s classmates enjoyed the program so much that nine of them decided to join the Pathfinder Club so that they could learn more and teach others what they had learned!

A Family Missionary


Not only does Marika share her faith at school—she’s also a missionary to her own family. Every summer she and her eight-year-old cousin, Serenity—who lives more than 1,100 km away in Florence, Italy—spend some time together.

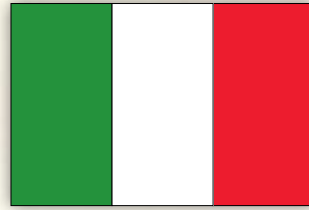
Last year when Serenity visited her cousin in Ragusa, they went to Sabbath school and church together. Serenity had never experienced anything like it and wanted to learn more.

“I told her about Jesus and what Jesus does for us,” Marika says. “And step-by-step I taught her how to pray and know about Jesus. And now she is used to praying and reading the Bible because she knows it’s important.”

When they aren’t together, Serenity phones Marika each Sabbath evening to ask about what happened in Sabbath school and church that day. “When I explain what we have done, she asks me more about these activities, and more about what we’ve studied,” says Marika. “She’s really interested in learning more.”

Marika is very happy to share her love for Jesus with others and says, “I wish I could do more for God.”

Your Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help to build a new Adventist church in Ragusa, Italy. Then there will be more room for Marika and the many others she brings to worship God. 



ITALY | October 15

Giuseppe

Giuseppe Finds God

Giuseppe (ju-SEP-ay) started coming to the Adventurer Club at the Adventist church when he was eight years old. When he was ten he became a Pathfinder. Today he is 13 years old and says that he hopes to be a Pathfinder “for all of my life.”

Like many people in Italy, Giuseppe’s family are Roman Catholics. But they are happy that Giuseppe is a Pathfinder at the Adventist church. “They support me coming here because they know I’m growing up in a healthy way and with a good foundation,” Giuseppe says.

Giuseppe tells us more about why he likes to come to the Adventist church in Ragusa, Italy.

Church and Pathfinders

“I feel at home here—it’s like my second home. It’s like a family and I feel like a person here. Besides this, I’ve learned many things from Pathfinders. The Pathfinders help not just with knowledge; they help to form your morals, help you to grow up, and you come in contact with God.

“I like Adventists because they take care of nature, and they even teach you how to look after your body. And I like how Adventists study the whole Bible—both the Old and New Testament. I’m coming here for the truth—the truth that comes from the whole Bible.”

And Giuseppe isn’t afraid to share

Fast Facts

- The Colosseum in Rome is the largest ancient building dedicated to entertainment. The second and third largest Roman amphitheaters in Italy are respectively those of Capua and Verona.
- The catacombs of Rome are 13 km. long and contain some 40,000 tombs. They lie 7 to 19 meters below the surface and extend for more than 13,000 square metres (140,000 sq. ft.).
- Italy has three active volcanoes: Vesuvius, Etna, and Stromboli.

what he has learned from the Bible with others. One day at school the teacher was telling the students that everything came from evolution.

“No, no,” Giuseppe said to the teacher. “It was created.” Then he began to explain from the Bible how life really began.

What Can I Do for God?

When Giuseppe prays, he often asks, “What can I do God, for You?” He wants to help people and he loves to talk with them about God—at school, at home, on the street or outside somewhere.

Giuseppe plans to one day become an agricultural engineer. He enjoys plants, animals, and being outdoors. He also believes that Jesus is coming back soon and he wants to tell others about Him. When Giuseppe first started coming to the Adventist church, he was amazed when he heard the story of Jesus—how He died and rose again for us. “This is a real miracle!” says Giuseppe.

Part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will help to build a new Adventist church in Ragusa, Italy, where Giuseppe and many other children and young people attend. Please remember to bring your special offering on Thirteenth Sabbath. Thank you! 🌍

Italian Salad Dressing

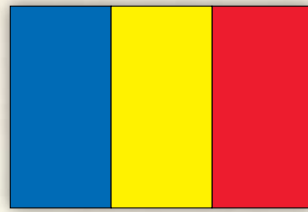
(TO ACCOMPANY ITALIAN PASTA SALAD, P. 5)

2 cloves garlic, minced
1 tsp. dried tarragon
1 tsp. dried marjoram

½ tsp. salt
½ cup olive oil
½ cup lemon juice

DIRECTIONS:

Mix all together in a cup and mix into pasta salad (see recipe on page 5). Enjoy!



ROMANIA | October 22

Happy and Sad

Alice

Note to Teachers: Ask a 14-year-old girl to share this story, or show the picture of Alice to your class and explain that she wrote her own story that we will read today.

My name is Alice Coditoiu, I am 14 years old and in the eighth grade at the Adventist Academy in Craiova—a city in Romania. I live 12 kilometers (7.45 miles) from Craiova in a village where we can really enjoy God’s creation in nature.

I was born into an Adventist family, and they taught me to know God. Being an only child, my parents poured all their love towards me, but they were careful not to turn me into a selfish child. It actually helped me to offer my blessings to others who were not as blessed as me.

I like animals very much, and I love my two puppies! But I especially like horses,

and last summer I was able to go to a horse riding camp. I really liked that!

Need for God

Something else I enjoy doing is playing the piano, especially when I can honor God through my playing. A while back I started to notice that the people around me really need God, and I wanted to dedicate a big part of my time serving them.

Sometimes I’ve been able to do a little bit of work selling religious books and being a literature evangelist. Doing this makes me happy and sad at the same time. I’m happy because I can participate, but sad when I see that not everyone is interested in learning about God.

These experiences made me think about my own personal relationship with God. I started to participate in a baptismal class during the summer of 2015. I was

Fast Facts

- Romania's Carpathian Mountains are home to 400 unique species of mammals, including the Carpathian chamois, a kind of mountain goat.
- The largest population of brown bears in Europe lives in Romania.
- Timisoara, in Romania, was the first European city to be lit by electric street lamps, back in 1884.

interested in learning more about the church doctrines. I loved studying the Bible, and having Jesus as my friend, but I felt that I wasn't ready to get baptized. But even though I thought that I wasn't ready, God showed me that if I give Him

my heart, He will work in me the changes needed according to His will.

So on November 21, 2015, I stepped into the water and was baptized. After my baptism I continued to learn to trust His promises more and more.

Some Advice

If I could give some advice to other children and young people who have not yet decided to get baptized, I'd say:

"Don't let Satan fool you into thinking that you are not ready for baptism. His plan is to make you think that you are too evil to be accepted by God. Remember that Jesus came into this world to search for you, to save you and to offer you everlasting life as a gift! Repay His sacrifice by offering Him your love!" 🌍

Fun With Romanian

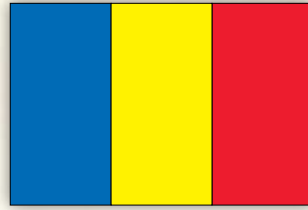
Following are some Romanian words and phrases to use in your program to make missions come alive for your children. Vowels are pronounced as follows: *AH* as in ah; *AI* as in eye; *EE* as in bee; *EH* as in bet; *IH* as in tip; *OH* as in oh; *OO* as in boot. The accented syllables are written in capital letters.

COMMON PHRASES

Happy Sabbath
 Welcome
 (to Sabbath School)
 Hello
 Please
 Thank you
 Yes
 No
 Goodbye
 My name is . . .
 What is your name?
 Happy Birthday

SAY IT PHONETICALLY

SAH-baht feh-ree-CHEET
 BEE-neh AHTCH veh-NEET
 la SCHKOH-ah lah deh SAH-baht
 PAH-chah DOHM-noo-loo-eh
 teh ROHG
 mool-too-MESK
 dah
 nooh
 lah reh-veh-DEH-reh
 NOO-meh-leh MEH-oh YES-teh
 KOOM teh kee-AH-mah
 lah moolts ahn



ROMANIA | October 29

Haddassah and Paula

“Most Important Day”

My name is Hadassah and I was born in the city of Craiova, Romania. *[Point to Romania on a map.]* I grew up in several cities in Romania, because my father is a pastor and we moved several times. Now we live in Campulung Mucel, a city located in a beautiful mountain area. I'm 12 years old and in the sixth grade. I also have a younger brother who is nine years old.

Sabbath, January 8, 2016 is the most important day for me so far. That's when I was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church. In my country, 12 years old is very young to get baptized, and so many people asked why I was baptized at such a young age. My answer is that I studied the Bible during my personal devotions, and by participating in church and at youth prayer meetings,

I realized that I had to change and treat the church and the spiritual aspects of my life more seriously. I realized that as long as I understand, respect, and I try to fulfill the Bible's teachings and the doctrines of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, I can become a church member at any age.

As it says in Proverbs 27:1: “Do not boast about tomorrow, for you don't know what a day may bring.” So I decided that I should not rush into baptism but also I shouldn't say, “I'll get baptized when I'm older.” As I learned from Joseph, my favorite Biblical character, childhood years can be the best time for making important spiritual decisions. And I decided to make my biggest one now.

Paula's Pathway

My name is Paula, I am 15 years old and I was born into an Adventist family

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- The religion of the people in Romania is predominantly Romanian Orthodox. Other religious groups include Roman Catholics, Greek Catholics, various Protestant denominations, Jews and, in the southeastern regions, Muslims.
- According to historical records, there were around 50,000 Sabbath-keepers in the Transylvanian region of Romania in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.
- Today, there are 1,104 Seventh-day Adventist churches and 65,961 Adventist members in Romania.

that loves God and others. When I was a baby I was dedicated in a church, but a little more than a year ago I decided to be baptized. I want my relationship with Jesus to guide my whole life.

The Most Important

I want to tell you, boys and girls, that the most important thing is to love God more and more.

When I was in kindergarten I attended an Adventist school named, “Dr. Lind” in the city of Campenita. Later on, when I was a little older, I went to camps where I learned how to preach and study the Bible, and I also participated in a program called, “Religion Olympics.” The youth department of my church also helped me to become stronger in my faith.

When I was five, my mother was trained as an Adventurer guide. A year later

I was in my first camp. After being an Adventurer, I became a Pathfinder. My father was one of my Pathfinder teachers.

A great Pathfinder group was formed in our church. We were all nearly the same age and we were all friends. Together, during our four years in Pathfinders, we organized many trips, camps, camporees, conventions and many other pathfinder activities. It was great!

Pathfinders and Adventurers

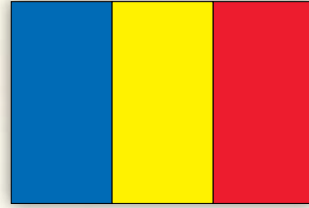
Because my mother was still an Adventurer guide, I also went with her to every Adventurer camp and group meeting. There I had the opportunity to grow and to fall in love with working with children for God. Besides school, this became an important part of my life.

Last year I graduated from Pathfinders and I am currently preparing to become a future Master Guide in our Leadership School. Here, besides learning, we build the best memories and the strongest friendships.

My Life and God

I want to give my life to God because I want Him to use me to complete His work in this world. Jesus died for you and me on the cross, and He is coming back very soon!

Boys and girls, you can be leaders, too. Now is the time to become involved in everything you can at your church. Come to Sabbath school every week. Join Adventurers or Pathfinders. Sing in the choir if your church has one. Ask the pastor how you can help others learn about Jesus. You’re never too young to start working for Jesus! 🌍



ROMANIA | November 5

Raluca

Listening to God

Sometimes when God wants to tell a grown-up person something, He must use a child to get their attention. Today we will hear about one such child in the country of Romania.

The Adventist churches in Romania were holding evangelistic meetings. Church members put up posters and invited their friends and neighbors to attend.

“We have to go!”

On her way to school one day seven-year-old Raluca [rah-LOO-kah] saw one of the posters. It said something about some meetings about the Bible, but she didn't pay much attention. But when she saw an advertisement on television for the Bible meetings, she remembered the poster that she had seen and told her mother, “We have to go to these meetings!”

Mother listened to Raluca's plea and agreed to take her to the meeting.

The following day Raluca had a hard

time concentrating on her studies. Her mind kept wandering to the meeting that evening. But when she returned home from school, her mother told her that she wouldn't be able to go to the meeting after all. “I have so much housework to do!” Mother said. “I can't finish it if I go to that meeting. I'm sorry, Raluca.”

Fast Facts

- Inside the old Turda Salt Mines (Salina Turda) located in Transylvania, Romania, stands the world's largest salt mine museum.
- Romanian gymnast Nadia Comaneci was the first to achieve a score of 10.00 in the history of gymnastics, during the Olympics in Montreal, in 1976.
- Timisoara, in Romania, was the first European city to be lit by electric street lamps, back in 1884.

Helping Mother

Raluca was so disappointed she almost cried. But what could she do? Then she had an idea. If she helped her mother with the housework, maybe they could still go to the meeting. Raluca didn't usually help with the housework, but she immediately began helping her mother wash the dishes, clean the house, and complete the other tasks that needed doing. And by 7:30 that evening all the work was finished.

"Mother, we still have a half hour before the meeting starts," Raluca said, pointing to the clock. "May we

go to the meeting? Please?"

Her mother agreed and so the two quickly dressed and went to the meeting.

Raluca and her mother liked what they heard and attended every meeting of the series. When the speaker asked everyone to bring a friend to the meetings, Raluca asked her father to join them. He came and found the presentations interesting, too.

The meetings lasted only two weeks, but during that short time Raluca's family found something to bring their family new hope. They found a personal friend in Jesus because Raluca listened when God spoke to her. 🌍

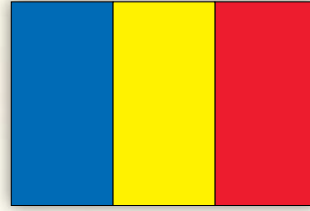
Romanian Vegetable Stew

2 large onions, chopped
 4 or 5 medium carrots, peeled and sliced
 3 or 4 medium bell peppers, seeded and chopped (any color)
 3 garlic cloves, minced
 2 tablespoons vegetable oil or olive oil.
 1 small cabbage, sliced thinly
 3 fresh tomatoes, peeled and chopped or 1 (14-ounce) can tomatoes, chopped and juices reserved
 2 cups water
 4 medium potatoes, peeled and chopped
 1 (12-ounce) package frozen peas

½ teaspoon thyme
 2 tablespoons fresh dill, minced
 2 tablespoons fresh parsley, minced
 ½ lemon, juice of
 1-2 teaspoon paprika
 salt
 pepper
 Optional seasonal veggies:
 1 large eggplant (cubed, salted, and rinsed)
 1 large zucchini (sliced)
 1 small head cauliflower (broken into flowerets)
 1 kohlrabi (peeled and cubed)

DIRECTIONS:

Heat the oil in a large stewpot or Dutch oven. Add the onion, carrots, and peppers. Sauté over medium heat until onions are transparent. Add garlic, potatoes, and cabbage. If using kohlrabi add it now. Sauté for about 3 minutes. Add water and tomatoes, salt and pepper, and thyme and paprika. Bring to a boil. Cover and simmer for about 15 minutes, or until the potatoes are almost tender. Add the other optional veggies (eggplant etc.) of your choice. Return to a boil, cover and simmer for about 20 more minutes or until the vegetables are soft and flavors have blended. Add frozen peas, fresh herbs, and lemon juice. Cook for five minutes with the cover on. Serve hot with rice.



ROMANIA | November 12

Coca

Something To Hope For

In our mission story last week, we heard how God used a girl named Raluca to reach her family for Him. Today our story is about how God used another child to encourage a grown-up person.

Seven-year-old Coca knew her mother was very sad since Father had left, leaving Mother alone with three children.

A neighbor invited the family to attend meetings called “Hope for the Next Generation.” The word “hope” caught Mother’s attention. She wasn’t a religious woman, but she needed something to hope for, so she decided to attend the meetings with her children.

Coca didn’t understand everything that the speaker said, but she could see that her mother seemed happier.

Crying Again

But the next afternoon Coca found her mother crying again. She told Coca that

Daddy wanted a lot of money or he’d take their apartment away. Mother didn’t have the money. She told Coca that winter was coming, and she didn’t want to be thrown out into the cold.

Coca wanted to help her mother. She remembered that the speaker at the meetings said that God hears our prayers.

“Let’s pray that God won’t let Father make us leave our home,” she urged. The two prayed, but when it was time to get ready for the meeting, Mother was still upset and didn’t want to go.

“But you have to go, Mother,” the children begged. “Please, let’s hurry!” Finally Mother agreed to go.

Special Prayer Requests

That night the speaker invited people with special prayer requests to come to the front of the auditorium for prayer. Coca’s mother didn’t move. Coca tugged on her

Fast Facts

- Romania borders the Black Sea.
- Romanian, one of the “Romance” languages, derives from Latin. In some respects, it is closer grammatically to Latin than its sisters Italian, Spanish, Portuguese and French.
- Romanian Inventor Traian Vuia was the first European to build and fly a fully self-propelled, fixed-wing ‘automobile airplane’ in 1906.

mother’s sleeve. “Come, Mother,” Coca urged. “Let’s go there!”

“Sh-h-h!” Mother urged. “Stop pulling on me! Why do you want me to go to the front?”

“I want to ask God not to let Father throw us out of the house,” Coca answered sweetly.

Someone standing nearby heard

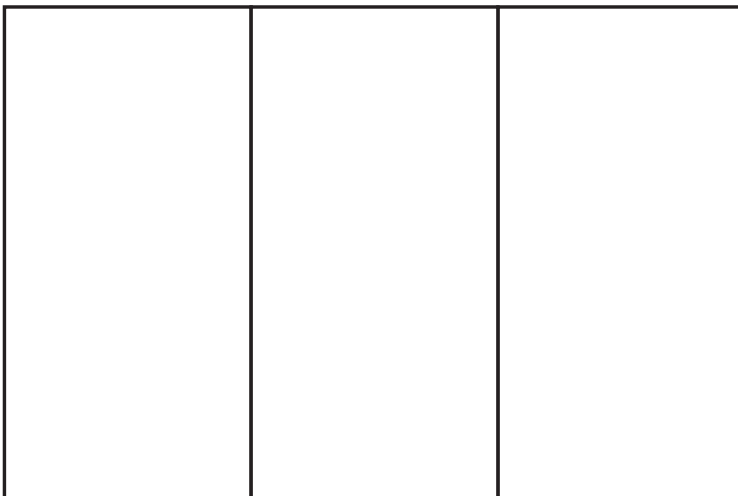
the child’s plea and gently encouraged Mother to go to the front with Coca and pray. Mother wasn’t sure that prayer would help, but she didn’t want Coca to be disappointed. So they walked to the front of the auditorium for special prayer.

The next morning Mother received an official-looking letter. It said that if Mother would agree to not make Father pay her money every month, she and the children could stay in the apartment.

That night when Mother and the children attended the meetings, she was sure that God had answered their prayers. Mother went to the meetings to find hope--and she found Jesus!

This quarter our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help to provide special Adventist training programs and youth camps for Romanian children. Let’s save our money all quarter so that we can help them to know and love Jesus, and to share with others the things they have learned. 🌍

Color the Romanian Flag

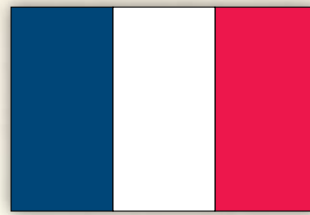


DIRECTIONS

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FRANCE | November 19

A Prayed-For Piano

Matthieu

Matthieu (Matthew) is 12 years old and lives in the city of Paris, France [*locate on map*]. He enjoys reading, drawing, and gymnastics. But he especially likes to play the piano. Matthew will tell us how God answered a special prayer for him.

[Let a junior-age boy tell this first-person story.]

Matthew's Music

I love music, and from the time I was little I wanted to learn to play a musical instrument. My family has a small organ, so when I was eight years old, I started taking group piano lessons. But without a piano on which to practice, it was hard to keep up with the class. I asked my mother if we could get a piano. She told me that pianos are very expensive and that we did not have the money for one. But she did offer to pray for a piano.

The Visit

One day my mom and I went to visit a friend of hers. The woman was nice and offered to let me watch a children's video while she and Mom talked. It was a video of children singing, and I could hear the piano playing in the background. That's when it dawned on me that Mom's friend had a piano. I turned around and looked at it. It was really nice! "Wow! You have a great piano!" I said.

"Yes," the woman said. "Do you play the piano?"

"Well, I'm taking piano lessons," I said, "but we don't have a piano. I wish we did, because now I practice on our little organ, and it's hard to keep up with the other students in my class."

Do You Want It?

Mom's friend turned to my mom and asked, "Do you want this piano? I don't

Fast Facts

- French is the second most studied language in the world after English.
- France is the most visited country in the world, with over 80 million visitors every year.
- The famous Eiffel Tower in Paris was built as the entrance point for the 1889 World Fair. It is one of the most visited monuments in the world.

play it any longer, and it is a shame to let it stand here and gather dust.”

I looked at Mom and her friend, too excited to breathe. This was an answer to our prayers! At last we would have a real piano that I could practice on!

“We’ve been praying for a piano for several weeks,” my mother said, “and it looks as if God is answering that prayer through you.” Mom hugged her friend and whispered “thank you.”

Mother’s friend was glad that her piano was finding a good and welcome home. “You know, a year ago I offered the piano to someone else,” Mom’s friend said. “He agreed to take it, but when he tried to figure out how to get it into his fourth-floor apartment, he realized the piano was too heavy to carry up the stairs. That’s the only reason the piano is still sitting here, waiting for an owner.” She turned and smiled at me, then she said, “Now it has one.”

My mother made arrangements to move the piano to our house. When the piano arrived, I could hardly wait to sit down and begin playing. I started by practicing the songs we had studied

in earlier lessons, then I practiced hard on my current lessons. By the end of the school year I had caught up with my classmates who had jumped ahead of me when I didn’t have a piano. By the end of the year my music teacher told me that I have a gift for music.

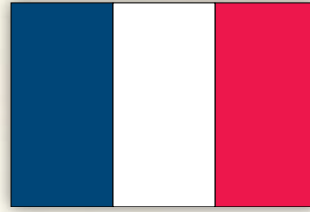
Opportunity for Ministry

My church asked if I would play the organ to accompany the congregational singing. I’m glad that I can do this for God and my church. I’ve learned that I can play by reading the notes or just by hearing a song and playing by ear.

Recently the young people’s choir of our church asked me to accompany them when they presented a concert. It’s fun to see how I can serve God through something I love to do, such as playing the piano. 🌍



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FRANCE | November 26

Aurely and Elodie

Jesus, Our Best Teacher

Aurely [OH-reh-lee] and Elodie [EH-loh-dee] and their family live in southern France [*locate on map*]. Their parents have taught them to trust God in every situation. Not long ago both girls learned that Jesus is the best teacher.

The Final Exam

Math is difficult for Aurely. Sometimes it seems that no matter how hard she studies, she doesn't understand some of her math.

One day Aurely came home from school and put her books down with a sigh. The next day was an important math exam, and she was worried. Her grade for the class was determined by how she did on this test. She opened her math book and began going over the lessons. But she had trouble concentrating and didn't understand

how to do some of the math problems. Frustrated, she slapped her book shut.

"What's wrong?" her mother asked, sensing Aurely's frustration.

"It's math, Mom," Aurely said.

"Tomorrow is the big test, and I just don't understand some of it."

"Have you prayed?" her mother asked her gently. "God cares about our problems. Just ask Him to open your mind and help you understand what you study."

"Thanks, Mom," Aurely said. She went to her room and prayed, then she opened her math book and her notes and started again. An hour later Aurely realized that this time she understood the math. That night she went to bed feeling more confident about the test.

The next day before she went to school, Aurely asked God to help her remember

Mission Post

- The first Adventist missionary to France was D.T. Bourdeau in 1876.
- There are 122 Adventist churches, and 13,712 Adventist members in France.
- Although there are no Adventist hospitals in France, there is an Adventist retirement home called Le Foyer du Romarin, or Rosemary House.

what she had studied the night before. Her parents promised to pray for her during her test. She was glad that math was her first period of the day, and once the test was over she could concentrate on her other work.

Help from God

When the bell rang, Aurely sat down, and the teacher started giving out the math tests. When she told the students to begin, Aurely turned the test over and began reading the questions. She smiled, realizing that she understood and could answer correctly. Some questions were quite easy, and other questions more difficult, but Aurely finished the test before class ended.

After she turned her test in, Aurely thanked God for helping her remember what she had studied. Still she couldn't help wondering how she had done on her exam. A week later she received the test back and learned that she had received a good grade. That evening she told her parents about the math grade, and together they thanked God for answering Aurely's prayers.

Aurely has learned that it's important

to study and it's important to pray, but it is most important to do both. "Pray when you study; pray in class; praise God when He answers your prayers," she says. "God is reliable. He will hear your prayers and will help you remember what you have studied. God really does answer prayers!"

Elodie's Poem

Elodie is eight years old. Her teacher assigned her to memorize a poem, but she wasn't sure how to memorize it. Mother encouraged her to work on the poem one phrase at a time, but it still seemed too big a job for Elodie. "Why don't we pray about it, Elodie?" Mother asked. Mother and Elodie asked God to help Elodie learn the poem.

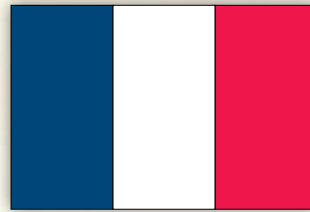
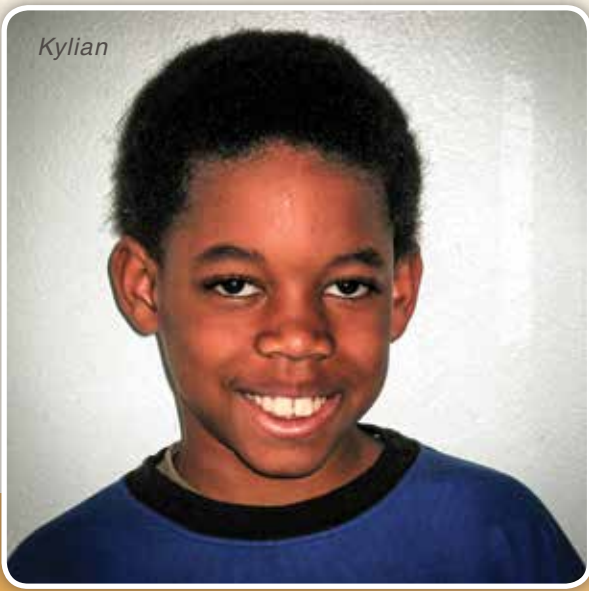
Then Mother and Elodie worked on the poem together, and soon Elodie began to gain confidence that she could learn the poem.

Before she went to bed that night Elodie had memorized the poem. Then she worked on adding the right expression to bring out the poem's meaning. That night while lying in bed Elodie recited the poem in the dark. *Thank You, Jesus, for helping me learn my poem so quickly! she prayed to herself.*

On the day she was to recite her poem, Mother and Elodie prayed once more that God would help her recite the poem well. At school Elodie stood before the class and recited her poem with confidence and skill. Elodie could hardly wait to tell Mother how Jesus had helped her remember every word.

Elodie says, "I know that I can trust Jesus to help me whenever I need help. I'm glad that I can ask my mom to pray with me whenever I'm not sure about something." 🌍

Kylian



FRANCE | December 3

Kylian and Virgil

Making Friends for Jesus

Today we'll meet two boys and learn how they made friends for Jesus. The boys, Kylian [KEE-lee-ahn] and Virgil [VIHR-jehl] are in the third grade at the Adventist school in Collonges [koh-LOHN]], France, a town on the border with Geneva, Switzerland. [*Locate on the map.*]

A Boy, a Book, and a Blessing

One day, two young women came to visit Kylian's mother. They sat outside talking and enjoying the warm autumn day. Kylian noticed that the two young women were smoking. He watched them for a few minutes, then he told them, "You shouldn't smoke; it can give you cancer." The young women were surprised at Kylian's comment, but they didn't look angry.

Kylian remembered a book he had that talks about taking care of our body. He ran to his room, found the book, and showed it to his mother's friends. The two young women looked at the book while Kylian

rode away on his bicycle.

The next day his mother's friends came to visit again. Kylian invited them to come to church with his family. He didn't know what they would say, but they smiled and agreed to go to church with Kylian's family. Now it was Kylian's turn to smile!

Mother's friends liked the worship service and asked to attend again. The young women have come to church almost every Sabbath since then. They want to be baptized and join God's family.

Kylian and his mother are happy that Mother's young friends are following Jesus. Kylian says, "I know that I don't have to be afraid to tell others that God loves them. I can invite others to church, and so can you!"

Virgil's Special Friend

Virgil is in the same class as Kylian at the Adventist school. He likes science and thinks he would like to become a scientist.

Fast Facts

- The most famous road bicycle race in the world, the *Tour de France*, zigzags through the French landscape.
- There are some 40,000 *châteaux* (castles, manors, palaces) scattered throughout the country of France.
- There are over 300 kinds of cheese made in France.

Virgil has also shared God's love with someone, his special friend Jean Luc [John Luke], who lives in a town about an hour away from where Virgil lives. The boys met when they were playing at a park one day. They started playing together and soon became good friends. Virgil asked his parents to take him to Jean Luc's house to play. Soon his parents and Jean Luc's parents became good friends as well.

Then Virgil's family moved to Collonges. Virgil missed his friend and often asked his parents to take him to see Jean Luc. One Friday Jean Luc came to stay overnight with Virgil. On Sabbath morning the family got dressed and went to church. Jean Luc knew that his friend was a Seventh-day Adventist, but he had never been to church with him. Jean Luc liked Sabbath School a lot, especially the stories about Bible heroes.

When it was time to go home, Jean Luc asked Virgil's parents to let him stay overnight again so he could go to church with them. Jean Luc told his parents about Virgil's church. Although Jean Luc's family didn't go to church, they were willing to let Jean Luc go to church with Virgil.

One day, Jean Luc called and asked Virgil's mother to let him come and visit on Sabbath again. The boys went to Sabbath School and church together, then they enjoyed a nice afternoon walk. Now Jean Luc asks his parents to take him to church every Sabbath. His parents decided to visit the Adventist church in their town. Now the whole family goes to church every Sabbath.

Virgil no longer gets to take Jean Luc to church, but he is happy to know that his friend is going with his own family.

"I'm glad that I invited Jean Luc to go to church with us, because now he's learning about Jesus. That makes one more person—no, three more people—who are learning about God. My parents say that I was a missionary because I invited my friend to church. Now I'm looking for someone else to invite."

Boys and girls, we can be missionaries just like Kylian and Virgil. We can invite our friends, our neighbors, and even our family members to come to church with us. Who knows what will happen? Maybe our church will soon be full of people who say, "A child invited me to come." 🌍





MIDDLE EAST | December 10

“Karl”

Angels At The Park

Today’s story is about a missionary family who lives in a country somewhere in the Middle East—an area that stretches from northern Africa east to the Arabian Peninsula. *[Locate on a map.]*

Many Middle Eastern refugees are coming to countries in Europe—such as Austria, where part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering is going this quarter. In today’s story, we can see a little bit of what it’s like for Christians in the Middle East.

At the Park

“Karl,” how would you like to go play in a park?” Daddy asked.

“Yippee!” Karl shouted as he ran to get his shoes and jacket. Daddy bought some drinks at a small shop and sat down at a table where he could watch Karl play.

The Strange Visitors

A few minutes later a young man walked into the park. He sat near Karl’s

daddy, and the two men chatted casually. The young man was secretly interested in becoming a Christian, and Daddy was teaching him about God.

Then Daddy noticed several men walk into the park and sit down nearby. Daddy wondered whether the men were watching him. But he continued chatting with the young man, hoping to look casual.

Karl returned to his father for a drink and then returned to play. Later he came back and laid his head on his father’s shoulder for several minutes before returning to play. And still the strange men remained nearby.

Followed!

Finally Daddy got up from the table, called Karl, and started walking toward the park entrance, still talking casually with the young man. Daddy felt a chill as he saw the men who had sat nearby get up from their seats and follow them

out of the park. *What's happening?* Daddy wondered. *Are they spies? Please God, protect us,* he prayed.

Karl and his father climbed the steps leading out of the park and walked toward their car. Father glanced over his shoulder and saw the strange men turn away from the park entrance.

Daddy and Karl got into their car and started toward home. Karl was quiet and Father wondered whether the boy had sensed his nervousness.

“I Saw Angels!”

When they arrived home, Mother greeted them. “Mommy, I saw angels today. I saw angels!”

Mommy knelt beside Karl and said, “Really? Where did you see angels?”

“On the steps at the park,” Karl said. Daddy collapsed into his chair. *So that's why the men suddenly walked away from us at the entrance to the park!* he thought. *I didn't see the angels, but Karl did!* Father whispered a prayer of thanksgiving for safety as he met with the young man who wanted to follow Jesus in a land where

Mission Post

- In many countries in the world it's difficult and often dangerous to share our faith with others. Pray for the people who work in these countries. Pray that God will protect them and give them wisdom to find those who have a sincere heart and want to know more about God. Pray that the missionaries working there will know how to talk to people in a way that will honor God but not endanger their own lives.
- Many refugees from the Middle East are fleeing their home countries and coming to countries in Europe.
- Part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will help to construct a new building for the International Seventh-day Adventist Church in Vienna, Austria.

being a Christian can be dangerous.

Our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will help build a new international church in Austria, where several refugees from these countries are learning about Jesus. 🌐

Hummus

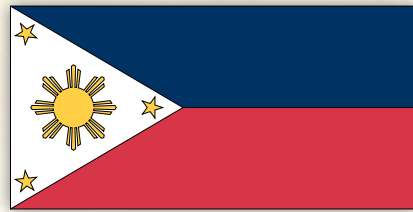
This classic Middle Eastern dip is nutritious and easy to make. Serve with tiny pieces of toasted pita bread or fresh vegetables.

1 can (15 oz.) chick peas (garbanzos),
drained, 1/3 cup liquid reserved
3 tablespoons lemon juice
1/3 cup sesame seed

1 clove garlic, crushed
1/2 teaspoon salt
Chopped fresh parsley for garnish
Pita bread wedges, crackers or raw
vegetables for dipping, if desired

DIRECTIONS:

In a blender or food processor, place beans, reserved bean liquid, lemon juice, sesame seed, garlic, and salt. Cover. Blend on high speed, stopping to scrape sides as necessary, until mixture is smooth.



PHILIPPINES | December 17

Mohammad

Jesus Is My Friend

Today our story is about a boy from the Philippines. Did you know that there are many people from the Philippines who are living in Vienna, Austria? Many of them go to Sabbath school and church at the International Seventh-day Adventist Church there. Part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will go to help construct a new building for this church.

An Adventist School

Mohammad lives in Zamboanga, Philippines. Even though his family is Muslim, Mohammad studies at an Adventist school.

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

His parents visited the school. The old building needed much repair, and the principal explained that the school would be replaced soon. But Mohammad's parents didn't see the leaky metal roof or the holes

in the screens. They saw happy children who loved their teachers and teachers who really cared for the children. They decided to send Mohammad to the Adventist school.

Reluctant New Student

Mohammad didn't want to change schools and leave his friends. But he obeyed his parents' wishes. On the first day of school, Mohammad stepped into the class wondering whether he would make any friends there. Even before class started, several children welcomed him. At lunchtime, some boys invited Mohammad to eat with them and join their games at recess. By the end of the day Mohammad had made several new friends. Maybe his new school wasn't so bad after all!

After a little while Mohammad said, "I do like this school! And I'm glad we have Pathfinders. I especially like camping and learning new skills such as knot tying.

Mission Post

- In the 1970s and 1980s there was a shortage of nurses in Austria, so the Austrian government invited nurses from the Philippines to work in Austria.
- Some of the Filipino nurses who arrived in Vienna, Austria were Adventists.
- These nurses attended one of the Adventist churches in Vienna that later became the international church.
- The international church building is very old and has problems with mold.
- Part of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will be used to construct on a new building for the International Adventist Church.

And I enjoy learning new songs.”

The New School

Then one day near the end of the school year, his teacher announced that when they returned from summer vacation they would

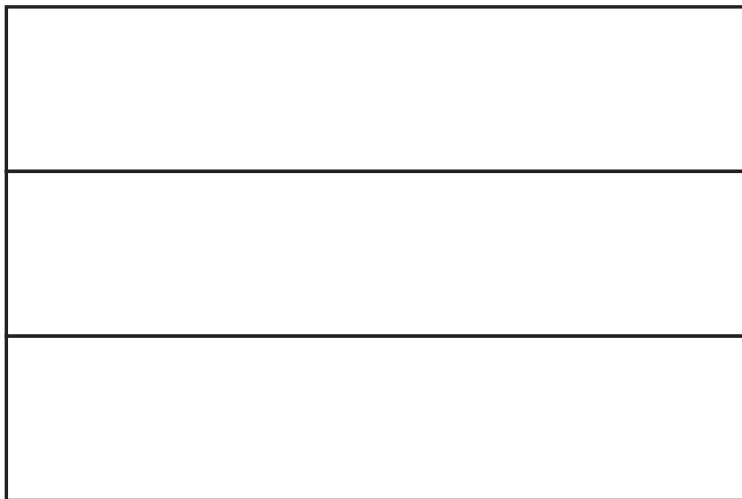
have a new school. Everyone cheered. The children helped their teachers box up the textbooks, clear out the closets, and empty the shelves.

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

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

Thank you for bringing your offerings to Sabbath school. These offerings will help children who have moved from the Philippines to Austria to have a better place for Sabbath school and worship! 🌍

Color the Flag of Austria



DIRECTIONS

Color top horizontal stripe bright red.

Leave middle horizontal stripe white.

Color the bottom horizontal stripe bright red.



AUSTRIA | December 24

Yuxin

A Place to Call Home

Yuxin (YOU-shin) is a girl from China. She likes to play the piano and she became very good at it. She became so good that her family decided to send her to a famous music school called the Prayner Conservatory in Vienna, Austria. Austria is a long way from Yuxin's home in China—more than 7,000 kilometers (4,000 miles)!

Her mother was worried that Yuxin might get homesick being so far away, so she encouraged her daughter to “Find the spirit of home” in Vienna, meaning that she should find a church where she could worship.

Yuxin and her mother are Christians, and they used to worship together in a Sunday-keeping church in China. But one day when Yuxin's mother was reading the Bible, she noticed that the seventh day of the week was God's holy day. She shared what she had learned with Yuxin, who was surprised. She prayed, “Please God, tell me if this is really true or not.”

Soon, Yuxin visited a Seventh-day

Adventist church and talked with the pastor. “Maybe this is right,” she thought, but she wasn't willing to become an Adventist yet. You see, Yuxin was eating pork, and wasn't ready to give that up.

Church in Vienna

But when she arrived in Vienna, she found the International Seventh-day Adventist Church on the internet and contacted Pastor Felix. The pastor picked up Yuxin from the metro train station and brought her to church. Yuxin was so excited to be at the Adventist church!

She came to the vespers programs on Friday evenings, and church on Sabbath. It didn't take long for Yuxin to feel at home in the Adventist church. “Everybody is so warm and friendly,” she said.

Yuxin kept learning more about the Bible, and about Adventists. She says, “The preaching really touched me. It was wonderful. And God gave me the power to

Mission Post

- In Austria 60% of the people are Catholic, 6% Eastern Orthodox, 6% Muslim, 4% Protestant, and 24% are other or none.
- M. B. Czechowski, the self-supporting missionary, was the first Adventist to evangelize in Austria, before the first official missionary, J. N. Andrews, was sent to Europe in 1874. Czechowski died and was buried in Vienna, Austria in 1876.
- Bogenhofen Seminary and Bogenhofen Senior High School are located at St. Peter am Hart, Austria.

give up a lot of things—like eating pork, and going shopping on Saturdays. Now I understand and I gave them up.”

Taking It Home

Last May, Yuxin was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church and is eager to take back to her home country what she has learned in Vienna. When she returns home, Yuxin plans to share with her family and neighbors the Bible truths she has learned in Vienna, and hopefully start an Adventist home-worship group. “They need

to know why Adventism exists, and what I learned here. God really told me the truth, and now I can also tell them.”

Yuxin is one of many students from all over the world who have come to the International Adventist Church in Vienna. They like coming here because it is like a second home for them.

More and more people have come to this church that meets in a very old building. They need a new and bigger place to worship. Part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will help this church family to have a better building closer to the city center. Thank you for bringing your offerings this Thirteenth Sabbath so that we can help the Adventists in Vienna to have a new place to worship. 🌍



Austrian Rice Pudding — “Reisauflauf”

2 oz. rice

1 pint milk

A little salt

2 oz. butter or margarine

4 oz. sugar

A little grated lemon peel

3 eggs (seperated)

DIRECTIONS:

Simmer the rice in milk with a pinch of salt until soft. Cream butter, sugar, grated lemon peel and egg yolks. Mix with the cooled rice. Beat egg whites until stiff. Gently fold in the beaten egg whites. Put into a fireproof dish. Bake 1 hour at 325°F (163°C).

Thirteenth Sabbath Program

If your division will present the Thirteenth Sabbath program for the adults, the following suggestions can help you plan.

- Practice two or three songs from your Sabbath School program that the children are comfortable singing for their parents.
- Practice with the children at least two to three weeks ahead of the program.
- A week or two before Thirteenth Sabbath, send a note home with the children reminding them to bring their Thirteenth Sabbath Offering.

If your division will not join the adults for a special program, use the suggestions that follow to make Thirteenth Sabbath special:

- Remind the children to bring their Thirteenth Sabbath Offering. If they have special banks for their offering, encourage them to finish filling them and bring them on Thirteenth Sabbath.
- Use the quiz below based on the stories, Fast Facts, and Mission Posts from this quarter.
- Invite a special guest to speak to the children about one of the countries featured this quarter.

Preparation: Obtain flags, or pictures of flags, of the following countries—Austria, France, Italy, and Romania. Choose one child for each country to hold the flag or picture. For this program you will need two narrators (junior age or older), and as many question readers as you have children in your class. The narrators will take turns reading the answers.

European Exam

Narrator 1: During this quarter, we've been hearing stories from the countries of: [*child holding flag steps forward when country name is called*] Austria, France, Italy, and Romania. These are the countries where the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering projects for this quarter are located.

Narrator 2: Today for our special Sabbath school program, we are going to review some of the things we've learned this past quarter by taking a "European Exam."

Narrator 1: Try to see how many

questions you can answer correctly.

Question 1: In which world division of the church are these featured countries located?

Answer 1: The Inter-European Division (EUD). This division has 178,380 Adventist members worshipping in a total of 2,550 churches and 548 companies.

Question 2: In what city and country are Adventists meeting in the ground floor of an apartment building?

Answer 2: Ragusa, Italy, located on the

island of Sicily. The group has outgrown the current facility and desperately needs a church building.

Question 3: In a story we met Raluca, who urged her mother to go forward for prayer. In which country was this?

Answer 3: Romania. Adventists have been invited to teach healthy living classes in the public high schools in the capital city of Bucharest. Teachers and students are very happy with these classes.

Question 4: In the story, “Marika’s Mission” we learned about a girl who shared her faith and as a result, nine children joined the Pathfinder Club. Where did this story take place?

Answer 4: In Ragusa, Italy, on the island of Sicily.

Question 5: In a story that took place in Paris, France, the prayers of a young boy and his mother were answered in a beautiful way. What were they praying for?

Answer 5: A piano. They received a free piano from a friend and now the boy uses his talents for God.

Question 6: Refugees from the Middle East are flocking to Adventist churches in this city because they feel accepted and loved. Some are being baptized. What is the name of this city?

Answer 6: Vienna, Austria. People from many different countries worship at the International Seventh-day Adventist church in Vienna. The building where they currently meet is very old and has mold. Part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering today will be used to help build a new

church closer to the city center.

Question 7: What was the first country in Europe where Adventist doctrines were preached?

Answer 7: Italy. A man by the name of M. B. Czechowski, (check-COW-ski), a Polish ex-Catholic priest, who had been baptized in the United States in 1857, went to Italy as an unofficial missionary in 1864.

Question 8: True or False—There are no Adventist hospitals in France.

Answer 8: True. There are no Adventist hospitals in France, but there is an Adventist retirement home called “Rosemary House.” A portion of today’s Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will be used to help establish a Jewish-Adventist Friendship Center in Paris. France has the third largest Jewish population of any country, after Israel and the United States.

Question 9: The largest population of brown bears in Europe lives in which of our featured countries this quarter?

Answer 9: Romania. In addition, Romania’s Carpathian Mountains are home to 400 unique species of mammals, including the Carpathian chamois, a kind of mountain goat.

Question 10: Which city that we have read about this quarter is famous for its music?

Answer 10: Vienna, Austria. Many young people come to Vienna to study in the city’s famous music schools and other universities. Several of these students are coming to the International Adventist church where part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will be going.

Question 11: From which country did the first foreign visitors to what would later become the International Adventist Church come?

Answer 11: The Philippines. In the 1970s and 1980s there was a shortage of nurses in Austria, so the Austrian government invited nurses from the Philippines to work in Austria. Several of these nurses were Adventists. After arriving in Vienna, they started looking for an Adventist Church. At last they found one, but the services were in German. The pastor's daughter translated for these nurses by writing in English as quickly as she could.

Question 12: Out of the four countries being featured this quarter, which one has the largest number of Adventist members and churches?

Answer 12: Romania. There are 1,104 Seventh-day Adventist churches, and 65,961 Adventist members in Romania

Question 13: Giuseppe, a boy from Ragusa, Italy, loves being a Pathfinder. Why?

Answer 13: Giuseppe says, "I've learned many things from Pathfinders. And they help to form your morals, and you come closer to God."

Question 14: True or False: When Kylian, a third-grader at the Adventist Primary School in Collonges, France, told two young women, "You shouldn't smoke; it can give you cancer," they became angry.

Answer 14: False. The two young women were surprised but not angry. Later, Kylian invited them to visit the Adventist church. They came regularly and were

later baptized. You are never too young to share your faith with others!

Question 15: Of the main languages spoken in this quarter's featured countries—Italian, Romanian, French, and German, which one is the most studied?

Answer 15: French. It's the second most studied language in the world after English. The Salève Adventist University in Collonges, France, offers classes in French language and culture. The Adventist school in Austria, Seminar Schloss Bogenhofen, offers classes in German, and the Italian Adventist College in Florence, Italy, provides classes to learn the Italian language.

Narrator 1: We hope that you have enjoyed reviewing some of the things that we have learned this quarter—and perhaps you even learned something new!

Narrator 2: The offerings that you give today for the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will make a big impact on the lives of the people living in these countries.

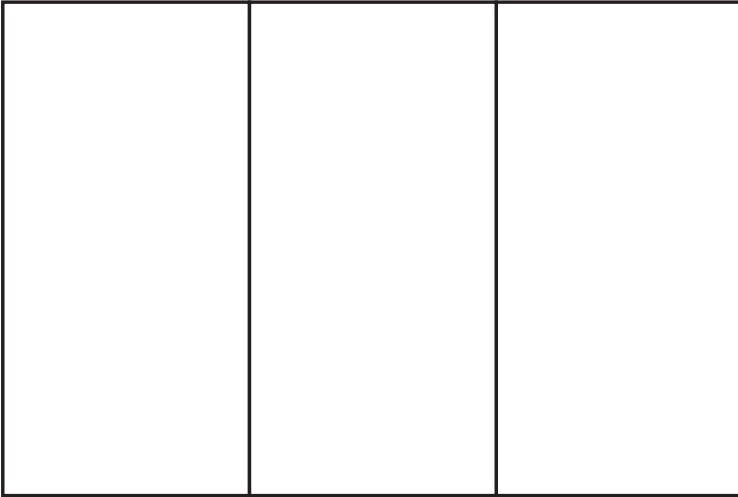
Narrator 1: In Italy and in Austria, your offerings will help build much needed Adventist churches. In France, your offerings will provide funds for a Jewish-Adventist Friendship Center. And throughout the country of Romania, your offerings will make a positive impact on the lives of thousands of children and young people in public schools as they receive training in healthful living by dedicated Adventists. Thank you!

[Offering]

Color The Flags

Color the flags of the two countries where our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will be going to in the Inter-European Division.

FRANCE



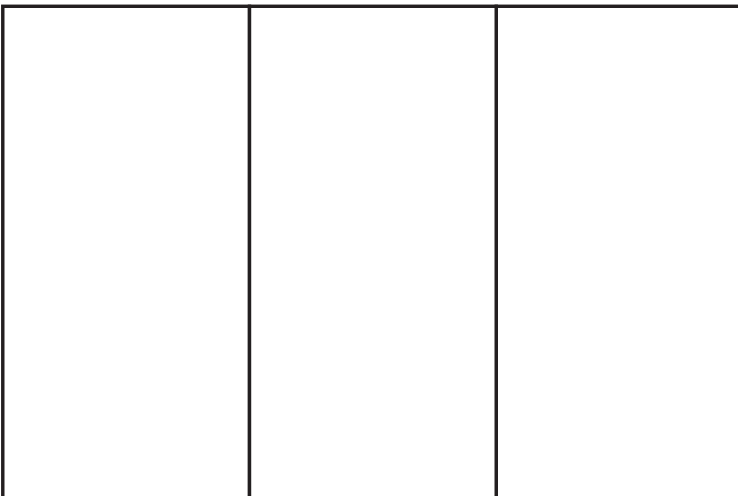
DIRECTIONS

Color left vertical stripe royal blue.

Leave middle vertical stripe white.

Color right vertical stripe bright red.

ITALY



DIRECTIONS

Color left vertical stripe bright green.

Leave middle vertical stripe white.

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Let's Cook!

FRANCE

VICHYSOISE (CREAMY POTATO-LEEK SOUP)

Serve this classic French soup chilled in the summer, hot in the winter.

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| 1 Tbs. butter or margarine | 3 large russet or Yukon gold potatoes,
peeled and diced (3 cups) |
| 3 medium leeks, white parts sliced (3
cups) | 1 sprig fresh thyme |
| 1 medium fennel bulb, coarsely
chopped | ½ cup low-fat sour cream, optional |
| 1 clove garlic, peeled | ¼ cup chopped fresh chives |

DIRECTIONS:

1. Melt butter in large saucepan over medium heat. Add leeks, fennel, and garlic; cover, and reduce heat to medium-low. Cook 20 minutes, or until leeks and fennel are very soft, stirring occasionally.

2. Increase heat to medium-high. When leeks begin to sizzle, add a little water, and cook 1 to 2 minutes. Stir in potatoes, thyme, and 5 cups water. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover, and simmer 45 minutes, or until potatoes are very soft. Remove thyme sprig, and purée with immersion blender or food processor until smooth. Stir in sour cream, if using, and cool. Season with salt and pepper, if desired, and garnish with chives.

Future Thirteenth Sabbath Projects

Hope Channel Poland team members and some who have found Christ through this ministry hold architectural plans for a new Hope TV studio in Warsaw. The Trans-European Division will be featured next quarter where, in addition to Poland, projects in Ireland, Norway and Croatia will be funded in part by your Thirteenth Sabbath Offering.



Leader's Resources

Following are sources of information that may be helpful in preparing for the mission segment of Sabbath School.

For more information on the cultures and history of the European countries featured in this quarterly visit your local library or a travel agency, or visit the websites listed below.

Many websites feature European countries. We recommend the following for excellent material with children in mind:

Italy: <http://bit.ly/nationalgeoitaly>

Romania: <http://bit.ly/kidsromania>

France: <http://bit.ly/nationalgeofrance>

Austria: www.atozkidsstuff.com/austria.html

You may also find these denominational websites helpful:

Inter-European Division: eud.adventist.org

Austrian Union of Churches: www.adventisten.at

Franco-Belgian Union Conference: www.adventiste.org

Italian Union of Churches Conference: www.avventisti.it

Romanian Union Conference: www.adventist.ro

Be sure to download your free *Mission Spotlight* DVD, featuring video reports from around East-Central Africa and beyond. Download or stream from the Adventist Mission website at: www.adventistmission.org/resources.

Mission Quarterlies Facebook Page. Read and share mission stories online, see pictures, take a peek behind the scenes of gathering stories and make comments—all on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mission-quarterlies.

Get your **FREE Thirteenth Sabbath Offering Bank** by sending an email to: missionquarterlies@gc.adventist.org. Please indicate the number of offering banks you are requesting and a complete mailing address.

Ask your Sabbath School council to set a quarterly mission offering goal (set the goal a little higher than last quarter and divide it by 14, one part for each of the 12 regular Sabbaths this quarter and two parts for Thirteenth Sabbath). Chart the weekly progress toward the quarter's goal on a goal device.

Remind your Sabbath school members that their regular weekly mission offerings will help the missionary work of the world church and that one quarter of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will go directly to the projects in the Inter-European Division. 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 the children to continue their mission giving.

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INTER-EUROPEAN DIVISION

	CHURCHES	COMPANIES	MEMBERS	POPULATION
Austrian	50	12	4,135	8,616,000
Bulgarian	119	122	7,228	7,181,000
Czecho-Slovakian	186	39	9,811	15,975,000
Franco-Belgian	162	20	16,589	76,165,000
Italian	111	18	9,527	62,932,000
North German*	338	16	19,290	46,715,806
Portuguese	95	23	9,298	10,349,000
Romanian	1,104	240	65,961	19,839,000
South German*	222	12	15,470	34,416,194
Spanish	111	41	16,525	46,476,000
Swiss	52	5	4,546	8,331,000

TOTALS 2,550 548 178,380 336,996,000

Statistics from the 2013 Annual Statistical Report.
Population statistics from the 2013 Seventh-day Adventist Yearbook

PROJECTS:

- 1** Build church in Vienna, Austria
- 2** Establish an Adventist Synagogue in Paris, France
- 3** Build a church in Ragusa, Italy



CHILDREN'S PROJECT: Provide Christian values/Adventist lifestyle classes to Romanian children

