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Your Offerings at Work



In 2013, your Thirteenth Sabbath Mission Offering helped to renovate Moor Close—the historic women's dormitory at Newbold College; establish evangelistic training centers in Athens, Greece and in Macedonia; create Bible 3-D exhibitions; and establish Messy Church congregations across the division. Thank you for generously supporting mission in the Trans-European Division!



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Dear Sabbath School Leader,

This quarter features the Trans-European Division (TED), which includes the countries of Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Greenland, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Serbia, Slovenia, Sweden, Macedonia, United Kingdom, the southern portion of Cyprus, and the Aland Islands.

This division is home to 204.8 million people. Total Seventh-day Adventist membership in the Trans-European Division is 85,289, giving a ratio of one Adventist for every 2,401 people.

While European countries are sometimes known as being very secular, you will find in this quarter's stories wonderful examples of how God is working with people even within very secular settings to draw them to Himself and into His Church.

To help meet the challenges of reaching the people in this world division, the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will help to build a much-needed

Adventist church in Dublin, Ireland, an international evangelistic and youth center in Oslo, Norway; a television studio for Hope Channel Poland; and a men's dormitory at the Maruševec Adventist School in Croatia, where a majority of the students come from non-Adventist homes.

You and your Sabbath school will also enjoy the stories on the free *Mission Spotlight* DVD from Adventist Mission featuring several wonderful and inspiring stories from people in the Trans-European Division, a children's story, music videos, and more. To download, go to www.adventistmission.org/dvd.

If you haven't yet done so, I invite you to visit our Facebook page and like us at www.facebook.com/missionquarterlies/.

One final note—this will be my final *Mission* quarterly as editor, as I will be serving in another department here at the General Conference. Nevertheless, mission will always be a part of me and I look forward to promoting it in new ways. By the way, I know you will be thrilled with the new *Mission* editor as you read more exciting and inspiring stories coming from around the world!

Thank you once again for your dedication to mission and helping those in your Sabbath School to connect with their spiritual brothers and sisters around the world, and encouraging them to participate in the mission of the church through giving.

Wishing you God's richest blessings!

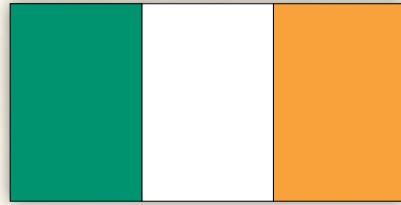


Gina Wahlen, *Editor*

Opportunities

This quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help to:

- build a Seventh-day Adventist Church in Dublin, Ireland.
- build a men's dormitory at the Adventist secondary school in Croatia.
- renovate an evangelistic international youth center in Oslo, Norway.
- build a television studio for Hope Channel, Poland in Warsaw.



IRELAND | January 7

Iustina & Thea

Church at School

Iustina (you-STEEN-a) and Thea are best friends and they like to do everything together. They live in the beautiful country of Ireland, located in the North Atlantic Ocean just west of Great Britain [point out on a map].

Iustina was born in the eastern European country of Moldova [show on the map], and Thea was born in the Philippines [show on the map]. Both girls moved to Ireland with their parents when they were six years old. They met in Sabbath School at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the capital city of Dublin.

Because there isn't an Adventist school in Ireland, Iustina and Thea go to a community school, where most of the students don't believe in God.

Sometimes the other children ask the girls interesting questions, such as why they go to church on Saturday.

"I tell them about the Ten

Commandments, and how Saturday is the original Sabbath day until people changed it," says Thea. "One day a classmate and I started talking about it. She told me, 'I know all about how Saturday used to be the Sabbath day. I've read the whole Bible!'"

"But sometimes it's kind of awkward," says Iustina. "My close friends understand me, but when I invite them to visit our church, I have to tell them that we meet at a school, and they judge us because it's not in a regular church building."

You see, many people in Ireland have found the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Dublin—some have moved there from other countries, like Iustina and Thea. Others have attended meetings to learn more about the Bible, or they've visited the health center at the Dublin church and are now coming to the church on Sabbath.

After a while, so many people were coming to the one Adventist Church

Fast Facts

- Ireland is a snake-free island. It also lacks moles, weasels, skunks, and roe deer.
- The ancestral language of Irish people is Irish Gaelic. Today, only 380,000 fluent speakers remain.
- Many Irish family names start with “Mac” or “O” which mean “son of . . .” and “grandson of . . .” in Gaelic.

in Dublin they couldn’t all fit into the building! So groups started meeting in schools, hotels, and other places.

Part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will go to build another Seventh-day Adventist Church for the people in Dublin, Ireland.

But in the meantime, Iustina, Thea, and other Adventist young people keep telling others about Jesus, and keep inviting them to visit their “church” that meets in a school.

“Sometimes on Sabbath afternoons we

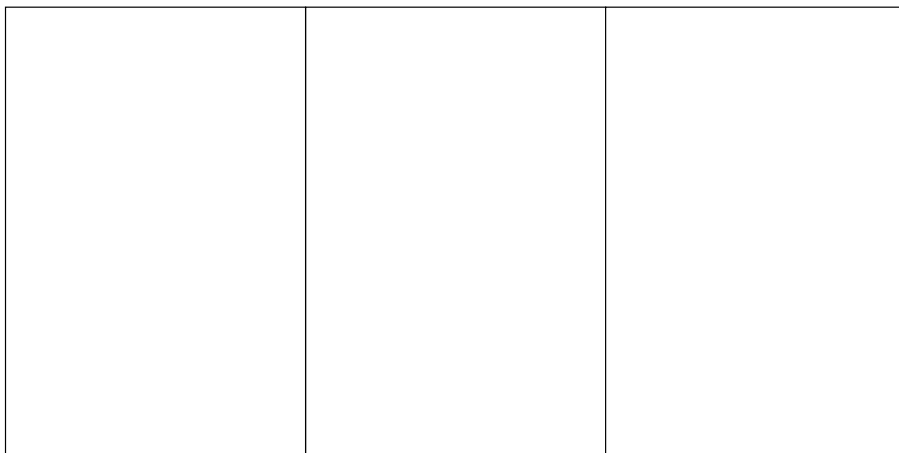
go to Stephen’s Green (a beautiful park in Dublin) and give out free hugs!” says Thea. “And we give out pamphlets and magazines, such as *Signs of the Times*. And sometimes we give out *Steps to Christ*.

“We wear green shirts that say ‘Free Hugs’ on them,” Iustina says. “People come up to us while we’re just standing there. It’s really fun! One day I gave 127 hugs! All of the literature was gone, so all we could do was hug!

“People ask us why we’re doing this and we tell them we’re from the Seventh-day Adventist Church! After we hug them, the people smile and say, ‘You’ve made my day!’” says Iustina.

More and more people are coming to the Adventist groups meeting in Dublin, Ireland. Let’s help Iustina and Thea and the many other people in Dublin by bringing our Thirteenth Sabbath offering to Sabbath School so they can have a new church. Thank you! 🌍

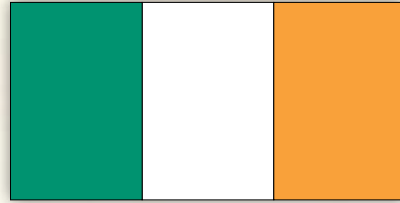
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REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

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IRELAND | January 14

Children's Choir

Singing for Jesus

In the country of Ireland [*point out on map*], God is using a special little group of missionaries to share His love. These are God's little missionaries that we will learn about today: Ann, age five; Franchesca, six; EJ, Jayron, and Kymi, seven; Molly, eleven; and Kayziah and Kezkzaiyah, both fourteen.

Every week, these Adventist children meet with Ms. Batoon, their choir director, to practice singing together. Because they don't have a regular church building where they can practice, they meet in each other's homes. Then on Sabbath, they often sing during the church service at the school.

But they do much more than just sing at church. They sing in many other places, such as in hospitals, and in nursing homes where they sing to the elderly people.

Even though in Ireland, people don't really like to talk about religion, they

welcome the children for singing. And the children are happy to share their simple little songs about God. Some of their favorites are "Seek Ye First," "Jesus Loves Me," "Take My Life and Let It Be," "Jesus is Beautiful," "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus," and "I'm a Child of the King." In between the songs, the children like to share some of their favorite memory verses.

Many times when the children sing, the people listening to them will cry because they are so happy to hear them.

"Oh please come back again," they say. "We feel that we are in heaven when we hear the songs of these children. They sing like angels! And they are so well behaved; We see God in that group!"

So far, this little children's choir has sung in twenty nursing homes all around the city of Dublin—and they keep receiving more invitations to come back and sing again!

Mission Post

- In 1861 the *Review & Herald* published letters from Ireland reporting that five persons had begun keeping the seventh-day Sabbath as a result of receiving books and papers from relatives in the U.S.A.
- The Seventh-day Adventist Irish Mission was organized in 1902 and includes the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland.
- The Irish Mission has 10 churches and 783 members.

In December, the little children's choir receives many more invitations from hospitals to come and sing Christmas

songs such as "O Holy Night," and "Silent Night" for the patients and staff. The people love to hear the children sing and want them to sing their songs again and again.

"Even though they are small, they can do big things for Jesus!" says Ms. Batoon.

Besides singing in hospitals and nursing homes, the children also gave a special concert to help raise money to build a church of their own. For now, they are meeting in a school each Sabbath, but one day soon, they hope to have their very own church. You can help them build a new church in Dublin, Ireland, by bringing your Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter. Thank you for helping the children in Ireland! 🌍

Sing an Irish Song

Teachers: You may teach this beautiful song to your students and have them share it with your church during the Thirteenth Sabbath Program. To hear the music, go to: <https://youtu.be/Ti3EWCbtZGk>

MAY THE ROAD RISE TO MEET YOU

AN IRISH BLESSING

May the road rise up to meet you.
 May the wind be always at your back.
 May the sun shine warm upon your face;
 The rains fall soft upon your fields,
 And until we meet again,
 May God hold you
 In the palm of His hand.



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POLAND | January 21

Dorota

A Walk in the Park

Dorota grew up in the Eastern European country of Poland [*locate Poland on a map*]. Even when Dorota was a very little girl, she had a very big wish—she wanted to hear God speak to her.

Dorota thought that maybe she could hear God’s voice if she went to church with her grandfather. So every Sunday she and her grandfather went to the nearby Catholic church. Week after week and month after month went by, and five-year-old Dorota was disappointed that she couldn’t hear God talking to her.

Finally, one Sunday as they were leaving, Dorota blurted out, “Oh, Grandpa! I’m sad. I don’t hear God in this church.”

Dorota’s grandfather took her by the hand and they went to the beautiful countryside fields and meadows. “Now you can open your heart and mind and speak to God openly and sincerely, and He will hear you,” said her grandfather.

Dorota was so happy! Now she knew

how to pray. She learned that she could talk directly to God, and that He would hear and answer her.

Dorota always remembered the day that her grandfather taught her how to pray, and as she grew up she continued talking with God. However, sometimes she felt sad because other people didn’t understand how God was her Friend and why she prayed to Him. But she kept praying anyway, even when people would sometimes make fun of her. She knew that God loved and cared about her.

Dorota grew up, got married, and had children of her own. Then, after many years, she decided to move to the country of Northern Ireland [*locate N. Ireland on a map*].

One day, Dorota and her daughter went walking in a park not far from where they lived. As they walked, they talked to each other in their native language of Polish. Then all of a sudden, they heard someone

else speaking in Polish—it was another lady who was walking in the park and talking in Polish on her cell phone.

This was very unusual, because most people in Northern Ireland speak English. So when all three women heard each other speaking Polish, they stopped and greeted each other.

As they talked together, Dorota could tell that there was something special about this lady. She told Dorota and her daughter that she was a Seventh-day Adventist and asked if they would like to study the Bible together.

Dorota was so excited! Here was someone who loved God, who prayed, and who would even study the Bible with her! The lady invited Dorota to visit the Adventist church, and soon Dorota was coming to church every Sabbath.

The woman also introduced Dorota to the Hope Channel from Poland, where she could watch many wonderful Bible programs available on the internet in the Polish language. Dorota was very happy

Fast Facts

- Poland was the first country in Europe to have a constitution.
- Polish born astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus (1473-1543) was the first person to propose that the earth was not the center of the universe.
- The Polish alphabet consists of 32 letters.

to learn about Hope Channel Poland.

Soon, Dorota decided to be baptized and become a Seventh-day Adventist. She continues to go to the Adventist church in Ireland, and she also watches Hope Channel Poland.

Many Polish people around the world enjoy watching Hope Channel Poland. Your Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help to build a television studio for Hope Channel Poland, so that they can make more good Bible programs for the Polish people. Thank you for bringing your offering to help with this special project. 🌐

Let's Cook!

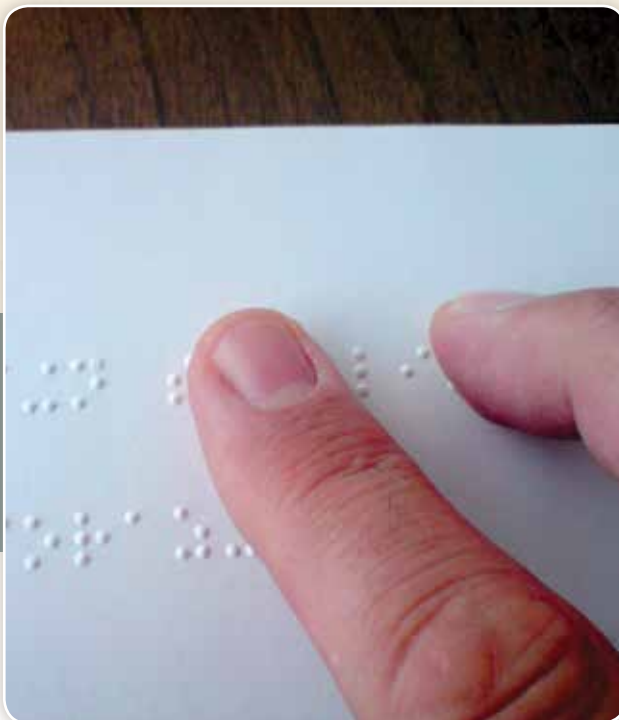
IRISH MASHED POTATOES

2 ½ pounds potatoes, peeled and cubed
½ small head cabbage, chopped
1 large onion, chopped

½ cup milk
salt and seasonings to taste
¼ cup margarine, melted

INSTRUCTIONS

Place potatoes in a saucepan with enough water to cover. Bring to a boil, and cook for 15 to 20 minutes, until tender. Saute the cabbage and onion in a little oil until soft and translucent. Putting a lid on the pan helps them cook faster. Drain the cooked potatoes, mash with milk and season with salt and seasonings. Fold in the cabbage and onions, then transfer the mixture to a large serving bowl. Make a well in the center, and pour in the melted margarine. Serve immediately.



POLAND | January 28

Blind Hope

Marian

Marian was born in a little village in the country of Poland [*locate Poland on a map*]. When he was a newborn baby, everything seemed to be OK, but by his first birthday, Marian's mother and father noticed that something was wrong with his eyes. He didn't look at them, and he tried to find his toys by feeling for them instead of looking. Soon, they learned that their little Marian couldn't see anything at all—he was blind!

They were very sad and decided to take Marian to live with his grandmother because they had to keep working on their farm. They knew that his grandmother would be able to spend more time with Marian and help him.

Marian's grandmother loved him very much and took good care of him. She also loved God and taught Marian to love Him, too. She often read the Bible to Marian and taught him God's Ten Commandments. Marian loved listening

to his grandmother read the Bible and he memorized many Bible passages.

When Marian was nine years old, he went to a special school for blind children, called the Laski Educational Center. At this school Marian learned how to read with his fingers! His teachers gave him a special paper with raised dots on it. These raised dots represented letters, words, numbers, and more. He was learning to read Braille. With some practice, Marian was soon using his fingers to read lots of things! It was very exciting for him to be able to read and to learn many new things at this school.

Marian went to school at the Laski Educational Center for many years. After finishing primary school, he continued at the Laski Secondary School (high school). One of the classes he took was a religion class.

One day he decided to ask his religion teacher about something that had been

troubling him. Marian had noticed that the Ten Commandments that were taught at the school were different from God's Ten Commandments that his grandmother had taught him from the Bible. At school, the second commandment about idols was missing, and the tenth commandment about coveting was broken into two, so part of it was the ninth commandment, and part of it was the tenth.

This didn't make any sense to Marian, especially after he read in the Bible where Jesus said, "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled" (Matt. 5:17,18).

So that's when he decided to ask the teacher his question: "Why do we have two different Ten Commandments?" Marian asked. "Why is there such a difference between what I learned from my grandmother's Bible, and what is taught here at school?"

"Because God gave the Catholic Church the power to change His law," said the teacher.

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- The first Adventist workers to come to Poland were J Laubhan and H Szkubowicz, in 1888.
- The Polish Union Conference was organized in 1921 and has 117 churches and 5,800 members.
- Today, Adventism is the fourth largest Protestant denomination in Poland.

But Marian knew that couldn't be right, because the Bible said no one could change God's law! He decided that he would always believe the Bible.

Marian is very happy about his decision to always follow the Bible. Today he is a Seventh-day Adventist and is a Sabbath School leader. He studies his Sabbath School lesson every week. He also listens to Hope Sabbath School on Hope Channel Poland.

Our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will help the people at Hope Channel Poland to have a studio where they can make more programs to help Polish people to learn more about Jesus and His Word—the Bible. 🌐

Let's Learn Braille!

Braille is a system of raised symbols, which people learn to read with their fingertips. The words in braille go from left to right across the page. Braille is very useful for people who are blind or have limited vision. Some people become very fast at reading braille and are able to read long books, such as the Bible. Other people just use it for shorter things, such as for labels or for writing notes. .

Teachers: On pages 30-32 you will find pages that can be reproduced and used by your students to have fun learning braille!

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POLAND | February 4

Martyna's Mission

Martyna

Martyna [mahr-TEE-nah] is ten years old and in the fourth grade. She lives in a town in southern Poland. She likes swimming and reading her Bible, and she tells other children about Jesus.

In Poland school children must attend religion class. Every child must attend unless their parents ask that they be excused. Sometimes when a child doesn't attend the religion class, other children tease them and say that they won't go to heaven. Martyna knows that it's not true, but it's hard to be different, especially since Martyna is the only Adventist in her school. "I've explained to my friends at school that I attend church and I worship God. I tell them that I attend religion class in my church. Now they don't tease me anymore."

Martyna wants to be a good example for Jesus. She tries to be happy and helpful in

school, and she prays and reads her Bible at home. Whenever she can, she tells her friends about her faith.

One day Martyna met a girl in the hall after school. Martyna introduced herself and learned that the other girl's name is Natalya [nah-TAHL-yah]. The girls talked for quite awhile. Martyna asked Natalya for permission to pray for her, and Natalya agreed. She was glad that someone would pray for her.

Two days later the girls saw each other again after school. They were happy to meet and talked about school and other things. Martyna asked Natalya where she lived and what she liked to do, and Natalya answered. Martyna told Natalya that she was praying for her every night. Natalya was surprised, but she was glad that she had a special friend who cared enough to pray for her. Martyna invited

Fast Facts

- More than 96 percent of the Polish population of 39 million identify as Roman Catholics.
- Pope John Paul II was Polish and the first non-Italian Pope since the 1500s.
- Poland boasts 17 Nobel prize winners.

Natalya to come to church with her, and Natalya told her she would have to ask her mother first.

Martyna continued praying for Natalya at home. She was eager for her new friend to learn to love Jesus, just as Martyna did.

But before Natalya could go to church with Martyna, school ended. Martyna and her mother and grandmother went on vacation. When they returned home, Martyna called Natalya's home, hoping

they could spend some time together. That's when Martyna learned that Natalya had moved to another city.

Martyna was disappointed that Natalya had moved away and that they couldn't go to church together. Martyna is still praying for Natalya. Only now she's praying that someone else will invite her friend to visit the Adventist church with them.

Martyna continues to share her love for Jesus with others. She prays for them and invites them to church. Martyna is being a missionary.

We can be missionaries at home, at school, and in our neighborhood by being cheerful and caring and telling others that God loves them. And we can give our mission offering so that others will learn that God loves them. Let's do everything we can this week to share God's love with someone else. 🌍

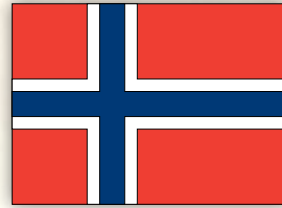
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POLAND

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NORWAY | February 11

Caleb & Haset

Sharing Jesus at School

Today we will meet two young people from the Junior Sabbath School class at a very old church in Oslo, Norway. Oslo is the beautiful capital city of Norway [point out on a map]

Did you know that there has been a Seventh-day Adventist church in Oslo for a very long time? The first Adventist church started here in 1879, and is called the Bethel Seventh-day Adventist Church. People are still meeting in this same church building today!

People from many different countries attend the Bethel Adventist Church. In the Junior Sabbath School there are many young people who either themselves or their parents came from African countries [point out these places on the map as you name the countries] such as Ethiopia, Ghana, Rwanda, and Zambia.

Caleb is a boy from Ethiopia. He likes to be friends with everyone and has

several friends who are Muslim.

“This year I’ve learned some new things,” Caleb says. “Like how to say words in Arabic. My friend taught me to say ‘Allahu Akbar.’ I taught him and my other friends how to read the Bible. We read stories from the Bible together and then we pray and then we eat dessert and then have fun with each other! My friend thinks that I am lucky and that being an Adventist isn’t as strict as being a Muslim.”

Caleb also likes to share about his faith at his public school. He says, “Just last week at our school we were going to have a presentation about different groups in Christianity. And there was going to be one group who was going to share about Adventism, but one of them was sick that day and so they were going to cancel the presentation about Adventism.

“But I got the chance [to share],” he says, “because I didn’t want it to be

cancelled. I gave the presentation and that felt pretty good. I told them the main stuff about us—we believe Sabbath is on Saturday and we believe in the second coming of Jesus. That’s why we’re called Seventh-day Adventist.”

The class was impressed, and the teacher told Caleb that he did very well. Caleb was happy that he could witness for his faith.

Haset is another boy from Ethiopia, and he also was given the opportunity to share his faith with his class. During the presentations on various religions, they were just going to skip over Seventh-day Adventism.

But, Haset decided that that couldn’t happen. “I thought, Adventism is my religion, and it can’t be skipped,” he says. Unlike Caleb, Haset had a little more time to prepare his presentation, so he went home and talked with his parents about it. They helped him to prepare as best as they could, and Haset asked them lots of question.

When the big day for the presentations arrived, Haset was ready. He says, “I just

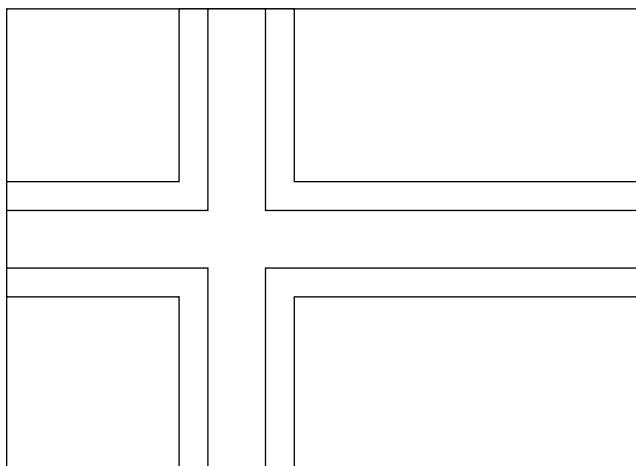
Fast Facts

- Norway is a Scandinavian country with mountains, glaciers and deep coastal fjords.
- Norway is regarded as the birthplace of modern snow skiing.
- In the parts of Norway above the Arctic Circle, the sun never sets during the summer.

went up and said what I knew, and it sounded pretty good. I think that God was with me and He helped me stand up. And the Holy Spirit was over and in me. I told my parents about it afterward and they were really happy and proud of me.”

Part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will go to the Bethel Adventist Church in Norway to help them remodel their very old basement into a place for Sabbath school rooms, fellowship meals, cooking schools and more. Thank you for helping them by bringing your Thirteenth Sabbath Offering! 🌍

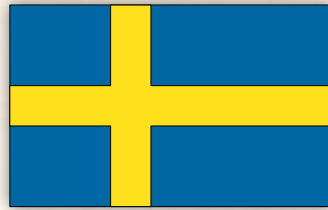
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NORWAY

DIRECTIONS

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3. Leave the border around the blue cross white.



SWEDEN | February 18

Night Rescue

Mats

Mats and his family were vacationing at a lake in Sweden [*locate Sweden on map*]. Mats was eager to try out the windsurfer his parents had brought with them. A windsurfer is a surfboard with a sail mounted on it. Mats took the windsurfer into the shallow water near the lake's edge to practice, and his confidence grew every day.

One day the winds seemed right, and Mats asked his father if he could sail out farther into the lake. "Yes," his father said, "but be careful, wear your life jacket, and don't go out too far."

"Watch out for me, Dad," Mats called. His father turned and waved, and Mats pushed the windsurfer into the water.

Mats paddled out a ways, then stood up and grabbed the rod that stretches across the sail. He moved the sail to catch the wind and was soon moving smoothly across the water.

The wind picked up speed as Mats sailed out onto the lake. About 20 minutes later he realized that he was too far out. He tried to turn the windsurfer around, but the wind kept pushing him farther out onto the lake. Mats' arms were getting tired, and he wondered how he would get back to shore.

He decided to swim to shore and pull the windsurfer behind him, but he soon realized that this would not work. He climbed back onto the board, shivering from the cold, and lay down on the board. He tried to paddle toward shore, but after several minutes his arms were too tired.

"Lord, I'm in trouble," Mats prayed. "No one but Dad knows where I am. Please help him find me." Then he waited.

Several times the wind tipped the windsurfer and dumped Mats into the water. Mats started singing to keep his courage up. But as the sun slid toward

the horizon, Mats' prayers became more fervent. "God, how can they find me out here in the dark? Please send them to find me soon, please."

Mats knew that God would take care of him; he just had to wait.

Suddenly, Mats heard a motor. He scrambled to his feet and saw a motorboat in the distance. He waved, but no one saw him. The boat kept going. Mats stood on the windsurfer watching the boat disappear. Then slowly, carefully, he lay down on the board again, cold and shivering.

As darkness fell, Mats wrapped himself in the sail like a blanket and lay down on the narrow windsurf board. The sky grew dark and stars came out. He tried to sleep, but he could not relax. It was so very quiet, with only the sound of the waves lapping against the board. He thought of his family eating their dinner and wished he could be with them. No, they wouldn't eat without me, Mats thought. Surely they are looking for me. Why don't they come?

Then all of a sudden, Mats heard a noise. It sounded like a helicopter. He lifted his head and looked into the sky. He saw a searchlight swinging back and forth across the water. He struggled to his knees and began waving wildly. At last the light hit Mats, still waving his arms.

A man slipped out of the door in the belly of the helicopter and dangled from a rope. He came closer, and wrapped a rope around Mats, and the two were pulled back up into the helicopter. Another man wrapped Mats in a blanket and urged him to lie down. It felt so good to be on a solid surface again!

The helicopter flew to a hospital,

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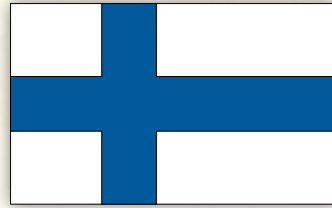
- In 1874 the *Review & Herald* received a letter from a woman named Reirsen in Norway, saying that she and her husband had begun to keep the seventh-day Sabbath and that several others were interested as a result of having read Adventist church papers.
- On June 8, 1887, the first-known Seventh-day Adventist camp meeting in Europe met at Moss, Norway.
- Today the Norwegian Union Conference has 62 churches and 4,531 members.

where Mats was checked over and pronounced in good health. The next morning his parents came. "Take me home," he begged with a weak smile.

Later Mats learned that when his father couldn't see him on the lake, he became worried and started searching for him. But when it began to get dark and the family hadn't found him, they called in the helicopter to search.

"I'm glad that my family loved me enough to search for me. I'm glad that God knew where I was and kept me safe," says Mats. 🌍





FINLAND | February 25

Emila

Emila's Answered Prayers

Emila [EH-mee-lah] lives in Finland [*locate Finland on the map.*]. When she was little she became very sick. The doctors discovered that her liver wasn't working, and she had to have a liver transplant to survive. Emila had the dangerous surgery.

Emila would always need special care and expensive medicines to grow strong, and her parents couldn't give her the care she needed. So Emila was adopted by another family. Emila quickly learned to love her new family. Every night she snuggled in her new mother's arms and listened to Bible stories. She attended Sabbath school and church with the family, and soon Emila learned to love Jesus, just as her family did.

When Emila started school, she made lots of new friends and often talked to them about Jesus. But some of the children didn't want to hear about Jesus.

Some children even said unkind things about God or made fun of Emila. Emila's parents tried to explain that some families don't know what a wonderful friend Jesus is. But Emila still felt sad that her friends didn't love Jesus.

Emila's parents wished they could send Emila to a Christian school, but the nearest one was 90 miles away—too far to drive every day. Still, the family prayed that God would make a way for Emila to attend the Christian school.

Emila's parents decided that they should enroll Emila in the Christian school, even if it meant they must move to the town where the school was located.

One day the family visited the Christian school. Emila liked her new teacher, and the children seemed friendly. After her parents enrolled her for the coming school year, they decided to look for a suitable apartment where they could

Fast Facts

- About 90 percent of Norwegians identify as Lutheran.
- As of 2016, 14 percent of the Norwegian population was made up of immigrants and children born to immigrants.
- Norway's public universities are free for students from anywhere in the world.

live in this town. After all, they had been praying for God to provide. Now they had to act on their faith.

That very day the family found an apartment that was close to Emila's new school. It was perfect! That night the family thanked God for answering two prayers in one day.

Emila is happy in her new school and grateful that Jesus answered their prayers. Many of her new classmates aren't from Christian homes, so she has lots of opportunities to share God's love with them.

Emila knows that God loves her. He gave her a new liver and a new family, and now a new school and a new home. "Jesus cares about what happens to us," she says. "We must trust Him when we have a problem, for He knows what is best for us."

Boys and girls, we can share God's love with those we meet at school, at play, and everywhere we go. Other people need to hear that God loves them. Some live near us, and others live far away. Our mission offering helps people we will never meet on this earth know that God loves them, just as He loves us. 🌍

Finland Games

CRAB BALL TAG

This game requires at least seven players, ages five and up. Except for one player, all players must assume a crab like position (stomach facing upwards, walking on feet and hands). The players must attempt to hit a rubber ball with their head or knee out towards the lone player. The player can pick the ball up and tag the crabs, and whoever it hits, is now it. It goes on for as long as they'd like to.



CHAIN (KETJU)

While one player leaves the room or the area that everyone is in, all of the other players join hands in a circle. Everyone in the circle must tangle themselves in a knot, with one person leading the circle. Once the circle is completely tangled, the person must come back into the room and try to untangle the circle, by the correct hands of each player. Once the circle is untied, another player must leave the room so they can play again.



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Joshua

Two Great Loves

Joshua is 11 years old and lives in Croatia—a country in eastern Europe [locate Croatia on a map]. From the time he was a baby, Joshua’s parents took him to Sabbath school. And long before he went to school, Joshua was already playing the violin. For as long as he can remember, he has had two great loves—God, and his violin!

When Joshua was eight years old, he went to Vacation Bible School (VBS) for the first time. “It was great!” he says. “We had a lot of fun! I was with my best friends and we were singing and I was playing my violin. And we also had a water slide!”

God Is Near

The next year, Joshua invited friends from the village primary school and from his music school. “You must come,” he told them. “It’s great!” Joshua also talked with them about God, “but they didn’t care much about that,” he says. “But still

they came to VBS and liked it.”

The following year Joshua’s friends wanted to come again, and this time one girl, after listening to the children’s sermon at VBS, told Joshua, “This is a miracle—there really is a God!”

“I told her that God is near to her and all of us,” said Joshua. The girl asked Joshua for a Bible and soon received one. “Now she and her mom are coming to Pathfinders with us, and her mother also comes to a women’s group at the church!” Joshua says with a smile.

Joshua Wants to Help

One day, Joshua heard his parents talking about a boy who was very sick. The boy had a brain tumor and his family couldn’t afford to pay for the operation that he needed.

“I know what we can do!” said Joshua. “We can have a concert to help raise money to help this boy!”

“OK,” said his mother, but she was wondering to herself how she could organize it.

Organizing a Concert

That wasn't a problem, however, because Joshua organized everything himself! He told his friends at the music school about his idea, and soon 15 young musicians were eager to help by playing in the concert. Joshua also talked with an Adventist pastor who was willing to present short devotionals between each of the 15 musical pieces.

Soon, posters advertising the special benefit concert were seen all over the village of Maruševec and at schools in the area, inviting people to come to this special program. The concert was held on June 13, 2015 at the Seventh-day Adventist Church on the campus of the Adventist secondary school in Maruševec. About 300 people came to the concert, most of whom were not Adventists.

Joshua and his friends were delighted

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- The Adventist school in Maruševec began in 1969.
- The school offers primary, secondary, and college education.
- For many years, classes were held in the Maruševec Castle, which the communist government rented to the Adventist school.

when they learned that their concert raised 8,600 Croatian kunas (pronounced QUE-nuz)! That's more money than an average person in Croatia makes in a whole month! Even though Joshua and his friends didn't personally know the sick boy, they were happy that they were able to help him and his family.

Joshua is happy to use his love for God and violin to share God's love with as many people as he can. Now Joshua is planning more concerts to help other children in need. 🌐

Let's Speak Croatian!

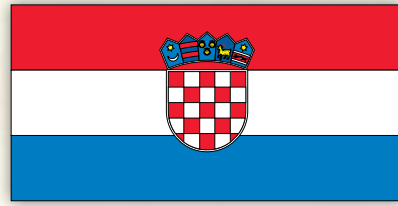
Croatian is spoken in Croatia, Serbia, and much of the former Yugoslavia. Following are some Croatian words and phrases. The letter *g* is always hard, as in “garden;” and *ai* is pronounced as *y*, as in “my.”

COMMON PHRASES

Happy Sabbath
Hello
Good morning
Please
Thank you
Yes
No
Goodbye
My name is . . .
What is your name?

SAY IT IN CROATIAN

SOO-boht-nyee BLAH-goh-slohv
ZDRA-voh
DOH-broh YOO-troh
MOH-leem
HVAH-lah vahm
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yah seh ZOH-vehm
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CROATIA | March 11

Naum

“God Is First”

Naum (pronounced NOW-oom) was excited to go to first grade. But he knew that he would be missing one day of school every week.

You see, Naum lived in a country called Yugoslavia, and in that country all children had to go to school six days a week—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, *and* Saturday (Sabbath).

Naum knew that he couldn’t do that. He knew that Sabbath was God’s special day that He had made holy.

So Naum went to school that first week, but when Sabbath came, he went to church instead. On Monday, Naum went back to school, but when Sabbath came again he went to church again instead of going to school.

The next Monday when Naum returned to school there was a surprise waiting for him—and it wasn’t a nice surprise. When

he and all of his classmates were sitting at their desks, five very important looking people came into the first grade classroom. It was the school’s director, two teachers, and two policemen!

The school director dismissed everyone in the class except for Naum. Then the five adults sat down and Naum had to stand in front of them.

“Why aren’t you coming to school on Saturday?” one man asked.

“Because I believe in God,” Naum bravely replied. “And according to the fourth commandment of His law, I’m not to be in school on His Sabbath. This is why I’ll be in church every Sabbath, not in school,” he said.

“You’ll be expelled from school, and will have no further opportunities to get an education!” the man glared.

Bravely, Naum replied, “I’ll be in church

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- The Croatian Conference is part of the Adriatic Union Conference and was organized in 1925.
- Croatia has 84 Adventist churches and 2,796 members.
- The Adventist Seminary in Croatia originally opened in 1931 in Belgrade. It has moved to different locations, but is now on the Maruševec campus and is known as Adriatic Union College.

anyway, because God is first in my life.”

“So what do you do at your church?” the interrogator continued.

“We read the Bible, sing, and pray.”

“Sing us a song!” the group demanded.

So Naum sang a hymn and prayed a simple prayer, just like they did at church.

After Naum finished praying, the man asked him another question: “Did your father tell you not to come to school on Saturdays?”

“No,” Naum answered honestly.

If the answer had been “yes,” his father would have gone immediately to prison. But because he knew that Naum might be questioned, his father had never told him not to go to school on Sabbath. Instead, he just invited him to come to church with the family. It was Naum’s own decision not to go to school on Sabbath.

The group of important people were quiet for a little while. Then the man told Naum: “You will be informed whether or not you will stay in school.”

Naum hurried home to tell his mother and father what had happened. His

parents weren’t surprised. They knew what Naum’s decision would be, and they were very proud of their son for standing up for Jesus.

The group of important people never told Naum that he had to quit school, so Naum kept going to school Monday through Friday, and went to church every Sabbath.

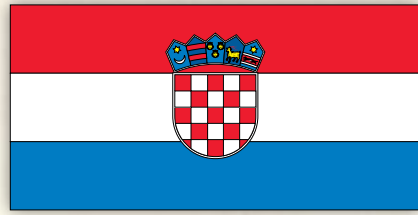
Naum went all the way through first grade, and then second grade, then third, then fourth, and so on until he finished primary school. Never once did he go to school on Sabbath.

Naum was 15 years old when he finished primary school. He couldn’t go on to secondary school because he would have to attend classes on Sabbaths, so he began working on his family’s farm.

But soon, Naum and his parents learned that there was going to be a brand new Seventh-day Adventist secondary school in Maruševec where students wouldn’t have to go to school on Sabbath, but would instead be able to worship God on His special day each week.

Naum was so excited! Now he could go to secondary school *and* worship God on His holy Sabbath day. He went to Maruševec in the former Yugoslavia (now known as Croatia). After graduating, he went to college, and then came back to Maruševec where he was a teacher for many years.

Today this Adventist school in Maruševec needs a boys’ dormitory. You can help to build this dormitory by bringing your Thirteenth Sabbath Offering to Sabbath School. Thank you for remembering to bring your offerings to Sabbath school! 🌍



CROATIA | March 18

Balloon Boy

Stefan

Stefan, who lives in the country of Croatia [point out Croatia on a map], loves to go into the woods with his father. Sometimes when they go into the woods, Stefan's father cuts down trees. When that happens, Stefan quickly runs to the safe side, away from where the tree is falling.

One day when Stefan and his father went into the woods, they found an interesting surprise. As his father was getting ready to chop down a tree, Stefan ran to the safe side—and that's when he saw the surprise. There, hanging very low in another tree, was a brightly colored balloon! A string was tied to it, and on the end of the string was a little card.

Quickly, Stefan grabbed the string and pulled the balloon out of the tree. The message on the card was from someone at the Seventh-day Adventist school in Maruševac. The school was located on the other side of the mountain from the woods where Stefan and his father were.

On the card was written a phone number, along with the promise of a special gift for the person who called the number.

Curious, Stefan called the number when he got home, and before long he received a free book in the mail—it was a book about God. It looked like something good to read when he didn't have anything else to do, so Stefan started reading it a little at a time.

In the meantime, Stefan's father was curious to know more about the Adventist school who had sent out the balloons. He knew some people who told him about the school and what a good place it was for students. So he decided to encourage Stefan to visit the school to see if he might like to go to school there.

Stefan came and visited the Adventist school two or three times. He liked it so much that he decided that he wanted to go to school there. He's now been studying at the Adventist school in

Maruševac for four years and is so happy.

“When I came here to school, I didn’t know anyone,” he says. “But after two or three months I knew everyone! And they treated me very nicely. There weren’t any problems. The teachers, and students—everything is good.”

Stefan plans to be a nurse one day so that he can help other people. He’s so happy that he found a special balloon in the woods that day because that’s how he learned about the Adventist School in Maruševac, and that’s where he learned about God.

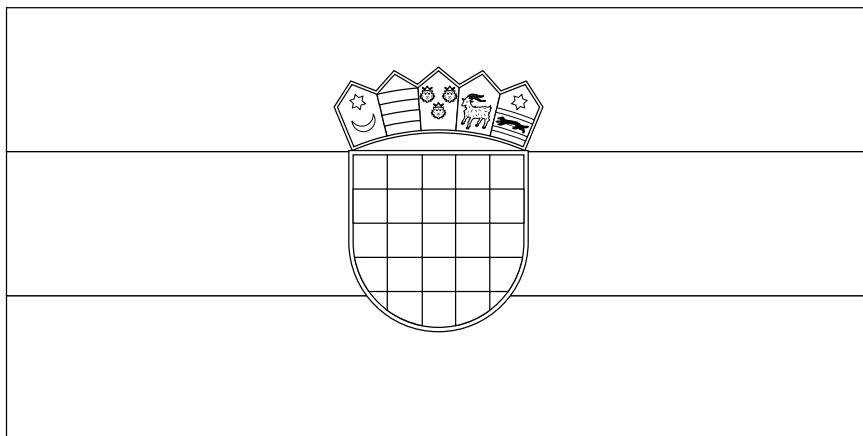
Your Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this quarter will help to build a boys’ dormitory

Fast Facts

- Croatia is home to Hum, the world’s smallest town.
- The national flower of Croatia is the Iris.
- One third of Croatia is blanketed with forests.

at Maruševac so that there will be more room for boys like Stefan to be able to come to the Adventist school and learn more about God. Thank you for bringing your mission offering to Sabbath School! 🌍

Color The Flag



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DIRECTIONS

1. Color the top third red.
2. Leave the middle third white.
3. Color the bottom third dark blue.
4. Color the shield alternating squares of red and white, like a checkerboard.
5. The crown is divided into five sections:
 - 1) The first on the left has a light blue background – the star is yellow and the crescent is white.
 - 2) The second has a dark blue background with two red stripes.
 - 3) The third has a light blue background – the lions heads are yellow.
 - 4) The fourth has a dark blue background – the goat is yellow with red horns and hoofs.
 - 5) The section on the right has a light blue background – the star is yellow, the animal is black in a red stripe and there are white stripes on either side of the red.

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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 them 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.
- Invite a special guest to speak to the children about one of the countries featured this quarter.

Revisiting the Trans-European Division

Participants: Two readers.

Props: Flags (or pictures of flags), from Croatia, Ireland, Norway, and Poland; Large map of Europe or the world, with the countries of Croatia, Ireland, Norway, and Poland highlighted.

Reader 1: This quarter we've heard wonderful stories of how God is working in the lives of people across the Trans-European Division.

Reader 2: This world division includes the territories of the Aland Islands, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, the Faeroe Islands, Finland, Greece, Greenland, Guernsey, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, the

Isle of Man, Jersey, Latvia, Lithuania, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Serbia, Slovenia, Svalbard and Jan Mayen Islands, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the southern portion of Cyprus.

Reader 1: This quarter we've heard stories from people living in the four countries

that will be receiving the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering: Ireland, Poland, Norway, and Croatia.

Reader 2: Let's take a few minutes to review the stories and the opportunities that we have to make a difference in these four countries of the Trans-European Division.

Reader 1: In Dublin, Ireland, we met Iustina and Thea, two Adventist girls who share their faith with classmates at school during the week. Then they come to school again on Sabbath to worship! They come to the school to worship because their Adventist group doesn't have a church building of their own, so they rent a space from the public school. Our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help to build a new Adventist church in Dublin, Ireland.

Reader 2: While in Ireland, we heard about the children's choir made of of eight young children who are sharing their love of Jesus through music and memory verses in hospitals and nursing homes all around the city of Dublin. The people say that they sing like angels!

Reader 1: A portion of today's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will be used to help build a new church in the capital city of Dublin, giving these new members a permanent church home.

Reader 2: We heard the story of Dorota—a girl from Poland who longed to hear God speaking to her personally. Her grandfather taught her how to pray. Later when she grew up she moved to Northern Ireland. One day when she was walking in a park she met another lady

who was speaking Polish. That lady was a Seventh-day Adventist. She invited Dorota to study the Bible and to visit the Adventist church. Dorota was so happy! After studying the Bible she decided to be baptized.

Reader 1: We also heard the story of Marian, a little boy who became blind by the age of one. Marian spent his early years with his grandmother, who read the Bible to him and taught him the Ten Commandments. Later, when he went to school, Marian stayed true to what he had learned from God's Word—the Bible. He later became a Seventh-day Adventist.

Reader 2: You may remember the story about Martyna, the girl in Poland who loved Jesus and prayed for her classmate, Natalya. Natalya was surprised but happy the Martyna was praying for her.

Reader 1: Part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering today will go to help a media ministry in Poland. Hope Channel Poland has been working in a very small area at the Polish Union in Warsaw. They are in real need of a proper studio where they can produce and broadcast local programs to reach their large audience not only in Poland, but of many Polish-speaking people around the world.

Reader 2: In the beautiful capital city of Oslo, Norway, we visited the historic Bethel Seventh-day Adventist Church. Located in the city center, this historic building once housed a sanitarium, school, printing house, and church.

Reader 1: Today, the largest Adventist congregation in Norway still meets in this building and is reaching out to the

Norwegian community, as well as to a diverse community of immigrants.

Reader 2: In one of our stories, we met Caleb and Haset, two boys who go to Sabbath school at the Bethel Adventist Church. These boys were not afraid to share about their church during a presentation in their schools.

Reader 1: Part of our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering today will help the Bethel Seventh-day Adventist Church to renovate their historic basement, where the Adventist press began operating in 1879. As membership has grown, more space is needed for Sabbath School and seminar rooms, a fellowship hall, and place for young people.

Reader 2: In the former country of Yugoslavia, all children were required to attend school on Saturdays, but not all complied. As a first-grader, Naum told the communist officials that “God is first” in his life and that he would not be attending school on the Sabbath.

Reader 1: Later, he was among the first group of students at the newly opened Adventist school in the town of Maruševec.

Reader 2: After completing university studies, Naum returned to Maruševec where he mentored many students. Today, in the country now known as Croatia, most of the student body comes from non-Adventist and even atheistic backgrounds. Naum sees Maruševec as even more of a mission field than before.

Reader 1: He says that, “The exceptional possibility to witness for the truth is here.

How could you ever, anywhere in the world, put together 200 non-Adventists who are learning about God every evening, every Sabbath, every day?”

Reader 2: In another story from Croatia, we met Joshua—an 11-year-old boy who has two great loves: 1) God, and 2) his violin. Joshua uses his violin to serve God in many ways, including concerts to bless others.

Reader 1: When Joshua heard about another boy who was very sick and needed special medical treatment, he organized a special musical concert to benefit the boy so that he would have the necessary funds for the needed treatment. Now Joshua is planning more concerts to help other children in need.

Reader 2: Currently, the school at Maruševec is in desperate need of classroom and dormitory space. Part of this quarter’s Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help to build a boys’ dormitory, which will not only provide more housing, but will free up classroom space currently being used to house male students.

Reader 1: Thank you for your generous gift today through the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering. Your will help with urgent needs in Croatia, Norway, Poland and Ireland, and may well make an eternal difference in the lives of many.

[Offering]

Let's Make Scandinavian Tiles:

ROSEMALING

Paper Scandinavian tiles are simple to create, and they make a beautiful, unique keepsake. Rosemaling is a popular form of folk art from Norway and Sweden, which focuses on the delicate curving lines of flowers.

WHAT YOU NEED:

White drawing paper	Pencil
Ruler	Tempera paint
Scissors	Paintbrushes



WHAT YOU DO:

1. Start by looking at examples of Rosemaling online. Print out examples.
2. Help the child get started by using a ruler to measure and then cut a 4" x 4" square of white paper. Encourage the child to use a pencil to lightly sketch out some simple flower shapes, designs, and swirls.
3. Once he or she has completed the sketch, urge them to select three favorite colors of tempera paint to use to decorate the paper Scandinavian tile.
4. Begin painting the tile. Encourage the child to work slowly and think carefully about the color placement within the painting, so that no two colors are right next to each other.
5. After the paint has dried, the child can add accents and outlines to the painting using a small fine brush and black tempera paint.

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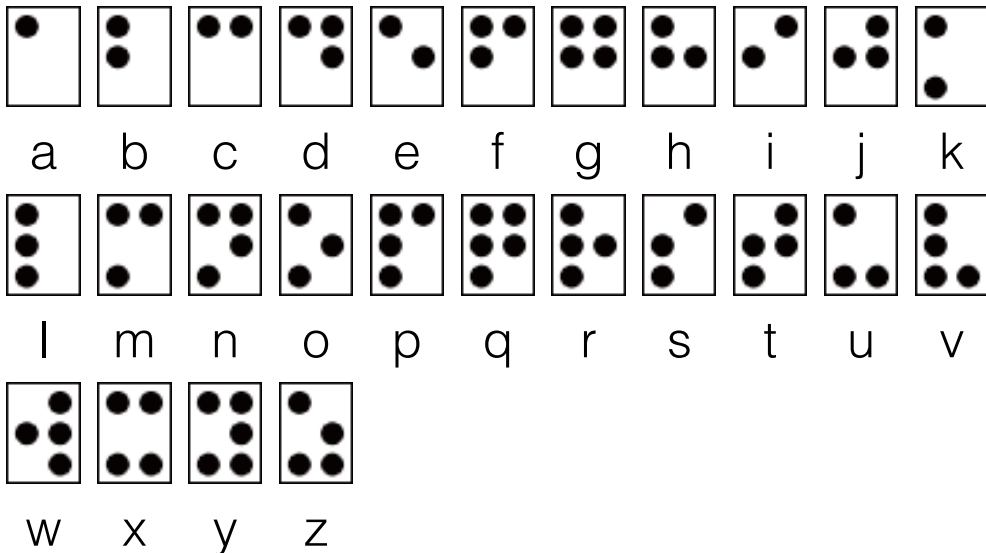
Future Thirteenth Sabbath Projects



Next quarter the West-Central Africa Division (WAD) will be featured. Special projects include a youth multipurpose center at Babcock University in Nigeria, and building an Adventist school, Central Africa Union Mission Academy, in the country of Gabon.

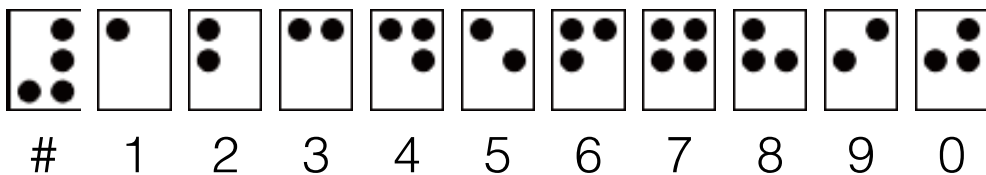
Braille Games

Play the games by coloring dots in the braille cells. Each cell arranged with six dots, 3 in each column. The full braille cell at the beginning of each line will help you to position the dots in the game correctly. Here is a braille guide to help you play the games.



The capital sign placed before a letter capitalizes it.

Braille numbers are made using the first ten letters of the alphabet, "a" through "j", and a special number sign, dots 3, 4, 5, and 6.



Larger numbers only need one number sign.

The comma in braille is dot

A to Z in Braille

Complete each line below by coloring the dots for each letter of the braille alphabet. To help you get started the dots for the letters a, k and u have all been completed.

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Who Are You?

Write your name and where you come from in the boxes along the top and then color in the dots below using the braille guide. Remember the capital sign placed before a letter capitalized it. We have already filled this in for you.

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Let's Cook!

BLITVA (CROATIAN SWISS CHARD DISH)

A traditional dish in Dalmatian cuisine, this is very easy to make. It makes a perfect side dish. It can be made more creamy when potatoes are very well cooked, or soupy when more liquid is preserved. Serves 4

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| 2 lbs swiss chard (preferably red) | 2-3 tablespoons olive oil |
| 3-4 medium potatoes | salt |
| 2-3 garlic cloves | |

DIRECTIONS:

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add peeled and cubed (1/2-1 in cubes) potatoes. Rinse the Swiss chard, remove tough stems, and cut into 1/2 in strips (or just tear into large pieces). When potatoes are almost done, add the Swiss chard, and cook all together for an additional 10 minutes (15 minutes if the chard is older). Sauté garlic on olive oil, and add the cooked drained chard and potatoes to it (you may keep some water so that it looks like a thick soup). Salt to taste. Stir and cook for 1 more minute in order to bring all flavors together.

NORDIC BARLEY AND VEGETABLE SOUP

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| 1 onion, chopped | 1 small celery root, peeled and diced |
| 1 leek, white part only, sliced thin | ½ small rutabaga, peeled and diced |
| 3 garlic cloves, peeled and smashed | 1 turnip, peeled and diced |
| 1 celery stalk, diced | ½ small head of red cabbage, sliced thin |
| 10 cups vegetable stock | 1 beet, peeled and cubed |
| 4 cups water | small bunch of kale (or Swiss chard or spinach), roughly chopped |
| a handful of fresh thyme sprigs | freshly grated nutmeg, salt and pepper to taste |
| 2 bay leaves | fresh herbs, such as dill or parsley, lemon wedges to serve |
| 1 cup barley, soaked for a couple of hours in cold water | |
| 2 carrots, peeled and diced | |
| 2 parsnips, peeled and diced | |

DIRECTIONS:

In a BIG soup pot, heat a little olive oil, add the onion, garlic, celery and leeks and season with salt. Saute for about 5 minutes until translucent. Add the barley and coat well, then throw in the veg stock, water, bay leaves and thyme. and stir. Add in all the root veg including the cabbage and beet, bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer and cook for about 30 minutes until vegetables are tender. Add in the kale and nutmeg, season with salt and pepper and cook for another 5 minutes. Garnish with fresh herbs and serve with a lemon wedge.

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MISSION SPOTLIGHT *is back!*



Starting in 2015, Adventist Mission presents “Mission Spotlight,” a DVD featuring Sabbath School mission reports from around the world. Like the old classic, the new Mission Spotlight DVD will include a video for each month of the quarter that focuses on:

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2. Highlighting Mission challenges, issues or past projects.
3. Featuring the quarter’s Thirteenth Sabbath offering projects.

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DOWNLOAD AT WWW.MISSIONSPOTLIGHT.ORG

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 Web sites listed below.

Ireland:

www.nationsonline.org/oneworld/ireland.htm
www.eupedia.com/ireland/trivia.shtml
www.escapehere.com/destination/11-cool-facts-you-didnt-know-about-dublin-ireland/

Poland:

go-poland.pl/10-things-you-should-know-about-poland
www.poland.travel/en/about-poland
www.slavorum.org/25-facts-about-poland-that-you-didnt-know/

Norway:

www.visitnorway.com/about/
<http://fjordtravel.no/about/norway/>
www.studyinnorway.no/Living-in-Norway/About-Norway

Croatia:

www.lonelyplanet.com/croatia
www.visit-croatia.co.uk
www.slavorum.org/25-facts-about-croatia-that-you-didnt-know/

You may also find these denominational sites helpful:

Trans-European Division: ted.adventist.org
Norwegian Union Conference: www.adventist.no
Polish Union Conference: www.advent.pl
British Union Conference: adventist.org.uk
Irish Mission: <http://adventist.ie/home>
Adriatic Union College: <http://atvu.org>
Adventist Secondary School Marusevec: <http://ss-marusevec.skole.hr>
Hope Channel Poland: www.hopetv.org/watch/poland/ and www.hopechannel.pl

Be sure to download your free *Mission Spotlight* video, featuring video reports from around Northern Europe and beyond. Download or stream from the Adventist Mission website at <https://am.adventistmission.org/mission-spotlight>.

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 Trans-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.

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	CHURCHES	COMPANIES	MEMBERS	POPULATION
Adriatic	103	15	3,763	9,171,000
Baltic	89	10	6,218	6,200,000
British	265	46	35,728	69,973,000
Danish	45	1	2,459	5,781,000
Finland	62	7	4,854	5,463,000
Hungarian	104	19	4,631	9,835,000
Netherlands	56	18	5,691	16,942,000
Norwegian	62	2	4,531	5,194,000
Polish	117	31	5,800	38,478,000
South-East European	210	8	7,803	15,241,000
Swedish	33	4	2,805	9,805,000
Cyprus Section	2	0	90	854,000
Greek Mission	11	9	437	11,521,000
Iceland Conference	6	1	479	331,000

Total 1,165 171 85,289 204,789,000

Statistics from the 2015 Annual Statistical Report

Population statistics from the 2015 Seventh-day Adventist Yearbook

PROJECTS:

- 1 Build a church in Dublin, Ireland.
- 2 Build dormitory at Marusevec Adventist Secondary School, Croatia.
- 3 Build evangelistic international youth center, Oslo, Norway
- 4 Establish Hope Channel studio, Warsaw, Poland

CHILDREN'S PROJECT: Vacation Bible Schools in each union to reach un-churched children



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