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My Prayer Album





Did you know that the Seventh-day Adventist Church still sends out hundreds of cross-cultural missionaries every year? That's more than any other Adventist-affiliated ministry. For years most Adventists heard very little about the church's mission work, and many thought it had died out completely. Because of this the Office of Adventist Mission at the General Conference World Headquarters seeks to give members a clearer picture of mission. We do this by telling the stories of how everyday Adventists are shining the light of Jesus in some of the darkest corners of the world.

Although the Adventist Church has experienced tremendous growth, there are still many challenges in the mission field today. Adventist Mission highlights these challenges and shows how your mission offerings meet them by helping to tell the world about God's love. Through videos, magazines, and social media, Adventist Mission is working to make mission real to Adventists around the world.

In this prayer album, we introduce you to some of our cross-cultural missionaries as well as our Global Mission centers, Global Mission pioneers, volunteers, tentmakers, and church planters.

Please take a moment each day to pray for the people groups highlighted in this album. And when you're ready to take the next step and donate, turn to the last page to select your preferred way to give.

May God bless you richly as you continue to support His ministry through your prayers and faithful mission offerings.



For more than 150 years Seventh-day Adventists have been faithfully returning their tithes to the Lord. But did you know that the mission work of the church can't be funded through tithe? Only mission offerings can fund orphanages, schools, and health programs. So when mission giving falls, mission work gets cut back worldwide.

Our mission offerings, given generously and systematically, ensure that mission work operates continuously around the world.

Want to see how our giving impacts people around the globe? *Mission 360°* magazines and TV programs, *Mission Spotlight*, and the *Mission* quarterlies offer regular updates on mission work worldwide. These stories take you to dozens of countries to see what Adventists are doing in places you may have never even heard of.¹

All of this is a resulting of the Holy Spirit's leading and your regular, faithful support of the mission offerings.

PRAY for God to bless your mission offerings so that His Word can continue to water the earth and all people will have the opportunity to know Jesus as their personal Savior.



See the impact of your mission offerings at m360.tv/e3403



Excruciating headaches. That's what Mr. Mahmud² experienced each day for 20 years. He used to be a carpenter with a successful woodcutting business until other woodworkers placed a spell on him.

Mr. Mahmud sought healing from doctors and religious leaders, yet pain remained his constant companion. Then one day he met the director of a Seventh-day Adventist urban center of influence and asked him to pray for him. The director did so, and miraculously, the headaches stopped!

The director says, "I'm praying for Mr. Mahmud to experience the power of God in a life free of magic spells and pain. But my greater prayer, one I ask you to pray with me, is that he will discover that he doesn't need to keep coming to me for prayer. I want him to know the personal care of a God who will answer his prayers as certainly as He answers mine!"

PRAY that God will break the walls of prejudice around our Seventh-day Adventist believers in the Middle East and North Africa and manifest Himself to the people there.



To see what's happening in mission in the Middle East and North Africa, visit m360.tv/middleeast



Our world is constantly changing. Post-Christian is the present paradigm, a worldview that defines our era. Pastors and church members often express the difficulties they face when sharing their faith with people who are shaped by the post-Christian and secular mindset.

The Global Mission Center for Secular and Post-Christian Mission³ (CSPM) exists to produce tools that enable the church to better understand secular and post-Christian people and help them enjoy a life-changing relationship with God.

PRAY for the CSPM team to help the church better understand and reach secular and post-Christian people.

For more information on how to reach people with a secular and post-Christian mindset, visit cspm.globalmissioncenters.org/



Read Dinesh's full story in [Mission 360° Magazine, Vol. 9, No. 4](#)

Born with a hole in his heart, Dinesh's prospects for a long life seemed uncertain. But then he met a Global Mission pioneer named Pradeep and gave his life to Jesus.

God improved the condition of Dinesh's heart and filled the spiritual void he felt. Dinesh⁴ (right) now volunteers his time helping Pradeep (left) share the gospel with those who don't know Jesus.

"I want to thank everyone who makes the ministry of Global Mission pioneers possible," says Dinesh.

Dinesh says, "Please **PRAY** that I will faithfully continue to help others prepare for Jesus' soon return."

For more information on how to reach those who have a South Asian worldview, visit csar.globalmissioncenters.org/.



Did you know that 11.18 percent⁵ of the population of New York’s metropolitan area⁶ is Jewish?⁷ That’s more than 2 million people. Only Israel has a higher population of Jews.

Many Jews recognize that Jesus is the Messiah of Israel. The World Jewish-Adventist Friendship Center therefore provides a place within the Seventh-day Adventist Church for every Jew awaiting the second coming of Jesus to worship God in the context of their faith without denying their own culture.⁸

A Jewish woman joined a Bible study class at a Seventh-day Adventist Church in Brazil after watching a Christian TV program. Her Bible teacher said, “You are the most enthusiastic and dedicated student I’ve ever had in this class. Everyone else has asked to be baptized, but not you. Why?” She answered, “After studying the Bible with you Seventh-day Adventists, I can truly say that I’ve never felt so Jewish in my life! Before, to be Jewish was, for me, mostly a question of family or culture, but now I understand what it is to be Jewish according to God and the Bible.”

After further study, she learned that there is no biblical conflict between Jewish and Adventist identifies. Understanding this, she and her daughter were baptized!⁹

PRAY for God’s Holy Spirit to reveal the Messiah in a personal way to those who don’t know Him.

Discover effective ways to introduce Jews to Jesus by visiting the Global Mission World Jewish-Adventist Fellowship Center at wjafc.globalmissioncenters.org.



A From Japan: Nozomu and Sachiko Obara and their children. Pastor Obara is the associate program director.
B From the United States: Sergio and Raquel Quevedo and their children. Pastor Quevedo is the assistant director for church planting.
C From Brazil: Yure and Lais Gramacho and their children. Pastor Gramacho is the program director.
D From Japan: Ben and Madoka Nichols. Pastor Nichols is the assistant director for developing contextualized discipling curricula and resources.
E From Brazil: Daniel and Svitlana Meder and their daughter. Pastor Meder is the assistant director for young adult ministry and urban outreach.

Tokyo is recognized by the United Nations as the world’s largest urban area, so reaching this city with the gospel is an ambitious effort. It’s not just the population size that makes outreach hard. There are many barriers to religion too. The Japanese society is largely secular, but their values, worldview, and language are shaped by eastern philosophies. Another challenge is overcoming the isolation of the older generation. Reaching out to them and showing them compassion can be tricky.

Through an initiative called “Mission Unusual – Tokyo!” a team of church-planting missionaries and local pastors are on the ground, working closely with Japanese church leaders and learning how best to share Jesus with Japanese people. Missionaries such as Yure and Lais Gramacho have been creating connections with their neighbors. Simple tasks such as shopping, visiting the local park, and practicing their growing Japanese vocabulary with strangers on the street are all opportunities to connect.

Amazing things are happening in Tokyo. Over time, the ministry team will grow as plans are carried out to bring in Global Mission pioneers, urban centers of influence, volunteers, and tentmakers. The challenge of ministering to the world’s largest city can sometimes seem too big, but God’s power can overcome all barriers.¹⁰

For more information about how to reach those who have an East Asian worldview, visit cear.globalmissioncenters.org

Please Pray!

Pray that God will help our Mission Unusual – Tokyo! missionaries to learn the Japanese language, build a strong united team, and make friends and disciples.

Pray for God’s guidance and blessing in Mission Unusual – Tokyo!

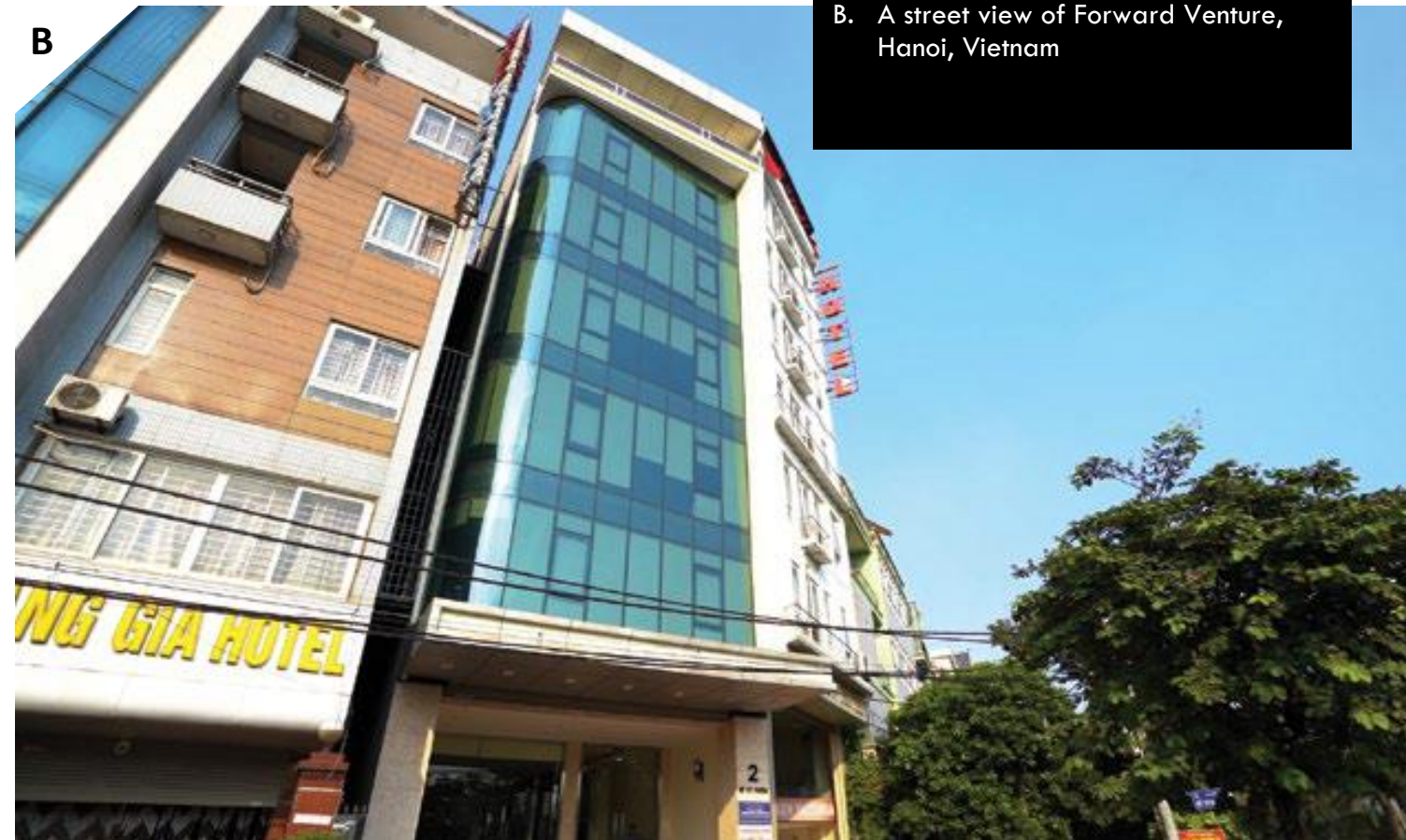
- for the planning of urban centers of influence
- for the church planting training of local Japanese volunteers
- for the development of a contextualized discipleship curriculum



Watch “Update on Mission Unusual-Tokyo!” at m360.tv/s2141



A. Children's Sabbath School class, Forward Venture, Hanoi, Vietnam
B. A street view of Forward Venture, Hanoi, Vietnam



Did you know that the complete Bible has existed in the Vietnamese language for more than 130 years? Yet of the 93 million people who live in Vietnam there are only 13,817¹¹ Seventh-day Adventist members? That's less than 0.02 percent!

In 2018, Seventh-day Adventist South African Jannie Bekker was deployed to Hanoi with the task of establishing the church's first urban center of influence in the country.¹² Vacant lots are expensive in Hanoi, so Bekker asked God to show him an appropriate site. Suddenly, someone offered a prime plot of land with a new seven-story building at an unbelievable price.

On May 22, 2018, Adventist Church leaders inaugurated the center and called it Forward Venture.

The center offers the community a bookstore, an English language school, child education, cooking classes, a running club, and a place to meet for worship.

"Forward Venture is a place that provides space and opportunity for the church to meet and mingle with people; to build relationships and trust; and when the opportunity arises, to offer them a relationship with Jesus," said Dale Tunnel, the center coordinator.

PRAY for all people in Vietnam, including the 79,600,000¹¹ ethnic Vietnamese. There is no specific data on how many ethnic Vietnamese are Seventh-day Adventist.



Watch "Offering Hope to Hanoi" at m360.tv/s21311




PRAY for all our volunteer missionaries serving around the globe.



Every year, the operation of Guam-Micronesia Mission schools depends heavily on volunteers. **“It was only after arriving on the island and meeting my students that it became clear to me: no matter how many trials I have to face, and no matter how tired or stressed I become, God is trustworthy, and He does have a plan for me. He had led me to exactly where He wanted me to be.”** – Rachel, pictured on left, volunteer teacher at Delap Seventh-day Adventist School in Majuro, Marshall Islands.¹³

To see open Adventist Volunteer Service positions, visit vividfaith.com and check back regularly for future positions.

 Watch video stories about Adventist Volunteer Service missionaries at m360.tv/avs

Please help further Adventist mission work around the world.

We know you are faithful in returning your tithes. Please also ensure you are also regularly returning your mission offerings as part of your weekly giving through your local church.

Ways to Give:

⇒ **AT CHURCH**

Place your mission offering in an envelope and mark it "Sabbath School Mission Offerings"

⇒ **ONLINE**

Scan this QR code or visit adventistmission.org/donate



⇒ **PHONE**

Call 800-648-5824

⇒ **MAIL**

Write in the memo section of your check "World Mission Offering" and mail it:

In the United States:

Adventist Mission, General Conference
12501 Old Columbia pike
Silver Spring, MD 20904-6601

In Canada:

SDA Church in Canada
1148 King Street East
Oshawa, ON L1H 1H8

Endnotes

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³ See cspm.globalmissioncenters.org/ for more information

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