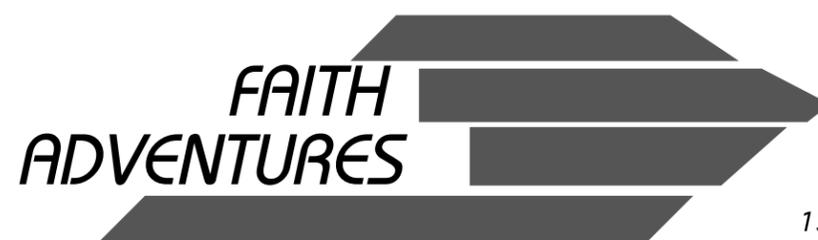




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equator, they have spring when we get winter. The seeds that you have unused can be very appreciated in these areas. Winter gardens are also used in these areas where much of their food comes from their own garden. These things are easy to add to our boxes, so remember us with your extra and leftover seeds.

Remember our brothers and sisters overseas in your prayers. They work hard for the Lord. Many of these countries are on the "rim of fire" that edge the Pacific Ocean and have many earthquakes. Papua New Guinea is one of them. We need to pray for the protection of our fellow churches and their members, that they are safe and can continue to work for the Lord.

Western Solomon Islands Mission

These churches are on the "rim of fire," and have had many earthquakes and

Tsunamis that have challenged the churches and members. They appreciate the materials, and use them in their churches as well as in their schools. The felts used in teaching Bible courses in the schools have had very good results with the non Adventist pupils. The Mission office wrote expressing appreciation for the many gifts we have sent to the churches in their area.

Ellen White Books Evangelize for Churches

A box of Bibles and Ellen White books (Desire of Ages, Steps to Christ, and Great Controversy) were received by a church in Papua New Guinea. They were shared with those that expressed an interest in the Bible and its truths. Eski Besseo, a new interest, was so impressed that he shared his book with a friend. With great interest he approached the church leaders and asked for another book. With deep regret they told him that all the books had been given out, but if they got a new

one they would remember him. Eski is now in a baptismal class, and faithfully attends church programs.

The Adventurers Program has also been a great work for evangelism. Most of the members of this group are non members or new members. When children come to Sabbath School they are enrolled as members of the group, and also of the Adventurers Club. "We believe that children actively involved in church programs will also bring their parents to church. We are using children so they can be sole witnesses to their parents, and it is very easy to convert the children first. Parents are now attending church because of their children."

We frequently have requests for materials for Adventurers, including the flag, but we can only send what we are given. If your group has materials it is no longer using, or perhaps wish to refresh, we would be happy to share them with overseas groups.

New Inroads Made for Jesus

The Berozi Village on the Rendovah Island of the Solomon Islands is a community of two main religious denominations: the United Church, and the Christian Fellowship Church. With these two churches being strongly established it is very difficult for Adventists to win converts among the families there.

In the Solomon Islands there is a program known as Underground Sabbath Schools. This program supports the establishment of new Sabbath Schools in areas where it is difficult. The attention and interest of the children in this village began to grow with the support of the Underground Sabbath School program. Adventists had begun to make inroads into this village. Now, with the use of colored visual aids, the children were coming in great numbers to the programs offered. With much prayer and commitment to the power of the Holy Spirit, the door opened wider and wider, and the children came in increasingly larger numbers. It became obvious that the Holy Spirit was cooperating with the lay workers pushing this program forward.

The children loved the stories of Jesus told with brightly colored felts. They loved singing the new songs of praise. The children brought their friends, and their parents began coming and listening to see what was attracting their children. Before long it was obvious that the Adventist church was growing in its influence and membership, despite previous problems of being in the minority.

Many times these church members ask for help in attracting their children with toys, pencils and coloring books, reading books, and children's Bibles. We can't buy these items, but we can pass them along. If your children have outgrown Bibles, books, and other items that keep children busy and happy, we would be glad to pass them along. These children know we are loving them in Jesus' name.

Giving Help to Lower-Income Families in the Philippines

Josephine Santillian wrote thanking us for the felts we had sent for her use. She said she knew the children really enjoyed seeing and hearing the stories of Jesus, because one by one they took part in putting the felts on the board. Josephine lives and works in poor areas of southern Mindanao, where there are many Muslim extremists. It is a very difficult place to work.

To help the children feel equal some of the church members that sew made uniforms for each of them. Now the children had something to wear to school! Josephine has also asked for things that children could use in their play. Having pencils and colors help the children develop their fine motor skills and learn to write. Church workers try to care for ALL the needs of the children they work for. Remember these hard workers and the families they work for in your prayers. They really need the help of the Lord! We would be happy to receive pencils, colors, and coloring books for their use.

Papua New Guinea Churches Learn of E.G. White

A church member in Papua New Guinea wrote asking for a felt set about Ellen G. White. We only give those in response to requests, we can't afford to give them widely. But Betsy Puleko wrote, asking for one, and so we made the effort to get one for her. On receiving it she wrote, "I'm so sorry I have nothing to offer you in return except my word of thanks to all of you in sacrificing your time, your money, and much effort by sending those cut felts for our children."

Then she explained to us that no one in her church really seemed to know much about Ellen White and her writings. So, Betsy was requested to present the stories of Ellen White and her teachings before the sermon of the Divine service. She writes that the entire church was blessed, and they all send us thanks for the efforts and prayers that came with the materials.

Betsy has now been named coordinator for 8 churches as a K.I.D. Director. She says she feels too young and too small to carry that work. She then requested, "Friends, pray for me, I am not a good leader, I am too young and feel so small to carry that work. But now, I will trust God that He will lead, direct, and show me what to do." Remember Betsy in prayer!

Worker Witnesses to Husband

Naelyn wrote that for three years she was a Sabbath School teacher, and during this time her husband was a Roman Catholic. She would work with borrowed material, and as she practiced

her stories, her husband would listen. He became more and more interested in learning from the Bible, and during camp meeting he was baptized into the Adventist church. Naelyn added, "I want you to help me to spread the work of God." She says she still continues to study the Bible with her friends and her husband as well as the children.

We hope that you will use this newsletter to learn about the work of Faith Adventures, but that you will also join us in prayer for the materials that we send, for the people that work with them, and for the souls that hear the news of Jesus love through these materials. Remember all these things in prayer. Only with the help of the Holy Spirit will anything be accomplished in the name of Jesus.

One of Naelyn's friends wrote that she has used the visual aid materials to teach in both Sabbath School and Sunday School. She says that "so far they are eager to know and hear more about the stories of the Bible." The children are eager to know more about the love of Jesus for them. "May our Great God continue to bless this ministry as we strive in hastening the second coming of Jesus."

10-Year-Old Boy Shares Jesus in Kenya

Rueben Yakunda, a 10 year old boy, and his family (mother, father, and 2 siblings) belong to a new church that meets in the open. The members and the pastor are trying to build a church. Rueben says the pastor is trying to build the membership by various programs and seminars that help the members grow in Jesus and learn more about the truths from the Bible.

Rueben wrote that a visiting pastor brought materials he called, "felts," and told stories of Jesus. "He told us a friend from a far country gave them to him. These are servants of God who love children as Jesus did, and wish to be with all children in Heaven when Jesus comes. In heaven I will first want to see Jesus who helped you, and then you." Rueben asked for felts that would help their church grow. Remember to

pray for our brothers and sisters in Africa.

5th Grade Student Runs Evangelism

Matiasi Lukoze is a 5th grade student at Twing Memorial School in Tanzania, Africa. The school decided to run an evangelism series for the adults in the village nearby, and Matiasi volunteered to be the child evangelist. The meetings ran for two weeks, quite a heavy load for a boy 10-11 years old.

The other students of Twing Memorial distributed tracts and invited the villagers to attend the meetings. During the meetings they met with those attending, answered questions, and encouraged their attention. At the end of the series, 16 souls received Christ, and were baptized. The dedicated teachers of the school are leading the children to Christ in a way that they can be a blessing to those they meet in their lives. Faith Adventures has given the school several felt sets to assist in teaching the love of God and other Bible truths.

In Proverbs 22:6 Solomon says, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." We pray that our children, as well as all the children around the world, will grow as they are trained as witnesses for Him.



An Adventist family on their way home from church with their non-Adventist friends.

Church Crowded in Papua New Guinea

Pioto Namuigi Ese, an elder at Kama SDA church of the Eastern Highlands Simbu Mission of SDA, belongs to a church that has grown in attendance to such a point that space was way too small, and people were very crowded in their seats. The church is 35 years old, and so it has reached the point where it needs a new church. "Every Sabbath many people stay outside, and even those seated inside are so close together that during the hot days they are very uncomfortable," observes Elder Ese. They are making every effort, believing that "the great God will open flood gates of heaven for the cost of the building."

Sharon Ese, Pioto's wife, is a leader in the children's divisions. "Other Child Ministry leaders have concern that we do not have the appropriate and adequate Sabbath School materials to prepare the jewels for Jesus," Elder Ese says. He then sent a list of the materials which he hopes we can provide. On his list, and many that we receive, are DVDs or CDs that encourage worship, both for adults and children. These are very light weight, and we find them easy to put into our boxes. Books are difficult now because of their weight and increased cost of postage. If you have any music, sermons, or children's stories on DVD or CD you are ready to share we would

be very happy to receive them. It means a great deal to receive these extra items to add to our boxes. We also appreciate pictures of nature and animals for lessons of creation, and the fronts of cards that show pictures and designs the teachers can use in crafts with the children. Picture rolls are of high value in third world countries, and they are no longer made. If you have any that are no longer used, we would very much appreciate them.

Felts Delivered in Cuba

In our Faith Adventures family we have two sisters that do a great deal of missionary work as a team for Jesus. This summer they traveled to Cuba, and went to the Adventist Seminary in Havana. Nancy Van Pelt presented Family Life classes to the students. Ginger Snarr, her sister, accompanied her, and proudly reported that Nancy received a standing ovation at the end! Her classes were much appreciated!

Ginger took two Three Year Bible Story Felt sets with her. The Children's Ministry Director for the Cuba met them, and Nancy gave them to her. She knew which areas needed them, and they were at the Union Office at that time for meetings, so delivering them was made simple. One of these sets will go to churches in central Cuba near Camaguey, and the other set to the far

eastern side near the Guantanamo area. One of these churches has 90 children, so we pray those dear children will learn to know Jesus and His love for them. Along with the felt sets they received take homes from Frieda and Lew Tanner. Those are always exciting to the students because they are their very own.



Local church leaders received Bible Story Felt sets for their churches in Cuba.



Children's Ministry Director for the Cuba Union receives two felt sets to distribute in their country.



A group of Adventurers in Papua New Guinea.

Greetings from Papua New Guinea

Before requesting materials, we were greeted with warm appreciation much of which was meant for each of you! "I wish to take this time to thank the precious loving Lord above for His continuous protection on our lives. I praise the loving Lord above for putting such a wonderful and dedicated team like all of you at Faith Adventures that work tirelessly to help children plus everyone to know Jesus through felts and materials," wrote Jonah Toko. "We are spreading the gospel through the felts, still doing the work." One of our family sent this group money to assist in building a lamb shelter for the children, and deep appreciation was again expressed for this.

Jonah then told about their activities with the materials we had already sent. He said that they use the felts to teach the children every Sabbath. They use felts for branch Sabbath Schools in their own village, and in other villages. This attracts more children for worship, and brings their parents, too. They used some of the books plus pamphlets for evangelism among prisoners in the local jail. Jonah says the response was good, and the a prisoners asked the group to return soon. Some books and Bibles were given to lay evangelist in the mountains and remotest parts of the country who needed these materials. "Thank you very much to those who donated it. God will bless you," he added. Small pictures (from greeting cards) were given to children who say their memory verse every Sabbath, and seeds were given to children who answered the most questions. Songs were given to the choir master, and he has taught the church 5 new songs. A husband and wife of their church have organized a children's choir, and now they are teaching the children to preach for child evangelism.

You can see that they have put their "gifts" to good use. It is fall, and if you are done with your garden seeds, they are very much appreciated. In the belt around the equator and south of the