

The Boy They Called “Pastor” Part 3

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Rompas, a 16-year-old Maasai boy in Kenya, decided to go to school after being baptized. More than anything, he wanted to read the Bible for himself.

He faced opposition from his father and many of his 82 siblings, who didn't see any need for a Maasai boy to obtain an education. But he became the first person in his family to complete grade school and then high school. After that, he decided to study theology at Bugema University, a Seventh-day Adventist university in Uganda. But he needed money.

One evening, he summoned brothers and sisters

who, like him, kept the Sabbath and asked them to pray for 7,000 Kenyan shillings so he could travel to Uganda to apply for admission at Bugema University. The siblings prayed as Rompas knelt on the floor. After the last “amen,” a knock sounded on the door. It was a politician named Alex who had come to see Rompas' father. Politicians liked to visit because Rompas' large family represented many votes at election time. This politician was not an Adventist, and he asked an unusual question. “Does this big family have a pastor?” he said. Rompas was introduced to Alex as the boy nicknamed “Pastor” as a child.

“What's your biggest need?” Alex asked.

“I need to earn a university degree at Bugema University in Uganda.”

Alex put a hand into his pocket and pulled out 15,000 Kenyan shillings. It was more than double the amount that Rompas had sought in prayer.

Rompas traveled to Uganda and was accepted into the theology program. Then he returned home to wait for the start of classes. On the same day that he arrived home, Alex came for another visit. Hearing that Rompas had been admitted, he handed over a wad of U.S. dollars. Rompas had never held U.S. dollars before. It was enough to pay for three years at the university.

Today, Rompas Josphat Lekishon is an Adventist pastor with a heart for mission. Through his efforts, six churches have become Seventh-day Adventist. He has also opened a church on a plot of his father's land that he donated to the Adventist Church. Thirty-three family members worship there every Sabbath. He especially likes sharing the good news of Jesus' coming with the Maasai

people. He has distributed more than 500 Bibles in the Maasai language. "The thing I love the most is giving the Bible to the Maasai people," he said. "It is giving hope to the hopeless."

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- Pray that open our eyes to the distractions in our lives. The things that keep us from being able to focus entirely on God. Pray that He will give us undivided hearts of worship.
- Pray that God would help us to come to Him as we are, with all our feelings, our imperfections, our sins, and our needs, and allow Him to love us, change us, and remake us into the person He longs for us to be.
- Pray for religious liberty and freedom of conscience throughout the world. Pray that God will open doors for the proclamation of His Word in closed territories.
- Pray that God will teach His people how to help those struggling with mental health issues or isolation.
- Pray for a spiritual revival among Seventh-day Adventist young people attending colleges and universities worldwide. Pray that they become vibrant ambassadors for Christ.
- Pray for the 69 percent of the earth's population who have not received an unclouded presentation of Jesus.