

God, Please Save My Sister

by Adventist Mission



Maria grew up in a devout Christian family in Chile. They celebrated all their church's holidays but no one in the family ever prayed to God. Not until the day that a doctor found a large tumor in the liver of five-year-old Angel.

"God, please save the life of my little sister," Maria prayed. Angel's teacher, the wife of a Seventh-day Adventist pastor, also prayed for the little girl. She asked her church to pray. Those prayers touched Maria's heart. She couldn't understand why a church would pray for a little girl they didn't even know.

As the date approached for Angel's surgery, Maria prayed more fervently. She promised to go to the Adventist church if Angel recovered. "If You heal her, I will go to that church," she prayed.

"I will bring the rest of the family. It will be confirmation for us that You want us to go there."

The surgery went well, and Angel recovered completely after only a month in the hospital.

After she returned home, Angel's teacher and her pastor/husband began visiting the family regularly. They offered many hugs. They asked about their well-being. They showed sincere interest in their lives, and they kept returning.

To Maria, the pastor and his wife were like a fairytale couple. She had never seen such a loving family, and through them she saw Jesus' love in a whole new light.

After two years, she and her family gave their hearts to Jesus in baptism. Even little Angel, now seven years old, was baptized.

The family was won to Christ through the same method that Christ used when He walked on earth. Ellen White says, "Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Savior mingled with people as one who desired their good. He showed sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He invited them, 'Follow Me'" (*The Ministry of Healing*, pg. 73).

For many months, the pastor and his wife practiced Christ's method: spending time with the family, praying for them, empathizing with them, and helping them until the family expressed their own desire to know their Jesus.

Today, Maria is thirty-five and a teacher and counselor at the only Seventh-day Adventist university in

Chile, Chile Adventist University. Wherever she goes, she loves to share her testimony of how God answers prayers and how she met Jesus through the unconditional love of a pastor and his wife. She even spent a year as a missionary teacher with Adventist Volunteer Service in Ecuador and saw people's lives changed through her testimony.

"Since I met Jesus, everything has been one amazing story after another," she said.

Chile Adventist University educates over 3000 students, most of whom are not Seventh-day Adventist. Teachers and counselors like Maria consider their jobs to be a mission field for Jesus. This story is used with permission of Adventist Missions.

World Church Prayer Requests

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- **World Church:** Pray for our new General Conference President Elder Erton Köhler, as well as his entire leadership team, as they make plans for the future of the Seventh-day Adventist church. Pray for members worldwide to refocus on mission and on sharing the Three Angels' messages.
- **United States:** Pray for the Willis Avenue SDA Church and the community surrounding the church as they begin leadership nominations for 2026. Pray that God would guide in evaluating and organizing the church ministries so they can meet the needs of the community and the church in these trying times. Also pray that they will obtain the technology to minister to different language groups in the church and in the community.
- **South Africa:** Pray for the Savannah Park SDA Church as they start a new branch of ministry in an unentered area with disadvantaged people. Pray that God will soften the hearts of those in that community as the church members offer them hope and help. Pray also that He will guard His workers from things intended to disturb, distract, or discourage them.
- **United Kingdom:** Pray for the Evesham SDA Community Group, a church plant seeking to witness to their neighbors. Pray that the Holy Spirit would renew them with courage, strength, and wisdom from above and that Jesus will shine through them to their friends and neighbors.
- **Mexico:** Pray for the young people of the Distrito Floresta Iglesia los Pinos. The church has an afternoon Youth Society worship to minister to and inspire them in worship. Pray that those in attendance will be encouraged and inspired to continue growing in their relationship with Jesus and share with their families and friends.
- **Zambia:** Pray for two evangelistic campaigns occurring simultaneously in Lusaka, Zambia. Pray that the speakers will have the strength and power of the Holy Spirit as they share Him and that the attendees will come hungry for more of Jesus. Pray that there will be many hearts surrendered to Him and willing to develop a heavenly relationship.
- **Trinidad:** Pray for the pastors, elders, and department heads of the Five Rivers SDA Church. Pray that Jesus will continue to fill them with His Holy Spirit and that they will be empowered and motivated to continue their mission for Him.