

# Three-Year-Old Missionary

by Adventist Missionary



Three-year-old Catalina liked being a missionary kid on Easter Island. She moved to the island with Mom and Dad from their home on the Chile mainland in South America. Easter Island is part of Chile, but it is located in the middle of the Pacific Ocean — far, far away from the rest of Chile.

Catalina quickly saw that life on Easter Island was different than at home. Many people on Easter Island didn't wear shoes. Catalina didn't mind that one bit. She liked going barefoot! At home, the weather got cold in winter. But the weather on Easter Island was terribly hot all the time. Catalina didn't mind. The weather didn't seem so hot when she was barefoot! At home,

the family traveled by car. But on the island, Dad and Mom rode around on a motorcycle. Catalina didn't mind riding with them. The cool wind felt good on hot days.

Catalina rode on the motorcycle when Dad and Mom visited families to tell them about Jesus late at night. She rode on the motorcycle when Dad and Mom visited the city mayor to tell him about Jesus early in the morning. She was always with her missionary parents.

Everyone adored Catalina. Everyone said she was so cute and so kind. Catalina didn't mind all of the attention, especially when it meant that people kept inviting her to birthday parties. She liked birthday parties! For Catalina, being a missionary kid meant lots of missionary visits with Dad and Mom and lots of birthday parties. Catalina liked being a missionary kid on Easter Island.

Then one day something very scary happened. Catalina rode on the motorcycle with Dad and Mom to the airport. They wanted to say good-bye to a group of 30 Adventist visitors who had come to Easter Island for a short mission trip.

It was a very hot day as Dad and Mom said good-bye to everyone in the airport parking lot. As Catalina waited, she bent down near the motorcycle, and her tummy touched the motorcycle's very, very hot exhaust pipe. "Wahhhhhh!" Catalina cried.

Dad and Mom looked at the little girl. "What is it?" Mom asked.

"Wahhhhhh!" Catalina cried.

Dad saw a big red mark on Catalina's tummy. He immediately knew what had happened. "Oh, no!" his eyes widened in worry.

One of the 30 Adventist visitors in the parking lot was a doctor, and he looked at Catalina's tummy. He said she needed to go the hospital right away.

Dad jumped onto the motorcycle. Mom sat behind him and held Catalina in her arms. Then Dad prayed for Catalina and a safe trip, and they took off for the hospital. Dad and Mom prayed the whole way. Catalina cried the whole way. The wound hurt when her shirt touched it. Mom lifted her shirt, but the wound hurt when the wind blew against it. The cool wind that felt so nice on hot days didn't feel so good now.

"*Wahhhhhh!*" Catalina cried.

Everything is close on Easter Island, and it took only five minutes to reach the hospital. Fortunately, the children's doctor was at the hospital, but he was examining another child. Catalina had to wait 30 minutes. But then the doctor allowed her to cut in line ahead of a long line of other waiting children because she was so small.

The doctor examined the red mark and put a big, white bandage on it. He told Catalina to come back to the hospital every other day until the wound healed. Catalina felt better with the bandage. Back at home, she prayed for God to heal her tummy. She prayed for her tummy every day. After three weeks, the wound healed completely. The red mark was gone, and only a small white scar remained. Catalina was so happy! She knew God had answered her prayers, and she told everyone about it.

Before the accident, everyone had adored Catalina. After the accident, they not only adored her but also were impressed with her faith. Everyone said she loved God so much. Catalina wasn't only a three-year-old missionary kid on Easter Island. She also was a three- year-old missionary, telling everyone about Jesus.

*Catalina and her parents served at missionaries with Adventist Volunteer Service on Easter Island. This story has been shared with permission of Adventist Mission.*

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# World Church Prayer Requests

JANUARY 2 - 8, 2026

- **World:** Pray for the 10 Days of Prayer that will take place January 7-17<sup>th</sup>. Pray for those that will be part of our LIVE 10 Days of Prayer event with Pastor Don MacLafferty in Shawnee Kansas, USA. To learn more or register to attend, [click here](#).
- **United States:** Pray for the members of the Walla Walla Eastgate SDA Church. Pray that the Holy Spirit will be poured out to give members a desire and ability to unite in prayer. Pray that as they realize the time is short, they will engage even more in prayer and soul-winning for heaven.
- **Jamaica:** Pray for the Shortwood SDA Church as they celebrate their 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Pray that the Holy Spirit will fill the members to do the Lord's work. Pray for the pastors and other leaders that they will be faithful in surrendering daily to Jesus. And pray for the members, young and old, that they will open the door of their hearts to Jesus at all times.
- **Ghana:** Pray for the Ghana National Association of Adventist Students. Every year this group trains over 1000 students to conduct nationwide evangelism during their final exams. This year those efforts resulted in over 400 baptisms and six churches being established. Now the team is preparing for intentional ministry in prisons and orphanages. Pray that God's Spirit will be poured out just as mightily and that many people will hear and embrace the hope of Jesus!
- **South Africa:** Pray for the Aurum Adventist Academy. The new school year will begin on January 12 but the stakeholders will begin building a new building on January 2. Pray that the new building will be a place where the Spirit of peace can rest. Pray also that the students and staff alike will be blessed to be missionaries as they learn and work in the agricultural program.
- **Nigeria:** Pray for the registration of the Abuja Medical Missionaries with the Corporate Affairs Commission. This has been a process over two years in the making. Pray that God will open the doors for continued ministry in and through this group.
- **United Kingdom:** Pray for the Sale West SDA Church as they seek to minister to the needs of lonely people in their community. Loneliness is as bad for your health as smoking up to fifteen cigarettes a day, increasing the risk of heart attack, stroke, depression, and cognitive decline. Pray that the members of this church will be the hands and feet of Jesus as they seek to be a friend to those around them.