

## **Program today**

Song Service	9:15am
Mission Focus	9:30am
Sabbath School Classes	9:50am
Divine Service Songs Service.	.10:45am
Divine Service	11:00am

Mission Focus: Kura Ngere Speaker: James Pontil Main Offering: Hope Channel Int

Next Sabbath: 13th April

Speaker: Dana Howard (baptism)
Offering: Local Church Budget

Sunset times - Tonight: 5:41pm Next Friday: 5:35pm

## **Prayer Family**

Please pray for the Lord's blessing and protection over the following members of our church family this week:

Pr Rajko & Elize Celic

April Wedding Anniversary blessings to: 10<sup>th</sup> Gerase ⊕ Lebrune Hatungimana

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Bulletin Notices- Please email Janelle at: <a href="mailto:loganreservebulletin@gmail.com">loganreservebulletin@gmail.com</a>
(By Wednesday evenings if possible)

Recording of Services - Our mission focus and services are recorded and live streamed. Every effort is made to record just the presenter, however sometimes people seated in the pews may be shown. If you do not wish to be filmed, the hall has no cameras.

### **Announcements**

Reverence - We ask that you remember that the church is the house of the Lord God and should be treated as such. Thank you for your understanding.

**Phones** - please turn your phone off or to silent during the service thanks.



**Tuesday Bible study -** 9:30am at the church. See Kathy Gobbert for details. The study is not set to any particular subject, it covers various topics found in scripture. All welcome!

Wednesday Evening Bible Study - at 7pm at the church with Pastor Rajko. We are going through the book "40 Days of Prayer" and it has been very good. Feel welcome to come and partake of the blessing.

Wednesday Evening Youth & Teens Bible Study - Wednesday nights at 7pm at Claude and Eldjie's place including tea.

Baptism next week - Daniel Howard will be baptised during the service, and you are invited to stay for a *fellowship lunch afterwoods* (this will be replace our fellowship luncheon that is normally at the end of the month). Please bring a plate to share.

**Board Meeting -** this Monday evening the 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Please have your agenda items to Eldjie by Sunday evening.

Message from The Treasury Team - we would really appreciate it if everyone using tithe envelopes would please write clearly.

**Jars for Food Pantry** - please bring any spare glass jars with screw on lids to church for the Food Pantry - for putting honey in.

The donations basket is in the foyer.

**Food Pantry -** please continue to bring along food pantry items to keep it stocked for the growing number of needy folk. Your contributions are greatfully received. And please keep these people in your prayers.

Fly & Build fundraising - Please consider giving to this cause. Thanks to all those who have donated so far and we welcome any more donations. Please pray for this effort to make a school building in a very remote island in Vanuatu. We are still facing significant challenges so would appreciate your prayers. The school is growing in numbers and desperately needs more buildings.

This week saw more funds being sent to Vanuatu for the ordering of the timber for the walls and roof along with roofing iron.

**Logan Reserve Market Day - Sunday 9**th **of June** is the date for this year's Logan Reserve Market Day. Currently we only

have 4 stalls booked for Market Day and we need LOTS more!! If you would like to hold a stall to fund raise for a charity dear to your heart, please see Jane



Walker asap. Of the needed helper positions will include Advertising, letter-boxing, children's activities supervision, set up and pull down of the cafe and many more jobs great or small!

#### **Coming Soon -**

April 8 Board Meeting
April 26 Women's Ministry Agape
feast
April 27 Potluck Dinner

**Women's Ministries** - Presents "Who Are You?" A Special Event Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April at

6pm in the church hall featuring guest speaker Natasha Kitevski. Please RSVP by the 15<sup>th</sup> to Aleksandra on 0412 742 474 if you wish to attend.

This quarter's mission stories and 13th Sabbath School Project - this quarter we feature the Euro-Asia Division, which oversees the Seventh-day Adventist Church's work in the countries of Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. The region is home to nearly 292 million people but only 59,522 Adventists. That's a ratio of one Adventist for 4,902 people.

Reaching so many people with the precious proclamation of Jesus' soon coming is a huge challenge for the few church members who live in this vast territory that covers 11 time zones. Jesus' Great Commission of Matthew 28:18-20 can only be accomplished with divine help. As part of that effort, the Euro-Asia Division has chosen five projects in Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Russia, and Uzbekistan to receive the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering this guarter. The projects represent the length and depth of the division, with a center of influence for youth in Belarus in the east, a spiritual and social center in Russia in the far north, two projects in Georgia and Armenia in the deep south. and the first Seventh-day Adventist elementary school in Uzbekistan in the east.

There are 5 projects for 13th Sabbath.

- Center of influence for families, Yerevan, Armenia
- Center of influence for youth, Minsk, Belarus
- Health center, Tskaltubo, Georgia
- Spiritual and social center, Salekhard, Russia
- Elementary school, Tashkent, Uzbekistan











Would you consider giving a little each week to this good cause ???



When Artyom was small, about 5 years old, he went to the Seventh-day Adventist church with Father and Grandmother a few times in Uzbekistan.

But then Father and Mother divorced. Artyom lived with Mother, and she forbade him from going to church. Like many people in Uzbekistan and other countries of the former Soviet Union, she viewed Adventists as members of a sect that had broken away from the Christian church.

Artyom never set foot inside an Adventist church again until he was 17. Then he went because Father told him that he was grown up and needed to get baptized. Artyom took Bible studies and, two years later, gave his heart to Jesus in baptism. He loved God with all his heart, and he helped the local church by manning its sound equipment.

Mother, meanwhile, had remarried, and Artyom lived with her and his stepfather.

One Thursday, his stepfather forbade him from going to church to help with the sound equipment for a music rehearsal. Mother was away from the house at the time.

"You can't go today," his stepfather said. But Artyom wanted to go. He wanted to help with the sound equipment. UZBEKISTAN | April 6

# A Heart For Mission

Artvom

"I am going," he replied.

"No, you aren't going," his stepfather said.

"I am going," Artyom said.

"You have a choice," his stepfather said.
"Everything will be fine if you stop going to church. Or you can go to church — and take your belongings with you and leave this house forever."

Artyom took his belongings and left. He wept as he went to the home of his father and grandmother. They welcomed him in.

Living with Father and Grandmother, Artyom grew closer to God as he prayed and read the Bible for hours at a time. He was especially moved as he read the promise that Jesus gave in Mark 10:29–30. The passage reads, "So Jesus answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel's, who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time — houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions — and in the age to come, eternal life" (NKJV).

Artyom had left everything, and it seemed like Jesus was saying to him, "Take courage! You will have a house and eternal life."

The peace that Artyom was enjoying in his new home shattered when Father stopped going to church and began drinking. One Sabbath, Father told Artyom that he needed help at work. Father made furniture at home.

Artyom refused. "Let's do it on another day," he said.

Father angrily ordered the teen out of the house. "Get out of here!" he said.

Artyom had nowhere to go. He received permission to live at the Adventist church.

Months passed, and his mother and stepfather invited him to return home. They said he could go to church whenever he wanted. Artyom returned home, but tensions lingered. Father died a few months later, and he moved back to live with Grandmother. All this time, he kept on praying and reading the Bible. Then an Adventist friend had an idea.

"Let's pray that God gives you someone to give Bible studies to," he said.

The two started praying. One month passed. Two months and three months passed. Artyom noticed a steady trickle of visitors at church, and he invited several to study the Bible with him. Soon he had formed a small group that met regularly.

As they studied, a desire grew in Artyom's heart to become a missionary. He heard about Global Mission pioneers, people who share the gospel within their own culture. He prayed to become a Global Mission pioneer.

Then he went to the church pastor to ask how to become a Global Mission pioneer. But before he could open his mouth, the pastor spoke. "I have good news for you," the pastor said. We would like to invite you to become a Global Mission pioneer."

Artyom was surprised! The pastor had answered his question before he even asked it.

Today, Artyom is 22 years old, and his biggest desire is to help many people prepare for Jesus' soon coming.

"I'm seeing the first fruits of my labors," he said. "I have consecrated my life to God, and my goal in life is to bring people to Christ." (§

Part of this quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering will help open the first Seventh-day Adventist elementary school in Uzbekistan. Thank you for planning a generous offering on June 29.

By Andrew McChesney

## **Story Tips**

- Show the location of Uzbekistan on the map. Then show Tashkent, the capital of Uzbekistan, and the future location of a Seventh-day Adventist elementary school, one of this quarter's Thirteenth Sabbath Offering projects.
- Watch a short YouTube video of Artyom: bit.ly/Artyom-ESD.
- Download photos for this story from Facebook: bit.ly/fb-mq.
- Share Mission Posts and Fast Facts from the Euro-Asia Division: bit.lv/esd-2024.
- Learn more about Global Mission pioneers: bit.ly/GMpioneers.
- Read next week about Artur, a teen who learned about God through Artyom.
- Know this mission story illustrates the following objectives of the Seventh-day Adventist Church's "I Will Go" strategic plan: Mission Objective No. 1, "To revive the concept of worldwide mission and sacrifice for mission as a way of life involving not only pastors but every church member, young and old, in the joy of witnessing for Christ and making disciples": Spiritual Growth Objective No. 6, "To increase accession, retention, reclamation, and participation of children, youth, and young adults": and Spiritual Growth Objective No. 7, "To help youth and young adults place God first and exemplify a biblical worldview." For more information about the plan, go to the website: IWillGo2020.org.

#### Mission Post

Seventh-day Adventists in Uzbekistan suffered from the repressions of the 1930s. The congregations held worship services in secret, believers gathered in small groups, the number of ministers was insufficient, and new baptisms were sporadic.