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## Two Boys, Two Prayers – Part 2

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*[Editor's Note: Read last week's testimony to read part 1.]*

Eight months passed after the miraculous answer to prayer, and Seventh-day Adventist church members visited Father for a second time on a Sabbath in Conakry, Guinea. Fifteen people arrived with Father's sons, Junior and Emilie, who attended an Adventist school on the church compound.

"We are here to pray," a church elder said.

Father appreciated the gesture, but he had a question. "Why do all other Christians go to church on Sunday but you worship on Saturday?" he said.

The elder invited Father to open his Bible to Exodus 20:8-10. Father read, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God." (NKJV). But Father was unconvinced. "The seventh day is Sunday," he said.

The elder asked him to turn to Matthew 28:1. Father read, "Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb." Father saw that the seventh day of the Bible was Saturday. "I understand," he said. "Let's pray."

After the church group left, Father showed the verses to Mother. She was unmoved. "No, we will stay in our church," she said. "I don't care what they said and even if our children go to their church. I won't leave my church."

Father suggested a time of prayer and fasting. "These questions started when our children began to attend that school," he said. "We sent our children there to be educated. We don't know whether God sent our children to that church to lead us there. If this is the church of Jesus, let Jesus show us."

Father and Mother prayed and fasted for a week. "If this is Your will, let nothing prevent us from going to church next Sabbath," Father prayed.

The next Sabbath, everything unfolded easily. Mother agreed to go to the Adventist church, and church members warmly welcomed them. Father was incredibly happy afterward. He

felt like a burden had been lifted. He hadn't been faithful in prayer before, but now he found the energy to pray regularly.

As he prayed, God answered and his life changed. His work flourished. He began to get along with his parents and siblings. An older brother even named a child after him. He and Mother gave their hearts to Jesus in baptism.

"I have peace," says Father, whose name is Pepe Voctorien Soropogui. "Jesus' hand is in this church, and I thank God for bringing me here."

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## **World Church Prayer Requests**

May 26 – June 2, 2023

- Pray for refugees in difficult living conditions in refugee camps around the Middle East and Europe. Pray for refugees who have migrated into our own neighborhoods. Pray that God would give us wisdom to know how to minister to them in practical and personal ways, for His glory.
- Pray for "Centers of Influence" being developed in cities around the world. Pray for the Mission to the Cities initiative, and for workers to answer the call to serve. There are still so many large urban areas with no Adventist presence.
- Pray for the Middle East and North Africa Union (MENA) and for the difficult work in this region. Pray for the Holy Spirit to open doors and hearts.
- Please pray urgently for the gift of the Holy Spirit. We are told, "When the church awakes to the sense of her holy calling, many more fervent and effective prayers will ascend to heaven for the Holy Spirit to point out the work and duty of God's people regarding the salvation of souls" (1 Selected Messages, p. 116).