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**“I never knew
Jesus loved me.”**



Tabengwa's life changed one day in 2002 when Adventist evangelists came to her African village. As she and her neighbors studied God's Word, many of them decided to become Seventh-day Adventists. They were excited about their new faith, but without a pastor to lead them, they struggled when the evangelists left.

Most of the members joined other Christian churches or stopped attending altogether, but Tabengwa and a few of her family and friends remained faithful Adventists. Since they didn't have a church of their own, they took turns worshipping in each other's homes.

"We felt so scattered and alone without a pastor," says Tabengwa. "For years I prayed that God would send a minister to establish a church here. Then Pastor Senombo came. He was the answer to my prayers! I thank God for our pioneer, and I thank you for supporting his ministry."

The congregation in the village is growing, and several people have been baptized, including a young woman named Beauty.

Beauty met Pastor Senombo when he knocked on her door to ask if she wanted to study the Bible. "I was happy for this opportunity," she says. "I knew that God existed, but I had never heard that He loved me. I'm so thankful to know that He does!"

Beauty's life is very different now. "I no longer enjoy the worldly activities that once interested me," she says. "And I've learned how to pray. I had never talked to God before, but now I pray every day."

Beauty has been baptized, and is sharing God's love with others in her community.



"Thank you for supporting our pioneer," she says. "There were many people in my village who didn't know God before, but now, thanks to you, they do!"

Gosenyamang



When this photograph was taken, Gosenyamang had just worshipped with an Adventist congregation for the first time.

"I went to church today because I was personally invited by the Global Mission pioneer," she says. "He is a caring, compassionate man who lives a consistent Christian life."

Pastor Senombo has been studying the Bible and praying with Gosenyamang for several months. She has embraced the seventh-day Sabbath and is considering being baptized.

"I've started sharing with others what I've learned in the Bible," she says. "There are so many people living in darkness in this village, but our pioneer is helping them to know and love God. Thank you for supporting his ministry."



1 The congregation affectionately calls Tabengwa their church mother. She had prayed 11 years for a pioneer!

2 Pastor Senombo (*right*) leads a small group Bible study in Tabengwa's home (*left*). She has opened her home for the congregation to worship in every Sabbath.

3 Beauty with her daughter, Pearl.

4 Gosenyamang thanks you for supporting Pastor Senombo.

5 & 6 Pastor Senombo studies the Bible and prays with people in the village.

7 & 8 Sometimes he just stops by to see how people are doing.

9 Many of the villagers have asked Pastor Senombo to study the Bible with them.



Dear friend

I recently meet Pastor Senombo, a Global Mission pioneer who serves in a village in northern Botswana. When he first started working there, he thought he was the only Adventist around. Imagine his surprise when he met a small group of believers who had been worshipping there for years!

The members were eager to share their story. They had been baptized in 2002 when an evangelistic campaign was held in their village. But when the meetings were over and the preachers had to leave, these new believers were on their own. They had no pastor to guide or encourage them, yet for 11 years they had remained faithful Adventists by worshipping together in each other's homes.

Meeting the unexpected Adventists in the village was only one of Pastor Senombo's surprises. He had been working there for about a month when an elderly woman came to see him. She had been staying at the cattle post where the villagers keep their livestock, but word had reached her that a pastor had arrived in the village.

Slowly but excitedly she made her way to Pastor Senombo's home. When Pastor Senombo stepped out to greet her, the woman's face was beaming. "Welcome, my son," she said, "I have prayed for you to come for many years. I want to look upon the answer to my prayers."

The woman explained that she was one of the Adventists who had been baptized in 2002 and that she had tried to faithfully follow God ever since. Then she gave Pas-

tor Senombo the tithes and offerings she had set aside for the past 11 years.

Pastor Senombo was overwhelmed. "I am amazed and inspired by the faithfulness of these believers," he says.

Pastor Senombo and the Adventist members are working hard to reach their community. Their congregation is growing, but they need a church structure for the people are often reluctant to worship with a congregation that has no church home. Pastor Senombo asks that you pray that they will have a church soon and that the Holy Spirit will work upon the hearts of the villagers.

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"I want to thank our Global Mission donors," he adds. "I wish they could see the results of their giving—four people ready for baptism and many others studying God's Word. I want them to know that their donations are touching lives here for God."

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