

# GLOBAL MISSION'S Frontline

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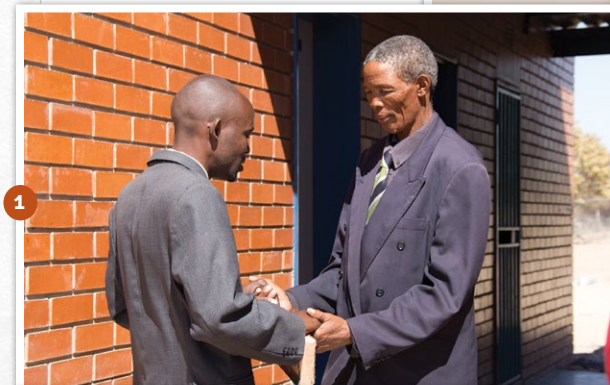
Help  
Us Say  
Yes!

**Welcome to  
Botswana!**





**M**eeet Ishmael Rabatho, a Global Mission pioneer reaching out to the Basarwa or Bushmen people in a village called Bere in southern Botswana. Ishmael has been a pioneer for years, but he says this is the greatest challenge he's ever faced.



① Every weekday morning, Ishmael meets with Chief Kgosi to pray. The chief has given Ishmael a special privilege. He's invited him to attend every gathering at the *kutla*, the village's sacred meeting place, and start the meetings with prayer and a Bible reading.



② After meeting with the chief, Ishmael goes to the clinic to pray with the staff and patients and share a few verses of Scripture with them. Then it's off to the school to pray and sing with the children.



③ The Basarwa children love to sing and quickly learn songs about Jesus. You can often hear them singing at night before they go to bed.

We currently have 10 Global Mission projects and 10 pioneers serving in Botswana. Please remember them in your prayers.





④ In the afternoon, Ishmael visits people in their homes and studies the Bible with those who are interested.

⑤ Ishmael walks nearly everywhere he goes, carrying his well-worn Bible. He almost always has sand in his shoes!

⑥ This is a typical Basarwa home. It can be very cold in the desert at night, but because it's colder inside than outside the Basarwa sleep around a fire on the ground.

⑦ "At first the villagers didn't like it when I came to visit," Ishmael says. "Some left when they saw me coming and others even moved away! But I kept praying for them and now some of them welcome me into their homes to study and pray."

⑧ You can often find Ishmael talking and praying with a young person in the village.





⑨ Sometimes Ishmael brings his church members oranges—a sweet, juicy treat in the dry Kalahari. From young to old, everyone seems to love them.

⑩ Every Sabbath Ishmael shares the word of God with the Bere Seventh-day Adventist church plant members. Since he came to Bere a year ago, he's baptized eight new members. "It brings me the greatest joy to see people giving their lives to the Lord!" he says.

⑪ Chief Kgosi prays during the church service. The Basarwa's language is filled with soft clicking sounds.

⑫ You can often hear the bleating of goats around the church.



Every day, Global Mission pioneers, such as Ishmael, reach out to people who have never had the opportunity to hear the Adventist message. Their work is often difficult, sometimes dangerous, and always possible because of your support. To learn more about their unique ministry, please visit [www.global-mission.org](http://www.global-mission.org).

Come with me to a small desert village in Botswana. It's early Sabbath morning, but already the sun has turned the Kalahari sand into a lake of white fire.

Pastor Ishmael, a friendly Global Mission pioneer, is on his way to open the doors of the Seventh-day

## Dear Friend,

Adventist church. Villagers, leading children by the hand, are on their way to worship in it—largely because of Ishmael's ministry.

Years ago a pioneer helped start a church plant in this Basarwa community. But when he left, most of the members drifted away. When Ishmael came, he reached out to the villagers by following Christ's method of ministry—mingling, showing sympathy, ministering to needs, winning confidence, and then bidding them to follow God. In just one year he helped most of the former members renew their commitment to Jesus and baptized eight new believers!



Chief Kgosi says he's seen many of his villagers transformed by God's power and believes this wouldn't have happened without the presence of a pioneer.

Sometimes I feel discouraged when I think of the millions of people in the world who are still waiting to know Jesus. But then I remember Bere, where the ministry of a single church planter is making a difference. If the pioneer ministry can touch hearts there, it can reach people for Jesus anywhere.

Only we need more pioneers. Hundreds more. Especially if we're to reach the cities of the world for Jesus. And they in turn will need our prayers and financial support. Are you looking to partner with a ministry that is making an exciting difference and that really needs your help? If so, please consider supporting the ministry of Global Mission.

Thank you!

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# Remember when mission work was the most important thing we did as a church? It still is.

Every day nearly  
1,000 Adventist missionaries  
serve in more than 200 countries  
around the world. Some labor in remote  
villages while others share Jesus' love in the  
world's great cities.

Your prayers and support of the mission offering  
and World Mission Budget help give our missionaries  
the resources they need to reach millions of people  
who are still waiting to know Jesus.

## How to give your mission offering:

- During Sabbath School
- Online at <https://giving.AdventistMission.org>
- In North America, mark a tithe envelope "World Budget" at your local church or call 800-648-5824

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Thank you  
for being  
part of it!

