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**Reaching the
Maasai for Jesus**





Pioneer Mathayo rides many miles to share the love of Jesus.

“My greatest joy is to see the Maasai people accepting Jesus as their Savior.” —Jasta, Global Mission pioneer

How do you share the Adventist message with people when there’s no Adventist church, or sometimes, even a single Adventist member, anywhere near them? Through the ministry of a Global Mission pioneer.

Living on a small stipend, pioneers dedicate at least one year to planting churches among some of the world’s hard-to-reach people groups. They often serve within their own culture, so they have the



Jasta mentors Mathayo in the pioneer ministry.

Villagers listen with interest as Mathayo shares the Word of God.



advantage of speaking the language and understanding the people.

Jasta is a seasoned Global Mission pioneer working among the Maasai people in Tanzania. During his ministry, he met a young man named Mathayo. Mathayo was a strong believer in his traditional religion, but he was curious about God's Word. He studied the Bible with Jasta, and the Holy Spirit touched his heart.

**More than one million
Maasai people live in the
Great Rift Valley between
Kenya and Tanzania.
While there are many
Christians in Tanzania,
only about one third of the
Maasai are Christians.**



Jasta, right, and Mathayo, left, enjoy fellowship with the Maasai.



Many Maasai men wear a shúkà, a colorful piece of cloth, usually red, that can be wrapped around the body in a variety of ways.

"Mathayo was impressed by our teachings," says Jasta. "He was very concerned about his parents being saved, so he prayed for them continually. Recently, his mother became an Adventist."

Jasta mentored Mathayo in sharing Jesus until Mathayo received a sponsorship to study to become an evangelist. When he completed his training, the church asked him to serve with Jasta as a pioneer and continue reaching the Maasai people.

Jasta and Mathayo cover great distances, visiting people in their homes and sharing a message of hope. They help their new friends deal with difficult challenges and grow in their trust of God. The Lord has blessed the ministry of these pioneers. They've started a new group of believers, and about 50 members meet each Sabbath.

Jasta and Mathayo have heeded the call to be pioneers in their communities. Please pray for them as they go from house to

house, sharing the hope of Christ's soon return.

CHRIST'S METHOD ALONE

"Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, 'Follow Me.'"

—The Ministry of Healing, p. 143



Your support of Global Mission has helped to plant a new church among the Maasai in Tanzania.

GLOBAL MISSION PIONEERS

- ▶ plant churches in areas or among people groups where there's no Adventist presence;
- ▶ are usually local people who already speak the language and understand the culture, enabling them to contextualize the gospel message for a lasting effect;
- ▶ receive a basic stipend, making them more affordable than traditional missionaries; and
- ▶ share the good news of Jesus through wholistic ministry, including providing medical care, teaching agricultural skills, offering literacy programs, holding evangelistic meetings, and giving Bible studies.

If you would like to support Global Mission, be assured that every dollar will go directly to the front lines of mission, reaching people who are still waiting to hear about Jesus.

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Help Send Global Mission Pioneers!

Millions of people around the world still don't know Jesus. Global Mission sends pioneers to unentered areas to start new groups of believers. Pioneers are often local people who already speak the language and understand the culture. Using Christ's method of ministry, they strive to meet people's needs and bid them to follow Jesus.



Nigeria

61,522,000*
Unreached population

96*
Unreached people groups

Taiwo, left, and Onifade, center, work in southwest Nigeria. They are helping a small Adventist congregation grow. Each day they visit people to ask about their needs, pray with them, and if possible, study the Bible together. Your support through donations and prayers help make these pioneers' work possible. Thank you!



Indonesia

163,796,000*
Unreached population

223*
Unreached people groups

Roy is a Global Mission pioneer in the mountains of Indonesia, where visiting nearby villages often requires long, tiring treks through difficult terrain. He works hard, and already 20 people have been baptized and 30 more have expressed interest. Please pray for strength for Roy and other Global Mission pioneers.

*from JoshuaProject.net, as of 2/14/17



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