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AMADA'S ANSWERED PRAYERS

When the water entered her home, Amada did the only thing she knew—she prayed.

FAST FACTS

- Amada lives near the capital, Mexico City, which has a population of about 20 million people. There are 22,000 Adventists living in and near Mexico City, or one Adventist for every 900 people.
- When the Spanish conquered Mexico in the 1500s, they brought their religion, Catholicism, and their language, Spanish, with them. Today 90 percent of the people in Mexico speak Spanish and identify themselves as Catholics, though many of them do not practice their religion or attend church regularly. They all need to know that God loves them and wants to be their personal friend.

Amada is 8 years old and lives in central Mexico. *[Locate Mexico on a map.]* She knows that God answers prayers because she has seen Him answer her prayers.

The Storm

One time a terrible storm hit the town where Amada lives. It rained and rained and rained. Soon the water was ankle-deep in the roads.

Suddenly the water started coming into the house! Quickly, Amada's mother moved carpets and furniture to safety and tried to sweep the water out of the house. But the water kept coming in. Amada was scared. "What can we do?" she asked her mother tearfully.

"Pray," her mother said. Amada ran to her room and prayed that God would make the rain stop. When she finished praying, she could not hear rain pelting the roof. The rain had stopped!

Amada ran to her mother and said, "Mommy! I prayed, and the rain stopped!"

Mother stopped mopping water and listened. "Yes, the rain has stopped. Let's thank Jesus!" And they did.

Now when it rains hard, Amada prays, “Jesus, please stop the rain before it floods our house.” And even during a recent hurricane, the rain did not come into Amada’s house. “I always thank Jesus,” Amada said.

Amada’s Mission

Amada studies in a public school. She tells her friends what Jesus does for her and how He answers her prayers.

Amada invites her friends to visit Sabbath School, too. Four of her friends came, and they liked it. They asked to come back. The children’s parents must work on Sabbath, and they’re glad that the children are doing something safe and happy.

Amada’s parents take the children to church with them and invite them to dinner. Then after lunch, Amada and her friends attend Adventurers meetings in the afternoon or watch a Christian video or go for a walk in a park.

“I’m happy that my friends like to go

to church with me,” Amada says. “I’m glad that they read their Bible lesson and learn their Bible text for Sabbath School. They have been coming to church with me for five months now and are learning a lot about God. Sometimes they know their Bible lesson even better than some of the children who have gone to church all their lives.

“Jesus said, ‘Let the children come to me,’” Amada says. “I want to help my friends come to Jesus because I know He loves them.”

Amada tells other children to put their trust in God because He takes care of us. “God has helped me when I am afraid and when I need help,” she says. “I know that God answers my prayers, and He will answer yours, because He loves you.”

Amada invited four friends to church and they went. Let’s be missionaries and invite at least one friend to Sabbath School this week. That’s how God’s family grows. 🌍

LET’S SPEAK SPANISH

Learn a few words in Spanish this week. Vowel sounds are *ah* as in father, *eh* as in bet, *ee* as in bee, *oh* as in toe, and *oo* as in boot. The *d* is pronounced like the *th* in with. The accented syllables are written in capital letters in the pronunciation column.

Common Phrases

Happy Sabbath
Good morning
Please
Thank you
Yes
No
What is your name?
My name is . . .

Write it

Feliz Sábado
Buenos días
Por favor
Gracias
Sí
No
Cómo se llama?
Me llamo es . . .

Pronounce it

fay-LEEZ SAH-bah-doh
BWEH-nohs DEE-ahs
por fah-VOHR
GRAH-see-ahs
see
no
coh-moh say YAH-mah
meh YAH-moh ehs . . .