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A SECRET REVEALED

Evellyze Reinaldo, a teacher in a private school, was the only Adventist girl of Fortaleza, Brazil. In 2010 she accepted an invitation to visit a Youth Spiritual Retreat of the Adventist Church in Manaus, a city located in the heart of the Brazilian Amazon rainforest, about 4,000 km away (2,500 miles).

And it was during that Youth Spiritual Retreat that she met Luiz Pinho, who at that time was a young Adventist School teacher, for the first time. Both of them knew that something bigger than a simple friendship was going on. So, Evellyze decided to pray, asking God if Luiz would really be “the chosen one” for her.

With God’s approval, they started a relationship, even though they lived so far away from each other. “Our love came in answer to prayer,” said Luiz, “and at the time appointed by God, which is ever the right time,” he added.

But it was only after they were already married, in 2011, that Luiz, now a state bank officer in the Bank of Brazil, revealed one of his well-kept secrets to Evellyze. “When we were engaged”, he told her, “I was so

grateful to God for finding you, that I decided to raise the percentage of my Promise”, he said, meaning his vow related to a percentage-based offering. This was his way of showing gratitude!

“It was the most beautiful thing he ever told me!” said Evellyze to their district pastor, Marcos Frutuoso, during a visit in their home in December 2018. They are now members of the Torres Church, in Manaus, Brazil, and parents of Benício, a baby boy.

APPEAL: To become a Promisor, giving a percentage-based offering, is a way to recognize God’s blessings as frequently as we are blessed. And if you are already a Promisor, have you ever considered to raise that percentage?

PRAYER: Dear Lord! Help us to worship you today with our resources because you are good, and because your mercies endure forever!