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Unnamed Country: God's Talent Show

Romans 1:16-17—“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.” ”

Sarah and her family live in a country where Christians are not welcome. But God has ways to show their love for Him by their actions.

When Sarah started school, she asked her teacher to let her have Saturday off so she could attend church.

“Oh, but you will attend school on Saturday,” the teacher said firmly.

Sarah decided to say nothing more; but on Sabbath she went to church, even though her teacher threatened to expel her. All year long Sarah quietly went to church on Sabbath in spite of her teacher's threats.

The next year, Sarah had a teacher who gave her permission to go to church on Saturdays. Near the end of the school year the teacher announced the annual talent show. Sarah was chosen to plan her class presentation. Sarah told the teacher, “The only songs I know are about God.”

“That's fine,” the teacher said.

Sarah chose her favorite song and planned motions to make the song's meaning clear and take the place of a dance. The students worked hard on the presentation. Then the principal announced that the talent show would be on Saturday.

Disappointed, Sarah told her classmates that she would not be at the show. Her classmates were disappointed. “What will we do without your leadership?” one girl asked.

“Will you pray with me that God will work it out so we can perform together?” Sarah asked. Her friends agreed.

The day before the talent show, bad weather moved in, and the principal postponed the talent show until Sunday.”

“Wow!” her classmates said. “Your God is amazing! Now you can lead us in the talent show!” The performance was a big hit. Students asked Sarah for the beautiful music she had used. “It's a song about God,” she said. Sarah realized that she could share God's love with others. All she had to do was obey Him.

Some Christians go to other countries as secret missionaries who share their faith in God in dangerous places like the country where Sarah lives. Please pray for the people who work quietly in these countries so that those who know nothing about God can learn of His love and salvation. And be faithful in regularly giving your Promise offerings so the church can plant more secret missionaries in places where Christians aren't well-liked.

