NARRATION

Masha, a young girl from Russia, was feeling alone and discouraged in her school. That is until her mother offered her the chance to attend Zaoksky Christian School, an Adventist elementary school close to their home. Masha initially hesitated but eventually agreed, hoping for a fresh start in life.

But although the school and its students were welcoming, Masha still felt lonely. That was until a classmate sat with her at lunch and offered to be her friend. Another girl also told Masha about Jesus’ love, and Masha was taken aback by the kindness shown to her by her friends.

Masha found solace in a quiet place where she poured her heart out to God. This was the turning point in her life as she realized that Jesus is her Savior and Friend. She became more active in classwork, knowing her classmates would help and support her.

Zaoksky Christian School has become a beacon of hope for many children. Through its work, some students have become aware of the spiritual realities and that Jesus loves them. The school has grown significantly since its humble beginnings, with over 200 students and its building. Its reputation precedes it, and people in the area want to enroll their children in Christian education.
However, this success has presented a new challenge: space. The school cannot accept more children until it is enlarged. Many people want to give their children a Christian education but cannot do so right now.

God works through the church in multifaceted ways to bless humanity and to promote the knowledge of Himself. Adventist schools, committed teachers, and students are just an example of the agencies that He uses to bless people that still don’t know Him.

Every time your offering is distributed as suggested by the Combined Offering Plan, it also works in multifaceted ways, blessing humanity in a broad scope. This system of distribution of offerings was devised so that together we may make it easier for the church to fulfill Jesus’ mandate implied in the Three Angels’ Messages. This mandate says that we must bless with the eternal gospel not only one place or project, but all “those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people,” inviting them to fear God and give glory to Him.

Whenever this distribution is followed, your local church’s missionary projects are supported, regional and international missionary initiatives, such as schools, hospitals, clinics, and other institutions and ministries that lead people to Jesus, will also be funded. When there is a heart for mission, and in mutual trust, we put God’s resources together, bringing them to His Storehouse and distributing them as suggested by the Combined Offering Plan, we can do more, do better, go farther and faster.

May we put our desires last and God first.