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ONE SHOT

If you had one shot to make a sudden, big difference in someone's life, would you take it . . . or let it slip away? Unusual opportunities don't happen every day; but when they do, they require a rapid response from God's church. The Unusual Opportunities Offering is a special funding pool that enables the General Conference to respond rapidly to urgent projects as soon as they arise.

Let's suppose, for instance, that there is an unexpected door opened in a country that before was completely closed to the Adventist message. This fund will allow the Church to move quickly as the opportunity appears and be established in this country on a more solid basis.

Such a situation occurred after 1991, when the Iron Curtain fell, and the former Soviet Union and Warsaw Pact countries were suddenly opened to the gospel. Fortunately, the church was able to take advantage of the opportunity, organizing more than 250 evangelistic series in Russia, one of them, conducted in 1992 by Mark Finley, inside the Kremlin— the very center of a power that had declared religion as dead and the atheism as the state religion! The following year, the

Olympic Stadium was rented for another five-week series, also with Elder Finley. As a result of these endeavors, the number of Adventist members in the former Soviet Union jumped from 35,000 to 85,000 in just three years after the fall of the Berlin Wall! ("Super evangelism in Moscow". Ministry Magazine, Nov. 1993, page 15).

Part of your regular offerings and gifts today will automatically be sent to the Unusual Opportunities Offering fund to support critical necessities as they appear. You may also give your freewill offerings directly to this fund, beyond and above your Promise (regular and systematic offerings) by marking Unusual Opportunities Offering on your envelope, or by visiting AdventistMission.org/donate, and selecting "GC Unusual Opportunity Fund."

APPEAL: So, let's seize the moment. Let's speed the work of the gospel by giving generously, anticipating God's miraculous acts!

PRAYER: Dear God! Let us work together, as a well-prepared army, ready to go wherever you will send us in these last days of this world.

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