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Chile: Sebastian's Goal for God

Colossians 2:2—“That their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ.”

Sebastian loves to play soccer, so he was excited when his parents signed him up for soccer lessons at the Global Mission Life Hope Center near their home in Santiago, Chile. Sebastian worked hard, and his skills improved quickly. His coaches were young people serving at the Life Hope Center as One Year in Mission volunteers. Soon he realized that he was learning more than just soccer; Sebastian had met Jesus through these volunteer missionaries. He was eager to share his new love for Jesus with his parents.

So, each day after soccer lessons, while walking home with his parents, Sebastian told them about Jesus.

Then Sebastian's grandmother got very sick. Sebastian was worried. He told his friends at the Life Hope Center. Pastor Cabezas, leader of the Center's outreach programs, and his volunteers began visiting the family to pray with them and encourage them.

Sebastian's parents enjoyed these visits, and in time they asked to study the Bible. Eventually, the love of Jesus won their hearts, and they were baptized. Sebastian's grandmother regained her strength. The family is eternally grateful for the friendship and care shown by the volunteers at the Life Hope Center. These volunteers selflessly give up their time to be lights of hope in the community.

Pastor Cabezas says, “These volunteers are willing to give their gifts, talents, and abilities to serve others. We have many types of workshops, such as cooking, language, and exercise classes that bring our neighbors to us. These outreach programs help us meet our neighbors and teach them using Christ's methods (Ministry of Healing, p. 17). Through these workshops many people can mingle with Adventists and get to know the Lord.”

Sebastian is so happy when he listens to his parents talk about their new lives. He says, “The Life Hope Center helped me have the word of God in my heart. . . . Now my family can go to heaven together!”

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