Joshua, an eleven-year-old boy in Croatia, learned to play the violin, his second love, long before he went to school. But it is at school that Joshua exercises his first love, which is sharing God with his friends. They were not interested when he tried to tell them stories about Jesus. But when Joshua invited them to a Vacation Bible School (VBS), some of his friends attended and liked it so much that they wanted to go again.

One girl, Mela, was so impressed that she told Joshua, “It’s a miracle! There is really a God!” Joshua gave Mela a Bible, and now Mela and her mother attend Joshua’s church. Mela has joined Pathfinders, and her mother goes to a women’s group at the church.

One day Joshua heard about a boy, very sick with a brain tumor. His family couldn’t afford to pay for the operation that he needed. Joshua thought for a while and then said, “I know! We can have a concert to raise money to help this boy!” - “OK,” his mother said, “but who will organize it?” - “I will!”, said Joshua.
After sharing his idea at the school, 15 young musicians agreed to play in the concert. Joshua talked with his pastor, who opened the local Adventist Church for the concert. Soon, posters were posted all over town, inviting people to this special fundraising program. About 300 people attended the concert, most of whom had never been to an Adventist church.

Joshua and his friends were delighted to learn that their concert raised 8,600 Croatian kunas (about US$1,300)! That’s more than an average person in Croatia earns in a month! Who knew that a boy and his violin could make such an impact on God? Each of us is called to be a missionary like Joshua, using all God-given talents, influence, and resources to forward His kingdom on this earth. Today, offer yourself to God besides your tithe and “Promise” offering, which is your regular and systematic offering. May we put our desires last and God first.