



A fun and easy way for kids to learn about missions.

Hello Parents,

This week, travel with us to the Dominican Republic where we'll meet an active congregation that is outgrowing its space. Each Sabbath, more than 80 members of the Canastica II Seventh-day Adventist Church cram into a house for worship. People sit in every room in the house, even though they can't see the platform! Rows of chairs go all the way up to the narrow street next to the house where cars and motorcycles pass by. It is a potentially dangerous situation.

See how this group of believers have stayed joyful in an unideal situation and how years of prayers are answered for Canastica II through Maranatha volunteers.

Pre-video Discussion Questions

- Have you ever been able to hear people having fun, but you couldn't join in? Like when you're on a timeout or sick in bed? What was that like?

VIDEO

In today's video, see how one congregation has been gathering each Sabbath, where many of them can't even see what is happening during worship.

Post-video Discussion Questions

- How would you feel if you couldn't see what was happening up front at church?
- In the Bible, Paul traveled great distances telling everyone he could about God's love. But some people didn't like Paul's message, and he was thrown in jail. Locked in his jail cell, Paul and his friend Silas couldn't see anyone else, but continued praising God through songs and prayer. Likewise, the Canastica congregation often couldn't see the rest of their church family or what was happening up front each Sabbath. Why do you think they remained joyful?
- How can we stay joyful, even if we're sad or mad or scared?

Prayer Points

- For the strength to remain joyful no matter the situation.
- Ask kids what they would add to the prayer list.

Did You Know?

- When a church grows large enough, sometimes a small group from the congregation will start a new church in a different part of town to reach new people. In some countries around the world, the new congregation will keep the same name as the original church, and add "II" or "2" to their name. For example, the Canastica II Church was "born" from the original Canastica congregation.