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WELCOME



For the cause of Christ the King  
We give our lives, an offering  
'Til all the earth resounds  
With ceaseless praise to the Son.

For the cause of Christ we go  
With joy to reap, with faith to sow,  
As many see and many  
Put their trust in the Son.





Christ we proclaim,  
The name above every name,  
For all creation, every nation  
God's salvation through the Son!



For the King once lifted high  
To cries of rage, of "crucify!"  
Endured the cross  
As every sin was laid on the Son.

To the King who conquered death  
To free the poor and the oppressed,  
For lasting peace,  
For life and liberty in the Son.





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Let it be my life's refrain  
To live is Christ, to die is gain,  
Deny myself, take up my cross  
And follow the Son.

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# General Conference Sabbath School and Personal Ministries

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Psalm 24:7-10

Men: Lift up your heads, O you gates!

Women: And be lifted up, you everlasting doors!

All: And the King of glory shall come in.

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Leaders: Who is this King of glory?

All: The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.



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All: The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.



Hail Him the King of Glory

Tell it to every kindred and nation,  
Tell it far and near.  
Earth's darkest night will  
Fade with the dawning,  
Jesus will soon appear.



Hail Him the King of glory,  
Once the Lamb for sinners slain.  
Tell, tell the wondrous story,  
"Jesus comes to reign."



Children of God look up with rejoicing;  
Shout and sing His praise.  
Blessed are they who, waiting and watching,  
Look for the dawning rays.



Hail Him the King of glory,  
Once the Lamb for sinners slain.  
Tell, tell the wondrous story,  
"Jesus comes to reign."



O Zion Haste

O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling,  
To tell to all the world that God is light,  
That He who made all nations is not willing  
One soul should perish, lost in shades of night.



Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace,  
Tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.



Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation  
That God, in whom they live and move, is love.  
Tell how He stooped to save His lost creation,  
And died on earth that we might live above.





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## Philippians 2:9-11

All: God has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, ... and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



# Lift High the Name of Jesus



I. Lift high the name of Je - sus,



of Je - sus our King.



Make known the pow-er of His grace,



the beau-ty of His peace.



Re - mem - ber how His mer-cy reached



and we cried out to Him.





He lift - ed us to sol - id ground,



to free - dom from our sin.



Oh, sing my soul and



tell all He's done



'til the earth and heav-ens are



filled with His glo - ry.





2. Lift high the name of Je - sus,



of Je - sus our Lord.



His pow'r in us is great-er than,



is great - er than this world.







that all who see Him shine through us



might bring the Fa - ther praise.



Oh, sing my soul and



tell all He's done



'til the earth and heav-ens are



filled with His glo - ry.





3. Lift high the name of Je - sus,



of Je - sus our Light.



No oth - er name on earth can save,



can raise a soul to life.





He o - pens up our eyes to see



the har - vest He has grown.



We la - bor in His fields of grace



as He leads sin - ners home.



Oh, sing my soul and



tell all He's done





'til the earth and heav-ens are



filled with His glo - ry.

How Great Thou Art

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.



When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!"



Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.  
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# Jesus Saves

We have heard a joyful sound,  
Jesus saves, Jesus saves.  
Spread the gladness all around,  
Jesus saves, Jesus saves.



Bear the news to every land,  
Climb the steeps and cross the waves.  
Onward, 'tis our Lord's command.  
Jesus saves, Jesus saves!



Waft it on the rolling tide,  
Jesus saves, Jesus saves.  
Tell to sinners, far and wide,  
Jesus saves, Jesus saves.



Sing, ye islands of the sea.  
Echo back, ye ocean caves.  
Earth shall keep her jubilee.  
Jesus saves, Jesus saves!



Give the winds a mighty voice,  
Jesus saves, Jesus saves.  
Let the nations now rejoice,  
Jesus saves, Jesus saves.





Shout salvation full and free,  
Highest hills and deepest caves.  
This our song of victory:  
Jesus saves, Jesus saves!





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# The Power of Sabbath School

# Church Service



## Sabbath School



A group of approximately ten people, mostly young adults, are sitting in a circle on a carpeted floor. They are looking at books or papers, suggesting a study or discussion session. The room has large windows in the background.

# Church Service

A church service is taking place. A woman stands at a wooden pulpit, addressing the congregation. Behind her, a large screen displays a Bible verse. The church has a high, vaulted wooden ceiling and stained glass windows. The congregation is seated in wooden pews.

# Sabbath School



# Church Service



# Sabbath School







Matt. 8:3 – “Then Jesus put out His hand and **touched** him.”

Matt. 8:15 – “So He **touched** her hand, and the fever left her.”

Matt. 9:29 – “Then He **touched** their eyes.”

Matt. 17:7 – “Jesus came and **touched** them.”



Reach Millions



Reach 1





# Gospel Workers, 408



“... a free, conversational study of the Scriptures. This was the method that Christ taught His disciples”



# Acts 2:41, 42



Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were **added** to them. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' **doctrine** and **fellowship**, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

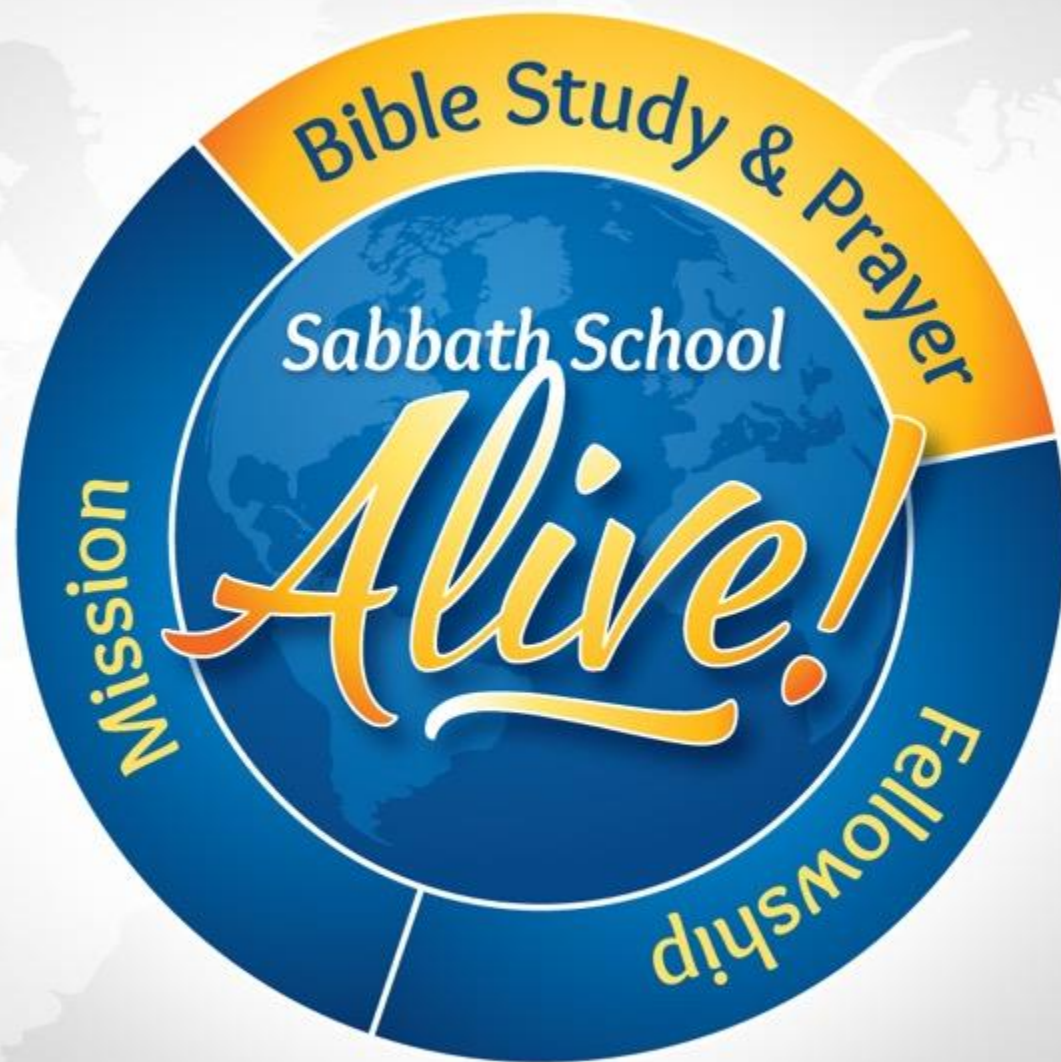
# Reviving the Early Church

## The Early Church Model

1. Doctrine
2. Mission
3. Fellowship











# Every Member a Disciple



Acts 6:2 – “Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples.”

Acts 11:26 – “And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.”

Acts 14:21 – “And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples,”

# Every Disciple a Preacher



Acts 8:1 – “and they were all scattered . . . except the apostles.”

Acts 8:4 – “Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word.”

Acts 8:35 – “Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him.”





# ASTR Statistics for the year 2022



33% Sabbath School attendance average



# 2022-2023 Global Church Member Survey



18% attend SS remotely every week,  
12% almost every week.







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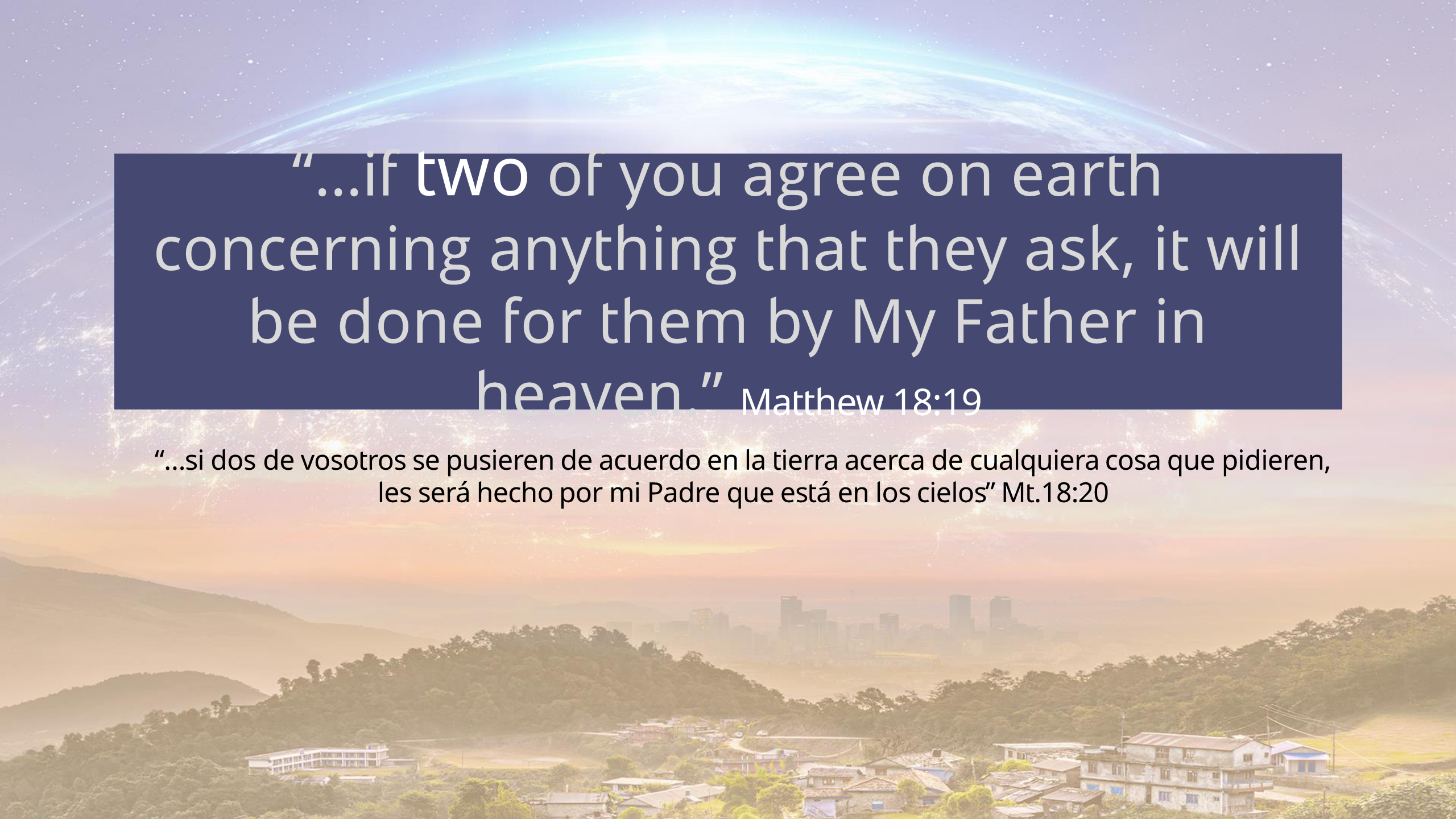
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“...if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.” Matthew 18:19

“...si dos de vosotros se pusieren de acuerdo en la tierra acerca de cualquiera cosa que pidieren, les será hecho por mi Padre que está en los cielos” Mt.18:20



# **Seventh-day Adventist World Divisions & Fields** (from left to right, top to bottom)

- North American (NAD)
- Inter-American (IAD)
- South American (SAD)
- Trans-European (TED)
- Inter-European (EUD)
- Middle East & North Africa  
Union Mission (MENA)
- West-Central Africa (WAD)
- East-Central Africa (ECD)
- Southern Africa-Indian Ocean  
(SID)
- Ukrainian Union Conference
- Israel Field
- Euro-Asia (ESD)
- Chinese Union Mission (CHUM)
- Northern Asia-Pacific (NSD)
- Southern Asia (SUD)
- Southern Asia-Pacific (SSD)
- South Pacific (SPD)

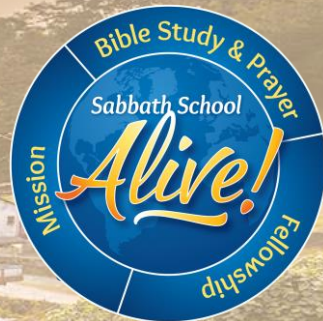
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# Prayer Time





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# The Evangelistic Influence of Children's Sabbath School





# 1852, Elder James White

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Elder James White Writing the First Sabbath School Lessons  
in 1852

In producing this illustration, the artist copied the features of Elder White

“The children should have a paper of their own, one that will **interest** and **instruct** them. . . . God is at work among the children who have believing parents or guardians, and many of them are **being converted**, and they need to be **instructed in the present truth**.



“We trust that such a paper as we design... will interest such children, and also be the means of **waking up their parents** or guardians to a sense of their important duty. On them rests the awful responsibility of **training souls for the kingdom of God.**

“But it is a lamentable fact that **many of their children are left without suitable instruction.** We feel more on this subject than we can express. **May God wake up His people to a sense of their duty to those young minds intrusted to their care,** to guide in the channel of virtue and holiness.”

- *Review and Herald*, July 8, 1852.





“All through the centuries, church history bears record that just in proportion as the church Bible school has been given the place Christ assigned it in His original plan, to that extent has progress been made.

Preaching surely has its place of prominence, in rousing from spiritual lethargy and calling to repentance, but **reformation is made permanent only by a teaching process.**”

– Flora Plummer, *From Acorn to Oak*, p. 9.

# Southern Asia-Pacific Division

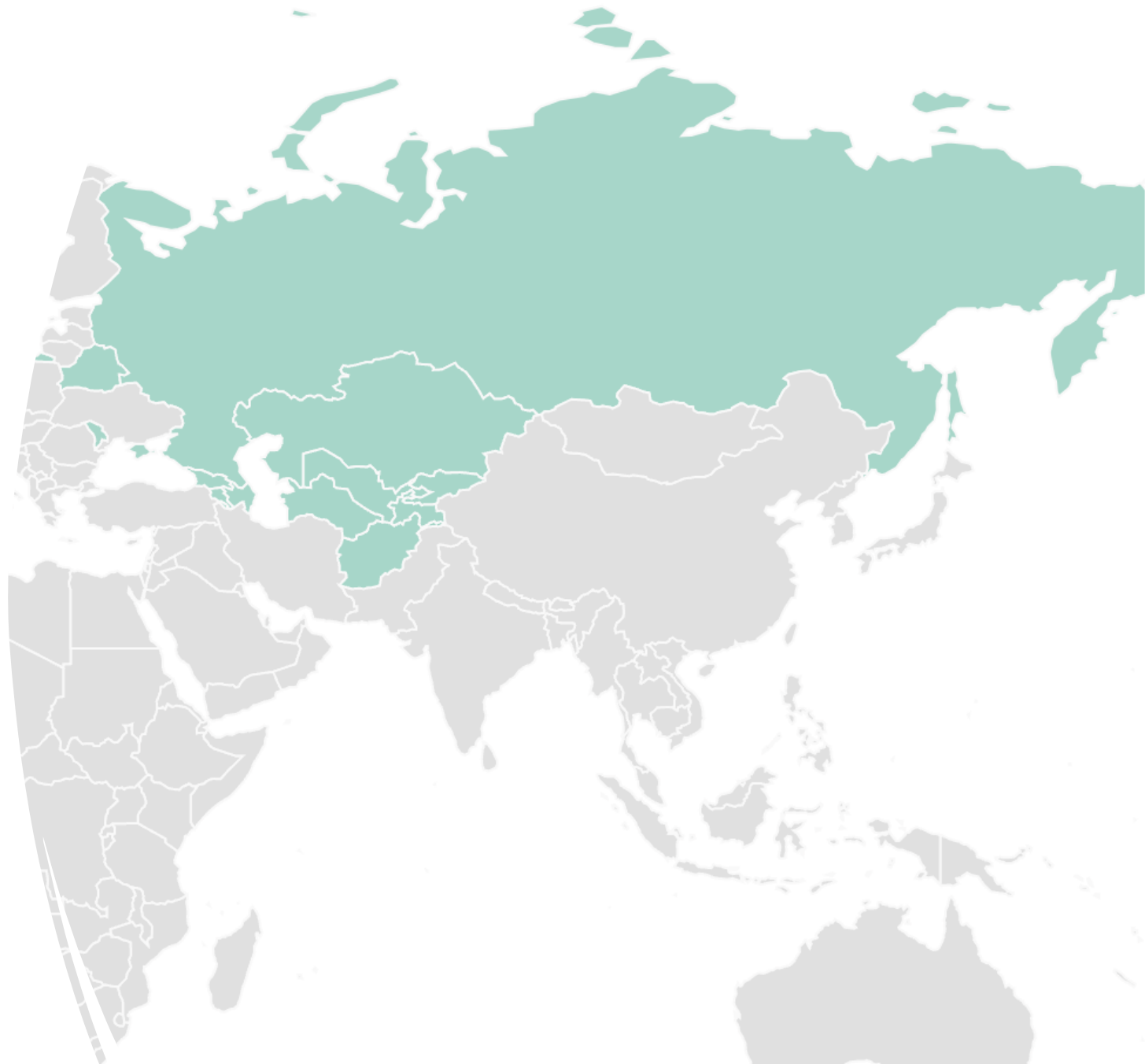
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# Euro-Asia Division

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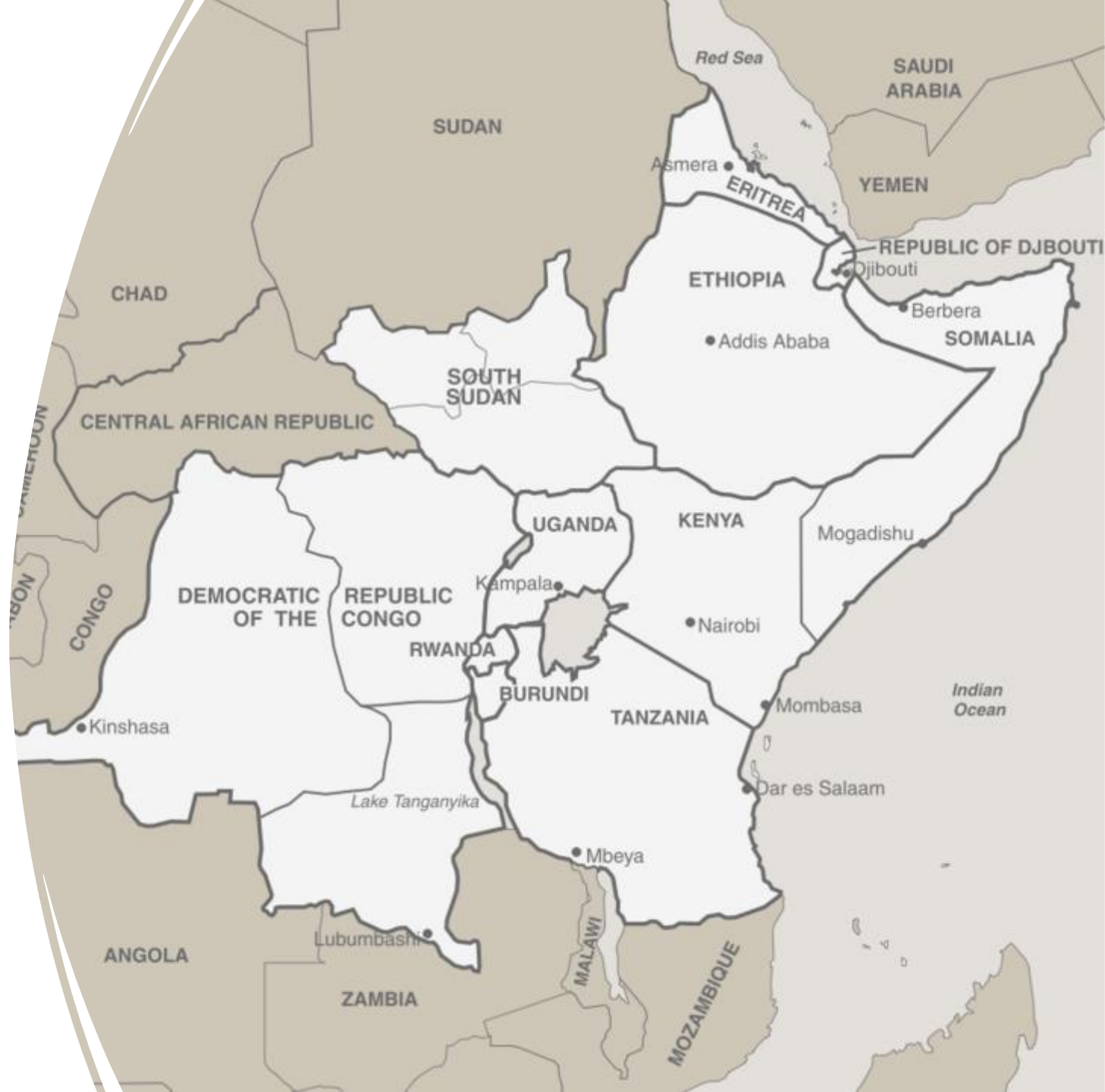
# Southern Africa-Indian Ocean Division

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# East-Central Africa Division

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# Chinese Union Mission

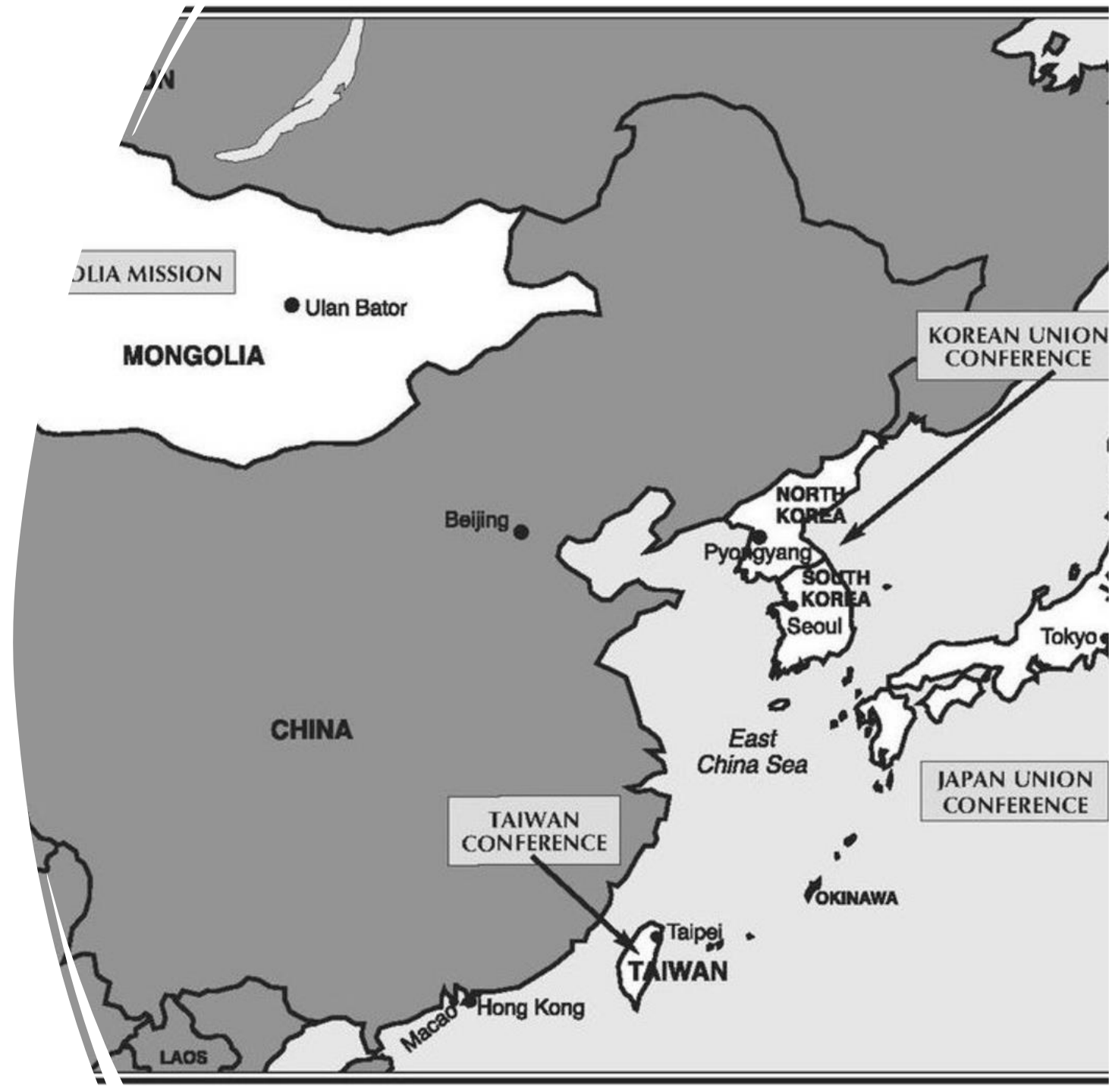
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# Northern Asia-Pacific Division

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Japan



# West-Central Africa Division

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Dear Jesus

Jesus Loves the Little Children

Jesus loves the little children  
all around him  
in his arms and in his heart  
he holds them and loves them  
and he promises to take them  
home to live with him forever  
in his heavenly home

- Imagine, friend and neighbor how  
he loves them and the love you
- Love with every one  
all you can see by his grace
- Lovingly, morning, day and night  
They are precious to his sight





# Alive in Jesus

Sabbath School Curriculum



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Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

Lord, whose love in humble service  
Bore the weight of human need,  
Who upon the cross forsaken,  
Worked Your mercy's perfect deed,



We, Your servants, bring the worship  
Not of voice alone, but heart,  
Consecrating to Your purpose  
Every gift which You impart.



Of our time and talents give we,  
As a gift from Heav'n above,  
To be used and given freely  
To proclaim Your wondrous love.



Here again to serve You, Savior,  
Tithes and offerings now we bring.  
In our work we seek Your favor  
And with joy Your praises sing.



As we worship, grant us vision,  
Till Your love's revealing light  
In its height and depth and greatness  
Dawns upon our quickened sight,



Making known the needs and burdens  
Your compassion bids us bear,  
Stirring us to ardent service,  
Your abundant life to share.





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# SSPM App Current Features

- iOS and Android
- ABSG in more than 70 languages
- All age levels in English
- Audio and video content
- PDF for taking notes with stylus
- Publishing house promotion





# SSPM App Under Development

- Personal Ministries books and resources
- Bible reading plans and devotionals
- Alive in Jesus curriculum
- Language expansion





Apple App Store



Google Play Store



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HOPE  
SABBATH  
SCHOOL

# GOD'S MISSION MY MISSION





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# For the Cause



I. For the cause of Christ the King



We give our lives, an of - fer - ing



'Til all the earth re-sounds with cease-less praise



To the Son.





2. For the cause of Christ we go



With joy to reap, with faith to sow



As man-y see and man-y put their trust



In the Son.





Christ we pro - claim,



The Name a - bove ev - ery name;



For all cre - a - tion, Ev-ery na - tion,



God's sal - va - tion Through the Son!





3. For the King once lift - ed high



To cries of rage, of 'Cru - ci - fy!'



En-dured the cross as ev-ery sin was laid,



On the Son.



4. To the King who con- quered death,



To free the poor and the op-pressed,





For last-ing peace, for life and lib-er-ty



In the Son.



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The Name a - bove ev - ery name;



For all cre - a - tion, Ev-ery na - tion,



God's sal - va - tion Through the Son!





5. Let it be my life's re - frain;



To live is Christ, to die is gain;



De - ny my - self, Take up my cross and



fol - low the Son.



Christ we pro - claim,



The Name a - bove ev - ery name;





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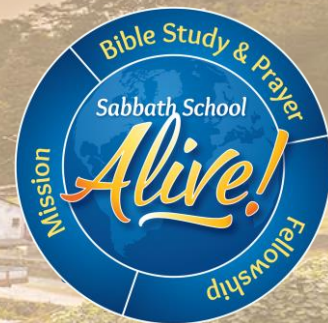


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# Prayer





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