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Unnamed Country: Satan Couldn't Touch Her

Matthew 6:24—“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”

When Sarah's husband left her several years ago, she needed work to support herself. She didn't know where to look for work, so she prayed for guidance. God impressed her to share His Word with her neighbors. Sarah began visiting her neighbors. She prays for the sick, and they get well. She prays for relief from evil spirits, and the spirits flee.

Many are happy when Sarah visits them. But others don't want her in their homes. One day Sarah visited a family who was worshipping their idol. They demanded that she worship with them, but she gently refused. A young woman became angry with Sarah and plunged Sarah's hand into a pot of boiling oil. But when Sarah pulled her hand back out from the oil, it wasn't burned.

The next day, the young woman's father visited Sarah to apologize. He asked her to pray for his family. Sarah was happy to pray for them. Today this family are Christians. Others who witnessed Sarah's escape from the boiling oil have asked for prayer as well.

When the local Adventist pastor learned about Sarah, he offered her a position as a Global Mission pioneer and Sarah gladly accepted it. Sarah continues to visit families in her community. She prays with them and shares literature about Jesus. On Sabbaths, she invites a group of women to worship in her home, and on Wednesdays she hosts a Bible study.

Sarah helps the widows and orphans in her city. Though she receives a stipend for her work, it's not a lot. But Sarah does all she can to meet the spiritual and physical needs of the poor and fatherless, providing food, clothes, and hope. And God always provides.

Sarah is not angry that her husband abandoned her. She says, “I'm not alone. God is my Father; He is always with me. He gives me strength to introduce people to Jesus and tell them that God is coming soon. God takes care of me. I want to be ready when Jesus comes, but I also want others to be ready to meet Jesus too.

We can support Sarah and hundreds of other Global Mission pioneers by praying for them and by regularly giving our Promise offerings, which distributed as suggested by the Combined Offering Plan equitable supports all approved missionary projects of the church around the world, including pioneers who are sharing the good news of Jesus's love and soon return.

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