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### Fall Mission Appeal

***Family Togetherness Sabbath.*** Ellen White wrote that the home is the most important missionary field there is (Adventist Home, p. 35). But the mission of the family is not limited to its members. She also stated, “The mission of the home extends beyond its own members. The Christian home is to be an object lesson, illustrating the excellence of the true principles of life. Such an illustration will be a power for good in the world. . . As the youth go out from such a home, the lessons they have learned are imparted. Nobler principles of life are introduced into other households, and an uplifting influence works in the community” (p. 31).

As a family, we have the opportunity to live together, worship together, and serve together. Much research has shown that when parents and children work side-by-side for the benefit of others, those children have a greater chance of staying in the church. Helping a needy, elderly neighbor, going together on a short mission trip, or devoting several years to work in a country outside their own home division can be one of the best experiences for a family, and can increase the chance that those children and young people will remain engaged in the life of the church.

Today’s offering is for the world budget. It gives us an opportunity to remind our children that they belong to a world-wide church family, and by contributing to its ministry we are helping people all over this planet get a glimpse of God’s love for them.—Claudio Consuegra