

# *Mentone*

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

1230 Olivine Ave - Mentone, CA 92359

(909) 492-0738

[www.mentonechurch.org](http://www.mentonechurch.org)



# Church at Study

10:00 am

## Children's Classes

- Cradle Roll (Ages 0-3)
- Kindergarten (Ages 4-6)
- Primary (Ages 7-9)
- Juniors (Ages 10-12)
- Earliteens (Ages 13-15)

## Youth and Adult Class

- Youth (Ages 15+)

## Young Adult Class (meets in "The Upper Room")

- Young Adult Class (18-35)

## Adult Classes

- Adult Lesson Study (Sanctuary Front)
- Adult Lesson Study (Room behind the piano)
- All About Jesus (Room behind the organ)
- Spirit of Prophecy class now studying *The Story of Redemption* (Pathfinder Room)
- Revelation of Hope class (Fellowship Hall)

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**Thank you for choosing to worship with us today.** If we can help you in any way, please let us know by contacting one of our pastors, greeters, elders, deacons, or deaconesses, or by our church app/website.

**Mission Report today at 2:30 pm in the Sanctuary** – see announcement under "Mentone Church Life."

## Membership Transfers (Second Reading) to Mentone:

Tim & Annica Quinn from West Covina Hills SDA Church  
Susan Cho from Redlands SDA Church  
Andrea Balog from Azure Hills SDA Church in Grand Terrace  
Mary Kelley from Arden SDA Church in Highland

## Membership Transfers (Second Reading) from Mentone:

Elena Bora to Loma Linda Romanian SDA Church

*"O Give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever"*

*1 Chronicles 16:34 NKJV*

# Church at Worship

November 30, 2024 8:30 am\* 11 am\*\*

Prelude		Organ
Welcome and Announcements		Elder Vladimir Zaninovic
Introit <sup>†</sup>		Organ
Invocation		Pastor Guilherme Borda
Songs of Praise		#565 For the Beauty of The Earth #559 Now Thank We All Our God
Opening Hymn		#275 O God of Light
Worship in Giving	Union Designated	Vladimir Zaninovic
Offertory		Chime Choir
	<i>Song of Thanksgiving</i>	
Children's Story		Anique Augustus
Scripture Reading		Levi Krpalek**
	2 Timothy 3:16-17	
Prayer Song <sup>†</sup>		Congregation
	<i>#668 O Thou Who Hearest</i>	
Worship in Prayer		
Worship in Song		Chime Choir
	<i>Come Ye Thankful People, Come</i>	
Sermon		Pastor Guilherme Borda
	<i>The Trustworthy Word of God</i>	
Closing Hymn		#190 Jesus Love Me
Benediction		Pastor Guilherme Borda
Postlude		Organ

\* Please Kneel

Platform Elder: Vladimir Zaninovic  
Song Leader: Smith Family\* Gabrielle Simmonds\*\*  
Pianist: Belen Lohr\* Sherry Yap\*\*  
Organist: Anna Sparks

Lead Deacon: Doug Yowell  
Sunset Tonight: 4:40 pm  
Sunset Next Friday: 4:40 pm

# @ Mentone Next Week

## United Prayer (Zoom)

6:00 am - Mon. – Fri., 7 am Sab. & Sun., 12 pm Mon., Wed., & Fri.

## Monday, December 2

5 pm - Monday Nights with God Zoom Bible study (ID/passcode online)

## Tuesday, December 3

9 am – 4 pm – High School Homeschool Co Op

1 pm – 3 pm – Elementary/Middle School Homeschool Co Op

2 pm – 7 pm Various children/youth music practices

6 pm – Church choir practice

6 pm – Great Controversy class in the Fellowship Hall

## Wednesday, December 4

4:30 pm – Spanish Prayer Meeting in Fellowship Hall

7 pm - Prayer Meeting (Multi-Purpose Room and Zoom)

## Sabbath, December 7

Sermon – Pastor Fred Dana

2:30 pm – Elder Care Music Ministry at Rose Garden in Mentone

2:30 pm – PF Christmas Outreach for Linda Valley Villa in Loma Linda

### **Speaker Schedule**

December 14 – Pastor Fred Dana

December 14 – 12:45 Vegan Fellowship Meal

December 14 – 4 pm *Let Every Heart Prepare Him Room* concert

### **Birthday Blessings!**

**November 30<sup>th</sup>** – Carmen Ambriz **December 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Melisa Aree, Daryl

Basarte **4<sup>th</sup>** – Joshua Augustus, Joshua Robinson **5<sup>th</sup>** – Alma Miranda Felix

**6<sup>th</sup>** – Sierra V. G. Bowes, Cathy Mendoza **7<sup>th</sup>** – Daniel Skoretz, Sherry Yap

**Adventist Christian Talk Radio** - Listen to and share 107.3 FM and [www.kwrsradio.org](http://www.kwrsradio.org) with everyone you know.

**Have you seen our blog?** Find the latest church news at

[www.mentonechurch.org/blog](http://www.mentonechurch.org/blog)

**Mentone Apps:** Download our family of apps for your phone, tablet, and smart TV at [www.mentonechurch.org/apps](http://www.mentonechurch.org/apps)



Bulletin information must be submitted to  
[office@mentonechurch.org](mailto:office@mentonechurch.org) by **Sunday at 8 pm.**

For more information and announcements, see  
[www.mentonechurch.org](http://www.mentonechurch.org)

# Mentone Church Life

November 30, 2024

**We have a mission report this afternoon at 4pm by Vanius Dias from The Geba Animist Project in Guinea-Bissau which is located in West Africa.**

He and his wife, Elisabete and their family of three, have been serving there with Adventist Frontier Missions since 2021. See flyer and poster in bulletin board for more information.

**Food collection for less fortunate families and students.** Please bring nonperishable food items for those in need by December 3.

Pathfinders/Adventurers will deliver them on December 6. Thank you!

**Mentone Christmas Concert, *Let Every Heart Prepare Him Room*** presented by the Mentone choirs, orchestra, handbells, and musicians will be December 14 at 4 pm in the Sanctuary.

**Standing Faithful Weekend Revival** – with Dr. Lela Lewis, Scott Ritsema and Jonathan Zirkle is planned for December 20 & 21. For more information visit, [www.libertyandhealth.org](http://www.libertyandhealth.org)

**The Youth Pastor Search committee** would love your input as we prayerfully search for a new youth pastor. Please fill out the paper survey provided by our deacons and place it in the basket in the foyer as you leave today. There is also an online survey, sent out via email. **Edward & Dawn Nagy (members of our church and currently residing in Romania)** recently had their house burn down. They need our prayers and financial support as they endeavor to rebuild. Please donate to the Family Emergency fund if you feel impressed to help.

**GLOW Mission Event** – This this December join SECC and SCC in a powerful mission to reach 100,000 people with GLOW tracks across LA and SB counties. December 15 from 9 am – 6 pm meet at Ontario SDA Church. For more information see [www.glowmissiontrips.org/event/lasb/](http://www.glowmissiontrips.org/event/lasb/)

**SAC Health and Advent Hope are sponsoring a Medical and Dental Clinic** on February 7-9, 2025 to serve the population of San Bernardino. The goal is to show Christ's love through loving service and lead them to Jesus through an evangelistic campaign in March. For more information visit <https://lifeandhealth.org/free-clinics>

## Financial Information

As of November 20

Church Budget: \$239,628.04 (Goal to date \$308,034.64)

Mexico Mission Trip: \$712.59 (Goal \$3500)

Senior Pastor: Fred Dana (845) 313-4822

Associate Pastor: Rodney Bowes (951) 500-8559

Associate Pastor: Guilherme Borda (909) 654-1254

Spanish Coordinator: Samuel Florian (951) 640-5567

Church Office/Clerk: Maggie Bonilla (909) 492-0738

## *We Believe*

**That God is the Creator and Sustainer** of all that is, and that He is loving and good. That the three Persons – God the Father, the Ancient of Days; Jesus Christ, the Son of God; and the Holy Spirit, the Comforter – are eternally one in character and purpose. John 1:1-3, 1 John 4:8, Matthew 28:19

**That God reveals Himself** in nature, history, the Bible, the witness of the Holy Spirit, the ministry of prophets, and especially through the life of Jesus Christ. Romans 1:20, 2 Timothy 3:16, John 14:26, 1 Peter 1:21, John 5:39

**That we were created “in the image of God,”** free to choose either to respond in faith and love to the truth about God, or to reject it. We are fully dependent upon God for our existence and salvation. Genesis 1:26, Joshua 24:15, Acts 17:28

**That our salvation comes through Jesus Christ** when we repent and freely accept Christ’s death on the cross as paying the penalty for our rebellion and sins. As we daily cooperate with the transforming power of the Holy Spirit, we enter into a personal faith-based relationship with Jesus for healing and restoration. This power comes through Christ’s present ministry in heaven and is evident in Christ-like interests and behavior. Acts 2:38, John 1:12, Ephesians 2:8-10, Hebrews 7:25

**That we are mortal** and that in death we sleep in the grave until the resurrection at the Second Coming of Christ. Then the gift of immortality will be given to all who have put their trust in Him, and that 1,000 years later, the wicked will be resurrected to receive their reward of eternal death. We are a “living soul”, body, soul, and spirit, and do not exist apart from our body. Genesis 2:7, John 11:12-14, John 5:28, 29, Revelation 20

**That our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit,** and it is to be treated with the respect due its Creator. The fullness of human life is achieved when, by the grace of God, we obey His physical, mental, and moral laws. 1 Corinthians 6:19 & 10:31, 3 John 1:2, John 10:10

**That the Ten Commandments** are grounded in love and are a revelation of God’s character. They are the explicit expression of His will for us and are His standard of judgment. Exodus 20, Romans 7:12, James 2:12, John 15:10

**That the Seventh-day Sabbath** was made and blessed by God as a symbol of His creative power and sovereignty. It has been designated as a sign of His redeeming and sanctifying power to be kept sacred by all who claim Him as Lord and Savior. Genesis 2:3, Ezekiel 20:12, Deuteronomy 5:12-15

**That God’s church** is the primary means by which He maintains His unity with us and we with each other. This involves defined membership, symbols of commitment in baptism by immersion, participation in the Lord’s supper, personal involvement in worship, study, witnessing, and financial support for her mission through returning of tithes and free will offerings. 1 Corinthians 12, 1 Peter 2:5-9, Hebrews 10:24, 25, John 17:20, 21

**That the redemptive process** will come to its climax at the end of time with the Second Coming of Christ, which is imminent, and will be completed when the whole creation is again in perfect harmony with the Creator. Titus 2:13, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Revelation 22:20, John 14:1-3

**That the Three Angels’ Messages** of Revelation 14:6-12 constitute the last warning message to the world, reminding men of the character of God.





# THE GEBA ANIMIST PROJECT

The Dias Family



## ABOUT US

The Dias family has been serving as missionaries in Guinea-Bissau since 2021. Vanius has degrees in human resource management and theology and a postgraduate degree in education. He has worked as a local pastor in Guinea-Bissau (2013), assistant pastor, church planter, chaplain and public evangelist (2014 – 2021). Elisabete has a degree in business administration and postgraduate degrees in financial management and nursing. She is currently studying medicine for missionary work in Guinea-Bissau. They have three children: Esther (22), Matheus (7) and Manuela (4).

Our family loves the Lord's mission, especially church planting, and wants to bring the message of Jesus' coming to our generation. Our motivational Bible text is Acts 18:9-10, in which God promises to support Paul's work and declares that He has many people in that city. Many in Guinea-Bissau will hear the message and accept Jesus into their lives. They are our responsibility.

## OUR NEEDS

- We encourage you and your church to create prayer groups, interceding for our team, Bible students and the church in Guinea-Bissau.
- Volunteers (teachers, nurses, administrators, biblical workers, etc. You're welcome!
- To rent a larger house and property to expand Casa Novo Tempo's language and computer courses, medical care, community training and as a place for church meetings.

## OUR GOALS

- Buy land in the Antula neighborhood.
- Build a missionary base with classrooms, accommodation for STMs, medical offices and a church.
- Create small businesses that offer paid work to the unemployed, especially recently baptized young people who face food deprivation and Sabbath work conflicts.
- Buy a solar system to reduce energy costs and the problems caused by the constant energy disruptions in the country.
- Build a well to collect drinking water, reduce water purchasing costs and minimize water scarcity in the capital.



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**WAYS TO GIVE!**

Thank you for investing in us and being part of our ministry. You mean so much to us.



## FINANCIAL GOALS

### Furlough Launching Needed: \$47,658

Our re-launching goal covers the projected costs for travel to the field, furlough expenses and project reserves. We must reach this goal before we can return to our project.

### Furlough Monthly Pledges Needed: \$664

Committed monthly funding sustains our project while we are in the field. It covers our project expenses, salary and benefits. This budget requires the commitment of individuals to give each month for the duration of the project or as long as they are able.

## CONTACT US

WITH ANY QUESTIONS

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## ABOUT THE GEBA ANIMIST PROJECT

Guinea-Bissau is located in West Africa, near Senegal. Its 2 million people are divided into 35 ethnic groups, with more than two-thirds living below the poverty line. A civil war rocked Guinea-Bissau, beginning July 7, 1998, and on through May 1999, killing thousands and increasing the country's social difficulties.

The population is approximately 50 percent Muslim, 40 percent animist, and less than 12 percent Christian. The unreached comprise more than 85 percent.

### Animism

The animist influence is very strong in Guinea-Bissau, that is why many continue practicing animist ceremonies, even among Christians and Muslims.

Family, tribal and cultural aspects make abandoning the ancestral practices of animism difficult. Fear of the consequences of breaking the relationship with spirits, such as being cursed, is a major obstacle to accepting the gospel. Many are expelled from their homes when they accept Jesus. In extreme cases, some are killed.

### The Project

Since the official language is Portuguese, but most, especially young people, do not speak the language, we decided we would teach Portuguese. In August 2021, Gláucia Batista, our first short-term missionary (STM), started teaching eight students in Antula neighborhood.

In April 2022, we opened the Casa Novo Tempo center of influence. More than 60 young people began studying Portuguese and English. Four more STMs joined the project that year, including psychologist Daniele Machu and journalist Emanuele Tofoli. We offer various training and qualifications for church members and the community. We also reopened Rádio Novo Tempo, which had been closed for almost three years.

Elisabete, a nurse, leads visits to the sick and provides health care and guidance. We also pray with them: Muslims, animists, Catholics and evangelicals, and they always hear a word of hope.

### Church Planting

We began a small group that became a congregation with around 40 people attending Sabbath services. In September 2022, Geovan Machu and Lucas Tofoli founded a Pathfinder Club and Gláucia Batista and Emanuele Tofoli started an Adventurer Club. In July 2023, STMs Larissa Sæsson, Thallita Cachoeira and Tamily Oliveira, were instrumental in helping organize and prepare the first nationwide Pathfinder Camporee, attended by over 1,000 young people and with more than 50 baptisms.

## WAYS TO GIVE!

Give Online



Online: Visit [www.afmonline.org/missionaries](http://www.afmonline.org/missionaries) and click "Give" next to our names, **Vanius & Elisabete Dias**.

On this page, you may choose to:

- Make a gift at this time
- Create a new automatic monthly gift
- Fulfill a monthly pledge

By Mail: Fill out and mail a donation form envelope found in each copy of the monthly *Adventist Frontiers* magazine. Be sure to write "Geba Animist Project - Dias" in the memo line of your check. Mail your donation to:

Adventist Frontier Missions  
P.O. Box 286  
Berrien Springs, MI 49103

By Phone: Please call 1-800-937-4236. You may say, "I want to give to the Dias family at the Geba Animist Project." Let someone know the amount you wish to pledge and how often. You may fulfill the pledge using a check, credit card or bank transfer.

Mentone Seventh-day Adventist Church  
**Elder Care Music Ministry**  
**Christmas Program**

Next Sabbath, December 7th, at 2:30, we are going to be presenting our Christmas Program to the residents at **Rose Garden Residential Care**, (1350 N Wabash Ave., Mentone, CA 92359) (to be renamed Paradise Gardens Manor) in Mentone

We will take turns reading the Christmas story and at the appropriate place in the story, will play/sing the pertinent Christmas songs.

Songbooks will be provided for the performers and residents.

Please consider joining us! We will need Readers, Singers and Musicians (guitars, ukuleles, violins etc.).

After the program, please feel free to visit/pray with the residents in attendance.

Thank you in advance!

I know it will be a Christmas Blessing!

*For more information, please contact:*

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GIVING LIGHT  
TO OUR WORLD

Southern California seems to offer it all – rich diversity in cultures, languages, and cuisines.

Yet, many hearts are still searching for the hope found in Jesus. This December, join SECC and SCC in a powerful mission to reach 100,000 people with GLOW tracts across LA and SB counties. Be a part of a life-changing journey to bridge cultures, and connect with the One who unites us all!

**When:** December 15th | 9:00AM - 6:00PM

**Where:** Ontario SDA Church -  
856 N Sultana Ave Ontario, CA

**Who:** This fun event is perfect for families of ALL ages, youth and adult alike!

**Info:** [glowmissiontrips.org/lasb](http://glowmissiontrips.org/lasb)



# Standing FAITHFUL

Weekend Revival

*"When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze"*

**Isaiah 43:2**

## Join Us Beginning Friday Night!

For a powerful Sabbath rally to strengthen and inspire our commitment to stand, unwavering, knowing that God is with us through every trial.

*Don't miss this time of worship and fellowship!*

### With Featured Speakers



**Scott Ritsema**



**Dr. Lela Lewis**



**Jonathan Zirkle**

**Friday Evening:** Program begins at 6:30pm

**Sabbath Morning:** 8:30am & 11am with Plant Based Meal at Noon

**Sabbath Afternoon:** Begins at 2:30pm with closing panel 4:00pm

**6:30**

**DECEMBER 20 & 21**

**Mentone Seventh Day Adventist Church**

1230 Olivine Mentone CA92359

FOR MORE VISIT

**libertyandhealth.org**



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

# Medical, Vision & Dental Clinic

(\*SAT 11:30AM-5PM)

**Feb 7-9, 2025, Fri-Sun, 8AM-5PM\***

## WE NEED **VOLUNTEERS**:

- Dentists/Hygienists/Dental Assistants
- Optometrists
- Physicians/Medical Professionals
- Mental Health Counselors
- Clothing Program
- Legal
- IT/Data Entry
- Barber/Hairstylist
- Massage Therapists
- Interpreters
- Pastors
- Prayer Warriors
- Security

We can use your help. Even if you are licensed out of state, you can still volunteer. Find out how to get a temporary volunteer license by emailing [admin@lifeandhealth.org](mailto:admin@lifeandhealth.org).

**LIFE HEALTH NETWORK** Life and Health is a non-profit network of physicians, optometrists, dentists, and medical professionals dedicated to providing free medical, vision, and dental care to those who are uninsured or under-insured. This free clinic is made possible by volunteers and by donations.

 **San Bernardino Community SDA Church** 1696 N G St, San Bernardino, CA 92405



Sign up at [lifeandhealth.org/free-clinics](https://lifeandhealth.org/free-clinics) or call (702) 600-3588