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Dear Church,

Since I can remember I was always part of Sunday school class. In the beginning Sunday school class was a place to just talk with friends and just have fun. My mom was my Sunday school teacher during my first Sunday school year when I was just 4 years old. Due to my mom's teaching ministry, I had opportunity to always attend class and not to miss many lessons. During that time I didn't really understand the meaning of Sunday school and its main purpose. I just went to class because I was told to go. But now I realize each Bible lesson I heard in class was God's way to my heart. Time flew and as I got older there was one question that was on my mind all the time. I think a lot of people have similar worry and the concern was if I will get to heaven.

My only care was to get to heaven because I wanted to be with my parents and not stay here on Earth during great tribulation and suffering. I remember when I was about 6 years old, I was waking up in the middle of the night and calling my mom just to make sure she was still here on earth and not in heaven, while I stayed behind on earth. But as I got older, God opened to me that I need to go to heaven to be with God and Jesus. The purpose in life is to be with God and to rely on Him only. There were times in my life that I felt weak spiritually. On church days, it was hard for me to concentrate on the sermon, I was bored. But as I was getting older, the Holy Spirit was working within me and thoughts started coming for me to realize that I need God. I felt miserable because He is what I was missing.

I prayed daily but then my prayers became more personnel. I began to rely on God to improve my grades, to win my soccer games and to be better person. I started to have more questions about God and my spiritual life and I could feel that God was helping answer these questions through teachers and parents. I started to have long conversations with my dad about God and His work in my life. Kids bible school lessons were very helpful, some Bible stories were scaring me and others were really encouraging. I learned about our history through Old Testament stories and about Jesus and His work

on earth through New Testament. This year God was especially working with me and my heart. I was blessed to repent this year during one of the Kids Bible lesson sermons, and I didn't even realize it. It came so quick over me that I didn't even understand what was happening because I just prayed asking for forgiveness. I feel very blessed to be born into Christian family and for God to always be part of my life. I am thankful to my parents and our church for serving me to grow in my Spiritual life. I pray for God to continue working with my heart.

Thank you,

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