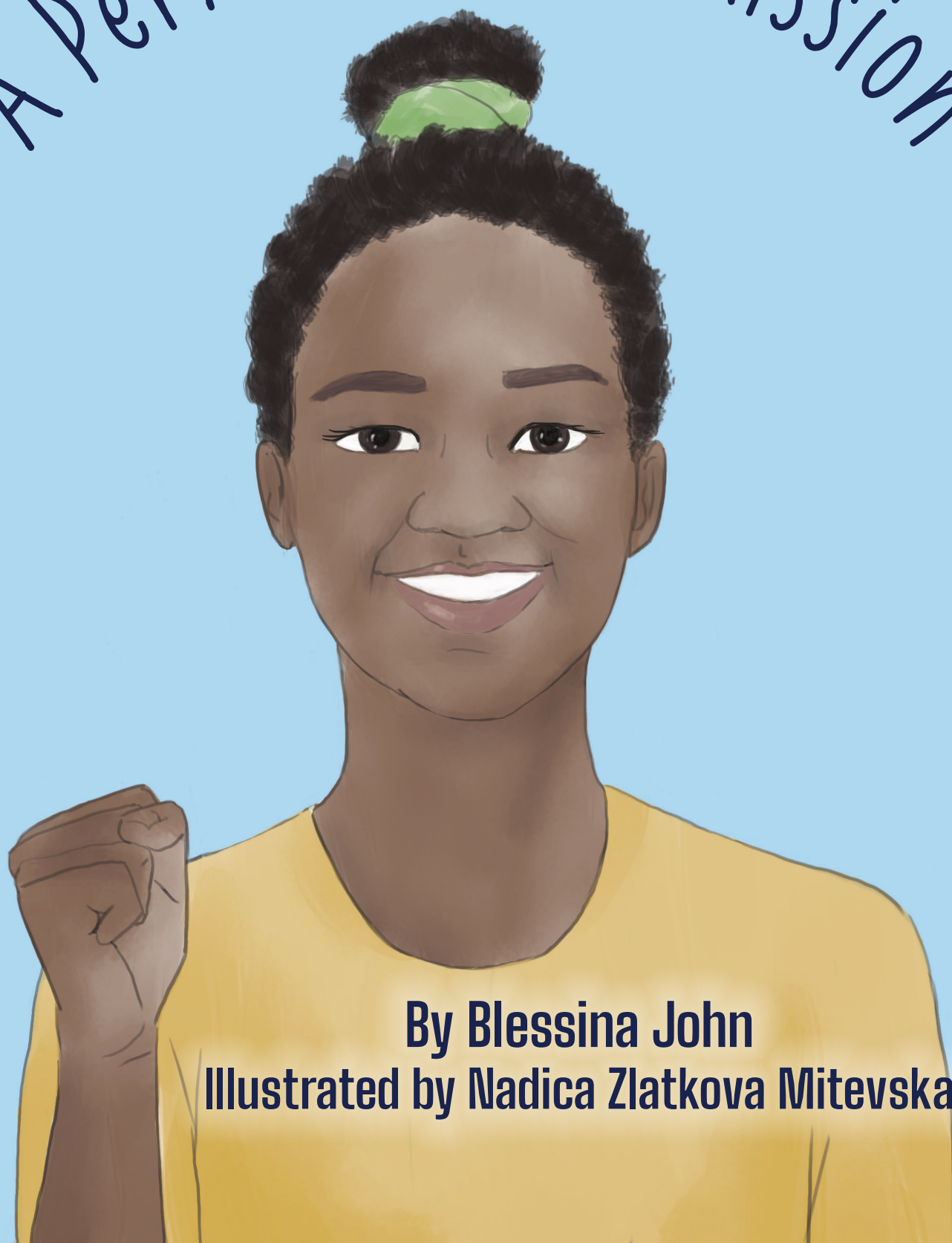


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One bright and beautiful day, my father, Pastor Steve John, told my mother, Harriet, that we would all be going to a mission at Big Bay area on the island of Santo.





Mum told us about the mission we would be staying at. Everyone would be going, including me, my big sister Jane, and my two younger brothers, Samuel and Bennet.





We were so excited about the mission to Big Bay, but I was worried. What if we got there and there wasn't any water, or food, or somewhere for us to sleep?



But I wasn't going to complain about that, so I kept it to myself.





People often call my dad a missionary, but he's actually a pastor. They both preach the gospel, but my dad goes to a lot of missions, and he does different things to a missionary.

Going on a mission to somewhere you've never been before can be exciting, but it's scary, too. There are lots of things to worry about.



But people always say, "With God by your side, there is nothing to be afraid of." I like to think of that when we go to new places.





I was still worrying about our new mission on the journey, but when we got there all the people were so friendly! They welcomed us with food and coconuts to drink, and we got to stay in a big and beautiful house.



My family and I were so glad for the warm reception we received; we were happier than we'd ever been in our lives. Going out on missions is the best thing my family has experienced.







Seeing and learning new things about different places is so important to me. I have learned a lot from those people, loved them, and told them all about Jesus Christ our Lord.



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Where were the family going?



What is a religious mission?



**Why else might the main character be
worried about going to a new place?**



**Come up with some ideas for a trip
with your friends or family!**

About the author

Blessina John was born on Motalava Island and now lives in the Chapi area of Santo. When she is with her family, she enjoys eating dinner and telling stories together. As a child, her favourite story was *The Little Boy who had Fed Five Thousand Men*, a Bible story.



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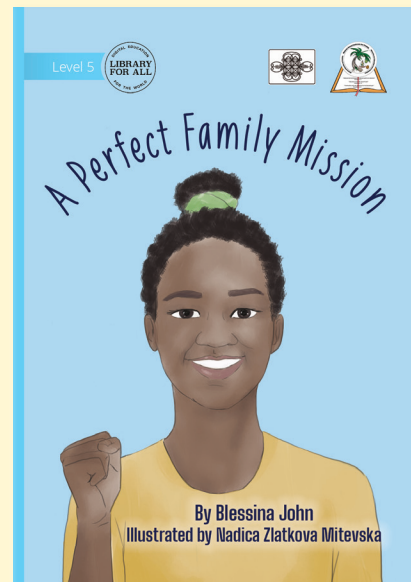
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Blessina's family is going on a mission trip to the Big Bay area. Blessina is worried because they've never been there before.



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