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Branislav Jaksic almost didn’t make it into this world, and when he did arrive, his alcoholic father disowned him and his uncle said he was “ugly.” Born in communist Yugoslavia in 1938, Branislav had a rough start in life. But life didn’t get any easier as he grew older. War, food shortages, an abusive father, and religious persecution were part of Branislav’s life. Despite the turmoil around him, his mother’s unshakable faith and trust in God and His divine plan for Branislav’s life gave him hope.

Upon becoming a Sabbathkeeper, Branislav faced an uncertain future, especially in light of the mandatory service he was required to complete in the Yugoslavian army. What was he to do? He could not join as a noncombatant. He could not request Sabbaths off. Other young Sabbathkeepers who refused to do as the military demanded were imprisoned, beaten, tortured, and starved. He had heard the stories.

The only option was to leave the country. But how? Could he escape across the border into Italy and apply to the Italian authorities for protection? Could he leave his beloved mother and family, not knowing if he would ever see them again?

The Vacant Seat will thrill you as you read about God’s protection and His divine plan for one of His servants—Branislav Jaksic—a man who trusts in the Lord and has
devoted his life to serving his Savior.

**About the Author**

Branislav “Brian” Jaksic lives in Adelaide, Australia. The city is situated between the sea and the hills, and he and his wife live 16 kilometers outside the city in the hill country where they enjoy views of the city and the sea. Now retired, Brian spent his career working as a tailor and manager for a clothing manufacturer before accepting a call to work as a missionary for the church.

Today Brian enjoys going door to door spreading the good news of God’s love and His soon coming. He and his wife also enjoy spending time with their children and grandchildren, walking, gardening, and reading.

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May you be blessed as you read the story of this God-fearing family, and may you be inspired to commit your life to following God and making a difference for the kingdom!

**About the Author**

DeWitt Stanton Williams served as the associate director of health for the Health/Temperance Department at the General Conference from 1983 until 1990, and then as director of health for the North American Division from 1990 until he retired in 2010 after forty-six years of service to the Adventist Church. While serving at the GC, Williams lectured in more than 100 countries, wrote articles about the importance of good health, and talked to young people about the dangers of drugs. Before his appointment to the Health/Temperance Department, Williams held positions as pastor in the Southwest Region Conference; department secretary for the Congo Union, Africa; president of the Central Africa Union; and assistant and associate director of the General Conference Department of Communications.

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**About the Author**

Wayne Beaton lives in Bowmanville, Ontario, Canada. He retired on May 31, 2012, after serving the Ontario community as a family physician for 46 years. Wayne grew up in Canada, but he graduated from Loma Linda University in 1964 with a degree in medicine. In his spare time, he and his wife enjoy painting pastoral pictures, traveling, gardening, and simply enjoying each other’s company.
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