



MPI UPDATE

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Ed MacKenzie
MPI President

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Disseminate the Light

Dear MPI Supporters,

This month we are going to include a few "letters from the inbox" for your information. Pray with us, will you?

"We are having equipment troubles again in the lab. Sunday Irma needed my shoulder to cry on via email. Her Blood Analyzer instrument has gone on the blink again. Last year it failed too. We were able to borrow one but now it has quit. The lab also needs several other pieces of equipment to work efficiently. Please pray that God will heal our equipment or send a tech to fix it or that He will provide us with a better one." *Ruth MacKenzie. (Re: La Loma Luz in Belize.)*

"Thank you for your little newsletter! May Jesus richly bless my offering for His glory, and the lay workers who must face danger so frequently. In His Love, Ruth"

"The work in Esperanza is going on steadily. A family from Central church has accepted the call to aid in establishing a Branch Sabbath School in the area. They have volunteered their talents to work in the area in the branch Sabbath School with the main purpose of helping the work there by conducting Sabbath school classes and training the believers in the area to do the same.

"We may start as early as this coming next Sabbath if everything goes smoothly. We will be in need of literature and other resources, but will go ahead by faith since it is evident that the Lord is prospering our way. A newly baptized member accepted our request to use her yard to do the branch Sabbath School, and many different ways the Lord is prospering the effort with encouragement and support from many people. Please keep us in prayer. *Your brother in Christ, Wentworth*"

*In His Service, **Ed MacKenzie** (The MacKenzie's are in the Philippines conducting evangelism from March 9 until the end of April.)*

*The MacKenzie's travel internationally, conducting Lay Evangelism Campaign.
Ed oversees the accounting system at La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital.
Ruth helps in the office and sews for the Belmopan Adventist Orphanage, in her spare time.
Being avid birdwatchers, the MacKenzie's especially enjoy Belize.*

San Lorenzo School

Classes Resume After School Closure *by Fred Adams*

For 25 years the San Lorenzo school has fulfilled its mission of training young people at a remote jungle location in the mountains of south Mexico. Graduates have continued their education at colleges and universities across the country. Among them are pastors, nurses, teachers public accountants, and workers in many other professions. Many who were not able to continue their studies elsewhere have still benefitted, because while attending this school they made their decision to follow Christ and have led their families to the Lord as well.



Several groups of MPI volunteers and donors have visited San Lorenzo—in early years by hiking many hours over steep mountain trails, then in 2001 and 2003 by a very rough “road.” As a result of our help, they now have six cement-block classrooms and a nice auditorium.

Then in the fall of 2007 we got word that the school would no longer be able to operate. Income from school industries and the trickle of funds from MPI donors simply wasn’t enough to support the school of about 100 students in 12 grades. The other alternative was the local public school, where the teachers were either away or drunk much of the time—not the optimal learning environment!

But this school year San Lorenzo is back in operation, thanks to a renewed vision by village families, the North Chiapas Conference and support from MPI. We have committed to providing \$1,000 per month to assist with salaries for 8 teachers. Tuition, school industries and a local Conference subsidy fill in the rest.

But it doesn’t stop there. The older wooden buildings used for staff housing, office and library are badly deteriorated and need to be replaced. The school board has also voted to build a cafeteria and two dormitories housing 70 students each, as God provides the funding.

Your contributions have made it possible for hundreds of young people to receive a Christian education. The families at San Lorenzo greatly appreciate your support.

Esperanza - Village of Hope

By Wentworth Chang, Bible Worker

Greetings in Jesus name.

We started our lay-Bible work in the month of July, 2008. Br. Ubaldo Gusman and I immediately started to evaluate the village of Esperanza to determine what method would be most adequate for approaching the people in the area. This was not so much of a difficult task, for Br. Ubaldo was very familiar with quite a lot of the people and the various religious groups that were already established in the area.

After prayerfully evaluating the area, we decided on taking a more careful approach rather than an open and direct one until our presence could be felt and we had a group of believers, or at least faithful study partners established there in the village.

Originally, we were sent out under the instructions and supervision of our now departed Elder Victor August. His desire for the village of Esperanza was to do a series of evangelistic meetings and establish a church group there. So far, the first phase of the work has been executed successfully. After six months of Bible studies, visitation, and prayer the evangelistic campaign was launched. Its purpose was to be two-fold; to reap and to give the work being done in the area a little boost.

Pastor Edwin Miller, a Bible Teacher and Counselor at Eden High, was unanimously recommended and chosen as the speaker. The evangelistic team labored for three full weeks with only Thursday nights off, and two Sabbath worship services. Nine precious souls was the result. Some will go to George Ville Church, Let God Speak Church, Hill View Church, Santa Elena Central Church, and about three here in Esperanza where I now reside.

Elder Miller did a most faithful work; he sacrificed and balanced his school preparation time not only to prepare for his messages, but also to visit, mainly with brother Ubaldo accompanying him. I was, unfortunately, sick with the chicken pox and had to miss two weeks of the campaign.

My wife and I had recently moved into the area with the intent to be of better aid to the work. Many, including myself, were not sure what exactly could be done for the new believers in the area after the evangelistic campaign would end. I pondered and prayed upon the matter until providentially we discovered that a family had to relocate from Esperanza and wanted someone to rent their home. It was at a very reasonable price so we accepted it to be an act of Providence and closed the

deal. Unfortunately, I contracted the chicken pox as was mentioned above and had to be out of the action for quite some time.

Nevertheless, under the leadership and pastoral work of Elder Miller, the brethren worked successfully. When I was able to get back into the work, it was the last week and brother Ubaldo and I made use of the time, sometimes with Pastor Miller, and sometimes only two of us visiting the people and answering questions that would naturally come up in such evangelistic meetings. We also made sure to pray with and for them before leaving their homes.

The Sabbath, as you might guess, was the “test question” that was brought to the forefront by many of the people we visited. We did our best in giving Bible-based and Christ-centered answers. We pointed them to how great a God and Saviour Jesus Christ is, who was more than able to supply for their daily needs.

Presently speaking, plans already are being laid, as well as options being considered in regards to how exactly the work could develop in the area for the people of the village called “Hope.” Interestingly enough the name of the evangelistic campaign was “Experience the Hope” a title chosen solely by Pastor Miller. For many, including church members, “the hope” was rekindled. In addition, I am very sure that precious seeds were planted in many hearts that came out or heard the messages night after night that did not surrender openly to Jesus that night.

The Meetings began January 11, and ended January 31 with a baptism and a pot-luck celebration. In the evening we had a small *singspiration*, (a mini-concert), the handing out of baptismal certificates to the newly baptized members, and the recognition of faithful work done by the evangelistic team. Then we closed off the Sabbath by holding hands and singing “Side-by-side we stand.” It was a dual bilingual effort by



Let God Speak and *Santa Elena Central Church*. Members from other churches naturally chipped in as they saw the advancement of Lord's work.

Now may the blessings of the great God and our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ be with His work and you all. God bless.

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Worthy Student Aid

"Inconvenience" Delays Dream of Becoming Doctor *by Yamili Ortiz Salome*

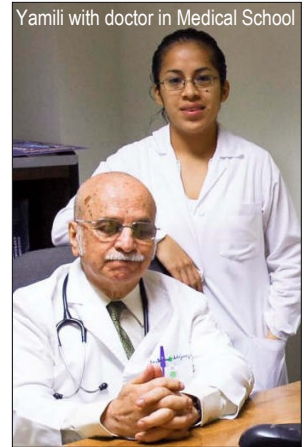
Dear Friends

My studies began at Montemorelos University in 2002. I sold Christian books to pay tuition. At the end of my first year in Medical School, I was discovered to be suffering from Myasthenia Gravis, a serious muscle weakness which prevented me from working and studying at the same time. This resulted in additional expenses for my family for medical tests, two hospitalizations, and weekly medications.

In 2006, my father abandoned my mother, who saw no alternative but to sell our home to pay family debts. Now she had to sustain the family on her own. During that year I was unable to pay my tuition. My illness worsened, and for several terrible weeks I was unable to attend classes, since I had lost my vision, my speech, and my ability to walk.

This "inconvenience" resulted in me failing all of my classes. I returned home in order to recover my health and, for the last two years, have had this semester pending; the last one I need to finish my medical career. I am now 26 years old.

I hope to achieve my dream of finishing Medicine so I can give my service to others. Thank you and may God bless you. *Yamili* ♦



MPI Board Meeting Announcement

MPI board *meeting will be held on*
Sunday, May 3, 2009
at Upper Columbia Academy,
Spangle, Washington.

The program will begin at 9:00 AM.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

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