



MPI UPDATE

Mission Projects, Inc

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REPORTS FROM THE FRONTLINE

God's Hand In Peru—Part 1

It was early afternoon and I was seated in the small airplane as I began praying. “*Lord, I’ve never been to this place; I don’t know how to get there or where I will stay. Please provide a place for me.*” (continued on p. 4)



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Keeping You Informed in 2009



Ed MacKenzie
MPI President

The President's Corner

Dear MPI Supporters

"The whole earth is full of His glory!" Isaiah 6:3

"For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord,
as the waters cover the sea." Isaiah 11:9

"And He will destroy...the face of the covering cast over
all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations". Isaiah 25:7

Dear MPI Supporters,

The prophet Isaiah foretold that one day the earth would be full of the Glory of God. Today the work of God is extending further than it ever has before. One day soon His glory will indeed fill the whole earth! What a time to be alive!

In a few days we will be on our way to Mozambique with a group of seniors, ("SAGE") from the Western Washington Conference of Seventh-day Adventists to conduct evangelism and to build a couple of Churches.

As we travel from place to place, we are excited to witness the Spirit of God moving upon the hearts of the people. Every year, the number of mission programs and the number of people involved is escalating. Men, women and youth are being baptized in greater and greater numbers. New Churches and Schools are being erected to accommodate the growing numbers. Many of these Churches and Schools are being built in areas where in generations past the work was slow.

There is a growing sense of enthusiasm among the officers and directors of Mission Projects as the plans are continuing to be laid and the workers are lining up to build 37 One-day Churches in Belize during December and January. We appreciate the support of the Belize Union of Churches, Maranatha and Adventist-Laymen Services & Industries, ("ASI").

There is also a growing sense of enthusiasm among the officers and director of Mission Projects as the plans are continuing to be laid and the speakers are lining up to conduct 17 Share Him Evangelism Campaigns in Belize. These campaigns will run from December 4 -19.

Please continue to pray for all of our outreach programs. Contact our Treasurer, Jerry Harris, if you would like to participate in building some of the Churches in Belize. If you would like to help sponsor a One-day Church or to make a contribution in support of expenses for the workers, please mark your gift "Churches for Belize". Thank you!

In His Service, Ed MacKenzie

The MacKenzie's travel internationally, conducting Lay Evangelism Campaigns. 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.

Sound Systems Needed

for ShareHim Evangelism in Belize... by Ruth MacKenzie

In December of this year Maranatha is sending a container full of materials to build 37 1-day churches in Belize. Jerry Harris (our MPI treasurer) is heading up work groups through OCI & others to build these churches. There will be 11 "ShareHim" groups that will be holding evangelisms campaigns in several of these churches.

We do have a problem: 5 of the churches do not have a PA system. There is a suitcase style system that works well, Grant McPherson (La Loma Luz Hospital Administrator, Belize) bought one of these from a pastor that can be used, but they need 4 more. Grant is trying to raise money for at least four more of these systems. That would be about \$900US each, including shipping.

We are asking, in faith, if a Sabbath School class there in your church would be willing to sponsor a system. Would you folks be willing to help or would you ask around and see if anybody would be willing to help?

You can contact Grant (mcpherson_grant@hotmail.com) or me at (ruthie1942@yahoo.com)

God Bless as we share the Gospel in these end times.
Thanks, Ruth

MPI Board Meeting

This is to advise that the December MPI Board Meeting at La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital in Belize has been changed to Monday and Tuesday, **December 28 & 29, 2009.**

We have several that are planning to be with us for this event.

There are a number of activities going on at the Hospital in December and January. **December 4-19, Share Him will be conducting 17 Evangelism Campaigns.** Some MPI members will be involved. **A group from Othello, Washington will be on site from Dec 22-Jan 4 to work on the Shop construction.** The group includes Jon Mundall, son of the Hospital's founder Raymond Mundall. Jon and his wife have not seen the Hospital in many many years. It was still a jungle when they left. **Several will come and go during December & January as the work on 37 One-day Churches moves forward.** Jerry Harris and his assistants including Gene Witzel beside many volunteers will be involved with this project.

If you have not been to La Loma Luz in a long time, this would be a great time to come. This may be the last time our Board will meet in Belize, as our members age. **Please join us if you can.**

Huichol Tribe Outreach

Dying Grandma Receives “Dry” Baptism *By Karen Kotoske*

Recently, Leticia, who is the cook for the Huichol Tecolote gradeschool, told Pastor Dagoberto Cirilo that her mother, Maria Benitez, was dying. Her husband, Juan Luis, had already asked Dagoberto to come to pray with Maria in the Calihuey, which is a round thatch and rock temple for the Huichol traditional religious ceremonies.

Sometimes when a Huichol person is dying they are taken to the Calihuey to stay for several days where they hope a miraculous cure might take place. Dagoberto entered the dark windowless Calihuey, the walls sooty with the smoke of past ceremonies. Shamanic icons and arrows could be seen in thatch crevices, remnants of past prayers.

Maria lay on a raised bed placed



Pastor Dagoberto (left) with Grandma Maria,



this elderly, dying grandma into Jesus' arms by Profession of Faith, welcoming our sister Maria into the circle of believers.



Reports from the Front Line

God's Hand, Part 1 *(cont. from cover)* *By Wilfredo Maynas*

I was on my way to visit my Ashaninka brothers in the community of Coshireni. A few months ago they (about 30 families) had been impressed to move out of the city into a more remote area on the border between Peru and Brazil. Peru Projects had provided transportation for part of their move.

After more than an hour of flying we landed at Breu, in the district of Yarua. Once on the ground, I was met by a group of brethren that had come from the very place I was on my way to visit! God was already at work to provide for me and I knew that He would continue to guide me. In the morning I boarded a small boat (peke peke) with these brothers and we began the two day expedition to Coshireni.

The people were so happy to have me visit them. I spent a week there,

sharing the word of God with them, visiting them in their homes, and encouraging them to keep trusting in Jesus. Everyone in this place is Adventist. I was so touched to see the whole community come together every morning and every evening to worship God together. It was like a little taste of heaven.

On the return trip to Breu the water was low and the boat driver had to jump over small logs with our boat. Suddenly the motor struck a big log and the impact threw the running motor and the boat driver into the water! Thanks be to God, there were no major problems or injuries, only that the motor didn't want to start again. We paddled until we found some Brazilians willing to help us fix the motor and we were able to continue our trip.

The airplane met me at Breu and I returned home, thankful to God for everything He does for me. I have seen once more the hand of God guiding me, and I do not cease to praise Him for the opportunity He has given me to work in His vineyard. I thank Peru Projects also for this opportunity.
- *Wilfredo Maynas, Bible Worker* ♦

Tragedy *By Odil Donesky*

The large passenger boat laden with hammocks steadily made its way up the winding Ucayali River in the night. Suddenly, from nowhere, a barge emerged out of the darkness and hit the passenger boat right in the middle!

The week before, James, along with 13 other Bible workers had come to attend a two day training seminar at our base. It provided a chance for them to share experiences and encourage each other as they learned new ways to share the Gospel.

A few days later, James boarded a passenger boat headed for his destination. Somewhere around 4 o'clock in the morning he was in his hammock, sound asleep along with the rest of the passengers on the boat. Suddenly he was jerked from his sleep by the blow. Darkness... Confusion... Screams... Pain... Water everywhere... Sinking boat! Little children struggling to hold on to him... Nobody was wearing a life jacket.

Later that afternoon James called, obviously shaken. He had suffered a concussion and had lost everything. He was still in a daze. We called his mother to make sure she knew he was alive and made plans to take her to see him. We gathered clothing, sheets, towels, and shoes from donations left by mission groups.

When our amphibious plane arrived at the scene, the wreckage had already been cleaned up and the bodies taken away. A crowd gathered around the plane to welcome them. To the side of the crowd was a small group of people putting the last few nails into a small wooden box.

After assessing the situation it was decided that James needed to come back home for medical attention and counseling. He had witnessed too much devastation and it was going to take some time to heal and recuperate.

As they gathered to leave, the tiny wooden box was still there. An old woman stood in shock wondering how she would get this handmade coffin carrying her 3 year old grandson home. Room was made in the airplane and we were able to help this grieving family.

James has recovered from this tragic incident and is again serving the Lord. We may not know why this accident happened, but we do know that God is able to use it for good. We thank you for your continued prayers for the safety of our Bible workers as they take the Gospel to the jungle.- *Odil* ♦



Worthy Student Aid

Longing to Serve

By Isabel Perez

To my fellow brothers and sisters in the Lord Jesus Christ:

I already studied Dental Technology but I canvassed this summer in order to help my other two younger sisters. We have no other help but our God and to work as colporteurs.

Our parents cannot help us because they do not have the means. I owe the University \$2,600 dollars and I need to pay it in order to receive my Degree. With my work I am going to pay part of my debt but I have two other sisters that need my help. They are supposed to enter University but we need help. And God will open the windows of Heaven to pay you back whatever donation you may send.



Maria Alicia is one of my sisters who within a year she will finish Dental Technology and we, the two sisters will try to help her to take her University courses.

We have studied hard - my University Course Average is straight A's. My younger sister has B+. We three girls long to finish our education here at Montemorelos. We want to help our people and encourage others to follow our example that, even though we are poor, with God's help we can go forward in faith.

May God abundantly bless you and reward you.

Sincerely Yours, *Isabel Perez*

La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital
is looking for a **General Surgeon.**

If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact the Hospital's Administrator, Mr. Grant McPherson at: mcperson_grant@hotmail.com

Memorial Gifts

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