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LESSONSPROMTHEANGELS Punctuality

By Esther J. Martinez She and her husband, JK, practice punctuality at the Ogden SDA Church in northern Utah.
Brother Élfego Bartolón has recently been working with the members of the small congregation of Progreso, south Mexico. Last summer this mountain community suffered from copious amounts of heavy wind, thunder and lightning, rain, and hail. During one particularly violent episode, many houses were left without roofs, and the people trembled with fear for their lives and livelihoods.

Shortly after this, when the town was still without electricity or telephone service, our layman arrived at the Progreso church to conduct an evening service, scheduled for 6:00 p.m. It was only about $5: 30$, but several other brothers and sisters were already congregated in the small building. One of the ladies suggested, "Brother Élfego, why don't we start the program now? It has been raining so much, and we'd like to get home this evening before another downpour begins."

Brother Élfego didn't really like the idea of starting the service without all the other members present, but it did seem like a good idea to be able to get home without being soaked to the skin by rain, or blown across town like a tumbleweed in the wind, so they agreed to begin the program a half an hour early.

Thirty minutes later, at the normal start time, the worshippers knelt for closing prayer. Brother Élfego knelt near the doorway and began to pray. "Just then," he says, "I heard a group or family nearing the door. Then I heard the noise of a chair as they started to sit down, but joined us in kneeling instead." He was feeling badly that this family had missed out on the service because he had started it early, and he was curious as to which family it might be.
"Out loud I was praying," he continues, "but in my heart I was thinking about what I was going to say to them, since it was barely time to start, and we were actually ending. I wanted to pray for each person present by name, but since I didn't know which family was just arriving, I didn't. When I finished the prayer, we all opened our eyes. To our surprise, no one was there except those who had been there from the beginning. Without a doubt God's angels arrived to join us in prayer.
"Brothers and sisters from MPI, I have learned two important lessons from this incident," brother Élfego concludes. "First, those angel visitors taught me punctuality, because they arrived on time-at the hour we normally begin services.

Second, I am reminded that when we go to God's house, we don't go alone: God's angels go with us and care for us. May God's name be praised for His care for each one of His children."


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## Worthy Student Aid

I greet them hoping the blessings of God are on you. The reason is to request you economic help, since my family doesn't have enough resources to finish my education.

My dad is of the state of Chiapas, and my mom is of the state of Morelos, they have made efforts so that my education is Christian, for that reason I have studied in schools of the Adventist church. We are three siblings, I am the adult. At the moment my parents are working as lay workers in the state of Zacatecas.

When I finish studying Theology I am willing to serve God where it is necessary. I have always wanted to take souls to the feet of God.

Without at the moment, I thank them ahead of time their support and understanding.

Sincerely, José Alvarez $2^{\text {nd }}$ year of Theology.

The above message is printed as received from the student, who is learning Eng-

## Letter to MPI

Thank you to the MPI donors who made this significant contribution of $\$ 3,500$ to the Huichol Indian Adventists who are suffering religious persecution. We certainly appreciate their quick response to this crisis. Thirty of the Huichol are camping out on church-owned property near Lake Chapala.

We are hoping to purchase land for the religious refugees so that they can grow corn, and continue their simple lives of work and worship. They don't ask for much, just to be left alone to work and worship according to their conscience. We deeply appreciate the MPI donors who have helped to soften the traumas they are going through by providing food and other items.

Dagoberto is working to get their children enrolled in public school. Since the children don't have birth certificates, which are required for enrollment, their matriculation was delayed. God will work this out. and He will work out their future lives.

Thank you MPI donors.
Karen Kotoske
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## La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital

## Seek, And You Will Find

By Collet Montejo

With the dream of having our image center in full operation by November of 2005, all of us here at La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital have been working hard and praying tirelessly for God to bless us with the equipment we desperately need to get our center up and running, but know we cannot afford. One piece of equipment most desperately needed was an X-ray unit. The hospital's present 300 milli-amp unit is giving us only about twothirds of its original capacity. But within the past few weeks God has miraculously blessed us with a 1000 milli-amp unit. Here's the story.

Collet was surfing the internet looking for organizations who donate used equipment to missions. When this failed, he began looking for sites where equipment was sold at a reasonable price. He came across a company by the name of Radco Imaging located in Midland, Texas. When Collet contacted the manager of the company requesting a donation on a unit, he was told that the company runs a business not a charity. This did not deter him from asking further.


Equipment packed and ready to be loaded.


He inquired about the price of a unit with floroscopy and wall bucky and was told that he could get one for $\$ 150,000$. After further coaxing, the cheapest unit's value was quoted at \$90,000.

Did Collet stop

there? No. He persisted until he was told that there was a unit available, but the hospital would need to pay $\$ 9,000.00$ to cover the cost that would be incurred when the unit was uninstalled from its former location. He contacted Mr. Newball and Ed McKenzie down in Belize and was told that \$9,000.00 was a lot of money and he should try to get it at a lower cost.

When Collet contacted the donors, they in fact decided that if the hospital and MPI were to send them a letter stating that the company had donated this unit to be used for humanitarian purposes, then they would give it to us at no charge. To God Be the Glory.

Collet, along with Wilhem, drove to Midland, Texas with a truck that had been purchased for $\$ 500.00$ and loaded the equipment; drove it through Mexico and it is now at the hospital waiting to be installed in the next few weeks.

Apart from the X-ray unit, God has blessed us with an Ultrasound Unit from Mena through the efforts of Mr. Don Johnson and Mr. Troy Morrison. We also received some much needed equipment from the Kettering Network in Ohio through the efforts of Mrs. Marge Cook and Dr. Mario Ceballos.

God has been really good to us and we look forward to more and more of our prayers to be answered in the days to come so that we can continue to provide the quality Christian service that has become the trademark of La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital.

## Memorials

## Carter, William (Bill) A.

By Teresa Carter (wife)
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## Dear Friends of MPI,

Just a note of apology from me to you-it has been brought to my attention that it makes it hard for some of you when I am slow getting your checks deposited-please forgive me for this. I have a very busy life but don't we all? I appreciate your faithfulness in the midst of all this and I will certainly try and do better! Thank you for your patience.

> C. June Anderson

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