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Mission Projects Board Meeting



Ed MacKenzie, President

Dear MPI Supporters,

We would like to take this opportunity to personally invite you to attend our upcoming Mission Projects board meeting which is scheduled to begin at 9AM on Sunday June 16th. We will be meeting at beautiful Gem State Academy. The address is 16115 S Montana Avenue, Caldwell,

ID 83607. The Academy's phone number is (208) 459-1627.

The board meeting will follow the Idaho Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Camp Meeting which is scheduled for June 11-15. You can find the particulars below.

The purpose of the board meeting is to hear mission reports and to vote the mission budgets for the ensuing fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013.

All are welcome.

In His Service,

Ed MacKenzie

MPI Board Meeting will be held at Gem State Academy, Sunday June 16, after Camp Meeting. You may call the ID Conference office to rent dorm rooms (\$17 or \$20 per night depending on dorm, \$18/RV spot) and buy breakfast and lunch at the academy. Please contact Eve Rusk or Connie Williams, at the Idaho Conf. office, **208-375-7524**, to reserve rooms in the dorm. Each person should make their own arrangements. (*\$60-\$70/dorms \$65/RV for entire Campmeeting*)

The MacKenzie's travel internationally, conducting Lay Evangelism. They are avid bird watchers. Ed oversees the accounting department at La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital and represents Mission Projects position on the Hospital's board.

Thailand Update 1

by Alejandro Cardeinte(Jhun) *(with Ruth MacKenzie)*

While at the "Golden Triangle" where the countries of Thailand, Laos & Mynamar come together, Jhun's vehicle had a bearing break in his right front wheel. It was after dark and we still needed to catch a bus for a 14 hour ride on to Bangkok the next morning. Praise God there was a police checkpoint close by and they arranged for a van to take us, all but Jhun, to Jhun's house so we could get our ride back to Bangkok.

God always turns a problem into a blessing. Below is the blessing Jhun got. Jhun wrote:

If you remember what happened to the truck, there is a story worth telling why God allowed the truck to breakdown in Chiangsean. It was not a problem. At first, I had a big question mark in my mind why God allowed that bad situation to happen. But God allowed it so I could meet the right one to work for the Miens. I will write a story as soon as I can.

Anyway, a brief summary:

If you remember, the van dropped me at a Homestay resort to stay overnight. 900 meters straight to that road was a car repair shop. The resort has a free bicycle and so I went out to find a shop nearby.

There I found a shop interestingly open on the height of Songkran Festival (*Chinese New Year. It is a water festival where they throw water on everyone. We got wet too.*) I talked to the owner and he agreed to go with me to the border checkpoint where we parked off the truck. Along the way, I asked him if he will join the water celebration that day. He said, I'm not; I'm a Christian. And so I said I'm a Christian too. Then he followed up. "I'm a Seventh-day Adventist!" "I'm a Seventh-day Adventist too.." I responded. (*There are very few SDAs in Thailand*)

And so I thanked God that He had led me to the right repair man. I thought nothing else more is happening aside from saving me from that bad situation.

But I asked him how he became Adventist. He said God brought him through an instrument because the end is so near. He is a Burmese but can read and speak Thai. He was baptized 3 months ago.

As soon as we got to the checkpoint, he drove our missionary truck and I drove his truck back to his repair shop.

There at his shop I met the man named Santipap. The shop owner introduced me as God's instrument. I thought he was a Thai layman working under Thailand Mission. And so I spoke in Thai telling him that I'm a missionary working among the Mien people.

"I'm a Mien!" He said. I was surprised since I have been praying for a dedicated Mien to lead out to evangelize and revive the Mien church.

I asked him more. "Where is your hometown?"

He said "I live in Pangkhon, Chiangrai." This only made me more amazed! I told him Pangkhon was my first mission field! He knew almost all our members there. Then I learned he used to be a Sunday

pastor and was converted to Adventism ten years ago. He finished his theology in a Sunday Church College in Bangkok. So I asked him how he became an Adventist.

He said there was an Adventist layman who gave Bible study to one of his Sunday church members.

The Adventist layman who gave Bible study gave out Ellen G. White books. I forgot to ask him what book specifically but I thought it was “The Great Controversy,” since it was the first EG White book he showed to me. Anyway, I will ask him when he has time to visit me in Phayao. He also showed many others like “Thoughts from The Mount of Blessings,” “Testimonies for the Church,” etc.

He told me he studied E. G. White writings prayerfully for two years and was convicted. His understanding about the Spirit of Prophecy and the Adventist message is so deep and firm. He trains his disciples to work for souls. He lovingly follows the counsels of the Spirit of Prophecy. And believes Jesus coming is very, very soon.

Then my big question was answered why God allows the truck to breakdown in that place!

I thank God I have a very little knowledge about car maintenance And now I would thank God my truck broke down! There have been many frustrations and disappointment I have experienced working among the Miens but God is showing me that there is hope and he has a dedicated Mien to work for Miens.

I asked Bro. Santipap how he does missionary work. He said “I work doing whatever I need to do to survive and do missionary work.” He has never been sponsored by any Adventist organization. He taught his members to sacrifice everything for God’s cause. The members’ sacrificial contribution helps them expand their evangelistic work. I told him this is what our Adventist pioneers did. Currently, He is working for the Hmong Hill tribe. He asked me if I am connected with the Thailand Mission; I said we are the same. I work as a teacher with my wife to support the Mien ministry.

I asked him “What if God would tell you to work for your people, the Miens, what would you say?”

He said, “If God calls me, I have no problem.” He says he needs to review his Mien language since he has stayed in Bangkok for many years and is using Thai to preach and give Bible studies—but he assures me he still can speak Mien.

Then I talked to him about making video lessons in Thai and Mien languages as media ministry is where God has put me. He responded positively and we exchanged our phone numbers.

I believe this is God’s timing. Please help us pray that we can team up to reach out to the Miens. This week I am free to make video lessons but unfortunately Bro. Santipap is busy giving Bible studies.

God bless your heart.

Jhun, Thailand

Praise God for His love and guidance!

Love, Mom/Ruth



Falling into God's Hands!

Greetings in Jesus' name,

We first met Veronica about two years ago. Brother Ubaldo & I were contacted by Brother Lucio Aldana. Apparently, Sister Veronica use to listen to Faith FM (a private Adventist radio station near LLL Adventist Hospital) & as she heard broadcast about the Sabbath, she felt a need to draw closer to God. She called the radio station to ask if someone could go where she lives in the village of Selena & share the Sabbath truth with her. Somehow Brother Lucio Aldana from San Ignacio church learned about it & contacted brother Ubaldo, who contacted me.

At first we were kind of skeptical because it's about 12 miles or more, half of which is rugged road. We either cross on a ferry or go the long way. After studying with her & her family for a while, we found out that she was a Seventh-day Adventist but her husband was not. For some reason she was discouraged from attending church; distance is certainly one reason for the nearest church in Santa Familia Village is some distance away from them. We encouraged her to continue attending church & eventually she did.

Sister Veronica has a pair of twin girls, Nerlin & Berlin, & a baby boy, Josias. Her husband was not home the first time we went because of work, & we couldn't come when he was there, but she told him she wanted him to hear how we explained the scriptures. Keep in mind they speak very little English, especially her husband, so most of this is through translation.

Eventually, her husband came one of the times we were there. He stayed for the study but did not show much interest—at first that is. But we'll get back to that. Sad to say, while helping a Mennonite man with his wounded horse to get back home to Springfield Village one day, brother Aldana's vehicle was strained & never fully recovered. God will bless him for his sacrifice.

Brother Calvert and Sister Tomasa Borland then offered their vehicle and translated when needed. More than once sister Veronica and her children visited us at Central in Santa Elena for worship, but her husband did not come.

Nevertheless, recently my wife got a text informing me about something that happened to the family that gave me mixed feelings. Mr. Abel, Sister Veronica's husband, had fallen from a ladder while working on the roof of a house. He thanked God he didn't hit his head, but he broke one of his ribs. He then told his wife to send for us because he was now ready for Bible studies. Although happy to hear such a request, we were unable to respond to this request immediately.

Eventually, during the Christmas season, we were able to visit them twice. Our first study on the Second Coming of Christ he really enjoyed. Thanks to technology & Share Him, we were able to do the study on a laptop in a power point format. Sister Borland then did the study & I further explained when needed.

I believe it was a blessing for them to read the scriptures in their own language. From his own lips he testified to us that he felt God calling him but he tried to ignore Him. However, the conviction kept coming stronger; especially when he heard messages over the radio. He said after the fall he now has no choice but to listen to God, & now he is ready.

Please keep him, his family, & us in prayer as we continue minister to them in the capacity we are able to do so.

Your brother in Christ, Wentworth Chang

Philippines Update

By Jesreel Abella

Dearest Papa Ed & Mama Ruth,

Sorry, it's been so long since I last updated you of my whereabouts.

Last month was a busy month for me. I did a crusade in Upper Labay. That was February 4-16. My topic was focused on a Doctrinal Series since they did not exactly understand our doctrines. They are very much interested about it and asked a lot of questions. Through God's help, we have baptized 47 precious souls. On the 30th of this month there will be another set of candidates for baptism. We will be including them in the "Bill Tucker Crusade" mass baptism. Actually, it was my first time to do a crusade alone from the ground work. The district Pastor was just there for the baptism. There were 2 Laymen that were sent from the district that assisted me during the crusade proper. I enjoyed it much. We had a very limited budget for that crusade from the sponsors. I had to use some of my allowance just to finish the crusade. But God is good all the time. We finished the crusade successfully. Sometimes there come trials when we are doing God's work seriously. But God knows how to provide for his people.



My concern now is I need more Bibles for the newly baptized. We need 30 more Bibles. The mission did not contribute Bibles so we are just getting sponsors to provide Bibles for them. They all requested to have one and they are really excited to read what's inside the Bible and haven't even had it for their own. Each Cebuano (Bible) costs

php300. I hope you can help them.

Papa Ed & Mama Ruth, as you can see the situation of the church; it's not that conducive yet for worship. Whatever you can help for the church will be very much appreciated and include us in your lists of projects.

Love and prayers,

Jesreel Abella, Philippines ♦



Thailand Update 2

By Ruth Mackenzie

Our Thailand project is off to a good start. We visited them last week, Apr 11 to 18. There are two Filipino SULADS girls, Ana is a teacher and Malikia (Likia) is a nurse. They are working with the Mien mountain tribe in Huai Fai Village about an hour from Nan.

Jhun had to shift down to low range and 4wheel drive to make it up some of the hills. I doubt any vehicles can go up those roads during rainy season when the red clay is slick.

Many of the people there do not read or write. There is a need for a few "God Pods" in the Mien language. There are a couple missionaries that speak the Mien language that could record materials on the "God Pods", if there is no "God Pod" already in the Mien language.

There are two families in this village that have been Baptized. They had a hand-cranked instrument with Christian songs and other materials on it but it is no longer working.

In this first picture I am giving a health talk about alcohol and tobacco Friday night. Pastor Anusorn is translating for me. The second picture is Sabbath morning service.

When we arrived at Huai Fai Village they had just completed this house enough for us to stay in. It is the mission house that will serve several purposes. There was a room partitioned off that the 3 Abellas and we stayed in. We slept on the floor on foam mats and under mosquito nets. The 2 front windows didn't have coverings.



The building is made of 3" thick blocks. They plan to plaster the blocks inside and out later. There was a bathroom with a shower attached to the back of the building. Cold water of course, but nice and clean. ♦



San Lorenzo School

Christian Education for the Indigenous



Our school in the mountains of Chiapas, Mexico continues to make progress, thanks to God's blessings and teacher salaries provided by MPI donors. Enrollment is the highest ever at 127 students in 12 grades.

During a spiritual retreat,

students carried their desks into the jungle, cleared out the undergrowth with machetes and had classes surrounded by the beauties of nature.

This year the students are learning a new and essential skill, after MPI provided funding to equip a classroom with 10 computers. A competent instructor teaches the basics in this area. Also, students planted, cared for, and harvested six tons of corn to help with additional school improvements.

Young people from 10 schools in the extended area participated in a variety of educational activities recently. San Lorenzo students won first place with this robotic arm which is powered by water pressure.

Thank you for supporting quality Christian education at San Lorenzo!





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But this I say, he which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; but he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man accordingly as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:6,7

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You are making a difference!
By Fred Adams

We recently returned from a whirlwind trip to Linda Vista University in the mountains of south Mexico - a special place where four generations of our family have lived and served since 1958. Nine members of our family were there, and what a joy to see hundreds of old friends at the Alumni/ Pioneer Reunion! It was certainly a little foretaste of Heaven!



Linda Vista University is surrounded by pine forests high in the mountains of Chiapas, Mexico.

While there, I discussed Worthy Student Aid and the San Lorenzo School with the folks in charge, and things are looking very good. Time after time young people threw their arms around us, thanking us for making it possible for them to complete their studies. We had to keep reminding them that it is the donors provided the



Diana, Daniel & Fred Adams with two Linda Vista students.

funds - we just made sure they got to the right place. So they send you their most heartfelt thanks.

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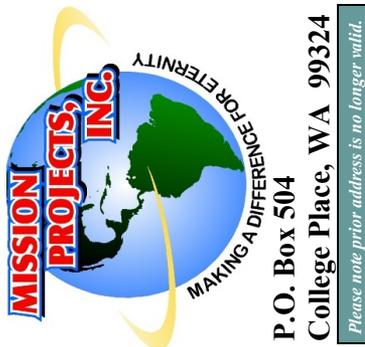
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