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# MPI Update

Mission Projects, Inc.

Vision: Working together so everyone can experience the love of Jesus personally.



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# Update

And they come from the East and from the West and from the North and from the South and from the Islands of the Sea

**D**ear MPI Supporters,  
I was reminded of Luke 13:29 during our stay of the San Antonio General Conference Session. "And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God"

There were well over 100 countries represented at the Session. I was amazed at the number of our brothers and sisters we spoke with from so many different many nations, both small and great. In Christ we are all one. A living faith conquers all nations, tongues and peoples. We understand that there were 1,000 who came from New Guinea alone. Some of those individuals had heard of or knew Gary and Toni Lewis.

My faith was restored in the youth. Many of them were willing to sign up for a future mission trip.

Thank you for each one of you that stopped by our booth to say hello. We met many friends from around the world that we have worked with in Missions.

Many of those we spoke with expressed the need for expanding mission outreach in their home countries. This included Thailand, the Philippines, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Malawi, Romania, India, Guatemala, Belize, El Salvador, Guyana, Peru, Dominican Republic, Mexico, as well as several Islands in the Caribbean. How we would love to help and be there for all of them.

There are still churches and schools to build, medical programs to be implemented, lay workers to be put to work, schools and students to assist. We appreciate your help with these outreach programs. Are you ready to join us on a mission trip? Thank you for your continuing prayers and financial support.

We are thankful for the many workers who gave support at our booth. Please take a moment to see the pictures of our booth and our workers located elsewhere in this newsletter.

In His Service,  
*Ed MacKenzie*

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## MPI President's Update



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

*Ed MacKenzie, President*

# Romanian Medical Student in Mexico

I am 22 years old, and am studying to be a Medical Surgeon at Montemorelos University. I have completed secondary school in the Adventist School of Craiova in Romania and finished the first year of medicine at the University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Craiova.

The reasons why I came to study Montemorelos are many, but I will summarize the most important. First, I've realized that I was not following my dream of studying medicine in an Adventist school, in order to learn **and prepare to be a missionary doctor**. I want to help people in need, bring hope and relief to the suffering and offer them the word of God. It's a nice dream, but to dream is not enough; I want to do everything I can to make it happen.

How would I describe myself? I'm a normal girl, sometimes shy, with a religious education (I was baptized at 15 years old when I was mature enough to make such an important decision). Born and raised in an Adventist family with strict rules and rigorous principles, I was taught that the most important thing in life is leaving ourselves in the hands of God, because He knows what is best for us, and only He can guide us. Everything I learned so far is in vain if I do not put it into practice, and this is why I want to help those who suffer most.

I love children; I like to play with them, teach them, tell them stories, take care of them and tell them about Jesus. I am also passionate about art: painting (I know how to paint in oil), music (I play the piano), poetry and sculpture. I believe that in order to become a good doctor, it is important to keep a very healthy lifestyle, and this is another reason why I decided to come to study at Montemorelos; the food here is healthy and vegetarian, there is emphasis on exercising, and it promotes biblical and Spirit of Prophecy principals.

I am convinced that this University will prepare me like no other, because the atmosphere and academic education are what matters most in the formation of the youth today. I hope to find here in Montemorelos, a family, brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers who know how to teach me to live as a Christian worthy to carry this name.

I know it will not be easy being so far from my country and my family and also because it is quite expensive to study here **and my family does not have enough resources to pay for my studies**, but they will help me with many prayers because we know that money is not a problem for God.

I am currently studying the sixth semester of medicine, but unfortunately I was unable to keep up with my finances at the University. I am doing all I can to provide for my tuition by **working in the university's cafeteria, in the library, and canvassing**, and although it's been hard, I thank God for the way He has kept me in this school. I have no doubt that He has a plan for me, and I am willing to follow Him.

Best Regards, *Livia-Karina Lupusor*

**Editor's note:** *This young lady comes with very high recommendations from the Montemorelos administration. She needs to pay her \$4,000 debt, before she can continue her studies.*

Worthy Student Aid



# Thailand

## The Flee

By: Ana U Abendan, Thailand SULAD

**“Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee,  
and thou shalt glorify me.” Psalm 50:15**

Go! Go! Faster! Faster! We heard the noise of some children and adults running behind the center one evening as we rested after we arrived from the farm that day. We wondered why they are running past the back of our building.

Then in the morning, we heard the same voice calling us. “Muangz Feix aah, Faam Feix aah! Can we place our things here in your center, including our papers, birth certificates and pictures etc? We are afraid that my father will destroy all of these.”

“Okay, no problem, just put your things in here.” we answered. We saw her worried face. She related that her drug addict father almost harmed them last night and they fled away from their house. They were the ones that had passed behind our center last night. They slept at our neighbors’ house a little bit farther away. They were terrified that night when their drug addict father seemed so angry with their mother and all of them, so they planned to pack up all their important things and hide them in our center. That day, the rain started to pour down and it was a little bit harder for them to go with an infant on her back, and her mother carrying bag packs. They need to go down to the school where their children are studying and take them all to Bangkok. They move quickly as they prepare everything so that her father cannot see them fleeing from him.

We felt very sad for them and we also know how cruel her father is when he gets drunk. We can still remember the past month when her father threw a heavy battery hitting her mother’s forehead. They had to rush to the hospital at midnight. Her mother’s arm was sprained and her forehead wounded when she tried to protect her



face from that half-kilo battery. We think: *What will be her father's reaction when he finds out that we helped his child, grandchildren and wife to flee away from him? What if he will come here and do the same thing with us?* Then we whispered a prayer instead of worrying about our situation.

The next morning, we heard that her father burned all their clothes except her grandmothers' and little sisters' clothes. We saw her father's angry face when he passed by the center roaming around the village and calling his children who are working in Bangkok.

Then the next day, the drug addict's step-brother's wife asked us to help them call their son. So we went to help them, but it so happened that the angry drug addict also went there to call. He was still very angry with his wife and children. Since his step-brother doesn't know how to make a call, SULAD Elma did it for him. The angry drug addict gave the number and let his step brother talk to his son and ordered his wife and children to come home as soon as possible. He will do even worse things to them if they will not come home.

What will be his reaction if he knows that we were also involved in sending his wife and family away? I asked in my mind. But anyway we helped both sides. We help the family to flee away for good and helped him to use the phone. We can still remember his wife with bags on her back and his daughter carrying an infant on her back. His wife also carried some paper money for their spirits. We asked if we could offer a prayer before they leave on their motorbike.

God is just a prayer away even in the worst times in life and we want to let them know that the God in heaven loves them and will keep them safe wherever they go. Even though they are very devoted to their spirits, we thank God that they still allowed us to utter a prayer for them. We know already that they are very prejudiced toward Christians, but in times of trouble they still realized that they are safe near to us. They still entrusted us with their things and thanked us for the help and prayer that we offered.

We thank God that even in their time of trouble they still allow God to deliver them from harm. We are thankful to the Lord for His goodness that until this time no one harms us anywhere we go. Call upon the Lord all the time because He can deliver us anytime and anywhere.



***Individual Monthly  
Lay Worker Support  
in Thailand \$170***



# General Conference 2015

## The DUO Singers and Instrumentalists, Sweety and Marc Ejurango

By Ruth MacKenzie & Alejandro Cardeinte

While we were at the General Conference in San Antonio we had the privilege of meeting the Ejurango Family.

They came to help raise funds for the Thailand SULADS. These young Thai & Laotian SULADS want to get more training so that they can be more effective missionaries in Thailand and Laos. Three of these SULADS are requesting sponsors.



Alejandro Cardeinte, the Thai SULADS director is on the left. The other five are the Thai SULADS missionaries.

“The DUO Kids Singers and Instrumentalist” plan to tour some before school starts to raise funds for the SULADS missionaries’ further training. They sing and play the Cello, Violin, Saxophone and Flute.

The young SULADS Thai and Lao missionaries have been working in several villages for the past year. Here is a short report by **Alejandro the SULADS coordinator**:

**P**raise the Lord! The year-end mission trip was so successful! We brought the DUO Kids Singers and Instrumentalists to our mission fields.

We had a great experience at Huai Han Village. Huai Han was the most challenging place to start a mission since the village head doesn't allow any Christian denominations to put up a church building. When our student missionaries (SULADS) asked permission to use the meeting hall, the head turned them down as he is so opposed to any Christian activities in the village. He said we can only use our



home-church for the concert. But God is really good. The Duo sang and played cello and violin well. The home-church was filled with non-believing neighbors (more than 30 of them). We also fed the children and adults, those who were able to wait until the musical program was finished.

Sweetie & Marc Ejurango performing at the General Conference

There was a series of preaching after a song was performed. It was a great year-end experience there. At Maeream Village, the following day, the program was even more refreshing, people filled the medium size meeting hall. The village head, though not a believer, announced the show to his people very early in the morning. There was even a series of preaching by explaining the songs after a song was rendered. We shared Jesus on a new level there! We praise God for the very warm reception of people there.

In Huai Fai Village, the last village, even though we hadn't included it in our original plan, the turnout was amazing! The kids were miraculously gathered in a very short and surprising visit.

We concluded our mission trip there. The DUO kids had used their last energy to perform. Praise God, our missionaries (SULADS) in each village had done an excellent job on preparing their village for the program.

# MPI Sponsors Worthy Students at both Linda Vista University and Montemorelos University in Mexico

Linda Vista University booth at GC, Ed MacKenzie is second from right.



Montemorelos University booth at GC Ruth (left) & Ed (right) MacKenzie





# Special Update from San Antonio, TX

## 2015 General Conference MPI Booth



MPI booth is the *bright* spot in the middle of photo. (Arrow)



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- **Name MPI as a beneficiary** of your IRA or 401(k) retirement plan, life insurance policies, or investment brokerage account.
- **Designate MPI as a dollar amount** or percentage beneficiary of your will or revocable living trust.
- **Transfer valuables** such as stamp, coin or antique collections to MPI through a simple change to your documents.
- **Get more income now** or for your anticipated retirement. **Plan a future gift option** that will pay you a generous, fixed income **now** for as long as you live, provide immediate income tax relief, and ultimately provide funds for MPI outreach!

**To learn more, contact MPI Planned Giving at 866-356-5595.**

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# Memorial Gifts At Rest

**Dopp, Janice**

*By Rita Vital*

**Weaner, Carla**

*By Rita Vital*



## Colorfully Dressed African Ladies at GC



*Give, and it will be given to you ... for by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return. Luke 6:38 NKJV*

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