



MPI UPDATE

Mission Projects, Inc

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Needs in Belize:

We would like to change this picture!



*This church was started a few years ago. Unfortunately, just after they put up the trusses and before they had them properly braced, a hurricane struck and completely destroyed the trusses. Sadly the local congregation does not have the funds to rebuild the roof so the building sets empty while the members continue meeting in homes. **Let's make a difference!***

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Keeping You Informed in 2009



Ed MacKenzie
MPI President

The President's Corner

"You are My hands, you are My feet"

Dear MPI Supporters

This has been a very busy year for Mission Projects and its support ministries. 2009 has been designated as the year of Evangelism. Along with Evangelism comes the need for Churches. La Loma Luz Hospital and Mission Projects will be in the middle of both of these endeavors in Belize before long.

Our Secretary-Treasurer, Jerry Harris has recently returned from Belize where he has been working with Maranatha, Church Officials, and others to build a number of One-Day Churches. You can read the report regarding this project and the need for volunteer work groups, beginning on page three.

Share Him is planning to conduct a number of simultaneous Evangelistic Efforts in the Cayo District of Belize this coming December. The Evangelists and their support teams will be staying at the La Loma Luz Hospital.

During our Evangelistic Campaign earlier this year in Donsol, Southern Luzon, Philippines, we met Jeffrey and his wife Judi. Jeff was one of the Lay Workers assigned to our effort. Please see Ruth's report regarding this very talented couple on pages four and five. God has plans for this young couple!

In October Ruth and I will be joining a group going to Mozambique, Africa. Traveling to Africa will be a new experience for us. We will conduct one of four Evangelistic Campaigns. The group will also conduct a Medical Outreach and build two new Churches. One of the Churches will be a One-Day Church.

We appreciate your prayers in support of the above projects. We will bring you updates as the projects progress.

In His Service,

Ed MacKenzie

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

MPI Mission Trips

One Day Churches by Wendy Harris

During the past board meeting MPI voted to support an additional 3 lay workers for Belize, making a total of six. There was also much discussion about the need for MPI to offer a mission trip opportunity for our donors and anyone who might be interested in MPI. A mission trip provides a chance for our donors to not only hear what is going on but to truly “see” what MPI is all about. Little did we know that day what an exciting opportunity awaited us. The Lord had something wonderful in mind for the great little county of Belize. . . and you!

During December 13-18 each one of you are invited to join the MPI board to help build One-Day-Churches, put the roof on a large new church and do maintenance and construction projects at La Loma Luz Hospital in Belize. Jerry just returned from Belize to meet the conference president, see the locations for these churches, find tin, and make various other arrangements. It was a busy and exciting trip. The various groups are extremely joyful in the thought of having a church of their own, just as we are excited to get to share in their dream. Presently there are groups of anywhere from 10 to 70 members that do not have any church of their own and meet in homes or rented buildings.

Some of you may be familiar with the One-Day-Churches, or you may have read about them in our last newsletter. (See our previous issue of MPI Update) When we were first thinking of this trip we thought only of building only a few churches, but thanks to the One-Day-Church program and Maranatha International we will be able to build at least 30. Truly I praise the Lord for his blessings! Building sites have been identified from Corazal to Punta Gorda and Belize City to Billy White.

Lot near Corazal ready for a One-Day-Church

The home base for all of our projects will be La Loma Luz Hospital which has a long running reputation of quality and caring health care in Belize. In fact, the last time Jerry and I were in Belize together, we were waiting by at the bus stop at the bottom of the hill and started visiting with a man waiting for the next bus.



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Bright colored clothing and long dreadlocks that moved as he talked and leather sandals made him exactly what I had always pictured when I thought of Belize. As we visited, he shared with us how much he appreciated the services of LLL and how he had traveled from Belize City, passing many other hospitals, to get LLL's services. This hospital continues to be a blessing to all who come to it and meets the needs of many individuals that do not have the money to receive the medical attention that they need.

So, get that suitcase packed! And come and see the wonderful country and people of Belize!

If you are interested in assisting with the building projects, give us a call. (To make reservations call Jerry Harris 435-259-5987.)

If you would like to assist with the financial portion, mark your donations Belize One-Day-Church and send them to MPI. ♦

Lot near Belize City soon to be ready for a One-Day-Church.



God's Marvelous Ways in the Philippines

By Ruth MacKenzie

Jeff's mother left the family for another man when Jeff was only 10 years old. He was so devastated by this rejection that he ran away and didn't see his mom again for 14 years. He stayed with a friend of his father's about 10 kilometers from his home, making them promise that they would not tell his family or else he would run again.

This friend had a pedal car business, so Jeff worked as a pedal car operator from age 10 to 15. He said sometimes his big passenger would have pity on him and let him be the passenger and they the peddler. Jeff had been attending a Baptist elementary school and wanted to continue in a Christian school. His pedal car work paid his way.

After elementary school he attended the largest high school on the island of Negros, graduating 5th in his class of 2000 seniors at the age of 15. His teacher asked him if he had parents to place the honors on him and he said no. The teacher cried and, he admitted, he cried, too.

Jeffrey is a very intelligent, focused and spiritual young man. After high school, a Baptist minister saw potential in him and assigned him to a church. He

worked hard for a year or so and the church grew. Then they moved him to a smaller church, but he was disappointed with that move.

About that time, an Adventist uncle living on the island of Palawan, invited him to come live with him. Jeff accepted his invitation and while there became an Adventist. He worked with his uncle for a few years, then his uncle sponsored him to attend Naga View Adventist College to take the ministerial course. Sadly, his uncle died in 2004 so Jeff had to stop school. For the last 4 years he has worked as a Bible worker where needed, though he would like to finish the ministerial course. He has great drive and potential.

We have decided to sponsor Jeffrey through MPI. Here is a letter received from him just a few days ago.

Hello Sir Ed & Mom Ruth, how are you? Thank you very much for your continued support. Mom Ruth & Sir Ed, I'm now the public information officer of YMC (Young Ministerial Club) in NVAC (Naga View Adventist College) We have elections for Ministerial Association and the YMC is planning to make me their President in MA.



Please pray for me that God will enable me to do the task. I know it's a big task to do, I can do nothing without God. I also have good news for you, I always top in our quizzes. We will lead the program this afternoon for Sundown Worship and tomorrow for AY program.

Sir Ed & Mom Ruth thank you very much for the chance you've given to me. Don't worry we will plant vegetables for our foods. As of now we start planting, after three months we have vegetables. God has lots of ways to supply our needs.

Sir, Mom, I promise, I'll do the best I can to make my grades good and finish my study. I'm looking forward that we can work together someday. I'm very happy for this opportunity you have given to me. I will not fail you....

We will send you my grades every end of the semester. We will send you also pictures about my whereabouts in school.

Thank you very much again, God Bless to you. Mom Ruth & Sir Ed take care always because we always pray for you.

God Bless and regards to all!

Jeffrey & Judy Arcenal

email: jeffrey.arcenal@yahoo.com ♦



Jeff and Judy were married in 2004. Jeff has 1 to 2 years left to finish his schooling.

Stories from the Sierra Huichol of Mexico

By Karen Kotoske, MPI Board Member

Dagoberto "accidentally" discovers Seventh-day Adventist physician in his neighborhood!

Our mission pilot and pastor, Dagoberto Cirilo, needed a doctor to check his knee. He looked in the Guadalajara yellow pages and found a doctor not far from his home

When he went for his appointment he noticed that the doctor had a Walla Walla College diploma on his wall! Dr. Mohan, who had been born in India, was pleased to tell Dago that he'd done his undergraduate studies at WWC. He then went to medical school at Autonomous University School of Medicine in Guadalajara, where he was now practicing.

Dagoberto told him, "I am a Seventh-day Adventist pastor and also the mission pilot for the Huichol mission aviation program."

Dr Mohan was delighted with this news and said, "When I was a medical student I flew with your predecessor, Pastor Bobby Roberts, to the Huichol Indians. He was a man whom I liked very much. I'd like to be in touch with him again."

Dagoberto told Dr. Mohan about our program and invited him and his family to visit church the following Sabbath. Dr. Mohan replied, "You know, I always thought perhaps I would someday be back with the Adventist community again. I feel, like Moses, I have been wandering in the desert for forty years. I would like very much to start going to church again." The following Sabbath Dr. Mohan and his wife came to Dagoberto's church and have been faithful attendees since that time. On Sabbath, June 13, Mrs. Mohan and their 12 years old son were baptized as Seventh-day Adventist Christians.

Dr. Mohan has also flown into the Sierra Huichol with Dagoberto again, and we hope he'll become a strong part of our program. Isn't it amazing how God leads? ♦



Dr. Mohan encourages a young Huichol father who had his arm burned off, as he saved the lives of his children in their burning hut.

SDA TV station operating from new church in Puente de Camotlan

The Puente de Camotlan TV Station is in operation at the new church, broadcasting 24/7 and is serving both Mexican and Huichol people. (Our flying clinic pilot, Dagoberto Cirilo, is the pastor of this church.) The response has been very positive with even some of the Huichol coming to the TV station and expressing their appreciation.

*Many people are grateful to be able to see 3ABN and HOPE in their own homes. The station is also able to provide community service announcements. **We are deeply grateful to Mission Projects Inc., Al and Kathy Nelson, and Mike Nelson** who made possible the purchase of the TV tower and broadcasting equipment. ♦*

Baptisms in Puente de Camotlán

A report from mission pilot/pastor Dagoberto Cirilo

On the last Sabbath in February, at the new church in Puente de Camotlan, three Huichol Indians, and one woman from Puente de Camotlán were baptized. The new believers included Huichol teens, Karina Robles her brother Adlaberto Robles (16) - and one more Huichol who it brings a very special happiness for me to tell you about.

Maria Guadalupe is a 44 year old Huichol grandmother who has overcome tragic circumstances in her life, but which has led to this day of happiness. Maria (not her real name) was raped by a family member when she was only 12. She fled on foot to another vil-



SDA Huichol Indian believers taken on a Sabbath morning in San Miguel Huaixtita Pastor/pilot Dagoberto Cirilo in white shirt, upper right corner.

lage to escape the shame - a village several days' walk away, which she did alone and pregnant! There Maria gave birth to a daughter, Teresa, and in spite of her young age Maria managed somehow to raise Teresa and encourage her always to do her best in school. As she grew, Maria sent Teresa to Seventh-day Adventist Navajoa Academy where she came to know Jesus and was baptized.

Teresa studied nutrition at Navajoa, married a Huichol young man and is now a mother. Her mother's baptism is a very special happiness for all of us. God has watched over His precious daughter Maria and *her* daughter Teresa all of these years, and now both are anticipating the coming of Jesus.

The Puente de Camotlán church is located on the edge of Huichol territory. It is the town where the Huichol come to trade. The church sits high on a hill overlooking the beautiful valley, with the majestic Sierra Huichol in the background. ♦

San Lorenzo School

Swine Flu Scare Results in Cancelled Graduation Ceremony

By Fred Adams

The Swine Flu scare resulted in the order to cancel all public gatherings throughout Mexico at graduation time for our school at San Lorenzo in the mountains of Chiapas, Mexico. However, 17 of the 73 students attending this school were happy to receive their diplomas, even if they couldn't have an official graduation ceremony.

For awhile, our Indigenous school seemed to be floundering for lack of funds as well as competent staff willing to live and work in such primitive conditions. But last year, with the backing of the North Chiapas Conference and MPI, the school was able to get back on its feet again and move forward.



Tito Lopez, new Principal



Students from San Lorenzo who gave their lives to Jesus and were baptized

Tito Lopez, eldest son of the school's founder Dionisio Lopez, left his well-paying job at a hospital in Mexico City to be Principal at San Lorenzo.

Seven young people gave their lives to Jesus and were baptized last April.



These ladies in typical Chamula attire asked to be baptized after an evangelistic series held by students!

The staff and students are active in reaching out to non-believers through visiting homes and holding evangelistic meetings.

For those who have been to San Lorenzo, you remember the “road” where vehicles got stuck or broke down



Your contributions, large or small, will help keep this school training young people to serve God and reach others for Jesus.

MPI's web site has moved, and is now located at www.missionprojectsinc.org

We have added a new feature—online giving. You have the option of using a Credit Card, Debit Card or PayPal.

Worthy Student Aid

Grateful for Altruistic Labor *By Jorge Luis Silva*

Estimated Gentlemen,

I am a young man originally of the city of Montemorelos, with the desire of growing in all aspects of my life. I have decided to prepare with university studies and with the God's help, some day to be able to conclude with my career.

I am employed at a workshop of mechanics in the mornings, to be able to pay my studies, and in the evenings I have homework in the courses of Industrial Engineering and Systems in Montemorelos University. I initiated my studies doing only three courses every semester; this is because I don't have the resources, and this semester I'm taking only two courses.

My desire is to continue in a full way with the academic program of each semester.

Finally I'm grateful to God for the blessing to be in an Adventist institution, and the great opportunities that are given to us in this place. I am grateful for the attention given to the present letter, and wish God continues blessing you in your altruistic labor in favor of the youth.



-Jorge Luis Silva ♦

Western Adventist Foundation

Partnership for Planned Giving

Mission Projects is pleased to announce the opening of our new Planned Giving department. We have recently partnered with the Western Adventist Foundation (WAF) to provide you with access to their team of Planned Giving professionals. Their department can answer your questions about a Will or Revocable Living Trust. They can explain how simple it is to provide for your loved ones and Mission Projects after you pass on. They would also be delighted to discuss "Tax-Smart" methods for your retirement plan assets. If the recent economic meltdown has decreased your savings account interest rate and your bank's certificate of deposit rate, you may need more income so call WAF today to learn how a Charitable Gift Annuity can do this, and more. Their toll free number is **866-356-5595**, they are waiting to assist you. ♦

MPI Board of Directors Meeting

December 17 and 18, 2009

Our Board will meet at La Loma Luz Hospital in Belize. Come join the work project and board meeting!



Since there are many students needing assistance, your Student Aid contributions are placed in a General Fund and distributed uniformly among those with the greatest need and potential. *Thank you!*

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