



MPI UPDATE

Newsletter formerly known as Mission Projects, Inc

MPI OFFICERS ON THE FRONT LINE

Shopping Pages

This issue highlights the various projects MPI sponsors and gives you the opportunity to select and donate your funds to specific projects as listed. See pages 12 & 13

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*Ed and Ruth MacKenzie
(at their 40th anniversary celebration)*



Ed & Ruth MacKenzie reside in Yakima, Washington when they are not traveling internationally or visiting one of their four children and five (soon to be six) grandchildren. They own apartments in the Yakima area which occupies most of their time when they are not traveling.

The MacKenzie's took early retirement. They sold their home on Whidbey Island, Washington, so that they could be free to travel and to work on mission projects. During the last two years they have traveled to twelve different countries. In 2003 they worked on a new Hospital wing at the Adventist Hospital in Haiti. This included a side trip to Cuba.

Next they went on the MPI sponsored mission trip to San Lorenzo, where they helped to build additional classrooms for the school and to assist the medical team that was a part of this project. Following this they traveled on to La Loma Luz Hospital in Belize. Earlier this year,

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NEWS NOTES

30%

Savings!

By doing our own color issue, we are saving 35% in cost over previous single colored issue. Again, we want to thank DayStar Academy for their contribution.

Request From Mission Field

A lay worker in Belize is asking for three very needful items;

1. A 750 watt generator
2. Possibly a good used motor bike for transportation
3. A very nice guitar

If you can help, please contact Jerry Harris

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We consider *each and every person* who supports us with your prayers and/or contributions to be a part of the MPI family as well!

CONCLUSION

they conducted their own small evangelistic crusade in the Philippines in connection with Global Missions. This was a first. “We were one of 46 venues in Metro Manila. God gave us 37 precious souls, 32 of whom were baptized on the final Sabbath of the Crusade.”

Ed & Ruth note that they first became acquainted with MPI in 1986 when their son Vaughn spent three months at the MPI site at Bella Vista in Southern Mexico. They have been MPI supporters ever since. Vaughn met the Summertons while he was at Bella Vista. Ruth knew Jim Summerton when she was a little girl.

During 2003 Ed & Ruth spent a total of six months at Loma Luz Adventist Hospital. Ed is a retired Certified Public Accountant. Ed’s work experience was mostly in telecommunications. Ed reports that becoming acquainted with Hospital Accounting and upgrading the performance of the Hospitals QuickBooks Accounting and Financial Reporting System was a real challenge.

In addition, he trained the Hospitals office personnel to work with the new upgraded system. Ed is in constant contact, via e-mail, with Diana Roberts who now oversees the day-to-day accounting for the hospital. Ed notes that this gives us the ability to keep on top of the financial needs of the Hospital. Ruth spent her time organizing patient charts and helping the receptionist. They have greatly enjoyed working with the staff at the Hospital.

The MacKenzie’s are avid bird watchers. They say that they were greatly blessed to travel to Southern Mexico, Belize and Guatemala where there is a large number of different species of birds. Their life list grew from 620 to 900 birds during 2003. “God is good all the time.”

Worthy Student Aid

“Misfit” Discovers God’s Ways Are Best

To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to ask your support to stay studying in this school. Since I was little I wanted to study in a Seventh day Adventist School. But I never had that opportunity.

My wish to study Nursing started since I was 3 years old, and I grew up with that in mind. I wanted to help others and specially my mother, who was very sick. I was raised by my grandmother because my mom was in the hospital most of the time; they use to take me to visit her at the Hospital.

I wanted to study at Linda Vista Adventist school, but we did not have that possibility. Some family friends tol me that Linda Vista was not for me because I did not have money. My mom and I prayed a lot, and one day somebody called me from a Nurse’s aid school, and the teacher asked me: “Do you want to study here?”

I did not know what to say, because it was not a Christian school. He offered me to work in this house, but tol me that he had to ask his wife first. We prayed and ask God, that He could guide everything. The next day that teacher called me and said that I could start right away. I cried, because I did not want that, but maybe God did. So I started in that school, it was very hard at the beginning, because noone liked me because I did not go to parties with them. A teacher toll me to quit, because I did not fit there. But I stayed.

It was until 3rd year that some fellow students started asking me why was I so different, and I told them that I was Adventist Christian and invited them to church. A teacher started

going with his wife and one year latter they both joined the church and got baptized; some others asked me for Bibles and Christian music, and I am sure the Holy Spirit will do the rest of the job. It was until then that I realized why God wanted me to in that School.

But I wanted to be a Licenced Nurse, and I wanted to study at Linda Vista. It was then that God openen a dor, and I started to sell books for Him. That summer I did not even get enough money for my matriculation [registration fee], but I kept faith that God would lead me some how. So I started at Linda Vista, now I am in 2nd year with a big debt, but I am in the hands of God.

And he knows that my biggest wish is to serve Him and others through Nursing. I appreciate your attention to this and may God be with you wherever you go.

Sinceraly,



Lidia Ibeth Maldonado



Lidia Ibeth Maldonado

Ps. Please excuse my English.

Editor's Note: Since we have many worthy students needing assistance, we ask that donations be made to the general Student Aid fund instead of specific students. Otherwise, only students featured here receive assistance, while others are left out. Thanks!

Lay Workers

In Belize, The Truth Has Set Them Free!



***Manzanero Family accompanied by
Fererico Landero, Ruth MacKenzie, and Kent Magana (All in back row)***

The Manzanero family members were devout Catholics who were brought up in the tradition of image worship. They were intent on serving God based on their knowledge, and immersed themselves in celebrating all the feast days on the calendar. Their greatest celebration was in honor of the dead, and having lost their parents to untimely death, they anticipated that time of year when they could take food to their loved ones tombs. They were so engulfed in darkness, they believed the dead actually did get up and eat it.

Federico Landero, a lay worker sponsored by MPI, began visiting this family shortly after the death of one of their loved ones. In their agony, they desired to know what the Bible had to say about what happened to their loved ones when they died. What followed was a series more than 30 Bible studies scattered over several months. When the dust cleared and the Holy Spirit had done its work drawing hungry, searching souls

to Christ, the Manzanero's had been led step by step to a true knowledge of the Living God and the state of the dead. Federico did not stop there. In November of last year, the Manzanero's were baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist truth and now over fifteen grandchildren and some ten other relatives are preparing for baptism as well.

Pray for the outreach mission of Federico Landero in the Cayo District. This year alone God has used him to bring over 50 people to the foot of the cross.

Among them are the Vallardares' who were devout Pentecostals, and are now worshipping at the Santa Familia Seventh-day Adventist Church and are rejoicing in their new-found faith.

Then there is the Carritos family who had built their own church and then realized that God had something better for them. They are now Seventh-day Adventists.

Among the number is Mrs. Vasquez, who was dying from cancer. A series of prayers and anointing brought a healing miracle to her life. She in turn gave her life to Jesus and is now a faithful Seventh-day Adventist. The stories go on and on.

Please, let us keep supporting our lay workers all over the world. Angels of God accompany them in their work and the results are tremendous.

*Collet Montejo, Chaplain at La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital,
writes from Belize, Central America.*



**Federico, Ed MacKenzie, and Kent join
Mrs. Vasquez and family**

Lay Workers

Rain, Floods and Winds Challenge Church Construction

Excerpts condensed from monthly reports by MPI layman Reyman Salazar, working along Mexico's south coast near Guatemala.



March 2003 – So far I have 10 interests in the town of Morelos. The new believers are so eager to have a house of worship that one man donated land, we've raised \$15,000 pesos [\$1,500 dollars], and have begun construction. The walls are 1½ meters high, but we ran out of money. We need another \$15,000 pesos to finish the walls and roof, and hope to raise \$5,000 pesos by visiting believers in other towns. We would be grateful if MPI could help us with \$10,000 pesos. We could also use Bibles and literature for evangelism so our little group can grow.

July 2003 – Thank you for the Bibles and literature. We now have 35 interests tightly squeezed in a private home to worship. The walls of our church building are two meters high. I kindly remind you of our need for funds to finish our house of worship.

Sept. 2003 – Four more people have made their decision to follow Jesus this month and plan to be baptized. The Devil isn't happy. Twice this month heavy rains flooded



our house, washing away our clothes, shoes and kitchen utensils. We are grateful to be alive.

Nov. 2003 – I am still preaching, but continue encountering obstacles. Strong winds blew the roof off our house, and knocked down one wall of our new church. We need financial assistance to finish



financial assistance to finish this church! We made a temporary shelter inside the new church for our meetings – our group continues growing and we don't fit in the house any more.

Jan. 2004 – We received funding sent by MPI, and the believers are working hard to finish our new house of worship! Two more people were baptized this month.

Sept. 2004 – Our church is completed and we have trained 20 new believers, who are actively involved in outreach in three nearby communities. We need many more Bibles, study guides and literature. Soon we will need more new church buildings! The new believers send their greetings and express gratefulness to MPI.

Reyman Salazar

La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital

Glory To God, A Dream Comes True!

By Collet Montejo



For years it's been our dream here at La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital to acquire, by God's grace, a vehicle that can be used for multiple purposes. The dream was translated to direct prayer and verbal request. Mr. Ed Mackenzie, MPI representative to LLL, came down and saw the needs. With the price of a gallon of gasoline at \$4.40 US per gallon, the hospital has been spending quite a bit of money on fuel. The need for a reliable diesel vehicle (diesel is \$2.50 US per gallon) became even more visible as the price of gasoline began to constantly climb.

Our prayer intensity increased and we began to put our faith into action. We went into Belize City and started window-shopping for a used or new four-door diesel vehicle.

After two to three days of calling and visiting some dealers, God told us that He would make a way to get us a 2005 Nissan Frontier. We contacted Jerry Harris about our faith-based decision. We also contacted Mr. Ed Mackenzie. The decision was made; the only problem was the money. Through generous donations from Ed Mackenzie and MPI, with the hospital agreeing to put in the rest, the deal was made.

On December 17th, 2004, we were able to go down to Belize City and drive back to the hospital the brand new 2005 Christmas gift for La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital. This was indeed a special gift to us. This vehicle is badly needed for special trips as well as for Outback Clinics to needy communities.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all the MPI donors who so lovingly give to make dreams come through for us in third world countries. Your gifts of love will continue to touch many, many lives long after our work on earth is done. We take this opportunity to wish all the MPI family a Prosperous New Year ,and the entire La Loma Luz family sends our love and appreciation.



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THE HOSPITAL
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Mission Projects Are Happening!

Lay Workers



Africa

MPI is supporting four African lay-workers at the cost of \$60 monthly. They appreciate your faithful contributions that make this possible.

Mexico

Our 33 laymen in Mexico work in remote, unreached areas. Once a group is firmly established and new believers are trained to evangelize, the laymen move on to new territory to repeat the process. They receive a \$190 monthly stipend.



Belize

Federico Landero is being used by God to bring many souls into Christ's kingdom. See his story on pages 6 and 7, this issue. He receives a monthly stipend of \$250 monthly

San Lorenzo School



Located in remote jungle mountains of Chiapas, Mexico, this school provides 12 grades of Christian education to more than 100 Chamula Indian children. Students also learn practical trades and participate in evangelism.

Current needs:

- * Concrete for four classroom floors—\$800
- * Two computers for student use—\$600 each
- * Copy machine—\$500



... Thanks to Your Generosity!

La Loma Luz

The “Light on a Hill” could benefit its patients who are very sick by having a small vehicle to transport them from the main entrance up the steep hill to the front door of the hospital. They would like funding to purchase one or two golf carts for this purpose. A good used cart (year 2000) is priced around \$2400.



Literature

Printed materials are eagerly received and are very effective in outreach. \$200/yearly supplies the needed amount of literature for each lay-worker.

Church roofs

Using native poles and hand-sawn lumber, a small financial boost can put a roof on a house of worship in remote villages. It takes the total of \$800 to complete one roof.



Church Construction

Construction costs of \$8,000 will provide an adequate structure for worship in Belize and Mexico. One can be built in Guatemala for \$5,000. If you are impressed by the Holy Spirit to partner in building a church in one of the above areas, you may send your donation along with the form on the back page.



Memorials

At Rest . . .

DeWitt, Dr. & Mrs. J.L.

By Pastor & Mrs. Lyndon DeWitt

Duncan, Don E.

By Mrs. Don Duncan

Eastham, Chet

By Lloyd Looney

Emerson, Lee Roy

By David & Theresa Wilson

Eslinger, Winsome

By Ruth Wiebold

Games, J. F.

By Allan & Roxy Games

Giebelhouse, Flossie (Sally)

By Raymond F. Giebelhouse

Jetton Sr., James

By Marge Jetton

Keeney, Faith

By Ray Keeney

Klooster DDS, Judson

By Joy Halstead

Rigby, Katherine & Ed

By Jim & Sybil Kyle

Schlatter, Tom

By Allen & Roxy Games

Surplice, Esther

By Nancy Jane Suelzle

Birthday . . .

Gertrude Odell (98th)

By Rita Vital

Christmas . . .

Honoring Lay Workers in Africa

By Don & LaVerne Richert

MPI staff serve as volunteers from their homes across the country. Our overhead expenses are low, and covered from other sources.

This makes it possible for us to send 100% of your contributions to the MPI projects you designate.

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Please send me additional memorial forms

Unless otherwise specified, your Memorial and Special Occasion gifts are used to purchase literature and other evangelistic materials for use by our laymen.

What is MPI?

Mission Projects, Incorporated is a supporting organization of the Seventh-day Adventist church, dedicated to spreading the Gospel by way of medical, educational and evangelistic endeavors. M.P.I. works in complete harmony with local Conferences and Missions, and is a member of Adventist Laymen's Services and Industries (A.S.I.).

MPI BOARD MEETING

MPI board members met January 31 and February 1 in Mesa, Arizona, to discuss and prayerfully plan for the disbursement of MPI funds to the various conferences building projects and educational needs and lay workers in Mexico, Belize and Africa. Also on the agenda was the election of officers for the next year. All the previous officers were re-elected. Other items that took priority were the needs at La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital and the needs at San Lorenzo. There will be no summer board meeting at Montana Campmeeting, due to a constituency meeting on the Sunday after.

Go Ye Into All the World

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_____	San Lorenzo Needs	_____	Church Roofs
_____	Worthy Student Fund	_____	Use where most needed
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