



MPI UPDATE

Mission Projects, Inc

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announcing

MPI FALL BOARD MEETING

October 17-19, 2008

Yakima 35th Avenue Seventh-day Adventist church

507 N. 35th Avenue, Yakima, WA 98902

Sabbath Schedule:

- President Ed MacKenzie, morning worship hour
- All-church potluck
- Special afternoon mission program

During the mission time, we will recognize all of the MPI Board Members and invite anyone interested in mission service to meet with us on Sunday morning.

There will be exciting mission reports from MPI's mission work around the globe!

Board meetings start at 8AM with breakfast provided on both Friday the 17th & Sunday the 19th.

General sessions will start at 9AM

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The President's Corner

Work for the Night is Coming

We have been at La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital, here in Belize, for the past four months. On August 24 we leave for Venezuela where we will join a "Share Him" Crusade. We solicit your prayers for our group of twenty speakers and their support team members.

Ed MacKenzie
MPI President

We came to Belize in April thinking that if we stayed long enough, we could get a lot done. Without going into detail, in some respects this was the case, but in other respects, it did not turn out that way. The Medical work has many challenges and opportunities here in Belize, just as it does around the world. The future for our Hospital today is very bright.

The Hospital was recently blessed with a new X-ray Machine. This was something that has been on the Hospital's wish list for a number of years and the staff is very grateful for this much needed equipment!

MPI greatly appreciates our prayer and financial partners that make this all possible. Without you, the mission of the Hospital and the efforts of the Lay Workers would disappear.



The song says to "Work for the night is coming, when mans work is done." How much time we have, we do not know, but we know that time is running short.

I Peter 3:12 tells us that "... the eyes of the Lord [are] over the righteous, and his ears [are open] unto their prayers"

In His Service, Ed MacKenzie

The MacKenzie's travel internationally, conducting Lay Evangelism Crusades. 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. The MacKenzie's specifically enjoy Belize, being avid bird-watchers.

Worthy Student Aid

(We have printed Josefina's message retaining her unique English translation elements.)

Dear Friends of MPI,

Through this letter, I want to thank you for the support that I had received from you.

I'm student of fourth semester of high school. I'm 17 years old, I'm from Toluca city. My father left us and we have not heard anything from him. My bother and I'm came to the University under a special plan that Linda Vista offer to some students, but this contract is only for one year, so this year we have no money to continue our school. My mother is a secretary; her income is very low to pay our school.



Actually I'm working at Linda Vista to pay part of my school, plus a scholarship from Linda Vista and my mother, but I still do not have enough money to cover my payment. My desire is to finish my career and serve God.

Thank you MPI, God bless you in abundance in this labor that you do.

God bless you abundantly, **Josefina Zavaleta**

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!

Riverside Pioneer Report

God works so amazingly through humble, human instruments who commit themselves fully to God's work; there are no limits! Your faithful donations toward our Pioneer program are helping to finish the work of the Three Angels messages here in Zambia. I can see how God is opening doors and giving us entrances into many un-entered areas in Zambia. Here is how:

Firstly: Riverside has trained 14 students in an Advance training course. The purpose of this training was to start small mini-evangelism schools around Zambia. These seven schools have just started and are strategically located in different parts of Zambia. Now we can train more "fishermen" to take the Word to more un-entered areas. Four of these students were chosen from our senior Pioneer group as seen on the report. Thank you also for our donors that have made this training possible.

Secondly: In connection with Light Bearers Ministry, Riverside receives containers of Voice of Prophecy (VOP) material every year. We have introduced a new program of VOP-schools among our Pioneers to use the VOP lessons more effectively in their outreach programs. This has shown to be a great success in gaining more Bible studies with people. Many baptisms have resulted from the more effective use of the VOP material. Especially in un-entered areas it is helping to open doors and break down prejudices. The final VOP-lesson report will be included in the yearly report at the end of 2008.

Here is one story from a Pioneer:

A brave young boy

*M*ubyana, a boy aged 17, listened attentively to the sermons presented at a series of evangelistic meetings in Nakonde town in Zambia. He attended every night. His heart was touched by the messages. His heart was drawn to Christ. He decided to surrender his life to Jesus whatever the consequences.

Mubyana decided to invite the speaker, Whiteson Sichone to visit his father in their home. His two older brothers and mother were also interested to be baptized but were afraid of the father. He was a very difficult and stubborn man. Everyone knew his anger and disposition. Everyone was afraid of him.

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Whiteson was hesitant to go but did not want to disappoint the boy. Arriving at the boy's house the Pioneer was invited in. At first the father was not there. After a while the father came in and his face showed anger. "Who invited you into my house?" he screamed angrily.

The Pioneer did not know what to say. He was thinking: If I say the boy invited me, he will be in trouble. If I say I invited myself then I am in trouble. So he kept his peace. After a few hard words the man chased him out of his house. Whiteson just made it outside the door when it shut behind him with a bang.

When the Pioneer made an altar call for baptism, Mubyana surrendered and choose to follow Jesus. When his father heard about his decision he gave his son 3 choices:

1. To be baptized and leave the house
2. To be baptized, come back and be killed
3. Not to be baptized and stay at home and continue being supported by his father and going to school.

He was told to choose one of the options. Mubyana was afraid that the Pioneer was going to stop him from getting baptized because of his father, but the evangelist comforted him with these words of Acts 14:22 "Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God."

Mubyana told the evangelist that even his two older brothers are interested to be baptized. Encouraged by the evangelist, Mubyana had now to face his father. Opening the door of the house the whole family was waiting for him gathered by an angry father. Humbly and bravely he came before his father and said: "I have chosen one of your options; I choose to be killed." His mother was crying. His father had nothing to say.

Soon after that the father of Mubyana invited the Pioneer to visit him. Still cautious and unsure, the evangelist went for the visit. The father confessed and apologized for his behavior. He started attending church and the older brothers decided also to be baptized.

By Whiteson Sichone

Our sincere appreciation for your prayers and faithful support.

Meiring Pretorius, Evangelism Director

Riverside Farm Institute, Box 53, Kafue, Zambia



Remembering a Man of Action

Frank Cox is remembered by many as an energetic man who had big ideas and acted upon them. He spent much of his life promoting healthful living and establishing Lifestyle Centers. He had a passion for missions, investing much of his time and resources in MPI and other organizations.



Born in 1920, Frank grew up learning about responsibility and hard work on his dad's farm. He met Mildred McDonald working in a berry patch in southern California, and married her at age 17. Together they had four children – Darlene, Betty, Bob & Dan. After Darlene was married, they adopted five more children.

During his early married years, Frank developed Undulant fever from doing veterinary work at his own dairy and was unable to hold a regular job for nearly 10 years. Upon regaining his health, Frank once more milked cows for someone else full time. Because the dairy barn floors were so deteriorated, he developed a cement resurfacing process that would set up between milkings. Later with his brothers he developed a resin industrial flooring which turned into Tufco Flooring.

In the late 1960's the Cox family lived on a 300 acre farm in Harrison, Arkansas. For years Frank had a great interest in Mexico, but his wife Mildred would not move there because of leaving her children and grandchildren. After 50 years of marriage, Mildred died. Before her death, she told Frank to do three things. **1)** Marry someone he had never met before so people would not gossip. **2)** Somebody under 55 so she could keep up with him. **3)** Soon – but nobody realized **how** soon!

Right away a trusted friend introduced him to Renee, who met the above criteria, plus three of his own: **1)** Love the Lord, **2)** Love his kids and **3)** Like to travel – Mexico was coming! Six weeks after Mildred died, Frank & Renee were married.

In Mexico, Frank proceeded to start several Lifestyle Centers, incorporating Medical Missionary training schools which resulted in many people being restored to health. Many gave their lives to the Lord as well.

In 2005, Frank and Renee returned to Texas in poor health. Their hard work had taken its toll. Renee died on March 11, 2007, after being married to Frank for 19 years. Frank battled cancer while continuing his labors in Ecuador, Belize, Mexico and the U.S. He fulfilled his dream of starting a Lifestyle Center in Texas before going to his rest on May 24, 2008 at age 87.

Frank is survived by a sister and three brothers, eight children, 22 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-grandchildren, extended family and a host of friends. Up until the very end Frank remained completely focused on doing the Lord's work. At his funeral many people gave a testimony about having restored health or being members of the church because of Frank Cox. He would give all the glory to God.

Adapted from Frank's Eulogy, Obituary record & information provided by his daughter Darlene Edwards.

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