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Seeing the Unseen in 2013

“If they build it we will fill it!”



Ed MacKenzie, President

Dear MPI Supporters,

We were pleasantly surprised to meet an English speaking lady and her family in the lobby of the Hotel we were staying in Nueva Guinea, Nicaragua. It was Sabbath morning. The lady was with a group of small group leaders that were attending meetings over the weekend at the brand new

Maranatha International-built

Adventist Academy. Part of our group visited the site in the afternoon. We were surprised that the auditorium was packed; others stood outside. It was like a Church Camp Meeting.

The lady came from an Island off of the East Coast of Nicaragua that spoke



English. She wanted to speak with someone from Maranatha International. I informed her that our group leader Carlos,



was with Maranatha and she could speak with him. The burden on her heart was for a new school. Their school had been destroyed by a hurricane. I inquired asking her, how many students do you have? Her response was an unexpected surprised...“It doesn’t matter; if they build it, we will fill it.” What faith! “For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, the just shall live by faith.” Romans 1:17.

In His Service, Ed MacKenzie

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.

LLLAH Celebrates 40 Years of Service in Belize

The weekend of Dec 28 to 30, 2012 was a special time for LLLAH. It was its 40th anniversary celebration. La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital was founded by Dr. Raymond Mundall, who for many years served Belize. Twenty five members of the Mundall Family came to the Cayo District, Belize in memory of Dr. Raymond Mundall, who passed away in August 1997 and to celebrate the past 40 years of service of La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital. We enjoyed a short recording from Mrs Raymond Mundall.



Celebrations started at 7:00 pm on Friday night with a special speaker, Adan Sosa, who also serves as assistant to the Administrator, Chaplin of the hospital and the MPI Bible Worker coordinator.

On Saturday morning, the Sabbath School was opened by the Mundall Family. The guest speaker was Pastor Guy Nemhard. Translation into Spanish was done by Adan Sosa.

Saturday afternoon and evening, the Mundall Family and other members of the public reminisced on the pioneering journey of LLLAH. At that time the campus was principally a jungle and had to be cleared for the start of the hospital. Workers and contributors of the past testified to what has made LLLAH what it is today, we praise God!. Many were



present on the LLLAH Campus grounds.

At the end of the Saturday night program there was a short dedication service of the hospital's Imaging Center. For some time now LLLAH has offered various imaging services such as mammography, x-ray, ultrasound and Cat Scan.



The dedication named the center: The Sylvan N. Roberts, Jr. Memorial Imaging Centre. In honor of our beloved Sylvan Roberts. The family wore special tee-shirts.



When our administrator, Grant McPherson, was asked how he would like to remember this 40th year anniversary. His response was: “We want [the public] to recognize how the Lord has lead in the past, the present and we are asking the Lord to continue to lead us now and in the future.” ♦

Riverside Pioneer Report: God's Complete Healing Power

By: Richard Mushipi

Matesu was known through the whole village as a great drunkard and smoker. He married his first wife and she only stayed with him for one month, then she left. He took another and not long after she also left. Now this kept on going till he had gone through five wives, and was still alone. His life just kept on getting more miserable for he was constantly drunk, talking nonsense, and sleeping around.

He was a fisherman and would catch fish and sell them for money, but then he would spend all his money on Alcohol and tobacco. He was totally rejected by society, called a mad man, but still when I looked at him I had pity on him. One day I went to see him, and on this occasion he had no money so he was sober, and we could have a normal conversation. After our first meeting I made several appointments with him and we would meet and talk as I explained the power of God to save and change lives. After several days of talking, he gave his life to Christ, confessed his sins and was baptized.

Five months he came to me and told me that he wanted to get married. Now I had been observing him and it seemed that his conversion was sincere, so I gave him the green light. Now the problem was that all the ladies in that area knew him and no-one would accept him. So he proceeded to another area, where they did not know his past history. Here he found a lady who accepted his offer of marriage. To my surprise and consternation, he had married my cousin! But I had confidence in the power of God to totally change even this man who was thought to be a mad man.

Today he is faithfully serving in the church as an assistant company leader, the man of one wife and faithful to the God that changed him, and gave him his life back. ♦

Reports from the Frontline: Nuevo Eden

Monday February 18th we began the process of asking permission for flights for the coming week. The first of these flights was to Nuevo Eden to drop off Pastor Rosendo for some local church leader training and preparations for the medical outreach we planned to hold that weekend. Wednesday morning came and still we hadn't received our permit. As many of you may remember, some changes took place a little over a year ago, stopping all flights to places other than government authorized runways. All rivers, lakes and village runways were inaccessible. Recently the tide has shifted slightly and, though they do not yet allow flights to land on runways in the villages, we are now able to make requests for flights to rivers and lakes and can be granted permission in due time. We were not able to get permission granted for the Wednesday flight until late afternoon, past our safe go time, and so had to scratch that flight, but God still had something in store for Nuevo Eden. Thursday we received our permission for our weekend flight and were able to surprise the church family on Sabbath morning as we flew over the village and came in for a landing. They were so happy to see us; it was a blessed time of fellowship, encouragement and worship! Rosendo and the local elders held the morning services with much singing and teaching and in the afternoon Dr. Eddy, with Chris translating, saw dozens of patients. Along with the medical attention, the patients received health counsel and prayer and in the afternoon prior to the setting of the sun, a beautiful baptism took place on the banks of the Pisqui river. What a glorious high Sabbath! Please pray for the people along the various rivers in the jungle and also for the DGAC, the Peruvian aviation authority, that we can once again renew flights to the villages. There is a great work yet to be done and, as Jesus Himself told us, "the harvest is great, but the laborers are few." ♦



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*)

One-Day Churches in Belize

January, February, 2013

What do three staff members from Day Star Academy, parents of a Day Star Academy student, and four adults from the Middletown, Ohio Seventh-day Adventist Church have in common? They spent time with students of Day Star Academy in Belize during January and February helping assemble One-Day Churches. We all remember the pot holes, the speed bumps, the mud, and the insect bites. Many of us remember the cold showers, also. But it was well worth it all.

We have so many wonderful memories that will make any of the small hardships soon fade into oblivion. This would never have been possible without the dedicated and hard-working Maranatha workers assigned to this project. Our group was divided into two teams that worked on two different churches daily. We had a foreman at each work site and one overall project supervisor. The two site foremen were David from Honduras and Cesar from El Salvador. Our project supervisor was Caleb from Mexico. These men brought a wealth of experience to us and helped make up for our lack of experience.

Our group was privileged to stay in housing provided by La Loma Luz Adventist hospital in Santa Elena. Some of our group prepared our healthful and very tasty food for three meals a day except for the two times that we ate in the hospital's cafeteria.

Our days began with a substantial breakfast and morning worship. Because of the long driving time to our work sites, some breakfasts were eaten along the way. Those mornings we left as early as 5:30 am and arrived back well after dark.

The two groups built churches at Roaring Creek and Arizona, then Belmopan and Armenia, then Santa Cruz and Cowpen, then Independence and Dangriga, and finally with a joint effort at Macedonia. That made a total of nine church structures for eagerly waiting congregations.

The biggest challenge for us was the new model that had just been unveiled for the One-Day Church. This was a much more substantial building than the One-Day Church that some of us helped assemble three years earlier in Belize. We had no instructions or plans. We had a few pictures of what the trusses were to look like. Our Maranatha workers were able to figure out just what went together and how it went together. Our first two church buildings would have to be called the Two-Day Churches. With some trial and error along the way, we progressed to building the church at Dangriga in 5 ½ hours. It would certainly have been great if we could have stayed longer to complete the thirteen churches that remain to be built.

Students from Day Star Academy demonstrated a work ethic not commonly found in young people anywhere. They worked hard all day long and often begged to continue working until it was completely dark. They were really excited when we finished the Armenia Church in one day. We certainly had a very special work crew!

The local church members were also very willing to help. Several men



from each congregation or nearby congregations participated with us in our work. At some of the sites, the ladies from the congregation provided us with a delicious meal for lunch. That was a real blessing. The three Maranatha workers and five adults attended the Sabbath services at the Arizona church on February 2. They had already moved into their church structure that had just been completed the

previous Tuesday. They put up beautiful lace curtains along both sides and borrowed benches and chairs for an overflow crowd. They used



poles to put up a tarp to accommodate another fifty or more people. We were overjoyed as we witnessed the dedication of five babies and the marriage of three couples. After the service, they drove about four miles to a river where twenty new converts were baptized. We were thrilled to be a part of that first service in the new church.

What a privilege we had to be able to work with students, staff, and parents of Day Star Academy on this One-Day Church project! It was very special to worship with them and hear their beautiful music as we all sang of God and His love for us! If you have never been to Belize and never helped build One-Day Churches, then you have really missed out on a truly wonderful experience. ♦



Thailand Project Update

Dear mama Ruth,

Greetings from Thailand! Last week, students, parents and a doctor from Ekamai International School (EIS) , did a community service in Huai Fai village where our two SULAD missionaries are stationed. There was a huge preparation on our part to prepare the village.

We praise God that the free clinic went very well. All villagers were served. They were able to feed the children, gave them school supplies and help a little bit with the on-going missionary-house construction we have going.

The EIS fathers who came along helped to cut bamboo to fence the place and planted nine avocado trees around the place where we are constructing the parsonage. Hope and pray all will grow.

Praise God they also donated 40,000 baht (\$1344.54) to continue the construction. The construction is managed by Pastor Anusorn and SULAD missionaries.

For the activities of our missionaries, we focus on involving all the Mien members in more prayers. We bought a notebook to write down all prayer requests every day. And all members should be involved to pray for at least one on the prayer list and more Bible reading for our youth.

The plan is to seek God's will to revive the church, which we cannot do without much prayer. I was crying when I heard the old members, who don't know how to read and write, start to pray earnestly. Let us pray for them to continue it without stopping.

I'm also glad that the Sulad missionaries have become involved with the village life and help them in areas of education and health.

Huai Fai villagers are known to be very prejudiced about Christianity but now they have started to be open. The community service done by our missionaries and the Ekamai International School was also very helpful to let the people understand that we love them and we are so concerned with their basic needs. We come to genuinely help them not to cover our plan to evangelize.

So more involvement in the community is needed. The village has kindergarten and grade 1 to 2, an Adventist school. I don't know if it is a good idea to start opening a bilingual school.

Anyway, I will write more as soon as I can. Thank you so much for your support for the two missionaries.

God bless you.

In Jesus, Alejandro, THAILAND





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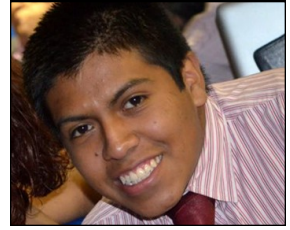
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Worthy Student Aid

We can be Part of a Miracle

My name is Gabriel, I was born in Motozintla, Chiapas, in the year of 1993. Since I live only with my mother, when I was 8 months she decided to go to Mexico City, where she worked as a domestic employee. During that time, my mother was away from the church, at work, and could not go out on Saturday to church, but my mom never lost the principles she had known as a child.



When I was about 11 my mother got blamed for stealing and was fired without apparent justification. After some time the Lord called us to return to His church through a distant cousin who invited us. My mother did not want to return to church, but let me assist Adventurer's club. With the passing of time I started getting involved in the activities of the club and therefore the church, and in 2005 Mom and I were baptized. I was in and out of the church, but somehow the Lord began to put the thought in my mind that I had to straighten my way. I studied in a school of UNAM where I planned to study clinical psychology.

A few days before the date set for registration, I suddenly decided to come to Linda Vista to study theology. Now the problem was the money so I started canvassing. With the little I gathered, in August 2011 I came to Linda Vista. When I arrived, I was surprised because I could only pay tuition for two basics and when the semester ended, I ended up worse than when I started. Since then each new semester is a challenge because at home we do not have sufficient resources to pay the month so I always go with a debt, trusting my God, even despite all the flaws that I have. Through every trial God shows me He loves me, while waiting for his coming. ♦

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