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The next MPI Board-meeting is scheduled for March 9 & 10, 2006, at DayStar Academy. Make plans now to be there! Please call 425-259-7719 for reservations.

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Lay Workers

BULLETS, PRISON, AND CHRISTIAN WITNESS

By Fred Adams

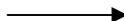


Genaro (right) with his wife and six of their eight children

Note: The experience below was written in 1991, shortly after MPI began sponsoring laymen.

For several years Genaro Oliva served as area Commissioner for the village of San Rafael high in the mountains of Chiapas, Mexico. In 1989, together with his wife and eight children, he gave his life to the Lord. At this time he determined to be honest and fair in all his dealings with others.

In March of 1990, a leader in an opposition political party gathered a group of people who weren't happy with the land they owned, intending to invade the property of others. They drew up some legal documents, then took them to Genaro, insisting that he sign them. Those acts would give the invaders possession of



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lands the government had previously given to others. Upon signing the documents, the peasants would have to leave their farms, orchards and pastures.

When Genaro refused to sign, the opposition leader drew a .45 caliber pistol and threatened to shoot, trying to force him to do so. Genaro explained that as an Adventist Christian, he couldn't support the opposition party, for it was his duty to support the legally established government. Now that he had experienced the love of God in his life, Genaro felt a deeper love for his fellow men as well, and he could not sign the agreement of invading lands that belonged to others. The opposition leader left in anger.

The next day, as Genaro worked in his cornfield, a menacing group of people surrounded him. He noticed that most of them carried firearms. They declared that they were going to kill him, and began to shoot. Genaro quickly prayed, "God, I am in Your hands. Show me Your power!"

The people became afraid because he did not fall. One man approached Genaro with a machete, raising it in the air to kill him. Genaro thought it was the end, but suddenly this man and the rest of the mob withdrew. Genaro had been hit several times by flying bullets, but he was able to walk home.

That night the mob returned and surrounded Genaro's house, silently waiting for him to go out. During this time Genaro prayed fervently, thanking God for His protection. He also promised that as long as he had life, he would preach the Gospel which had given him freedom from sin, just as his life had been saved that day from flying bullets. Genaro remained with his family at home the next day, awaiting an opportunity to get medical attention. A day later Genaro was able to leave his house unobserved, and he went to the government hospital in a town two hours away. Bullets were embedded in his shoulder, back and thigh. Some were too deep to be extracted, so not all were removed at the time.

The authorities detained Genaro in the hospital, and when his medical situation stabilized, he was transferred to the county jail in Simojovél. Genaro was unjustly accused of killing two peasants on the plantation and cutting wire fences, even though the invaders were really to blame. Invaders also ransacked Genaro's house and ran his family off their property.

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Genaro was allowed to keep his Bible with him in jail, and right away he began sharing his faith. During his five months of detention, Genaro studied with 18 prisoners. Four of those men gave their lives to the Lord and were baptized. In January, 1991 Genaro was proven innocent and released from prison. Having no home to return to, Genaro moved his family to a rented house in Pueblo Nuevo, where he and his older sons found work. However, much of Genaro's time was spent sharing his faith in nearby communities. Within four months he prepared 27 more people for baptism.

For several years, MPI sponsored Genaro as a full-time lay worker. This made it possible for him to do what he enjoyed most--preaching the Gospel. His efforts were concentrated on

working in un-entered areas, establishing groups of new believers in the soon coming of Jesus. On September 8, 1991 Genaro had surgery to remove a bullet from his back, which had caused him much suffering. Thanks to God the surgery was successful, and a few days later he returned to his field of labor.

Genaro says: "No matter what is taken from me, I will never lose my faith in Jesus Christ. I know that God tests those whom He loves to make us good witnesses for Him, because if there were no trials in this life, we could easily forget about God. Now I am preaching in the jungles near the Guatemala border. I have lost interest in material possessions, and have dedicated myself to preaching the gospel full time."

Within two years of his conversion, Genaro prepared 76 people for baptism. The power of the Holy Spirit is very evident in Genaro's work, as he moves forward sharing the news of true freedom in Jesus. Genaro and his family are very eager to see Jesus come soon. Are you?

Worthy Student

Your contributions to the Worthy Student Fund are making a big difference. Since we are unable to feature each of the dozens of students needing aid, MPI prefers that donors give to the Student Aid fund rather than to a specific student, in order to assist as many as possible. Thanks!

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Worthy Student

Editor's note: The message is printed as received from the student, who is learning English.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

With the love of Christ, who blesses wholly I write to you, hoping that His grace will fill you with joy and prosperity and fructify the work in which He has placed you:

Writing, is a student which is currently undertakings her third year in Public Accounting at the Linda Vista University, Chiapas Mexico. I am a privileged daughter of a Colporteur and am determined to culminate my university studies with the purpose of serving to Lord wherever He places me to do His service.

During the course of my studies, my family and I have persevered in reaching this purpose and that of my sister, whom is also studying in this institution a major in Education. We gather all resources possible in order to continue our preparation.

All of my vacations time and five hours daily in the university, have been spent working, and I always ask the Lord for strength and His miracles have made possible in covering my tuition.

For the next school year, I have submitted to Heaven a plan: that he may permit me culminate my studies in the University in Montemorelos whom opens a more extended field of opportunities en his service for the work of God. This requires then to multiply my efforts and prayers.

It is for this purpose that I come to you for financial help, asking you to please consider my case. Your help will favour much while lessening my tuition of \$45,000 pesos (\$4,000 dollars).

May God work through you. I am sure God will recompense you in a great way. Profoundly appreciated, you Sister en the Lord,

Itzia Mical Dominguez Ortiz

**Mission Projects Inc. &
La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital
Sponsor a Combined
Evangelistic Campaign**



By Ed & Ruth MacKenzie

We are pleased to report that we had a successful campaign at Buena Vista, a village located about twenty minutes driving distance from La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital in Belize. It is a village that has no electrical power. We were able to secure the use of a new generator recently provided by Mission Projects Inc.

We are thankful for the many individuals who helped make this campaign a success, Especially, the workers from La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital, who faithfully helped us night by night as they were able, and for our Mission Projects Inc. sponsored Lay Worker, Joel Recinos, who faithfully met the people in their homes and who served as Ed's translator during the crusade.

Since this was the rainy season, we got off to a very wet start. It had rained heavily the previous week, saturating the ground. The Conference tent was in need of repair. It had been determined that a new tent would be bought. With a week to go, before the meetings were to start, no tent appeared. Needless to say, the pastor was ready to cancel the campaign.

At the last minute, it was decided to make a tent using tarps. This was done with the help of hospital employees. By the time the first meeting was to start, however, it down-poured torrentially. The tarps were a mess!

On Sunday the tarps were removed and the old tent put up.



As the days went along fresh dirt and later sawdust was placed on the ground to help absorb some of the moisture.

The devil was determined to stop the meetings. The rains kept coming. The tent was torn in the back.



By God's grace, we continued to make repairs and to carry on day by day. One particular evening, at the time set to go to the meeting, it was raining very, very hard at the hospital. We decided that the meeting, for that evening, would need to be cancelled.

A few minutes later the rain subsided. We asked Collet, the hospital's chaplain, what we should do. The water was flooding down the highway. Collet thought we should show up and at least show our Jesus video if anyone was there. The water was quite deep across the highway in several places as we travel along. We wondered if the bridge going to Buena Vista would even be passable.

When we had gone about half way, the rain had stopped. The road looked nearly dry. When we arrived at the campaign site, we found that most of the people were there. We went ahead with the regular meeting.

As we approached the final weekend we were watching Hurricane Wilma and praying that it would miss us. And it did, praise God! Not even a lightning strike. On the last Friday of the campaign, the hospital conducted a Health Expo. Dr. Reina Mesa saw about 70 people. Clothes were distributed at the same time the Health Expo was going on.

The last Sabbath was a real high day. Following the message eight young people were baptized. Four others joined the Church by profession of faith. Still others would follow in baptism later. In the end, the Church membership would more than double from the present sixteen members. There was an average of seventy-five children in attendance night by night.

God is good! All the time!

Farewell to Administrator of the La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital

By Ed MacKenzie



It was with sad hearts that we bid farewell to Jorge and Rosalba Newball at the end of October, 2005.

For the past three years Mr. Newball has served as hospital administrator. Mrs. Newball has been facing a number of health challenges and so, even though

very reluctant and with much prayer, the Newballs decided that Rosalba needed to be closer to her medical advisers in her home land of Columbia.

Mr. Newball had a number of goals that he was working on for the hospital. First and foremost was the completion of the new hospital wing. Ultra-sound has already relocated to the new wing; the hospital's electrical system was upgraded to three phase electricity.

A work group will be at the hospital in a few weeks to complete the Conference Room and temporary chapel located on the upper level of the wing. Other goals include the building of a chapel in the hospital; the building of a new storage building and the digging of a new well. Mission Projects Inc. and La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital are grateful for the many prayers and support of our donors.

The staff of La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital, the La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital Board of Governors and the MPI Board have appreciated the leadership the Newballs have given to the Hospital. We wish them the very best. We pray that they may continue to be a blessing to those they come in contact with.

African Lay Workers

False Prophet or Teacher of Truth?

By Steve Grabiner

The
question and
answer period
went on
for
well over
an hour.

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

New La Loma Luz Administrator

Mr. Grant McPherson, our new Administrator, and his wife Ardis, will shortly be joining the staff of the hospital, coming to us from the Washington State area. As this article is being penned, Grant and his wife Ardis are driving to Belize pulling a trailer. In our next issue we will give you a formal introduction to the McPhersons. Again, thanks for your continual support and prayers for the work in Belize and La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital.

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Dear Friends of MPI,

Just a note of apology from me to you—it has been brought to my attention that it makes it hard for some of you when I am slow getting your checks deposited—please forgive me for this. I have a very busy life but don't we all? I appreciate your faithfulness in the midst of all this and I will certainly try and do better! Thank you for your patience.

C. June Anderson

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