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NOTICE:

MPI board meeting to be scheduled in April.

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An Old Man Accepts Christ

Before a campaign, my custom is to visit the surrounding villages where the meetings will be conducted. During this time, building friendships are very important. While visiting, I learned of a 60 year-old man in one of the villages who was very indifferent to spiritual matters. He even refused his family



Bible Pioneer, Leonard Chinda

*Masuku Mission
South Zambia Conference*

members to attend any religious meetings. But his children secretly attended church programs. When he discovered it he denied them food. Despite all the hardships, his children continued serving God.

When the day arrived to conduct the first meetings, this indifferent old man happened to be the first student. After studying with him for a week, he decided to join the class for baptism. He also stopped smoking and divorced his second wife (he was a polygamist), keeping his first wife as his only partner. At the end of the campaign he surrendered his life to Jesus and was baptized. Seventy six people gave their lives to Christ through baptism, including the second wife he had divorced. God wants us to make friends and bid them to follow Jesus.

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Ed MacKenzie

And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do [it]. John 14:14-15

A NEW MEANING TO PRAYER

I was out on the highway riding with a friend. We were not too far from La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital. Our purpose was to see if there might be an available piece of property along the highway that would adjoin with the lower end of the hospital's property. As we drove along looking at each parcel, I happened to notice a "For Sale" sign on a popular bar and restaurant. After making this comment, my companion shared with me that he and a group of fellow Christians, from various denominations, had been going around parking in front of different bars at 2 o'clock in the morning. Their purpose was to meet and to pray asking the Lord to close these bars! He then shared with me that this was the second bar that had been closed. I was impressed!

We often wonder what we miss when we have our daily prayers. Are these fellow Christians way ahead of us? Often we take prayer for granted.



This gives me a whole new perspective on prayer. How about you?

At La Loma Luz, we pray every day for our staff, our patients, our supporters, our volunteers, those we associate with, and for the opportunities that the Lord brings our way. The hospital has its challenges and disappointments. 2006 will be remembered as a year of transition. There were many disappointments. Some projects had to be abandoned, with newer and better ones taking their place. While it is hard to let go of past goals that never materialized, the staff believes that currently proposed changes will give the hospital an even brighter future.

A new sense has emerged that the Lord is moving the hospital forward in ways that we could not even have dreamed about. Yes the opportunities are there. It is all a bit scary for us, but we believe that He will lead in His time and in His way. As we enter 2007, the hospital is poised to move forward in several new directions. I will let the Hospital Administrator Grant McPherson share the specifics with you in his reports, from time to time. That is if he is able to catch his breath. Pray that God's will may be done.

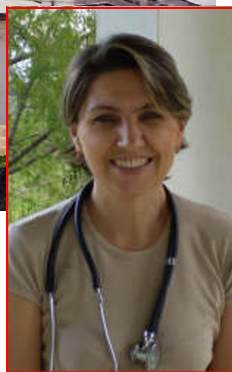
In His Service,
Ed MacKenzie

The MacKenzie's travel internationally, conducting Lay Evangelism efforts. Ed is a retired CPA and has spent a lot of time over the last three years at La Loma Luz Hospital, developing and overseeing the Hospital's accounting system. Ruth helps in the office and tries to do some sewing for the Adventist Orphanage in Belmopan.

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, donations will be placed in a general fund, and distributed to the most needy students at the time. Thanks! ~ Fred Adams





Dr. Marina Reyes Joins Staff at La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital

By Grant McPherson

“Good morning Dr. Reyes, how are you this morning? I am fine thank you, and you?” Simple words, spoken as late as the end of September 2006, but not understood or able to be spoken by one of our two new doctors, Dr. Marina Reyes.

Dr. Reyes was born in Rizaan, Russia, where she lived with her father and mother and her husband. While living in Russia, she studied medicine and received her M.D. in 1986 at Rizan University School of Medicine.

In 1986 she moved to Cuba to further her education in Internal Medicine, and she completed her residency in 1996. She continued in Cuba, practicing Internal Medicine until she came to join the staff at La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital in Santa Elena, Belize, Central America, leaving her 23 year old daughter, Alisa, behind in Cuba.

After a month of English tutoring, and lots of hard work studying – struggling with our idiomatic language called English, and lots of prayers from the staff, Dr. Reyes passed her Medical Council of Belize interview!

The staff at La Loma Luz welcomes Dr. Reyes with open arms and wishes her all the best, as she starts in a new country, with a new language, and a whole new set of faces!



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Belizian Lay Worker



Federico Landero, one of our lay workers in Belize, works in the area of Bullet Tree, close to the Guatemalan Border. He is a member of the Bullet Tree SDA Church, with a congregation of approximately 100 members. He is a Bible worker for the Cayo District. Federico stands with his family, including his mother. He has one daughter not shown. Following is an account that Federico gave to us.

In addition to working in outreach activities, I serve my local congregation by helping with Evangelistic Meetings, Vacation Bible School and passing out literature. During the last two months, I have given out 600 pieces of literature in Belmopan, the capitol of Belize. Jesus has given me the privilege of seeing 24 people baptized during the first week of my campaign, that I had worked with, and more are preparing for baptism.

There are many activities both inside and outside of the church. Serving God involves time and talent, in order to finish the work of God, so that He can come as soon as possible, and take us home with Him. I have learned that we exist for two reasons. One, to fulfill the mission Jesus gave us and two, to help people grow spiritually. Let us believe in God's promises and determine in our hearts to give ourselves to God.

God Bless you and your family.

Your friend in Christ,

Federico Landero

Project: Church Roofs

By Fred Adams

Each year we receive dozens of requests for assistance in completing houses of worship. The need arises after MPI-sponsored laymen establish groups of believers in remote, unentered areas.



New believers, excited about discovering life-changing Bible teachings, can't wait to have their own church building. Often they meet under trees or tarps to get shelter from sun and rain.

Doing what they can, families gather native materials and cut lumber by hand, but lack funds for corrugated



steel roofing. Usually a boost of \$600 to \$1,000 will provide roofing materials for a building that will hold 200 to 400 members.

As worshipers outgrow their simple buildings, they begin putting up a more presentable,





permanent structure, often at great sacrifice. Many times the new one is built around the original dilapidated building. But the process often takes many years. Assistance of \$5,000 to \$10,000 can help complete these churches. These folks want the very best for God's House, and appreciate every contribution, large or small.

MPI often receives letters of gratitude, signed by the church leaders and accompanied by pictures. They invite you to come visit their churches, and treat rare outside visitors like royalty. Most of all, they look forward to meeting together as one big family around the Great White Throne, to worship our God and Creator every Sabbath throughout eternity.





GOD SOLVED OUR PROBLEM

*Gillen Simamvwa
Bible worker pioneer
Central Zambia Conference*

In the month of April 2002 we conducted an evangelistic series for one month. We had an average attendance of 217 people per night. Eighty persons decided to follow Christ and 26 were baptized. We rented a class room in a nearby school for worship. We began to seek a place to build our church. The senior Headman and the other four Headmen in the surrounding area totally refused to give us a place to stay. A committee was formed and a decision was made to **never** give us a place to build a church.

For three years we prayed earnestly for a place but nothing changed. In January 2006 our Saviour reminded us of His principles in His Word. "Fight evil with good." We decided to hold a charity day at a place we deemed would be best for us to build a church. We began asking donations of clothing of any size and gender. At the end of April we had everything we needed. We then approached the senior Headman, asking him where to conduct the ceremony to hand out the clothes to the needy in the community. He quickly ordered the Headman of that territory to allow us to hold this function only.

We requested each headman to give us 26 needy people in his village from all age groups who should receive help from us at the ceremony. The ceremony was held on May 28, 2006 and 316 people from all the villages attended. People began to eat as early as 7:00 and drank a maize drink (chibwantu). I conducted an 11:00 service. We all had lunch together and the leftovers were donated to the needy.



At 2:00 pm we started our alms giving ceremony with a text from the book of Acts: *Blessed is the hand that gives*. Besides the 19 people who responded to the love of Jesus, 97 people received clothes, 4 took shoes, 6 had new blankets. The Headmen were given cooking oil.

I requested the senior Headman to give some closing remarks. His confession surprised us. The idea of rejecting us was initiated by him from the devil and that all who rallied behind him had evil spirits. After a lengthy confession he pronounced and declared to all his Headmen that the place where we were standing on would be given to us and no one should ever talk ill of the Seventh-day Adventist church, but that all must emulate the brotherly love that was exhibited.

The church members immediately started making blocks for the church building. Everyone's prayers and support around the world are greatly appreciated.

"Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head." Romans 12:20

PROJECT FIRST-AID KITS LAUNCHED

\$15,000 needed!

Thanks to the generosity of our readers, almost \$1,000 has already come in towards providing first-aid kits to every primary school within the borders of Belize. We appreciate your continued prayers and support for this wonderful endeavor, and we thank God for His blessings.



Memorial Gifts

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

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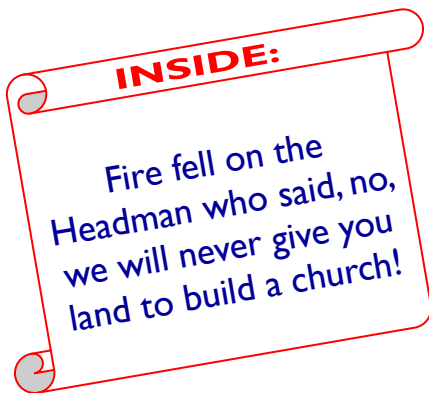
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We encourage you to support your local church with your tithes & offerings also.



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