



MPI UPDATE

Mission Projects, Inc

January-February, 2010

THANK YOU from MPI to all who supported and helped us in Belize, as well as those who provided, prepared, and built 37 One Day Churches in Belize! (Story and photos on pp 4-6)



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Moving ahead in 2010



Ed MacKenzie
MPI President

The President's Corner

Dear MPI Supporters

December and January turned out to be as challenging as we had expected it would be!

La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital was the host for the Share Him Evangelism that took place in the month of December. Most of the speakers were connected with the Amazing Facts School of Evangelism and covered sixteen sites from the Guatemala border to Belmopan, the capitol of Belize. Each evening the speakers and their associates traveled to their sites, with those going to the Belmopan area having the greatest distance to travel.

On Sabbath, December 19, the four sites in Belmopan, Bullet Tree, and Central and Hill View churches in Santa Elena baptized 158 precious souls into Jesus, praise God! The joy continues as many others are still studying.

Our Mission Projects Board met on the morning of December 23 and 24. We were happy for the eight members who were able to be with us, including Dr. and Mrs. Jon Mundall. In addition we had a number of guests, some of whom were here in connection with the One Day Churches being built throughout Belize. That project continued until the end of January.

We received reports and requests from our Belize Lay Workers who were there in person. This was the first occasion for all of these individuals to be with us for a board meeting! The reports were very encouraging, especially in light of the Share Him Evangelism that had concluded just a few days earlier. Other Lay Worker reports included those from Africa, the Philippines, Mexico, and the Peru project.

The report on Adventist Health International Services, (AHIS) noted that we were waiting for approval from the Belize Union of Churches in order to move forward. The Union was concerned about the cost of the land transfer. Presently it appears that the relationship with AHIS will become a reality soon, as the Belize Union of Churches and Mission Projects have now signed the agreement. A full report will be forthcoming in the next MPI News Letter.

Other matters included ongoing projects at the Hospital. At the top of the list was the new CT Scanner, which is now in place. This has been a dream for the Hospital for a number of years. God is good! The hospital says *thank you* for helping to make this a reality.

Grant McPherson reported on the Dialysis program that is being planned for Belize; La Loma Luz would be a party to the agreement. This program has been in the planning stage for many months, and there is still a question as to whether it will become a reality. *Please pray for this endeavor.*

In His Service, Ed MacKenzie

The MacKenzie's travel internationally, conducting Lay Evangelism Campaigns.

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. Being avid bird-watchers, the MacKenzie's especially enjoy Belize.

Zambia Report for 2009

By: Meiring Pretorius, *Evangelism Director & Pioneer Coordinator*

God has brought us safely through the year 2009. I give Him the praise and glory due to His Name! Our lives are miracles in His hands every moment. Jesus has been with us as He had promised.

We had a wonderful time with 105 Pioneers during the recent Pioneer seminar, held from January 13-23. Our theme was Prophecy and the seminars were conducted by four staff members from Riverside: Ronald Jaudas (Director) spoke about “Spiritualism in the church”, Meiring Pretorius (Evangelism) spoke on “God’s time line, the 7 seals and the Sanctuary in Revelation”, Juanita Pretorius (Evangelism) spoke on “God’s true healing vs Mystical medicine” and Ernest Nzala (Director for Lushomo Institute) spoke on “The role of a prophet”. These seminars gave instruction, warning and readiness for the times ahead. Every evening was packed with testimonies and stories from the Pioneers. (*See stories below and on page 9.*)

The year 2009 had many challenges but God sustained and carried every family in His hands. Two Pioneer families each lost a child. Please pray for these families. There was also joy when two of the Pioneers got married.

Through the faithfulness of our donors, God helped us to increase the team up to 65 Pioneers; 59 in Zambia and 6 in Zimbabwe. This enabled us to reach many un-entered areas. Another blessing is our 6 evangelism training schools in different parts of Zambia. Using Voice of Prophecy Bible (VOP) lessons sent to us from Light Bearers ministry, our Pioneers were able to reach many more people. This method is a very effective outreach tool in Africa. In 2009, baptisms through the Pioneers totalled over 7,000 with over 5,000 preparing for baptism!

Pray for God’s Spirit to fill us as donors and Pioneers and to give us more souls through these humble workers. Our deepest appreciation for the support from each one of our donors. May God continue to bless your ministry. **“Therefore ye are my witnesses.” Isa 43:12.**

If We Won’t, A Madman in Zambia Will

By Friday Sinjela

A mad man came to my office one day and demanded for a K500 (equal to \$0.10). I gave him the money just to get rid of him, but he would not leave, so I asked him what else he wanted. He pointed to a set of VOP discover guides that was on my table. I gave it to him and he left. On his way through town, he met a certain lady, a nurse he knew. When the nurse greeted him, he handed her the set of VOP discover guides saying: “Someone told him to give her the papers and that she must read them.” Because she did not want to disappoint him, she took them. At home she decided to go through the papers before throwing them away. The messages in the Bible study guides turned out to be too wonderful to cast away. She faithfully read all 26 guides, answering all the questions.

Discover guide #26 had my phone number on it, so she was able to call me to find out how she can have her papers marked. I visited her at her working place at the local clinic where I discovered that she got the lessons from a madman. As I checked her lessons, I saw that she had accepted Christ as her personal Savior and was looking for a Sabbath keeping church. This was amazing! God can use anyone to take His word to everyone—even a madman! ♦

MPI News Report from La Loma Luz

By: Ruth MacKenzie

The La Loma Luz campus has been like a bee hive of activity for the last two months. God provided this big tent just in time for the start of the “Share Him” evangelism campaign.



Archie Harris, Jerry’s brother was the speaker at this site.

There were 16 sites in the Cayo District of Belize where evangelism meetings were held. Two were in tents and the rest in churches. In ten of these sites the

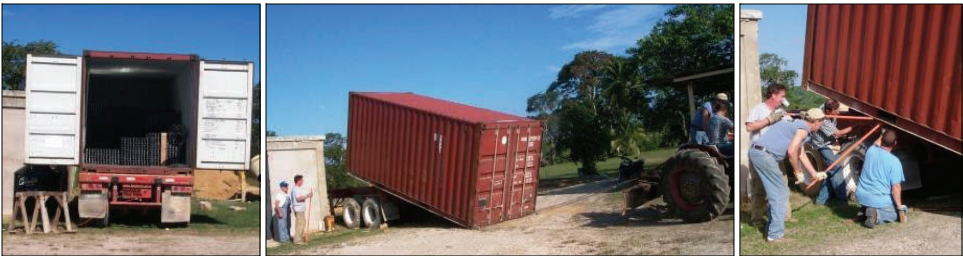
speakers were students of the Amazing Facts School of Evangelism. Their leader was Wes Peppers (at left below in blue shirt). We also had three young men and a couple from Australia. The young people had good experiences with their campaigns. 158 people made their decision to follow Jesus and to be baptized. *We praise and thank God for their decision!*



La Loma Luz cooks were kept busy making bread and cooking for all these people.



Just before the evangelism campaigns started a container loaded with 37 “One Day Churches” arrived at La Loma Luz to be built in all of Belize. Getting the container off the trailer was quite a trick.



Jerry Harris coordinated the “One Day Church” project. Gene Witzel and a Maranatha representative also helped with preliminaries. These churches were built over December and January. I will let Jerry report on the “One Day Church” project in our next issue.



Pictured at right are Gene Witzel and Grant McPherson, LLL's administrator.



We had a great group of 16 from the Othello WA SDA Church. They put the block walls up for LLL's new shop. The maintenance crew was scrambling to get the fill in and tamped and the cement floor poured to be ready for the group to put up the walls.



Dr. Jon Mundall, son of Dr. Raymond Mundall who started the La Loma Luz Hospital was one of the Othello group. He and his wife Eloise (below) had not been back to the hospital for about 30 years. It was a very pleasant surprise for Eloise to see the many changes in Belize for the better.

Dr Jon Mundall also gave some health talks on the local radio station, "Faith FM". The Othello church group (top photo) put up all the blocks we had, but were about 30 blocks short from finishing. The weather was rather wet most of their work time. It has been cool here, 70s during the day and it got down to 58 one morning.



We praise God for all the support and volunteer helpers He sends our way and are excited to see how God will continue to work through these outreaches. We want to *move ahead in 2010* to help finish the work on earth. Join us, will you?

Security Fence Needed for LLLAH

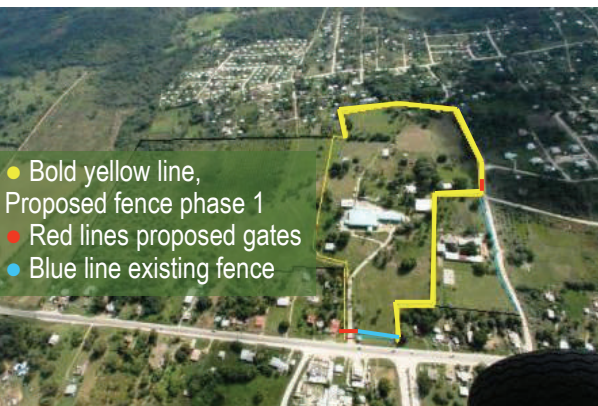
By: Ed MacKenzie

Security at La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital has been an ongoing concern for several years. Belize is experiencing the same wave of crime and violence that continues to grow worldwide and La Loma Luz has not escaped that threat.

In 2008 one of the hospital's night watchmen was accosted by 2 knife-wielding individuals. Luckily, he was able to jump off a high platform and run away without getting hurt. Next time, someone may not be so lucky.

Several of the houses on campus have been broken into, sometimes more than once. The hospital does hire extra security personnel when workgroups and others are staying on campus, but that is intermittent. Also, someday the hospital hopes to start a school of nursing and it is important that the campus be secured so the students can be protected. Something needs to be done now, before there is a tragic incident.

Mission Projects currently has donors who have committed a total of \$40,000, on a matching funds basis, toward building a security fence. For every dollar donated, a matching dollar is available up to a total of \$40,000! This is good news as the hospital estimates that the total cost of installing a secure fence around the main campus, including several



locking gates, will cost \$80,000.

If you, or a Sabbath School Class, or other group would like to help with this important project, please mark your gift:

Security fence for La Loma Luz Hospital.

Thank you for your prayers and support. ♦

A Witchdoctor Healed in Zambia

By: Roy Habasimbi

A well known witchdoctor, known to have helped many people in the surrounding areas, was diagnosed with hypertension. She was desperate. She used the medication from the hospital for one year but with no avail.

Ironically, people still continued to come and seek her help for their ailments. She had “spirits” which are believed to foresee the future and could diagnose any type of disease.

There came a time when she could no longer attend to any of her patients because her blood pressure had gone so high. She stopped all kinds of work. Her skin had become pale. She could not eat nor could she drink more than one cup of water per day, some times none.

It so happened that one of the ladies that I had helped to find healing in Jesus, advised her to approach me for help. A day passed with out me attending to her, for I reasoned in my mind: “She is demon possessed, she is only going to try and fool around with me.” But early on the third day I went to her house, only to find her lying desperately ill on her bed. I looked at her eyes and checked her blood pressure. It was extremely high. I asked her about her water consumption, and she told me that she was drinking one cup per day, sometimes none.

I asked her about going to the hospital and she responded: “I am tired of going to the hospital, I am now just waiting for the day that I die.”

I did what I could for her; I gave her some Epsom salts in 5L of water and told her to finish it that day. I also gave her some herbs. The next morning the patient was sitting upright! Two days later she confessed: “the God you worship is a God of love. He cares for those who hate Him.”

She and her daughter are among the people that are receiving Bible studies. This has attracted many people who belonged to her ‘hospital’ and they, too, have turned their eyes on the God that we worship. ♦

In our next issue of the MPI newsletter we are going to share about the recent MPI trip to Belize, Central America. For this trip MPI, Maranatha and Daystar Adventist Academy joined hands to create one of the most exciting mission trips ever! We have stories to tell about building churches, traveling, and mostly about the wonderful people of Belize! We’ll share about what it was like to stake and build 37 churches in 60 days, the challenges and joys, and the lessons we learned during this experience.

Be ready to be blessed!

—Wendy Harris

San Lorenzo School

Drunkard Saved Just In Time! By: Fred Adams

Diego spent more than 30 years of his life as an alcoholic in the mountain village of San Lorenzo in south Mexico. When teachers and students of our Adventist church school led out in evangelistic meetings in the Public Square, Diego made fun of them.

But on the third evening, Diego arrived at the meeting sober. The speaker made a call for those who wished to surrender their lives to God, and Diego went forward. He asked for the microphone, but this time instead of mocking the Christians, Diego publically asked God and the villagers to forgive his evil ways. Then he vowed to follow God all the way, totally abandoning his former life.

The very next Sabbath, Diego attended church with tears of joy streaming down his face. His new church family rejoiced with Diego and encouraged him in his walk with God.

Early the next morning, Diego mounted his horse to cut firewood in the forest. Somehow Diego was thrown off his horse, headfirst onto a large rock. He died instantly.

Diego was not baptized, but he had already given his life to Jesus.

Your support for San Lorenzo teachers not only helps train young people to serve God, but results in others giving their lives to God before the enemy is able to snatch them away. ♦

Note: MPI provides \$500 per month for San Lorenzo teacher salaries.



Our apologies go out to those of you that were affected by the mail mishap at the first of the year. It was a rare and unlikely event, and in the end was just an inconvenience to some of us, with no major issues. Measures have been taken to decrease the likelihood of this happening again. Rest assured that your funds are as secure as possible in a sinful world.

I have been in Belize for the last two months coordinating the one-day-church building project, so year-end receipts are just now going out. If you have any questions concerning this or anything else regarding year end finances, please call me at 435-259-5987.

Sincerely,

Jerry Harris,

MPI treasurer

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Worthy Student Aid

Dental Student Aims to Finish

Hi!

My name is Rebeca Yorisa Bejarano. I am studying to be a Dental Technician at the University of Montemorelos here in Mexico. My average grade is 96.7. This is my last year studying here—I hope!

My dad just graduated this summer of Theology. He accepted a call to serve in the Sinaloa Mission, which meant that my whole family had to move. Now I am here alone which means I have to live in the dorm.

The salary for my dad is almost nothing because he is doing his year of internship. All last summer I sold books door to door, but it didn't go very well. I was only able to cover for what I owed last year in tuition.

Last year I owed to the school because my mom and I were the only ones working while my dad studied. God always provides for His children, and He has made many miracles in my life. Not having any help financially, I returned to the University with only my faith and about \$400 dollars. That is not even half of what was needed for my enrollment to start school. This made me very sad because I thought to myself that I will not be starting school this year. I got down on my knees and prayed to God to Help me in my time of need. And He answered, because a member of my church donated \$800 dollars, so I was able to pay for the enrollment.

Now I am working in the University Library. By the grace of God I am able to go to class but I cannot cover the rest of my tuition. I really hope to finish my career. My wish is to serve God and others in their time of need. Thank you for contributing to the Student Aid fund so I can achieve my goal.

~Becky~



La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital in Belize is looking for a General Surgeon.

If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact the Hospital's Administrator, Mr. Grant McPherson at: mcperson_grant@hotmail.com

Notice for Donors

Due to the One-Day-Church project in Belize, year end receipts will not be mailed out until sometime in February.

Memorial Gifts

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By Ruby Bechtel

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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!*

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