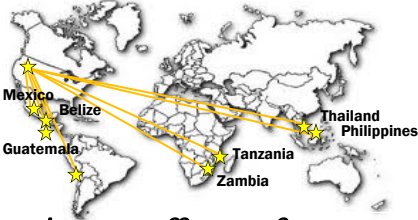


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MPI Update

Making a Difference for Eternity

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Giving of Ourselves in 2012

President's Corner for the New Year



Then saith He unto His disciples, the harvest truly [is] plenteous, but the laborers [are] few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest.

Matthew 9:37 & 38

Dear MPI Supporters,

Ed MacKenzie, President

Today there are many more opportunities to spread the good news of Christ's love and salvation. The gospel is going forward rapidly in many countries, in which it was difficult to work in the past. We have open requests for speaking appointments around the world that we cannot possibly fill. Requests for financial support are multiplying on every hand.

I recently shared the above text with a couple of Church groups in Belize. Within a week and a half we had contacts from a young man and a young lady and a family that wanted to get involved with mission work. The gentlemen asked what it took to be a missionary. The young lady had already contacted some folks in Bolivia and was very interested in going there to serve. The family is making plans to go to move to the Philippines to do mission work for a couple of years.

I believe that the Lord is preparing workers today to finish the work so we can go home to be with him. The Lord invites us to pray that He will send forth laborers into His harvest. I invite you to join with Mission Projects in praying to the Lord of the Harvest that the workers might be plentiful.

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 Hospitals board.

Mark Your Calendars!

You are invited to attend:

What: MPI Board Meeting
Where: 175 Canyon View Road
Bozeman, Montana 59715
near Mount Ellis Academy
When: Following Montana Camp Meeting
Sunday June 17, 2012

One Day Church Building Blitz!

MPI is hoping to assemble several groups that will participate in erecting a container load of One Day churches this fall!

If you are a builder or would like to present evangelism, vacation Bible school, or medical programs, please let us know of your interest.

More information will be coming; watch this spot!

If you would like to receive updates as they are forthcoming, please drop an email to: mission.projects.inc@gmail.com

MPI Update by Email

If you prefer to receive your MPI Update by email instead of by "snail mail," just send a note to:

mission.projects.inc@gmail.com

to let us know. You can help us save time and money, and you will still receive your receipts by postal mail.

Sierra Huichol Natives

Talking Bibles Reach Remote Regions

Partnering with Adventist World Radio and Amistad International, MPI is taking the Gospel to the Huichol tribe through solar-powered MP3 players, also known as Megavoices or “Godpods.”

Each unit comes pre-loaded with up to 160 hours of the Bible and hymns in Spanish and Huichol languages. It also includes a complete series of audio Bible studies, translated and recorded by our



Huichol pastor, Lucas Ortiz (below, left).

So far 80 of these units have been distributed throughout the Sierra Huichol, by natives discreetly taking them to villages known to be hostile to Christianity.

People in four previously unreached communities have responded positively, resulting in eight new believers giving their lives to Jesus and being baptized.



Others are preparing for baptism, as a direct result of listening to the Talking Bible units. Some of the villages are two to three days' walk from the nearest road or airstrip.

Again we thank our donors for sponsoring these powerful tools that continue reaching new people for God's Kingdom. ♦



Bible Worker Reports from Belize

By Alfredo Mossiah

Mrs. Tomasa Xiu is a well known and respected lady here in the village of Libertad. She is a housewife and mother of a beautiful home with four children who are adults now and parents themselves. From childhood she was raised in a religious home where they were strong in their beliefs. Her children followed that example.

As the years went by, two of her daughters got married and began to make lives of their own. One of them went to live in the United States where she was introduced to new Biblical truths and became a Seventh-day Adventist; Praise God!

Now she is back in Belize with her kids and living with her mom for awhile until her husband returns from the U.S. Upon returning, she encouraged her younger sister to study the Bible. She accepted the truth and is now baptized also. Two of *her* daughters are now baptized members of our church, also. They tried to encourage and talk to their mother about the Seventh-day Adventist Church, but she refused and turned down every conversation; but her daughters kept praying for her.

One day news came to me that Melanie and Delhi were requesting Bible studies for their mother. Immediately, I went for a visit and Mrs. Tomasa gladly accepted me and the Bible studies I had to offer. We studied every week for almost 5 months and she struggled to accept the Bible truths. I studied with her the lessons about the true church of God and the mark of the beast. These topics changed her entire mentality about the church in which she was raised. At night she would always ponder the thought; “Could all these teachings be true? Am I really in a church that doesn’t teach and keep the truth?” Then she made up her mind; “If the Bible says it so clear, then it must be true.”

She was now very restless and wanted to surrender her life completely to Jesus through baptism. She told her husband and children about the decision she made to be baptized in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Two of her daughters were happy, and her husband accepted her decision but the youngest daughter and her only son did not accept her decision. She was brokenhearted as her son told her that if she would be baptized he would not accept her as his mother anymore.



We encouraged her to take the step in baptism and she decided to do so in spite of her son's threat. Our pastor was having an evangelistic series during this time and she began attending almost every night. One night as the altar call was made, Mrs. Tomasa felt the power of the Holy Spirit taking control of her and immediately she went to the front as fast as she could—as if it was her last and only opportunity to be saved. I walked towards her and gave her a hug, encouraging her and letting her know that she was not alone. Mrs. Tomasa got baptized that same night and there were tears of joy for many of us.



She is now a faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, along with her dad, two daughters, four grandchildren and one son-in-law. She still continues to take Bible studies on a weekly basis, and is asking us to pray that very soon her husband, son, and other daughter will join us in the true church of God. Thanks to our God for reaching her with mercy and love. ♦

Mr. Oscar Guy

In visitation one Sabbath afternoon I had the privilege along with another elder to meet Eber at his house. He is a young person in his late twenties. He is one of those guys that would always be in trouble, always in problems with the law, always in fights, and because of his reputation he was given the nickname “Ninja”.

He is one whom many people fear greatly. His brothers likewise are always in trouble too but he is the one with the influence. We spoke to him and he told us what he was and is now going through. One of his greatest weaknesses is having affairs with married women. That day we were able to minister to him. He now has the desire to make a difference in his life. He wants to make a change but does not know how to do it. We spoke to him about Jesus and he accepted the message gladly. He was greatly encouraged with the words found in the Bible.

He was in search of someone to give him Bible studies but could not find anyone, he said. Seeing the opportunity we immediately offered him Bible studies. Now week after week we study God's word together at his house. He is now opening the invitation to his brothers and friends. Already the Lord is beginning to make great changes in his life. Pray for us as we continue in these studies and may the mercy of God give him the strength and desire to make a change in his life. ♦

Myra Accepted Jesus as Her Personal Savior

By Immer Landero

Myra is a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church in Belize. She is 20 years old now. She started to go to church from the age of 7. Myra likes to sing and also to participate in church activities, especially when it comes to the AY (Adventist Youth) programs, doing Bible games, reflections etc. Her parents taught her to do the right things and also to know what was right and wrong.

Myra started to grow, but the bad influence of her friends started to draw her away from church. One Sabbath morning she said “What if I miss one day of church and go out with my friends to have some fun?” The day came when she went, but her conscience didn’t leave her alone; it was there insisting that what she did was absolutely wrong. She did not pay any attention to it and got used to doing the wrong things.

Years passed and she left the church and started to love the things that this world offered her. One day I saw her coming, and I stopped her and we started to talk about how great is the Love that God has for her and asked if she would like us to give her Bible studies—and she said yes. By that time she knew that the things she was doing were wrong.

So we started to study with her every Thursday and gave her some literature to read. We told her that God is giving her a second chance, and that He still has that great love for her. We started to pray for her, so she could make the right decision. We left everything in God’s hands because He knows what is best for each one of us.

One Sabbath morning she came to church and heard pastor Reid preach. He said that God has a second chance for us and it is up to us if we want it or not. He started to call on those who would be baptized and we saw that Myra stood up and said that she wants to be baptized.

All glory be to God that now Myra is a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church, even though she had many obstacles and trials. She loves going to church and now she can see that God is blessing her in her life that she is now living. Philippians 4:13 says, I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.



Jesus Transforms the Life of a Widow

Nieve Lopez is a widow in Belize. She lives outside of the village. Nobody visited her because she did not have a good relationship with the people. That's why she lives alone.

One day I passed by her house; she was sitting outside under a tree. I visited her and gave her the book *Steps to Christ* and I had the opportunity to pray with her. Mrs. Nieve was so happy that she told me to come back again, because she wanted to hear more about the love of Jesus.

One day she told me all about her past life, and why she is living by herself. She said that she is like that because she lost her husband and her three lovely sons. She was so angry, she didn't know where to go, and she didn't want to be with anyone.

Now, as we study the Bible with her, she is getting to know Jesus more as her friend and Savior and is so happy and kind. She is not the same person that she used to be. We see that God and the Holy Spirit are working hard in her life.

So I invited her to accept Jesus as her personal Savior and she said, "Yes!" Mrs. Nieve is now a member of our church. Once a week we go to her house and have services with her. Thanks to God and to Him be the glory, because He is the only One who can change the life of anyone. —*Federico Landero* ♦

A Major Tragedy for LLAH

On Dec 23 around 10:30 PM the Sylvan & Diana Roberts home was broken into. Sylvan got up to see what was happening and was shot through the chest. He died within a few minutes. Sylvan's family, the La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital, the church, and the whole community, as well as all of us at MPI mourn this great loss. Please pray for those that mourn. There will be a tribute story in the next MPI Newsletter.



URGENT NEEDS!

La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital in Belize Central America is in need of a full time **Ultrasound Technician/Sonographer**. Please contract Mr. Grant McPherson at mcperson_grant@hotmail.com, if you or someone you know might be interested in filling this position for a minimum period of three to four months or longer.

The hospital is also looking for Physicians for the following positions:

General Surgeon with Laparoscopy

Internist

Orthopedic Surgeon

But this I say, he which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; but he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man accordingly as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. 2 Cor 9:6,7

A Future Gift is a Planned Gift

Does your **present** financial situation seem to prevent you from supporting Mission Projects, Inc. this year? We have some good news; you can still support your favorite project through a **future** gift. Helping you make plans for a future gift is the essence of our Planned Giving Department. Let us show you how easily this can be done through one or more of the following methods:

- Name Mission Projects, Inc. as a beneficiary of your IRA or 401 (k) retirement plan
- Designate us as a dollar amount or percentage beneficiary of your will or revocable living trust
- Name Mission Projects, Inc. as a beneficiary of your investment/brokerage account or life insurance policies
- Transfer valuables such as stamp, coin or antique collections to us through a simple change to your documents

Perhaps you need more income now or for your anticipated retirement. We even offer **future** gift options that will pay you a generous, fixed income **now** for as long as you live, provide immediate income tax relief, and ultimately provide funds for Mission Projects, Inc.

To learn more, contact our Planned Giving department today at 866-356-5595.

Worthy Student Aid: God's Incredible Resources

Greetings!

I believe that God works in different ways in the life of every human being, as I have personally experienced God's leading through many challenges.

Two years after I was born, my mother began suffering from Lupus and was about to die. But thankfully God lends her life to this day.

One of my mother's dreams is to see all her children prepared to succeed in life and serve God. My two sisters have reached that point, but I am still in the process, since I still have to finish my degree in Clinical Biology.

My studies haven't been easy, because my dad lost his job here in Mexico about 2 years ago and has not been able to find a steady job.

I thank God that even though I am in debt, the university has allowed me to enter each semester of my studies. I'm starting my final semester, and I have faith that Christ will in some way see me through. I will not be able to march during graduation or receive my degree unless my debt is paid. I know that Christ doesn't close a door without opening another. I trust in Him and know that He will provide from the incredible resources He has for His children.

Your Brother in Christ,
Japhet Custodio



MEDIA SPECIALIST VOLUNTEER NEEDED:

Are you a gentleman with communications/media training?

Do you sense God calling you to use these gifts for Him?

We invite you to pray about whether the Amazon jungle of Peru might be the spot for you. You can find the official call at the Adventist Volunteers website www.adventistvolunteers.org/vm
Call number is SAD.PP.2011.01.

Or, contact Chris Borcharding at info@peruprojects.com directly.

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