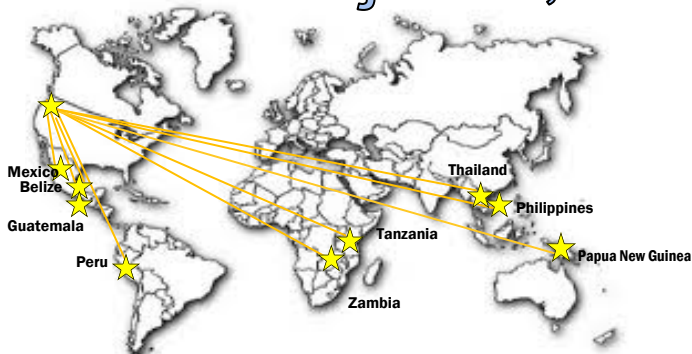


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Nothing Between in 2014



Annual Board Meeting

Dear MPI Supporters,

Our upcoming Mission Projects Board Meeting will be held this year at Day Star Academy in beautiful Castle Valley, Utah. The meeting will convene at 9AM on Sunday March 30th. See the announcement which included the location and contact information located elsewhere in this newsletter.

All are welcome; we hope that several of you will be able to join us this year. We would love to have some new members who have a vision for missions as we enter the challenging days ahead.

Our agenda will include first hand mission reports and updates from workers and leaders who are actively involved or who oversee our projects in Belize, Mexico, New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Thailand and Zambia. The new connecting ministry in New Guinea and Thailand are still in their infancy. A report from Gary and Toni Lewis in New Guinea is our featured story for the January- February newsletter. Grant McPherson, the Administrator for La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital, Belize as well as some of the others in positions of leadership will be on hand to make their presentations in person.

Our agenda will also include the Budget Requests in support of our Lay Workers, Lay Worker materials, Student and Teacher financial aid in addition to various building projects and equipment needs. As expected there are always more needs/opportunities than funds will allow. We are always thankful for the opportunities and support that God provides.

Please pray for us as our support teams continue to work 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MPI BOARD MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Hello to all!

We trust that each of you are having a good new year. This is to advise that we are planning to have our annual Board Meeting this year at:

Day Star Academy, Castle Valley, Utah
Sunday, March 30, 2014

We hope that all of you will be able to join us! We would like to know who will be able to come in advance as there are fewer guest rooms available now than in the past.

Please contact:

Jerry or Wendy Harris at (435) 259-5987
or jharris4@frontiernet.net

at the academy so they can reserve a room for you.

Have a great day,
Ed & Ruth M

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

This is to advise that Grant McPherson has given notice that he will retire in June of 2014. Both Grant and Ardis will be missed!

At this time, La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital is soliciting resumes from anyone who would be interested in filling the positions of:

- **Administrator for La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital.**
- **Internist.**
- **Ultrasound Tech**

Please Contact Ed MacKenize, President of Mission Projects Inc., if you or someone you know would be interested in filling any of these positions.

MacKenzie can be contacted at his email or telephone number shown on pg 11.

Frontline

Greetings in Jesus' name,

Thanks and praises to God for all His goodness, and the privilege to serve Him in His vineyard.

While working in the capital of Belmopan I have not only been privileged to work with the students at the University of Belize (U.B.), but also, every now and then I have been asked assist with presentations for Advent Fellowship.

What is Advent Fellowship? About three years ago or so a group of Adventists studying at U.B. decided to come together for the purpose of forming a group fellowship on U.B.'s campus. I am glad to say that their plans were successful, and today Advent Fellowship has and is presently influencing the lives of many at U.B. and beyond.

Advent Fellowship is organized and run mainly by dedicated Adventist students who basically volunteer their time and means to keep the fellowship functioning. Presently, sister Antonette and Neri, (both from district of Corozal) with the help of God and a few other interested Adventists, are responsible for its existence and outreach programs. Please keep them in prayers.

As a part of their program, they usual ask the local pastor, Angelo Dominguez, or other lay members to assist with the fellowship. Along with my work there in giving Bible studies to interested students, more than once I have been called upon to assist with giving presentations on some biblical topics of which I feel my privilege to assist. However, I was asked to do one that was a little different from the previous appointments from the start.

First of all, the "Fellowship" was scheduled to start at 2pm and last until 3pm. I had study in San Ignacio that was scheduled to begin at 4pm. This was too close for comfort.

Nevertheless, I consoled myself with the thought that it might still be possible to get out early and catch the 3pm bus to San Ignacio; which if possible, would have gotten me there just in time. With this in mind I decided not to postpone the study.

Reports

Finally the day came. I reached U.B. just in time to begin the presentation. Trying to finish early so I could execute my well laid on scheme, I delivered the message in quite a candid; yet rapid manner. Nevertheless, I noticed that quite a number of the people that were there, employees and students, showed some interest in the topic. Three in all shared their interest openly. A student requested the PowerPoint presentation for review; while one of the employees basically expressed that he both understood and appreciated the message.

However, there was one student in particular that stood out. This was Alexander. He had seen one of my previous presentations on the topic “Can We Still Trust the Bible” November of last year, and showed similar interest at that time. He also shared with one of the group leaders that he could not get the thought out of his mind that Jesus’ death on the cross did not do away with Law of God, and expressed his conviction that it made sense. He had also agreed to take studies next day.

I left in a hurry and in a short time realized my planned had failed. I had to call and postpone the studies from a packed 3:30 bus. I was disappointed and promised myself that I would not do that again; but the next day I was happy when Alexander came for Bible studies and expressed his desire to continue the next week.

The Holy Spirit had worked things out in His own way. I learned two lessons from this experience. Not to run such a risk again, but also that God sees the motives of our hearts, and is able and willing to overrule even when we mess up. To God be the glory!

Your brother in Christ,

Wentworth Chang
Belize Bible Worker



Please Pray for Missionaries

Missionaries sacrifice a lot to bring Jesus Christ to the people that do not know Him. They miss family and friends during holiday gatherings. They often have to do without the basic things that we take for granted, like dependable power, water, phone service, even available Internet, freedom from vermin, adequate housing, and dependable transportation just to name a few.

Below are excerpts from Gary & Toni Lewis who have arrived in PNG to serve the people there, as a bush pilot and nurse, that live in remote areas

On Sunday, December 15, 2013 4:54 PM, Gary Lewis at getlewis@gmail.com wrote:

Blessings of the Christmas Season to you from Papua New Guinea! We seem to be the only people living here from the USA in this little town. We are missing not having family and close friends with which to celebrate.

The church members here have been the kindest and most generous I have ever encountered as a group. They are always looking out for our needs and providing food for our table. Sunday another group of about a dozen went out to Bewani (where we will be building the airbase) to help clear the brush away from under and around the house and make a list of repairs and materials needed to make the house livable. They are hoping to have the house ready for us by the end of the month!!

We will have to figure out something for transportation though, back and forth to Vanimo for supplies. It will have to be 4WD and they are very expensive here! Since there isn't any cell service or internet there, after we move, you won't hear from us as often.

We have been having several power outages for the whole area lately, but this last week we had one for approximately 28 hrs. That meant we had to haul water in a bucket from the church, no lights, no fan, no refrigerator. It stopped and everything in it got warm and items in the freezer partially melted. We had nothing to cook with, as we have been using an electric cook top. The ladies brought us a one burner kero stove to cook on the second day. They were worried about us, they said.

I think this is trying to prepare us for our move to Bewani where there is no power, running water etc.

Our house has many more rats than people living in it. I don't remember ever having to compete with rats like this, especially in the house for our food. We can see 2-3 running around at the same time and always hear them knocking stuff down in the cabinets or off the shelves. We cover stuff on the table, but... each morning we check to see how much food was eaten by the rats. They have chewed thru the tablecloths, too.

We are grateful for cloudy days here as the temp is better and the sunshine isn't so intense. The night the power was off we went out to see the stars in real darkness. The moon was only about 2/3 full but was brighter than a full moon in Arizona; it was unbelievably bright and easy to walk around without a flashlight; so much for seeing the stars that night!

We are able to receive emails on our phone now for a fee and send out very short ones once in awhile so we don't have to look at a six mile hike quite so often to and from the internet. It wouldn't be so bad if the road home wasn't a steep climb uphill the last part and it wasn't so hot and humid. Kind of knocks it out of you sometimes. Of course, this won't be available in Bewani.

Wherever in the world you are when this catches up with you, we want you to know we are thinking about you and hope you are counting God's blessings too. God is so good and He is so faithful. It makes the bumps in the road easier when we remember that God sent His Son to show us the way back to heaven. He has trod the way before us and is with us now!

Blessings to each of you,

Gary and Toni Lewis

www.lewisjungleministries.com (for more pictures or on Facebook)

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(Our temporary home!)



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A new SULADS Missionary

Thailand
Huai Fai Village, Thailand

There was a serious problem that developed with one of the SULADS Thailand workers that MPI sponsored at Huai Fai Village (a Mien Village). She was sent home for her protection and to safe guard the ministry started there in Huai Fai.

It was a very long process to get Visas for Anna & Malaika to come into Thailand. This country only allows a few missionaries into their country. But we praise God that there was no major problem in the replacement process.

The letter below is to introduce Elma to our Thailand mission project Elma wrote:

Elma Gay A. Dela Fuente
Huai Fai Sulads Health Center
Huai Fai, Nan, Thailand

Dear Mama Ruth,

Here's a little background about my self. I am Elma Gay A. Dela Fuente. a 28-year old individual. I come from a very simple family with 3 younger sisters and one younger brother for I am the eldest of the family. My parents were SULADS missionaries in the Philippines for more than 6 years and they influenced me to be one of them, too. However, they are already resting in God's arms for they died already. My mother died in 2009 due to myocardial infarction and my father died last June 26, 2013 due to an accident.

Though we experienced financial constraints, my parents were very supportive in education that I graduated from our SDA institutions. I graduated as a BSE-Values Education in Mountain View College as a working student, in the school library, P.E. department and electrical department. I also joined Literature Evangelism for 8 summers (from High School to College). Then my parents asked me to join SULADS too. My sisters and my brother and I are SULADS.

Through these humble experiences it has helped me developed a stronger faith in God and to be available in His service. I believe that God has a plan for me and I am happy that He uses me to be His instruments in many ways. Thank you, Mama Ruth, for supporting us (SULADS Thailand). I hope and pray that God would allow us to meet so that I can say my thanks to you personally.

God bless us all as we continue doing God's work.

With prayer, Elma



Anna

Elma



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For with the measure you use
it will be measured back to you. Luke 6:38 (ESV)*



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:

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

Worthy Student

Message From “A Soldier of God”

Hello,

My name is Jorge and I am studying Theology at Linda Vista University located high in the mountains of south Mexico.

Since I started the first semester of this career, I have been selling Christian books, and God let me be here to my 7th semester. The journey has been difficult because I am the second of six children and my parents have very little to support my career. But they have always motivated me to continue even though sometimes life can be complicated.

Last summer my sister of 15 years was very sick. She had dizziness and headaches that resulted from a cerebral tumor. The doctors said there was no hope. That made me to get sad and a little discouraged, but I continued to work to help pay my sister’s medical bills.



During the whole time she was in the hospital, my sister testified to her faith in God. While visiting her, I witnessed to doctors, nurses, patients and their families. The testimony given at all times was surprising to many who heard of our faith. Finally after six weeks, my sister rested in the Lord. It was a very sad and painful experience for my entire family, especially for my parents. Our positive witness resulted in my father being baptized.

I returned to school, but most of my tuition money was used in the medical expenses for my sister until the time of her rest.

I thank God for the privilege of studying this far, and I trust he will provide the \$3,800 dollars I need to get my degree and graduate. My biggest wish is to finish this year so I can serve the church and take God’s love to His unreached and hopeless children wherever I go.

Sincerely,

Jorge Alonso Zambrano Diaz, a soldier of God.

Memorial Gifts

At Rest

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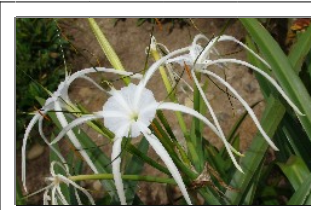
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