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NOTICE:

MPI board meeting will be held at DayStar Academy, Castle Valley, Utah April 5-6, 2007

All members and friends of MPI are invited to attend.

Please call Bev Christensen at 435-259-7719 for reservations.

Displaced Huichol Indians Rebuilding

by Karen Kotoske



SDA Huichol taking their children to school across Lake Presa Aguas Milpas

Sabbath morning, January 27th, mission pilot Dagoberto drove me, Karen Kotoske, and Elder Loren Seibold (senior pastor of the Worthington, Ohio church) out to the hydroelectric lake, Presa Aguas Milpas, 45 minutes east of Tepic, Mexico. We have been relocating the persecuted Adventist Huichol to a piece of untamed wilderness situated on a remote part of the lake.

From the road-head, we traveled by boat 30 minutes to a distant cove where we disembarked onto the rocky vertical landscape. Starting up the mountain on the narrow trail I realized that the believers cut all of this trail from the rocks only six months ago. Everything we were to see had been built or developed within the past six months.

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The President's Corner



Ed MacKenzie

“Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee.” Psalm 119:11

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING! SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT!

“Terrific! One of the most incredible and fascinating books I have ever read”

“A potential best seller, I hope there’s a movie”

“This book will be read over and over for years”

“Riveting. Rarely has a book so captivated my imagination”

“This book is such a great story as well as a great history lesson”

“... A must for every home library.”

The above quotations were just a few of the descriptions attributed to a new book that I read recently. After reading these descriptions, it would be hard to pass such a book without reading the book itself.



I wondered? How would I, how would you describe the “Bible” if we were trying to promote it to others? How about “Steps to Christ,” “The Desire of Ages,” “The Great Controversy” or other similar books? Think about these books for a moment and then, re-read the comments above. See how these comments compare with your description of these wonderful books. An interesting comparison isn’t it?

Has the Bible become commonplace to you, or is it alive and vibrant and a real part of your life? Just a thought! These are the books that keep our mission alive and that’s exciting! They are a must for every home library, don’t you think?

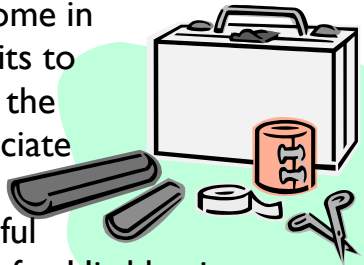
In His Service,
Ed MacKenzie

The MacKenzie’s travel internationally, conducting Lay Evangelism Campaigns. Ed is a retired CPA. He oversees La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital’s accounting system and is actively involved with the hospital’s administration. Ruth helps in the office and does some sewing for the Adventist Orphanage in Belmopan, Belize.

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.



Huichol Indians Rebuild *from page 1*

We headed toward a patch of green, their new vegetable garden, and waited there while a Huichol Adventist woman filled her plastic bucket with spring water. The lake water isn't good for drinking, but God provided a spring for the people when He brought them to this harsh mountain region. And He also provided fish for them to eat!

We headed up the mountain, past the ravines they are stripping of desert shrubs, preparing the area for corn planting next June. They tell us that the soil isn't good, but they are hoping for the best.

We soon arrived at the new village of Aguas Frias, named after their ancestral village in the mountains. They were forced to leave it in 2005. When they were cast out for becoming Christians, they abandoned their cooking implements, animals and clothes, everything but their faith.

The village is a settlement of six families with school-aged children, living under 16X36 ft. plastic advertising banners. The families are making adobe bricks from the clay soil, each having a nice big pile of bricks ready to start building their winter



Six families living under tarps; bricks in foreground are for new adobe winter home



A new Huichol summer home (grass and wood)

homes.

Some have already completed their grass and pole summer homes, called caretons. These are 6X8 ft. elevated rooms, with a grass roof, reached by climbing a notched pole. In the winter

they store their corn in the careton, keeping it away from the animals. Their winter homes made from adobe bricks will be sturdier and warmer.



When we arrived Aguas Frias on Sabbath, the families were in the middle of their church service. Since some of the elders don't speak Spanish, much of the services were led in Huichol language. One of the relocated men is in his 90's. Imagine starting all over in an inhospitable environment, with no conveniences or the comforts needed at that age!



SDA Huichol in new village, Agues Frias, making Sabbath music

At the end of the services, the church members played and sang, using a bass fiddle and a guitar, neither tuned together, but the voices weren't in tune either so it was one big glorious lifting of many varied tunes to God! Their rendition of "Mas Allá Del Sol," was the sweetest on earth.

We noted that the children didn't have their own program—no stories, flannels, or pictures. But still they were pretty quiet. Pastor Seibold knows a young couple in his congregation who wants to do mission work in Mexico. The young husband speaks Spanish, so Pastor Seibold is hoping they will want to work in this village doing child evangelism, teaching the older Huichol girls how to conduct Sabbath school programs for children.

After church the women set about making tortillas (each at her own fire) and preparing the beans. They all brought their tortillas to a central table and we were their guests of honor. We each were given a bowl of beans and tortillas. No seconds on beans. I estimate that on Sabbath (when they only eat one meal, as opposed to two meals on regular days), they eat approximately 600 calories, perhaps more for the men. I was happy to see that one young boy had made some progress since I saw him last year. Jorge, about 12, was talking this year! Last year he barely spoke. Dagoberto said that it was because of trauma. Jorge's mother died when he was a

Worthy Student Aid-Mexico

Written by Ever Samuel Soto—obviously using a Spanish-English dictionary!

Hola Brothers,

I am grateful to God for the help that you have given to students. Sincerely I believe that my God could use you to help myself now that I have problems to continue studying Theology.

I think of suspending my studies and to work to have money, but it implies stopping studying another year and, the truth, I did not want that it was happening again. If there were conditions to receive the scholarship I am in the best disposition to fulfill them.

Reason for which I study this career:

Due to the fact that always I have liked to help who suffer some type of need, also I prepare myself to serve better the humanity in the spiritual area.

Very serious family problems that I lived in my childhood made that my longing of being a shepherd [pastor] was frustrating. Thanks to God and to the education that mom gave to me, I continue in the church. Now already married, I make God to live in middle of my home. I join intensely in missionary work to such a degree that God re-inject the desire to prepare myself to do His work. This not originally in my plans; I was to the half of my studies of Engineering, winning well, gliding to construct a house, happily married and educating our son Heber... then initiate to colporteur.

Reason for which I need to obtain some type of educational support:

First year of my studies, the University gave to me a work of 5% of my tuition. But in the following semesters I have remained colporteur to try to take more money to the University, and when I return, only find work of less pay, so I continue selling books in free time.

What I have gained colporteur in the vacations I use to support expenses of living and do not pay to my debt. It has provoked of accumulating a debt equivalent to a full semester.



The past semester was employed at a special plan of evangelism of Global Mission and it consisted of going from Friday until Sunday to a place where the Gospel message was initiating. I received an economic monthly support that help in our familiar expenses. After initiating the above mentioned plan, there was a vacancy in the department of alertness [night watchman] and they were paying well, but I do not accept because it was necessary to work rightly in the days that I was doing evangelism.



Ever Samuel Soto

During this winter I sold books again. The received benedictions they were not economic but spiritual, since it consists every day to visit ecclesiastic brothers who have stopped attending, motivating leaders of church to involve in evangelistic campaigns, preach in days of worship, and more. Thanks to God, four persons were born again and five Cells of Growth of School Sabbath were initiated to working.

This “bad” decision is the principal reason for which now my economic have serious problem. I dared to ask for support to my Conference, but I did not receive it. I preserve the hope that something happens and could study, sincerely I do not want to lose another year.

I continue praying to God in order that He helps me to do His will. I read story of Brother Fred Adams and I inspire again to flying, to daring, to believing that with the God's help everything is possible.

Financial information:

Cost of tuition for semester: \$3,500 dollars. Debt: \$3,200. For me, this impossible. For God, all thing possible.

In wait of your response and very grateful in advance by your support, I say goodbye.

Your Brother, Ever Samuel Soto

Note: 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.



Miracles in the East (Zambia)

Bob Muparuri, Pioneer in East Zambia Field
Story written by Meiring Pretorius (Pioneer Director)



“Our warfare is not against flesh and blood but against powers and principalities.” I pondered upon these words from Scripture one afternoon returning from our visits in the villages. My thoughts were also directed to Daniel chapter 10. If my eyes could have been opened and the curtain drawn back, I would have beheld the invisible controversy over one soul. As Satan’s activities increased during the course of the campaign, God’s power was manifested greatly in miracles. Satan was defeated.

One of Riverside’s pioneers, Bob Muparuri, urged me for more than two years to plan an evangelistic meeting in his district. God opened the doors for us to go. The campaign was held from September 1 - 16 north of Cipata in the Eastern region of Zambia, close to the Malawian border. Our team consisted of 17 members including cooks and 4 “Timothys” whom Bob was training to help him with the new churches, companies and branches.

All the meetings were held in the evenings, preceded by a health lecture. During the morning we spent time visiting people from house to house, sharing the Word. In the afternoon a Bible class was presented for those who were interested in learning more. God’s word was like a two-edged sword. People have never heard these types of messages before. When the 3-Angel’s Messages were preached the people were amazed. Some thought the “beast” was some kind of animal in the bush. The light of God’s word was removing the darkness day by day.

During one of our visits in a nearby village, we came upon a lady who had been diagnosed with AIDS. She told us that she was just waiting to die. Since the beginning of the year she could not walk anymore and her appetite was gone. Her condition seemed hopeless to her. I shared with her God’s forgiveness and healing. We knelt down and prayed with her. She confessed her sins to God. Two days later we received a report from her. Early in the morning, the day after we had



prayed with her, she received a dream. In her dream she saw two arms stretched out toward her with a bowl of food. When she awoke from her dream her appetite was normal. She ate some food and then walked 6 km into the bush to fetch firewood. It was a miracle from God. A week later she could walk to the river and be baptized. Praise the Lord for His healing!

A call came to us from a lady who had two children. She was concerned about her kids. Her husband was not at home and her children were having nightmares. They would scream and cry terribly during the night. We immediately responded and went to visit her. “When did these nightmares start?” was my first question. Her reply matched my suspicion. The attack upon her children started the same night when she started attending the meetings. Satan was trying to keep her away from listening to the words of truth. I shared about God’s care and protection with her. “God will save your children” I assured her. I held her child in my arms while praying that God would intervene. That night her children slept peacefully in the arms of our heavenly Father. Satan departed from that house and she kept on attending the meetings.

Demon possession and ancestral worship are prevalent in Africa. During the day of baptism the elders of the church reported that one of the baptismal candidates was demon possessed. She wanted to be baptized and follow Christ, but Satan tried to cling to his victim. We immediately laid hands on her and prayed to our mighty Father to set her free from Satan’s bondage. Immediately the demon left her. A calm peace came over her. Jesus heard her cry and filled the empty space in her life. She was anointed with the Holy Spirit during the baptism. Praise Jesus, because He came to set the captives free! Satan was once again defeated.

During our stay there, the company started digging the foundation to build a church with a fixed structure. In faith they have burned bricks and are moving forward with the program. They are praying for cement and roofing materials. Twenty-seven souls were baptized and many others are in the valley of decision. I praise our Father for His wonderful saving and healing power!

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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.

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homes across the country.

Our overhead expenses are low, and covered from other sources.

This makes it possible for us to send 100% of your contributions

Huichols conclusion

baby and he's never known much love. But he seemed a little happier this time, and was definitely talking more. He still speaks differently, as though he is partially deaf, yet he seems to hear all that is said.

Slowly the Huichol are settling in their new home. Their faith is strong, and God will continue to provide all that they need. We are grateful to Mission Project Inc. donors who gave funds last year to help their resettlement.

Thank you donors.



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MEMORIAL & SPECIAL OCCASION GIVING

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Mission Projects, Incorporated is a supporting organization of the Seventh-day Adventist church, dedicated to spreading the Gospel by way of medical, educational and evangelistic endeavors. M.P.I. works in complete harmony with local Conferences and Missions, and is a member of Adventist Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI).

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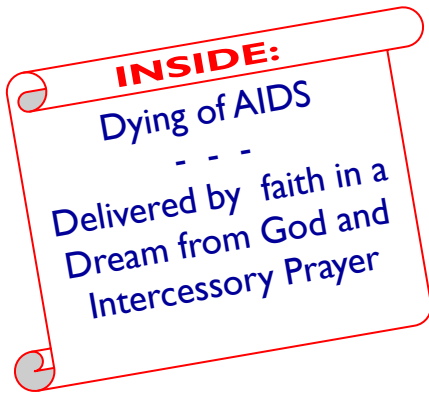
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