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MPI Update

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The Gospel to all the World



....If God is for us who can be against us? Romans 8:31

Dear MPI Supporters, This is a powerful statement of faith to think about today, as you are blessed!

Our Mission Projects Board met on the morning of March 13, 2011 at Day Star Academy, Castle Valley, Utah. As always this was a wonderful and pleasant trip. The campus is so peaceful and tranquil. We want to thank our hosts at Day Star for their warm and friendly hospitality.

Ed MacKenzie

Our agenda included mission reports and updates from Belize, Mexico, Peru, Philippines, Tanzania, Thailand and Zambia. We received a number of requests for additional, Lay Workers; Lay Worker materials, Student & Teacher financial aid and various building projects & equipment.

In addition to our regular members, we were happy to have a number of special guests with us. They included Frank and Janet Fournier, Edie Mulvihill, Ethel & Loren Price and Mary Grace. Frank gave a report on Zambia Riverside Farms. Janet gave a report on Eden Valley Foster Care in Tanzania. Edie updated us on happenings at Peru Projects. Ethel Price is our Newsletter Editor. She presented a new Brochure for MPI, which was approved with a few minor changes. Mary Grace shared a video presentation for Adopt-a-Minister. Mary also blessed us with a public piano concert, in Moab, on Saturday evening. Many felt that this was the highlight of the weekend.

Mr. Grant McPherson brought us up to date on the many exciting and challenging opportunities that continue to take place at La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital in Belize. The new Dialysis program is finally a reality. I have personally visited the new facility and met the staff. The facility will handle up to 15 patients. There are many and sundry building projects that are being considered. The Loma Linda Medical School Class of 2012 visited the Hospital in January to work on a new set of enclosed stairs on the backside of the Hospital's wing that leads to the second floor. There were 35 students that participated in this project. We thank each one for their part. The security of the Hospital's Campus has been an ongoing concern. The Hospital's Board has just recently given the approval to fence the main campus.

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The MacKenzie's travel internationally, conducting Lay Evangelism. Ed oversees the accounting system at La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital. Ruth helps in the office and sews for Belmopan Adventist Orphanage in her spare time. Being avid birdwatchers, the MacKenzie's especially enjoy Belize.

La Loma Luz Takes First 3 Dialysis Patients

By Adele Ramos, reporter for *Amandala*,
“Belize’s Leading Newspaper”

La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital in San Ignacio, Cayo, has received its first three hemodialysis patients to coincide with the official launch of the Jose Cruz Memorial Dialysis Unit, one of two public sector units in the country and the first public units to be opened in the nation’s history.

The San Ignacio unit is named after Jose Cruz, the advocate and dialysis patient who passed away last December and whose idea it was to bring the program, co-funded by World Organization for Renal Therapies (WORTH), to Belize. Hospital management and staff agreed to the dedication in his honor.

At last year’s signing of the memorandum of understanding for the dialysis program, Grant McPherson, administrator of LLLAH, called Cruz a hero for his activism. He expressed regret today that Cruz passed before the opening of the unit.

McPherson said that he wants success for both the program and the patients. He explained that whereas the current budget only allows for 16 patients to be treated at each of the two units on a single shift basis, the number of patients could increase if the units are run for another shift or for a full 24 hours.

The launch of the Loma Luz center was held on Friday, February 4, 2011, the same day that the center at the Karl Heusner Memorial Hospital (KMH) in Belize City, which has been caring for 11 patients, was also declared officially opened.

Mileni Cruz, the widow of Jose Cruz, told *Amandala* that she did not receive an invitation to the launch of the program on Friday morning. We understand from our sources that a late call was made to Mrs. Cruz to attend the Loma Luz opening, which would serve patients from the south and west of Belize.

The transfer of government-funded patients from the Belize Healthcare Partners Limited, a private facility which introduced dialysis treatment in Belize, began in 2010; however, Director of Health Service Dr. Michael Pitts, told *Amandala* that it has to be a gradual process. According to McPherson, two patients at the KMH are pending transfer to Loma Luz.

Asked if the new program would mean greater life expectancy for dialysis patients, Pitts said he would not want to declare a position. He said only that since the patients have been transferred over to the KMH unit, their “metrics,” such as their potassium levels, have improved.

Expectancy depends on the condition that the patients are in when they enter the program, said Pitts.

Cruz had told *Amandala* last year that he was the longest surviving patient on dialysis under the government-subsidized program, having exceeded four years. According to Pitts, most patients were dying sooner, after about two to two and a half years.

There are a dozen patients to transfer to the public facilities, according to Pitts.

Patients are asked to make a co-payment of \$15 to \$80 per session, based on what they can afford.



Grant McPherson

Huichol Project: Solar-powered talking units spread the gospel

By Fred Adams

It looks like a small transistor radio, but the Megavoice Ambassador is a powerful tool that will soon be used to share the Good News in remote towns, villages and ranches in the Sierra Huichol of Mexico. Built in Israel, these units nicknamed “GodPods” are used around the world by people who are unable to read, yet are hungry for God’s Word.



Each unit has the capacity for 160 hours of audio material. They will come pre-loaded with the Old Testament in Spanish, New Testament in Huichol, a series of Faith of Jesus Bible studies recorded into the Huichol dialect by MPI-sponsored Pastor Lucas Ortiz, and hundreds of hymns. The Megavoice is configured so that end users cannot change the recorded content.

GodPods are very easy to use, containing built-in batteries which are recharged by a solar panel on the back. Designed to operate in harsh environments, these sturdy digital units come with a speaker for groups as well as an earbud jack for private



listening.

With continued hostility towards Christianity in the Huichol mountains, these GodPods can be discretely taken to unreached areas. Huichol Christians are already saving up funds to pay a small portion of the cost, which will give them a sense of responsibility and ownership.

During my visit to the Sierra Huichol last Fall, I saw many faces light up when Pilot/Pastor Cirilo described the GodPods, how they work, and how the believers can use them for evangelism.



The Huichol believers are eager to get their own unit so they can learn the Bible teachings better for themselves, and easily share the joy of living for Jesus with others.

In cooperation with our sister organization Amistad International, the plan is to acquire 120 units to use initially in 60 of the 400 existing Huichol communities. ♦

MPI has committed to sponsoring the purchase of 50 GodPods, which cost about \$40 apiece. If additional contributions come in, more units will be purchased, enabling even more people to be reached for Christ!

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While donor support has generally been down over the last couple of years, due to the ongoing weakness in the economy, we are happy to report that Mission Projects has still been able to meet and in some cases to expand our outreach.

We are happy to report that a number of one time projects were approved. They include Belize Lay Worker Bibles & literature, a projector for Belize Evangelism, 150 Bibles for Tanzania, Paint for the San Lorenzo School in Mexico, 50 Megavoice Players for the Huichol's in Mexico, (see report on page 4), funding towards a Manual Arts shop also for the Huichol's, Worthy Student funding in Mexico and assistance for a Bible Film Production in Thailand. We are also happy to report that funding for our monthly projects will continue, with increased support for the number of Workers for Tanzania, Adopt-A-Ministers, Peru Projects and San Lorenzo Teachers. We are committed to doing all that we can to advance the Lord's work, in these troublesome times. After all, "If God is for us who can be against us?" We want to thank each of you for doing your part.

Our next Board Meeting will follow the Montana Camp Meeting in June of 2012.

In His Service,
Ed MacKenzie

Philippines:

Sympathy & Kindness Wins Six!

By Jesreel Abella as told to Ruth MacKenzie

This is the Cabildo family who were newly baptized last month on January 29, 2011. Mrs. Cabildo was an Adventist during her single years, then she got married to an Iglesia ni Cristo member. (These are very large beautiful Churches in the Philippines.) Later she was converted to her husband's faith. They have five children and their source of



livelihood is making upholstery.

On November 14, 2010, Mr. Cabildo was shot in his head, by a hired killer for an unknown reason, and died on the spot. It so happened that Jesreel (an MPI/Adopt a Minister sponsored Bible worker) and his wife Marian were passing by and saw the incident as

they were on their way to Atis Church (Jesreel is the youth pastor of this large SDA Church).

Jesreel recounts this story: "After three days, the eldest Cabildo son, Tata, visited the Atis SDA Church at a midweek meeting. He told me about what happened in their family and requested me to conduct a funeral service for his late Dad. I wondered why he requested an Adventist rather than the Iglesia pastor. He said, the Iglesia's don't give funeral services at the home, in the church or even at the grave side. That's what their religion practices. For four consecutive nights we (Pastor Mandreza, the Elders, and I) were there to comfort the family. We had talked about hope beyond the grave and a bit of our doctrines. They looked interested to hear about it.

After two months, a member of the Atis church approached Pastor Mandreza and asked if anyone was available to conduct a Bible study for a family. Pastor Mandreza appointed me to conduct the study for them. When I arrived was I was surprised to see that the family who wanted to

take the Bible studies was the family that grieved two months ago.

We started the study with the family and soon they decided to be baptized. They just needed to know more and to have a deeper understanding of the Bible's teachings. They were all happy as they accepted Christ as their Savior anew. They are now proud to be Seventh-day Adventists."

Praise God for love and sympathy! ♦

Riverside Farms Reports: A Child Evangelizes

By Pioneer, Friday Sinjela

In 2009, we declared the month of October to be the month of Evangelism as a church. The whole church was divided into 14 groups of five each. The last or 15th group was a children's group ranging in ages from three to nine years old. My wife and another church member supervised the children, leading them into the nearby villages where they organized children in those areas to attend the special programs.

After two weeks we saw some children begin coming to church. Some parents refused to give their children permission to attend our church meetings but some of their children slipped away and came for meetings anyway. One of those coming to our church worship meetings a month later, was a young girl of about six years of age. Each time the girl came back from church, she would happily sing the spiritual songs she learned there, and the parents noticed that the child had found something good. Her behavior changed and she became a good example to her friends. She even reminded her mother to pray every time they had a meal.

Her parents then became interested in deeper spiritual things, and because of her positive attitude her parents began to change. One day they met the Seventh day Adventist Church elder and requested that the church accept their daughter to be a part of the church.

Many of this child's young friends have now started coming to church as well! ♦

Peru Invasion Update and the 50-year-old Tractor

By Chris Borcharding, for the Peru Projects local team

Hello everyone,

I wanted to send out another update. Thankfully we still have not had an invasion! God is taking care of things, we're certain that your prayers are being answered in this respect.

About the invasion; there is a law in Peru that a poor person that does not have property of their own may move onto neglected land and stake their claim on a homestead. What is happening is that land-grabbers and opportunists take this and run with it ignoring what the law actually states and the conditions thereof. The majority of those that actually invade do it to resell and make money. They are land pirates. they invade, build a shack, and sell the parcel as soon as they can. It has nothing to do with housing for the poor and needy.

The first threat of invasion was for a week ago Saturday night. God took care of that and nothing happened. Then we heard it would be last Monday night, then Tuesday; nothing. The word at first was that they were gathering 200 people to invade, now I've heard as much as 500.

I don't believe these to be strictly rumors, because we've been invaded before, two and a half years ago, and lost the land on the north side of the runway. Last year there was a threat and a large group of people were on the road outside the property, waiting to invade, when they got word that the police were coming to take back other land they'd invaded and they all went to protect what they'd already stolen. Also an answer to much prayer!

Seeing that two other large sections of land have been invaded in the last month, and the rumors have been flying about here, we truly appreciate the effectual prayer of God's children reaching up in our behalf that the work here can continue unhindered by this. It seems that things have calmed down a little in the last few days at least and we're hoping that focuses have shifted for now, but we never know.



We are cleaning up the area back there as quickly as we can to show positive use or maintenance of the property. Unfortunately, it is only being cut with two weed whackers right now. Our 50 year old tractor's (1961 IH B-414) transmission gave out this morning. I've worked on it for over six hours so far today and to no avail as yet. I'm struggling to see what is wrong, not seeing anything blatantly broken. Still we firmly believe that God has all things in His control and we're grateful that He's in charge and not us. God bless you and thanks again for your continued prayer!

La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital, in Belize, is looking for a missionary-minded Internist.

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

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:

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

Worthy Student Aid An Unforgettable Miracle!

By Berenice Salazar Torres, Universidad de Montemorelos

Dear Friends,

I am 20 years old and currently in fourth semester of educational psychology major. It has not been easy getting to this point, but God has always been ahead showing the path.

Before returning this semester, I was not sure if I would be able to register due to a pending debt. I prayed at every moment so that God would give me the opportunity of following my dream. It is wonderful the way God works in mysterious ways!

I was sure that God had everything planned and I confirmed it when I went to the administrative offices asking for help. A lady had observed me and little did I know, she turned into a miracle. She provided the amount I needed to continue my studies, and I discovered it came from MPI donors!

I have heard experiences of similar miracles but this is one I will never forget. I thank God for people like you who are able and willing to serve God in body, mind, and soul.

I may never have the opportunity to thank you personally, but I include you in my prayers so that God keeps pouring blessings upon your lives and your wonderful ministry.

I am sure that many students whom you have supported to continue their dreams, just as I, are anxious to thank you face to face. If we cannot do it in this world, I will be the first one to look for you when we are in heaven. Then I will personally appreciate and thank you for thinking of us.

I give thanks to God for you and all those people who are involved in making us smile and remember that there is a God that always takes care of his children.

God bless you!!



And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

Matthew 25:40

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