



MPI UPDATE

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There were two baptisms during the meetings in Donsol in the Luzon, Philippines. We praise God that fifty one souls were added to His family!

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129 people were baptized in a suburb of General Santos City on the Philippine Island of Mindanao.



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Keeping You Informed in 2009



Ed MacKenzie
MPI President

The President's Corner

MPI Board Meeting Report

Dear MPI Supporters

I'm going to turn this column over to Wendy Harris for a report on our board meeting, held May 3. What a thrilling testimony we have of God's leading at MPI! Pack your bags for the mission trip or to build a One Day church, and be sure to read the account of our Philippine evangelism trip, beginning on page 4. We praise the Lord for all His working! In His Service, Ed

At the recent MPI board meeting, May 3rd at Upper Columbia Academy, board members felt the excitement of the spring time weather and of making new additions to MPI.

As always, it was great to reconnect with other board members, brainstorm ideas, and pray for God's guidance in making decisions. **Thank you** donors for all that you give and the interest you have in MPI; your faithfulness is inspiring. We praise God for you!

A highlight at the meeting was when the board members voted to expand our lay worker program to include lay workers in Peru, S.A. and Tanzania, Africa. We are especially honored to be able to help with the Lord's work in those countries. MPI will continue to support Bible workers in Mexico, Belize and Zambia, Africa. In fact, additional Bible workers were added to each of these countries.

As you continue reading through this magazine, enjoy the stories and be sure to notice the up-coming mission trip to Belize on the next page. We are very excited to offer this mission trip to MPI supporters and friends. You will not want to miss out on this exciting adventure! So grab your day planner and fill in the dates—we want to see you there!

Blessings, *Wendy*

The MacKenzie's travel internationally, conducting Lay Evangelism Campaign. 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 birdwatchers, the MacKenzie's especially enjoy Belize.

Thirty New Churches!

Join us in Belize and Guatemala... by Jerry Harris

MPI is going to be building **30 churches** in Belize and Guatemala and we need *your* help! *We are looking for small groups or even families that would like to come to Belize and build a church!*

Most of the churches will be built between November 2009 and March 2010. Thanks to the generosity of several donors, half the cost of the church has already been covered. So, for **only \$3,000** we can purchase the materials and ship them to Belize! The churches we will be building are the beautiful and durable One-Day Churches which are sponsored by ASI and Maranatha.

The One Day Church is a sturdy galvanized steel structure with vented roof, perfect for humid, tropical conditions. The components come bundled into a kit and are assembled onsite from one large box! The finished size is 20x35 feet and seats approximately 150 people. The steel framework has been specifically designed to be strong, yet not heavy, and the entire structure weighs just 1,300 pounds. The church even meets engineering standards for wind and earthquake forces!



The boxed One-Day Church kits are loaded into containers and shipped to a port where they are loaded onto a container ship. Incredibly, the One-Day Church can be constructed by two or three people in about six to seven hours. The walls and interior floor are then finished in a manner consistent with local customs and available materials. Members are amazed and grateful. (For more information on the One-Day Church, see www.onedaychurch.org)

All can become involved so whether you want to help build and/or sponsor a church financially, we solicit your help. **If you are interested please call Jerry Harris at 435-259-5987.**



Philippine Evangelism Campaigns in Donsol & General Santos *by Ruth MacKenzie*

Our first Evangelism Campaign (March 15 to 28) was held in the small fishing town of Donsol at the Southern end of Luzon. It was held in the public high school. There are 6 churches or groups within a 10 mile radius who attended our meetings.



This is the main city church in Donsol which holds about 50 people. The problem with this church building is that whenever it rains a lot it becomes flooded. Three weeks after we were here it had waste deep water in it! The retired pastor would like to raise the floor and expand it a bit. Several of the members

would rather sell it and relocate to a better location. There is land that has been offered.

The Pig Pen Church (right) was a pig pen but now is used as a church! Fifteen to eighteen people meet here each week. These two young men started this group.



The church below is the Calau Calau Adventist Church, named after the birds that live in the cliffs below the church. Some of those baptized



attend this little church of about 25 to 30 members.

The second evangelism campaign was held April 20 to May 2 in a suburb of General Santos City on the Island of Mindanao. We were blessed by songs from several singing groups during these well attended meetings. The last Sabbath about 2000 people worshipped together in the Lote community gym.

The next picture is the SDA Church in the city jail. There are several there that will also be baptized. Sixteen Bible workers work in this area; two have been sharing Jesus in the city jail and have 24 persons ready for baptism! About 50 men attend church regularly in this city jail church. They were asking for funds to seal their baptismal tank and put steps on the inside. They would also love a guitar for their church music.



There were also several small churches around the venue where our second campaign was held. All of these churches were asking us for financial help. We have pledged to help five of them, but we want them all to try to get the land titled as some of these churches are not on titled property. In fact the mission says that about 70% of the churches in Mindanao are not on titled land! Therefore they can't build a permanent building. We already learned the hard way; you need to have a title.



The Oak Harbor SDA Church became a sister church to a little church near General Santos City. After we had built a nice building next to the church the owners wanted the land. The members thought they would win in court since they had used that land for almost 20 years, but they lost! As a result the church split into two groups with one group moving to a

place under 3 nym trees. For over a year they had church under plastic tarps strung between these trees. Eventually we were able to help them buy this property and build a beautiful church. Even though Satan tried to destroy this congregation God blessed it and now there are two churches, although one is still only temporary on untitled land. *continued...*



We had several new experiences this time in the Philippines. Both Sundays we participated in the one hour radio program. Ruth gave a health talk and Ed a short devotional talk.



The picture on the left is the new *Vegetarian Restaurant* in General Santos City. Ruth cut the ribbon and gave a talk on protein in the vegetarian diet for the grand opening. All in all God blessed each worker in His vineyard. ♦

Doors Opening in Esperanza!

by *Wentworth Chang*

Greetings in Jesus name,

The work in Esperanza continues to progress, slowly but surely. We started the branch Sabbath school sometime ago, and it is still growing. Praise the Lord, people from the community are opening up little by little! Two of the four that was baptized in the January effort are attending regularly. As a matter of fact, as I mentioned previously, it is in one of their homes that we are conducting our church service!

We are presently conducting a series of evangelistic meetings at the very same spot. Although it is only scheduled for one week, we are hoping it will set the stage for other projects we have planned for the area. The series is based on the DVD program that was introduced into our country late last year by ASI and our Union officials. Sister Thomasa Borland, the Branch Sabbath School Superintendent is the speaker and she's doing a good job.

The first night we were hindered a little by the sudden and unusual wet weather in May that began the same day we began our meeting. Although we visited three consecutive Sabbath afternoons, only two people showed up that first night. We concluded that the rain had something to do with it and kept on visiting and praying. The Lord of the harvest answered, and the next night, although it was still raining a lot, a family of six came for the first time.

But the Lord wasn't finished; the next day the rain stopped and over 20 visitors attended! All together, thirty or more people were in attendance that night. The topic, "What Happened to Right and Wrong?" was clear and interesting. Although the next night we did not have such a big crowd, we had four new visitors and many of those who came previously promised to come again the next night.

Thanks for your prayers and support. May God continue to bless you all. Your brother in Christ, Wentworth ♦

Zambia Riverside Miracles!

by Pioneer James Chushi

How powerful is the working of the Holy Spirit on the hearts of men! This story shows that amazing power. One of Riverside Bible Pioneers, James Chushi, tells his experience as follows:

"I work as a Bible pioneer in Serenje district, central Zambia. I have been working there now for two years. In the beginning of 2009, I began a Bible study with the pastor of the Church of God denomination. His name is Pastor Ngandwe. The area where this church is located is Kunda Lumwansa.

"One day Pastor Ngandwe invited me to worship with him during their Sunday worship service. To my surprise he gave me the opportunity to preach during the main service and to conduct a Bible study in the afternoon with the congregation. What an opportunity I had to share the wonderful truth with this church!

"Then came the second big surprise! After I had shared the Bible study in the afternoon, the pastor stood in the midst of the congregation and testified of his decision to follow the truth of God all the way. He said that he had found the truth.

"The third surprise came when most of the members of the Church of God stood up and accepted to learn more about the Bible truths. Praise His Name! They humbled themselves to know the truth.

"The fourth surprise was when the members went outside of the church to the sign that says "Church of God." That same day they erased the name "Church of God" and changed it to "Seventh Day Adventist Church!"

"Today a new branch is worshipping within the church building and Pastor Ngandwe is serving as the branch leader. Please continue to pray for Pastor and the other new members that are preparing for baptism."

Praise the Lord for you and your prayerful support of the Bible Pioneer workers in Zambia. God is doing great and mighty things! ♦

Whose Business Is It?

A Dying Man's Witness *By Ilunga Kazembe, Northern Zambia*

It was a Sunday. I was going home from visiting some students who were enrolled to study VOP (Voice of Prophecy) lessons. As I passed one home, a man standing by the door greeted me warmly. He asked me if I knew that at his neighbour's house was a very sick person brought from the Copperbelt (Zambia) province hospital. The hospital had sent him back to die at home, he informed me.

I responded to the man: "What can I do?"

He asked me to come and pray from him; he was about to die.

"Can't you pray for him? You are his neighbour," I answered.

"I don't know where to start; you are a Christian and it is not my business." was his response.

I changed my course and went to see the sick person. The man was dying indeed. His body was only skin hanging on his bones. When I greeted him he could not even respond. The room smelled very bad and flies were everywhere; I could not stay long. I came out and started talking to the relatives who were seated outside, asking them questions about the patient and what the problem was.

"Why do you keep such a sick man at home?" I inquired. I was told that the hospital had done everything possible but there had been no improvement. I spoke to them about using charcoal powder. We prepared it and gave it to him. It was getting late and I decided to go home. I returned early in the morning and found that his condition had not improved, but the bed was stained with charcoal.

Two weeks later relatives relaxed their caring efforts; I could see the neglect. This was an opportunity to make friends with him. We prepared some wholesome food for him and he enjoyed a good meal. After a while he started feeling stronger. He was able to stand up again and walk to the toilet by himself. One day he asked me if I could teach him how to pray. In response I also asked him if he was a Christian.

"Yes, I am, since yesterday!" he responded to my surprise. He had accepted Christ as his Saviour the previous day. Now he wanted to learn how to pray. "I have something to tell Jesus," he said.

We talked of Jesus and I enrolled him into the VOP school.

Within three days he completed six lessons, one at a time, and was able to pray. When I took the seventh lesson he seemed to be happier than any other day. I asked him why he was so happy and he told me that he had prayed for me the previous night. He wanted me personally to take lesson seven for him and not someone else. We talked of life in the new world.

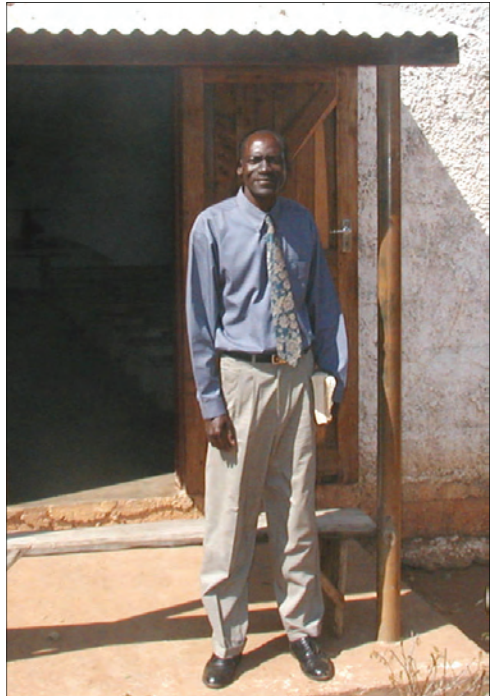
The next morning he was found dead, in a kneeling position in front of his bed. The family asked me to conduct the funeral, notwithstanding the fact that they were Catholics. After the burial one man approached me and asked me if he could visit me with his six friends to have a Bible study. They had some questions from the sermon I had preached during the funeral. During the first study seven people came. The next meeting was held at that man's house and the group increased from seven to fourteen.

During our third meeting our group even grew bigger to 21 students. Fourteen decided to study the VOP lessons. One became sick and could not continue going. My wife and children took over and six more enrolled. We praise our heavenly Father. The people look forward to every meeting, and a dying man gave his heart to Jesus!

From this experience I have learned that:

1. People get to know us by what we do.
2. The more we mingle with them the more confidence they have in us.
3. God is always with us and He is faithful.
4. God will save us even in the dying minute. ♦

*Won't this man be joyful in heaven to see those who were won to Jesus at his funeral? Truly, it is **our** joyful business as Christians to bring the Good News to the "least of these."*



Zambia Lay Worker

Worthy Student Aid

Broken Home, But No Broken Spirit!

Dear Friends

I am the eldest of five siblings. My home was destroyed by my parents' divorce. My education was interrupted when I was in second grade, due to financial difficulties. Then my father died when I was 13, leaving me in charge of four younger brothers and sisters. After a few weeks my mother came back into our lives, carrying yet another child in her belly.

When I was 14, mother married a good man. From age 14 to 17, I worked away from home so that my brothers and sisters could have shoes and other essentials. At 18, I finally started my elementary school again, which I concluded at age 20 after a terrible bout with tuberculosis, the disease that took my father's life. At 22 I finished grades 7-9 through a government-funded adult education program.



During my convalescence, I met Someone who changed my life and gave it a new meaning. At first it was for fear of death, but I now publicly acknowledge that the best decision I have ever made was accepting Jesus Christ. One morning as I studied my Bible, I was asked to leave home due to my new beliefs. So at age 22 I arrived at Montemorelos University. I wanted to get an education, in order to better serve my Lord.

I had to colporteur all summer in order to begin my High School education. But when I came back to the University, I was not able to study for insufficient funds. I found a job on campus and worked another nine months, then began my studies. God blessed me and by cleaning dorms, bathrooms, offices and doing other jobs like cleaning houses I was able to cover my tuition every quarter and have enough left over to provide for my food and board.

In 2006 I was finally able to fulfill one of my most cherished dreams; to study Educational Psychology. Today I am 30 years old and in the second year of my professional training. My progress is slow because University courses are expensive. Nevertheless, I am now closer to my goal than before.

My dream is to work for homeless children, children who are victims of family problems, and of divorce; young people who appear to be outcasts of society and who, without Christ, have no hope in life. I am sure that God will provide and make it possible.

By Maria Salinas-Quiroga ♦

Memorial Gifts

By *Ruth Wiebold* in honor of my dear parents
John & Rosina Eslinger



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