



MPI Update

Making a Difference for Eternity

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URGENT PRAYER REQUEST:
*Jesreel was injured in an accident on June 5.
See note on page 10.*

Jesreel giving the Bible study at a banana plantation. Page 3

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Giving of Ourselves in 2012



Ed MacKenzie, President

The Reunion

I recently attended my fiftieth high school reunion. It was great to see fellow students that I had not seen or communicated with for a long time. Many had previously attended different special reunions, while several of those who attended had not gotten together in fifty years.

I assume that many of you have had similar experiences in your life. It is interesting to hear what everyone has been doing over the years; how many children and grandchildren. It is especially interesting to hear what they accomplished in their careers as compared to what they said that they wanted to be in the graduation year book.

There is another reunion that will take place in the not too distant future. When Christ returns we will be able to meet not only those Christians from our own generations, but also from those generations that were before us as well as those generations that follow. I Thessalonians 4:16-18.

What a day that will be! I look forward to that day and I know that you do as well. We not only look forward to meeting Lorraine Hamilton (pg 2) on that day, but at that time we will meet many of you for the first time! We can talk about how we all worked together here to finish God's work upon the Earth. What a privilege it will be to meet in the greatest reunion ever.

We look forward to seeing several of you at our next Mission Projects Board Meeting scheduled for June 17th at the Montana Conference office. We welcome everyone that is able to join us. Our annual get together is a special reunion in and of itself. The Board Meeting information is included elsewhere in this newsletter.

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.

In Memory of Lorraine Marie Hamilton

Lorraine Marie Hamilton, 75, of Salmon, Idaho, died unexpectedly of an abdominal aneurism in her garden at home May 6, 2012.

She was born April 10, 1937 in Boise, the youngest child of Ellis and Grace Sponsler. She attended elementary schools in Eagle and Homedale, then went to Gem State Adventist Academy for her high school years.

In addition to being a loving wife to Eddie for over 56 years, devoted mother to Linden and Michele, and proud grandmother to her five grandchildren, Lorraine blessed many with her varied talents including gardening, mission trips, community involvement, and music. She gave piano lessons, taught a Kindermusic program, played organ and piano at her church, and often played for other community churches as well. She was also an avid bird watcher, a talented seamstress and quilt maker, and even undertook several upholstery projects for her home, as well. She loved being outdoors, including hiking, camping, 4-wheeling, and riding with her husband, Eddie, in his dune-buggy.



Lorraine was a member of the Salmon Seventh-day Adventist school board for numerous terms as well as serving on the K-12 Idaho Conference Education board. She was also a Mission Projects, Inc. board member. *(Summarized from Salmon, ID, The Recorder Herald, May 17, 2012)*

As an MPI board member, Lorraine, along with her husband, Eddie, was always a blessing. She had good observations and suggestions for the directions that MPI should take.

They both also went on mission trips. One of these was to Belize in Central America, to the La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital where they painted the whole hospital!

Lorraine loved the Lord and was a true friend of MPI. She will really be missed by all and we look forward to seeing her in that great Resurrection Day.

*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.
Psalm 116:15*

*Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth:
Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours;
and their works do follow them. Revelation 14:13*

Mountain Climbing Ministry Experience

By Meriam Abella, Philippines

Six of us are going to climb the tallest mountain this morning to give a Bible study to people gathered in the banana packing area. A mother and her son, active youth members in the Pao Pao church went with us. They were our guide on a steep trail going down the river. After crossing the river, we went up, up, up on the tallest mountain. Brother Rabadon and I were using rods to help us in going up, and in going down. My knees were trembling passing over a tough trail with grasses. A rod is very helpful to hold onto where there are no tall grasses or trees to help hold onto the steep trail. I remember the nice cement trail at Lake Cebu where we had railings to hold onto! It was easy compared to this trail without steps or railings. Sometimes I even crawled! We enjoyed our ministry.

We left home at 5:45am and arrived at Pao Pao Church at 6:45am. We had hiked from 7am to 10am to reach our destination. We rested in the banana packing area for about 15 minutes, then the people gathered around from the banana fields. They are all harvesters of bananas. You can see people gathering bunches of bananas in our picture.



Gathering bananas; Winnie in yellow shirt.

We started our Bible study while they were resting from the harvest. Winnie, MPI-sponsored Bible worker, and brother Rabadon, Winnie's helper, gave priority to Pastor Jesreel, Winnie and Meriam's son sponsored by MPI through Adopt a Minister, to conduct the Bible study. They were happy to meet our young and guapo (handsome) Pastor!

The study was limited to 30-40 minutes because it was their break time from harvesting bananas. The time keeper is an Adventist convert but inactive because their home is far from any church. They would have to hike to reach Paopao or Hillside church. The timekeeper/ area leader has a small boy and his wife is pregnant. It is hard for the couple to walk three hours each way. There are three former Adventist families in this area, all workers for the banana plantation, but no church to worship in.

Now we know that they need a church, even a small church made of light materials like bamboos, poles and G.I. sheets for roofing. They also need Hymnals and Bibles in Cebuano language. Most of them have no Bible or Hymnal. They asked me for some and I promised to buy Hymnals and Bibles from the Mission Book Center.

After our Bible study we proceeded to go up about 3kms to the barrio (village) where there is a faith gospel church. We met the pastor and set a schedule for the next week's for Bible study; we hope and pray for this.

The weather was very clear, no rain, and the sun is very hot; we felt dehydrated while hiking. Winnie, Jesreel, and brother Rabadon changed their shirts three times.

On our way, big, black nimbus clouds rolled in, covering the sun. We were afraid for the rain, because we had to cross a river and the road gets slippery but *thank you, God*, the clouds only gave us *shade* to cover us from the very hot sun! *God is good*—all the time!

We arrived home safely at 4pm, all of us feeling muscle pain, but we were all happy for these *wonderful* experiences. I will never regret this trip because this is part of the ministry and the people were inspired to hear the Bible study; especially the inactive Adventists. We did not know that there are people in that far place who were Adventist and needed encouragement and a church to worship in.

Bye and may God bless us all, Meriam & Winnie Abella. ♦

Belize: Discovering the Joy of Sabbath

By Bro. John Landero

Guadalupe Tzib, thirty years of age, was an active member of a local church. When I visited him in his home he didn't like it; he didn't want to hear about the Bible Sabbath, but he accepted other Bible teachings.

One day I met him on the street, as he was going to his church. I gave him the book *Steps to Christ*, and told him; "Brother, I know that you love Jesus, but in this book you will discover how to worship God more deeply." Kindly I told him, "I will pray for you, so that the Holy Spirit can teach you many more truths." So every morning in my devotion I had him in prayers.

One Saturday morning, I was at the door of the church giving my regards to the brothers, and I felt so happy because I saw that he came to church, I gave him a big hug of welcome. After that he told me what he had found while reading the book that I gave him. It was the term "discovering a deeper worship," and in that chapter he discovered the truth about the Sabbath. "Now I can't stay at home, or go to any other place," he said, "but I need to come to worship God on his Holy day."

When his pastor knew that he had visited our church, they didn't give him any privilege to preach. That could not keep him quiet, for now he testifies about the true day of the Lord to his brothers and sisters that still worship at the local Church. He says; "There are many like me that haven't heard the Sabbath truth, but with the help of God I will help many of my brothers to know the truth."

To God be the glory, and the honor for knowing his truth. ♦



Esperanza: A Snake Comes to the Bible Study!

By Wentworth Chang

Greetings in Jesus' name,



Wentworth & helper Ubaldo

In the afternoon, I left Belmopan and went to the little village of Teakettle, where another grandmother and evangelist is my aid in the work there. Sister Mercedes Ruiz is a recent convert of not more than three years; yet she is not only on fire for the Lord, but also the leader of the group in Teakettle. The hope is to finish an unfinished building that the church had purchased with the intent of one day holding church service there. She presently holds four meetings at night, visitation and Bible studies during the day, and Sabbath

services, mostly by herself. Her two daughters assist her; one recently joined the church this January in an Evangelistic campaign done by the district pastor, Angelo Dominguez. He and other elders also assist her as they can, but Teakettle being so far from any Adventist presence creates an obstacle at times.

I'm privileged to be able to assist on Tuesday afternoons and on Sabbath when I can get a break from my local church, and also when transportation is available. This particular afternoon, however, our study, almost complete, was interrupted by an uninvited guest.

We were having our regular study with Ms. Rebecca. Ms. Rebecca is convicted on the Sabbath, but attends another Sabbath keeping church in Esperanza. We have been studying with her for some time now. The previous week we had studied on the Remnant church, and she accepted the Seventh-day Adventist church as God's last day church. The next study was on the Gift of Prophecy.

As we were explaining the role of Ellen White in the church, fulfilling this particular prediction and requirement of God's last day church; just after I made the appeal to accept the gift in God's church, and was about to hand her a magazine by Ellen White entitled "A Love Stronger Than Death," sister Mercedes called out rather calmly, "sister, there is a snake in your yard!"

As we turned in the direction she was looking, some distance from us, we all were startled by the size of it. This wasn't the first time we had encountered a snake during Bible studies, but this was a big one.

It was a little longer than a machete; with a thick body. Fearing that it could hurt one of the children that reside there, the owner had asked me to “do away with it.” Although I was kind of nervous, with a prayer and stick I did.

Although in some countries they take great pains to preserve these creatures, unfortunately for snakes here in Belize, since there is an abundance of them, and being a threat to human life, we have no such burden.

We saw this as a distraction from the enemy, but praised God for His protection. I was able to give her the magazine-the snake incident adding to the importance of it. We prayed, and then left. Please keep the movement in Esperanza in prayer.

Your Brother in Christ, Wentworth ♦

Belize Bible Worker meets Ninja

By Alfredo Mossiah

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 who 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 now 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 study 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. ♦



Alfredo Mossiah



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

LATEST: We are considering January 21 to February 4, 2013 for dates for this mission trip. It looks like it will be either Belize, Nicaragua or Brazil.

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.

URGENT NEEDS!

La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital in Belize Central America is in need of a full time **Ultrasound Technician/Sonographer**. Please contact 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:

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 Corinthians 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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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

This young lady in Mexico received MPI assistance this year and sent a note of appreciation.

Dear Friends,

It's my pleasure to greet you, wishing you all of Heaven's blessings for you and your family.

Let me introduce myself, my name is Laura, and I'm currently studying Dentistry at Montemorelos University. I want to thank you for taking the time to analyze my application and for your positive answer.

Thank you again from the bottom of my heart for your noble help, I feel very happy and thankful. Just as you helped me, I plan to help another student with his or her financial problems after I graduate.

I will be praying for you, hoping that God blesses you immensely.

Sincerely,

Laura Mariana Vázquez Hernández



Jesreel was injured in an accident on June 5 that has left him hospitalized, in pain and on oxygen, while doctors in the government hospital endeavor to assess his injuries and treat him. Colporteur friends of his were at the scene and assisted him, protecting his valuables. His good helmet protected his head and likely saved his life when another motorbike suddenly did a U-turn in front of him causing a collision. His family has been with him and his sister, who is a nurse, has flown in to give him personal care. Please pray for Jesreel and his family in this crisis.

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.

Memorial Gifts

*Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of His saints. Psalm 116:15*

At Rest

Holden, Emma

By Ruth Wiebold

Johnson, Gladys

By June McFarlane



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