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MEXICAN LAY WORKERS



Layman Senovio Reyes

Healed by Prayer and Loving Care

By
Esther J. Martínez

Señor Cresencio Vazconcelos was a desperate, weak and poor man. He was so sick he could hardly walk. Unable to work, he couldn't buy food. He spent all his money to get better, but the doctors couldn't help him. They told him he wasn't sick.

So he decided to go to the Adventist church in Chichicaxtepec, where he requested assistance. Compassionate church members helped him physically by providing food, clothing, and shelter. They also helped him spiritually by praying for him and by sharing their faith with him and his family.

MPI layman Senovio Reyes studied the Bible with him, and shares the results of the ministry

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Healed

Conclusion from p. 1:



Senovio's group of believers in Chichicaxtepec, Oaxaca

of Chichicaxtepec members:

“Cresencio has experienced a miracle from God. He now walks and eats. He is getting better. He and his family are planning to be baptized into our church very soon.”

Cresencio now shares his testimony with friends in his hometown. They ask him, “How did you get better?” He tells them, “Through the power of God, and by going to the Adventist church.” When people wonder if Adventists are spiritualists, he says, “No, of course not! They are children of God who love Jesus and keep the commandments.”

Others are also coming to church because of this miracle that God worked in the life of a desperate and sick man.

Esther J Martínez serves as a grade school principal and teacher in Utah. She enjoys writing mission stories when she can squeeze out a few minutes from her busy schedule.

WORTHY STUDENT AID

A Dream to Serve

By Juliana Contreras

When I was at 6th grade of Elementary School I was elected to take care of other children of 1st grade for some days. It was an un forgotten experience because since that moment I felt the desire of being a teacher, to be in front of a group of children or young people. But the most important thing was to give the new goods to every body and imitate the Master of Masters.

As I was growing up, my goal about being a teacher was increasing in my mind. When there was an opportunity I used to teach children to read or to write, I talked to them about something useful in their education.

My family agree with my dream. They encourage me to go on with it, if it is God's will I can get it.

My dad is sick now, and my mom is looking for a job and as she doesn't have any academies preparation it is hard for her to get a job.

My brothers and sisters didn't have the opportunity to go a university because of the lack of money. So, my parent's dream is that me, their youngest daughter become a professionals in order to serve God and humanity.

Now I work at Linda Vista University in a special plan, so I can go to school on summer. I work the whole year and I study on summer.

That's why I request your financial help to continue my studies in Sciences of Education, specially a B.A. on Spanish Language and Literature.

Thank you for glad attention to this letter.

Sincerely,

Juliana Contreras

SAN LORENZO SCHOOL



Training Young Minds

By Fred Adams

A recent e-mail from south Mexico included a report and pictures about our little school in remote San Lorenzo, Chiapas.

Those of you who went there a few years back to build six classrooms and provide medical care know how remote and primitive it is! Yet these bright Chamula Indians are determined to provide a quality Christian education for their children. The alternative is the village public school, where teachers smoke, drink, and are away half the time.

But just a short walk uphill from the village, at the base of towering mountain peaks, the scene is totally different. Clean, neatly uniformed children in our 12-grade school learn the basics, as well as practical skills. Every week teams of teachers and students visit homes of unbelievers to share the love of Jesus. Students learn how to paint, depicting scenes with a Biblical mes-

Thanks to Your Generosity . . .

Lay Workers

MPI is supporting eight African lay-workers at the cost of \$60 monthly each. They appreciate your faithful contributions that make this possible.

Africa

Mexico Our 34 laymen in Mexico work in remote, unreached areas. Once a group is firmly established and new believers are trained to evangelize, the laymen move on to new territory to repeat the process. They receive \$190 monthly.

Belize

Three lay workers are being used by God to bring many souls into Christ's kingdom. They each receive a monthly stipend of \$250.



sage. They clear land, spade the soil, plant seeds, tend the crops, and eventually harvest the fruits of their labors – radishes, beans, corn, papayas, bananas and more. They also learn woodworking, computers and other practical skills.

As funds come in, MPI assists with construction materials, teaching supplies and teacher salaries. MPI also provides continuing education assistance for current teachers to attend summer school at Linda Vista University.

Letters from folks at San Lorenzo express deep gratitude to MPI donors for making it possible for hundreds of young people of their tribe to be better prepared to serve God and others during the past 25 years.

Fred Adams writes from Placerville, CA. He and his wife hiked 6 hours to get to San Lorenzo in 1987, just one month before he became paralyzed in a construction accident. Since then he has returned to San Lorenzo twice, leading groups of mission trip volunteers.

Mission Projects Are Happening!

Literature Printed materials are eagerly received and are very effective in outreach. \$200/yearly supplies the needed amount of literature for each lay worker.

Church Roofs/Construction It takes the total of \$800 to complete one roof / Construction costs of \$8,000 will provide an adequate structure for worship in Belize and Mexico. One can be built in Guatemala for \$5,000. If you are impressed by the Holy Spirit to partner in building a church in one of the above areas, you may send your donation along with the form on the back page.

LA LOMA LUZ ADVENTIST HOSPITAL

Many Hands — Much Accomplished!



Stelly's High School International Mission 2005 Team hailing from British Columbia, Canada and made up of enthusiastic teachers and students came to us here at LLL and worked ardently at getting in all the walls and partitions for the New Diagnostic Wing. We will be naming the CT Scan room and the Ultrasound room after two of Stelly's students who are cancer survivors.



Adventist Christian Fellowship group led by Pat and Gordon Johnson, out of Pullman, Washington, along with a few other volunteers from Colorado and Michigan, came over to us and in one short week, worked through the blistering heat to set up all the walls for the Conference Room. They worked arduously from early morning to late evening and

still mustered the energy to hold a VBS in Georgeville with the children.

The Conference Room will be named in honor of the Adventist Christian Fellowship to whom we here at LLL will be forever grateful. The room is nearing completion as the roof has already been put on. Most of the members of ACF attend Washington State University where the group meets on a weekly basis to give spiritual support to each other and to reach out to their peers with the Three Angels' Message.

Jason Brooks, youth pastor for the **Spencerville Seventh-day Adventist Church**, along with Mr. Brian Show, worked along with Pr. Vladimir Correa out of **Highland View Academy in Maryland** to bring to La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital a group of 45 young people and parents.

Conference room in progress
(second story)



Their dedication to mission and determination to see the advancement of the Lord's work in the world was evident from the get go. They had come to complete a school in Bullet Tree Falls, but decided to lend us a much needed hand here at the hospital. They provided the labor and materials to put in the foundation for a much needed storeroom and began putting up the walls for the classrooms of our nursing program. They had to really fight off the 100 degree heat, but the young people did not complain a single day. They also installed much needed fans in the cafeteria, repainted the front and sides of the present hospital building and hosted a soccer camp and VBS in Bullet Tree.



Spencerville has decided to virtually adopt this area and will be visiting us on an annual basis to help to make positive changes not only here at LLL but in our Cayo community at large. Our sincere thanks to Pastor Jason, Brother Show and the entire Spencerville Team for their kindness, love and generosity.

AFRICAN LAY WORKER When in Prison, You Visited Me

When I was visiting the prison, I came across a woman who is asthmatic and is wearing a drip on her arm. I asked her why she was there and she said she was accused of killing her husband. This woman took some food and put poison in it to kill rats in the house. When her drunk husband came home during the night, he ate a piece of the fish that had the poison. Since he was drunk it was not easy to detect he had eaten poison.

After taking him to the hospital, it was discovered that he had eaten something poisonous. After asking the wife, she then explained what

happened. This is why she was put into prison. I talked to her about the love of Jesus and how He is able to forgive any type of sin. I also went on to tell her that the human judgment is not perfect, but our Lord knows everything and is a merciful Judge.

She asked me to visit her again. Since she is sick and life is very hard, she knows she may die at any time. She wants to confess her sins to Jesus so that if she dies, she may die a forgiven child of God.

I am planning to visit her again in June after the crusade.

A report from Whiteson Sichone to Steve Grabiner, MPI Correspondent. Whiteson works in the northern part of Zambia.

African Lay Worker

To The Point of Death

By Juliana Bob Muparuri

The Bible Worker in the eastern province of Zambia for the past two years

Some of the new converts in my area have lost their lives, their loved ones and material things within the last 6 months. The experiences I am going through is so touching and so terrible to the individuals involved.

Mrs. Tifunsenji Phiri, an old lady, had gone to apply fertilizer in her field in the morning towards the end of the month of February, 2005. Before noon she was at the corner of her field laying on her back dead. Her belly and her private parts down to the anus had been removed by some unknown hands. She was left dead. A new Christian, a child of God, dying that kind of death was a really trying moment to the fellow Christians and the village people!

After this incidence, two weeks passed, when another new Christian was baptized and was found dead in her house. She was sleeping with her baby boy of 8 months who was found alive and still fast asleep. The mother never complained of any sickness the day before and yet she died like that during that same day.

In the neighboring village another Christian who had been sick for some time died also. So, it was two funerals in one day for me and my fellow Christians to handle. People talked and wondered why these new Seventh-day Adventists were dying that way. Many Christians were shaken and confused. But during these two funerals as I stood to share the Gospel, I was proving that even though we are dying God loves us even in death. The life on earth is temporal, but when we are resurrected, death will have no power on us.

Recently, on June 11, 2005, a widow who was also one of our new converts, had her house catch fire and everything in the house got burnt. They could not retrieve anything. (This woman

was converted together with her family of eight people.) It happened like this: a small girl, Tiku Zula, was looking for a panty inside the house at the set of the sun. Because it was getting dark, she got grass from the outside and kindled the fire so she could see what she was looking for. She lifted the burning grass up while she was looking down. Unfortunately, the clothes hanging on a wire caught fire and quickly the fire caught the roof.

The girl ran outside but she was by herself. No one was near to help her and by the time the people realized there was fire burning, the roof was under the flames. All their blankets, clothes, kitchen utensils, bicycle, three wool packs of cotton and all other things were all ashes. Praise God that no one died!

Another aged woman, a widow also, is staying close to my house. She is keeping all five of her grandchildren who are orphans. Both parents died of AIDS. The two oldest girls are in school and are being sponsored by the Busery Programme. The three boys are at home with the old lady and are not sure of their future. This widow and her orphans are always coming to share with me of the experiences they are going through. This family comes to church but I can't find help in the church. I have given out what I could give but it's like a drop in an ocean. When I think about all this it makes my heart bleed, for these things are happening to the converted people. There is nothing I can do but to take it all the Lord in prayer.

To my surprise, I expected people to become discouraged and to stop attending church but more people are joining! Really, the true character of God and the devil is being revealed and the people are able to see this, and so decisions are being made.

People of God, wherever you are, pray for me and the people in my area; especially for these poor families and their suffering. Please do remember these families as the Lord is bestowing blessings into your hands.

*"God Permits
the Devil to Fight
His Work to
the Point of Death
So That the
True Character
of God and the Devil
Can be Revealed."*

Memorials

At Rest

Barrow, Joe

By Wayne Moore

Duffy, Merle

By Steven & Vickie Sage

Emmerson, Chet

By Steven & Vickie Sage

Eastham, Chet

By Lloyd Looney

Emmerson, Lee Roy

*By Mel & June Anderson
Steven & Vickie Sage*

Eslinger, Howard & Walter

By Ruth Wiebold

Finkbiner, Leo

By Arline Finkbiner

Hartley, Etta Mae

By Steven & Vickie Sage

Jetton Sr., James J.

By Marge Jetton

Johnson, Ernest & Mary

By Russ & Carol Johnson

Keeney, Faith

By Ray Keeney

Keene, Robert

By Joanne Poole

Lee, Alton

By Wayne Moore

Rich, Merle

By Earl Tresenriter

Correction:

Bald, Bernadine

By Albert & Gloria Oakes

Birthdays

Duane Burns

By Lorry Burns

Dale Wolcott

By Nancy Wolcott

Worthy Student

Your contributions to the Worthy Student Fund are making a big difference. Since we are unable to feature each of the dozens of students needing aid, MPI prefers that donors give to the Student Aid fund rather than to a specific student, in order to assist as many as possible. Thanks!