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MPI Board meeting
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Details will follow
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La Loma Luz Hospital Special Edition

Report of Health Fair 2006
and Grand Opening of Diagnostic Wing

A wave of excitement swept through La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital as Thursday, May 4, 2006 dawned. The morning wind had a slight chill in it indicating that we would have a lovely day.

Why was everyone so excited? This was the day for our annual health fair. It had all the signs and symptoms of being a high day for the hospital. Although our Health Fair was slated to start at ten in the morning, people began arriving as early as six thirty. By eight o'clock we had over two hundred and fifty people already assembled, deep anticipation written across their faces.

At nine thirty, the first of our list of officials and dignitaries, Mr. John August, the mayor of San Ignacio/Santa Elena, arrived. It would be his honor to officially welcome all



Participants lined up waiting to attend health fair.

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The President's Corner



Ed MacKenzie

*And let them make me a sanctuary;
that I may dwell among them. Exodus 25:8*

Shortly after we arrived in Belize in May, Victor August asked us to go to Guatemala with him to visit a new church construction project sponsored by MPI. After worship, Wednesday morning, May 31st, we headed for the Guatemala border. Our La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital Administrator, Grant McPherson joined us.

After clearing the border mid-morning, we were on our way to San Francisco, Peten State. This was in the same area that we had visited with Victor during our first trip to Belize back in 2003.

We arrived in the early afternoon. Our plan was to go to the home of the local elder and then contact members who were available to come and meet with us at the church. The elder was not at home, so we went to the home of another member.

Soon a number of members were located. One family provided us with a lovely lunch while additional members were still being contacted. Following lunch we headed to the church.

Church Building in Guatemala

While not knowing what to expect, we were favorably impressed with what we saw. The quality of the work was quite evident. We thank those who sponsored this church as well as those who were part of the work group that came from the U.S. and helped with the construction. We were told that the church has about 100 members. The new church building will easily hold 240 people. The members were in the process of conducting an evangelism campaign with a guest pastor. They are anxious to fill their church even before it is completed!



The outside of the church was being plastered in preparation for painting. The doors and rebar framed window coverings were in place. A tile floor in the main sanctuary was installed. As we peered in through the windows we were impressed with the beauty of the sanctuary. The tiles are a shade of green with a second pattern that forms an isle down through the middle to to the front. Floors in most of our churches in this part of the world are just concrete slabs. Their next goal is to tile the rostrum and to install glass windows to keep the heavy rains out. They also hope to add more pews and to build a baptistery. With all of this, plus some landscaping they will indeed have a very nice church in which to worship

Once all of the available members arrived, Victor led a short devotional. The people were excited and encouraged that we would take the time to come to visit, to see their needs. We went away with a sense a satisfaction. This will be a beautiful sanctuary, but more than this, it is filled with members who are dedicated and willing to sacrifice so that the work of the Lord might advance in this place.



We are happy for these members. If only we could repeat this miracle in a 1,000 other places.

La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital

2006 Health Fair and Wing Dedication Continued:

our other dignitaries to our twin towns. Mr. Carlos Magaña, our Board Chairman, Mr. Grant McPherson, Administrator, Mr. Ed MacKenzie, MPI President and Mr. Collet Montejo, Chaplain and Public Relations Officer would welcome them to La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital.



Crowds of participants eagerly receiving valuable health information

As we approached ten o'clock, the rest of our dignitaries began pouring in. Minister Mario Castellanos, area representative for the Cayo Central Division was closely followed by Minister Ainslie Leslie, Cayo North Area Representative. Pastor Paul Cassanova, Executive Secretary for the Belize Conference of S.D.A. and Dr. Nesamony Prakasam, Health Director for the Conference came to represent the Adventist Church in Belize.

We then had our dignitaries from the Ministry of Health. Following them, the security tightened and the media people arrived, all this in anticipation of our guest of honor, the Honorable Said Musa, Prime Minister of Belize.

At exactly nine fifty five, the Prime Minister of Belize arrived. He was welcomed by all our officials and the program began. La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital was commended by all our officials for the great work being done and the quality services provided in a cost effective manner. The Prime Minister especially thanked the hospital for its contribution to health care and for caring enough to keep our prices

as low as possible. Following the opening ceremonies, the entourage then moved up to the main building of the hospital to officially open the new diagnostic wing.



The new hospital wing that houses the imaging center

As the wing was being officially opened, over two thousand people were enjoying the health fair hosted by the hospital in collaboration with Kettering College of Medical Arts and Kettering Medical Center. Dr. Paula Reams, who headed the team of students and professionals from the College, worked arduously all day long to provide free checkups, massages, consultations and treatment to our many visitors. The hospital distributed free ultrasound, x-ray and CT-Scans to several visitors.

When the dust settled, all our participants were exhausted. We knew it was a very good day; people had been helped. For the first time since he took office eight years ago, La Loma Luz had an official visit from the Prime Minister, Belize's highest ranking government official.

La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital continues its mission and commitment of reaching out and touching the lives of people. We thank our MPI supporters for their prayers and kind contributions. It is with your support that we can and will continue to be a blessing to the lives of people in Belize and Guatemala.



Prime Minister Musa cutting the ribbon at the official opening

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Special Needs

After months of planning, the new La Loma Adventist Hospital Imaging Center was officially opened May 4th with great expectations. The lower level of the new hospital wing was completed.

Technicians and installers were scheduled to get the new CT scanner up and running. Kettering Medical Center had generously donated a used mobile CT scanner, which was driven all the way from Ohio to Belize. However, joy soon turned to disappointment when the installer informed us that the central bulb was beyond its life expectancy. It would not work as required. Evidently, the long trip from Ohio finished it off.

Our installer has located a new bulb at a cost of \$25,000 US, including installation. This is more than the hospital budget can cover. We are confident that the Lord will provide.

The community is interested in what we are doing to improve health care for the people of Belize. The hospital has already received a number of requests for CT scans. We are hopeful that we can provide this service soon. God bless, we will keep you posted.

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