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Worthy Student Aid

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Brothers of MPI:

By this means
allow me to greet
you, wishing that
the blessings of
God be poured out
in the lives of each one of you.



The motive for which I am writing is to solicit, in a more direct way, economic support to continue my studies. At the moment I am in my third semester of a Bachelor's in Educational Psychology at Linda Vista University. Every payment is \$5,500 pesos (about \$550 USD) under

the special plan. My father's monthly salary is \$2,250 pesos.

Another reason why it is difficult here is the distance that separates me from my birthplace: I am originally from Mérida, Yucatán. For this reason, I must pay the expenses of an on-campus student.

However, I want to continue studying at Linda Vista University in the Educational Psychology major. My reasons? The integral education that is imparted here and that will help me to serve God and humanity in a more efficient form.

I trust God that my necessity will be supplied. May the Lord bless you and thank you for considering my need.

Sincerely,

Minindy Chalé

Note: Since there are many students needing assistance, your Student Aid contributions are placed in a General Fund and distributed uniformly among those with the greatest need and potential.

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The President's Corner



Ed MacKenzie

But Jesus said, "Suffer the little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19:14

Jesus says that we must become like little children in order to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Recently, I had the privilege of being participating in a softball game involving primary aged children. My purpose was to watch and perhaps to snag a ball or two when they got past the infield and out of the reach of the children. As it turned out my biggest contribution was to make a call at second base. The runner was safe, but it was close, no argument here!

These are some lessons I learned from my experience:

1. You don't have to be special in order to get to play!

A. Everyone is welcome!

B. Everyone is loved!

C. Everyone gets to participate!

2. You don't necessarily even need to know how to swing a bat!



- A. If you hold it out there maybe the ball will just hit it!
- B. Who cares if you get an extra strike or two anyway?
- 3. Errors are not counted, only runs!
 - A. For children, errors are like sins, which are soon forgotten.
 - B. All sins need to be confessed and forgotten.
- 4. It is a lot of fun to just throw the ball around, even if you never tag a runner!
- 5. You must be carefree; there is nothing to get overly excited about here!

What would major league baseball be like, if it were played like primary league baseball?

What would life be like, if it were played like primary league baseball?

In His Service,

Ed

The MacKenzie's travel internationally, conducting Lay Evangelism Campaigns. Ed is a retired CPA. He oversees La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital's accounting system and is actively involved with the hospital's administration. Ruth helps in the office and does some sewing for the Adventist Orphanage in Belmopan, Belize.



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Lay Workers

MPI's Oldest Lay Worker Retires

By Fred Adams



Cirilo Suarez, born in 1918, recently retired after serving as an MPI-sponsored lay worker for 14 years.

At the ripe old age of 89, his health is failing and he has a hard time getting around. For many years, his voice has been shaky, yet he kept knocking on doors and giving Bible studies. At least 340 people have given their lives to Jesus in recent years as a result of his labors.

At the ripe old age of 89, his health is failing and he has a hard time getting around. For many



Cirilo always walked, rode his bike or took a bus to villages where he worked. He never had a car to drive.



Cirilo with a group of new believers he established in a remote village.



Most of his work has been in hot, humid, primitive jungles and swamplands of south Mexico.

Cirilo lost his wife and two grown sons in recent years. He's been stung by killer bees, pursued by bandits, threatened by enemies and experienced many other perils.

Yet he always kept going, and plans to continue sharing his faith as long as he has life. Cirilo is truly an inspiration and positive example of God's devoted workers.



Cirilo worked among the primitive Lacandón Indians.

Newsletter

THANK YOU, "Grandma Eve"

When Fred Adams turned over the layout of the MPI newsletter to Bev Christensen, other DayStar personnel have had an active part in getting it ready for mailing.

Jerry Harris purchased a color laser printer that prints both sides and then collates the pages.

Eve Redinger, affectionately called Grandma Eve by the students at DayStar Academy, helps fold and staple the newsletters.

After placing the mailing stickers on the edges, address labels, which have been zip-code sorted, are carefully placed in the proper postal trays and then taken to the post office. Newsletters for foreign mailing are placed in envelopes.



Eve Redinger, DayStar Volunteer, placing stickers on newsletters

Another Faithful Worker Laid to Rest

Adapted from his Eulogy

Neville Gordon, a resident of Redding, CA, passed away peacefully on July 31, 2007 following a brief illness. He was 91 and preparing to go on yet another mission trip at the time.

For 40 years Neville rebuilt wrecked cars – mostly Fords. During his final illness, he was sitting up in a wheelchair one day, looking out the window. When his daughter asked what he was doing, he responded that he was “sittin’ in the wheelchair watchin’ all the Fords go by.”

In the mid-50s, Neville fulfilled one of his boyhood dreams – he bought a 210-acre ranch and began raising a fine herd of Hereford cattle. He had about 125 when he finally sold most of the ranch in 1976.

That sale left him free to get away from home more often. Passionate about travel and geography, Neville spent the last 30 years of his life visiting 87 countries, major islands or provinces around the world. Many of those trips were centered around the 74 mission projects he took part in both at home and abroad. He worked on school and church building projects at least a dozen times in Mexico, including San Lorenzo and Bella Vista, where MPI was founded. Neville recently helped fund the latest MPI church built in Guatemala. He worked on projects in Pakistan, Indonesia, Thailand, Cambodia, Russia, Venezuela, Guatemala, and many other countries of the world. Though he never finished high school, Neville knew more about geography and history than most college graduates.

Neville lived very simply so he could spend his money on things he felt worthwhile. One of his biggest interests was helping at least 50 to 60 children or youth in third-world countries to get an education. He always enjoyed receiving letters and photographs of his sponsees, many of them



now grown and working in such responsible jobs as teaching, nursing and pastoring. In addition to sponsoring projects through MPI, Neville contributed generously to various other mission organizations. As he said, “Wherever I think they’ll make good use of it — I can’t take it with me!” He lived on a meager income and had few of this world’s goods left when he died.



He was always very conscientious and committed to his church. Neville had a humorous streak in him as well. Friends from his late teens and early 20s still remember him as being straight as an arrow yet never above a harmless practical joke. Even until the last day or two of his life, he could still enjoy a good chuckle with family and friends.

During his final days, he dictated a brief note to a young lady in Mexico whom he had put through school. (He “couldn’t speak any Spanish” when he first went to Mexico, but actively worked at learning it.) He told her that he was very sick and would possibly die very soon. But, he, said, “*Yo quiero estar con ti en el mundo nuevo*” — “I want to be with you in the new earth.”

Neville is survived by his sister, DeNelda Phillips, his only child, Marilyn Johnson, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Lay Workers

“Foolish Woman” Prays for Blankets

By MPI lay worker Maria Emilia

Silviano and Liboria live in a small town in the cool, dry highlands west of Guadalajara, Mexico. Living very simply, this elderly couple makes a living by growing and selling sweet potatoes.



Liboria needed blankets, because guests would be coming to visit. So she prayed every day, “God, please send us some blankets.” “Foolish old woman,” her husband scoffed. “Do you really think God will answer your prayer? He’s too busy to bother with trivial things like blankets.” Liboria responded, “I know He’ll answer me. I don’t know how, but I’ve heard that if we ask, He hears us.”

A few days later, a nice car stopped in front of their home, and a well-dressed woman asked, “What’s the name of this town?” “Ahualulco” the elderly couple replied. “Oh, good” said the lady in the nice car. “Would you happen to a someone by the name of Liboria?” “That’s my name” replied Liboria. “May I come in?” queried the visitor.

Once inside, she told her story. “Last night in a dream I was instructed get two blankets, drive until I came to Ahualulco, and find someone by the name of Liboria.



Liboria’s husband thought God is too busy to hear prayers for trivial things like blankets.

So here I am, and your blankets are in my car.”



Overwhelmed with emotion, with tears streaming down their eyes, the elderly couple shared about Liboria's recent prayers for blankets, and how God had used this visitor to meet her needs. The lady brought two soft warm blankets from her car, and then she was gone.

Silvino and Liboria gave their lives to Jesus after a series of Bible studies, and faithfully attend church each Sabbath. They have no doubt that God answers prayers – sometimes in totally unexpected ways!

Africa Lay Worker

Fire by Night

By Ernest Chiwaya

In the month of October, 2006 I went to a conduct a campaign at Kamisombo branch across the Kabompo River. In this area lived a young man who was frequently disturbed by witchcraft which happened often during the nighttime.

The African doctor was called around 1:00AM to come to this house. In order to get there, he had to pass by where I stayed, along with two other deacons. The African doctor, with two other men, returned from his visit around 3:00AM. As they past the campaign site where I slept, he saw a very big flame of fire burning above the shelter I was in. The doctor was so frightened that he started running. They told many people what they saw.

Some of these people came to me and asked about the flame of fire. I told them that at that time we were sleeping and did not light any fire. I then realized that it was God's way of protecting us from this African doctor. He not only treated people but also "witched" whomever he wanted. But God was protected us from his evil powers. This doctor is well-known in the area, and people fear him very much. But that day he saw the power of God, and it was the doctor who feared. I praise God for this experience.

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By Ruby Arlean Bechtel

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