



# MPI UPDATE

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# The President's Corner

"The spirit of a man is the lamp of the Lord, searching all the inner depths of his heart." Proverbs 20:27

## *Dear MPI Supporters*

**Ed MacKenzie**  
**MPI President**

I was intrigued by this interesting verse as I read it a few days ago. It sounds much like the familiar text found in Psalms 119:105: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path," and yet this verse conveys a entirely different meaning. How does it speak to you? I would be interested to hear from any that would like to comment regarding this verse.

Our Mission Projects Board met on the morning of June 20, 2010 at the Montana Seventh-day Adventist Conference headquarters. We want to thank the Montana Conference and especially Archie Harris for the warm hospitality they shared with us. We had a very good turn out. It is always great to be with our Mission Project's team (family)!

Our agenda included mission reports and updates for Africa, Belize, Mexico, Peru and the Philippines. We received a number of requests for additional lay workers and financial support, including one from Thailand, which will be voted on at our next meeting tentatively scheduled for March 2011 at Day Star Academy in Utah. The specific dates will be announced later.

We were happy to have Edie Mulville with us, representing Peru projects. It was voted to approve another Lay Worker and to give them \$1,000 to be used for church roofs.

We were also happy have to have Sharon Abella with us from the Philippines. Sharon is presently the head of the English department at the Adventist University of the Philippines Academy. She is traveling with Ruth and me this summer. This has included the Adventist Church's General Conference Session in Atlanta, Georgia. We have sponsored Sharon's father as a Lay Worker through Mission Projects for about ten years. Several hundred individuals have come to know the Lord through his and his partner's efforts. This includes a number of prisoners at a local jail. Please see a report of their efforts at Pao Pao, elsewhere in this news letter. Sharon's brother Jesreel is sponsored by Mission Projects as a Lay Bible worker with the Philippine "Adopt a Minister Program". Jesreel is a theology graduate of Mountain View College on Mindanao and has recently been moved from pastoring the

**The MacKenzie's travel internationally, conducting Lay Evangelism. 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.**

Esperanza Church to be the new youth pastor of the Addis Street Church in General Santos, Mindanao. Jesreel has been involved in a number of evangelism campaigns including a couple of campaigns with us. We enjoy his youthful enthusiasm for the Lord's work.

We welcome Susan Brookings as our new Secretary-Treasurer. We also welcome Sunnie Potter who will be working with Sue to do the majority of the paper work/treasury work. We want to thank both Sue and Sunnie for taking on these very important responsibilities.

Grant McPherson brought us up to date on the many exciting and challenging things that are happening at La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital in Belize. The relationship with Adventist Health International has had a positive impact for the Hospital. The new Board Chairman for the hospital is Mr. Kevin Lange, Executive VP for Finance and Administration, CFO LLUAHSC Administration. Grant, Kevin and I try to meet every Thursday via a telephone conference call to consider the ongoing needs and goals for the hospital. The dialysis program continues to be the primary challenge. The program is moving forward, but there has been any number of hurdles as Grant can attest. It is anticipated that the program will be in place by the end of the year. The building is 95% completed and the equipment installation and training should be moving forward shortly. The Loma Linda Medical School Class 2012 has adopted the Hospital as their class project.

It was voted to continue the same monthly funding for the Hospital as in the past and to continue to support the Chaplain, Adon Sosa for another year. So far, \$45,100 dollars has been committed towards a security fence for the hospital. This is about fifty percent of the goal. Thank you for your support for this much needed project. Gifts for this project should be marked "Hospital Security Fence." We thank each of you for your support and prayers on behalf of Mission Projects. Mission Projects is committed to making each

dollar work effectively for the many needs we support. Ruth and I are personally happy to commit our time, energy, and means towards these ends as we all work together in "His service."

-Ed MacKenzie



# News from the Sierra Huichol

## Blessings for the Faithful

*By Karen Kotoske*

**Ellie Reyes**, our first member in the Puente Camotlan church, welcomed us into her sunny patio banked with flower beds. We first passed through a small room opening onto the street which is Ellie's clothing 'store' where she sells used clothing which she has stacked in neat piles on a table.



*Viridiana with Ellie and her daughter,  
also a church member.*

Ellie is a strong lay leader, and on the Sabbaths when Pastor Dagoberto cannot be there, she preaches. Ellie and her two children and husband are a lovely, energetic, happy, and hospitable family who've taken in our missionary Viridiana as their own daughter, her home away from home.

Another lady has recently begun to attend the Puente Camotlan church upon Viridiana's invitation. Imelda lives a block down the hill from the church in a humble block house, but does she ever have a beautiful flower garden! It is probably the prettiest one in town. To make a living Imelda takes in laundry from the town folk. It was flapping about her flower garden when we were there. Her husband shoes horses.

In January, her husband borrowed 2,000 pesos (about \$175) so that they could buy food to prepare and sell at the big town festival. Unfortunately her husband drank up \$100 of the money, leaving only \$75 for Imelda to buy food to sell at the fiesta. Imelda had recently begun to keep the Sabbath and desired to follow Jesus.

Devastated by the large debt they now owed, but determined to repay the debt, and if possible, make a profit selling food, she did her best choosing the foods to sell. She ended up making about \$275 dollars at the fiesta, she was able to pay her husband's debt and was left with a nice profit for their household. Yes, Imelda is praising God telling everyone, "God has given me a miracle!"

# Daughter of Huichol Indian Medicine Man Baptized!

*By Karen Kotoske*

**Sabbath, August 7**, was a very special day when pastor Dagoberto baptized Guadalupe Carrillo. She is the daughter of a venerated Huichol Indian medicine man who is about 85 years old, nearly blind and very dear, whom I have known for many years.



Unbeknownst to Dagoberto, an Adventist sister in Puente had studied and talked with Guadalupe over a three day period. Christ's Spirit rushed into her heart and she was ready to give herself completely to God and quickly decided to be baptized! When Dagoberto went to the mountains the end of July, he found the Indian woman ready for baptism!

This was a beautiful and deeply meaningful win for Christ's Kingdom.

—*Karen*



# A Continuing Story

## Paopao Village, Mindanao, Philippines

By Ruth MacKenzie

*Some plant, some water and nourish, and God gives the harvest.*

John 4:36-38, 1 Cor 3:7

**A few years ago** we went with the Abella family to Paopao village to see the need of the little SDA church that the Abellas and others from the Country Garden SDA Church were nurturing.

Paopao church sits high on a ridge surrounded by Dole banana plantations. The people of Paopao are poor mountain people that work for the plantation owners.

When we arrived at the church after a dusty bumpy ride, we saw the sign on the church: "Gift from kids 99 of Caldwell SDA Church Caldwell Oregon USA." When we got home I emailed Gem State Academy (in Idaho) to find out

more about this church building.

I got a reply that in 1999 a group of Gem State Academy youth had gone to the General Santos City, Mindanao Philippines area on a mission trip. The pastor that looked after the Paopao church approached Pastor Bryson from Gem State and told him of the need for a place of worship for the Paopao group. Pastor Bryson went with the Paopao pastor to see the spot where the people wanted their church. When Pastor Bryson returned home he told the youth department of the Caldwell, Idaho Church about the need for a church. The kids got busy with a car wash and raised about \$300.00 which they sent to Paopao. The Paopao people built the church below.

That is not the end of the story. Wennie Abella, an MPI Bible worker, with his partner Junie, (Junie is a man) have been working in Paopao.

Here is an email I got from Wennie's wife, Meriam Abella. "Hi Aunt Ruth,

"Here is a continuance of the story in Paopao Church in Mindanao Philippines; The membership of Paopao is growing. Even if we made an extension of the church, (10 feet longer) the church size would not be enough to accommodate all the people.



Every Wednesday my husband (Wennie Abella) goes to this place, because there are many new interested persons. These people are mostly natives, and very, very poor. They are laborers of a big banana plantation. Every week Wennie, together with Junie, another (volunteer) Bible worker, brought some rice and beans (beans from Washington State) to cook for their lunch. After Bible study, they all eat lunch together. They enjoyed being together with the Bible workers after the Bible study.



“Two times the other wives of our church members and I visited these people. We brought bread, watermelon, rice, and fish for our food. Many people gathered around, so we had a big class that day. Junie and Wennie gave Bible lectures, while we three women prepared our lunch. Most of the people are hungry for this kind of food, because they

only eat cooked bananas most of the time. We fed the hungry people material food, after we fed the spiritual food. This is the way Jesus did in His ministry. He fed the hungry.

“The result is amazing!! They were happy to receive Jesus as their Savior. Many mothers said we are angels sent by God because when we arrive at the area they gathered around with their beautiful smiles together with small children.

“In January 2010 we had 24 souls baptized. And now we have more than ten people who are new Bible students in another area still in Paopao village.

“Just this morning Wennie went to Paopao until 4pm.

“Last week we brought used clothing because they need it especially for Sabbath. We solicited clothes from our church members. Our used clothing is very special to them. They think they are wearing new clothes.

“Our church in Paopao needs paint, inside and out to beautify the church. It needs its comfort room (toilet) renovated. We also need additional room and chairs for children, and benches for adults.

“May the Lord bless us, as we minister in His cause.

“Your brother and sister in Christ, Wennie & Meriam.”

Now there is a small group (granddaughter church) that has grown from the Paopao church who meet under the trees down the steep hill near the Dole Banana plantation that wants a church building to meet in.

—Ruth MacKenzie

# From Tarp to Church!

## Montana Students Fund 1-day Church

*By Deanna Harris, MEAA Church member*

**Take one part** Blodgett View Christian School combined with **Mission Projects, Inc.** and add Maranatha International and it equals one new church for a small village in Belize Central America. The people of San Joaquin used to meet under a tarp in a local elders backyard, now they have a structure to call their own.



*The old San Joaquin Church, in Belize, was only a tarp held up by poles.*

Last school year an inspiring mission story

shared by Larry Belknap, pastor, got students of Blodgett View in Hamilton, Mont., excited about raising funds to build a One-Day Church. Students worked for members of the Hamilton Church congregation. From moving rocks and pulling weeds to picking up broken branches and limbs after a storm, no job was too messy



*Archie Harris, his family and others put up a One-day church. (Deanna Harris)*

or too hard. Their efforts



*A One-Day Church is nearly completed thanks to efforts of Montana students. (Archie Harris)*

resulted in over \$750 dollars for the church project. A pie auction sponsored by the Home and School Association completed the \$1,500 needed for a One-Day Church.

Blodgett View sent their hard-earned money to Mission Projects, Inc. In December 2009, Maranatha International shipped a container holding 37 One-Day churches to Belize, where

Mission Projects, Inc. oversaw the work projects which were scattered all over the small country of Belize.

Archie Harris, Montana Educational superintendent and his family were able to participate in the construction process, making the Montana connection com-

*Blodgett View students worked hard for Hamilton church members to raise funds for the One-day Church project.*





# La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital in Belize is looking for a General Surgeon

If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact the Hospital's Administrator, Mr. Grant McPherson at: [mcperson\\_grant@hotmail.com](mailto:mcperson_grant@hotmail.com)

*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 Cor 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:

- Name Mission Projects, Inc. as a beneficiary of your IRA or 401(k) retirement plan
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To learn more, contact our Planned Giving department today at 866-356-5595.

# Worthy Student Aid

By Rudi Juarez

## Hello Friends,

I am 30 years old, and attend Montemorelos University. I was a missionary for the Pentecostal church for over 8 years. During the last 2 years, while I was pastor of a Pentecostal church, I learned the Bible truth about the Sabbath through some colporteurs. So, with all of my church, we started worshipping on the Sabbath without knowing Adventists even existed.



I was baptized on January 24, 2004, and five months later, the people of my congregation of the Pentecostal church, which totaled 176, were also baptized.

I joined the colporteur ministry one year before coming to Montemorelos, which was what helped me get into the school. I just completed the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of my career, Nutrition and Dietetics. I decided to study this area because I firmly believe in the Health Message, which should be part of every home's educational and spiritual foundation. I believe that with my career I can serve the Lord better through the modification of our eating habits and our daily lifestyle.

During my stay here in the university, every aspect of my life has been on the basis of faith, and with the help and support of God's people, I have been given the opportunity to work hard for the Lord. The truth is, it has not been easy, but I thank our God I am here, working 8 hours a day towards my tuition and a self-sustaining budget.

During my vacations I take the time to colporteur, but even then there has been an accumulation of debt that I have not been able to earn to pay off my tuition. I am the only one in my family who is Adventist, and they will not give any type of financial support. I have strained and worked hard to be a proficient student, and with God's help, I will continue to follow in His ministry as long as I am able.

I thank you for your time and consideration, pleading that God will bless you today and always.

In Him, ***Rudi***



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