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# MPI Update

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*Nine-year-olds, Bea and Richelle, do their part to give the message of love!*

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# Go Forward for Heaven in 2011

# I Pledge Allegiance!



Ethel Price, Editor  
Guest Editorial

***I pledge allegiance to the flag  
of the United States of America,  
And to the Republic  
for which it stands.***

***One nation under God, indivisible,  
With liberty, and justice for all.***

**MPI** believes Seventh-day Adventist Christians should be the *greatest* patriots in the United States of America! Perhaps above any other, as we reach out to touch lives all over the world, we should realize the value of freedom.

In fact, this prophetic movement was able to arise in the mid-1800s, bringing back long-forgotten truths from God's Word, precisely *because* of the freedom of religion enjoyed in America.

Whatever may be our political understanding, our over-riding concern should *always* be to uphold freedom; that of ours — and others. It is a God-given privilege, right, and honor to do so.

Coming final events may restrict our religious freedoms and perhaps even cause conflicts with our consciences. Thus it is *vital* that we study, memorize, and store away the scriptures and the understanding of them through earnest prayer for the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit of God. ( Check out the helps for memorizing scripture at [www.fast.st](http://www.fast.st) ) *Vital* that we unite and *finish* the work Christ has given us to do, even as He prayed for in John 17:21.

As we look at the world around us, we cannot but believe that time is very short. We not only need to *get* ready, but *be* ready, and *stay* ready. Then, when the times of trouble come, we will be ready to—as Peter admonished—*sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:* (1 Peter 3:15)

MPI supporters, we urge you to unite with us—and with all our brothers and sisters in Christ—to *be* ready and to help others around the world to *get* ready.

Our first allegiance belongs to God alone. So while we can still pledge allegiance to the flag...and the Republic of the U.S.A. for which it stands, I propose a second pledge. One that will bring all of God's people into unity—and last forever!

***I pledge allegiance to the Lord and Master of my life,  
and to the Heavenly Kingdom  
for which He stands.  
One Body under Christ,  
indivisible,  
With unity and victory for all.***

In Christ, Ethel Price  
Editor

# Miracle for La Loma Luz "Between Here and There"

By Grant McPherson, Administrator of La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital

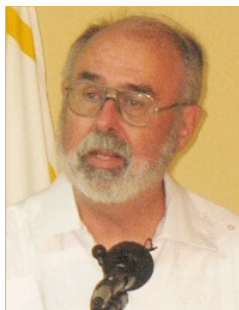
*Have you ever* wondered why it appears that we do not see the miracles in our lives that we heard about in the Sabbath School Mission Stories? I have, for many years. Some have said that we do not see miracles because we have not asked. Others have said it is because we are too self sufficient, and that we do not depend on the Lord enough. This is the story that has changed all of my thinking on this subject.

It was a wonderful, sunny Sunday morning at La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital (LLAH), located near the border of Belize and Guatemala, Central America. This particular Sunday had started just as so many before and I anticipate yet coming. But this Sunday was destined to be anything but normal. It would be easy to start the story of this day, many miles away in Boston, Massachusetts, United States, but that would be getting ahead of myself.

Early in the morning, the phone rang at our house, located on the beautiful campus of LLLAH. A staff nurse was calling for advice and to notify me that our only EKG had just quit working. She was leaving the night shift and wanted to be sure that I was aware of this turn of events. She was aware, she said, that nothing could be done about this loss of equipment, but she was hoping there was something I could do to bring it back to life. I assured her I did not know of anything, but that I strongly felt we should pray about this, and turn it over to the Lord. Little did we realize at that very moment the chain of events already set in motion by the Lord.

The morning progressed normally with the usual Sunday morning clinic. Doctors and nurses were busy doing rounds and taking care of outpatients. Shortly after noon the same nurse called me again. There was an urgency to her voice, and I asked why she was still at the hospital. I could hear her the tiredness in her voice. Another nurse who was scheduled to work that Sunday had called in sick, so she had stayed, she said.

I asked how I could help and felt the urgency in her voice. She said, "Mr. Grant, you need to come down to the hospital *right away*." I told her I would be right down. It is only about a three minute walk from our house on the campus, to the hospital and I left immediately.



**Grant McPherson**



Upon reaching the nurses' station I noticed a gentleman there that I did not recognize. I thought he must be a family member of a hospital patient and that the nurse had called me down to discuss financial arrangements for the care of his family member. That turned out to not be the case.

The nurse motioned to me to introduce myself to the gentlemen. Which I did and now the real story begins.

I am sorry to have to admit that I have no recollection of the man's name. But I am sure you are going to understand! He told me he was a Doctor from Boston. He also indicated that he was very confused about the chain of events that had happened to him very early that Sunday morning.

He said that as he drove into Santa Elena, the community where LLLAH is located, he noticed the highway sign for LLLAH. Looking up on the hill, he was shocked to see the very building he had seen in a dream the night before, back home in Boston!

He turned into the driveway and drove the short distance up to the hospital. Parking his car, he came into the hospital carrying a suitcase, and asked to speak with the person in charge. That is when the nurse called me a second time and when I heard the urgency in her voice, though she did not yet know the story we were both going to be told.

The doctor began to share his story with us. During his short night of sleep, due to an early morning flight to Belize, he had had a dream in which he saw the buildings of LLLAH. He shared with us that he was very confused about the chain of events that transpired because he claimed to have no religious background or belief system.

He felt strongly from his dream that he should go to his clinic on his way to the airport. It was directly on the way so it did not seem like too big of a deal. Little did he realize how he was being used by the Lord to take care of a need at LLLAH!

He arrived at his clinic, unlocked the front door, walked across the waiting room, entered the hallway down to his office, and opened the door to his personal office. Upon opening the door he was shocked to find a light left on, directly over a credenza across from his desk. He walked over to the credenza and the light was shining directly down onto an EKG unit.

He shared with us at that moment the most amazing part of this story. *There was no light in the ceiling directly above the credenza.* But that light continued to shine until he picked up the EKG and carried it out with him to his car. He quickly repacked, so the EKG would fit into his luggage and continued driving to the Boston airport for his trip to Belize.

During the entire length of both legs of the flight to Belize he thought, and thought, and thought about what had happened in the

early morning hours of that Sunday. Little did he realize what was transpiring in Belize at LLLAH.

At that point he picked up the suitcase which had been sitting on the floor beside him as he had been telling us the story of his morning. He sat it on the desk in the nurses' station and opened the zipper. When he laid the top of the suitcase back and removed a couple pieces of clothing, there lay the exact same type of EKG unit that we had been using that very morning.

The nurse and I looked at each other speechless. We then looked at the doctor and he had the biggest smile on his face as he picked up the EKG and handed it to me. I quickly handed it to the nurse, because I was afraid that I was going to drop it.

It was now my turn to tell the doctor our story of the early morning telephone call between the nurse and myself. How we had had prayer together. How this particular nurse had been asked to do a double shift. The smile on the doctor's face changed to one of confusion. He reminded us that he did not believe in God, maybe a higher power, but not God as Christians do.

We spent the next ten minutes or so talking about the Seventh Day Adventist Church, La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital, and how they are related. Then as suddenly as he had arrived he indicated that he had to leave.

We asked him if we could have prayer together before he left. He was hesitant, but agreed. The three of us formed a small triangle and thanked the Lord for leading in such a mighty way. We thanked the Lord for leading the doctor and that a special blessing would be poured out on his life. The prayer ended, we thanked him again, and he was gone.

Some might say that an angel visited LLLAH that day. I don't believe so. I have come to believe that God can use even the unbeliever. The doctor just had to be willing to follow even though he did not understand what he was following or where.

I have come to believe that we, as God believing Christians, have complicated things to the point that unless we can see the end from the beginning we are not ready nor are we willing to make that first step. That is so amazing to me because we do know Who is leading us.

I would like to take the liberty of comparing the doctor to a child. The Bible tells us that unless we become as little children we will not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. I do not have to stretch too far to believe that the good doctor will be in heaven. The question that I have to ask is will you and I be there. Are we willing to follow Christ, as a little child would? Please ask yourselves that question.



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# Philippines: Why Worry When You Can Pray?

By Ruth MacKenzie

*We would like* you girls to be the speakers for our midweek worship." I was speaking to nieces of our Filipino Bible worker, Wennie Abella

Bea Rada and her cousin Richelle Medillo, both nine years old, happily grabbed the opportunity and said "Yes, Mama." They prepared and memorized their parts. They were both very excited to render their part.

Richelle would speak a sentence in English because she has a lighter complexion; more like Ma'am Ruth (Mackenzie) and then Bea translated it into Filipino because she is darker skinned; like Ma'am Tessie (a Filipina).



Bea & Richelle



Ruth & Tessie

When I give the health talks during our evangelism campaign Tessie (a retired teacher) translates for me. We were their models.

Their title was: *"Why worry when you can pray?"*

Their text was Philippians 4:6, *"Do not be anxious about anything but in everything present your request to God by prayer and thanksgiving."*

*"The Bible tells us to pray instead of worrying. So why worry when you can pray?"*

*"A farmer was carrying a heavy sack of potatoes. A horse and a wagon came along and the driver stopped to offer him a ride. The man climbed up on the seat beside the driver but he kept carrying the bag of potatoes on his shoulder.*

*The driver told him, "Just lay it down on the wagon floor."*

*But the farmer replied "I don't like to trouble you too much, Sir. You're giving me a ride already, so I'll just carry the potatoes."*

*My friend, why are you carrying life's heavy burden when you can turn all your worries over to our caring God? Why do you stay half awake every night when you can entrust all your burdens to our loving God? Stop worrying! Start trusting God!"*

After the program, many members of the church congratulated them for the nice message and well done parts. The elder requested that they give the message again on the Sabbath afternoon at the A.Y. program so that many could hear the message. The girls families were very happy; at this very young age, they had no doubt to accept this challenge. I'm sure God was even happier.

A few weeks later they gave their talk at the Mission-wide "Children Got Talent" program. Their church (Country Garden SDA Church) youth got first place!

*"With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world! Ed 271.2*

# Why Mien Movie Ministry?

By **Alejandro** (Filipino missionary to the Mien Hill Tribe in Thailand)

*How* can I choose, I thought? I had been dreaming of a radio station for the Mien outreach ministry. Then God led me to the movie-making ministry. I had heard and seen that some radio ministries are successful and some aren't.

The reasons are:

1. They lack professional crews.
2. Putting up a radio station is very costly.
3. The maintenance is very high since we have to pay the DJ and radio workers.
4. Some countries are very strict and only a few can obtain a permit to operate.

However, radio ministry does have its place in God's work. In fact, many came to the feet of Jesus because of our radio program.

But what I like about movie ministry is that:

1. The cost of production is low. If you are reaching a hill tribe group, like Miens, where most of them have already Mien clothes to use for the shooting, then that would lessen the cost of production.
2. The filming production takes only a short period of time and the

movie you produce is forever!

3. Every church member can be involved in the production. The church will be strengthened spiritually.

4. No need to obtain permit except if we are shooting in a very sensitive places.

5. No maintenance and we are



not paying monthly bill for electricity and salary for workers.

6. Most of all, movie ministry has no limitation of its reach while radio station depends on the antenna to expand its coverage.

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## ***Packaging the DVDs***



Though the movie ministry needs funding to buy lots of blank DVDs and CDs and gas for the mission trips, people can re-watch them over and over any time since they have their own hard copy. It can also be easily shared to anyone around them.

## ***Sharing DVDs***



And if the communication research is true that people tend to remember 20 percent of what they hear, 30 percent of what they see, 50 percent of what they hear and see. Then it looks like movie ministry is more effective!



***Alejandro on the left and Anusorn Kamalasniti, the only Mien pastor in Thailand on the right.***

***Alejandro teaches English to support his family and ministry!***



Check out this site: <http://mienmovieministry.multiply.com/video/item/46>



*La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital, in Belize, is again looking for two doctors: a missionary-minded Surgeon and an Internist.*

*If you or someone you know would 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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- Transfer valuables such as stamp, coin or antique collections to us through a simple change to your documents

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: Continuing Education

By Fred Adams

*Dear Friends,* Joel Gómez (center of photo at right) was just a toddler when his dad Gilberto (far right) began serving as an MPI-sponsored lay worker back in 1990. He loved visiting homes with his daddy who told people about the love of Jesus. Over the years he grew up and began studying Theology at nearby Linda Vista University. By his third year, Joel owed so much that he was not allowed to continue studying. So he and his wife Sandy traveled to Oaxaca state, where the Conference offered to pay his back tuition if he would work in the most difficult areas. Mountains were steep, villages often accessible only by walking many hours, and in some places, persecution was a constant threat.



But Joel had learned well from his dad. Hearts softened as the Holy Spirit used Joel to lead people to Jesus. Sandy gathered village children and taught them about Jesus. During their work in the remote Oaxaca areas, Joel and Sandy's baby Fred was born (and yes, they named him after me).

By the end of their 13 months of service, Joel baptized 131 new believers and established nine new congregations. He also trained members of existing churches become more involved in outreach and nurturing of new believers.

Joel has proved himself a devoted worker who loves sharing Jesus with others, no matter how difficult the situation. The Oaxaca Conference has offered to hire him next year as soon as he graduates. MPI donors have provided enough funds for nearly half of his \$6,000 dollar tuition fee, and he trusts that God will supply the needed amount to finish his studies and return to the field of labor he loves so dearly.

Your prayers and contributions for Bible workers and student aid continue to show positive results as Joel follows in his father's footsteps of reaching others for God's Kingdom. ♦

# Memorial Gifts

Is this not the fast that I have chosen: *Isaiah 58:6-9*  
 To loose the bonds of wickedness,  
 To undo the heavy burdens,  
 To let the oppressed go free,  
 And that you break every yoke?  
 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
 And that you bring to your house  
 the poor who are cast out;  
 When you see the naked, that you cover him,  
 And not hide yourself  
 from your own flesh?  
 Then your light shall break  
 forth like the morning,  
 Your healing shall  
 spring forth speedily,  
 And your righteousness  
 shall go before you;  
 The glory of the LORD  
 shall be your rear guard.  
 Then you shall call,  
 and the LORD will answer;  
 You shall cry,  
 and He will say, 'Here I am.'



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