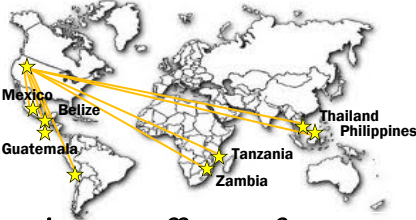


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Giving of Ourselves in 2012

The Race



Ed MacKenzie, President

Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they [do it] to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring [it] into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.
I Corinthians 9:24 -27

The 2012 London Olympics are upon us. We marvel at the athletic abilities of the competitors. We are told that some of these individuals spend many months away from their families in order to give their full attention to training in order to win the coveted prize. It challenges us to consider how much effort we put into our Christian experiences in order to win heaven at last.

It has been said "that the Christian's race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong. The weakest saint, as well as the strongest, may wear the crown of immortal glory. All may win who, through the power of divine grace, bring their lives into conformity to the will of Christ." Praise God, we can all be winners!

The apostle Paul compared himself to a man running in a race, who strained with every fiber of his being to win the prize. "I therefore so run," he says, "not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: but I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." Paul wanted to run the Christian race with certainty. In order to do so, he kept his body under control, by subjecting himself to severe training. Paul beat back the sinful desires, impulses, and passions of this life. How about us?

In His Service, Ed MacKenzie

The MacKenzie's travel internationally, conducting Lay Evangelism. They are avid bird watchers. Ed oversees the accounting department at La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital and represents Mission Projects position on the Hospital's board.

Updates on Jesreel Abella

By Ruth MacKenzie

Dear MPI Friends,

We and the Abella and the Lorenzo families want to thank you for all your prayers on behalf of Jesreel Abella. He was involved in a motorbike accident just before our last MPI Update went to printing. Jesreel says God has saved his life and thanks you for your prayers. He sustained a broken right clavicle and had to wear a sling for 7 weeks. He also sustained road burns from sliding and rolling on the highway pavement. His sister Janes Abella flew from Manila Adventist Medical Center, where she works, to be his nurse for several days. She took good care of his wounds and God blessed so that they healed without getting infection, praise God. Thank God, His angels are more powerful than Satan's.

God Bless, Ruth

Jesreel and his sister Janes dressing his wounds right after the accident and after he had begun healing.



Meriam Abella (Jesreel's mother) also has an update:

Hello to Fred Adams and all MPI board. We praise and thank God, the Almighty Father, the Great Healer. Jesreel is now OK and can drive and can continue to work in God's vineyard. His wounds/scrapes, and the right clavicle fracture are already healed! Through many prayers offered from friends, relatives, and church family, Jesreel had a fast recovery; it's



a miracle! Thank you for all the prayers. Yesterday, Sabbath, he visited the church in the mountain, and he spent the whole day joining the mountain people to worship. The mountain people [Paopao church] were very, very happy to welcome the young pastor and listen to his message/experience during divine worship. Thank you Lord for the life extension of a young pastor, Jesreel Abella. ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD!

Thailand Church Plants in Mien Village

By Alejandro

Dear Maam Ruth,

Thank you for this e-mail. After we sent all the needed documents, I received an e-mail from TAM (Thailand Adventist Mission). They will let us know the result of their meeting as soon as possible.

I told sir Daryl Famisaran (SULADS Philippines director) that God has opened the way for the SULADS missionaries in Thailand, and that is because of Maam Ruth and MPI. The SULADS Philippines has missionaries but couldn't come because of the lack of funds. And now God has opened the way.

The SULADS Thailand will also raise funds around Thailand for the needed small house of the missionaries and the church building.

However, at this moment, we are still praying for the visa before we can start the church planting project. Hopefully, the TAM can provide the missionary visa for the 2 missionaries.

Thank you so much and God bless.

In Jesus,
Alejandro

Dear Maam Ruth,

I praise God for answered prayers. The TAM approved the missionary visas for our 2 SULADS missionaries.

It will take 8 to 10 weeks to get the missionary visa approved. After this they will get a work permit here in Thailand. Later we will know how much the work permit costs.

Maam Vangie said, we will focus on getting the missionary visas approved. This we need our prayers since Thailand is very strict.

Thank you so much maam. God bless your ministry.

In Jesus,
Alejandro

*Alejandro on the right
& Anusorn in the center.
Anusorn is the only Thai
Mien Adventist Pastor.*



Report from Southern Luzon, Philippines

By Jeffrey Arcenal, Bible Worker

Dear Mama Ruth & Papa Ed,

When we came to San Antonio, Minalabac Seventh-day Adventist Church on Wednesday there should have been brethren there for mid-week prayer meeting since it was already 7:00 p.m. but the church was closed. According to the brethren, the church was closed about two years ago with no mid-week prayer meeting, no Sabbath worship service or vespers. We were so sad and the group decided to work for the revival of the church.

There were problems; some of the brethren are playing lottery like “tong-it,” and other card games. We always pray to God that He will change their attitude for they are His children. As the ground preparation was going on we saw changes. They stopped their habit in joining the lottery. They helped us in house-to-house visitation and inviting their friends to attend nightly meetings. We always kneel before God and work as a team. The ladies, work under Judy’s leadership. They do the cooking, hold VBS for the children and other activities. My friend Bong and I were the Bible workers for the area. Pastor Garrado was our nightly



speaker. At the end of the campaign, by God’s grace, 25 precious souls were added to the church and the brethren were revived.

Now we are planning to hold a campaign in Bagolatao, the next barangay (village) from San Antonio, only 4 kilometres away. We have two purposes; first to nurture and strengthen the San Antonio Seventh-day Adventist Church and second, to impart God’s good news of salvation and build another church near that barangay.

We hope that God will provide all our needs for this campaign.

May our God help each one of us and bless the work of our hands for His glory.

(There are many willing workers in the Philippines. They just need a little help for transportation, food and materials. It is so hard to turn down these willing workers.)



San Lorenzo School Update

Earthquake Drills, Death Threats and Graduation

Our little indigenous school tucked away in the mountains of Chiapas, Mexico continues doing everything possible to provide a wholesome Christian education to promising children. Pathfinder activities and community outreach projects have resulted in leading many families to Jesus.



Because of frequent earthquakes in that area, the Mexican government implemented a simulated earthquake drill,



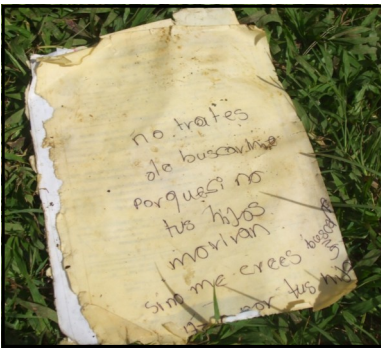


complete with rescue helicopter, safety training and first responder measures.

On a different note, vandals broke into the school office just after school dismissed for Spring Break. Papers and books were scattered, and original student documents were stolen. The school principal filed a report with the police, who began investigating. Five days later the missing documents, wet and tattered, appeared on



the grass in front of the principal's house. An ominous note was scribbled on the folder: ***"Don't try to find me, or else your children will die."*** Thankfully the documents were dried out and nothing else has happened. Certainly the enemy is unhappy, but God is ultimately in control.



Twenty-two students graduated on June 30, and plans for the next school year include a classroom with 15 computers (\$7,000) and a sturdy office with a safe for school documents (\$6,000). Your donations are helping to pay teacher salaries at San Lorenzo, and the students & staff there have expressed their sincere appreciation for the way in which you are helping to change young lives - for eternity!



**La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital
in Belize is also looking for Physicians for
the following position:**

Internist Orthopedic Surgeon

(See contact information on page 9)

One Day Church Building Blitz!

MPI is hoping to assemble several groups that will participate in erecting a container load of One Day churches this fall!

If you are a builder or would like to present evangelism, vacation Bible school, or medical programs, please let us know of your interest.

More information will be coming; watch this spot!

If you would like to receive updates as they are forthcoming, please drop an email to: mission.projects.inc@gmail.com

LATEST: We are considering January 21 to February 4, 2013 for dates for this mission trip. It looks like it will be either Belize, Nicaragua or Brazil.

MPI Update by Email

If you prefer to receive your MPI Update by email instead of by "snail mail," just send a note to:

mission.projects.inc@gmail.com

to let us know. You can help us save time and money, and you will still receive your receipts by postal mail.

URGENT NEEDS!

La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital in Belize, Central America

is in need of a full time

Ultrasound Technician/Sonographer.

Please contact Mr. Grant McPherson at:

mcperson_grant@hotmail.com

if you or someone you know might be interested in filling this position for a minimum period of three to four months or longer.

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 Corinthians 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
- Designate us as a dollar amount or percentage beneficiary of your will or revocable living trust
- Name Mission Projects, Inc. as a beneficiary of your investment/brokerage account or life insurance policies
- 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

This young lady in Mexico received MPI assistance this year and sent a note of appreciation.

Dear Friends,

It's a pleasure to greet you and wish that God grant you many blessings and that He may be with you in all your activities.

My name is **Ruth López Hernández**, I am currently studying "*Químico Clínico Biólogo*" (Medical Technology). I come from the state of Tabasco, in southern Mexico.

I am very grateful to God because I know that each and every blessing that I've received has been by His hand. I know that God is using people like you to help students like me accomplish one of our goals that is completing a career.

I want to thank you once again for your unconditional support, it being the reason that I will be graduating and start my year of Social Service. All of this would have been impossible due to my debt that you helped pay.

I hope the Lord continues to bless you and gives you wisdom so that you may keep on helping young people like me finish their careers.

Ever so grateful for your help,

Ruth López Hernández



MEDIA SPECIALIST VOLUNTEER NEEDED:

Are you a gentleman with communications/media training?

Do you sense God calling you to use these gifts for Him?

We invite you to pray about whether the Amazon jungle of Peru might be the spot for you. You can find the official call at the Adventist Volunteers website www.adventistvolunteers.org/vm

Call number is SAD.PP.2011.01.

Or, contact Chris Borcharding at info@peruprojects.com directly.

Memorial Gifts

*Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of His saints. Psalm 116:15*

At Rest

Eslinger, Herb & Winsome

By Ruth Wiebold

Hamilton, Lorraine

By Wilma Unrue

Johnson, Gladys


By Wilma Unrue

Kurtz, Milan Dale

By Ruth Wiebold

Wiebold, Larry & Lonnie

By Ruth Wiebold

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

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