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Seeing the Unseen in 2013



Ed MacKenzie, President

She said "Si"

Dear MPI Supporters,

Our evangelism in Rio Dulce, Guatemala was to conclude with a baptism following the final Sabbath morning Worship service. The closing events turned out to be different from what we expected. One always needs to be prepared to expect the unexpected when in a foreign country!

Following the service, visiting Spanish Pastor Diaz from Belize conducted a wedding. Once the wedding was completed, we all headed to the river

for the baptism. There were thirteen candidates in all. It was a beautiful day and the water was pleasant. The baptism was completed by both Local Pastor Mejia and Pastor Diaz.

Following the baptism we all enjoyed a lovely lunch, except for Pastor Mejia, who was fasting. He was praying for others to make the commitment in baptism. As our lunch was wrapping up I visited with different individuals from table to table. When I came to Pastor Diaz's table, he was talking with a young lady whom he was encouraging to be baptized. He asked me if I would ask her if she wanted to be baptized. Of course, I would! And so I simply asked her if she would like to be baptized? She thought for a moment and said "Si."



Pastor Mejia & young lady

From there, we all walked back down to the river, where *five more* precious souls gave their lives to Jesus Christ. One lady was 88 years of age and was carried out into the river in a chair by two strong men. Another couple were baptized who would be married an hour or so later, again by Pastor Diaz. And beyond this, yet another couple were planning to be married and baptized a week or two later.

"But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women." Acts 8:12.

No one is ever too young or too old to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and to be baptized. In His Service, *Ed MacKenzie*



88 yr old, daughter & grandson, Bible Worker Israel Torres Jr., Ed & Ruth

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.

Sow beside all waters: Philippine Evangelism

by Pastor Joven Hitois

Dear Mama Ruth,

We are also planning to have a boat like the one in the picture. There are a lot of barangays along the coastal area that do not have an Adventist presence yet. The boat itself costs 40,000 pesos (about \$1,000 US dollars) and the motor costs 17,800 pesos (\$445). It can make an income; one of our brethren has a fishing net and they will rent the boat and pay its maintenance. It will also be a service vehicle for crusades and fellowships. If you can lend us the funds for it we will pay you back; it will be very useful for our operation in the district.

Love, Jeff & Jude



Here is a note from Pastor Joven Hitois, the one that oversees Jeffrey's work.

I'm happy to inform you that Jeff and Jude are doing well with the job given him. So we have decided to give them greater responsibilities. We have assigned them a District with 6 churches effective May 1, 2013. The mission is not in the position to give him his full salary. So, I would like again to appeal to your benevolent heart if you could still add \$200.00 more for Jeff and Jude so that they have enough while doing their job as a pastor.

Thank you and more power. God bless! Joven

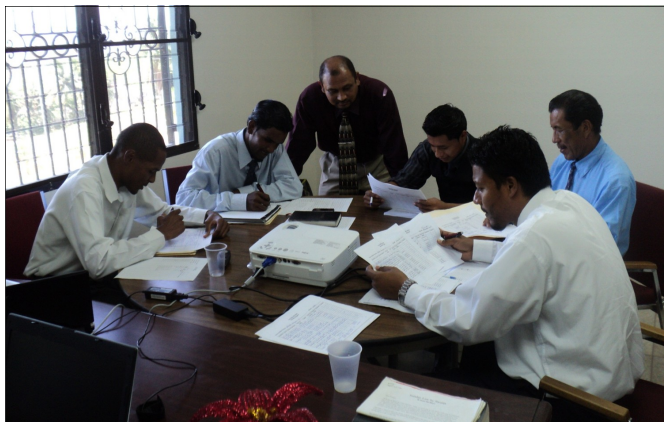
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Belize Bible Worker's Ministry



We were directly involved and essential in our churches as we worked together in revival meetings and campaigns.

Our faith in the Lord has grown and our dedication is felt as we did 1,398 Bible Studies, distributed 881 pieces of Literature, and preached 315 sermons



Last year by God's grace and your generous contributions we completed the "Easy Bible Study Series" and we have completed 30 New Lessons entitled "Advanced Studies in Bible Prophecies"

And we rejoiced, as it was a happy moment for us, as we were arranging the Bible Studies in our binders



As we saw 98 precious souls being baptized we could have said; His words are true and faithful, to God be the glory. We know that our efforts were richly blessed.

Our mission is to reach our fellow men with the everlasting gospel, joining our weakness with his strength and to rightly represent our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

*We are very thankful and pleased to express the joy that is in our hearts as we say **THANK YOU MPI AND ALL THE GENEROUS DONORS** around the world for keeping this ministry moving forward. We humbly ask for your continual support both spiritually and financially so that we can continue this good work we have begun. Adan Sosa, LLLAH Chaplain and Bible Worker Coordinator* ♦

When we were in Belize the last time, we got to see the new Bible study lessons that the Bible workers, together with Adan, had produced (approved by Belize church HQ). There was a big need for study guides that were the same in both English and Spanish, since in many households the older parents speak Spanish and the younger prefer English. They also made a short version (on a 1/2 sheet) that they could leave at the door for people to look over. Then on the second visit they would use the longer version (full page). Each Bible worker has a master copy in color and in protective plastic covers in a notebook; very nicely done. We took the binder of all these lessons to show at our booth at the Idaho Camp Meeting and have shown them to our church. Now we have had requests for these studies here in the US! —Ruth MacKenzie

The Mendez Family

By Alfredo Mossiah

It has been a while now since I started studying with the Mendez family in the village of Concepcion. They are a family of five and are very interested in the word of God and studying it. They have been one of the most humble and friendliest people that I have met there. For my wife and I they have treated us like family, so much love!

Whenever it is time to study on Wednesday afternoon, Mr. Paulino and Mrs. Anash would have their three adolescent children with them. I always look forward for this special time. When I speak they listen very attentively and ask very important questions about the Bible. They have mentioned to my wife and me that they had never had someone who explains the scripture to them so clearly.

Mr. Paulino and Mrs. Anash said to me one day that their entire family would like to be baptized. What a news that was for us! But there was still a problem. Mrs. Anash now lives with Mr. Paulino, but she was previously married and had lost her husband who is now resting in peace as we would say. They would really want to get married but can't for the moment due to death certificate that is needed for proof of the death of her husband. As for now this is the only thing keeping them back.

We praise God because their three children have given their lives over to God through baptism and now they are very excited and look forward for their Bible study even more.

Please join me in prayer as I continue to ask God to make a way for Mr. Paulino and Mrs. Anash to get married as soon as possible that they too can be baptized. Their heart's desire is to serve God completely as a family.

Bible Worker Alfredo Mossiah ♦



God's Grace is Sufficient

By Israel Torres Jr.

Benjamin has always been active in the social, political, and a bit in the religious world. In spite of all the challenges Benjamin might have faced in the past, God always finds a way to try and save those for whom he died. Bro. Alfredo and I had known him for a time now, but little did we know that God would place him on our path as we spread the Word through Bible studies.

We began working in Santa Clara Village, visiting and making contacts, seeking those interested in Bible Studies. We didn't know why, but God was leading us to a certain house and that is where we met him. To our surprise, the Benjamin we know was now even hard for us to recognize as alcohol had literally ruined him.

He had lost his wife and kids, every single household item, and his weight, strength, and even his countenance was changed. At first we did not understand but as we spoke a few words of encouragement to him and prayed, he opened his heart to us little by little.

We had a wonderful time that afternoon but better days were to come. We came weekly and studied with him and he spoke a little bit more of his life experience each time. Here is what he told us:

I do not know how it happened but I got hooked on alcohol. Every day I asked for more until I reached the point where I would steal, sell what I had, and do whatever it took to get a drink. My wife walked out with our kids and I stayed all alone, continuing to consume more and more to the point where I found myself without a job, family, house, money, and without hope of something better.

In spite of all this I have a dad who loves me. Coming to his home one night drunk, I began spitting blood until eventually I found myself lying in a pool of blood on the floor and that is all I can recall. It was after a few days that I regained consciousness and realized that I was in the hospital. The doctors told me I had Cirrhosis and that I had lost a large amount of blood that would have killed an average person, likewise many other complications had come along.

Bible Worker Israel Torres Jr. ◆



Thailand Update



Ana & Likia prepared nice meals for us. The tents you see back of us were used by the 3 girls, Andy, Ana & Likia and Jhun and Surasak, the 13 yr old slept in the other tent. Pastor Anusorn stays with one of the two Adventist families.

Andy, the girl at the left is a Filipino, she has been an English teacher in Thailand for the past 9 years. She came to Huai Fai Village for 3 weeks during her summer vacation and helped put on "English Camp" for the kids and any adults that wanted to listen. This is their graduation program.



The village is suspicious that the missionaries are there to convert them so the missionaries are trying to win their confidence that they are there to help them. ♦

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***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***

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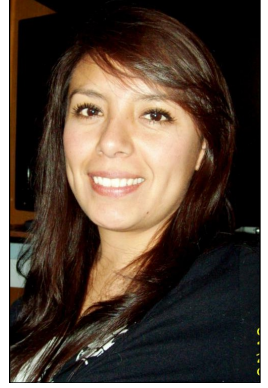
Worthy Student Aid

I Did Not Come to Play in College
By Berenice Salazar

Greetings!

My name is Berenice, I attended Montemorelos University and I dare to write with a bold request.

I'm from Mexico City, studying Educational Psychology, and about to take the last semester. I'm 31 years old, and only God knows by how much effort I got here. My father left my 5 brothers and my mother when I was in sixth grade. We struggled to get ahead, but we have always felt the presence of God and miracles in our lives. Today I am in a very difficult economic situation; every vacation I sold books, but this time I could not because my mother fell into a depression very strong and we had to take her to a psychologist. I fear she has a disease because she doesn't want to eat and has lost 22 pounds. I almost decided not to return to college, but since it's my last semester, I made the decision to go with heavy thoughts. I have a debt of \$12,000 pesos, [\$1,000 dollars] and I have a sister who is studying nursing here in Montemorelos, she owes \$33,000 pesos and has been delayed by lack of funds. It's maddening, because at our age, (my sister is two years older than me), we should be working and supporting my mom. We have worked since high school to continue studying, and I thank God that my mother gave us that example and we like to work.



I feel a little desperate and sad, I feel that it is increasingly difficult to enroll, perhaps my faith is weak. For all these reasons and more, I dare to write for assistance. Looking for another miracle for my sister and me to sign up, she goes in 5th semester and her career is more expensive. I know that there are still people with big hearts who are willing to help students like us, so I write and pray that if someone reads these lines God will touch the heart to help us. My sister and I pray that God will bless you greatly.

I have 9.7 average, and I mention it because I want you to know that I did not come to play in college; I came with intentions to graduate and achieve my dreams of serving.

Thank you in advance for what you will do so we can enroll and study.

God Bless You, *Berenice Salazar*

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

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