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Nothing Between in 2014

"Moving Forward"



Ed MacKenzie, President

Dear MPI Supporters,

Greetings from La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital in Belize. The rainy season has already started.

There are a lot of things going on at the Hospital these days; in fact things here never seem to slow down. A number of work projects have been identified to upgrade the hospital, the living quarters, and to add new, ("used") kitchen and other various and sundry pieces of equipment.

The Hospital would like to invite some voluntary work groups come to give them a hand. Perhaps you, someone you know, or even a group you are acquainted with, would be interested to come. The Hospital could use carpenters, electricians, painters, block layers, and associated support crews. Drop me an email if you are interested and let me know what you can do. I can forward you a specific list of projects, if you like.

My wife and I have been involved with Mission Projects for over eleven years. How time flies as we would say! It has been a wonderful experience for us. There have been many challenges and opportunities. We have appreciated working with fellow believers around the globe as well as to meet some of you from time to time. We have been involved in new opportunities in the mission field as previous fields have grown and larger entities have stepped in and moved those projects forward.

During the last few years our membership has aged and several of our faithful founders and Board Members have gone to their rest awaiting the soon return of Jesus. It is with heavy hearts that Mission Projects finds itself in the position of having to make substantial cut backs in our mission outreach at this time. We are happy for what has been accomplished over the years and the way those efforts have multiplied. We continue to pray for new members to join us as we continue to "move forward" knowing that God blesses the work he has asked us to do.

Luke 19:12 tells us that Jesus called His servants and told them to "Occupy" until He comes".

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.

Print for a Cause

I can still remember my past mission field in the Philippines where we walked for many hours to reach the village. Then we needed to prepare everything before the sky got dark because it's really a jungle; no electricity. Now, here in Thailand, we are privileged enough that we are assigned in the village which is accessible for cars so we don't have to walk many hours to reach the area. There is electricity so we need electronic materials to use, especially in teaching the children. So my partner Elma got a good idea to tell her friends that we need a printer for our materials in the center. We prayed for it, so God gave us that printer for the center through her friends and the team's help. We are so thankful to them for being supportive to the Mien ministry in Thailand.

At the time we just thought of our need to have materials ready for the class without realizing that there is still another purpose for it in the village. In our limited mind, we just aimed to have an easier way of preparing materials for children, so we were just



amazed when one of the prejudiced parents came and asked us if we have a printer in the center. She said that somebody told her so she came and personally inquired of us. We invited her to come inside and asked her what we could do to help. She said that she wanted to photo copy some important papers. She was holding many copies in her hands and asked if we can help her.

"Oh, no problem!" We said, "We can help you." She smiled and was very happy to hear that we can help her in her problem and she need not go to town anymore.

After we finished the photo copy, she took something from her pocket and we saw that she wanted to pay for all the pages that she requested to have.

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“We don’t accept any amount here.” we said.

“Really? How about your electricity, your paper, your printer?” and she threw many questions to us, but we just answered to her that it is free. With her thankfulness, she bowed to us like we are older than her according to the culture of Thailand. We are so happy for her that even in that small way, the printer gets us connected with her in a special way.

After two or more days, another villager came and asked us if it’s true that we have a printer in the center because they want to photo copy their papers too. After that, they open their pockets again and gave some amount but we said that it is free and we don’t accept any amount. They said “Why? I haven’t heard of anything free except here. In town we need to pay so I think you need to accept money.”

We said “No, it’s free in here. No problem.” So that was spread around the village and all of them who want to print something or photo copy something freely come to the center and hand their papers and say thanks after.

This is a printer for a great cause where we can have more and more visitors almost every day and can talk to villagers whether they are prejudiced or not as long as we can reach them even in this kind little way. God will just make another step in order for them to be nearer to the foot of the cross.

We thank God for sending many individuals who are very supportive in the Mien ministry in Thailand. Our dear friends and donors, we really thank you for your kind hearts which are in line with God’s work. May our great Father in heaven abundantly shower you with many blessings every day.

Ana U. Abendan
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SULADS THAILAND

By Sulad Elma Gay dela Fuente

Angels are sent from the heavenly courts, not to destroy, but to watch over and guard imperiled souls, to save the lost, to bring the straying ones back to the fold. – EG White

“Can I help you to have your picture taken?” A gentleman offered his help when we posed beside Lake Phayao to have our picture taken. It was Tuesday afternoon when all of the trainees, current missionaries with Sulad Jhun went out to distribute tracts and books in some streets in Phayao. Afterwards we went to Lake Phayao to have some refreshment.



Then everyone posed to have a picture taken. Suddenly, a man came and offered to help us taking the picture so that all of us will be included in the picture. Then when he finished, he continued walking in the oval beside the lake and we

started walking around too.

Two days after, when everyone was busy reading on some materials required by Sulad Jhun, a man came in and asked permission to talk. Lo and behold it was the man we met beside the lake who offered a help. Then he said, “Hello! I am a Buddhist but I heard about Christianity and I believe that there is God. I prayed to God always that he would help me learn how to study His word and give me a sign that I would be a Christian. Last night, my TV was broken and I took it to the shop next to this center and I read your sign board (Phayao SDA Community Center). I am very happy and I came here and I am surprised that I saw you here. You were the ones I met at the lake. I am sure it is God’s answer to my prayer.”

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Then everyone smiled and welcomed him. “Can I join studying with you?” He added. We told him that he can come to the center anytime and gave him books and CDs about the good news of salvation. Then he told us that he and his family will still go somewhere else and he would probably join on the following week.

Surely God’s angels now are working in a 24 hour-cycle. He wants everyone to be in God’s fold.

“The angels of heaven are moving upon human minds to arouse investigation in the themes of the Bible. A far greater work will be done than has yet been done and none of the glory of it will flow to men, for angels that minister to those who shall be heirs of salvation are working night and day.”—CW 140. {TA 21.3}



Friends, your support is badly needed, especially for our on-going first SULADS Missionary Training program with an aim to visit the unreached people here in Thailand, bringing them the good news that there is Jesus, a Savior,

who was born, died, and resurrected and gave us the hope of salvation. Please also pray for our daily books and tracts distribution that there will be more people who will know God by reading those books.

Unity amidst Diversity

By Sulad Elma Gay A. dela Fuente

The proclamation of the gospel was to be world-wide in its extent, and the messengers of the cross could not hope to fulfill their important mission unless they should remain united in the bonds of Christian unity, and thus reveal to the world that they were one with Christ in God. EGW

A few months ago, Sulad Jhun Cardeinte dreamed to train our young people here in Thailand to be missionaries in the unreached area here in their country: to establish SULADS Thailand Student Missionary Program. Hearing sir Jhun’s words, I told myself, “Maybe it is possible but it will take more years to realize it.” However, just a couple of months after and it is a reality!

SULADS THAILAND, continued

Four young people from Laos (a zealous lady and 3 gentlemen) and one young man from Chiang Rai, North Thailand respond the call. They are currently having the 1st SULADS Thailand Student Missionary Training in our SDA center at Phayao, North Thailand.

These young people are Hmong, Lao and Thai. However it is fortunate for though some of them come from Laos, they still can speak Thai. For Thai language have some similar words to Lao Language. However, it is so challenging to me and my partner as current missionaries facilitating the training for we are not trained to speak Thai but Mien. But God is still good for the young people can communicate English. Though they don't speak English fluently but at least they can start a simple conversation.

Having Lao, Thai and Filipinos in a group is so challenging but with God's Holy Spirit guiding us, we are all united with our on-going training. During the Bible study time we all heard different languages used: Thai, Laos, Hmong and English. We are also pleased for all of them are very responsible to the tasked assigned to them.

Presently, the trainees are still equipping themselves spiritually by letting the Holy Spirit teach them by reading God's word and the Spirit of Prophecy. Everyone was very enthusiastic doing their responsibilities and happily complying them. Then we have also our church outing activities where all of them have the opportunity to lead our young people and share what they learned from their daily reading activity. Then they have tracts and Books distribution in the afternoon.

As Christians, we need to double our time participating God's work for God's coming is very, very, very soon and there are still a lot of people here and there who worship different gods who cannot hear, see and feel. We need to be united in reaching these unreached people. Though we come from different countries with different culture, practices and values, but with God we will always be united.



Worthy Student

Student Does Not Have "Sufficient Remedy"

Dear MPI Friends,

By this means I am writing to you with all due respect to greet you, hoping that the blessings of our God be with your family and your ministry.

The reason for this letter is to ask for your support, now that I do not have the sufficient remedy in order to pay my tuition. My father who covered the expenses of the house, unfortunately more than six months ago that he lost his job.

In these months has been very difficult to find a job, because my country [Mexico] is going through a crisis quite large.

I have supported making some sales of food, among other magazines and I worked on the holiday, but has been insufficient because the pay is very low. At the same time that my father was dismissed my grandfather died by what my grandmother is with us and is already large age and my mom take care of what that avoids that she can work.

My desire is to finish my career, I am in the seventh semester of the bachelor's degree in the area of chemical biologist, in the Linda Vista University. With the blessing of God and your help is that I will finish, because that is my purpose. Thank you for taking the time to read my request and God help them also to you to continue in the work that He has entrusted to us.

Attentively, Laura Morales Gómez

Note: Original translation by this student has been retained.



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. Thank you for your generosity!

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Lewis Jungle Ministries Update

3 Lives Saved in Papua New Guinea, by Gary & Toni

We don't have use of the airplane yet, due to not having customs cleared. We are redoing our NGO here so that we can get the customs cleared up and make it easier for future imports. The delays have been very frustrating, but God continues to put us in contact with people who can and are willing to help us. The new NGO is on fast track and hopefully will be completed in 4-6 weeks. The new one will make things a lot easier and faster for us in the future, and we will not have to pay PNG taxes, since we are a non-profit, charitable association.

Even without the use of the plane we are still being called upon to do medivacs. We have made 3 night runs from Bewani to the hospital in Vanimo in the past month. The first one was a pregnant lady in distress, she delivered at the hospital a few hours later, and she and baby are now fine. The second one was a man chopped up by machete and bleeding all over. Last night was a 10 year old boy with malaria having convulsions and breathing poorly. Two of those have been done in the rain and mud over the very rough road that takes at least 2 hrs in the dark. We are so thankful the Lord provided an enclosed 10 seater (with fold up seats) Land Cruiser, instead of a pickup. This way it is easier for the patients, and for hauling cargo when it rains etc. God knew the need and provided accordingly. Three lives have been saved so far by the medivacs we have provided. Last night we brought in a 10 yr old with severe malaria, not sure he will make it, it looked very grim last night when we left him and his family at the hospital. His dad has 3 wives, one being the child's mother. All 3 wives came along....Since we can't fly here at night due to no lights on the airstrips, we may continue to have nighttime medivacs, too.

Sunday a group of youth came from Vanimo church and helped us mix and pour more concrete for the floor in the hanger. We now have enough to park the plane on and work around it. It is slow when doing everything by hand, but many hands sure make it easier. Toni fed the 15 guys when we finished for the day with food people gave us at church on Sabbath, then we came in last night with the patient. When we can purchase some more cement, sand and gravel, we hope to pour some more concrete.

Our house had no closets or shelves when we moved in, so building some shelves is becoming a high priority now. 400 square feet doesn't give us much room, but we are thankful for what the Lord has provided. We do have 2 light bulbs and a couple of plugs working now off of solar so that saves us from using the generator. We can use the fan a little, which is nice. The toaster, bean pot, fridge, washing machine and many other things will have to wait until we get more solar panels and batteries hooked up.

God is so good! Thank you for your continued prayers and support. It all helps and is making a difference in the lives of people here.



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it will be measured back to you. Luke 6:38 (ESV)*



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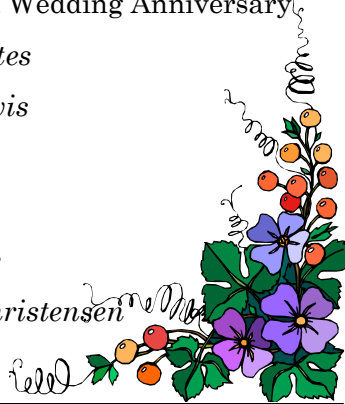
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