



# MPI UPDATE

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September-October 2006

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**FRIENDS OF MPI:**  
MPI Board meeting  
will be held  
October 29-30 at  
Walla Walla,  
Washington

Our Fall Board Meeting  
will be held October 29-  
30 at the Alumni Center,  
4th St. in College Place,  
at Walla Walla College.

All are invited. Please  
make prior arrangements  
with Sue Brookins who  
can answer any question  
you may have. She can

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## San Lorenzo School Worthy Student Aid



Virgelina Pérez

Dear Friends of  
MPI,

My family lives  
in a village with  
many mountains  
and rivers to get  
there. I could not  
study when I was a  
little girl, and my  
parents had no  
money to send me  
away to school.

Then when I was  
16, I studied at an  
adult education school. I finished six years of  
Elementary school in one year, and three years  
of Secondary school the next year, with God's  
help. When I turned 18, I really desired to study  
more, but I had no money.

Then my brother José Luis told me about a  
school supported  
by MPI in San  
Lorenzo. I went  
there in the Fall of  
2003, right after  
MPI Mission Trip  
group came and  
built six brand new  
classrooms, so I  
never got to meet



Virgelina's brother José Luis

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## The President's Corner



Ed MacKenzie

*The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved. Jeremiah 8:20*

I am reminded of this text as we draw close to fall. The long days of summer will soon fade into the long nights of winter. There is so much to do while it is yet day. We are reminded of our faithful lay workers and the souls that they bring to the foot of the cross, while indeed, it is yet day. We know that ... the night cometh, when no man can work. See John 9:4.

We wish that we could baptize tens of thousands where we now only baptize hundreds. Yet we are thankful for each person who gives his or her heart to Jesus Christ and is baptized. This is what Mission Projects is all about, going where God leads; doing what we can for the Master. We, together with Christ, are a team. We are thankful for the small part that we can play in the big overall picture.

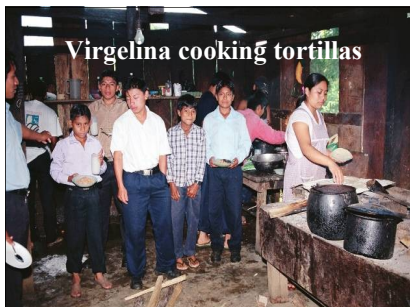
Eternity will record those who will enter into the kingdom of heaven as a result of your faithful prayers and financial support for the work carried forward by Mission Projects Inc. We thank God each day, for each and every one of you, who help to support this wonderful ministry. God bless you and your families.

In His service, Ed

*The MacKenzie's travel internationally, conducting Lay Evangelism Campaigns. Ed is a retired CPA and has spent a lot of time over the last three years at La Loma Luz Hospital, developing and overseeing the Hospital's accounting system.*

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Virgelina cooking tortillas



Virgelina's with stack of homemade tortillas



Virgelina preparing meal over open-flame platform stove

*conclusion*      **Virgelina Pérez**

you. (But I met some of you in Pantepec in 2004 when MPI group built three churches. You are very wonderful people and did an excellent work!)

San Lorenzo is a beautiful, peaceful place to study, an inspiring place to meditate on God's goodness and His daily blessings. It is distant from the evils of the city. I thank God for the great opportunity to study at San Lorenzo.

I studied there three years and finished my Preparatory studies, thanks to your generosity. My younger brother Erwin is also studying at San Lorenzo. I am so happy to graduate from this Christian school, and now I want to continue preparing to serve better. I believe God can provide somehow for me to study at Linda Vista Adventist University with your valued support.

With Appreciation and Affection,

Virgelina Pérez

### **Worthy Student**

Your contributions to the Worthy Student Fund are making a big difference. Since we are unable to feature each of the dozens of students needing aid, MPI prefers that donors give to the Student Aid fund rather than to a specific student, in order to assist as many as possible. Thanks!

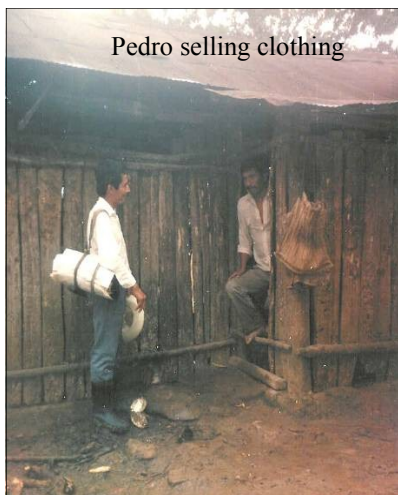
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# Mexican Lay Workers

## Danger in “El Jardín”

By Fred Adams



Pedro Núñez is a devoted lay worker with a passion for sharing the Gospel in unreached areas.

One such place is “El Jardín” (The Garden), accessed by 12 miles of steep mountain trails. Perched on a rugged mountainside in south Mexico, villagers grow corn and coffee for a living.

At one time, it was known as a dangerous place to visit because of many wicked people living

there. Even local residents were afraid to go outside their huts at night for fear of being murdered. Family feuds, land invasions, and adultery cases were among the reasons for frequent murders in the village. This was all happening in spite of the presence of three churches in the village.

During his first visit to El Jardín, Brother Pedro took some clothes to sell. In each garment he wrapped a piece of literature. Soon people began asking questions. One family requested Bible studies, then invited neighbors to hear about exciting new things Pedro taught straight from the Bible.

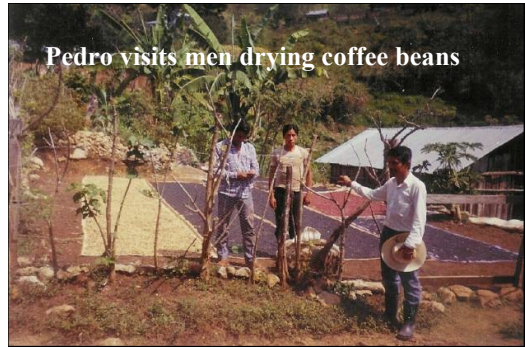
Then one day the authorities ordered Pedro to appear before them. The village Commissioner told him, “You have come here to take away the wife of one of our men. Get out and don’t **ever** come back, or you’ll be sorry.” Pedro humbly answered, “The accusation is not true. I will leave as you have requested, but God willing, I will return next week.”

This courageous lay worker again visited his little group exactly one week later.



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The Authorities kept silent during Pedro's three-day stay. He made the best of this silence and returned a third time. By now, the new believers were preparing for baptism. Once again the



Authorities summoned Pedro. This time the Commissioner accused him: "You are deluding our people and will bring an end to our Organization (an opposing political party involved in land invasions). Stop coming to our village. Stop bothering our people with your preaching. We will no longer have power to fight for land by invading ranches and plantations."

Pedro stood to his feet and faced the Commissioner and a dozen accusers, declaring, "I would not have come back here except by the will of God. I am not carrying out the orders of men but of God, who commands me, *'Go and preach to all the world.'*"

Pedro continued his visits to the believers in El Jardín, in spite of the anger of the authorities. After several months the group had grown so much that there was no longer room for them all to meet in a house. So they built a simple chapel of mud walls and a corrugated iron roof.

When the members of the other churches in El Jardín saw how rapidly the group was growing, they became angry and prohibited Pedro from visiting their village. But he ignored them and kept on coming. Then they threatened to have him thrown in jail, but he still wasn't frightened away.

Finally they decided the only way to get rid of this "heretic" was to kill him. Grabbing machetes and guns, a group of men hid in the forest near the trail where they knew Pedro would pass by on his way home. *(To be continued)*



# Memorial Gifts

*Unless otherwise specified, your Memorial and Special Occasion gifts are used to purchase literature and other evangelistic materials for use by our laymen.*

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*By Dee Abundiz*

## Correction



*This is not the new wing of LLL Hospital, but the entry of the beautiful new church built in Guatemala featured in the MPI president's editorial in the July-August issue of MPI Update.*



## MEMORIAL & SPECIAL OCCASION GIVING

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## What is MPI?

**Mission Projects, Incorporated** is a supporting organization of the Seventh-day Adventist church, dedicated to spreading the Gospel by way of medical, educational and evangelistic endeavors. M.P.I. works in complete harmony with local Conferences and Missions, and is a member of Adventist Laymen's Services and Industries (ASI).

MPI staff serve as volunteers from their homes across the country. Our overhead expenses are low, and covered from other sources. This makes it possible for us to send 100% of your contributions to the MPI projects you designate.

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