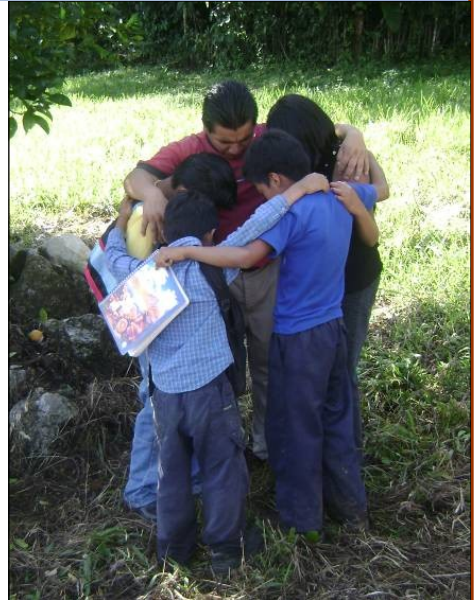




MPI UPDATE

Mission Projects, Inc September-October, 2010



Students in San Lorenzo school, Mexico, pray every day for MPI supporters who make it possible for them to have a Christian education. MPI provides \$700 monthly for teacher salaries. (See more pg 3)

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Notice our New Mailing Address!

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She Stood Alone, or Did She?

Dear MPI Supporters

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. Hebrews 13:5

Ed MacKenzie
MPI President

We will never forget Maria, a pleasant young lady living in Ecuador. She had been studying the Bible along with her parents for about two years, by the time we first met her. She had made the decision to be baptized, even though her parents could not separate themselves from the popular Church.

The local Bible worker was afraid that Maria would change her mind. She asked Ruth and me to visit with her on Friday afternoon, the day before her baptism. As we visited together, we could tell that Maria's commitment was genuine. She was ready to be baptized. She was determined to share the gospel of Christ with her two younger sisters.

None of her family attended her baptism. She stood alone, or did she? I believe that there were angels that stood beside her as well as many from her new church family. She shared her testimony, (in Spanish). Tears streamed down her face. As she went under the water, we are sure all heaven rejoiced.

We continue to pray for Maria and her influence in her home. Many are called, but few are chosen, (Matthew 22:14). We believe that Maria is one of the called and chosen.

In His Service

Ed MacKenzie



Maria is on far left.

The MacKenzie's travel internationally, conducting Lay Evangelism. Ed oversees the accounting system at La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital. Ruth helps in the office and sews for the Belmopan Adventist Orphanage, in her spare time. Being avid birdwatchers, the MacKenzie's especially enjoy Belize.

San Lorenzo School

Highlight Snapshots

By Fred Adams



Indigenous children who attend our school appreciate Christian teachers who teach them about Jesus instead of getting drunk.



Picking up trash & visiting homes give a positive impression.



Your help brings joy to young and old alike in south Mexico, opening the door for eternal life in God's Kingdom!



Students lead out in evangelistic meetings, attended by hundreds.



Dozens are baptized as a result of our devoted teachers.

Evangelism in Columbio, Mindanao, Philippines, by Ruth MacKenzie

(Here is a letter from Janine. She is sponsored through MPI. Her papa is a volunteer Bible worker in appreciation of his daughter being sponsored.)

Dear Papa Ed & Mama Ruth,

My papa is planning to go to Columbio with Pastor Romano. It is a Muslim place ma. He is going to preach for God there in that dangerous place. But I know that nothing is impossible with God. I know also that He will guide papa and Pastor Romano. I told papa also that as soon as I will graduate at MVC I will work as a missionary. So that I could also help those people who are sick and at the same time I can tell the gospel to them. That is the only way I can give thanks and glory to God for giving you to me as a huge blessing.
Love Janine

(Here is a letter from Jesreel Abella who also went with pastor Romano. He is sponsored through MPI/Adopt a Minister)

Dear Papa Ed and Mama Ruth,

How are you? I hope you are all in good health.

Yesterday we went to Columbio. We met our church members there in New Bantangan in Columbio. They were all happy to meet us because almost a month we could not visit there. We are so happy because they are all active in the church even though we can't visit them for 5 weeks.

My partner, Pastor Elmer Romano, cooked the split peas & oats mixed together **(from care boxes we sent)** with coconut milk. We had brought this food & prepared it for them. They were happy.



Every meeting on Sabbath we have a problem, because we have only 3 benches made of bamboo. Sometimes we borrowed chairs from our home church members like plastic chairs. But they are happy even though the seats are limited. The important thing is they can attend the church program. Our plan for this church is to provide chairs and we are planning to paint the roof so that it will last longer. Just this morning one of our brethren donated 1,000 pesos (about \$20.) for chairs. But this money is not enough for the church materials that we need. We are always praying that this church will continue to shine till Jesus comes.



Here are some pictures.



I (**Jesreel**) am in the picture on left and my partner Pastor Elmer Romano is in picture on right.



Some brethren used plates of coconut shells.

Report from Columbio, Mindanao, Philippines, *by Pastor Elmer Romano*

March 2009

I visited Columbio back in October 2006. There were no Adventists there at that time and it was my first time to see the place. I went to see the Municipal Mayor to tell him about my purpose of going there. Today I praise the Lord for the miracles He has given us. Words are not enough to thank Him. We built a beautiful church through donations from "Adopt a Minister" donors. The people of Columbio are friendly and very supportive of our ministry. My co-adopted ministers of Adopt-A-Minister International came to help bring the gospel to the people.

In Columbio, there are people who belong to the New People's Army (NPA - a rebel group that is against the Philippine government). During the first visit of one adopted minister (Pastor Peter Talledo), seven men surrounded and investigated him regarding his purpose of going there. Pastor Talledo was very afraid. Many horrible thoughts came to him. *What if they detain and harm me and I couldn't go back home anymore?* Pastor Talledo thought. He started praying to the Lord, confessing all his sins from his youth up to the present time. God came to his rescue. The men understood him. He gave them Bible studies every day and taught them songs.

We had a grand fellowship in Columbio Central Church on Sabbath. We had over 300 people who attended this first joint fellowship. Everybody was happy to be there. We asked for donations and prepared food for everyone. Our new brethren from the mountain walked 17 kilometers that Sabbath to the church to attend worship and fellowship.

We held a evangelistic campaign with members of Adopt a Minister helping do ground work. On February 7, 2009, we baptized **396 precious souls!** Of this big number were two Baptist ministers and their congregation and also a top government official. And so we praise our Heavenly Father!

Today we are ready to conduct many more campaigns in the nearby baranggays. With God's blessings, we plan to build more churches for our new converts. We are praying for donations for church building. We are so blessed to have a part in sharing Jesus to the people.

We thank all of those who gave their support to this work through their prayers and finances. And may God always bless you in every way. What a wonderful day that will be when we all will live with Jesus in Heaven together with family and friends and those whom we labored for. Hallelujah!"

In this picture standing at the Back; Winnie Abella (*MPI sponsored Bible worker*), Pastor Magsico (area district pastor), Pastor Romano (*author of the above story*) and his wife. Standing in the front;

Meriam Abella, 3 pastors of Baptist churches, who were baptized during the campaign in Columbio. Adopt-A-Pastor is second from right. These people are fans of listening to TSP Radio program every Sunday. Radio is the only means of communication in these remote villages. (*TSP Radio programs are given by Meriam Abella & Pastor Romano*)



While we (MacKenzies) were at the General Conference Session in Atlanta GA we met Pastor Ruben Applicador who works at the Southern Mindanao Mission Philippines. He reported that now there have been 37 pastors from other denominations plus many of their parishioners that have joined the Seventh-day Adventists.

This story continues. We just received an email from Pastor Roger Caderma, Southern Mindanao Mission president of the Philippines. He says:

"Southern Mindanao Mission got the first place in terms of baptisms in 2009, we have baptized 6,344 souls. In 2010 as of August, we have already reached 4,084 souls. Further, during the GC session, the SSD President, Pastor Albert Gulfan mentioned Southern Mindanao in his report regarding the baptism of 27 protestant pastors that were baptized into our Church. I told him that there is an additional number added towards the first quarter of 2010, of 11 pastors from different religious affiliation. At this time, the total protestant pastors that were baptized into our faith is now reaching to nearly 50 due to another additional six pastors that I personally baptized a few Sabbaths ago. Three out of the six were able to bring with them about sixty percent of their members plus their church building, these buildings are now owned by our church, they changed the sign board to SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH."

We Praise God for these souls and workers for Him!!

In Loving Memory of Rose Summerton

by Ruth MacKenzie

Rose (Sergi,) Donaghue, Coutts, Summerton

was born on August 26th, 1913 and she died on August 15th, 2010.

Mr. Donaghue, her first husband, died in 1948 leaving her with 4 children under the age of 5.

She was concerned about the children always being sick and so she started looking into the factors that nutrition and natural remedies could play in their health. In doing so she discovered the Adventist faith. She fully embraced the doctrine and the diet as set forth by the Adventists of that day and lived it until the day she died.

On May 14th, 1978 she married James (Jim) Summerton, a widower whose wife she had taken care of up to her death in 1976. Jim died on June 11th, 1994. During their years together they traveled to India, the Philippines, Mexico, Guatemala, Belize and other places, helping with education, building, fixing meals, gardening - or whatever needed to be done. Jim was a carpenter and a farmer.

Without knowing about Rose's death, Roldan Mendoza - a young man they had put through college back in the 70's, called RuthAnn, Rose's daughter. When he found out about Rose's death he wanted to help. RuthAnn said "He did the very best service because he knew and loved her".

I talked to him on the phone today. He told how Rose & Jim came to the Philippines several times and helped build the church in his village. Rose would treat the sick with Natural Remedies like massage, water treatments. The villagers were very happy to see them come.

This last December I had the privilege of meeting Rose. She had come to Belize for 3 months or so for the winter. She told me that this time she came as a patient but she couldn't stay out of the kitchen. She was in there helping almost everyday. Even at 96 she flew to Belize alone.

RuthAnn said "My momma was a spitfire. I think most of you know that. She lived as she believed and wasn't afraid to take a chance. She did her best to raise us with that same spirit - right to the day she died."

She was quite a lady and will be missed!



La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital in Belize is looking for a General Surgeon

If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact the Hospital's Administrator, Mr. Grant McPherson at: 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:

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To learn more, contact our Planned Giving department today at 866-356-5595.

Worthy Student Aid; Thank you so much!

By *Lupita Cruz*

Dear Student Aid Donors,

Wow, I'm overwhelmed with joy knowing there are people willing to provide assistance so I can fulfill my life dream! I am studying Dentistry here at Montemorelos University. I come from a family of seven, and they are not able to help me financially. So I sell snacks, Avon products and I make flour tortillas that I sell also, these are some of things I do to make my dream come true.

I trust that God will continue providing to make this dream a reality. I pray to God for this career because I want to serve Him and also get ready in a way so I could serve as a missionary or wherever He shows me. And I want to receive this education and preparation in this university.

Please pray for me, and for other students who struggle to complete our education. It's hard being so far away from our families, and sometimes we need a word of encouragement when the days aren't rosy. And pray that we will have courage, that God will enlarge our territory of service, and that He will prepare me to serve wherever He calls. Prayers of intervention by parents and friends are powerful, and they **do** make a difference in our lives!

Blessings,

~Lupita Cruz~



La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital, in Belize, is looking for a couple of missionary minded Physicians; an Internist and also a Surgeon.

If you or someone you know would be interested, please contact the Hospital's Administrator, Mr. Grant McPherson at: mcperson_grant@hotmail.com

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