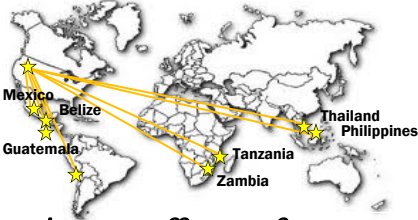


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Giving of Ourselves in 2012

Conquerors - Victory in Christ



Ed MacKenzie, President

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, for thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature,

shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:35-39

Dear MPI Supporters,

I find the above statements by the Apostle Paul as recorded in the latter part of Romans 8 to be very powerful.

I shared these verses during a morning worship with a group of fellow workers almost a year ago in Kurnol, India. We are living in the last days of Earth's history. The enemy, whom the Bible calls Satan and the Dragon, uses all of his cunning devices to destroy God's people. Paul tells us that none of those things are able to separate him from the love of God. This begs the question: What is it then, if anything, that would separate us from the love of God? Each one of us needs to answer this question for his or herself. Paul has already stated his position very clearly.

Following the worship, one member of the group, an American, shared a story with me. He had personally met a woman from Cambodia who had lost all of her family as a result of Pol Pot's Death March. Her life had been very difficult; in fact she had feared for her very survival; she had little of this world's goods. There are not a lot of Christians in Cambodia. This woman's faith was strong; she was able to say that there is nothing that could separate her from the love of God. How is it with you? Are you able to say this? Let us continue to pray for one another, that our lives may be in harmony with Christ, so that nothing can separate us from His love.

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.

Reports from the Frontline

This is what we've been waiting for!

By Antonio Zatalaya, Bible worker, Padre Marquez District

On July 18, 2012 we arrived at the village of Tiruntán with a population of approximately 2000 inhabitants. It is in the district of Padre Marquez on the Ucayali River, one day downstream by launch from Pucallpa. At 9:00am my wife and I began walking from house to house distributing the book, "La Gran Esperanza" (a portion of "The Great Controversy"); we were able to put 250 books in the hands of the people. This work we did with prayer and fasting. The most surprising thing was that we heard about forty percent of the people say, "this is what we have been waiting for someone to tell us of the gospel." The question was, "when will you come again?" So, after allowing a little time for them to read the book, we are moving to this place to work, looking for interested people to study with. Our goal is fifty students; I know we will meet it with the help of the Holy Spirit whom our God has promised to be with us through all our days.

We need much prayer for this work, because the tempter will do everything possible to impede the Lord's work.

Thank you very much for your prayers.

I trust that God will heal my illness

We praise God for His grace in calling us to be His co-workers. We acknowledge receipt of the money you've wired for our Adopt-A-Minister. Thank you so much. Our 2 Adopt-A-Ministers are working hard in reaching the unreached people in our area. They were able to usher in 87 souls for Christ in the past 6 months. At present they are busy preparing for the campaign that we will do this coming Oct 22 to Nov. 3, 2012.

Attached are the pictures of some of our activities and the venue of our campaign. Please include our campaign in your prayer at Caramoan Camarines Sur. Thank you so much, *Joven Hitois, Adventist Mission Ministries.*

When I first came to Caramoan, our church building was almost finished. We cleaned the area and I talked to one of our brethren here to donate some materials for the church building.

This is now our church (cover photo), made of light materials, bamboo, coconut lumber and nipa. But we still need a roost room, comfort room, and pastoral house. We are also preparing the area for a campaign this coming October 22-Nov. 3. As of now, we have 16 families taking Bible studies. Please help us pray that many will accept Christ and follow our God and be baptized at the end of this campaign. Thank you very much Mama & Papa...God bless us all! *Jeffrey & Judy Arcenal.*



Huichol Tribe Project

*Christians and mission pilot threatened; young man gunned down.
By Pastor/Pilot Dagoberto Cirilo*

Earlier this year as we prepared to take a dental group to benefit the Huichol Indians in El Saucillo, I received a distressful message from Anselmo, our church leader in the village. “The Christians in our community have received death threats” he said. “The villagers are taunting us, saying that if we are true Christians, their bullets won’t harm us. And if we do get killed, we’ll be resurrected. Oh, and if you come in the mission plane, they will tie you up, beat you up and destroy the airstrip so you can’t land there anymore.”

Five days after their initial threat they gunned down Teodoro, the son of one of the church members. One of the bullets went in through his side and did not penetrate into the lung, but it fractured some bones. Teodoro received emergency medical attention at a clinic in another town, but the bullet was not extracted.

I flew in and took him back to Guadalajara to be treated at a hospital. Teodoro doesn’t speak Spanish, and he cannot read or write, but he is very patient and noble. He didn’t complain of pain and always remained calm despite his situation. He received Bible studies during his recuperation in Guadalajara, and two months later he was baptized.



Teodoro awaiting treatment at the hospital



Bullet visible in Teodoro’s X-Ray of arm

I have been reading in The Great Controversy about the Reformation and how many valiant men and women of God died burned at the stake, and they are now an example for the rest of us that are living in the last days of this agonizing world. We will continue sharing the Gospel message among the Huichol people as long as God gives us life.

Thank you for supporting our work!



Pastor Cirilo baptizing Teodoro



Pastor Cirilo with Teodoro (left) and two other young people from El Saucillo who were baptized. Since they cannot read, GodPods provided by MPI donors were instrumental in teaching Bible truths.

I know that God will make a way

By Ubaldo Guzman, Belize Bible Worker

For the past few months I have been studying with a very poor family in the Hill View area. Mrs. Kayla has been a faithful Bible student who has always been interested to learn truths every time we meet. She has many difficulties in her life but still trusts in God that He will make a way out for her. She, her sister and her young baby girl, Marleni who was born without a kidney, a swollen liver and signs of anemia. She ask for prayers because know that only the Lord can make a way for her and her baby. I will continue to visit and study with her the 3 angels message and will be needing your prayers for her and her daughter as she continues to grow in knowledge. *Your brother in Christ, Ubaldo*

I am Happy to be a Child of God

By Ubaldo Guzman, Belize Bible Worker

I have been studying with a man by the name of Patrick Thompson and we have been touching some deep things about the church. Let me start by saying that he was once a baptized member but somehow he backslid into the world of sin. He had some bad experiences in the church and also refused to accept Ellen G. White as a true messenger of God.

After a few studies and discussion he is truly convinced that Sister Ellen G. White was used by God as his messenger. He has recommitment his life to the Lord, and is now serving the Lord wholeheartedly, determined to move on strong and not turn back.

Your brother in Christ, Ubaldo

God's Wonderful Providence

By Enoch Chitalu

I went to conduct an evangelistic series by one of the branches that we had opened earlier in the year. I had taken many of the Discovery Guide Bible lessons with me, and we recruited students to study with us. Day by day the number of students kept increasing until the whole village was saturated with the lessons. The Lord blessed the effort and at the end of two weeks 27 souls were baptized. We left the village after the baptism to go and prepare for other commitments.

One day as I was at home, I was visited by a gentleman that I did not know. I welcomed him and quickly asked him if he needed any help from me. He then started to narrate his story of how he studied one of the lessons during the series that I had conducted. He has studied about the Sabbath truth but he decided to ignore it. After the meeting he had been having dreams every night. In these dreams someone was telling him about the Sabbath truth he had ignored. This had been going on for days till he could not stand it any more. So that is how he now came to me for advice. I advised him to make a decision and prayed with him.

Two days after he left, he called me and told me that he has decided to accept the Sabbath truth. He is now preparing for baptism. Praise the Lord that he does not leave us to our folly but yearns for all to be saved.

Uncle & Nephew Give Their Lives to Jesus

By Immer Landero, Belize Bible Worker

Mateo Ico and Isaias Ico came from a Maya family. They came to spend one month in Bullet Tree village with his brother that has been living here for two years. Thank God that I had the opportunity to study with Mateo and Isaias.

Small Samuel was the first member of the family that was baptized. He was the one that told us that his uncle and cousin were interested to study the Bible and to know more about Jesus. So when we studied the last lesson on baptism, I asked them if they would like to be baptized and accept Jesus as their Savior. They accepted and were baptized on January 14, 2012. They continued studying some other lessons and were so happy to know some other truths. So they decided to go back home and teach to their family at Punta Gorda what they had learned from the Bible.

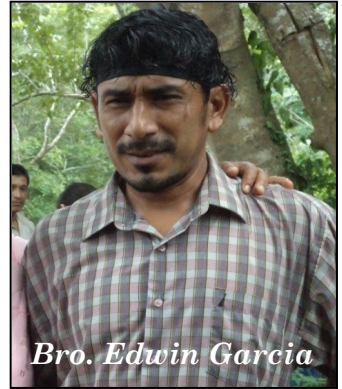
Please pray for them so that their family would accept Jesus as their personal Savior. *Your brother in Christ, Immer*

Free From Satan

By John Landero, Belize Bible Worker

Edwin Garcia was addicted to drugs and was a gang member. He was one of the leaders, and just by seeing him you would know he was living a miserable life and his entire family was suffering.

One day when I met him, he was crying and telling me his sad story, of how he was living his life. When he finished telling me his story I invited him to pray with me; he accepted the invitation. When we finish praying I saw in his face peace and joy, then he told me that he wants to know more about Jesus. So we started to study the Bible and I invited him to attend church services. It was so wonderful to see him coming to church every night of service. It was Sabbath morning, New Years Day, January 1st, 2012 that he was baptized and is now a member of the Bullet Tree Seventh-day Adventist Church. His family is very happy to see him living a new life, and now he testifies to others that Jesus Christ is the only one that can change our lives.



Bro. Edwin Garcia

Your brother in Christ, John

The More I Learn, The Closer I Get to God

By Ubaldo Guzman, Belize Bible Worker

One day in September, I was walking down a lonely lane about 3:00pm, a bit discouraged because many had rejected to study the Bible as I offered them studies. As I was walking I came in contact with a friend who was my classmate in High School. We were happy to see each other and after talking for a while he began to share some of the problems he was confronting. He was having drinking problems and this brought great hurt to his family.

I prayed with him and I quickly talked to him about the Lord Jesus Christ. We arranged a Bible study once a week and from then he has learned a lot about Jesus Christ. Whenever we studied he would always stop and ask many questions.

I enjoy studying with him and I have learned that every time we study and he learns something new, he says he gets closer to God.

Your brother in Christ, Ubaldo

Anna Crawford

As my Bible work began to expand in November 2011 the Lord led me to the beautiful village of Concepcion. I began to do my visitation for the establishment of new Bible studies. There were but very few who wanted to study the word of God. I was a bit discouraged because it seemed to me that no one wanted to let Jesus into their lives. Finally I came across one whom I had known for a very long time ago. Her name was Mrs. Anna Crawford.

As I began to speak to her, I noticed that the Anna I knew was not the same person I was now speaking to. I sensed that she had a need for something greater and so I offered Bible studies to her and she gladly accepted. Anna was once married but due to problems her marriage came to an end and during the years up until now she entered into another relationship. Anna is also the mother of three children who are grown up and two of them have a family of their own. Her youngest teenage daughter has recently been baptized.

The following week I went back to her home to start our first Bible study. It was then she informed me of what had taken place in her family. Living in the same yard with her is her mother and a few of her family relatives. Sad to say, Anna had a niece who was struggling with personal problems and to her there was no solution. It was about a month before my first contact with Anna that her niece committed suicide because of her problems. She was a beautiful teenage girl and the death of their beloved niece shook the family terribly. When this incident occurred it led Anna to look on the important aspects of life and begin to think what she would do if death would knock at her door. This also awoke a desire to know and to live a life more dedicated to God. This event caused a turning point in her life as well as other family members.

Anna, her daughter, and other family members have now joined in the weekly Bible studies. Now the family eagerly and anxiously awaits the special time of study. At times I have a total of 12 persons in one Bible study. Anna's mother is now becoming very interested in the Bible studies. She belongs to another religion but I can see that the Spirit of God is working with her as she hears and learns more about the truths of the Bible and about God's love for us.

The only thing that is holding Anna back from being baptized is her marital issue with her ex-husband. Let us continue to pray for her and her family that God can do a great work in their family.

Your brother in Christ, Alfredo Mossiah Belize Bible Worker

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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

This young lady in Mexico is highly recommended as a topnotch mission-minded student.

Hello Friends,

I am from southern Mexico. Since my dad left home, my three sisters and I have struggled to get an education, with the little help that my mom can give us. The situation has been very difficult, but whenever we feel discouraged, God encourages us in our weakness.

When I began my career, I decided not to study at Montemorelos University because I knew it was financially impossible. In public schools all the exams are on Saturday, so I said no because I wanted to do God will.

I decided to go canvassing that summer before entering college, but I feared because it was an experience that I had not lived. However, in that time I realized that canvassing was not just selling books, to me it was bringing hope to people in need and that only hope is God. And I was able to study at our Adventist university!

However, I'm in a constant battle to keep going forward. Eight months ago I stop studying after my seventh semester in Dentistry, for lack of economic resources. I'm planning in the future to help people who need my service, and I know that God will open the doors and fill with supplies to make this happen.

Without doubt God has taught me new things this time I haven't studied, both in the professional area and in my spiritual life. The best of all is to entrust my way to God. When I stepped on this university I said I was not going to give up, and He would give me strength. And this is my wish, to finish and be able to help others.

Maylen Gomez Xequib



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