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Nothing Between in 2014

Where have we been? Where are we now? Where are we going?



Ed MacKenzie, President

Dear MPI Supporters,

Several have asked what the future holds for Mission Projects. We are happy to report that over the years:

1. Many of the young people, who have received financial educational assistance, have become Medical Professionals, School Teachers, Lay Workers, and Pastors.
2. Individuals have been blessed by being healed through medical technology and prayer. These blessings have given many a new outlook on life.
3. The faithful work of Pastors, Lay Workers and Lay Evangelists have resulted in thousands who have accepted the Lord Jesus as their personally savior and have been baptized, as they surrender their lives to him.
4. Church congregations have grown; new congregations have been established that are thriving.

This is the past; this is the present, which MPI hopes to carry on into the future with your help.

"Behold what manner of Love the Father has bestowed up us that we should be called the children of God." I John 3:1.

Thank you for being a part of MPI. Mission Projects is committed to keep the vision moving forward as long as time may last. Will you support a student, a Lay Worker, a much needed Church or perhaps a needed capital improvement at La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital? The opportunities are many. Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support of God's work.

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.

Mien, Thailand

To Be Happy In Christ

By: Ana U. Abendan

John 16:24 *Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.*



Ana, Nan, and Elma

Nan is a beautiful lady. She has been our friend since we arrived in Huai Fai village. But she was not as close as other friends in the village. It is because she was always with her husband in Bangkok. *(She calls that man her husband even though they are not yet married. A boyfriend is a direct husband to a woman and vice versa in Mien culture.)* Her husband is

a rich man who can afford anything she wants. But at this time, she is very sad. She said that her husband's children by his first wife don't like her. Also, her only son died last year when he was drowned in the water tank in their house. Since her son died, she cries and doesn't know what to do with her loneliness. She says that even though she has money, money cannot give her happiness. She said "My husband can give me anything but how about my son? My husband's children may sometimes plot badly toward me. My husband is too old already. I'm 26 and he is 59."

"How about having another child?" I replied.

"Oh no, my husband is very old. I feel pity for my child when my husband will die and he cannot enjoy his father's love. I don't want to stay in my husband's house; that is why I'm here. I want to be happy. I want to be like you happy people around me. There are times that I ask God if He can make me happy. If He will, then I will believe in Him. *God, if you are really true then I will believe in You. Please help me in my situation now.*" she sadly told us. "I miss my son and I miss my husband too. I'm alone now, can you help me?" she asked God.

She said that after she prayed, she felt okay, she felt comforted. So whenever she felt lonely, she just prayed and God gave her happiness in her heart.

Nan is one of the individuals who did not believe in God before, especially when her brother Kao wanted to be baptized. She is the one who scolded her older brother and she did not permit him to be a Christian. The Bible is just man-made, according to her. But now God is so good He has touched her with the Holy Spirit. She can even appreciate Christians now compared to other religions. It is not impossible for her to be converted, too. She also said that she already told their parents but they didn't believe her. They have had their spirit gods in their minds since they were young. "It's up to them," she added. "I thank my brother Kao. He really knows about my life. Every time I come home lonely and sad and even crying, he always reminds me that there is still hope in God. 'Heaven is so wide for me,' he said. 'Money is not really the source of true happiness. I observed that it is the source of many evil deeds.'"

Her brother, who believes in Christ though not yet baptized, is now giving her Bible studies. Her brother always reads the Bible to her, especially when she feels sad.

True happiness is found in God and nothing can ever replace it. Please pray for sister Nan that she will be guided constantly by the Holy Spirit and that she will always experience the great love of our Father in Heaven who loves us so much.

Now, Nan and Kao are already close to our Sulads Team. Brother Kao is trying his best not to eat pork and wants to be a vegetarian. Nan also is sometimes sleeping in the center with us and joins our worship and prays in the Mien language together with the members of the mission church in Huai Fai village.



Your prayers and supports are much appreciated as we work hand in hand with the Mien people here in Thailand. Thank you very much for your support of the Thailand SULADS.

May God always bless us while we are waiting for Him to come. ♦

Southern Luzon Philippines

Report

*Jeffrey & Judy live in a little tent in the church
in the village of Tawog*



Jeffrey writes:

This year we will also have a series of campaigns. We are planning to establish believers in coastal villages. I am also going to conduct revival seminars in our churches in the Caramoan District.

A donor from OCI provided money to build a boat to be used for mission service to the coastal villages.



*The boat is called **ALARM** which stands for:
Advenist Lay Association and Revivalist Movement*

Jeffrey's

This coming June after our youth evangelistic camp we are going to prepare another place because we will have another crusade in Maligaya, Caramoan, Camarines Sur. Please help us, we still need a fishing net. The fishing net is to be used to earn money to buy fuel and maintain the boat. **ALARM** was organized for evangelism purposes but it doesn't function yet because they are still looking for sponsors who can help the group to do crusades in coastal and island areas, hopefully next year.

We baptized 22 precious souls after our crusade in Maangas and just this month again we baptized 10 in Garchitorena. This end of month we will have a Youth Evangelistic Camp in Bag-ing, Caramoan.

We just finished our Youth Evangelistic Camp last Saturday. We baptized another 8 souls after our youth camp. As of now I already reached 40 souls. This coming July we will have another crusade in Maligaya, Caramoan, Camarines Sur. ♦

Lewis Jungle Ministries (PNG) Update

Small Things, by Gary & Toni

Sometimes apparent small things can make a big difference. We now have running water in the house at the flip of a switch!! That's makes dishwashing easier and flushing the toilet possible. A shower, after using a bucket for 3 months is awesome even though we don't have hot water. The washing machine works now and spins the clothes nearly dry, so they get dry fast! We even got some more electrical wiring down so we can use more things and have some more light! The refrigerator sure makes a difference with the food and how long it lasts. Seemingly little things, so often taken for granted, but when you are without them for a long period of time, they are so appreciated!

It seems to take a long time to get things done here, but we keep pressing forward and, as we do, progress is made and we get to enjoy the benefits.

Progress is also being made on getting the airplane released for flight. We still don't have a mechanic here to help us keep it operating once it starts, so we are still praying about that.

If any of you are interested in traveling and would like to do a "mission trip" we have lots of work to do here!

We are also exploring some possibilities to help villages here with food production and maybe some ways to get some churches built in them, as well.

We are working on an idea that could really make a big impact on reaching illiterate villages with the gospel. It could involve you in a fairly direct way --if you choose to get involved. We would like to get sponsors for lay workers to go and teach the Gospel in several villages. We do not know the exact monthly stipend yet, but probably around \$100 per month.

Wouldn't it be neat to arrive in Heaven and have people from PNG come up to you and say, "We are here because you sent the gospel to us"? We are still working on the logistics and methods for doing this, but we are really excited about this possibility and what could come of it. We will keep you posted very soon as things become more clear. God wants to spread the gospel into all the world, so He can return to claim His own! It is exciting to be a part of this work. Please pray about it, and let's see what God has in store!

Toni was in one of the children's Sabbath school and they were asking lots of questions about what they could do to help their program. She asked if they had felts for telling the Bible stories. They said yes, and pulled out sheets of uncut felts. One of the members had purchased it years ago, but no one knew what to do with them. So Toni is cutting them out, and will teach them how to use them. For those of you who can remember, at least they are in color so we don't have to color them too!

As we continue to unpack boxes looking for supplies, we find surprises—like this week we found a bottle of syrup and some special candy a friend stuck in before the container was shipped! What a treat. Can't get that kind of thing here. God keeps reminding of us of His love and watch care over us.

We have had to spend lots of money on parts to try to get a tractor fixed so we could mow the airstrip and do some earth work around here. We had been told it was owned by the District, now we find out they gave it to an admitted murderer whose name happens to be Cain. We were upset about that, and the new owner said he had no money to pay for the parts and would like to receive rent for use of the tractor. Yesterday, the government contractor for maintenance of the airstrip here, came up and said to give him copies of the receipts and he would see that we got our money and could continue to use the tractor. So we pray that is what will happen. God knows the need and has ways to meet it. We sure enjoy it when you take the time to send us a reply.

We have posted several pictures on our blog in the last couple of months if you haven't checked it out in awhile.

Thank you for your prayers and support. ♦ *Gary and Toni Lewis*

San Lorenzo: DREAM BIG!

The truck bounced from one side of the road to the other, tossing and jolting those of us who couldn't resist a chance to ride in the back of an open truck. Our legs felt like Jello and our bones loosened from their joints - but oh! the magnificent views! Majestic mountains towered above us - still clouded in mist even on this warm sunny day. How in the world did these people find THIS place to live? I wondered aloud.

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It took us 2½ hours to ride 16 miles on the newly-completed dirt and rock road, crossing several rivers and over two mountain passes. When we arrived, we had no doubt that this was the end of the road. There was nowhere else to go - but up those steep cliffs! Nestled at the base of that giant mountain with three peaks soaring into the clouds, in the village of San Lorenzo, we met Dionisio López.

When we asked him how he ended up there, Dionisio said “Well, as a young man my father worked on a large ‘Finca’ (farm) where the owner treated him very badly. Even though he worked very hard, they wouldn’t give him

enough food. And whenever anything went wrong, he was blamed and ridiculed - and of course, severely punished. One day when the Finca owner threatened to use a bull whip on him, my father decided he’d had enough. ‘I’ll go far away and start my own village,’ he determined.

“So off he went, deep into jungle-covered mountain ranges. On and on he continued - looking for a place far away from the Finca. When he got to the base of this giant mountain, he saw the potential for agriculture – many wild edible plants already grew here in abundance. The soil looked good for growing corn, beans, bananas, oranges, and other crops. The virgin jungles were full of monkeys, wild pigs, deer, colorful birds, giant snails, and other wildlife. So in 1939 he started the town of San Lorenzo, naming it after the saint that supposedly produces abundant harvests.”

To get to the nearest road to the city, folks there had to walk for five days. Several times a year some of the men hiked out to town to sell beans and buy necessities - only what could be brought in on their backs. Soon the town grew, Dionisio’s family grew, trails were forged and mules were purchased to make their lives a bit easier.

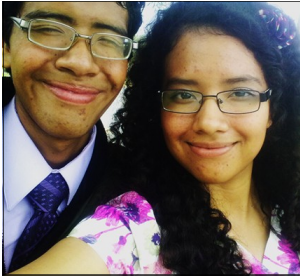
In keeping with their traditions, the inhabitants felt the need of a visible “god” to provide protection, health and prosperity. So they traded beans, corn and cash for a wooden image of San Lorenzo and built a chapel to keep it in.

Then, in 1963, Dionisio’s father became a Seventh-day Adventist Christian. As time went by, the village grew to over 600 inhabitants, and eventually more than 400 of them became Adventist believers. The image of San Lorenzo was forgotten. The chapel tumbled down and the image was badly damaged by rot and termites. When someone stole the image, nobody bothered to try to get it back. They figured that if it couldn’t keep itself from deteriorating or even being stolen, how could it have power to protect their village? *(To be continued next issue.)* *(Lanita Medina wrote this article shortly after an unforgettable mission trip to south Mexico in 2001, where she volunteered in San Lorenzo with our MPI group. Lanita lives in Camden, Maine. Originally published in May-June, 2001 MPI N/L.)*



Worthy Student A

Making Use of God's Gifts



Our whole life has been a journey, a journey with many stops, but always with a clear goal: to get to Heaven and be able to embrace our Savior.

Our dream to study at Montemorelos University has been a giant leap in faith. Our father has always been mentally ill. He has been fickle, rude, aggressive toward us.

My mother, without his help, has worked hard, and has paid much of our tuition in school. She is a strong and hard-working person, who has taught us to be courageous in every trial that comes our way. She has shown us that we are not alone in this world, God is our Father and we now live with that assurance.

We thank God for the privilege He has given us to have always studied in the Adventist Educational System. Why? Because, although we both have different dreams and the Lord has bestowed us with different gifts (we play different musical instruments), our earnest desire is to serve God in our own chosen field of study. We would like to bring others the message of Christ's soon return using the gift of music, song and art in the proclamation of this truth.

Therefore we want to study here in Montemorelos, because we know it is an institution of divine origin that provides us with the necessary tools to embrace life with a Missions-oriented Worldview.

As children of God, that choose to live in His light, we understand that our lifestyle must be wholesome. We serve God with our whole being and would soon like to help other students to pay their own tuitions, thus, extending the chain of blessings.

Thank you very much for your help and may God's blessings be with you.

Oscar and Jabnia Ramirez

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