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Escape From Drunk Assailants By Daniel Poot

Daniel Poot is a 21-year-old student at Linda Vista University in the mountains of south Mexico. He shares this story of God's intervention in his life:

A few years ago, my older brother Arturo and I went to live with my aunt in the city of Veracruz. We hoped to find work for the summer. When we arrived at her home, she told us that we should not go out alone, because her neighborhood was dangerous.

Unfortunately, we ignored her advice, and decided to go out—"just to the corner." About half a block down the street, we saw three young men who appeared to be a bit drunk.

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Daniel Poot at the campus of Linda Vista University

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Guest Editorial

By Wendy Harris

Jerry Harris, MPI treasurer, and former president and principal of DayStar Academy, and his wife Wendy, along with their daughters Heidi and Kayla, are still located at the academy. Jerry is now the director of agriculture, working along side his brother Tom, the farm manager.



JERRY & WENDY IN MEXICO

Jerry and I just returned from a Sabbatical spent in Mexico. After spending a few days feeling guilty that we were sunning on the beach while our fellow workers where at home working away, we caught on to how a Sabbatical should be spent. It is to be spent in joy! Praising God for the endless blessings he has given. It is also a chance to build a brand new start and to study and learn.



Many of us may need that right now. The holidays were never intended to bring stress and strain, but for some people it does bring added burdens. For most it means more money spent, more food eaten, and evenings filled with extra projects. For others it can bring the feelings of loss closer to the heart, such as missing a loved one who has passed away.

Before you think the Scrooge and I must be siblings, I am the first to enjoy the Christmas time of year. I love to see Children playing in the first snow, moving robotically with their bulky colorful snowsuits.

What joy there is to see the car full of my loved ones pulling into the drive after the girls and I have waited by the window. Oh, the delight of a mailbox full of Christmas cards full of love and care. And the festive notes of Christmas music and nutmeg and clove scented kitchens. That's Christmas!

Yet, part of me needs a mini-Sabbatical during Christmas. A chance to "come away" a chance to praise God. A special time to dwell and savor the gift God has given to me. His gift was priceless; it was perfect and brought light into my darkness. Christmas makes my heart long for Heaven.

Those days in Heaven will be wonderful. There lay workers and donors will sit side by side without any distance boundaries. Exclaiming together "Heaven was cheap enough" the sacrifices seem so little now.

My prayer for each one of our precious donors is that you would have a "mini-Sabbatical" this Christmas. It may just be for an hour or so, but that you would get a chance to praise God especially during this season. Maybe it will be wrapped in your favorite blanket, or out on a walk in nature or under a starry heaven. Whatever you choose may it be a blessing to you this season.

Thank you for being a blessing to each one of us on the MPI board. Your gifts are such a joy to send to the workers around the world each month.

Lay Workers

In the Lord's Business

By Victor August

Chaplain La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital and
Belize Mission Projects Lay Worker Coordinator



It all started like any other activity in the church. Plans were made, invitations sent out for a series of evangelistic meetings. Promotions on the radio, banners put in place and flyers distributed, advertising the meetings. The meetings would be conducted by an International Evangelist from Washington State, in the person of Ed MacKenzie and his wife Ruth, with her health lectures.

Coming close to opening night, we wondered what would happen? We prayed that God would do what we had not done and could not do ourselves. Once we got started, things began to fall in place. I must



Ed & Translator, Rick Avella

make mention at this time, that Ed really did a good job in his presentations and above all things, the resilience he demonstrated night after night was somewhat contagious. So much so, that when some of us began to get weary,



Pastor Scott, President of the Belize Conference,
Letty August, Ed & Rick Avella

Ed was all sharp and focused, just like the first night. This kept some of us going.



We called in our three Mission Project Lay Workers, to assist in the meetings. Praise God the results showed that 90% of the people baptized were a direct result of the outreach of our lay workers.

God's word did not return void. We are looking at some thirty new members being added to the church. A total of eighteen were already baptized by the close of the last meeting on Sabbath November 10th.

It was indeed a joy and privilege to work along with the MacKenzie's. We are still looking for greater things to happen in the future, here in Belize.



Venue



Baptismal Candidates



We finished our campaign here at Santa Elena. There have been 18 baptisms so far.

We had some kind of trouble every night of the campaign for the first 2 weeks. The last trouble was our pretty 2005 pickup truck as seen in the first picture. It was backed into by one of the pastors while it was being driven by a young man who was a big help in our campaign.

It still is not fixed but I think it will be, soon hopefully. We still have comprehensive and collision insurance on it until this January.



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Conclusion: Escape From Drunk Assailants

We went on, and arrived at a place where we could see part of the city, and some places where we might look for work.

After about 10 minutes, we turned and started home. As we neared the middle of the block, the three young men stopped us, grabbed us by the wrists, and demanded our money. I didn't have any money, but my brother did. He resisted them, so they started hitting him. There was nothing for me to do but shake in fear. They called to some of their friends for help. The friends brought knives and threatened us with our lives. I truly thought we were going to die.



But God in His mercy intervened. I was able to get loose and began to run away. As I ran, I looked back and yelled, "Arturo, run!" He was also able to get away, and we ran together, not knowing where we were going. We tripped and fell down a long stairway. Our assailants chased us, but because they were drunk, we were able to outrun them.

I know that God has a plan for me. That is why He permitted me to escape from those bad boys. It was my dream to study in an Adventist university. I have been at Linda Vista University for four years. At first I worked on the Industrial plan, but that plan is no longer available for me. I am currently in my fifth semester (halfway through the third year of the degree program), and things have gotten a bit difficult. I want to finish my studies quickly so I can serve God and also help my siblings go to school. I know that in the past, God has used people who want to help students with the desire to serve; and I am sure that at this time someone will be able to make my dreams reality.

May God bless you.

Daniel Poot



Mexico Lay Workers

Protected From Gunman by Angels

By Fred Adams



On a beautiful spring afternoon, Débora Sánchez and her nine-year-old daughter were out giving Bible studies in the mountain town of Tapilula. Around 4:00 p.m. they started back home, passing through a coffee plantation. Suddenly they were confronted on the empty trail by a man with a gun in his hand. He declared: "Now I'm going to take care of you so you won't be able to give any more Bible studies."

Débora recognized him as Juan López, a man who was very much opposed to her work. Suddenly Juan began to tremble violently; then he turned and fled to the house of another Adventist he knew. Juan was still shaking as he described his intentions to kill Débora, when suddenly he saw what appeared to be a pastor walking by their side, and also a group of church members nearby.

Later when Débora and her daughter heard Juan's account, they thanked God for angels appearing as humans which He had sent to protect them.

La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital



This was a nice cool day for working outside. Here the workers are fixing the front entrance of the new wing and also the ambulance entrance to emergency. Emergency is in the old part of the hospital.



Africa Lay Worker

COMMITTING ALL INTO THE HANDS OF GOD

I am a Bible Worker in Zambia working for the Lord. The area where I work is surrounded by many other churches and most of the people attend these other churches. As I started out, I faced a lot of problems and challenges. People were asking many questions and so I had to answer them. Most of the village did not allow me to have Bible studies with them. They were saying, “We are already Christians and we don’t want other people to confuse us.” I went to the Lord for wisdom and asked Him what I should do.

Because of all these challenges, I had to be always on my knees in prayer. My prayer was, “God, You are the one who has sent me here to work in your vineyard. Now people are refusing to listen to what you have for them. Lord, may You show me Your power and allow me to talk to people in this area so that they may know You as the only true God. I commit my work into Thy hand.”

After I prayed, I decided to go to visit some of the people. As I went out, I met four people along the way and they allowed me to have a Bible study with them. As I arrived at the first house, I found six people and they also allowed me to study with them. As I was leaving, they requested me to come back and conduct another Bible study with them. At the end of our studies, three people accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. From this time people are inviting me to come and have Bible studies with them. I was very encouraged to know that even if we face a lot of problems, we can go to God in prayer and He will solve them.

Peter Chihungu

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