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**PROJECT:
First-Aid Kits
for Belize**

**Received first \$10.00
from 11 year old.
See story, page 6**



Worthy Student Aid

Following in My Father's Footsteps

By Moisés Núñez

(son of Pedro Núñez, whose story is on page 4)



Moisés Núñez

My father has been a lay worker for many years, leading hundreds of people to Jesus here in the mountains of south Mexico. I had a deep desire to study Theology at

Linda Vista so I could

follow in my father's footsteps, working among my people who speak the Tzotzil dialect, or wherever else God sends me.

Originally I'd intended to work and study in Mexico City, because tuition is very high at Linda Vista. But my God-fearing parents explained the dangers of bad city influences, and I do NOT want to get caught up in the things of the world.

So I sold books during the summer, hoping to start school this fall. However, sales were low. Right now, instead of studying, I'm still selling books. It's hard to have doors slammed in your face, to have people insult you and to go days without making sales. Sometimes I feel like crying, but I am firmly resolved to continue, realizing that this is part of God's training process in my life.

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The President's Corner

Ed MacKenzie



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.

We bring you greetings today, in the name of our Lord, from La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital in Belize.

We had a wonderful worship experience with the Bullet Tree Spanish speaking Adventist Church yesterday. Lay worker, Federico (Juan) Landero was my translator for the divine worship service. Our message was about the Laodicean Church taken from the last half of Revelation Chapter 3. Verse 19 tells us that Jesus rebukes and chastens those whom He loves, which includes all of us. Jesus wants a glorious rather than a lukewarm church, when He comes back to take us home to live with Him. The church members recommitted their lives to Jesus, pledging to seek His will and to follow Him wherever he leads.

Prayer was made on behalf of those who had special requests and for God's Spirit to work more fully in their lives. We pledged to work together to help finish the work, on this earth, so that Jesus can come soon. O' what a day that will be!



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For those who have not been to La Loma Luz in a long time, you will remember Bullet Tree as a little town about four miles past San Ignacio. Today the Bullet Tree Adventist Church stands as a beacon of light to their community with over a 100 members. It is a church that is vibrant with many youth. The church members also have their own, growing, church school. A mile or so across the river stands a second Adventist Church. This church is still under construction, but is being used for worship services. We want to thank the students and staff from Spencerville Adventist Academy, Chesapeake Conference, for constructing this church. It will be called the Spencerville Adventist Church.

It brings joy to our hearts as we see the work of God growing in this area. There are many other villages that still need to be reached for Jesus. Several more churches and church additions need to be built here, even a Church School or two. We thank God for the work that has been accomplished here and we look forward with excitement as we see what great things He will yet perform in this place.

In His Service, Ed MacKenzie

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Moisés Núñez

As the hymn says, “If we suffer down here, we’ll reign up there in Celestial glory.” I intend to do everything I can to cooperate with God so I can study Theology beginning next year.

See second part of Pedro Nunez’s story on page 4

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” Part 2

By Fred Adams



Pedro Núñez with family at home

What happened before: Posing as a clothing salesman, layman Pedro Núñez established a small company of be-

lievers in the dangerous mountain village of murderers called El Jardín. Village authorities and religious leaders became extremely agitated. Deciding to get rid of this “heretic,” a group of men with machetes and guns hid near the forest trail where Pedro would pass by on his way home.

Pedro heard about the plot to take his life, but he trusted in God and sang hymns as he walked down the mountain trail. Four hours later he reached home, grateful to be alive. Shortly afterwards, some of the new believers arrived breathlessly. “How did you get past the armed men hiding by the trail?” they queried. “The men waiting to kill you never saw nor heard you go by!” “God's promise has been fulfilled” Pedro replied. *“For He shall give His angels charge over thee to keep thee in all thy ways.”* Ps. 91:11.

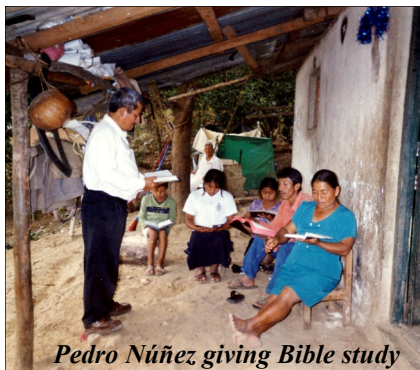
After this incident, village leaders observed Pedro in awe from a distance, wondering at the power of his God. Pedro continued visiting El Jardín, meeting with believers week after week. The church grew to 96 members.

During this time the members of another church listened to Pedro's messages in their homes each Sabbath, which they could hear broadcast over a battery-operated loud-



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speaker. They become interested in the Adventist message, but their leaders told them to ignore the “false teachings of the Sabbatarian cult.” However, some became convinced that Saturday is the true day of worship according to the Bible.



Pedro Núñez giving Bible study

In order to convince their members that this was false, the church leaders confronted Pedro, but they were unable to find any texts in the Bible sanctifying Sunday. As Pedro shared the Bible truth, they felt convicted. They returned to their members and told them they had been in error on one point of the Law of God. A majority of the members of the other church became Sabbath-keepers. They were delighted to find a church that believes in all the teachings of the Bible. They decided they would continue to meet in the same building, and just change the name of their church to "Iglesia Adventista."

Within less than a year this village of 315 inhabitants changed from being a village of murderers to an example of the power of the true Gospel! Pedro's son, Moisés, wants to follow his father's footsteps and study theology. *See Moisés' story on page one.*

Author's note: the above incidents happened in 1983. Before becoming paralyzed, I accompanied the District Pastor to El Jardín to verify the details of this remarkable story. I spoke with the would-be murderers, who assured me that Pedro indeed had walked past them invisibly and inaudibly – and there was no other path he could have taken through that dense forest. I stayed in the hut of the village Commissioner and his family, their lives completely changed by the power of God. I preached in two packed churches on Sabbath morning, and heard talk of establishing a third Adventist church. Peace, hope and joy radiated from the faces of the villagers. El Jardín – “The Garden” – is full of flowers and fruits for the Kingdom, resulting from seeds planted by our devoted laymen and supporters cooperating with our Heavenly Father!



La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital Administrator's Corner

By Grant McPherson

The Faith of an Eleven Year old Boy

La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital was started in 1973 by Dr. Raymond Mundall to provide quality health care for the people of Belize, Central America. That desire on the part of Dr. and Mrs. Mundall and their family still governs our operating philosophy today. As a matter of fact, La Loma Luz today is considered to be one of the top hospitals in this region of Central America.

About six months ago I had the opportunity to visit one of the remote villages of Belize, Valley of Peace. I was introduced to two young girls, both of which had significant health concerns. After talking with their primary school principal and visiting the local clinic, it became very clear to me that even basic first aid supplies were very limited if even available. On my return to La Loma Luz after my second visit, a dream was developed. The dream is for La Loma Luz to partner with Mission Projects, Inc., to provide a First Aid kit to every primary school within the borders of Belize. Your initial reaction might be that this can't be done. As administrator of La Loma Luz, I am convicted that this can be done.

At our recent MPI board meeting in College Place, Washington, the board voted unanimously to support this project. And our first donation in the sum of \$10 came from an eleven year old boy! Joshua Ballance thought that this was such a good idea that he wanted to be the first to start making this project a success.

So how much do we need? \$15,000. From whom would we like to receive these funds? My wife and I are both 58 years of age and would like to challenge our generation



to make this happen. I am fully aware that most of you, but not all, who read this are older than Ardis and me, and we will happily accept your support for this project. I am asking that at your local church, school, place of employment, civic club, country club, anywhere, that you tell those younger than yourself about this project. If each person receiving this newsletter told four others about this project, I have no doubt about the success.

So what do we want each donor to do? It is our suggestion that each individual, family, or business donate \$50.00. So with just 300 donors, we will have our goal.

So what is La Loma Luz going to do? The staff of the hospital has accepted the challenge of preparing these First Aid kits. Yes we could purchase prepared kits but we will be able to do more if we make the kits ourselves.

It is my prayer that Joshua's happiness becomes your happiness. This story and dream reminds me of another small boy who had a small lunch and look what the Lord did with that small offering.

I have full confidence that this project will be a huge success, so I am promising you that in future issues we will keep you posted, and I am sure that out of this will come some very special stories that will warm our hearts. Thanks in advance for your support personally and for your willingness to reach out to younger folks who are not currently involved with Mission Projects Inc.

"I was really happy give this money knowing that it could help other kids with a first-aid kit. \$10 is really not very much money but it can help a lot! I hope that other kids will want to help out too and feel as good as I did."



Joshua Ballance, age 11

African Lay Workers

A Builder Understands the State of the Dead

*By: Waluka Muyunda
Bible worker in Northwestern Province, Zambia*

Riverside Bible worker program has produced a brick-layer for the SDA church in Manyinga area in the North-western Zambia. As I knocked on doors visiting people for Bible studies, I decided to start a series of Bible lessons with Mr. Giddis Muzele. Giddis is a bright young man who has a very good spiritual insight. However, from a distance, he seemed to be a person who had no interest in spiritual matters.

Giddis was dissatisfied with the way many churches present the subject on the state of the dead and other Bible teachings. Because of this, he left his church and joined several other churches, finding that the immortality of the soul is advocated by all.

He reasoned: If the dead go to heaven at death then a good murderer who can kill many people or the whole world at once would do a tremendous job to speed up peoples' entrance into heaven. He further reasoned: If this be the case, then Jesus is not a Savior and murder not sin. Everyone needs to kill someone so that he can then go to heaven. Hence everything that brings death should not be avoided but encouraged. Giddis reasoned from common sense that when a person dies, he goes back to the soil not to heaven. From that time he stopped going to any church and became more resentful to religious matters.

I went to his house to start a series of Bible studies with him and I took with me a small notebook in which I wrote down all the passages of Scripture.



After each study, I wrote the heading of the next study on the following page and he kept the book. Before long, Giddis walked to church on the Sabbath and was baptized the following month.

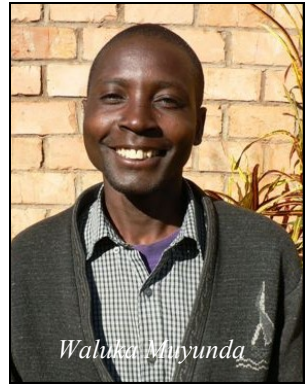
When the Manyinga SDA church group bought a plot to build a permanent church building, Giddis humbly offered himself to build the church, free of charge.

He said: “I have been a sinner for many years. I lived life without God. I thank the Lord for His grace. Let my hands build the Lord’s house.” Tears were almost flowing out of my eyes when Giddis repeated the same words during his visit at my house. Giddis is now hoping to be a Bible worker connected with Riverside Farm Institute.

I recently gave him a New King James Holy Bible which I got from Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Dorman at Riverside Wellness Center. Giddis was supposed to be in the evangelism intake at Riverside, running from Feb-May 2006, but he could not make it due to the church building program and other family problems. At present he is building the Manyinga SDA church structure. Riverside is sponsoring the project. This will be the first permanent church building of its kind in the history of the SDA church in Kabompo district of the Northwestern Zambia. This will be such a powerful tool of evangelism.

Manyinga and Kabompo are two small little towns in the Northwestern part of Zambia. There are no proper church buildings in the vast Northwestern Zambia and most of the areas are still unentered. The church being built by Giddis in Manyinga town will be the first in this part of Zambia.

Thank you, MPI, friends and families all over the world for your prayers and support to Riverside Bible workers program.



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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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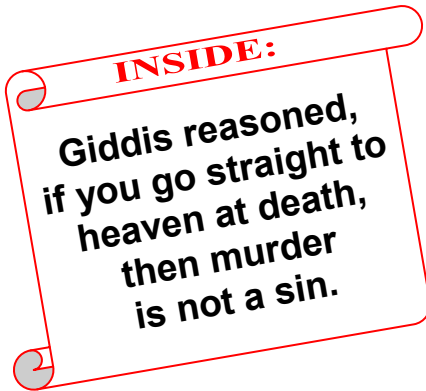
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