



MPI UPDATE

Mission Projects, Inc

November-December, 2009

In 2009 through August, Bible worker teams in Peru have:

- **Helped existing churches enter 15 new villages**
- **BW teams have entered 7 additional new villages**
- **Launch team has entered 2 new villages** *(cont page 3,4)*



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Keeping You Informed in 2009



Ed MacKenzie
MPI President

The President's Corner

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do with thy might; For there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.
Ecclesiastes 9:10

Dear MPI Supporters,

I just finished emailing our contact in the Philippines regarding some structural upgrades for five Churches. For the most part these are not major upgrades. They include:

1. Floors that need leveled and tiled.
2. New walls to extend the width and the length of the Church.
3. Roofing changes to allow for better ventilation, (very important in the Philippines) and
4. Interior and exterior plastering and painting.

I am always amazed how thankful these people are for the little that we do for them. To us these upgrades would be seemingly minor improvements. But for our Philippine friends, they are always so very thankful and happy for everything that is done in their behalf. Their joy and happiness is literally beyond words. King Solomon said that "A merry heart doeth good [like] a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones." Proverbs 17:22

At the moment, we are in route to Belize where Mission Projects will soon be involved with 37 One-day Churches. Many individuals will come and go as the buildings progress. As in the Philippines, it will give our Belizean members a sense of well being, especially for those who do not presently have a Church to worship in. It will also give a sense of well being for those who contribute their time and energy and finances in support of the onsite construction. The same is true for each one of you, our members, as you have financially and prayerfully supported this outreach program. Each of you should also have a sense of well being for the work that will be accomplished. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

This event is scheduled to be filmed together with other Mission Project happenings. We will let you know when it will be available for distribution.

In His Service, Ed MacKenzie

The MacKenzie's travel internationally, conducting Lay Evangelism Campaigns. 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.

Lay Workers in Peru

By: Edie Mulvihill

We have been working up to this year for several years: first planting churches, then making disciples, and now this year we have focused on outreach. First, taking those disciples from existing churches with leadership, training them, and then taking them by the hand and physically going to a nearby village without Adventist presence, and knocking on doors to offer prayer and Bible studies. As you know, this is with two goals in mind: first, to fortify existing church membership by sharing what they know, and second, involving themselves in the Great Commission, and exponentially planting more churches. ♦



Reyner offers Bible to villager

MPI Board Meeting Notice

This is to advise that the December MPI Board Meeting at La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital in Belize has been changed to Monday and Tuesday, **December 28 & 29, 2009.**

We have several that are planning to be with us for this event.

There are a number of activities going on at the Hospital in December and January. **December 4-19, Share Him will be conducting 17 Evangelism Campaigns.** Some MPI members will be involved. **A group from Othello, Washington will be on site from Dec 22-Jan 4 to work on the Shop construction.** The group includes Jon Mundall, son of the Hospitals founder Raymond Mundall. Jon and his wife have not seen the Hospital in many years. It was still a jungle when they left. **Several will come and go during December & January as the work on 37 One-day Churches moves forward.** Jerry Harris and his assistants including Gene Witzel beside many volunteers will be involved with this project.

If you have not been to La Loma Luz in a long time, this would be a great time to come. This may be the last time our Board will meet in Belize, as our members age. **Please join us if you can.**

Mozambique Report

By: Ruth MacKenzie, October 24, 2009

Dear Family and Friends, What a day! Today was the climax of our stay here in Chokwe, Mozambique. There was a dedication service for the new church and a baptism for the 4 evangelism campaigns at the new church. The church was packed and so was the new “One-Day Church” for the children. The “One-Day Church” will be finished by the local people. Maranatha and SAGE put up the support structure and the roof. There is native material there to build the walls.



The baptistery (right) is in back of the church. I watched as all 77 were baptized. There were three women that the Devil did not want to let go of. When they stepped down into the baptistery they each one started to shake. The pastor prayed and all the people around the pool sang very loud. Finally the shaking stopped and the pastor baptized them. One of them had to be baptized twice!



The third one was young (late teens or 20) When she came out of the pool there was a victory song and several people lifted her up and went singing and dancing away with her.

Before the baptism there was a burning of the Devil worship articles like certain clothes of red or black. In the village there are several small round huts by the houses. These are used for Devil worship so these too will be burned.



The Chief of Matuba (left), which was our site, was baptized. This is very good because he will have a great influence on his people. There is a group of about 70 people worshipping there in Matuba each Sabbath under a tree by a member's mud hut

(below). I think 20 of the 77 baptized are for Matuba so that makes a nice sized group. One of our SAGE members donated money in memory of her husband to build a “One-Day Church” there in Matuba. And SAGE pledged money to build one more church. The pastor and members were so happy for this. Thank you for all your prayers and support. ♦



Greetings from S. Africa's Kruger Park

By: Ruth MacKenzie

October 26, 2009

We arrived here last evening. This is a very fancy place. After we got signed in we had dinner then went for a night tour. We saw a couple lazy lions, elephants, a puff adder snake, a tortoise, rabbits, impalas, and other animals. This morning (6AM) the bunch of us got into 3 tall land rovers for another tour. Six of us bird watchers got into one with a driver that knew the birds quite well. We saw a LOT of new birds. One was quite rare, only 25 pair in all of Kruger Park.



It was a ground hornbill. It is large, black with red around its head. The guide says it takes 9 years to raise a chick.

We also saw baboons, monkeys, rhinos, giraffes, several from the deer family, elephants crocodiles and many other interesting things.

They have wireless here but it isn't working. We had a hard thunderstorm and rain during dinner last night. Maybe that is why. So if and when it comes back on I will send this.

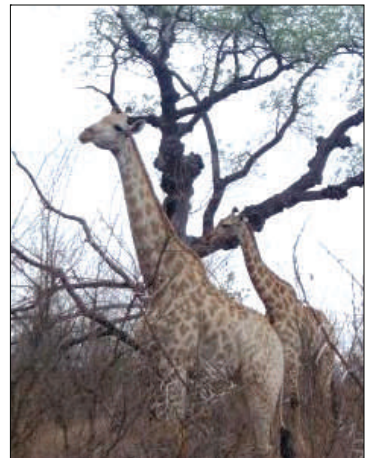


Coming here yesterday was very hot; over 100 I think but today was very cool. Our coats



and blankets felt good all day. There is another tour planned for 5:30 tomorrow morning.

Tuesday, October 27, 5:45 PM. We had another good tour and added a few more birds and a leopard. It was in a tree resting. It got up and stretched then lay back down. ♦



God Speaks to a Rich Man in Zambia

Mr. Fredrick Shebwela was known to be one of the richest men here in this area and was married to 13 wives. The man had nothing in need and no time for religion or God. He had more than 300 workers on his farm and a lot of animals. We had tried to make several appointments with him in the past and every time he has refused. We had tried to send him some books like steps to Christ and Desire of Ages, but he just refused these and said that he had not time for God.

We asked God to give us a chance and an opening into his heart. It so happened that during our evangelist meeting, one of his sons died. Here God gave us 3 days consecutively to speak at the funeral house. Everyone listened carefully and as we are told in Rom 10:17, things started to change. This change was not only with Fredrick but even with his wives. Four of his wives approached him requesting to leave him, for now as in light of the scriptures they realized that they are living in sin. To everyone's surprise, he had no problem letting them go, since they chose to follow God. When the other 8 saw that they also requested to leave and he accepted that. This happened during the last week of our meetings. Fredrick had not missed any of the meetings, including the 3 held at his home during the funeral. As his home was about 200m from the meetings.

When it came time for the day of the baptism we did not have water to use other than what he had on his farm for his animals. He witnessed the 308 people that gave their lives to God in baptism including 11 of his former wives. An appeal was made by the pastor at the end for others that would like to follow God in baptism. He put his hand up and requested to be baptized as well, but now! He took his baptismal vows and was baptized. That was May 02 at the age of 87.

The following day, Sunday May 03 he died in a road accident. I know that he died in Christ and when the trumpet sounds on that Glorious day, Fredrick will come forth with the others that died in Christ, then unto eternal life.

By: Meiring Pretorius ♦

From Beer Drinking to Bible Studying

*Our God is calling sinners to come to Him and He will cleanse them.
Isaiah 1:18*

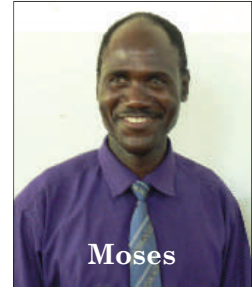
I went to visit our Vice Headman, William Mudenda, to make an appointment with him for studying the Bible. He told me to come on Saturday between 2 and 4 PM. So, on that day I went, carrying my Bible and other books that would assist me in my study. As I was walking, I asked the Holy Spirit to be with me.

When I passed by one of the homes on the way I saw many people sitting together and noticed they were drinking a local beer called Chibuku. This house was the place people gathered on Saturday for beer-drinking and many of them were drunk that day. I decided not to waste time since I needed to get to my appointment. Sadly, I saw the Vice Headman coming toward me drunk. He told me that I must not return back, but continue on to his house and wait for him until he was done with the business of drinking. Then he would come and have the Bible study. I went to his house and waited until the appointed hours had

come and gone. He did not come so we again arranged to have a study on Wednesday. When the day arrived, I started on my way and found the Vice Headman at another home and again found him drunk. I just returned back home again. In our family prayers we would pray for this man so that a time could be arranged to begin studying with him.

After four attempts to have a study, I yet again found him at the same place drunk. I decided to just start the Bible study right there at the house where the beer drinking was taking place. After I read a few verses, he came to me and told me that he decided to go back to his house with me. We arrived there where we were met by his wife and six children. We had a study and afterwards decided on another day to meet. That day came, and as I arrived at his house, I found two other families there that he had invited. They were all sitting there waiting for me. After the study, I offered to give him a Bible, which he gladly accepted. Every time we meet for a study I find him reading the Bible. Now he is in the business of Bible studying versus beer drinking. He calls me to come and give him Bible studies and is no longer found at the houses of beer drinking. He and his family desire to be baptized.

By: Moses Mweemba (Zambia) ◆



Moses

Saved in the Last Hour

As I was in a certain village involved in door-to-door evangelism, I found a young lady by the name of Angela. She had been ill for a long time suffering from cancer. She welcomed me in so we entered into a conversation together. I shared Romans 5:8 with her explaining that while we were yet sinners, Jesus died for us. We then had prayer for her. Her sickness started over one year ago so by this time she had been taken to a number of different hospitals for treatment, but with no results. The disease had reached its climax and eventually she was brought back home.

She used to attend the Evangelical Church of Zambia but later joined the Pentecostal Holiness church. Eventually she stopped attending any church because of her sickness. I continued to visit her with my fellow church members, along with the Dorcas mothers. By the mercy of the Lord, she confessed her sins and surrendered her life to Jesus and accepted Him as her personal Savior. Four days later she died so we helped make arrangements for her funeral and then attended the grave site for her burial. We had the church choir sing through out the night and had messages and hymns. I can see now that her death really had a purpose similar to the man who was born blind. The disciples asked Jesus, "Teacher, who did sin, this man or his parents that he was born blind? Jesus answered, "Neither has this man sinned, nor his parents but that the works of God should be made manifest in him." John 9:1-4 Her death resulted in many souls being won to Christ, including the entire household of the deceased one. Her mother, grandmother, brother, and others are currently coming to church.



Christopher

By: Christopher Makumba (Zambia) ◆

God Prepares a Place in Peru

By: Carlos Franco

Our next trip was to Santa Rosa de Masisea. While preparing for our trip we started praying, asking the Lord to prepare a place because we didn't know anyone in this village. [*Editor's note: in most of these small villages there is no form of hotel to rent a place to sleep. You have to stay at someone's house.*] The day to travel arrived and just as we were waiting for our motokar to take us to catch our boat, my uncle arrived. We exchanged pleasantries and he asked me where we were going. After hearing it was Santa Rosa he asked with whom we were going to stay and I had to admit that I didn't know because we didn't know anyone there. He then told me to look for his friend, Mr. Garcia, and that he was sure he would open his door to us.

We arrived in Santa Rosa about 9 pm, after eight hours traveling by boat. In this village there is no electricity and it was very dark. At this hour most people are sleeping. Two youth came to the port to see who had arrived. With their help we located Mr. Garcia and after a brief explanation he opened his home to us for the night.

The next morning we explained more fully who we were and our mission in Santa Rosa. He was so happy! He shared with us that a year ago he and his family had been through a tragedy. Through this tragedy they had remembered the Lord, and since that time they had been praying for someone to come teach them more about the Lord. He said that he knows he is a sinner, but believed that even in his sinful state the Lord would hear his prayer. He praised the Lord for answering his prayer and invited us to stay in his home as long as necessary! We then shared with him how we had prayed that the Lord would prepare a place for us to stay and how the Lord had led us to his house. Together we praised the Lord for answering our prayers!

During our time in Santa Rosa we were able to give Bible studies to the couple and their six children. All six children were baptized, but the couple is waiting the opportunity to be legally married. They assure us that they are proceeding in this course. We continue to pray for them, that they will be strong and continue forward in learning more about a Lord that can answer two people's prayers using each other!



Carlos Franco giving Bible study



Huichol Tribe Outreach in Mexico

By: Pastor/Pilot Dagoberto Cirilo

***Editor's note:** Viridiana Zazueta began working with the Huichol people in Mexico in September, 2009. Having recently graduated from Montemorelos University, Viridiana has skills that are greatly needed. Pastor Dagoberto goes as often as possible, but he's not there long enough to reinforce the theology as much as he'd like. All of the believers are nearly illiterate, doing the best they can with a low level of reading skill. So Viridiana's work is much appreciated among the new Huichol believers.*

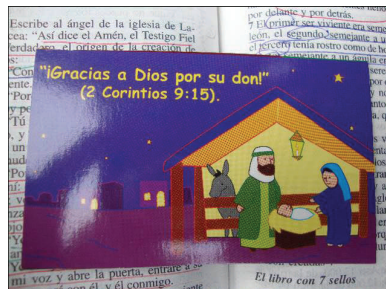
The below visual aid representing the birth of Jesus was to be of help for the first participation of Viridiana among the Huichol people. From then she was going to talk about God's Gift to men. What happened then? Something went wrong! When asking the children what the image on the little card represented, Viridiana could not continue as planned because the Huicholes know the story about Jesus on the cross, but were not familiar with Jesus' birth.

How could this be possible? Well, I was so focused on talking to them about the Son of God who died to save us that I overlooked telling them about Jesus becoming a human to pay the price of our salvation. Now I realize the importance of starting at the very beginning, sharing the story of baby Jesus.

Then on the second visit to the same group of children, a story board was improvised and the class that began with four children ended up with seven. The mothers are very pleased for the attention provided to their children. And now the foundation is being laid for the Church of tomorrow. ♦



Our missionary Viridiana Zazueta is a Special Education teacher. She really needs our prayers.



This little card resulted in confusion at first!



Now the children have a better understanding of the Bible thanks to Viridiana!

Worthy Student Aid

Desiring to be a Missionary

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am a 22 year old Christian young woman, and student of Nutrition in the University of Montemorelos, Mexico.

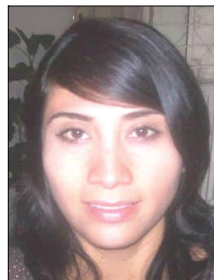
When I was a little girl I felt how God was with me, and He is still in my life. I had hard times in my life when my parents divorced. My mother left me when I was one year old with my father and sisters. When my father married again, he left us 8 brothers and sisters alone, so we had to learn how to work to survive and study in Christian schools. When I was eleven years old I started work and in the junior high school I studied during hard times. When I finished the junior high school, I was not able to go for two years because we didn't have money.

Then one day while praying, an idea came to my mind to go to the University of Montemorelos to finish my school. My friends and my family told me it was a crazy idea because that school is only for rich people and I can never finish college. But I decided to go and try. I worked in the summer time selling books in different states. There were really hard times and I felt like giving up. But something inside me told me "Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God" (Isaiah 41:10). God said, I will never leave you alone.

I am now ready to start the third year of Nutrition. I missed one year already because of not enough money, therefore I have few subjects each year. I need to pay back fees to the school so they will let me continue next semester. So I'm selling books, but I'm not having much success. My wish is to keep going so I can help the people with health problems who really need it. I want to tell the people how God has worked in my life and that everybody has a hope. I wish, when I finish college go to a different country as a missionary to help who need it and tell them about God.

Throughout these years God has used different persons to bless my life. My situation is so difficult, but I trust in God's ways and know He can use people to help my dreams come true and to help with love.

Sincerely, *Dulce Patricia Andrade*



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

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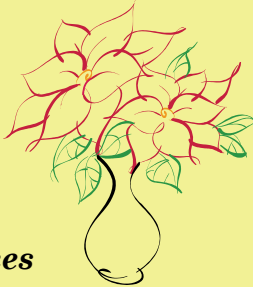
Due to the One-Day-Church project in Belize, year end receipts will not be mailed out until sometime in February. If you need year end information before that please email me at jharris4@frontiernet.net. I will be in Belize from December 1 to February 1 and won't have regular e-mail access but will respond as I can.

Memorial Gifts



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By Ruth Wiebold



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