



# MPI UPDATE

Mission Projects, Inc November-December, 2010



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## Moving ahead in 2010



**Ed MacKenzie**  
**MPI President**

# Partners - Co-Laborers

*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, (even) unto the end of the world. Amen. Matthew 28:19 & 20*

## ***Dear MPI Supporters,***

When you think about it, life is made up of many partnerships. Marriage, business ventures, employment and so on. God asks us to be co-laborers (partners) with Him. What an awesome privilege!

As we approach the end of the year, I would like to take a moment to recognize those organizations that Mission Projects partners with as we work together to take the gospel into the entire world.

Our partners include:

- Adopt-A-Minister, (Lay Workers in the Philippines and Thailand)
- Adventist Health International Services, (Management oversight for La Loma Luz Hospital)
- Adventist-laymen's Services & Industries (ASI)
- Amistad International, (Humanitarian work around the world)
- Day Star Adventist Academy, Utah
- Eden Valley Foster Care Mission, Tanzania
- La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital
- Linda Vista University, Mexico
- Maranatha Volunteers International, (One-day Churches and Schools)
- Montemorelos University, Mexico
- Outpost Centers International (OCI)
- Peru Projects
- Riverside Farms, Zambia
- Share Him, (Lay Evangelism).

In addition we thank God for all of our Officers and Board Members; Lay Workers; Prayer and Financial supporters like you. Together, with God as our Senior Partner, we are making a positive difference in our world. People's needs are being met; lives are being changed, including ours; hundreds are coming to the foot of the cross and are being baptized. *Thank you* each one for the part that you play as we all partner together "In His Service."

*Ed MacKenzie*

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

# 45 Pastors Baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church!

*By Pastor Romulo Tuballes*

**District leader of the adopted ministers of SMM**

## ***45 Former Protestant Pastors Baptized into the Seventh-day-Adventist Church in Southern Mindanao Mission, Philippines!***

**John 10:16....And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.**

In 2006, Pastor Elmer Romano, adopted minister of Southern Mindanao Mission (SMM) under the sponsorship of Adopt a Minister International, was assigned in Colombio, a neglected and shunned area. Shunned because this troubled and dangerous place is where many NPA (National People's Army) and MILF (Moro Islamic Liberation Front - Muslim group in the Philippines) that fight the Philippine Military live. Colombio is a war zone and for this reason, Colombio has not been evangelized by Adventists since 1985.

Another adopted minister, Pastor William Galagnara, was assigned to work in the scenic and peaceful mountainous area of Lake Sebu. This is the place of the Tboli people.

In the early years of 2000, there was a General Baptist Bible Institute in the village of Lamhaku of the Tboli people. Many Baptist students graduated from this Institute but then, the school closed and Rey Santos, the school dean, and Nonoy Donding, professor of theology, suddenly found themselves without jobs and no place to go; they resorted to farming. Santos stayed in Lamhaku while Donding went to Colombio. In 2006 when Pastor Romano visited Colombio for the first time, he met Donding and some residents there. Friendships between Pastor Romano and the residents ensued. Pastor Romano held evangelistic meetings and many were baptized, which included the municipal and barangay officials, an NPA leader and tribal Blaans. Donding, former Baptist pastor, was not in the baptismal group at that time but was studying new Bible truths with much interest.

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La Loma Luz is a well-equipped, modern hospital as you can see from this photo of the new dialysis center. We invite you to contribute to its safety by donating to the fence that will surround the hospital and grounds.

Total raised so far: \$45,100. Needed: \$90,000



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It was then when Pastor Romano asked Adopt a Minister International for funds to build a church for the new congregation of Colombio. We raised over \$5,000 (thanks to the sponsors) and a beautiful church was built.

In the latter part of 2008, an American evangelist held evangelistic meetings at Southern Mindanao Mission. Donding, the former professor of the General Baptist Bible Institute at Lamhaku, Tboli, South Cotabato was baptized together with hundreds of others.

On the other hand, Pastor Galagnara in Lake Sebu had befriended the residents, including the elders and pastors of the protestant churches there. He organized a Bible-sharing group that meets once a month.

In December 2008 -January 2009, an evangelist held meetings in Lake Sebu, which resulted in the baptism of many, including 27 pastors of protestant churches. As the months went by, many members of the protestant churches and more pastors decided to accept the Advent message in its entirety until the number of pastors baptized went up to 35. Six new churches were built for the new congregations.

In 2009, over 6,000 precious souls were baptized in Southern Mindanao Mission. (There are 18 local missions in the Philippines).

The 45 formerly protestant pastors baptized into Adventism are not only from the areas of Lake Sebu, Tboli and Banga but also in other areas of Southern Mindanao Mission. In the district of Lebak, three former protestant pastors were baptized under the leadership of adopted minister, Pastor Juanito Dote. A month ago, Pastor Romulo Tuballes baptized three other protestant pastors. And last Sabbath (August 28, 2010), the SMM President baptized one protestant pastor. And this 18th of September, the baptisms of three other protestant pastors are scheduled in Tboli.

A PREACH Seminar for the 40 former protestant pastors baptized into Adventism is ongoing and by the end of this year, the course will be finished and we are praying for more former protestant pastor baptisms. Those protestant pastors baptized were the students of Donding, former Baptist theology professor. Today these pastors are now actively working as volunteer lay workers in established SDA churches winning their own people (former protestant brethren) to Christ.

What is Southern Mindanao Mission doing now:

1. SMM holds one-day-quarterly meetings for the former protestant pastors - now Adventists (fppna). What do fppna get? Free breakfast and lunch and refunded fare to and back to their stations.

2. SMM gives the children of the "former protestant pastors turned Adventists" opportunities to attend high school (Wallace Academy, Saskatchewan, SULADS schools) and College (Adventist College of Technology).

What is SMM campaigning for:

1. \$20 donation per month for each of the 45 pastors (fppna) for their food and travel (to and from) to attend the monthly workers' meetings.
2. Garden tools and vegetable seeds.
3. Battery-operated lamps and flashlights for evangelistic meetings in the dark nights of the mountains.
4. Horses, shoes and white uniforms.
5. And most important of all - to purchase a 2-hectare property for a MISSION STATION - to build an ADVENTIST LAYMAN BIBLE INSTITUTE and Fellowship Center with a model farm for livelihood projects - to train the fppna to become future Adventist lay pastors to win more souls and establish Adventist churches in these areas.
  - a. 2-hectare land will cost \$1500
  - b. Classrooms and shade-houses \$3500
  - c. Camera
  - d. 4x4 Vehicle (not priority-just a dream)

Please help us achieve these goals for our Lord. Please give to Adopt a Minister Int'l and designate for SMM Layman Bible Institute.  
Thank you so much! *(Used by permission of Adopt a Minister Int'l.)* ♦





# Huichol Project

## Worshipping with the Persecuted

by Fred Adams

**D**ressed in vivid traditional clothing, the two Huichol Indian farmers came forward during the outdoor church service with a simple request. In their hands they brought bags of corn—the first of their harvest.

Living high in the Sierra Madre mountains of Mexico, these Huichol Indians have maintained a relatively unchanged way of life, and tradition is very important. Christianity gradually entered the region, and in 1989, MPI first brought Bible workers to the area. MPI currently sponsors Lucas Ortiz, a Huichol pastor who works among his own people.

Our Cessna 206 mission plane circled the village of San Miguel and landed on the rough dirt airstrip. My wife Diana and I, along with nurse Corrie Sample were on a quick trip to encounter firsthand the challenges facing Adventists of the Huichol tribe.



*Dagoberto & Corrie loading Fred into mission plane.*

We met with a group of two dozen Adventist believers gathered in a small clearing surrounded by banana, guava, mango and avocado trees. Some walked up to four hours to get there. Their

faces radiated happy smiles as we worshipped together.

Hidden behind those smiles was the painful reality that as Christians, their fellow townspeople no longer considered them to be true Huichols. They no longer worship the earth, sun, corn and deer as deities. They refuse to drink *Tejuino*, a corn beer used on traditional feast days. Believers are often called before the village leaders where they are reprimanded and threatened. Adventists in another community were forced to abandon their houses and flee because they refused to grow marijuana and keep the traditional festivals.

I inquired why they chose to leave their old ways, knowing they would be persecuted.



*Pastor Cirilo stands with Huichol women to whom he has ministered.*



*Pastor Lucas Ortiz with mother and sister and her baby*

They simply responded, “When we got sick, the Shaman demanded large payments and could not heal us. The Adventists showed us God’s true love by providing health care, garden seeds, clean water, and teaching us how to be healthy.” The folks also shared how they are retaining all the positive aspects of their culture – traditional dress, colorful embroidered handicrafts, intricate

beadwork and their unique dialect.

As we prepared to leave, two men brought bags of corn. “This is a festive weekend when our people worship corn as a god.” they said.

“We can no longer participate in the traditional festival, but we want to retain our cultural ways.

Would you please pray and thank

the true God who created the corn?” So everyone knelt around the ears of corn as Pastor Cirilo prayed.



*The Huichol kneel in a prayer of thanks for God’s blessings.*

Lucas Ortiz currently nurtures this small group of believers, who in turn reach out to their neighbors. Pastor Cirilo provides air support with the mission plane, sponsored in part by MPI’s sister organization Amistad International. Your prayers and donations make it possible to reach these remote people, making a difference in their lives – for eternity!

MPI hopes to continue to impact the San Miguel community by providing a center for practical training in manual arts, for which \$5,000 is needed. This connection will also nurture a bond between the villagers and the local Adventist church, opening doors for further witnessing.

*Fred Adams is a quadriplegic who became paralyzed in a construction accident in 1987 while serving at Colegio Linda Vista in south Mexico. He finds fulfillment in providing communication, translation and web page services for several mission organizations. He is grateful that he never once got dropped during the many times he was loaded and unloaded from vehicles and the mission plane during this trip!*

# Mien Work in Thailand

*by Ruth Mackenzie with Brian Wilson*

Dear Mrs. Mackenzie,

Below is an e-mail from a self-supporting missionary (Juhn) who is working with the Mien people. His request is for \$100 of gas money per month. Since he is 1 1/2 hours away from one of the Mien church plants and about 4 hours away from the other. Please take his request to your friends. Juhn supports his family by teaching English at a school in the city. He visits the Mien on weekends.

God bless, Brian

(from Juhn)

Dear Sir Brian,

I'm glad about your huge dreams of having Thai Adventist mag. I Might contribute sometimes if I'm welcome and my time allows. By the way, God has led us to successfully finish the Mien Christian movie with the goal to help finish the gospel work among the Mien people around the globe. <http://mienmovieministry.multiply.com/>

Do you know anyone who would love to support the Mien work? At this moment we are financially tight that I feel the need to ask support from others.

I need gas money to go for mission at least 3,000 baht a month. (about \$100.00 US) I'm poor and I can't handle all of this. I'm shy to ask but because I feel I belong to a church which should help me carry the burden God has put on my shoulder. Then I share my burdens to you and I wouldn't need help if I just can handle this alone with God.

I also need thousands of blank DVDs so we can give this out for FREE! We will bring our Mien church members to the Mien villages so they can help distribute the movie. Each mien family should have one so they will know God. I can't handle buying thousands of blank DVDs. There are hundreds of Mien villages around Thailand alone.

Blank DVDs should be sent at this address

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Or if the Translation center has duplicator already, is there any possibility to reproduce the movie there?

Should there be any questions please feel free to contact me.

In Jesus,

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Phayao, Thailand

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*La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital, in Belize, is looking for a couple of missionary minded Physicians; an Internist and also a Surgeon.*

*If you or someone you know would be interested, please contact the Hospital's Administrator, Mr. Grant McPherson at: [mcperson\\_grant@hotmail.com](mailto:mcperson_grant@hotmail.com)*

*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 Cor 9:6,7*

## A Future Gift *is* a Planned Gift

Does your **present** financial situation seem to prevent you from supporting Mission Projects, Inc. this year? We have some good news; you can still support your favorite project through a **future** gift. Helping you make plans for a future gift is the essence of our Planned Giving Department. Let us show you how easily this can be done through one or more of the following methods:

- Name Mission Projects, Inc. as a beneficiary of your IRA or 401 (k) retirement plan
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- Name Mission Projects, Inc. as a beneficiary of your investment/ brokerage account or life insurance policies
- Transfer valuables such as stamp, coin or antique collections to us through a simple change to your documents

Perhaps you need more income now or for your anticipated retirement. We even offer **future** gift options that will pay you a generous, fixed income NOW for as long as you live; provide immediate income tax relief and ultimately provide funds for Mission Projects, Inc.

To learn more, contact our Planned Giving department today at 866-356-5595.

# Worthy Student Aid

*By Nilson Beltrán*

My name is Nilson Beltran and I am 22 years old. I am originally from Venezuela South America. I'm a missionary and Theology student at Montemorelos University in Mexico.

More than 10 years ago I made the decision to serve and follow Jesus. I was baptized at age 13 without the approval of my parents. I was the only Adventist Christian in my home, and wanted to serve God and perform missionary work. I had to go through much hardships. My family despised me. My father hated me and forced me to work Sabbaths. I had much pain and they were very difficult years, with receiving many taunts and insults. But the love of God and the hope that someday I would work as a missionary gave me strength to not be discouraged.



At age 16 I was invited to conduct an evangelistic campaign of two weeks; it was a big challenge. I accepted, but even my pastor scorned me for being too young and inexperienced. God gave me the opportunity to do this campaign where 5 people were baptized. Now I was more sure that my dream would become a reality.

God opened the door for me to go to Mexico and study Theology. I worked hard until late at night, looking for many ways to get money to continue studying. I currently serve as associate pastor in a district, giving home and family seminars, and selling books.

You are the means God used to make the dream of many people come true. Thank you for your good heart and be sure that God has a reward as you help this servant. *"Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ."* Philippians 1:6.

***Nilson Beltrán***

## ***Notice of Mission Projects Spring 2011 Board Meeting***

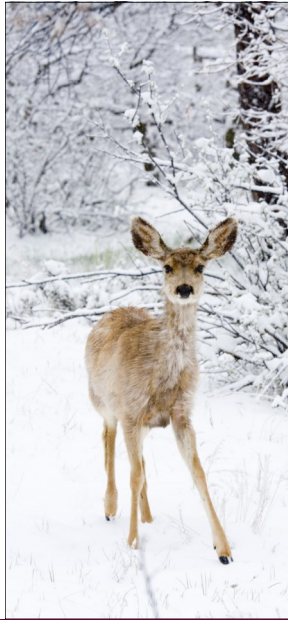
The next MPI Board Meeting is scheduled to be held at Day Star Adventist Academy over the weekend of March 12, 2011. The meeting itself will take place on Sunday morning, March 13, 2011, starting at 9 AM and will finish up Monday morning, if need be. Anyone who would like to attend is welcome.

# Memorial Gifts

## At Rest

**Summerton, Rose**

*By Gwen Emmerson*



Since there are many students needing assistance, your Student Aid contributions are placed in a General Fund and distributed uniformly among those with the greatest need and potential. *Thank you!*

## MEMORIAL & SPECIAL OCCASION GIVING

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**Send to: M.P.I. ♦ P.O. Box 504, College Place, WA 99324**

Please send me additional memorial forms (Number) \_\_\_\_\_

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## Moving ahead in 2010

**Mission Projects, Incorporated** (MPI) is a supporting organization of the Seventh-day Adventist church, dedicated to spreading the Gospel by way of medical, educational, and evangelistic endeavors.

MPI works in complete harmony with local Conferences and Missions, does not accept tithe, and is a member of Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries (ASI) and Outpost Centers International (OCI).

### YES—COUNT ME IN!

*Please return this card with your tax-deductible donation to:*

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*Indicate amount donated to each fund*

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\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Worthy Student Fund

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