

Mission Projects, Inc.



# MPI Update

Making a Difference for Eternity

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# Seeing the Unseen in 2013



*Ed MacKenzie, President*

# No Place To Run, No Place To Hide

Dear MPI Supporters,

This was the situation for many Filipinos during the recent Typhoon that swept across the central Philippines. There was a great loss of life, property, crops, and employment. Some of those who were in the worst-hit areas have been able to relocate, while others have not. Like Haiti, it will take many years for these people to be able to rebuild their homes and lives. Our hearts go out to all of these people.

We were happy to learn that none of our Filipino friends lost their lives. Some reported that they had family members living elsewhere, who experienced substantial damage to their personal property and homes. In some cases all that was left was the slab under their house!

In calamities like these, people often ask, where was God? How would you respond to this question?

We know that when the Earth was totally destroyed by a great flood that only eight people survived including Noah and his wife and their three sons and their wives. The scriptures tell us that people on the Earth were destroyed by the flood because the Earth was full of violence and corruption. (Genesis 6:11-12)

Matthew 24 tells us about many things that would happen in the last days. They include false Christs, wars and rumors of wars, famines, earthquakes, and so forth. Jesus says that these are the beginning of sorrows. Jesus gives us warning after warning to get ready for his soon return.

I don't believe that everyone that is lost in a calamity is lost for eternity. Many will sleep in the dust of the Earth until Christ comes again to raise them to newness of life and to live with Him forever. The apostle John tells us in John 3:16, "For God so loved the World, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. I pray that we may all one day soon have everlasting life with Jesus, so that we may not perish. We have hope in Christ. The Filipino people are in our daily prayers.

In His Service, *Ed MacKenzie*

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*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.*

# Thank You from Evelyn and her family!

by Mary Loan

October 12, 2013

Dear Family of Nermeen,

Thank you for your kindness and generosity for delivering the specialized child-sized wheelchair to La Loma Luz hospital in Santa Elena Belize.

Evelyn, a twelve year-old girl in Cristo Rey village is now using the wheelchair every day. The wheelchair has dramatically improved the quality of Evelyn's life. It is just her size and her favorite color is purple, the same color as the wheelchair frame.

When Evelyn was a toddler, about a year and a half old, she fell head forward into a five gallon white bucket of washing water. Her mother pulled her out and tried to revive her. She eventually got to the hospital, but not in time to prevent anoxic brain damage. During Evelyn's hospitalization, her hips were somehow displaced and she developed a seizure disorder. Evelyn's family is challenged by poverty to get from the village to anywhere that may provide services for Evelyn.

Caring for Evelyn is now easier for her devoted family. They are fashioning an umbrella holder to the wheelchair so Evelyn can spend time outside.

Despite her limitations, Evelyn always has a big smile and seems to love when people sing or say words, like the days of the week in Spanish over and over. She LOVES her wheelchair and is fond of Winnie the Pooh stories and videos.

With much appreciation and belief in miracles from a friend of Evelyn's who is also a friend of La Loma Luz hospital.

Hugs, Mary Susan Loan



## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

This is to advise the Grant McPherson has given notice that he will retire in June of 2014. Both Grant and Ardis will be missed!

*At this time, La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital is soliciting resumes from anyone who would be interested in filling the position of **Administrator** for the Hospital.*

La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital

also continues to seek an individual to fill the position of an **Internist**.

Please Contact Ed MacKenize, President of Mission Projects Inc., if you or someone you know would be interested in filling either of these positions. MacKenize can be contacted at his email or telephone number shown on pg 11.

# Reports from the Frontline: Peru

*By Antonio Zatalaya*

This is What We've Been Waiting For!

On July 18, 2012 we arrived at the village of Tiruntán with a population of approximately 2000 inhabitants. It is in the district of Padre Marquez on the Ucayali River, one day downstream by launch from Pucallpa. At 9:00am my wife and I began walking from house to house distributing the book, "La Gran Esperanza" (a portion of "The Great Controversy"); we were able to put 250 books in the hands of the people.

This work we did with prayer and fasting. The most surprising thing was that we heard about forty percent of the people say, "this is what we have been waiting for; someone to tell us of the gospel." The question was, "when will you come again?" So, after allowing a little time for them to read the book, we are moving to this place to work, looking for interested people to study with. Our goal is fifty students; I know we will meet it with the help of the Holy Spirit whom our God has promised to be with us through all our days.

For this work we need much prayer, because the tempter will do everything possible to impede the Lord's work.

Thank you very much for your prayers.

Antonio Zatalaya

Bible worker in Padre Marquez District



# Update on Thailand Huai Fai Village Project

As noted in last month's News Letter it was thought best to send one of the two girls working in the Thailand village of Huai Fai home because of a bad situation. We were concerned that it would take months before a replacement could be made but God is good!

There were three girls teaching in Thailand, in the Bangkok area at this time. The semester break came soon so these three girls went to help the remaining girl (Ana) for a few weeks while they were on break. (see cover)

A replacement has now been found. It had taken several months to get the proper visas and get the first two girls to the village and we were hoping that it would not take that long this time. Thailand only allows a few missionaries into their country at a time. But, thank God, the replacement went through quickly and now Elma Gay Dela Fuente is ready to take Malaika's place. When I get the stats on Elma I will post them later. Ruth



# Reports from the Frontline: Zambia

*By Meiring Pretorius*

Dear Jerry

Your continual support of our Bible Pioneers is highly appreciated. The Everlasting Gospel needs to be preached and faithful workers are needed to take this message. We are thankful for the opportunity to work with you to finish God's work. It is not always easy for these workers in remote areas but our Father is blessing their efforts using one-to-one evangelism, Bible studies, literature, health, training and evangelistic meetings.

Our one-day-church and one-day-school programs have contributed extensively to form new branches and companies and schools, furnishing the new congregations with a place of worship. What a privilege and blessing to be in God's service! Some of us may never get to a foreign mission field but by giving financial and prayer support the work can be done to the uttermost parts of Zambia and Africa. One of the stories attached to this email shows that even in a country like Zambia there are people who are ignorant about the true God of heaven and His salvation for them.

Attached are two stories (See pages 6, 7, 8) from the Pioneers and the semester report for 2012. "Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men. And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him." Luke 5:10,11.

Meiring Pretorius

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## This is a Wonderful Opportunity!

The Inter-American Division of Seventh-day Adventists has requested that a satellite dish be placed on all of the churches in the countries that they represent. The dishes will carry the church's programming.

La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital has been using these dishes at the hospital now for several months. The hospital would like to solicit funds to furnish all of the churches in Belize, Central America, including home churches, with one of these dishes. **The discounted cost for 20 dishes is \$3,000.** The churches will cover the cost of transportation and installation. There are a total of about 130 to 140 churches and related locations in Belize. The total needed for this project is \$21,000; **20 dishes will be sent each time for every \$3,000 raised!**

This would be a wonderful Christmas Project for your church or Sabbath School. Mark your donations "**Satellite dishes for Belize.**" - Thank you.





# Zambia: God's Wonderful Providence

*By Enoch Chitalu*

I went to conduct an evangelistic series by one of the branches that we had opened earlier in the year. I had taken many of the discovery guide Bible lessons with me, and we recruited student to study with us. Day by day the number of students kept increasing until the whole village was saturated with the lessons. The Lord blessed the effort and at the end of two weeks 27 souls were baptized. We left the village after the baptism to go and prepare for other commitments.

One day as I was at home, I was visited by a gentleman that I did not know. I welcomed him and quickly asked him if he needed any help from me. He then started to narrate his story of how he studied one of the lessons during the series that I had conducted. He has studied about the Sabbath truth but he decided to ignore it. After the meeting he had been having dreams every night. In these dreams someone was telling him about the Sabbath truth he had ignored. This had been going on for days till he could not stand it any more. So that is how he now came to me for advice. I told him to make a decision and prayed with him.

Two days after he left, he called me and told me that he has decided to accept the Sabbath truth. He is now preparing for baptism. Praise the Lord that he does not leave us to our folly but yearns for all to be saved.



## Riverside Pioneer First Semester Report for 2012

Contacts	Bible Studies	VOP Lessons	Literature	Week Of Prayer	No. of Training Seminars	No. of Trained Laymen
11751	5538	14883	33104	129	726	1331

Efforts	Baptisms	Baptisms in Progress	Newly Started Branch	Newly Started Company	Building Of a Church	Opening of a School
56	2086	3141	33	6	1	5

# Zambia: The Power of VOP Lessons!

*By Peter Chihungu*

I (Bupe Chongo) live in an area where our traditions have much power. Although some people are Christians, they still cling to the traditions. They worship ancestors in the form of graven images and shrines. People know little about God. They are not allowed to have Bibles so that they can read for themselves. We are told by elderly people that if we read the Bible we may lose the importance of our traditions.

One day in 2009, my brother and I were going to the market to buy some things. On my way home, we met a young man that was very friendly even though we did not know him. He greeted us with a smile, and after greeting back he asked us if we wanted something to read which was talking about God. We tried to ask him about this God. He told us: "If you will read these papers, they will tell you more about this God." We took the papers (Bible lessons) and started reading. We found them so interesting. We were so excited to be able to read and understand this God for ourselves. We discovered new things, while reading these papers. We finished the studies and handed it in for marking, after which we graduated. We graduated in 2009 but the things that I had read kept ringing in my mind. From 2009 to 2011 the Holy Spirit convinced me to accept Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour. I have seen that there is power in the Bible lessons which contains God's Word. I am in the baptism class now, waiting to be baptized.

Thank you for your support in publishing these lessons so that I can know more about God, whom I did not know.

May God bless you all.



# Update: General Santos City, Mindanao, Philippines

*By Ruth McKenzie and Meriam Abella*

*Winnie Abella has been an MPI Bible worker since 1999. But he has never really given me an official update on his Bible study students and baptisms. He has trouble with English So I asked Meriam, his wife to give me an update. She wrote:*

"If we will start to count from 1999 there would be so many baptized students that we cannot count them, unless we request the church clerks to look at the records. Not all baptized students are members here in our church. Some of them will go to their home church because Winnie has many villages/ churches where he gives Bible studies. Some neighboring churches in our district will request Winnie to give Bible studies. Winnie is always willing to conduct Bible studies, but does not keep the records of the baptized members. He will charge that to the church clerks where his students belong after baptism.



*Southern Mindanao  
Bible worker  
Winnie Abella & Meriam*

"I always remind Winnie to make a list of his Bible students. I provide him with a small notebook and pen, but when I ask him how many names/students are on his list, there is no list of names!

"Sometimes the kids joke about Winnie, 'Papa needs schooling and to enroll in writing subject!' LOL. Auntie Ruth, Winnie likes to read, read, and read, but he does not like to write; that's his weakness."

Winnie did make a summary of his Bible students who received baptism this year, March to October:

Bill Tucker campaign    March, 2013-----18 souls

Ed Mackenzie campaign    April, 2013-----7 souls

Paopao church follow up Bible study-----10 souls

Pastor Gulfan campaign    Oct.2013-----2 souls + 3 more souls  
still in Bible study as of this time.

We will pray for these three more souls, all adults.

Brown sister, Meriam

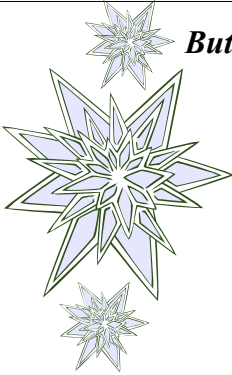


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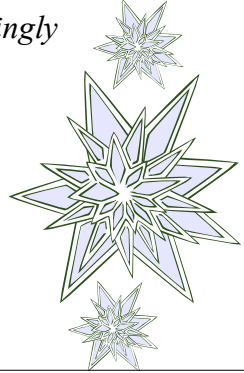
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*But this I say, he which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; but he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man accordingly as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.*  
2 Corinthians 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:

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

# Worthy Student Aid

*He Called Me “Priest!”*  
*By Gustavo Jiménez*

Hello,

I'm originally from a little town called Roses, in the state of Chiapas, Mexico. My parents make a living by farming. After I was baptized at age 15, my pastor said I should study Theology. I told him no, because I didn't feel it was to be my vocation. He responded, “I know that God is calling for you to study Theology, and like it or not, someday you will be a pastor.” I ignored him and spent the next four years working. But I kept hearing a quiet voice deep inside me, saying that I should study Theology.



I studied three years at Linda Vista University, canvassing to earn my tuition. But over time my school debt increased. Now it's at \$1,200, and I will not be able to graduate unless it's paid off.

During ministerial practice, I did a door-to-door a survey of 5 questions, offering Bible studies at the end. It was beautiful to see the response of 25 people who wanted to study the Faith of Jesus lessons. A man named Rosendo hated Protestant Christians, and he chased away any who came to his door. I went to see him anyway, introducing myself as a missionary giving Bible studies. He believed that I was from the popular church, and very gladly accepted my offer to study the Bible together. I realized why when he called me “Priest” during the third study. I did not deny it, and we continued the lessons. He took to me with great affection as we studied about God's law and the Sabbath. Rosendo responded as if a veil had been lifted from his eyes. He told me that the church leaders had not taught him those things, and now he is about ready to be baptized! Many similar experiences have convinced me that God is calling me to serve as a pastor.

Thank you for helping me to achieve my dream!

Sincerely, Gustavo Jiménez

# Memorial Gifts

*Precious in the sight of the Lord  
is the death of His saints. Psalm 116:15*

## At Rest

**Woodard, Pauline**

*By Warren Woodard*



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