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*Naai (R at front) helping the children See story pg 6*

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# Nothing Between in 2014

# What does it mean to be Successful?



*Ed MacKenzie, President*

Dear MPI Supporters,

Karl Haffner tells us in his book entitled "PEACE LIKE A SPIDER" that:

Successful people enjoy peace even through difficult circumstances. Rather than complaining about the turbulence they encounter, they adapt and enjoy the ride.

Successful people like themselves. They are thankful for their own uniqueness.

Successful people maintain a positive outlook. They look for the good in others and usually find it.

Successful people maintain healthy relationships. They get along with others and are comfortable in their relationship with God.

Successful people have direction and purpose. Refusing to let peer pressure sway them, they are too focused to be sidetracked with drugs, alcohol, or anything else. They tenaciously set, focus on, and accomplish worthwhile goals.

Successful people nurture the spiritual soul. They understand that spiritual well-being is the foundation of success.

Successful people maintain high standards in their personal conduct. They know integrity is an essential ingredient of success, so they refuse to compromise it. Their public and private life are identical.

Successful people get the most out of life because they put the most into it. They persevere. They work hard. Exercising courage, they give of themselves. Reaping what they sow, they enjoy the harvest.

The above is something to think about and ponder in your heart. May God Bless and keep you during the coming holidays and on into the New Year!

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.*

# Huichol Indian Outreach

Healthy Living Program Softens Principal

Getting my foot in the door of the public Elementary school run by a stubborn principal was a challenge. Professor Mario was very rude to me at first. He would not even grant me an office visit. What I wanted was for all the teachers and parents to know that I am here to help. Finally with the help of God we made it. It started like this:

As I drove down the street past the school, the principal motioned for me to stop. He did not approach me, he just signaled with his arms. He sent another teacher to ask if I could help repair some school computers. I responded, "Ask the principal to tell me personally." The teacher did so, and with a smile he came and requested my help with the equipment. I gladly accepted on the condition to let me present a Healthy Living Program in the school. I explained what it was, he thought about it, and told me to return in the afternoon to speak to all of the teachers. Later that day I explained who I am and what I do, and they all gladly accepted.

I also proposed teaching a computer course for all the teachers as a token of friendship. Currently they are participating in the "I Want to Live Healthy" program, and I also teach them computer basics.

The principal and I are now very good friends. We are making plans to help prepare nutritious meals for students.

I pray to God that we will soon be able to incorporate Bible teachings in class and eventually reach the parents as well. It will be difficult but not impossible, because I am confident that God will help us.

*By Pastor Javier Escribano*

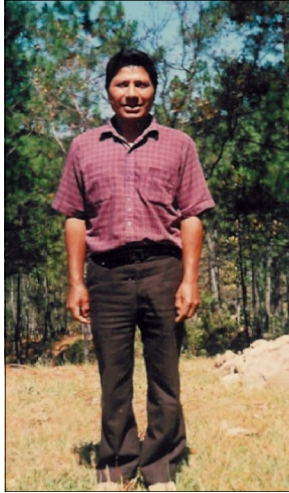


*Principal Mario is in green, crouched in the front row.*

# San Lorenzo School

Dream Big! (part 2)

*From part 1: After being mistreated at a cattle ranch, Dionisio's father hiked many days to the base of a large mountain and started the village of San Lorenzo in 1939. The village saint image deteriorated and was stolen, but why try to recover it when it couldn't even take care of itself?*



In 1984, Dionisio visited Linda Vista College, where my brother Fred Adams and his family served as missionaries, in Chiapas, Mexico. "I came out here to see if you can help us. I live 'way back in the hills. It took me six hours of hiking to get to the road, then two hours on the bus, and another walk down to this campus to get to your house. We recently started a school, and we need a piano."

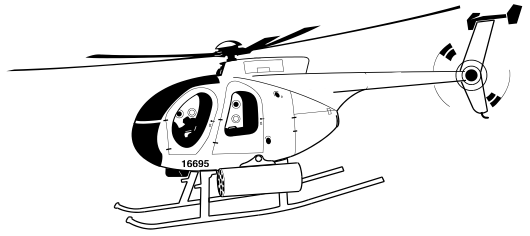
My brother stood there looking at this man with clean but well-worn clothing, and questioned, "a PIANO?" "Oh yes!" replied Dionisio, his eyes sparkling. "We want our school to have the best, and I've heard that pianos are very nice for music and to attract students." "And tell me Dionisio, HOW could you possibly get a piano to your village, if there is no way in by vehicle???"



Without hesitation, Dionisio replied "Well, how about a HELICOPTER? I've heard helicopters can do things like that . . ." So began my brother's friendship with Dionisio. This Chamula Indian peasant, living out in the middle of nowhere, speaking Spanish as a second language (Tzotzil is his native dialect) had BIG DREAMS. He wanted this school to provide a high quality Christian education to kids in his village and surrounding communities. And he wasn't just going to have a few kids pile into someone's house and that was it. NO! School buildings, and a PIANO. How did he even know what a helicopter **was** anyway?



Several years later my brother Fred hiked into this jungle village to check the situation out. (Exactly a month later Fred became paralyzed in a construction accident at Linda Vista).



Sure enough, a large area of jungle between San Lorenzo and the mountain had been cleared, and with much work and sweat they had built their little school.

Not only that, Dionisio had located other sources of help. How did he find them? By pursuing his dream, persevering and asking over and over. Eventually he contacted Lynden Bechtel, based at Bella Vista clinic & school where MPI originated. Lynden and a male

nurse traveled 8 hours by road, then hiked 6 hours into San Lorenzo to check out Dionisio's ambitious project for themselves. "We can come help you and bring supplies if you build an airstrip" Lynden stated.



"WE'LL DO IT!" exclaimed Dionisio. Right away volunteers from several nearby villages cleared trees, rocks and dirt creating an uphill, and rather perilous, crude runway, at the base of that mountain. Four months later they sent out a message, "We have an airstrip for you to land your little plane now!"

*(To be continued in the next issue. Lanita Medina wrote this article shortly after an unforgettable mission trip to south Mexico in 2001, where she volunteered in San Lorenzo with our MPI group. Lanita lives in Camden, Maine. Originally published in the May-June, 2001 MPI Newsletter.)*

# Thailand: Mien Update

God Works in Mysterious Ways!

If you still remember the story of Kao (Kaowa) who wanted to be baptized and whose parents and sister were so opposed, I will continue the story as we see how the Holy Spirit has been continually leading him and his sister. Naai, like her parents, was opposed to Kao's decision to be baptized. Kao related the story to me how Naai scolded him over the phone at that time he expressed his desire to follow Jesus.

She told him that the Bible is just man-made to unite the world. But God controls the entire situation. One day I got a call from Kao that his sister Naai's business in Bangkok went bankrupt and that her only son died. He drowned in a small pond near her house. He told of Naai having poor relationship with the children of her husband's first wife. So she decided to come home and stay in Nan city with her brother Kao who is teaching English in a private school there. Her life was so broken and empty. Her brother saw her crying often.

As Kao had already found true happiness in Jesus, he shared Jesus with his sister. That gave her hope, comfort, and peace. Often he read the Bible to Naai especially when she was overcome by sadness. And since Kao is good friends with the missionary volunteers team, he was able to connect with our lady missionaries Sister Ana and Elma in Huai Fai.

I remember one time when the entire missionary team came to Naai's house. The purpose was not to see her but to retrieve something that was left behind at her house on a previous trip. Before we left her house, we offered a prayer as is our practice before we part ways with people. We asked if she had something for which she would like us to pray about. She expressed her desire for a Bible study. So I asked someone to get my Bible in our car and we began studies right away! Naai also wants to learn English so her brother Kao suggested that she stay with the missionaries in Huai Fai.

We saw her English improve and saw how she has become very close to us and to her own brother Kao. She has been very helpful during our medical outreach and English camp, translating what our nurses would like to say to her fellow Miens and helping in the English camp. She cooks Thai food and joins in our daily worship. And as our outreach activities in Huai Fai came to a close we were overjoyed when she agreed to let us use her truck in hauling our stuff and team to the next village. Without her help it would have been difficult to go to Maeraem Village for the next English camp and medical outreach.

God truly works in unexpected and unimaginable ways! Could you imagine that sister Naai who was so opposed to her brother Kao's decision few months back, became very helpful to us in our

missionary work in two villages? Last night when I thanked Kao for the help he and his sister provided he said, "Do you remember that my sister



*Naai (holding microphone) helps in children's meetings.*



was so opposed to me becoming a Christian but now she wants to be a Christian too!" Remembering those times, we could only thank God for His goodness and faithfulness.

As Sister Naai has expressed her desire to follow Jesus and wanted to be a missionary, let us include these two wonderful Mien (Kao and Naai) in our special prayers. Kao has already decided to be baptized this December 27 in Bangkok. We need your prayer for his decision.

### **A Test of Faith**

This week, Naai's faith in God has been tested when, for some reasons, she was "denied" by Australian

embassy. She wants to go to Australia to study English for 6 months. She and her agency were so positive that she can go to Australia but sadly she was denied! She was confused and wondered why those people who don't believe God got good things in life and why she didn't get what she wanted.

We have been calling her and sending message of encouragement and telling her that God has a better plan for her and sometimes we don't understand right away but she will in God's time. I also added that we don't love and serve God because we receive good things but because we love Him and we trust that He knows what is best for us.

However, since her agency suggested that she should re-apply, she plans to re-apply. I said pray and ask God for it but whatever the result; if it is good, we praise God. If it's not, still we praise God.

We believe God has been calling them to be His witnesses and we see that Satan is putting up hurdles in their life. Let us also remember to pray for the work among the Mien tribes of Thailand. In Jesus, *Alejandro*

# Lewis Jungle Ministries Update

One Year in Papua New Guinea!

In some ways, it is hard to believe we have been here a year already, but it seems a lot longer than that since we have been with our family and friends, though.

It has been a year filled with many challenges, but so many blessings, too. I see how long it has taken others to start an air-base from the ground up and the years it has taken them and I am thankful for what the Lord has done for us in a short time.

People here have been very generous in providing lots of fresh fruit and veggies, arranged for free housing, a free airplane hanger to use while ours is being built, materials for construction, fuel, and so much more! Over a year without a paycheck, and we have not gone hungry. Those of you who have donated to the project have made it possible for us to pay the bills, as things are very expensive here!

The airplane mechanic who was planning to come work with us, is not able to come now, due to health issues. We really need a mechanic and would like to have another pilot as well. Do you know anyone who has a passion for missions and helping others? There is so much work to do here, but not enough help.

Even without the use of the plane this year, we have done several emergency medical evacuations of patients to the hospital in town. If we hadn't taken them, most in the middle of the night, over very rough and muddy roads, they would not have survived until the next day. We just took in 2 more patients this week. Toni has provided medical help to patients out here in the bush as she as been called upon. She has also been helping in the children's Bible classes and providing lots of meals to people who have helped on the construction of the hanger.

God has blessed in so many ways, and so many people have helped. The people here are so happy to have us here, and can hardly wait to see the plane in the air. When it lands here in Bewani for the first time, it will be the first plane to land here in nearly 20 years, they tell me. We have gotten the airstrip all ready and it's just awaiting the plane. Hopefully the plane will be flying on missions of mercy before the end of this year, if that is God's plan.

Thank you so much for your prayers and for being a part of our mission project in this remote part of Papua New Guinea. Bringing more souls to the Kingdom of God is our goal.

Blessings to each of you,  
Gary and Toni Lewis

*We want to thank the Lewis Jungle Ministries project for letting us help them get their story out in their first year in PNG. God's people working together to finish the work is our goal! You may see more and continue to follow their progress in the new year at [www.lewisjungleministries.com](http://www.lewisjungleministries.com)*



# Worthy Student via

Art for Addiction Therapy!



I am the youngest of my brothers and sisters, and I was expected to spend my life on the family farm. But I wanted more, so I enrolled in Montemorelos University.

I had always liked to draw. Every time I could get materials to paint, little by little I was turning into an artist. I prayed to God to know if this was what He wanted me to study and how I might serve Him through my art.

And He answered me! Now nothing can stop me, and although I cannot enroll in a full academic load, due to the lack of funds, I trust the Lord will remain by my side as He has done before.

I set a goal that I would finish my career no matter how long it took. I attend classes from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm. After that I have lunch and work from 2 pm to 6:30 pm. The rest of my time I employ in doing my homework and independent projects. I am happy here at this Christian institution that provides us with a comprehensive education.

One of my dreams is to get involved in a global missionary project within the 10/40 window, because I want to share the love of Christ to all those who seek salvation. Using art skill as a tool, gives me the opportunity to reach people where it is difficult by others means.

Another reason for choosing this career is to create, with the Lord's help, centers for helping people with their addictions. We would present art as part of a therapy along with the power of God and His Word to win them to Christ.

I humbly come to you, asking for tuition help. I appreciate the support you have shown many other students.

"I pray that the Lord will bless and protect you, and that he will show you mercy and kindness. May the Lord be good to you and give you peace."

Sincerely, your brother in Christ,  
**Efrain Ramirez Vasquez**

*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 for your generosity!*

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will be put into your lap.  
For with the measure you use  
it will be measured back to you. Luke 6:38(ESV)*



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At Rest

**Bloomquist, Hilda**

*By Jackie Heidinger*

*And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Matthew 1:21*



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