

**Mission: To create, support, mentor,
and network for Christ worldwide!**

MPI Update

Mission Projects, Inc.

**Vision: Working together so everyone can
experience the love of Jesus personally!**

*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good
works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matthew 5:16*



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**July
Aug.
Sept.**

*¹⁴And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world
for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.*

*²⁰But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter,
neither on the sabbath day: ²¹For then shall be great tribulation,
such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time,
no, nor ever shall be. Matthew 24:14,20,21*

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MPI President's Update

MPI HAS A NEW PRESIDENT!

By Dave Reed

Dear MPI Friends,

Recently I had the opportunity to go back and read the minutes from previous board meetings. I am not sure of the exact date when Mission Projects, Incorporated, (MPI) was originally started but the minutes took me back to January 1981*. Since that time, MPI has grown and become involved with countries across the globe, touching the lives of many people. My mind immediately reflected on Matthew 25:40: *"And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."*



In January of 2012 I was invited to join the team of Second Hope Ministries, International, (SHMI). Under the direction of Dr. Ron Fleck, MD., this organization was designed to teach Medical Evangelism and put glasses on those in need. We had the privilege to work with other organizations such as Adventist World Radio, Whitehorse Media, and even many churches.

I believe that Jesus is coming soon to take his children to heaven. I want to be ready, and I want to share Jesus the best that I can. My prayer for MPI is to continue the work that has already been started and to share Jesus as much as we can.

In June, the MPI board voted my wife (Jan) and me, as the new President. I have some big shoes to step into. Ed and Ruth MacKenzie served MPI as President for almost 20 years. How our paths crossed is for another newsletter.

I will continually ask for your support and prayers as we strive to reach others and share the news of our wonderful Savior.

David Reed, MPI President

(*MPI was started in 1972)

David Reed is the new MPI president along with his wife Janes Abella Reed. Jan is the daughter of Meriam Abella, MPI finance coordinator for projects done on Mindanao, Philippines.

Dave met Jan in the Philippines while on a mission trip with Second Hope Ministries. Jan was the translator for the group. Dave is an Optician, Jan is a nurse.

(By Ruth MacKenzie)



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Worthy Student Report

Thank you from Montemorelos University

Our enormous gratitude to all the donors who make it possible for our hardworking young people at Montemorelos University (UM) to continue being blessed by you, who with hearts full of love continue to donate to make their dreams come true.

Here is a short personal note from one of the sixteen youth who benefitted from your generosity in the 2024-2025 school year:

My name is Azael Cortez Hernández, a student about to graduate from the Clinical Chemistry and Biology program. When I arrived at this university in 2019, accompanied by my father and with only 200 pesos in my pocket, I carried in my heart a strong desire to improve myself and the faith that God would make a way for me. I began working as a pre-industrial intern for over a year. To continue my studies, I went to Canada to work and save money. I worked washing cars, mowing lawns, selling books, doing carpentry, and making tacos, and I saved as much as possible to pay my tuition at UM.

Every step has been filled with effort, but also with blessings. God has been faithful, and generous people like you have been a key part of my story. Thanks to the support of programs like MPI, today I am about to fulfill one of the biggest dreams of my life: graduating. Thank you, MPI, for believing in young people like me and for giving hope to those of us who fight every day for an opportunity.

With sincere gratitude,
Azael Cortez Hernández
Clinical Chemistry Biology Student



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San Lorenzo, Mexico

Annual Report

By Esther and JK Martinez

Administrator Agustin Lopez reports that they had a wonderful year at Colegio Venustiano Carranza: “Our students achieved 2nd and 3rd place in math, and 1st place in the sports event. Additionally, five students were baptized.” Both students and teachers have witnessed the extraordinary wonders God has performed on behalf of His children.

CoVeCa closed the school year with 13 paid staff and 70 students across the three levels (elementary, secondary, preparatory). Eighteen students graduated from their respective level.

Regarding infrastructure, they were able to paint the basketball court and auditorium, complete the new bathrooms, and begin repainting the classrooms. They are hoping to complete the painting, replace the leaking roof of the older classroom block, finish construction of a teacher workroom, and expand the auditorium by six meters, since there is currently not enough room for attendees at events. A donor has offered to match up to \$50,000 this year!

To support the mission of Colegio Venustiano Carranza, mark your gift “San Lorenzo School” to **double** the results of your generosity! ♦



Painting the court



Completed bathhouse



Crowded auditorium during recent event

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Mexico, Huichol Project

Eye Exams and a New School

By Esther and JK Martinez

Retired pastor Dagoberto Cirilo and his boat (*see January 2025 issue*) have been busy ferrying missionary-minded groups from his local church to provide for the physical and spiritual needs of the Huichol people. In May, a group of ophthalmologists did over 30 cataract and pterygium removal surgeries over a three-day weekend.

Pastor Dagoberto recently had the privilege of baptizing a couple of Huichol believers who traveled to his church for this special ceremony.

Huichols still live in fear of evil spirits and the witch doctors hold great power over their lives. They need to know the power of Jesus who can free them from the devil's grasp, but they don't trust outsiders. We need to train Huichol young people to be missionaries to their own tribe.

Thanks to start-up funds provided by Amistad International, Pastor Dagoberto has started building a Madison School on his own property—over 8 fertile acres with a water source, orchard, and unfinished greenhouse. Please join our dedicated pastor teammate in praying for the right couple to be identified who will be able to run the school, and if God is putting it on your heart to financially support this outreach opportunity for these dear children of God, please mark your gift “Huichol.” Thank you! ♦



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Belize Bible Worker Story

I Hear Wedding Bells!

By Leera Carr, Registered Dietician

Oh what wonderful things the Lord is doing on the mountain top in Cayo Belize. On Wednesday, **March 26, 2025**, our chaplain, Sister Leera, was conducting her dialysis rounds where she visited with six patients at the La Loma Luz Jose Cruz Dialysis Clinic. One patient in particular, Mr. Wilson Pat, she had met previously in



2023 for nutritional intervention. Mr. Wilson is a patient that looks forward to devotional times with the chaplain.

On one occasion, he inquired if there was bread for sale at the hospital's cafeteria. Sister Leera decided to get him the bread free of charge. She wanted to ask him to join the MPI

Bible Study Program, especially with the addition of a male bilingual Bible worker, Brother Daniel Coleman. Sister Leera believes that Jesus' method alone is what gives true success.

After a few more visits with Mr. Wilson, and ensuring he picked up the bread from the cafeteria, she asked him to join the program. **To her surprise, not only did he say yes to Bible studies, but he also requested that his wife join.** Sister Leera promptly began making plans for Bible Worker Daniel to meet with them and they traveled about 20 minutes to the beautiful village of Succotz to begin studies with Mr. Wilson and Ms. Patricia. After Mr. Wilson's first study, the next week he informed the team that his dialysis sessions would be relocated to another clinic. Sister Leera rejoiced that God providentially orchestrated the plan to ask Mr. Wilson to join the program two weeks before he transitioned from La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital.

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For years, Mr. Wilson had been a football coach and had led so many children to first place victories, but dialysis caused him to resign from coaching. He shared how much his life has changed with the diagnosis, but more importantly since he is studying the Bible. Even though Mr. Wilson and Ms. Pat have both identified themselves as Catholics, **the desire to know the truth has been life transforming!** They have learned of the sanctity of marriage, keeping the Sabbath, and baptism by immersion. **Today, they are actively planning their wedding** after living together for so many years.

Bible worker, Daniel, invited the district pastor, Pastor David Campbell along with our chaplain to visit Mr. Wilson and Ms. Pat for advice in the wedding planning. They are making their first step in



the right direction; Daniel has invited them to visit the SDA church in the village of Succotz.

We pray that they don't stop at the plans to marry here on Earth but that they go on to prepare for that heavenly wedding when Jesus, the Groom and Desire of ages, will return for His people and place them in

that holy city, the New Jerusalem. "I hear wedding bells!"

Thank you MPI!

New Mission Support Startup Needs Funding

MPI recently assisted Aaron and Lexi Rittenour to travel to Belize where they put together a nice promotion video for La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital (LLAH), in Belize, to present at the 2025 General Conference session in St. Louis, Missouri.



LLAH "serves the whole person—body, mind, and spirit. The hospital's newest endeavor, a lifestyle center, aims to further reach the people of Belize. This center will offer long-term support to locals in learning and adopting a healthier lifestyle, addressing the root of the problem."

To learn more and to support, go to: aaronandlexitravels.com

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Eight Precious Souls Accepted Jesus in Baptism

A woman shared some wonderful news from a Village nearby. Recently, eight precious souls from her village accepted Jesus Christ and were baptized. She also reported that over 80 precious souls from nearby villages accepted Jesus as well. She is thankful to God for allowing her to witness this life-changing event, which was held at her church.

She mentioned that these new believers learned about Jesus through Bible studies and prayer. They chose to follow Him and give their lives to God. Even though life can be difficult, they made the decision to believe in Jesus.

She expresses her heartfelt gratitude for the opportunity to serve God and to participate in God's mission field. She said that the recent baptism event was very special and joyful and that her church family and friends came to witness the event. Some cried tears of joy and everyone felt the love and presence of God.

Please continue to pray for the eight new believers, as well as the many others from the surrounding villages. We pray they will grow strong in their faith and help lead others to know Jesus, too.

As Matthew 28:20 says: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit."

Praise the Lord! ◆



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SULADS Missionaries to Japan

Center of Influence Needed

By Ruth MacKenzie

Alejandro is asking for help to send 2 SULADS missionaries to Japan. The Japan Mission will pay for most of the funds needed (\$72,100 USD).

Also the local Filipino Church in Japan will help with 16,406 USD. Alejandro is asking if MPI will help with \$12,350 USD.

Alejandro and the SULADS are partnering with a Filipino SDA Church in Japan and the Japanese SDA Mission. He is saying:

"Your support will make a tremendous difference in enabling the Center of Influence in — to provide meaningful educational opportunities and spiritual impact within the local Filipino and Japanese communities in Japan."

By partnering with MPI, SULADS SEA (Southeast Asia) can play a vital role in reaching families and children through language education, character formation, and faith-based values. They are planning to send two SULADS missionaries for two years to Japan. They will teach English to preschool children and their parents during regular school time and then to the school age children after school.

We would greatly appreciate confirmation of your ability to assist at the earliest possible opportunity so we can proceed with recruitment and planning.

If additional information or documentation is needed, please feel free to let us or Alejandro Cardeinte know at: acardeinte@aiaas.edu ♦

*We believe with deep conviction that **Adventist College Palawan** (ACP) is a divinely appointed institution—raised by God to fulfill a greater purpose in advancing Christian education and nation-building. This college stands as a testament to answered prayers, unwavering faith, and the collective vision of a church community that longed for a Christ-centered center of learning in Palawan. With hearts full of gratitude, we acknowledge the individuals, families, and organizations whom God has used as channels of blessing to make this dream a reality. In a special way, we extend our deepest appreciation to the generous hearts of Mr. and Mrs. Edward and Ruth McKenzie, whose sacrificial giving funded the construction of the college building and other vital facilities. Their partnership in mission will leave a lasting legacy in the lives of countless students and generations to come. Today, ACP stands ready—not merely as a structure of bricks and beams, but as a vibrant community committed to nurturing students spiritually, intellectually, and socially. As a center of Christ-centered tertiary education, ACP is prepared to serve the youth of Palawan, the Philippines, and beyond—molding future leaders, workers, and missionaries for God's kingdom. To God be all the glory, honor, and praise—now and forevermore. Pastor Eliezer L. Barrientos, ACP President, Palawan Mission President*



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Belize Bible Worker Story 2

Battle For the Mind

By Leera Carr, Registered Dietician

In the two weeks of March 16th to the 22nd, Bible Worker Daniel Coleman was the speaker for the **“Battle For The Mind”** Campaign in conjunction with the Adventist Youth Department from the Santa Elena District of Churches.

During those nights, Sister Leera, the Chaplain from the La Loma Luz Adventist Hospital, was *“battling for the minds”* of any young men who were seeking to know more about Jesus. Whenever she met someone that showed interest in the messages, she inquired if they wanted Bible Studies. She successfully signed up two young men for the Bible program, both named Dion. They both attended the program nightly.



One Mr. Dion is a business owner and he invited one of his workers to come to the meeting. “Meet Mr. Harwinder Singh, Hari for short” Dion exclaimed. Mr. Singh did not come nightly and so our Chaplain did not ask him if he was interested in Bible Studies on the first night, but when Daniel went to do his first study with Mr. Dion, Hari was present and he joined in the

study. Praise God, **the angels had worked and the Spirit of God moved Mr. Dion’s heart** to accept studies at his workplace and for his worker to study with him! Daniel invited Hari to be in the program and he said yes!

On his next visit with Dion, Daniel inquired about Hari, only to be told that he fell down some stairs and broke his leg. Upon his visit to Hari, **he found him with bruises over his body;** *Cont pg 11*




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he had a terrible fall, but he was reading the Great Controversy! Through this, Daniel was reminded of **“the battle for the mind,”** and he explained to Hari what this meant and continued studies with him.

On June 7th, Hari visited church. **“I will surely come again!”** Hari exclaimed. So far, Bible Worker Daniel has covered 15 studies with Hari of which he accepted truths including the Sabbath and baptism by immersion. The week after, the Riverside Korean SDA Church missionaries working through our hospital—who had travelled all the way from California—were finishing up their campaign in Georgeville, Hari came back for another Sabbath.

Pastor Paul preached on baptism, then he made a call.

After a few minutes, there was the man Harwinder Singh walking to the altar with his crutches. This was it—this was his moment of opportunity with Jesus. On June 14th, 2025, Hari went down into the water and by faith he gave his heart to Jesus. He walked out of that pool as a new man in Christ.



**You keep him in perfect peace
whose mind is stayed on you,
because he trusts in you.
Trust in the LORD forever,
for the LORD GOD
is an everlasting Rock.
Isaiah 26:3-4 ESV**

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PHILIPPINES VISIT

Jan Abella Reed's Surprise Visit

By Ruth MacKenzie

Jan Abella Reed (Dave & Jan are MPI's new president) made a **surprise** visit to her family in the Philippines and to see the projects we are doing and have done there. Sabbath June 28 they all visited the finished Silway 8 Church. It is beautiful!



Jan reported, "Sunday we **all** visited 3 mountain churches; Pulabato, Barangay Cebuano and San Roque (San Roque still needs a roof and more). They are becoming beautiful. The brethren of the Pulabato Church were so nice and grateful for the assistance you all have provided. After the church was renovated baptism increased, backsliders came back and the church member list exploded in numbers. All I can say is "Praise God!" The church elders were teary eyed when Mama spoke encouragement, even Gem, Sharon's husband, teared up.

These churches are really beautiful, really impressive. Gone are the days when churches near the mountains or those far from the city are made of Cogon grass or bamboos. This is a picture of the kind of churches that I remember when I was a kid. But now, churches are beautiful.

Praise God!

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Jan is in the center wearing a blue shirt.

This is the Pulabato church main sanctuary. On the left side of the sanctuary, the members added a structure for the lamb shelter but the backsliders came back to church and baptisms increased! The extra structure turned into overflow. This church needs a lamb shelter. The members are so nice, pure in spirit and very welcoming.



At the left is a picture of the extension of the church. We had our lunch there with the members. They were extremely happy when we visited them. ◆

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News Notes

May 18, 2025 Board Meeting Report

Leon Anderson, interim President, opened the meeting announcing that Dave and Jan Reed have agreed to become the new President of MPI.

REPORTS INCLUDED:

- Worthy students MPI helped this past year.
- The school MPI sponsors in San Lorenzo, Mexico.
- MPI work with the Huichol people in Mexico.
- MPI outreach projects in the Philippines.
- Lay workers sponsored, and new church plant in Thailand.
- Purchased land with existing school in Thailand that now has teachers and over 200 students—all within 8 months.
- Belize: La Loma Luz Hospital renovations, and LLLH has also
- Sold land to fund future lifestyle center and new cafeteria, and
- MPI sponsored two new chaplains that have led people to Christ.

You can watch videos of early MPI activities, as well as recent activities and words of appreciation by Worthy Student Aid recipients, by going to:
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2025 New Cafeteria at LLAH



Physician Jeff's Interview



La Loma Luz Hospital 2025 Promo



Daniel Coleman - A Short Testimony

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).

In Loving Memory, Birthday, In Honor of:

Adams, Betty

By Fred Adams

Linda Adams

Lanita Medina

Bliss, Bern

By Simon Elloway

Krajewski, Stephen

By Patty Kubicki

Thank you!



Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you. Luke 6:38

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Therefore comfort one another with these words. 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18

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