Monterey Bay Academy Gets a Helping Hand

Sixty-four volunteers spent ten days, June 14-24, on the Central California coast for a work bee at Monterey Bay Academy. The team consisted of MBA staff, alumni, members of the Sonora and Lodi Fairmont Church, and volunteers from all over the United States. They worked on 13 different projects, including painting dorm rooms and campus homes, pouring concrete sidewalks, building a deck, and landscaping the campus.

In an email report, MBA Principal Tim Kubrock wrote, “We have been richly blessed and are deeply grateful for each and every person who helped with our work bee. We could not have done it without you! Thank you for what you have done for our students and our campus.”

MBA is located on 379 coastal acres about 15 miles south of Santa Cruz, California, in a small community called La Selva Beach. The campus includes a private beach on central California’s beautiful Monterey Bay, which is also a national marine preserve.

Making Service a Family Affair
One hundred volunteers, ranging in age from 4 to 83 years, recently returned from the Summer Family Project in Nueva Guinea, Nicaragua, June 14 to 24. Volunteers continued work on the Education and Evangelism Center that was started by the Carmichael (Calif.) Adventist Church in late March. The Family Project volunteers also coordinated a medical clinic where they saw more than 500 patients in two days. They also presented a Vacation Bible School for the local children.

In addition to the construction of the EEC, volunteers erected a One-Day Church for the Los Angeles congregation, a group of 15-members in the greater Nueva Guinea region.

Family Projects are designed to accommodate volunteers of all ages and are a great way for children to be introduced to missions. Families of all sizes are welcome to join, as are individual volunteers. Participants under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. The next Family Project is scheduled to take place in Nicaragua during Christmas, December 19-31, 2012.

2012 Maranatha Convention

September 21-22, Maranatha Volunteers International will celebrate the transformative power of Christ’s love at the 2012 Maranatha Convention: In Christ Alone. The weekend event will be held at the Adventure Christian Church in Roseville, California. Attendance is free of charge and everyone is invited to attend.

Special guests from around the world will share inspiring stories of unwavering faith and selfless service. To see a full schedule and to register, visit www.maranatha.org/convention/

This Just In…
The latest request for a One-Day School comes from Curacao, an island in the Southern Caribbean Sea, just off the coast of Venezuela. In 2008, a hurricane ravaged the island and destroyed many structures. The reconstruction process has been slow and expensive. One of the schools needing repair is an Adventist school. The Inter-American Division of Seventh-day Adventists has asked Maranatha to consider working in Curacao to replace the campus damaged by the storm.