

TOM SEIBLY '55



Following his retirement as an attorney and California Trial Court Judge, at a time in life when most people begin to slow down, Tom Seibly has turned his energy to mission trips—both domestic and international.

In 2012, Tom was the driving force in bringing together his Lodi Fairmont SDA Church and Maranatha International Volunteers for a 10-day workbee/mission trip to MBA. Due to his tireless efforts, we had over 60 volunteers from all over the world working on 13 substantial projects—one of the largest work bees in several decades. He also did a lot of fundraising so that these 13 projects were funded and could be completed.

Tom has been a mission trip advocate since 2003 when he and his wife, Betty, accompanied Betty's father on a Maranatha International trip to the Dominican Republic. Their initial intent was to just be with Betty's 86-year-old father, who had been on 22 mission projects in the past, but who could not make the trip alone due to health issues. However, he was well enough and eager to work. What Tom discovered, was an indomitable spirit on the project by all that was very infectious. Now he understood his father-in-law's dedication.

Tom has been influential over the years concerning MBA. He has worked with some of our Government classes in preparing for the County Mock Trial competition. He has also been instrumental in bringing major financial support to his alma mater through friendships and connections with others. "During my three years at MBA, two caring faculty members saved my life. I will be forever grateful," says Tom. He works continuously to support MBA out of his gratitude.

Tom graduated from La Sierra College and University of Southern California Law School. He and his wife, Betty, have three children and six grandchildren.

MBA is proud to recognize Tom Seibly for his tireless volunteer contributions to his church, mission projects around the world, and to MBA.