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I. Death of Jerald Christensen
   Ruth Fenton <rmfenton@frontiernet.net> January 14:
   Another of our faithful China missionaries has passed. My dad, Jerald Christensen, went to sleep in the Lord this evening, January 13, 2011. As of January 30 he would have been 97 years old. We rejoice in a wonderful life dedicated to the Lord in the service for the Chinese people. There will be two memorial services, one in Taiwan and one in College Place Washington. I can let you know when we have the time finalized. If anyone needs to contact me or wants more specific information they can send me an email:
   <ruth@akrana.com>.
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   Robert Christensen <robert@chumadventist.org> January 14
   My father, Pastor Jerald Christensen, passed away peacefully in his home in California at 8:15PM PST on January 13th (12:15PM January 14th in Taiwan). He was two weeks shy of his 97th birthday. He represents an age now past when missionaries dedicated their lives to the service (he worked for the Chinese missions from age 27 - 84). He was one of the few remaining missionaries who had lived through WWII and the Communist revolution China (in fact the Communists had to kick him out). He then went on to serve for almost 40 years in Taiwan. His spirit of determination and fierce love of God and Church will be missed. Please pray for his family and his wife as we honor him, each in our own ways.
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   Remembering Elder Christensen
   Julie Sanders Keymer <juliesanders@keymer.net> January 16:
   Sad news about Elder Christensen. He was a man who loved the Lord, his family & the people of China & Taiwan. He had a lovely smile & it was a pleasure to live down the street from he & Mrs. Christensen when I was growing up. I have many fond memories of Saturday nights at their house, hearing about China & Taiwan.
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II. D. L. Ebenezer <dlebenezer@gmail.com> Letter to "REVIEW":
   "Term Limits," by Roy Adams (Oct. 21, 2010), was an interesting article.
   . . .The Seventh-day Adventist Church has pretty well followed the American model for its organizational structure. I wonder why the term of office for the General Conference president, secretary, treasurer, and others is not limited to two consecutive terms of four years each. The current practice allows officers to be elected for a five-year term and then stand for election until they retire or die. Perhaps the church should look into Numbers 8:23-26 for some pertinent counsel.
   The American form of governance is the envy of most people in the world.
   This is partly due to no one having the potential of becoming dictatorial in administration. It's something to think about in planning for the 2015 General Conference session in San Antonio, Texas.
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III. Remembering Benjamin Bandiola
Dr. Donald Rice <drrice7@farmerstel.com> January 10:
Dr. Benjamin Bandiola was my teacher at Southern Adventist University.
He was a student when my mother-in-law, Althea Dyer, and my father-in-law, Harlan Dyer, were missionaries in the Philippines. He came to Althea’s memorial that we had for her in Ider, AL. She lived to be 97.
Dr. Bandiola was a man who could laugh and he really enjoyed life. His students loved learning from him. My wife, June, and I will miss him. Our heartfelt wishes go to his wife and family.

IV. Hong Kong Hospital Church Needs Pastor
James Warjri <jgwarjri@netvigator.com> January 18:
Most of you would remember the Hong Kong Adventist Hospital Church, formerly of 40 Stubbs Road. You may also remember that the hospital church relocated to the premises of the former Hong Kong Sam Yuk School in Happy Valley until there is space in the hospital—either with the reclassification of LaRue Building for non-residential use, or until the planned expansion of the hospital. The Tsuen Wan Adventist Hospital is under major expansion, and it is planned that the Stubbs Road hospital will be next. In the meantime the English section of the hospital church merged with a Global Mission Filipino company that was started by former members of the hospital church, and has become the Hong Kong Adventist International Church. That church has grown around 15% a year, and is now back to over 300 regular worshippers. (The Chinese section of the hospital church continues as the 'Hospital Church', also meeting in Happy Valley, and is doing well with 20-30 regular worshippers.)

The pastor of the hospital church, now international church, for the last three years is an FED missionary you are familiar with - Clifton Maberly. However, he is now being transferred back to South Korea's Sahmyook University to start an international ministry stream in the theology department there, leaving the church without a senior pastor. That is where we need your help. DO ANY OF YOU KNOW ANYONE YOU WOULD RECOMMEND TO COME AS PASTOR OF THE HONG KONG ADVENTIST INTERNATIONAL CHURCH?

So if you are a pastor, please consider coming and helping us. Or at least be a head-hunter for us! Missionaries know people who can be missionaries. Our congregation needs an urban pastor, with a cosmopolitan outlook and accent. The congregation comes from all continents (17 nationalities last count), with the largest group from the Philippines, but includes more and more English-speaking Hong Kongers. And many in the congregation are above-average international professionals. The challenge is that this is not currently an IDE position. The Hong Kong-Macau Conference is offering a local salary plus housing and travel. That is not bad these days, and would meet all the needs of a retired couple. There is no way most of us could afford the rent in Hong Kong these days. (The conference apartments next to the church rent out for $3,000 USD a month!) So if you, or someone you know, would be willing to serve as pastor-wife team in one of the most interesting locations in the world, this could be the opportunity of a lifetime for you, or for them. The position is supported by an associate pastor (English-speaking Chinese) and more. (If you would really like to come, but need more support than AVS or local hire status, don't hesitate to talk to us - we will negotiate with the Conference leaders for the right person.)

For more information write to or call me, the head elder, James Warjri <jgwarjri@netvigator.com>, +852 9332 6721; or Clifton Maberly:<clifmaberly@yahoo.com>, +852 6114 1855.

V. Authoring the Current Senior SS Lesson
Julian Melgosa <Julian.Melgosa@wallawalla.edu> January 10:
Let me share with fellow FEDite how I came to author the current Sabbath School lessons, "Jesus Wept: The Bible and Human Emotions."

Perhaps I should say that I am glad not only because it is an unusual topic, but because of the way this project came to be accepted for publication. I must give God the glory for this Sabbath School quarterly. I talked to the Bible Study Guide Editor about the idea and he liked it. I prepared two week's lessons and he said that the idea was great. But when I talked about accepting it for publication subject to completing the whole quarter in the following months, he said that, since this was unsolicited, he only could accept the whole quarterly-then he would take it to the committee and would tell me whether or not was acceptable. Because of the uncertainty of publication and lack of time, I became discouraged enough to give the project up.

Weeks later, I started to feel the strong urge to work on these lessons again because I felt that many men, and even more women, would benefit greatly. So I said to the Lord: "Alright, I will write the whole thing, but it is up to you to have it accepted." So I did, and it happened. Hopefully, it will be a blessing to many and I give credit to the Lord.
[Dr. Melgosa was Dean of Graduate Studies at AllAS (1998-2002) and then President (2002-2006). Now he is Dean of the School of Education & Psychology at Walla Walla University.] ~~~~~ VI. SECOND WIND and Its Impact on San Francisco

Gregory Nelson <greg@secondwindsf.org> January 11:

Second Wind is an independent, self-supporting spiritual ministry in San Francisco that my wife Shasta and I started over 5 years ago. As my Uncle Ralph Watts, Jr. observed to me recently, "San Francisco is in the heart of the North American 10/40 window mission field and one of the most influential cities in the world." Though U.S. cities have been a challenging and costly mission field, Second Wind has now celebrated its 5th birthday and we are stepping into greater vision and reach in the Bay Area. This mission has definitely been the most challenging as well as rewarding experience in my 34 years of pastoral ministry.

Our goal is to provide a relevant spiritual resource to urban dwellers who have given up on church and/or God. Our inclusive, open-minded and thought-provoking Saturday morning programming, augmented with personal growth workshops, book clubs, compassion projects and social functions, is helping connect many to a positive and life-enhancing spirituality.

In September we welcomed my cousin, Edie Watts, FEA class of '71, to our team as Director of Education & Outreach, so all money raised will go for felt needs: workshops, invitations to the surrounding neighborhoods and projects intended to increase the reach and impact of our spiritual community in 2011.

Growing up MK's, we share a commitment to significant mission, and for many of us even though we're not overseas today, we share the passion for ministry in our own communities and desire to help others enjoy a relevant spiritual journey in today's busy environment.

We have two FEA alumni on our Second Wind team, creating a spiritual home for many who wouldn't find one otherwise. We know you have a lot of options of where to donate your money but we'd like to invite you to give to a mission field that we believe is sincerely hungry for a positive picture of God. We're committed to this huge and audacious goal, but we need advocates who are willing to surround us in this challenge.

Every dollar donated by an FEA/FED-ite is being matched for urban ministry in San Francisco through the First Quarter of 2011! An FEA/FED alum has put up a $10,000 matching gift to Second Wind that will double every gift that is received from an FEA alum or supporter! We currently have received $3,650 and would be honored to have your help to secure this matching gift!

To help Second Wind receive these matching funds send a check to P.O. Box 470881, San Francisco, CA 94117 (write FEA in subject line) OR donate online with credit card or bank account (http://secondwindsf.org/index.php/donate.html). Second Wind is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization so you will receive a tax receipt and fundraising update in 2011 for your generous contribution. Write me with any questions at greg@secondwindsf.org and we welcome all your prayers for God's continued blessing.

Wishing you all a Blessed, Joy-filled New Year! Follow me on Twitter: @gregorypnelson; Facebook: GregoryPNelson

--from: Pastor Greg Nelson, FEA '72

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VII. Radio Broadcast at Chiangmai Adventist Academy

Pada Tarasapanan <padatarasapanan@gmail.com> January 12:

The Adventist Church and School of CAA established a radio station 3 years ago and the program is going on smoothly with God's grace and mercy.

We hope God will continue to bless this radio station for proclaiming the gospel an area around the church and the school.

Our radio station needs to develop more quality and quantity than currently. Some of our more urgent needs are" **

** 1. Air conditioning for our studio room
** 2. Lamp sign or sirens on the top toll
** 3. Table and chairs for editor
** 4. Monthly electricity payment
** 5. Volunteer stipends (we have 2 volunteers DJs.

For your donation for our radio station, you may contact CAA President Mr. David Bell <dbell45@loxinfo.co.th> or Church Pastor or by account as below; CAA Church Account No: 5150195499, Krung Thai Bank Branch: Maerim

Sincerely yours,

Pada Tarasapanan, CAA church pastor

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VIII. APIU Opening Language School in Vietnam
Asia-Pacific International University is spreading its wings to Vietnam through the plan of opening a Language School in Ho Chi Minh city. A newly appointed Director for the language school, Mr. Garth Hibbert (a British national), wife Mrs. Tineke Hibbert and their son Robert visited APIU for a few weeks when they were on their way to the States for home leave after serving at an Adventist academy in Sri Lanka. A scouting trip to Vietnam was made in December by a team from APIU together with the Hibberts to inspect possible places to set up the school.

Under the umbrella of this language school, the Master of Education TESOL extension program will also be offered and is expected to be the draw card. The other, and perhaps the most important purpose of this language school, is to help spread the Good News message to the Vietnamese people through language studies. During the short meeting with the Vietnam Adventist Mission, the President, Secretary and Director for the Ministerial Department welcomed the idea and are willing to offer necessary assistance.

Let’s remember this project in our prayers.-- APIU's Newsbyte, January 6 ~~~~~~~~~ IX. A SALUDS Mission Story "Two Sisters Remained Faithful"

Kember-El and Eljie were sisters who lived in the mountain home of the T’boli tribe in South Cotabato. These sisters were very active in their Sunday-keeping church. One day, a group of Adventist people invited them to witness the music festival to be held in the central church in the town of T’boli.

As they witnessed the music presentation, they felt strange for they were touched by the message of the songs. Aside from that, they felt happy because the Adventist people treated them nicely. These facts attracted them to the Adventist group.

When they went home, Mr. Samuel Tambunan, a Gospel Outreach Evangelist, visited them and informed them that there was a small group that existed in their place and it met every Saturday afternoon.

The girls were very happy to know that there was an Adventist denomination conducting a small group meeting. They began attending.

One time, their topic was about the day of rest and Mr. Tambunan clearly explained to them that the seventh-day of the week is really the day of rest according to the Bible. When Mr. Tambunan followed up this topic with them through visiting them in their home, they were convinced that Saturday would be their rest day.

These two girls were baptized and changed their day of worship. When their father learned of it, he was very angry. He told his two daughters to leave his home because they didn’t follow the faith of their father.

The two girls went to the city of Marbel, South Cotabato to look for work so they could sustain themselves. They stopped going to school and since they were high school students; they were easily accepted to work as sales girls.

When Mr. Tambunan heard what happened, he went to the father of these girls and talked to him about the right way to deal with children.

Then Mr. Tambunan asked the father if he would be willing to accept his daughters if he could bring them back to their father. The father said "YES" because he also missed his daughters.

When Samuel located the girls, he talked to the owner of the store and brought these two girls back to their father. The father asked forgiveness of his daughters and promised that he would give them their right to choose their religion.

He noticed that the behavior of his daughters was changed and good virtues were seen in their lives. He told his daughters that he would attend with them in the small group meeting, hoping that he could also learn good things from it. When he first attended the meeting, he commented that he, too, would join the Adventist denomination because there was truth in it.

Through his daughters, he became an Adventist Christian. He was very thankful that somebody like Samuel Tambunan had opened his mind and lead him to know Christ more.

-- Samuel Tambunan, Gospel Outreach Evangelist, Southern Mindanao Mission ~~~~~~~~~~ To remove your name from the mailing list of this newsletter, simply reply to this e-mail and put "REMOVE" in the Subject line.

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