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  Wendy Harris <wrguptill@gmail.com> Sending Dwayne’s Letter

  Wendy is in Palawan right now organizing and putting on some medical missions for some Muslim outreach meetings that Roy and Danny are assisting with near Brooke’s Point. I had the opportunity to go with a medical team from the Cagayan Valley Adventist Hospital on a weekend Medical mission to Mayoyo which is about a three and half hour drive from here. The road to Mayoyo makes a pretty steep climb of 2000 feet from the Valley up into the mountains.

  About a year ago the medical team from the hospital had gone to do a weekend medical mission in Mayoyo. It got dark on their return to the hospital and the vehicle they were riding in lost its brakes coming down the steep grade from the mountains. They told me they were shouting at the driver to run the vehicle into the side of the mountain so they would not fly off a corner down into a ravine. A second before they reached a sharp curve that they would have gone off, a bus came around the corner coming up the hill and they had a head on collision at approximately 80 mph with the bus. Miraculously they did not have any fatalities but most all of the medical team was suffering from lacerations and fractured bones, as well as the bus driver and some of the bus passengers.

  All but one of the medical team’s members that were involved in that accident took the risk again and went with us last week to Mayoyo. I volunteered to drive using our vehicle because when their accident occurred they were using a poorly maintained government vehicle that was provided by the Mayoyo mayor for transporting the medical people. I was pretty sure I had good brakes on our patrol and they borrowed a van from one of the other doctors for our other vehicle.

  We had an uneventful drive to Mayoyo Friday afternoon. At supper at the town health clinic we were told to expect a 3 hour hike in the morning to get to the village where the clinic would be held. This was humorous because Dr. Reyes, the doctor that leads these outreach missions had the idea that it was only a 1 hour hike. The plan was to leave early in the morning to hike in. Of course about 2 hours after the planned departure time we were heading down the trail in the rain. Four to 5 hours later depending on which group you decided to hike with, the whole medical team was in the village we had set out for. The view was well worth the hike, though, as it was probably the most beautiful and well kept area of rice terraces that I have seen in that region.

  We held a clinic all afternoon and everyone was ready for the day to end and get some sleep. Once again the plan was to leave around 6 am so we could be out by 11 or so and on the road back to Santiago by noon. Well, after treating another string of patients that showed up early in the morning we departed around 11 AM for the return trek. People really liked the thought of a helicopter at that point. I ended up leaving the rest of the group about half way out so I could hold a good pace and get into town where the cars were and drive back to the trail head to pick every one else up. It was raining pretty hard by the time I got to the vehicles so I changed into some dry clothes and drove out and met the rest of the group at the trail head.

  It was almost 4 PM at that point so the decision was made to stay the night again and return in the morning because of their previous experience of returning in the dark. That evening it was the medical team that needed medical help. They were taking some of the pain medication to sooth the effects of the hike. Most of these people are not in the best physical condition but it was all taken good naturally with no long lasting effects this time. We returned to Santiago in the morning with a quick stop at the accident site to recount God’s blessings in protecting and sparing their lives the previous year.

  I thank God for dedicated Filipino doctors and nurses that at times risk their well being to assist in opening doors for the spreading of the gospel.

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II. Micronesia Also Needs Spirit of Prophecy Books
JoAnne Lafever <ymscsprin@gmail.com> March 29:
The last newsletter indicated that Walter John in Chuuk needed Bibles. Walter is the Chuuk SDA School board chairman also and several months ago when I was education Director there he requested EGW books for the school there. So if people have EGW books they do not use they can send them also.
Donors need to know that anyone can send USPS flat rate boxes to Chuuk and to all of Micronesia islands for the same cost as to anywhere in the USA. They use the USA postal system even though they are their own countries. This really helps make it reasonable to send literature to these islands.

III. Work Among the Karens of Thailand—Part 3 of 4
Phamor Poochipitprai (Aw Gaw Paul) <mmteop@yahoo.com> February 28 ******Teachers training is needed
We also need to train our teachers in Christian education so that they will be ready to teach all the children in the way of the Lord. We need well trained teachers; Bible teachers & school teachers in our dormitories as well as in our schools in the camps and in No Man's Land. Every year we try to train them up so that they will become good teachers who can train up young missionaries to hasten the coming of Jesus. Last year before I went to the U.S. we had one training session in Mae Ra Moo refugee camp. We trained them on Christian education and we spent about 10 days together with them and many teachers were interested to study on and they are requesting that we provide more training for them.

Last December, 2010 my friend from Singapore a teacher in Sanyu School and evangelist (He won many non-Christian student in Sanyu School into Christ, many of them from mainland China) came and stayed with us for one full week to train our teachers in MaeLa refugee camp. The teachers were very excited with his training and they too want more training. So we need funds for this training and we also need skilled Christian education teachers. If you have a friend who can be a good Christian education teacher we welcome them to come and help us to train our teachers. Remember we have 209 teachers in the refugee camp in Thailand as well as in the villages in Myanmar in No Man's Land. Please pray for our teachers in the refugee camps as well as the teachers in No Man's Land so that we all may be equipped with Christian education and be able to train up young people to be missionaries who can go back to the villages to meet the people where they are; to educate them and spread the gospel so that they will be ready when Jesus appears in the clouds. My dear friends pray for them is my request and a big thank to you.

*****Report in the medical missionary field.
We have four medical missionaries that are working for EOP foundation.
Let me relate to you first hand stories about the church building in Htee Ko Village. One day a family came to my house and asked that we pray for them because they are trouble by the evil spirit they can’t sleep at night especially the wife. I wasn't at home but my wife was. They stayed overnight and my wife studied the Bible with them, worshipped with them and prayed for them and the next day they went back home. When I came back home from my travels my wife told me all about that and I felt like I should send in someone to work with this family because they were having a problem with a spirit that was bothering them. The wife is also afraid of some things so she's always scared and she's always sick, so I provided the family with one of our medical missionaries -- her name is Ying. She went in to the village and stayed with the family. She taught them from the Bible and prayed with them and told them that only God can help them. She was also able to help them with natural remedies; we use charcoal, and poultices and she would teach the family how to cook healthy foods. So after staying with them for about a month, their health had improved, their fears are gone and they are relying more on prayer and what they learn from the word of God. The family listened to what our medical missionary was teaching them and they followed these things and now they have peace of mind and good health through changing their lifestyle and using good healthy food for their family. Now in this village we have three other families that are joining with them to worship God every Sabbath and they are preparing themselves to study the words of God and be baptized. This has all happened through medical missionary workers that EOP provided. So brothers and sisters, by helping to build a dormitory for EOP and by sponsoring our children we can provide future medical missionary workers to the towns and villages.

Last year in the months of September through November our medical missionaries were helping lay the groundwork in Chiangrai to help the pastor at the church there with preparations for the evangelistic crusade that was planned. Our program is preparing medical missionary workers, evangelists and Bible workers to hasten the soon coming of Jesus and prepare the people to be ready when Jesus comes. So come and join us so that we together can finish the work that Jesus commanded us to do and then we can all go home.
We are in this world not to compete with the world but we are here in this world to finish the work and go home. So let us join together and work to win souls into Jesus so that they can be ready when Jesus appears in the clouds.
[End of Part 3 of 4]
IV. Jack Blanco Authors Two New Bible Compilations

"Witness: Acts Through Revelation"
"Taking the good news about Jesus to the entire world became the apostles' sole purpose in life. In this fresh, unified narrative Jack Blanco arranges the apostles' stories and letters in chronological order where they resonate with their passion and zeal."

"Savior"
"Combining these accounts chronologically and using contemporary language, Jack Blanco weaves Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John together to create a complete picture of our Savior's life on earth." -- from the April, 2011 MINISTRY Magazine

V. Life Sketch of Victor Adelbert Armstrong

Kathy Coffin Phillips Marshall <colorcat3@comcast.net> [Part 3 of 4]
The cloth covered rotator blades were repeatedly damaged by enemy fire during their daring rescues behind enemy lines which cost them valuable time for repairs. Self-sealing gas tanks had not been added and 'copters taking shots in their tanks ended up with insufficient fuel to make it all the way home and needed rescuing themselves.

One of these crippled copters managed to safely set down on a Han River sandbar one night. Vic went to rescue the two crew members, but had difficulty finding them. Eventually Vic saw the sandbar and 'copter by the backlight of the fires of burning Seoul, but could not set down next to them. He landed on a nearby sandbar and the downed crew made their way across the water to him earning Vic his first Silver Star. It was the first ever night helicopter rescue mission.

He also held the record at that time for the longest search and rescue operation when he flew nearly 100 miles behind enemy lines to rescue a downed Navy pilot. For that he received his second Silver Star.

The Squadron experienced another loss to their tiny fleet when a crew chief couldn't transport the wounded back to the 'copter alone. There were no lock downs on the controls yet, so the pilot managed to tie down the controls and left the copter running to assist the crew chief in dragging a wounded pilot back to the copter. The tie down came loose, the copter lifted off on its own and flipped over in the rice paddy and beat itself to death leaving them stranded and needing rescue themselves.

Before many months had passed Vic was sent back to the US to consult with the burgeoning helicopter companies. He was instrumental in the testing and development of self-sealing gas tanks; increasing payloads; speed and power; better litter transportation; cockpit lighting; floodlights for landing; cockpit heat; flight control lock downs; replacing the landing wheels with skids; metal rotor blades; improved gyroscope instrumentation suited to helicopters; adaptations for carrying external loads; the automatic release hook for load lifting; and fittings for wire laying so that commands could communicate with the front lines of battle by phone. He spent time consulting and flying with Igor Sikorsky, the great aviation pioneer, who had developed and mass produced America's first helicopters in 1942.

Vic was assigned to a team of 3 other aviators on tour in the US to spotlight aviation in the war before he was sent to Quantico, Virginia to assist with Marine helicopter training.

In 1952 he married June Jansen and they were posted to El Toro, CA.

In 1953 his unit was deployed to Hon shin, Japan. His duties included liaison with the Japanese admiral in charge of the base. They held monthly staff meetings to discuss problems, and after the first meeting Vic knew he had a problem because the Japanese did not know he was fluent in their language. The admiral was in the habit of discussing issues with the Americans, and then turning to his own staff and hashing out details in Japanese. At the second meeting, while talking to his staff in Japanese, the admiral was close to accusing his American counterparts of in competency and worse. Vic jumped in and explained the issue from the American side, in Japanese, completely befuddling the admiral, but allowing him to save face.

When Japan was hit by record rain and flooding he spearheaded civilian rescue of the disaster victims and landed helicopters on the palace grounds in Kyoto which had never until then had a single motor vehicle on the grounds. Again his Japanese fluency was invaluable.

In 1954 he was posted to Marine Headquarters in Washington, D.C. again as Assistant Head, Logistics and Materiel Branch, Division of Aviation.

In 1957 he became Executive Officer and later Commanding Officer, Marine Helicopter Squadron One (HMX-1) with 60 pilots. He was Senior Presidential Helicopter Pilot for both President's Eisenhower and Kennedy until April 1961. He was responsible for transporting them from the White House lawn to their appointments and his squadron was on 24/7 stand-by in case of evacuation. At times he also flew VPs Nixon and Johnson. [End of Part 3 of 4] ~~~~~~~~~ VI. Jon Dybdahl Addresses Nordic Pastors
One hundred and fifty workers of the SDA Church in the Nordic countries of Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Iceland, and Finland met for three days of spiritual emphasis, study of the Word of God and commitment to grow spiritually. They met January 5-7, 2011, in Copenhagen, Denmark.

"Among the other speakers was Jon Dybdahl, retired lecturer from Walla Walla University and Andrews University, who brought the concept of revival and reformation right into the hearts of the pastors, and taught of spirituality and the importance for pastors and leaders finding fresh ways to develop their relationship with the Savior. He presented a variety of ways that suit different people, emphasizing that it was not the specific method, but the reality of spending spiritual time that matters." -- from the April, 2011 MINISTRY Magazine

ASAP Benefit Concert in Collegedale Church

Carol Reynolds <carol.byron@gmail.com> March 31:
United We Worship is a benefit concert for Adventist Southeast Asia Projects (ASAP) ministries, featuring Jee Wong. His work as a solo pianist and collaborative artist has brought him across the United States and many countries abroad. He gained national attention when his multi-media soundtrack "Lotus" was presented at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Special guests will include the Steffens Brothers. Come to the Collegedale Community Church on Saturday, April 23, at 7:00 pm to be blessed. Admission is free. A love offering will be received for God's work among the poor in Southeast Asia. For more information about ASAP visit www.asapministries.org Byron and Carol Reynolds ASAP Board Members

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