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I. Letters
   1. Peggy Guptill <pguptill@ssd.org> April 20:

      We are very happy to report that we have joined the "Proud Grandparents Club!

      Alexander Scott Guptill was born to Scott and Mindi on April 7 as the third generation Guptill boy born at Loma Linda University hospital. We thank God for sharing this healthy little bundle of joy with our family. We are thankful for the wonders of Skype that allow us to regularly check in on little Alex. It's so much fun to watch him grow and change with each passing day. We're looking forward to the time in August when we can actually be able to hold him in person!

      [Peggy, someone in our family has called that club the "SOGP Club!" -- CHT/Sr] ~~~~~~~~~

II. Death of Dwayne Bullock

   Don A. Roth <donroth@verizon.net> April 22:

   Cheryl Ortner <ortnercl@gmail.com> April 21:

   Dwayne Bullock died this morning:

   "It is a sad day. Dwayne's battle with cancer has ended and he won't be in pain anymore, but he will be missed. The good news is that we do have the hope of seeing him again in heaven. I have asked Cyndee and Gary Watts to send me the address for his girls. This has been very difficult for them to lose their mother only about 2 years ago and now their father. If we could keep Marilyn and the girls in your prayers, it would mean a lot to them.

   Remember Cyndee and Gary in your prayers as well--Dwayne was their family too.

   "Gary said 'Dwayne died at 5:00 a.m. this morning. He was joking on the phone yesterday with Warren Hann. He did not suffer for which we are very thankful. As far as I know the tentative plan is for a memorial service for him on Sabbath afternoon, April 30, in Clovis, CA. He will be buried next to Joanell in Auburn, CA.

   'We are so grateful for what Easter symbolizes. HE IS RISEN! That make all the difference to us and to Dwayne.' "

III. Share International Food Recipes

   Rick Kajiura <KajiuraR@gc.adventist.org> April 26:

   Wanted: International Recipes from Adventist Missionaries

   Adventist Mission is looking international recipes from current and former Adventist IDE missionaries. Many of you learned to make the foods from the areas where you served.

   We'd like to put together an Adventist Mission cookbook featuring recipes from missionaries and former missionaries from the countries or areas where they served.

   If you have a favorite recipe, please send it to <recipes@AdventistMission.org>. Along with the recipe, please include:
   - Country or region of the recipe
   - Your name
   - Where you served
   - When you served there
   - If there's a story that goes with the recipe, feel free to include that too.

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-- Richard Kajiura ~ Communication Director ~ Office of Adventist Mission General Conference of SDA, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20905 , Phone: (301) 680-6070 -- Fax: (301) 680-6625 ~~~~~~~~~~
Tedric Jon Mohr <tedmohr@pah.com.my> April 20 The local English newspaper recently featured in a center spread the Penang Adventist Hospital and the book the hospital issued, "Chicken Soup for the Soul," a book of 85 stories about patients, staff, and doctors. The Ministry of Health sent their dieticians to the hospital for a day of training in vegetarianism and JCI quality. This week four more local physicians asked to join PAH due to our quality.

Our cardiac program is now being recognized for its quality; from April to Oct over 100 cardiac patients with heart attacks were treated with NO deaths in the Emergency Room. Our deaths from over 500 open-heart surgeries last year was less than 8%. God has blessed. Keep us in your prayers.

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V. Adventist-Muslim Dialogue in Philippines
Valencia City, Bukidnon, Philippines
"An interfaith Dialogue between Muslims and Adventists was conducted at the campus of Mountain View College (MVC), Philippines, January 26, 27, 2011. The program was organized and coordinated by the Adventist-Muslim Relations Department of the MVC Alumni Church with the support of the South Asia-Pacific Division (SSD) Missions Department. In attendance were some of the country's prominent Islamic leaders and professors from the SSD, Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies, MVC School of Theology, and pastors assigned in Muslim populated areas of Mindanao.

The program was a continuation of the dialogue conducted in Mindanao State University, Marawi City, in May, 2008, consisting of a series of alternate presentations from the Muslim and Adventist sides, and an open forum after each presentation. With the theme, 'Building Bridges of Understanding and Peace,' the aim was to identify points of commonalty between the two religious faiths, and to clarify issues in areas of difference. Prayers from both Muslim and Adventist participants were said at the opening of each day's sessions. Resolutions were formulated toward the end of the dialogue, wherein it was decided that more dialogues involving larger participation would be conducted." [Jimmy Jiamah V. Adil, Jr.] -- May, 2011 MINISTRY Magazine ~~~~~~~~~~~~~ VI. Missionaries Need Adaptability, Adaptability, Adaptability
Kelli Doss, AFM missionary in Thailand, writes in "Adventist Frontiers"
May magazine:
"Adaptability: 'Being able to adjust oneself to different conditions, environment, situations, cultures, etc.'

"It has been said that there are three things every missionary needs: adaptability, adaptability, and adaptability, Robbie and I first learned this during our term as AFM student missionaries. Returning as career missionaries, we learned it again. Every missionary needs to be adaptable.

Here is how Robbie and I define adaptability these days:
"Adaptability is learning to navigate the public transportation of Bangkok. This means knowing where to walk to get a taxi, catch a boat or board the sky train. This also means knowing where to get out.

"Adaptability is using a different monetary system. This hasn't been too difficult since modern technology allows us to have a currency converter.

"Adaptability is eating rice for almost every meal. The Thai diet is mainly rice with different toppings. The vegetables and curries are delicious, but it has been an adaptation for us to eat rice so often.

"Adaptability is taking our shoes off before we enter a house. It is customary here to remove one's shoes before entering a residence and even some places of business. Adapting to this has been relatively easy for us.

"Adaptability is being willing to move all our belongings out of one house and into another at a moment's notice. This on the day we are leaving by train to renew our visas. Being adaptable in thus situation was a little rough, and quite a bit of tension came with this unplanned change of residence, but we are continuing to adapt to it.

"Adaptability is welcoming a family of four into your home without prior planning, and hosting them for three days. This includes taking them with us to church and feeding them. We have not had to make this adaptation, but friends of our did this for us while we were renewing our visas. We are very thankful to them for being willing to adapt for our sakes.

"Obviously this is not an all-inclusive list of our adaptability definitions. There are plenty more, many of which we haven't experienced yet. Our most important adaptations, and probable the most difficult, have to do with the Northern Khmer people. Learning to communicate effectively with them will be one of the most difficult adaptations we make. But it is vital if we are to present to them the truth about Christ's life, death, resurrection and soon return. We look forward to completing that adaptation so we can share with them.

"We appreciate your continued prayers while we are studying Thai and continuing to adapt to living here."
[The trip to get visas reminds us of our stay an Thailand when we too had to go down to Penang in Malaysia for new Thai visas and found wonderful hosting and help by those at the Adventist hospital there! --cht/sr] ~~~~~~~~~~~~~ VII. The Balite Tree Village in Philippines
A story by Bony Lagunday from the current Senior SS Quarterly:

"The Manobo people of Togopon village in the Southern Philippines wanted to relocate their village. They found a site that had plenty of safe water and enough land for houses and gardens. The site was perfect except for one thing: a balite, or banyan, tree grew nearby, and some villagers believed that the tree was home to spirits. Some said that they had heard a baby cry near the tree. Others smelled food cooking when they passed the tree. The witch doctor predicted that a disaster would wipe out the village if they moved to the area where the tree grew.

"I am one of two student missionary teachers in this village. Some Seventh-day Adventist members told us about the problem and asked our advice. Should they move the village to the new site or find another location?

"We prayed, and then told the believers, 'Satan is real; he is seeking to deceive people. But God has defeated Satan, who trembles when he hears the weakest child of God pray. We have nothing to fear as long as we trust God to cover us with His care.'

"The villagers moved to the new site. Some villagers heard strange sounds coming from the balite tree; others noted that some children had gotten sick. Even I felt something strange.

"One day I saw a new student in my classroom, a student I didn't recognize. The other children didn't seem to see this new student. After class this new student warned me not to stay in the village or something bad would happen to me. Then, in a blink, the mysterious student disappeared. Later I saw him near the balite tree.

"That night I couldn't sleep. I thought of my late father and my grandmother, both of whom had been witchdoctors in my village of my birth. Could the devil's curse still be on me? Then I reminded myself that I am now God's child, and God won the victory over Satan before this world was created. I talked to my teammate, and we prayed the God would show the village that He truly is God and that they have nothing to fear.

"The tree continued to disturb the villagers, so someone suggested that they cut it down. But the people feared that the person that cut the tree down would die. So I took the ax, prayed, then cut down the tree. No harm came to any of the villagers. 'The God of the student missionary teachers is a powerful God!' the people declared. Please pray that the people of Togopon will grow in their faith."

[Bony Lagunday is a student missionary from Mountain View College in the southern Philippines.] ~~~~~~~~~~ VIII.

Hope for Baguio -- from SULADS Newsletter

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I planned my annual trip to the Philippines on January 18 to March 1, 2011. Then I read in the Quiet Hour Echoes magazine that they were going to have an evangelistic series in Baguio from March 3-19. Since I had never been a part of a mission trip of that kind, I decided to add that to my itinerary. I purchased my airline tickets accordingly and flew to Manila arriving January 20 and went out to AIIAS (Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies) to spend the first weekend to catch up on the jet lag before I set out on a rigorous itinerary of visiting the 13 missions where we have Gospel Outreach projects. While at AIIAS, I was requested to teach a class that I had taught there many times before so I extended another two weeks until April 3. My tickets had to be changed and my visa extended.

I finished my agenda of visiting the Gospel Outreach sites and ended up in Baguio on February 27 and visited the GO workers there. Meanwhile, I was asked by Quiet Hour Ministries to be the coordinator of the series in Baguio. Thus my arrival on Sunday before the other members of the team arrived on Thursday.

**Meeting site on a basketball court

I had never been involved in an evangelistic series of this type so I had much to learn. There were ten sites where ten different speakers would present the ShareHim messages that they were using. I spent the first afternoon there in Baguio going around to get acquainted with each of the ten sites. Some needed a good bit of attention before they could become a venue for an evangelistic meeting. Two of the sites were Barangay Halls, also known as basketball courts with a roof over them. One site was a former bottle gas distribution center with only a roof over a raised loading dock. One site was in the front yard of a welding shop under a parachute that was being torn by the winds. One site was a classroom of a university. Another was under a tarp in the front yard of a believer. The remaining three were located in Seventh-day Adventist Churches in the area.

**Meeting site under the parachute

The first task was to make sure that everything was physically ready for the speakers to begin their meetings on Friday night. There were chairs to purchase, sound systems to purchase and many smaller items to make ready. Each site had a pastor assigned and each had their list of what needed to be done. They set to work and by Friday night, most everything was in order.
Another thing that was needed was Internet access in the condo rooms at the mission where the team would be staying. That was accomplished also.

Pastor Levi Payoyo, the mission president, had gone to Manila to meet the team as they came in on several different flights. One group had missed a connecting flight because on the first leg of their journey, as they were rolling out to the runway, a lady passenger tried to storm the cockpit. They returned to the gate where she was arrested and removed from the aircraft but when they got to Guam, their connecting flight had already left. They had to stay overnight and come the next day.

Finally, all were in Manila and they came by chartered bus on the six-hour trip to Baguio. They arrived at 1:30 am Friday. We were already one day late. After a short night’s sleep, the first orientation meeting was Friday morning at 9 am. All were briefed on what was to happen and received their assignments for where they would be working.

**Baptism of 195 souls in Baguio**

That first night there were a number of glitches in the sound system, the computer/projector connections, etc. Prayer, however, is powerful and each site was able to conduct their meeting using the technology required for their presentations.

Meetings proceeded each night from March 4 through March 19. Meanwhile, some of the team were medical professionals and held free medical and dental clinics in various places throughout Baguio. The meetings went on relatively smoothly with some interesting stories of individuals giving their lives to the Lord. On the final Sabbath, a baptism was conducted where 195 souls indicated their desire to allow Jesus to be their Savior.

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