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I. Update on Dr. Lamberton -- Continued

Judy Rosa <jk7040@webtv.net> June 2:
I am happy to see the letters from people that know my dad, Dr. Clark Lamberton. He is
here at my house with Pongso as we do our best to take care of him. He feels the best when
he has company as he has always been a busy man. It has really helped to have the Thai SDA
church community to come over and sing & pray with us. We have also had the Wiseman, Webster,
and Anholm families here to visit. Dad has been able to make it to the Thai Loma Linda church
a few times and not sure if he will be able to again. He is not able to walk now and most of
the time not able to hold his weight as we try and transfer him to bed or w/c. His still
knows all the folk that come by and see them so please call, e-mail or come by and see him. I
do not get to the computer every day but will try to keep up as I still work 5 days a week.
God bless you all as you keep us in your prayers. We are making a book for dad so if you have
some memories to send and pictures that would be so awesome!

II. Battling Demon Harassment in Kamantian

Wendy Harris <wruguftill@gmail.com> June 3:
Please pray for the missionaries and students in Kamantian, Philippines, (AFM project
where I worked for 5 1/2 years and where our helicopter lends most of its support.) They are
battling demon harassment again--this time with their students at their mission school! They
are exhausted but God is making the victory! I will post below the latest text from Kiana,
one of the missionary teachers and our good friend. Please pray for them! I know what it's
like in these situations and I can only imagine how exhausted they must be. (Usually 24 hours
of care and fasting and prayer is needed until the victory is won!) The Georges (the project
directors) have had to cancel their planned flight to the States because of this. God is in
control, though! It's just a reminder to us all of how real the Great Controversy is.

Text from Kiana: "Keep praying. God has already won this battle, now we pray for
deliverance for these people. There were maybe 10 total attacked but only 4 right now seem to
still be suffering. Pray for our faith and our courage and the strength only He can bring."

III. New Asia Pacific International University Faculty/Staff

**Faculty of Arts & Humanities

Mr. Herbert Yonathan as Music Lecturer and Coordinator. Mr. Herbert earned his Master's
degree of Music Performance in Piano from the University of the Philippines. He served as a
music director and educator, choir conductor and a piano performer in educational
institutions in the Philippines. Mr. Herbert comes from Surabaya, Indonesia.

**Faculty of Business Administration

Ms Nguyen Thi Phuong Linh (Alumni '07) as Instructor. She comes from Ho Chi Minh,
Vietnam. Ms Linh earned an MBA from Asian University, Thailand.
She has wide working experiences in housing developer and stock companies in Vietnam. She
hopes to enlarge her teaching experience at AIU.

Mrs. Benjamin Jongulsathaporn as Lecturer. Mrs. Benjamin comes with a wealth of
experience from serving in different capacities and institutions in Thailand. She has a
Master's degree in Business from Andrews University, USA. Mrs. Benjarin is also an SAUC alumna.

**Faculty of Science**

Mr. Wichai Siloh (Alumni '09) as Assistant Laboratory Coordinator. Mr. Wichai holds a BSc in Biology from this institution in 2009. He comes from Chiangrai, Thailand.

Dr. David Bruce Ekkens as a Senior Lecturer. Dr. David earned a PhD in Biology from Loma Linda University, USA. He taught for 30 years in Africa and the USA. "I hope to help students achieve their potential." From Tennessee, USA, Dr. David is here with his wife, Sharon.

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IV. North America - The Mission on Our Doorstep

Carol Reynolds <adventistrefugeeministry@gmail.com> June 2:

Have you ever longed to be a missionary to a foreign land? Did you know that there is a very important mission field right on your doorstep, right in our homeland? The United States accepts more refugees from needy, war torn areas of the world than any other country in the world. Last year over 60,000 refugees were accepted to be resettled in cities all across the country. That number will increase to 80,000 in 2009. Canada is the country that accepts the second largest number of refugees. The US government also accepts over one million legal foreign immigrants every year. And, over 600,000 International students come to study in the US each year. All these facts represent an incredible and unprecedented golden opportunity to reach the world through these so called "strangers in our midst."

The last ten years has seen one of the greatest migrations of people in history. It is when people are displaced that they are the most open and receptive to the gospel. Many of these refugees and immigrants come from areas of the world where we cannot send missionaries and there are very few Christians.

One of the largest groups to be resettled in the USA in the past three years is the Karen of Burma (Myanmar). One of the only people groups in SE Asia to accept the gospel message in large numbers, they have been hunted and persecuted for decades because of their faith, in an ethnic cleansing war. Under President Bush's tenure, the doors opened for thousands of Karen people to be resettled as refugees to this country. They are currently arriving every month to cities all across the land. Many of them are faithful Seventh-day Adventist Christians. Coming from primitive refugee camps to urban America, with their families, they face huge adjustments. They need our loving friendship and extended hands of welcome and help.

Other Christian groups have seen this need and have large ministries for outreach to refugees and immigrants. It's time for SDAs to be involved during the window of opportunity that is available right now. Adventists are getting involved in reaching out to the Karen, in places Utica NY, Atlanta GA, Fort Wayne IN, Chapel Hill NC, San Diego CA, and other cities. Richard Henderson, a layman in Atlanta, spends his evenings and weekends reaching out to the large refugee population he has found on his doorsteps. A Karen church group has been organized, and they are now reaching out to their own community. Another group of Adventists in Atlanta is reaching out to recently arriving Muslim refugees from Africa and the Middle East. Churches in Utica NY and Fort Wayne IN are sponsoring dozens of Karen students to their church schools. There remains much work to be done for these people as well as other refugee and immigrant groups here in America. In many places, the Karen cannot find our churches, or they have been met with a cold reception.

Twenty to thirty years ago there was a large influx of Vietnamese, Lao, and Cambodian refugees to the US. Sadly, many SDA believers became members of whatever group reached out to and helped them. We must not let this happen again with the Karen people! Perhaps we have failed to go or to send missionaries to all the world. Has God, in His providence, brought them to us, so they can learn of His great love? Could God be calling you to get involved in reaching out to the mission on your doorstep? His Southeast Asian children are waiting to
learn of Him through your involvement. Please pray that God will raise up more laborers and support for this golden opportunity to take the gospel to all the world.

For more information on the newly arriving KAREN REFUGEES of BURMA, see the following links:
http://www.asapministries.org/mission-in-our-backyards/
http://www.asapministries.org/a-volunteer-tear/
http://www.asapministries.org/the-plight-of-the-karen/
http://refugeeministries.com/
http://www.unhcr.org/4a4a178f9.html
http://www.karenkonnection.org/
http://www.ethnicharvest.org/

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V. ADRA & Sewing Machines for the Philippines

Dick Hall <DicknJeanH@cs.com> June 2:

Food costs are rapidly rising in the Philippines. Today, 60 percent of the population spends more than 50 percent of their income on food, with half of that expenditure spent on rice. Most families in this part of the country earn their living through farming or the raising of livestock. Food prices are increasing, while the income of farmers is not increasing. The simple art of sewing is making a huge difference in a family's daily survival. The sewing machines for the Philippines project appeared in the 2006 edition of ADRA's Really Useful Gift Catalog. Private donors enabled an initial distribution of 18 sewing machines. These were not the latest computerized sewing machines that we find in our local craft stores. These machines were sturdy, heavy-duty refurbished power machines used in factories 20 years ago. Built to last and easy to repair, they were an excellent choice. That year, the chosen beneficiaries were widows and single female-headed households. Each woman was required to pay ADRA 550 pesos [$13] a month to repay the loan of the sewing machine. By requesting this, ADRA was able to turn this one-time gift catalog project into a sustainable sewing bank. To date, 120 sewing machines have been distributed over the past five years. Recently, ADRA staff returned to visit some of the original beneficiaries. "We are a farming family, and before the ADRA program, I did not earn any income," says Grace. "When I was a young girl, I worked in a factory sewing tote bags. Before ADRA, when our farm was not earning money, my son could not go to school. Often, we had little to eat. Now I get up early each day and do housework, make breakfast, and see my son off to school. I am sewing by 8 each morning. I sew until 6 each night and then make dinner. I do this six days a week, sewing on the kitchen table. An agent brings me all the pieces, and I sew women's shorts all day." Grace has a humble home - a kitchen, a small living area, and a bedroom. Along the perimeter of her home, she has planted marigolds, petunias, and daisies.

Located along the main road, her home is immediately noticed for its neat, tidy appearance. "Do I tire of doing this each day?" Grace asks. Laughing, she answers, "No, I'm grateful. This is keeping food on our table and keeping my son in school. I am paying for his school fees, supplies, and uniform.

"Even more, I now dream of his attending college one day," says Grace. "I am earning an average of 100 pesos [$2.30] a day, and sometimes I am able to put a few pesos aside. This money I am saving is his college fund. My neighbors tell me that college is impossible for my son, that it is too expensive. I am saving anyway, because in my heart, I believe he will go. Thank you, ADRA, for giving me this dream."

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VI. A SULADS Story -- "Escapee"

SULADS Newsletter <sulads@sulads.net> May 27:

By: Jonell Jedd Calayco, Kanangan Mission School, Zamboanga del Norte

After just a year of SULADS work in Kanangan parents were happy to see their children read and write, recite memory verses, sing religious songs and be involved in whatever activities in school. They saw change in the behavior of their children. Now they are grateful, polite and helpful in home chores. These parents became interested in what their children had been learning in school. They enjoyed listening as these children tell them Bible stories they heard from their SULADS teachers.
Rosita is one of the mothers who was always present and attentive in listening to Bible stories during worship. She was also one of our Bible students in our Bible study class. When we came to the topic of baptism, she asked to be baptized. She then asked her husband's permission for the said rite. But the husband opposed her plan to be baptized. When she talked to him about it her husband's day was destroyed.

She did everything she could to convince him but to no avail. She was frustrated but she didn't give up. He does not want his wife to be a Seventh-day Adventist. But she was determined to pursue her plan.

Several weeks later a friend told her that there would be a baptism to be held at a certain beach at a specific time. It was a two-hour motorbike ride plus another two-hour hike away. She did not tell her husband about her plan. She told him that she would go downtown as it was market day. He consented not knowing of her plans. But she placed extra clothes in her pack because she would go to her friend and to the baptism site. The following day she came home without things she was supposed to have bought from the market. She told the truth to her husband that she was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

He was angry! She received a tongue-lashing. She just prayed silently asking the Lord to calm her husband down. "Lord, please touch the heart of my husband that someday soon he will accept the Sabbath truth and the church I believe in now."

Even though her husband was opposed to her attending church, she attended anyway and took her children with her. She was so persistent in attending that her husband later on got tired of opposing her and left her alone. He said, "I don't have anything to do with you anymore." He gave up on her.

Today all her children have been baptized, too. Her two little kids are attending Branch Sabbath School every Sabbath. But her petitions always reached heaven asking God to touch the heart of her husband.

Now, the husband actively supports her and their children and is now active in the mission of the church. Every time my teammate and I visit their home for worship this husband was always attentively listening.

According to Rosita her husband has learned to pray. He prayed one morning during our worship. In his prayer he said, "I will not promise when I will be baptized. But the time will come and it will be soon."

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