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I. Death of Former Vietnam Missionary, Rolland Howlett

Louise Howlett Driver <rh_howlett@att.net> June 13:

The following was a brief announcement from the PUC church bulletin:

Passing of Rolland Howlett

We are sorry to inform our church family that Rolland Howlett passed away this morning, June 9, at 5:30, at the grand old age of 96. Rollie suffered a fall several weeks ago and broke his hip. Last week he began to wind things up, said his farewells, and went to sleep in full assurance of faith in God.

Elder Howlett had a long career in Adventist education, serving as a principal and teacher at Monterey Bay Academy and Sandia View Academy in New Mexico. However, the major part of his service was overseas in Haiti, Kenya, Vietnam, Singapore, and Puerto Rico, where he served as President of Antillian College.

Those experiences lead to fluency in four languages--Spanish, Vietnamese, French, and of course English. Each Thursday morning, until the time of his fall this spring, he came into the church office to proofread the church bulletin with all the appropriate slashes and carets. He had a sharp and clear mind and heart right to the end.

Rollie is survived by his daughters, Louise Driver and Pat O’Neil, who will be remaining in the area for about a week in Rollie’s house if you would like to pay your respects. He also had five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. ~~~~~~~~

II. Related Obituary

The following is from the June 9, 2011 "Adventist Review":

"Barbara J. Griffith

"Born July 17, 1931 in San Francisco, Calif., died January 14, 2010 in San Diego, Calif. She served with her pastor husband in the Pacific, Atlantic, Lake and Inca union conferences, and also at the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies, Philippines. She is survived by her two sons, Randy and Ron, two daughters, Jan Widmann and Julie Porter; one brother; three sisters; nine grandchildren, and one great-grandchild."

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III. Myanmar’s MFM Continues Evangelism

Saw Thein <sawthein2009@gmail.com> May 29:

The Myanmar Frontier Mission sent our two workers, Z Naung San Aung and S’William Phyo, to participate in meetings in Namma in order to have experience in evangelism work. Myanmar Union Mission's Union evangelist, Pr. Saw Htoo Glad, Pr. U Khin Mg Nyein, a retired pastor and Pr. Solomon, a Lah Sho's church pastor, conducted evangelistic meetings in Lah Sho and in Namma several weeks this month. Please keep praying for us.

We, the MFM, plan to have training for our pioneers about three weeks in June. We will be very much encouraged by your prayer support as well as financially in the most precious time that our needs.

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IV. Angels Accompany Literature Evangelists in Thailand

The following is summarized from Demetrio Taotao’s article in the current (May) issue of the Thai Mission’s periodical, "Shining Light in Thailand":

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"Lampang is the third largest town in Northern Thailand, and it is the capital of Lampang Province. It is approximately 600 km. from Bangkok. Upon my arrival one of the literature evangelists came up to me and with a discouraged tone of voice said, 'Sir, for one week we have sold only three books.'

"As a leader who understood her feelings, I immediately called the other LEs to come closer to the book display and with bowed heads said a short prayer for God’s presence and blessing as we work together. After we prayed, I could see in their eyes that they were invigorated. Then we started distributing a lot of free literature and before 8 PM we were able to get some orders.

"In the morning I woke them up for morning worship. During our Bible reading, I asked them if they had any doubts and fears while working in that province. . . . I sensed that they worked hard, but they lacked one thing. Maybe they forgot that in working for perishing souls, they are not alone. . . . I told them what the Spirit of Prophecy tells us if we work for Him: 'We need to understand better than we do the mission of angels. It would be well to remember that every true child of God has the cooperation of heavenly beings.' Acts of the Apostles, p. 154. I told them that when you go canvassing you should remember that you are not alone. You have the cooperation of heavenly beings.

"For two days we saw how the Lord will work for us if we trust Him. God gave us the most encouraging event on the third day as we headed back to Bangkok with three literature evangelists. We stopped by a restaurant during lunch time. . . .

"When the waiter came to our table to ask for our order, he gave us 5 glasses of water even though there were only 4 of us. One of the literature evangelists commented, 'Sir, why did he give us 5 glasses of water?' I said, 'Never mind'. After a few minutes the same waiter came back with a heavy wooden chair and purposely placed it beside me.

The same LE was impressed to believe that there must be someone who was with us that we could not see. She said, 'Sir, this morning you told us several stories about angels who will accompany the LEs and now God has confirmed it.' But I told her to wait. In my mind I thought, if the same waiter delivers our food and brings 5 plates of rice instead of four, then we can be sure that there must be an angel who was really with us. And sure enough, when the waiter delivered the food, he brought 5 plates with rice on each plate and even gave one extra plate without rice.

"After lunch we drove on to Bangkok with gladness in our hearts. . . ."

V. Del Johnson Addresses Retirees in Collegedale

The following report was written by Ralph Neall for the Adventist Retired Workers (ARW) newsletter: Del Johnson, administrator of the North American Division (NAD) retirement program, explained some of the ins and outs of our retirement and health care assistance funds at our June 12 ARW meeting.

He listed the challenges which retirees face: house values have dropped, fixed income rates are down, Medicare is under attack, and millions of baby boomers are retiring.

The NAD has reserves of $200,000,000 to support retirees. But when we speak of trillions instead of billions, and with 16,000 retirees receiving checks every month, these reserves are very small. Johnson said that retirees are paid by contributions that conferences are giving for current retirees. Because their contributions flattened out in 2008, the retirement program has not been able to give any cost of living amount (COLA) for the past three years. Johnson said he is working with the conferences to increase their contributions this year so the program can give a 2.85% increase in 2012.

Del said that the NAD does not put any of its reserves in so-called "sin stocks," like alcohol, tobacco, or gambling. He mentioned that Adventist retirees tend to spend about 50% as much as the general population on prescription drugs. If a retiree needs to get hearing aids, the allowance is 80% of $2,200 per year. Since ordinary hearing aids cost more than that, the retiree can straddle the year, reporting part in December and the rest in January the following year. This is acceptable for the cost of dentures also.

VI. Gratton Perera Featured Speaker at AIU

We are delighted to introduce Pastor Gratton Perera as Asia-Pacific International University's Festival of Faith (FOF), June 27 - July 2, speaker for this semester. Originally from Sri Lanka, Pastor Perera is currently serving as the Youth Director of the Southeast Asia Union Mission, based in Singapore. He is passionate to have a closer walk with Jesus on a daily basis and to do his best to serve Him and His church.

This semester's FOF is a reflection of Pastor Perera's personal spiritual journey of trusting God fully. Throughout the week, Pastor Perera will share stories of humans who became heroes because of their trust in God. "These stories of
heroes show that the Bible is a story book not about great people, but about a great God." --Newsbyte, an on-campus newsletter, June 23, 2011

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VII. AIU Alumni Meet at Sabah, Malaysia

On Thursday, June 16, 2011, Asia-Pacific International University (AIU) hosted an Alumni dinner gathering at Tang Dynasty Lodge Tuaran, Sabah, Malaysia. More than 20 alumni representing Southeast Asia Union College (SAUC) and Mission College (MC) attended the dinner.

Prior to coming to Sabah for a leadership seminar, the University administrators saw a great opportunity to get together with the Sabahan alumni during their trip. University President Dr. Loren Agrey commented that it was indeed an honor to meet the alumni. "The chance to reminisce was fun and to enjoy the company of alumni for the evening was truly a pleasure. We hope we can reconnect again soon."

Haris Mintu (SAUC '95) shared that the gathering reminded him of college memories such as Talent and Cultural nights, Homecoming, Bible camps and more. "I am proud to be an alumnus of SAUC. I treasure my friendships from SAUC among college mates and faculty members who are very close to my heart. My years at SAUC were among the best I've had."

Lola Bingku (SAUC '98) shared that the get-together was wonderful in spite of the small number of SAUCians. "I felt reconnected in a way."

For Tenny Jokoh (MC '03), the dinner opened doors for alumni to meet with the University administrators, get reacquainted with classmates and also to get updates about the developments of the University. "My heart was filled with gratitude. I hope to have another reunion again!"

Many thanks to Mr. Stephen Loo, Education Director of Sabah Mission, for his kind assistance in helping organize this gathering.--Newsbyte, an on-campus newsletter, June 23, 2011 ~~~~~~~~ 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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