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I. Death of Olivine Bohner

Dave Dennis <davedennis@verizon.net> July 25

A former missionary in the FED, Olivine (Nadeau) Bohner, succumbed to a short illness and passed to her rest on July 3, 2011, at the age of 85, in her home in Banning, CA. Wife of John Bohner, Olivine served in the FED from 1952 to 1956. They were called to direct the Far Eastern Academy when it moved from Shanghai. John was the first principal of FEA in Singapore. After a few years at Cedar Lake Academy the Bohners returned to Guam. While John served as the Mission Treasurer Olivine taught at the mission school until a short while later she left to serve on the faculty of the University of Guam. Olivine, who held two master's degrees, considered her lifework was in the classroom where she spent almost 50 years. Even after retiring in 1997 Olivine went back to teach on an SOS basis at the Guam Mission Academy in 2004 and again in 2006. Additionally, she authored four books. Services were held for her at the Calimesa SDA Church on Sabbath July 9. Olivine is survived by her husband John, to whom she was married for 63 years, two sons, five grandchildren, a sister and brother and numerous nephews and nieces.

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II. Nimfa Sumagaysay & Office of Adventist Mission

"If you've called the office of Adventist Mission [at the GC] to make a donation, you were probably warmly greeted by the gentle voice of Nimfa Sumagaysay. Originally from the Philippines, she has served as Donor Coordinator for the past four years. Nimfa is often engaged in caring conversation and prayer with donors. She lives in Maryland with her husband Willie, and son, John Leigh." --from current issue of Adventist Mission's "Front Line" magazine ~~~~~~~~~

III. 500,000 Great Controversies Gifted Indonesia

Albert C. Gulfan wrote in the current issue of MINISTRY magazine:

One Family to Donate 500,000 Books

In Indonesia, Seventh-day Adventists have the practice of welcoming and closing the Sabbath with family worship. Some time ago I was in West Indonesia on a Sabbath. As it came time to close the Sabbath, I visited the family of a church member who owns the largest printing press in Indonesia, among other business interests. This dear brother prints the textbooks for the public schools in Indonesia and is very supportive of the work of the church.

After the worship in this brother's lovely home in Jakarta, we had a conversation about two things: printing "The Great Controversy" in the Indonesian language, and also printing Bible textbooks for our elementary and high schools in Indonesia.

After explaining the [Great Controversy] project to the family, they agreed to print, as a gift to the church, 500,000 copies of "The Great Controversy" in its classic version. Praise God!

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IV. Adventist World Radio Now in Tibetan

Adventist World Radio (AWR) is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year and in their current TRANSMISSIONS magazine is the good news that Tibetans will now be able to hear the gospel message in their language on radio. The following is taken from that magazine:

Three Days to Kathmandu

It's rarely happened in the history of AWR, but this summer we are departing from our usual procedure and starting a new broadcast in the middle of our six-month season.

What is the occasion? "After a two-year search for a producer, we are thrilled to have started recording our first shortwave program in Tibetan, and we want to begin reaching listeners as soon as possible," announces AWR president, Dowell Chow.

Tibet is a mountainous province in China, and as you may guess, there is no organized Adventist Church structure there. When AWR began spreading the word that we were looking for a Tibetan radio producer, a few leads came through contacts at other supporting ministries. Eventually AWR connected, through e-mail, with a man named Nurpu Lama.

Last fall, Chow was scheduled to attend a listeners' reunion in Kathmandu, Nepal—a country which borders Tibet—so Lama traveled there to meet with him. The trip required considerable perseverance: a long walk from Lama's hillside home to a larger town, a bus ride, a full-day walk to the Nepal border, and a day-long bus ride to Kathmandu.

Since Lama speaks Nepali, he was able to receive training from AWR's long-time Nepali producers and technician, learning the equipment and voice announcing skills. The Nepali team provided him with a supply of their scripts, which he began translating by hand and contextualizing for the Tibet people. Since then, Lama has twice more made the exhausting trip back to Kathmandu to do more recordings in the AWR studio.

Lama's life is not easy. Although his home does have electricity, and he is able to use the laptop computer provided by AWR, to access e-mail, he must hike down the mountainside to a lower village to visit an Internet cafe. His days are very full, as he raises some animals and food for his family, and also works as a Gospel Outreach pioneer.

Please join us in prayer as this young man takes on his new responsibilities. His voice will be heard across Tibet, through one of the best shortwave signals that we have on our entire schedule, sharing the advent message of our soon-coming Savior. -- by Shelley Nolan

Freesland ~~~~~~~~~ V. Celebration of Life event with Don Roth

Dan Roth <danroth911@aol.com> July 17:

Dad had a great day today. We had a Celebration of Life event at the Villa dining room with music, pictures, testimonials and other fun things that honored Dad's life. There were about 120 people there. Thanks to everybody that came and especially those that helped put it together. A special thanks for Cindi Wright for coordinating everything. One of the parts of the celebration is that my cousin Kathy Runge and I narrated a photo journey of Dad's life. I uploaded the photos and if you would like to see them click on this link:
https://picasaweb.google.com/106253748678813699223/DonRoth?authuser=0&feat=directlink

We got Dad back in the apartment and he was pretty worn out. He is ready to talk with family and friends this week. We got a computer set up with video Skype right by his bed. You can Skype him at DonRoth16 any time during about 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Pacific Time. If you do not get an answer then do a Skype Chat with what time Dad can Skype you back. Or you can call Dad and Mom at their home number (909)796-4730 the same hours.

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VI. Philippine Choir 'CHOIR OF THE WORLD' Winner

Girlie Mae Andrada-Ray Puen/British Union Conference News

A choir from the Adventist University of the Philippines won three top awards at the 2011 Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod Festival in Wales, 4-10 July, 2011. After gaining first place in both the Mixed Choir and Chamber Choir categories, they went on to win the coveted "Choir of the World -- Pavarotti Trophy on Saturday night. The Llangollen Eisteddfod, with Terry Waite CBE as its President, is among the world's most prestigious choral competitions.

The trophy was made even more special for them as the The Ambassadors rejoicing as they win the Pavarotti Trophy. Event organisers moved the starting time of the Saturday evening competition to accommodate the Sabbath-keeping choir. After winning the first two categories, and therefore gaining entry to the final, the group had already decided that they would not
compete during the Sabbath hours. However after much prayer and supplication, the group was delighted when the competition was moved to 9:30 pm, after sunset!

That does not mean they wasted the Sabbath hours! During the competition they enjoyed the exceptional hospitality and friendliness of the Welsh people who accommodated the group in their own homes in the village. In return for their kindness and hospitality, the group organised a Sabbath concert for the villagers. Whilst the rest of the competitors were busy rehearsing and preparing for the competition, the 'Ambassadors' the official name of the choir, were giving glory to God through singing and sharing their faith with the community. They were able to answer many questions about Adventists as many of the locals had never heard of Adventists. Tenor Zhean Manalo reported that "it was the first time that they had met people like us, that we were 'different' and how deeply we touched people's lives."

A local resident, Peter, had been assigned to host the choir. He told them he was honoured to have been given that assignment, and felt very blessed.

The choir, led by Ramon Lijaoco Jr. arrived in the UK on Thursday, 7 July, the night before the first competition. Despite jet lag and fatigue from the 12-hour flight, the group gave their all as they battled with top choirs from all over the world and won the first prize in the Chamber Choir and Mixed Choir categories. The 30-voice Ambassadors had a juggling trick to do. The minimum requirement for Mixed Choir is 30 voices, the maximum for Chamber Choir is 29 voices. An alto volunteered to drop out in order for the group to qualify to compete in the Chamber Choir category.

For the Mixed Choir category, the group sang "Agnus Dei" by Krzysztof Penderecki and "Itako" an original composition by the conductor, Ramon Lijaoco, Jr. For the Chamber Choir competition, where they beat Mansfield University Concert Choir from the United States and CF1 from Wales, they sang "Amor de mi Alma" by Z Randall Stroope and "Bagbagto" by Nilo Alcala.

On Saturday evening they went head to head with five other choirs for the most prestigious award, the Choir of the World 2011 and the most coveted Pavarotti Trophy. Printed adjudication notes were given to the choir read:

"We were in no doubt this is a quality corporate instrument of very high calibre, based on a strong individual vocal culture moulded towards a clearly understood choral sound."

The AUP Ambassadors is the official chorus of the Adventist University of the Philippines. It was founded in 1957 by an American missionary, Elder Elton Wallace, as an all-male chorus. In 1971, under the leadership of Mrs. Minerva Arit-Penaranda, the group began accepting female members and has since become a mixed choir. They have been actively involved in promoting Adventist education by visiting churches all over the Philippines and other countries in Asia and the United States. In 2006, the Ambassadors joined the World Choir Games in China and came home Champion in the Gospel and Spiritual categories. This has inspired them to join more choral competitions, not only to win medals and trophies but most importantly, to raise the profile of the Adventist Church in the music community, the latest being the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod Festival.

Raising the £50,000 needed for the 32 members of the choir to travel was a challenge but did not daunt their spirits or their faith. Since the Eisteddfod they have continued to share their faith -- and complete their fundraising with invitations to sing in St Chad’s church, Wrexham, followed by a concert in Stockport Adventist church and then a flight to Aberdeen where a series of concerts were arranged by local pastor, Lorance Johnson.

Those in the London area will be able to experience the joy of their music this weekend in a series of performances at local churches and a gala concert at the Advent Centre.

Friday 7:00 pm: Wimbledon International church Sabbath 9:30 am: Holloway church Sabbath 11:30 am: Central London church, Advent Centre Sabbath 7:00 pm: London Filipino International church Sunday 7:00 pm: Gala Concert, Advent Centre

Aware of the image they project for church and school, the Ambassadors strive to perform to the glory of God at every performance. At Llangollen and elsewhere, they deflect all compliments to the glory of God, acknowledging at every opportunity that they are blessed to be singing ambassadors for Christ.

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VII. Pioneer Worker Training in Myanmar
Saw Thein <sawthein2009@gmail.com> July 19:

Praise God, we were able to conduct the Pioneer Training again in Meiktila for some three weeks (June 15-July 5). We started the Discipleship Training in 2005 but it was stopped for several years. This year’s was a special training; we'd planned and hoped for 7 persons but actually by this time we finished, there were only four; they were Z. Naung San Aung, John Yaw Han, S' William Phyo and Aung Win Shwe. We hope and pray for 7 dedicated persons when we have out second training in November. In order to get some dedicated young men, I plan to have a revival promoting trip to Ayeyawady Mission, especially at Myanmar Union Adventist Seminary and in Myaungmya district by coming month of August.

We are lining up this kind of training 3 times in 2012 and in the next 3 years hope to plant 7 churches by these trained, dedicated persons. Thanks to all our donors, especially Narissa Munsey who promoting funding our evangelistic projects. In order to implement our tasks which the Lord has given us, we need your support. We pray to God may bless all of you who serving Him with us through financially and prayer support.

VIII. Changes at Ekamai International School

Lee Chin Beng <leec@eis.ac.th>

New Developments
1. Snack Bar - It will be relocated nearer to Building 3, modernized and expanded with more surrounding trees for natural shade, appropriate roofing with outdoor cooler fan ventilation and an elevated floor.
2. Playground Area for Primary and Elementary Students - Building 5, the temporary wooden building will be torn down right away to make way for a much needed playground area for Primary and elementary students.
3. Covered Walkway - The long awaited covered walkway between buildings 3 & 6, to protect students from the sun and rain, is now being constructed and will be ready for use at the beginning of school in August.
4. School Safety - A safety and transportation coordinator has been appointed, and more safety measures will be implemented in the new school year to enhance the safety of our students in the school premises.
5. Computers - New Up-to-date computers will be purchased for the computer labs to enhance learning.

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WASC Accreditation Term

EIS was recently granted a 3-year accreditation term by [America's] Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) in the letter dated May 10, 2011 by the Commission Chairman, Dale J. Mitchell.

IX. Quiet Hour Airplane Goes to Indonesia

Jan Roberts <papuapiano@gmail.com> July 17:

Bob Roberts plans on departing the US, Santa Maria around midnight July 23. His flight plan will take him to Kona, Hawaii where he'll rest for a couple of days after a projected 13-14 hour flight, alone, across the Pacific. Then he'll fly to Majaro, Marshall Islands and take another sleep. The last leg will hopefully be direct from there to Sentani, Papua, Indonesia with arrival on July 28 or 29. We covet your prayers for safety, alertness, good weather with tail winds, and that the plane, a new Kodiak, will bring him safely home. We are grateful in knowing that myriads of angels will fly with him all the way!

If you'd like to contact Bob before his flight his e-mail address is <flyaai@gmail.com>.

-- Jan Roberts -- waiting at home in Sentani.

X. Chiang Mai Adventist Academy Has Lower Enrollment

Whispers from the Hills, July, 2011

Another school year has begun again. Because of the unusual rains in March and April, we have had no problems with water so far this year. We are thankful to the Lord for his watch and care over our every need. Our enrollment is slightly less this year -- about 715 students. This is also a blessing as we do not have to deal with overcrowding of the dorms and
classrooms. However, it is not so good for our budget. But again, we know that the Lord will carry us through. Thank you all for your prayers and support.

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