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I. Don Roth Dies in Loma Linda
   Karen Porter <kporter@llu.edu> July 27:
   Elder D. A. (Don) Roth peacefully fell asleep in Jesus on Tuesday evening, July 26. He was surrounded by his family at his retirement home at Linda Valley Villa in Loma Linda, California.
   Friends are invited to visit with the family on Sabbath, July 30, from 12 noon to 3 p.m. at the Emmerson-Bartlett Memorial Chapel, 703 Brookside Avenue, Redlands. Phone: 909-793-2311.
   The funeral service will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 31, at the Calimesa Seventh-day Adventist Church, 391 Myrtlewood Drive, Calimesa, California. A reception will be held in the church’s fellowship hall immediately after the service.
   The burial will be private, for family members and invited guests.
   In lieu of flowers, Roth family members suggest donations to the Don Roth Deferred Mission Appointee Fund, which has been established at Loma Linda University. Make checks payable to LLU with "Don Roth" on the memo line and mail them to Office of Philanthropy, Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, CA 92350. They will send a letter and receipt to each donor as well as a letter of notification to Elder Roth's family.
   Cards and letters can be sent to Doris Roth and the family at 11075 Benton St., #116, Loma Linda, CA 92354. The phone number is (909) 796-4730.

The following is Don Roth's life sketch as he wrote it, with a few additions by family members. Jocey Fay prepared it for the Adventist REVIEW.
   Daniel Andrew (Don) Roth, 84, a resident of Loma Linda, died at his home on Tuesday, July 26, 2011, after a short illness. He lived in the Linda Valley Villa since December 2010 but was a Yucaipa resident for the previous 20 years.
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   The deceased had a real love for writing and has contributed to many various church and city papers, including the Yucaipa News Mirror, since 1991 and the Loma Linda City News. He was a member of the Calimesa Seventh-day Adventist Church from 1991 until his death.
   During his career he served as a church administrator, writer, missionary, recruiter of missionaries, and editor of several publications.
   Until December 2008 he was a longtime editor of the Calimesa News and Notes, a bimonthly publication of the Calimesa Seventh-day Adventist Church.
   He also served as communications secretary and for a long period was coordinator of the senior Sabbath School of the local church.
   Born in Norwood, a suburb of Cincinnati, Ohio, on April 14, 1927, Don (whose official birth name of Daniel was seldom used) was the fifth of the six children born to Daniel and Matilda Roth, both German speaking young people who emigrated in their late teens from Europe in 1914, just before the beginning of World War I.
   Don received his elementary education in schools in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Since his father was a minister, they moved frequently. He received his secondary education at the Greater New York Academy,
Woodside, Long Island, New York, while his father was pastor of the German Brooklyn church in Ridgewood, Queens, New York.

Because he worked his way through college, it took Don five years to complete his collegiate work at Washington Missionary College (now Washington Adventist University) in Takoma Park, Maryland. In August 1948 he married Doris Ann Behringer, of Washington, Pennsylvania, a longtime friend and fellow student. They graduated together from college in June 1950.

Later that year he began denominational work in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, when he was accepted on a probationary basis as a departmental secretary of the former East Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Later the office moved to Reading, Pennsylvania. During the time of his service there, two of his three children were born at the Reading General Hospital, David Alan and Diane Arlene.

In 1954 he was called to be the Public Relations and Radio-TV secretary of the Columbia Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in Takoma Park, Maryland, a unit of the church for the Mid-Atlantic States. He also served as editor of the Columbia Union Visitor, the church’s weekly paper. The birth of Daniel Andrew Roth Jr. in Takoma Park completed the Roth family.

Don was ordained as a Seventh-day Adventist minister in 1959.

In early 1965 Don and his wife received an invitation from the world headquarters of the Seventh-day Adventist Church to go into overseas mission service. In late July 1965 the family left for Singapore, where he became the assistant secretary of the Far Eastern Division of the church, which at that time covered 17 nations of Asia. He also carried other responsibilities during this period, including a major role in evacuating many national employees of the Saigon Adventist Hospital during the fall of South Vietnam to the Communists in April 1975.

At the church’s international convention held in Vienna, Austria, in 1975, Roth was elected as an associate secretary of the church’s General Conference, located in Takoma Park and later in Silver Spring, Maryland. In his new post he became responsible for recruiting missionaries for the church’s Far Eastern and Southern Asia territories. He continued in this post until September 1990, when he retired from full-time service and moved to Yucaipa, California. On December 31, 2010, Don and Doris moved to the Linda Valley Villa in Loma Linda, California.

He worked part time from 1991 to 2011 as a representative of the General Conference Secretariat on the campus of Loma Linda University.

Don authored four books and hundreds of articles that have appeared in many church publications. During his career, honors were given to him by his alma mater (at that time Columbia Union College) as Alumnus of the Year; the Vietnam Mission for his role in the 1975 evacuations from Saigon; and the Southeastern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists for outstanding public relations leadership, as well as the local Calimesa Seventh-day Adventist church for his untiring service.

In October 2009 he received in Newport Beach, California, a Lifetime Achievement Award at the annual meeting of the Society of Adventist Communicators. A year earlier he was given the Alumni President’s Award from the Alumni Association, School of Medicine, Loma Linda University, for his many years of association with the organization as editor of one of their publications and for his ongoing affiliation with them on alumni projects and the recruitment of physicians for overseas mission service. Also in 2010 the Association of Adventist Women named him a Champion of Justice for his support of women during his years of service to the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Earlier in his ministry he served on a wide variety of boards including the Public Relations Society of America and the New York Board of the Christian Medical College of Vellore, India.

Because he visited 120 countries of the world, he belonged to the Travelers Century Club. He also served on the boards of the Quiet Hour Ministries, an international broadcasting group in Redlands, California, and the Emerald Foundation, headquartered in Loma Linda, California. The latter organization is active in raising funds for Christian work in Ireland.

Don’s family was very important to him. He always brought Doris and the children interesting items from his many trips. He was present—often officiating—whenever there was an important family event, such as a baby dedication, a baptism, or a wedding. He loved also to attend the graduations of his grandchildren.

Surviving are his wife Doris Ann, of Loma Linda, California; two sons, David of Orange County, California, and Daniel Jr. and wife, Kathy, of Simi Valley, California; one daughter, Diane Castle and husband, Charles, of McAllen, Texas; seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

II. Remembering Olivine Bohner

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Willard Hackett <wkhackett@yahoo.com> July 26:

I was one of the students of Olivine in Singapore. She was the best English teacher I ever had. I continued to touch base with her from time to time by email. Both the Bohners had the love of working for the Lord. She send me a pre-release copy of one of her books and asked for my feed back. I felt honored that she would ask me about her book. She will be missed by many.

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III. With Dwayne & Wendy: The Mayoyao Mission Challenge

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***The Biggest Miracle!!!***

As the time got closer for this big medical mission trip, we realized that another vehicle would be almost essential for the kind of traveling we'd be doing (on some of the most dangerous and remote roads requiring 4 wheel drive) and for the size of our group. It seemed impossible with all the other big financial needs we had, but we knew that God would provide somehow. We had been praying for a few months for a vehicle for the new Mayoyao mission that we're helping our friends, Briane and Joy (newest part of our team :) get started (about 3 hours from here). But wouldn't it be great, we thought, if God would provide it now for this trip! We tripled our prayers, found a truck for sale, and waited. The days drew closer... and not too late, and not too early, but the day before we left to go pick up our group, God provided a couple specific donations, and we purchased the 4 wheel drive missionary truck!! (You can see it in the pictures.) It was and is perfect for our needs! It holds 6 people comfortably and has a big bed in the back to haul supplies. What a great God we serve!

***The Trip***

I jokingly call this the "Extreme Medical Mission Trip" because we drug these dear people all across northern Luzon, camping on classroom floors, in missionary houses, and budget hotels--staying in 9 different places in 12 days! We drove from one end of Luzon to the other, it seems, with sometimes just a few hours of sleep! But, I did not hear a word of complaint! All I saw were increasing smiles, bonding, and great joy that only serving others can bring. What a team and what a trip God provided us!

***The Team***

We had 2 doctors, 5 nurses, one counselor, 2 camera men/women, and many with multiple skills that added greatly to the team (translators, drivers, massage therapists, medical missionaries, "pharmacists" and "ophthalmologist" etc.) We were thankful for the surgeon and dentist team from CVAH (the Adventist hospital close to us here in Santiago) who joined us for part of the time as well. We are looking forward to the video that our camera crew is making of the trip.

We had a very multi-cultural (from 5 countries) and diverse team, some seasoned missionaries and others visiting a developing world for the first time. Some were experienced, remote-area nurses and doctors, and others were just getting started. It was amazing how all the skills and personalities fit just perfectly for what was needed! It was also a great learning experience in many ways for many of us. I appreciated very much the spirituality of the team and the time and care taken with each patient.

***Fun with Education***

This was our first time also to make a real priority for education (and natural remedies) with half a day allotted at each site, just for that. And, though we still have much to learn and improve on, we were pleased with how things went. We gave our Australian team members (2 medical families) the responsibility of giving the health lectures and demonstrations, and they did an excellent job with top quality presentations! The people were eating it up, especially when we brought out the prizes for the quizzes between each talk! (The hats and baby blankets were the favorites that made the crowd go wild! But even the little notebooks and pencils amazingly caused a stir.) Some of the topics were hard to swallow (Nutrition, Water, Smoking, Alcohol, etc.) but they really seemed to understand. It may take another generation to make the changes, but it has to start somewhere.

***NEWSTART Health Fair***

We called these medical missions: "NEWSTART Family Health Fairs" to distinguish from a typical medical mission. We encouraged the people to come and stay all day, which most of them were able to do. We tried to give people practical ways they could prevent and treat their problems even after we left. I feel we are finally finding a good balance between natural and conventional medicines. We used a lot of garlic, charcoal, malunggay and lagundi capsules (local immune boosting and healing leafy greens), vitamins, sulfur soap, etc. Many of these things are readily available in these areas and they can continue using the fresh sources even after they run out of the capsules versions we gave them. We taught them how to make and use their own charcoal and how to use water for healing. The local missionaries (mostly
Philippine Frontier Missionaries) already teach these things to their people, but we were able to add credibility to them, which they really appreciated.

***Counseling and Prayer***

We enjoyed having a professional counselor along to join in the counseling station with our other "counselors." With their various backgrounds in health, they were also able to talk with each patient about their health needs. Depending on what the patient seemed interested in, they could counsel on spiritual, family, or health issues, or all three! We were so happy that God provided a lot of great sharing materials too for this trip! (we’re learning to give it generously away and God will provide more!) The counselors were able to pray with each patient before sending them on to see the doctor. They, along with the doctors, made notes on the patient’s record forms and we left them behind for the missionaries to do follow-up.

We found several special cases that need surgery or other special care that we’re working on finding help for.

***By land or by air: Speed the work!***

This was also our first time to lead a big group up here and these guys were perfect guinea pigs! We learned a lot, and more then anything it was confirmed in us the great need for a helicopter! (After all the traveling, I even developed a condition on my legs (Erythema Nodosum) that practically laid me flat for almost a week!) For now we will keep working on the ground, scouting the areas, and preparing the airbase until He provides for air transportation. Thanks for your prayers for this need that could greatly speed God's work in these areas!

Pray for us as we plan another trip with a group coming this September.

May God continue to bless you as you share in this ministry!

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IV. AIU Farewells Khun Rajdeep Takeuchi

In the recent Faculty & Staff meeting, Asia-Pacific International University (AIU) took the opportunity to formally farewell Khun Rajdeep Takeuchi. She accepted the call to serve as Director at the Ekamai International School (EIS), Bangkok.

During her three years at AIU, Khun Rajdeep served as Associate Vice President of Student Administration in Bangkok campus. Khun Rajdeep expressed that she was glad to be able to serve at AIU and that she has developed a close bond with the Nursing faculty. "AIU has a special place in my heart." Dr. Christoph Berger, in his words of appreciation, described Khun Rajdeep as "a gifted and dedicated person". He added, "We are sure that you will be a blessing for many students and faculty at EIS, and it will be a blessing for you and your family." --Newsbyte volume 11, July 21, 2011 newsletter of AIU

Quiet Hour Airplane Goes to Indonesia--Update

Michael Porter <mikeporter_ada@compuserve.com> July 26:

Bob lands in Majuro in 15 minutes. All has gone well with the leg from Santa Maria to Hawaii and it looks like leg to Marshall Islands has gone well too.

Quiet Hour has a part in this plane, but Bob raised most of the funds for this plane from his commercial operations. We're paying for the ferry flight and we've provided him our credit with the Quest Factor for his next plane.

If you wish to follow his progress, here is a link:
http://flightaware.com/live/flight/N506KQ

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