I. Ben Bandiola’s Autobiography Published

Before Dr. Ben Bandiola passed away recently, he had finished writing his autobiography and had sent it to the publisher. It has been published and is available at Barnes and Noble book stores. The title is "Have No Fear" and is published by Ex Libris. We have no price information.

II. Malaysia Youth Skype Conference with G. C. President

Jane Yap <janeyap2001@yahoo.com> Sept. 8:

On 29th August, 2011, Taiping Malaysia - history was made through the first-ever live skype conference between the young people of Peninsular Malaysia (PEM) and the General Conference President, Elder Ted Wilson. Being the first youth congress organized by the Mission's Youth Director, James Edward, attended by over a hundred participants, the skype meeting was facilitated by Allan Yap, Elder & Youth Advisor of the Petaling Jaya English Seventh Day Adventist church. A 16-hour time gap between Asia & the US was of no hindrance for this conference to take place.

Asked what prompted this event to take place, Allan said; "I was praying on how the Lord will use me to create greater impact to our young people in Malaysia during the youth congress, and the Spirit impressed me to write to Pastor Wilson and present to him the idea of speaking to our young people live via skype, and since it was led by the Spirit, all things work together for good! Praise the Lord indeed!"

This experience has definitely boosted and re-ignited the spirit of serving and Mission of the young people and has started a spiritual revival within their hearts, as 16 year old Caleb said: "Elder Ted Wilson's words were really inspiring & encouraging for me. He has touched me with his words of affirmations. He is such an inspirational person & he has opened my eyes to the truth. I pray that God would continue to use him to bless the people in the world."

III. Myanmar Treasury Staff Attend Treasury Seminar

Namg Do Dal <myumsda@myanmar.com.mm> September 12:

The Myanmar Union Mission of Seventh-day Adventists has just concluded a Treasury Seminar. It was conducted by 7 presenter from SSD in Silang, Manila and one presenter from the General Conference in Maryland. There were 40 participants including 10 delegates from the Sri Lankan Mission. Those attendees are composed of treasurers, accountants, cashiers of the missions and institutions and finance personnel from ADRA Myanmar. The seminar meetings has been a successful seminar and the attendees were so very much blessed with knowledge that was provided.

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IV. The Drs. Wiebe Still Teaching
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Drs. Henri & Beverly Wiebe were among two of the last Medical Evangelists Graduating Class of Loma Linda Medical Center in California, USA, 50 years ago. They have been Directors for the Wiemar Health Conditioning Centre for the New Start Program and also as missionaries to different parts of the world, of which 12 years were spent in China. The book Fu-Gua-Bing was written by one of their Intensive-Class-Students by taking careful notes in repeated class sessions and her daughter who was fluent in English, translated the compilation of information into English! -- from CCCF Weekly News. Coquitlam Chinese Fellowship ~~~~~~~~~ V. Special Request: Pray for Buddhists ***First...

Muy is a recent convert from Buddhism and was baptized in December. It is rainy season here in Thailand. She lives here in Nakhon Luang and is watching the river behind her house carefully. Last year her property was flooded and her garden destroyed. We all are praying that it will not flood high enough to ruin her two large gardens this year. This is the way she supports herself and feeds her two handicapped children. Officials in charge of whether or not to open the floodgates and spare Bangkok will make that decision soon. The rising waters could be diverted here to the central valley or to another province. It is not an easy decision. Would you please be praying for God's will to direct them? ***Second and third...

There are two young ladies, one in China and one north of Bangkok, that have made decisions to stop coming to church. The young girl in Thailand is concerned about her high school grades. Many times school is on Sabbath here. She has decided to take part in the school activities and class work on Sabbath. She was in the youth class at church and preparing for baptism. Now she says she is not able to attend and still maintain her grades.

The young lady in China is receiving pressure from her parents to get married. She is 35. She says with a Friday night Bible study and church all day Sabbath, she has not seen her former friends for a long time. This has cut into her social life and kept her from looking for a prospective mate. She has decided that she does not have to attend church to be a Christian. She has also said she will now concentrate on finding a boyfriend. ***Fourth request...

Samuel Wang's meetings in the capital city of Taiwan continue. Pray for him please, for strength and wisdom and the infilling of the Holy Spirit as he finishes these meetings for the large Buddhist population in Taipei. Also pray for the Seventh-day Adventists who now have some new tools with which to reach out to the Buddhist majority on the island. ***Extra Prayers...

We could ask you to pray for the 2 ½ million Buddhists that live in America.

We could also encourage you to pray for the Buddhists that go to the *Dharma Centers of all traditions - that are now in more than eighty countries around the world on every continent. These are mostly frequented by non-Asians and emphasize meditation, study and the practice of rituals. That is also a real need!

*Dharma...Hinduism & Buddhism (a): the basic principles of cosmic or individual existence: divine law (b): conformity to one's duty and nature.

-- Prayers Among Buddhists @ PO Box 15, Nakhon Luang, Ayutthaya 13260, Thailand ~~~~~~~~~ VI. Noah's Ark in Hong Kong

Scott Cady <scocad@paNoah's ark in Hong Kong

A theme park with the name "Noah's Ark" opened in Hong Kong this past May. It includes a life-sized replica of the famous boat that is based on the description and dimensions reported in Genesis 6:14-16. The hull is 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high. It was financed by Hong Kong's billionaire Thomas Kwok, who, with his two brothers Walter and Raymond, inherited one of the world's largest real estate companies when their father died in 1990. Several replicas of Noah's ark have been built around the world in recent years, including one in the Netherlands, one in Florenceville, New Brunswick, and one that was built by Greenpeace on Turkey's Mount Ararat.-The Wall Street Journal (SignsWatch September 2011) ~~~~~~~~~ VII. APIU Officer Receives National Award

Asia-Pacific International University is proud to announce that Ajarn Titar Somphan received a national teaching award from the Thai Ministry of Education Office of the Welfare Promotion Commission for Teachers and Educational Personnel.

This award is conferred in recognition of Somphan's outstanding contributions in the area of education as well as serving as excellent model to the community. Ajarn Titar served in many capacities at the Office of Student Administration since June 1998. He is the Student Activities and Campus Safety Coordinator at AIU Muak Lek campus.
We wish Ajarn Tirat God's blessings as he continues to serve on this campus. --Newsbyte, an on-campus newsletter, September 15, 2011 ~~~~~~~~~~ VIII. SULAD Mission Story: The Baby Came to Church

by Lynzel Gay F. Tibio, Lambila Mission School

One Sabbath morning I was telling a story from "The Bible Story" about Jesus when He was so busy preaching and healing the sick. Later that day the mothers came with their kids to come to Jesus. But the disciples knowing that Jesus was so tired that day told the mothers not to disturb the tired Jesus. And Jesus said "No!" Matt.19:14 "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

In church that Sabbath, there were mothers in the crowd with their babies tied about their waists with malongs.(multiple-purpose piece of cloth and oftentimes used by mothers for their babies). "Do you mean, Ma'am, that this Jesus cares for our babies too?" Bon, one young mother, asked.

"Yes, of course," I said. "Every single person even babies, or even unborn babies that are still in the tummies are so precious to Jesus that He said 'For of such is the kingdom of heaven.'"

"Will our babies who die be in heaven too?" another mother asked.

"Yes," I replied, "because Jesus said, 'for of such is the kingdom of heaven.'"

Women are the bread earners and they are the hard working ones in tending the farm and gardens. Men are occupied with bows and arrows and spears preparing always for tribal conflicts. They are the ones who go to the forest to hunt game for the family's food. Even when pregnant, these women work on their farm. They dig sweet potatoes, fetch water, gather firewood, cook, wash and care for the children.

During my term, three mothers delivered their babies. I had the privilege of attending to them when they were in labor. I was told that it was normal in their tribe to have more babies die than live. They don't know why this happens. But I see in their situation that one cause can be poor sanitation. Second is malnutrition. Because even when there are so many nutritious foods, vegetables and fruits, fresh water and air and sunlight, the game they eat are many times left to rot before they eat them. They said that is how they prepare and that is their best treat! Yuk!

Bon's baby got sick. Bon, the mother, got sick too. My heart ached when I saw the baby coughing laboriously with a dry whooping cough. When I visited that Friday evening I saw that the baby was in critical condition. I didn't have any medicines in my cabinet. And the hospital was a day's hike away. All I could do was pray. "Lord, this is beyond my capacity. I believe you are the owner and the giver of life. Thy will be done for this helpless baby. Amen."

That Sabbath morning I was surprised to see Bon in church. "Bon," I said, "isn't the baby sick? Why did you bring him here? And aren't you sick too?"

"Yes, Ma'am, I am sick also. But.....Ma'am," she said "mas fu so'k ni koen. Balo wan kun dasan basta sumiba be D'wata........." she continued to explain in their vernacular. "It's much better to come. Even though we are sick I need to come and bring my child to Jesus. Even if he dies Jesus will raise him up and bring him to heaven because He said 'for of such is the Kingdom of heaven.' I will meet him anyway in heaven."

What a faith! "Lord," I prayed, "teach me to have faith like this lady."

Tuesday morning that week Bon's baby breathed his last. Bon and her husband cried the whole night. My teammate and I were there to cry with them and help them lift their heavy burden. When I talked with them later that day they said, "We are sad because our baby died. But we are happy, on the other hand, to think that we will meet our baby in heaven with Jesus and you also, Ma'am, because Jesus said, 'for of such is the Kingdom of heaven.'"

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