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I. Hong Kong Days--Then and Now
   K. G. & Nanny Tan <kgntan@netvigator.com> November 13:
   [As has happened so many times in the past, Brother Khoen Tan-- our dear, long-time friend from our almost a decade of living and working in Hong Kong-- has confused me, Charles Tidwell, Sr. with son Charles Tidwell Jr. who lived and worked in Hong Kong for several years, overlapping with us a year or so. Here is Brother Tan's letter of remembrance:]
   Dear Brother Tidwell,
   May I introduce or rather re-introduce myself.
   I am Khoen-Gho TAN, usually known as Khoen Tan at the Hong Kong Adventist Hospital Church at Stubbs Road. My wife is Nanny. We were very good friends of Pastor and Mrs. R. M. Milne and we got acquainted with Mr. & Mrs. Charles Tidwell (Sr).
   I remember that you were their son at the College in Clearwater Bay and sometimes visited at Stubbs Road. And another son was in Thailand helping the Karen refugees. We had donated a sewing machine for the Karens.
   One day we drove with them to visit you on a Sunday. When we arrived you were not yet home. We walked in the garden and I got a hairy caterpillar on my neck and itched all over. I had to take off my shirt and wash myself.
   Then Mrs. Tidwell lent me your red shirt. When you arrived you looked puzzled seeing me in your shirt. I do not forget that event.
   Your FED e-News is being forwarded by many recipients and I believe you do not mind.
   Historically I also belonged to the FED family for decades. It started in Indonesia in the late 1950's and early 1960's. I was a lay member in the West Java Mission Committee, and later in the Indonesia Union Committee. In 1967 we moved to Hong Kong. As a lay-member I have served in many boards, the Hospital Board and the SCIUM and one term at the FED.
   I should appreciate it very much to be added to your Mailing List.
   Yesterday in church I heard that Bro. Jack Liang passed away. And in the evening I read the sad news in your Newsletter, which was forwarded to me.
   May the Lord give consolation and strength to Doris and the family.
   I read the various comments about the DURIAN. I wonder whether the new durian breed they work on in Penang will not only be seedless, but also thornless?
   I wish to add here that the Hospital Church has moved to Ventris Road, the former Sam Yuk Middle School, which has been closed a few years ago. The English section is now renamed to International Church of SDA, while the Chinese Section continues to use the name Hong Kong Adventist Hospital Church. We now have 4 church groups at the Ventris Road compound including the old Pioneer Memorial Church (Chinese).

II. Death of Dr. Ronald Hann
Dr. Ronald Hann, who spent 5 years at the Rumah Sakit Advent in Bandung, Indonesia and another 5 years at the Penang Adventist Hospital, passed to his rest on October 21 at the Portland Adventist Hospital. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Edna Hann, three children and 6 grandchildren.

III. Remembering Jack Liang

Jack Liang's Life Sketch

JULIE SANDERS KEYMER juliesanders@keymer.net November 14:

JACK CHENG HSIUING LIANG was born on April 24, 1941 in Taiwan. Jack Liang and Doris Wu were married July 21, 1966. After he graduated from Taiwan Adventist College, he served as a Bible teacher, academy principal, and hospital chaplain both in Taiwan and Hong Kong. He and his family immigrated to the United States in 1982, and settled in Portland, Oregon. He worked at the Portland Adventist Hospital and ran a building construction company in California for several years. He answered a call, going back to serve the Lord in Hong Kong where for ten years he was the Director of Global Mission for the Chinese Union Mission, part of the world Seventh-day Adventist Church. He retired in 2007 and continued to serve the Lord and the Seventh-day Adventist Church as a volunteer and as a regional director for Gospel Outreach. His primary role was to establish gospel outreach initiatives. He also volunteered teaching Bible classes for extension schools in the unorganized territories, as well as a volunteer coordinator for the Chinese Union Mission's Chinese Pioneer Mission Movement. He and his wife traveled extensively after their retirement to do overseas mission work. He passed away from a biopsy complication on November 8, 2011 at St. Vincent Hospital in Portland, Oregon. He is survived by his wife Doris Liang, mother Hsieh Pi, his siblings: Ruth, Lois, Chao Nan and Zeng Tung, son Stanley Liang, daughter Nicole Aird, son-in-law Kevin Aird, and grandsons Joshua Liang, Michael Liang, and James Aird. The Celebration of Life ceremony will be held at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Tualatin, Oregon on Thursday, December 1, 2011 at 1:30 PM.

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Grace & Vince Hsu" <vinpooh@emisworld.com> November 9:

Jack Liang (Uncle Jack) was a kind, caring, yet fun "adopted uncle" whom I had grown to respect and love while I was studying in Los Angeles. He & Aunty Doris were always welcoming foreign students and church youth to their home. We had create many precious memories having BBQ at their home, fishing, golfing and doing mid night grunion runs. He was a father figure to many and gave sound advice when needed. We last saw him in Hong Kong end of 2006. Although busy traveling to China working for the Lord, he took time to return for the weekend just to meet up with my husband & me. He has a great sense of humor yet he is a humble and God fearing man that truly exemplifies God's mission on earth. He will be dearly missed. Our prayers are with Aunty Doris and the family.

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IV. Durian Comments Continue

Dick Hall <DicknJeanH@cs.com>

In reading these durian stories over the last few weeks, I felt I should write my durian story. In 1954 Jean and I accepted a call to be missionaries in Ubon, Thailand. From time to time we would smell the terrible smell of durian and wonder how anyone could possible get it past their nose to eat it. When we would go to Bangkok now and then we made friends with the Thrashers and the Hynals. We were invited to go to the Thrashers to have dinner with them. That was great but after dinner they would bring this terrible smelling durian out for their "Special Treat." We could hardly stand it but did like to be with our friends and appreciated the invitation.

I expressed my appreciation but wished they wouldn't bring out that terrible smelling stuff. One time Dr. Thrasher told us if we would just take a bite of it then we could visit and the smell wouldn't bother us. Well, we finally did and it did help. After doing this for a few visits we began to take more than a bite and it began tasting good. We began eating more and more of it.

In fact later we liked it so much and would eat so much of it I think maybe they were sorry they introduced us to it.

Well, as time went on we just loved the taste of it and missed it so much when we went to Namtha, Laos where they didn't have it. When we came to Thailand we would stuff ourselves with it. When driven out of Northern Laos by the war we were transferred to Sarawak, Borneo where we made jungle air strips to better reach the villages and were so happy that there were several kinds of durian and they were all good with a wonderful taste.
Different village people would say theirs was the best and would bring me some to take home. Sometimes by the time I visited several villages around different air strips I would come home with a plane load of durian much to the delight of my family.

When going back to visit Thailand or Sarawak we always enjoy durian and now even durian ice cream. In Sarawak people bring us dozens of them but in Thailand we have to buy them. Sometimes on the way to the airport to leave we stop at a shop along the way and really fill up on durian. The flight attendants tell we cannot bring durian on board and they are sure we have some but after checking our carry on's they just give up and believe it is just on out breath. Now here in the US we can sometimes get frozen durian. Out cat won't eat any human food but when we have durian he smells it and comes and jumps up on us and won't get down until we give him some durian to eat. We are visiting Thailand and Sarawak in December and you can guess what we will be eating.

Well, that's our durian story and we are looking forward to the New Earth when according to Hancock, the accordion player, there will be 12 different kinds of durian on the Tree of Life.

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2. Lillian Guild <LRGuild@aol.com> November 10:

I just can't resist adding my two cents when it comes to durian! My friends from Mongolia brought an extra large frozen durian from Chinatown in L.A. to my home this past week. It had to be the best I have ever tasted--better than ice cream even! Parts of it was still close to frozen and oh, how I loved it. I'm putting some in the freezer so that when Genene comes to visit for Christmas, she will get a taste. I am not sure if Rosanne likes it or not, but both Dan, when alive, and I were addicted to it just like the other durian fans.

I enjoy getting the news from the Far East. We spent almost 12 happy years there, and living here in Loma Linda, I see so many dear friends from there. Keep up the good work of sending us this information. My love and appreciation to all who have a part in this.

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V. L. A. Chinese Church Celebrates 50th Year

The Los Angeles Chinese Seventh-day Adventist Church will celebrate its 50th anniversary on November 26, 2011. We congratulate and rejoice with our former "Mother Church" for reaching this important milestone. Sabbath Services begin at 9:30 am. --Newsletter, Hacienda Heights Chinese SDA Church

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VI. Letters

1. Dick & Jean Hall <DicknJeanH@cs.com> November 10:

Life for us is going on as usual. We seem to keep busy but age is creeping up on us and we don't seem to get as many things done as we used to. Jean is doing ok even with the A-fib heart problem. She has to take meds for it but is doing ok and is more active than I am most of the time. We are still carrying on our ministry of speaking in churches in Oregon where the pastors have more than one church and they need a speaker. When needed Jean tells children's story and I take the sermon. Once in a while we get to go to our church here in Lebanon to be spiritually fed. . .

We are teaming up with our daughter Janice and her husband John and going to Thailand to join up with daughter Riki and husband Yik and all making a trip together going to Sarawak, Borneo for a visit. The girls spent 12 of their growing up years in Sarawak and we will be happy to see many friends there. The growth of the church work there is very encouraging. It is being carried on by those who were our students before. They don't need foreign missionaries now and it is very exciting to see the expansion and growth of the Lord's work.

When we return Jean and I are planning to go south to the Fountain of Youth Spa, as we have been doing for the past years. Those of you who are retired and can get away are invited to go to see many friends and get out of the cold weather here in the North. Come join us there for a good time. .

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2. Don Aldridge <don@aletta4you.com> November 12:

I hope that Anna Klimes is surviving her hip surgery well. I was discharged from Florida Hospital yesterday afternoon for the same procedure. It is interesting that four different people I didn't even know recommended a certain doctor as being one of the best that there is in the procedure. I was sitting on a motorized cart in the supermarket talking to a pastor friend of mind. He
asked me why I was on the cart and I told him that I might have to have hip replacement. A man walking in back of me said, "Have Dr. Cole, do it. He's the best." After it happened four times I got the message!

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3. Lee Chin Beng <leec@eis.ac.th> November 12:
The flooding in Thailand has not affected Ekamai International School in Bangkok. Our area is still dry, but many other areas in Bangkok are flooded. The flood will eventually reach us later, as there is still a huge amount of water coming from Northern Thailand towards Bangkok. EIS has been closed until November 20, 2011.

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VII. Student Lives the Message in Cambodia

"Man does not live by rice alone." Kara Wixwat learned this version of Jesus' teaching while serving in the Adventist Frontier Mission field of Cambodia for almost a year. A sophomore at Andrews University, Wixwat was searching for her own purpose in a mission field when she accepted the challenge to serve as a student missionary and help Adventist families living in the hard-to-reach country of Cambodia.

Back home in Pensacola, Fla., this summer, she presented a Vespers program at the University Park Church about her experience in this far-away land, and her plans to spend another year as a volunteer in the Philippines.

While missing modern conveniences, Wixwat, who is now 21, adjusted readily to village life in the Cambodian village where she tutored young children of an Adventist family. She described life in a place without much electricity as "one that goes to bed with the sun and rises with it as well." Doing her laundry meant washing it by hand, and a shower often consisted of a bucket of cold water. But the simple life without so many daily distractions helped her grow closer to God.

"I've never been happier," she told her parents.

According to Wixwat, spending time with people and learning their culture is a focus of AFM work. The missionaries learn the language and culture of the unreached people groups, with the objective of establishing a body of believers committed to the spreading the Gospel among their people.

Kara studied the Kamai language of the Cham people while living in a hut on the Mekong River. Every day she was able to understand a little bit more of the language, and rejoiced at being able to hold a conversation with someone without the assistance of a translator.

Wixwat's friends in the village asked her if she was scared to live alone. "No! Allah (God in Arabic) lives with me. He loves and protects me from the evil one. So praise God (or Allah) that we have a living and powerful God that loves us so much," she replied. "Because it is a close Muslim community, we were not able to evangelize openly or freely. Our witnessing had to be through the way we live our lives, she explained.

In addition to living with the Muslim Cham people for seven months, Wixwat also spent two and a half months among the Pnong people, a minority tribal group in Cambodia. Their religion is animistic (they revere nature) instead of Muslim. A typical day in the lives of these people involved many chores—chopping wood for the kitchen fire, preparing food for the pigs, sifting and boiling rice for breakfast, and a lot of weeding, planting, gathering, and clearing the all-important rice fields by hand. Wixwat explains, "For the Pnong, Jesus is the rice of life." She asked God what she could do for these people, and felt God telling her to show them love.

Wixwat left in September for her next missionary assignment to the Philippines. She and other student missionaries raise their own funds for their service. Wixwat said she always wanted to be a missionary. "Growing up, I heard many stories from my mom and grandparents who were missionaries in India. Now the time has come when God has said that I am ready."

-- from the November, 2012 Southern Union [USA] Tidings ~~~~~~~~~ VIII. Caution Regarding PASC's Official Recognition

George Babcock <gpbabcock@gmail.com> November 12:
I am writing in response to the news item from Pakistan Adventist Seminary & College. Many of us would like to see a copy of the affiliation agreement with the University of Sargodha. Many questions come to mind. Basically, will we be able to recognize PASC as a Seventh-day Adventist school one year after the affiliation takes effect? I remember quite a bit about Pakistani law and I know that Pakistan has not become more liberal.

Example: Pakistan requires that a mosque be on campus if Muslim students are enrolled. Also, Islamiat must be taught. Will any government money come to PASC as a result? If so, there will be the devil to pay in short order. I am
concerned. I trust that the College Board, the Pakistan Union Committee, and the Division have talked about these things. However, some reassurance would be in order.

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Former President of PASC

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