I. Death of Karen Weaver McFadden
   David McFadden <maifade@mac.com> November 24:
   Sadly my wife Karen (Weaver) McFadden passed away Friday, November 18.
   She will be greatly missed by her parents (Arthur and Natalie Weaver), myself (David McFadden), her three sons, Jeff, Joel and Jevon, 6 lovely grandchildren and her 5 siblings: Donald Weaver, Sharon (Weaver) Pittman, Robert Weaver, Susan (Weaver) Hurt and Ellen (Weaver) Higgins. We all look forward to the soon coming of our Lord when we will be reunited for eternity with her.

   Karen and David first met in Karachi, Pakistan where their parents were missionary physicians at Karachi Adventist Hospital. They both later graduated from Vincent Hill School in 1966 and later from Andrews University in 1969. After graduating from LLU medical school in 1973, David and Karen moved to Kettering, Ohio where David completed his Internal Medicine residency in 1977. They then returned to the mission field to the Far Eastern Division for 9 years at Taiwan Adventist Hospital in Taipei, Taiwan, then Youngberg Hospital in Singapore for 4 years. More recently they spent nearly 5 years with the Loma Linda China project at Sir Run Run Shaw Hospital from 1999 to 2004 before they returned to the USA. From 2004 until present they have been living in Rochester, MN where David has been working in the General Medicine division of Mayo Clinic.

   Even during the last 3 years when Karen was receiving chemotherapy, she has been active in the Women's ministry both with our local church and the Minnesota conference. Amazingly she has continued to travel widely including trips to China, Chile, Europe, Australia and New Zealand accumulating over 80,000 miles of air travel in one year. She will be dearly missed by family and church members alike. We all look forward to Christ's coming when there will be no more tears, pain or sickness.
   Dave McFadden
   Thanksgiving day

II. Balestier Rd. SDA Church Celebrates 60th Anniversary
   Mark Chan <markchan@adventist.org.sg> November 18:
   by Elder Ezra Balaraj
   The church, which was first established on 3 November 1951, joyously celebrated its 60th Anniversary on 5th November 2011.

   Very early this year the various organizing committees went to work in earnest to make all the necessary preparations led by Senior Pastor Mark Chan. It culminated in a wonderful 60th Anniversary Worship Service followed by a sumptuous Fellowship Lunch not to mention a Gala Dinner the next night.

   The Senior Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office, the Deputy Minister of Parliament and Member of Parliament, Mr. Heng Chee How was the Guest of Honor. Some grassroots leaders accompanied him as well. The staff and some members of the Handicaps Welfare Association (HWA) which was adopted as the beneficiary of the church's giving had
been invited specially for the celebrations. The Salvation Army Community Centre, our new next-door neighbor, was represented by three officials.

The Worship Service was a glorious experience. The Program's highlights were the Sabbath School Lesson presented by the Associate Pastor Isagani Valencia. The Balestier Church Choir gave a thrilling rendition of the Cantata entitled, "The Church's One Foundation." The Filipino Ministry presented a rousing "Human Video” item entitled, "Jesus through the Bible."

Pastor Mark Chan delivered the Message for the Day - "Jesus Our Solid Foundation." To conclude his sermon, he recited a poem to encourage the congregation to remain faithful till His second advent.

After a short photo-taking session the congregation of about 300 including visitors, friends and overseas guests adjourned for the Fellowship Lunch. The main venue for the lunch was a huge tent erected at the Basketball Court. VIP's and other special guests were ushered into the Social Hall for their food. Everyone then gathered at the tentage. There Mr. Heng presented vouchers to some of the visitors from HWA. The highlight was the presentation of a cheque for $10,000 to the Vice President of HWA. The money was the collection realized from the Hymn Festival in September this year, donation by church members and some sponsors.

The following evening the church held a Gala Vegetarian Dinner at the Hilton Hotel at Orchard Road. About 200 church members, invited guests and friends attended the dinner. Pastor Mark Chan and the President of the Singapore Conference, Pastor Johnny Kan, addressed the participants. There were lots of prizes to be won and the dinner was delicious. Everyone had a wonderful time.

To conclude we recognize that Balestier Rd Seventh-Day Adventist Church has reached another milestone and we pause here for a moment to thank the Lord God for having blessed and continuing to bless this church so abundantly. The church dedicates all the glory and thanksgiving to glorify His holy and precious Name.

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III. Remembering Pastor Dr. George Atiga

Rudolph Maringka <maringkar2000@juno.com> November 18:

Pastor Dr. George Atiga 1928 - RIP. November 14, 2011

"There was a Chinese, a Filipino and an Indonesian..." A familiar line that often began a sermon or speech by Dr. George Atiga. He was a man full of humor and a positive attitude. An individual who was dedicated to his God and the Seventh-day Adventist Church for which he served for so many years.

The Asian Community, especially the Indonesian Community will always have a special place in their hearts for Dr. Atiga. He will be remembered as someone who would be there to celebrate with the churches at it's high moments and grieve along side them during the sad times. His kindness and constant support will always be alive in our hearts. So as we grieve along with the many others who's lives have been touched by Dr. Atiga, let us keep his memory burning within us, by living our lives with the same positive attitude and good humor that Dr. Atiga always had. But now as we wait for that day when we will be reunited with those who have passed before us, let us remain faithful, so when Jesus does come, we will join the saints in welcoming our redeemer and be with Him forever more.--Maranatha! Pastor Cliff.

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IV. Remembering Shirlee Bruce

Dave Dennis <davedennis@verizon.net> November 18:

Charlotte and I just read with sadness the news of the passing of Shirlee Bruce in the November 18 newsletter which just arrived. We can only try to comprehend the loss to Jerry who is left to carry on alone. Jerry is a dear friend for many years since the time when he was treasurer of the Southeast Asia Union and I was treasurer in the sister union in West Indonesia. In fact, Jerry encouraged me to prepare for the CPA designation and ultimately a career in auditing. We worked together on many financial projects after Jerry was elected treasurer of the Far Eastern Division.

Then, later when we served together at the General Conference, Charlotte worked in his treasury offices. The news of Shirlee's passing makes us long for that promised great reunion with Jesus.

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V. Caution Regarding PASC's Official Recognition

D. L. Ebenezer <dlebenzer@gmail.com>

Congratulations, Dr. & Mrs. Selmon H. Dio!

A decade has passed since I spent four years (1997-2001) at (AUSB/BASC) in Bangladesh. With much interest, I have been following the work in Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka, and in the other parts of the world.
Dr. & Mrs. Selmon H. Dio are to be congratulated on the work they are doing at the Pakistan Adventist Seminary and College (PASC). They are visionary leaders with a "passion" that is somewhat rare. They must have done a lot of work to now have PASC affiliated with the University of Sargodha and have initial approval for granting B.Com, B.Sc. and a B.A., with the possibility of approval for offering a B.Ed. and M.Ed. as well shortly.

Just a word of caution to the PASC administration!! Take every precaution and learn from the experiences gained from a sister institution in Bangladesh. Then, there will be no cause for any regrets later.

Let us continue allowing the Lord to lead us through life's journey as we pursue the goals Christ would have us reach before Jesus comes.

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VI. Reaping the Harvest in Palawan

Wendy Harris <wrguptill@gmail.com> November 24:
Thank you so much for your prayers and support for the recent evangelistic meetings held by our team in Palawan! We praise God for the 36 baptisms!
These are a result of many months of bible studies and medical outreach in the surrounding areas. A dental outreach in several villages was also held right before the meetings began. Read this inspiring report about the nightly adventures and children's programs and how Satan tried to attack in several ways but was not successful in stopping the meetings! Please continue to pray for the Palawan project and the new believers that they may stand firm through the trials that come their way. --Wendy and Dwayne

"Reaping the Harvest

"First Sabbath with the newly baptized souls! So encouraging! It's like a little heaven in this sinful world. Everyone was so happy having fellowship with the rest of the brethren, singing, reading the Bible, sharing each others' food during lunch and sharing testimonies of how they accepted our Savior, Jesus Christ. But before this very inspiring scene, we held a 2 week evangelistic meeting last October 16-29, 2011. Bible students from Mansalay, Mainit, Calapi, Limbasan and Lapiak who have been studying with us and our Bible workers for more than a year (and others for almost a year) were gathered into one group for this meeting. Andrey, our pilot was in charge of transporting the Bible interests from 4 different locations to the meeting place. He started to pick them up at 5:00 in the afternoon to be able to finish transporting them to the meeting place at around 6:30. We could feel His presence during these quite stressful times. It wasn't that easy for us and for the Bible interests because Satan was really doing his best to destroy us. A couple times the truck with the trailer full of people who would attend the meetings was targeted. Someone threw stones at the people and some were hurt, but still they continued to attend the meetings.
Satan even sent some drunkards to disrupt the meetings but praise God He is always with our speaker, Rolly Reyes, and He gave him the right words to say.
"The night before the last day of the meeting, the Bible students were so upset and afraid because someone along the way threw carabao feces at them mixed with water. We were about to start when they arrived and we encouraged them to still be strong with what they believe is right because this is Satan's doing to really make them afraid so they might not come to the meetings anymore. We gave them this text from the Bible, 'Greater is He that is in me than He who is in the world,' 1 John 4:4. We changed the time of the meeting to a much earlier time and all of the Bible students still attended even those hit with the carabao feces.

"Praise God because in God's guidance we were able to finish the whole 2 weeks with more than a 130 adult attendees and also more than 130 children attending the children's program. Each one of the 36 baptized souls have their own inspiring story to tell of how God led them. They also share with us the sad stories of how their relatives and neighbors treat them now as a new believer. These will all be a great challenge and trial to them. They have stepped forward by accepting Jesus Christ as their Savior, now they will be needing our prayers and more care for the trials they will be having along the way. This is not a small thing for them because they are new in faith but they believe and have faith that God will continue to lead them.
May the Lord bless us all as we continue to serve Him." --Shielah Reyes, PAMAS missionary ~~~~~~~~ VII. Prayers Among Buddhists Newsletter, November 18:

Answered Prayers...But Still Praying by Sue Lundquist ***Answered prayers...

Previously we asked for prayer for 2 young ladies, both of which had decided to stop coming to church, each for her own reason. One lives in China and the other in Thailand. Many people were praying for them.
The Thai girl, who had decided to put Sabbath-scheduled school activities as her priority, changed her mind and has been faithfully attending after only missing a week or two. When the floodwaters filled the church (and some of the members' homes as well) she happily volunteered with her family for the dirty job of cleaning up the church as well as the homes. She is a growing Christian again.

In mid-October the Chinese woman went back to her Seventh-day Adventist study group. This is where she had been learning about Jesus. When she left, she said that the Friday night Bible study and church all day Sabbath had really cut into her social life. Since she is over 35, she also had been getting pressure from her parents to be married. She had decided she needed to spend time with old friends and seek a mate. But she returned, after more than a month away, saying that life with the Lord is more meaningful. She has been calling the leader's wife to ask for her opinion on several different situations from a Christian's point of view.

Many times we pray. We believe and know God is working. But we do not always see clearly the outcome or even present evidence that He is. However, these two instances have shown that praying for people is important and efficacious. . . .

***Witness at Work

One of our Seventh-day Adventist young men just attended an International Mining Expo in China. We will call him Adam. It was 2 or 3 days in length, from early morning into the evening. He is a fairly new employee in the Chinese company. He and the other staff members were at the expo to market and advertise their company in different ways. One was to give out flyers at the doors (of which they gave out over a 1000). Another was to talk to anyone that came by their booth in the convention hall. There were people from all around the world. The boss had asked all to be really focused on why they were there. He wanted them to use their time well and think about making new contacts and networking even as they walked to and from the hotel. He asked that mealtimes be kept to 30 minutes only.

A co-worker and Adam were working the booth for a while together. He knows Adam is a Christian and shared with him that he had lost his camera.

He then asked, "Is there anything special you have to do when you pray to God?" "No," replied Adam, "just talk to Him and tell Him what is on your heart." They talked a little while as they often did when at the office.

Before long he said, "I want to start coming to your church." Later in the day he told the young Seventh-day Adventist that he had prayed. And then he found his camera. But it is interesting that he had expressed his desire to attend church BEFORE he prayed and received the answer.

The expo was long and a bit tiring. When it ended, and after several hours travel they returned to their home city. The next day the owner called the 20 employees together to talk about the expo - what they had learned, what they felt they had accomplished etc. The owner started by asking Adam to share. He was caught by surprise when asked first. As he sat down, the manager spoke. She said she had observed Adam in the different responsibilities he had accepted over the last few days. She said a number of kind things about what she had seen and ended with saying, "I think I want to become a Christian, too." This coming from a Buddhist lady who is certainly more secular currently. What a precious testimony of a young man who shows his faith whether sharing Jesus with someone, or just "doing the next thing" at work.

Would you join us in praying for these 5 young people? The Thai girl who chose worship over school activities; the Chinese young woman who chose to return to worship and Christian fellowship because "life with the Lord is more meaningful" than seeking a mate in her own way; for the two young people in China who will be attending church this week because of Adam's witness. They all need our continued prayers.

Also, please pray for Adam and others like him - Christian young people who are dedicating their lives to help hasten the coming of Jesus. Of the 238 Buddhist people groups, nearly half of those can be found in China. Many have not yet met a Christian and desperately need to see the reflection of Jesus in a human being. . . .

The last project was to help a group of 6 remote villages that have been flooded for 3 months and are still under water. They mostly needed rice and drinking water. Sunday the 13th (earlier this week) part of our team went there to deliver and distribute the needed supplies.

Please pray for the Thai people who have had to live through this flood.

There are 58 Buddhist people groups in Thailand. Their hearts are vulnerable, they are asking questions. The above-mentioned tract will help answer some of these questions. But our desire is to help all people know that God is real, that He loves and cares for them, and that He is coming soon! . . .
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