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I. New Airbase Nearing Completion in Northern Luzon
   Dwayne & Wendy Harris <wrguptill@gmail.com> January 13:
   It has been an eventful and busy year for us. God directed us to a piece of property in
   Northern Luzon that is perfect for an airbase. I have stayed busy with developing this new
   airbase. We are putting in a 2300 ft runway that is nearing completion as well as a
   hanger/housing structure that is about 50% complete. We were also able to put in a spring-fed
   gravity flow water system that provides adequate water for the building as well as some
   irrigation for gardens during the dry season. We are amazed at how God has found ways to
   stretch the resources and creatively provide for the needs of this big project.
   We are blessed to live near the Cagayan Valley Adventist Hospital and have developed many
   great relationships with the doctors and church members there. A number of hospital employees
   have sacrificed some of their Sundays to come down and help us with the construction on the
   airbase. The medical staff and administration have also shown great support by offering free
   services and giving of their own resources to help our various patients needing treatment. It
   has been encouraging to see the mission driven focus and self-sacrificing spirit in the
   church here.
   Some of the close friends we have made in this area have also joined us this year in
   full-time ministry and in opening up new areas in the nearby mountainous regions. We have
   been so blessed with this dedicated family (and their three volunteers) with their language
   skills and many contributions that compliment our strengths and weaknesses.
   On the medical side Wendy has stayed busy with hosting 2 foreign medical mission groups
   from Australia and the USA, as well as a number of local medical outreach days in conjunction
   with evangelistic meetings being held.
   She recently coordinated and oversaw a one month LIGHT (Lay Institute for Global Health
   Training) course that was held at the Adventist Hospital. It was an eye-opening and spiritual
   course and many were inspired to a deeper walk with God and more involvement in missions,
   even in their own neighborhoods.
   The project in Palawan is going well also even though our helicopter has been down since
   June because of some problems with the rotor blades. But we praise God he has provided for
   another set of blades and we hope to have it flying again next month. We continue to oversee
   and assist this project and we see God using the 3 missionary families and 4 Bible workers to
   further His work there. They have opened up new areas in the mountains this year and continue
   to hold multiple adult and children's Bible studies each week. They recently held a reaping
   evangelistic series resulting in 36 people being baptized who were solid in their beliefs.
   We praise God and give all glory to Him for another year He has brought us through. We
   also thank you for your faithful part in prayers and support for this ministry.
   May God bless you abundantly in the new year and bring you closer to Jesus and His soon
   return. -- Dwayne and Wendy Harris <pamasmission.org>
   P.S. We just got back home and found our house had been broken into during the holidays.
   Many things were stolen including power tools, a large projector, kitchen appliances,
original land title etc. (About $3,000 worth of goods, many of which are not available here) Though we are disappointed, we are able to continue on with peace knowing that it all came from God to begin with and He can take care of it. Reminds us again how temporary the things of this Earth are.

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:19-21 ~~~~~~~~~~ II. Barnett Movies Available on Faceboook

Julie Sanders Keymer <juliesanders@keymer.net> January 9:
Paulene & Doyle Barnett were missionaries in the FED for 43 years. As many know & remember, Paulene was an avid photographer! More than 100 reels of her movies have been transferred to DVD. In an effort to share these DVDs, I will be posting them on the FED Facebook page at various times for all to enjoy! It will be fun to read people's comments after watching & remembering Paulene's movies!

Also, the General Conference Archives has a DVD set of the Barnett's movies. The movies representing the difference missions, conferences & unions have also been sent to the various countries in Asia so they will also have DVD copies.

We pray that the Barnett's movies will be a blessing to many & that they will bring back many fond memories that people have of the Barnett's & times together with them in the former FED sharing the love of the Lord!

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III. Season's Greetings

1. Ed & Jan Higgins <ehiggins@andrews.edu> December 29:
Can you believe another year has slid past us???? Where did it go??
Actually, 2010 and 2011 blended together so subtly that it is difficult to pinpoint when one ended and the other began, but both had some amazing events. After celebrating Ed's 80th and our 57th, we concentrated on travel plans to Klubat University, Indonesia, for the 45th birthday bash. Our Jr. College there which began in 1965 with 27 students, is now a government recognized university of 3000 students. The big 50th will be 2015 and we have been urged to remain fit enough to join them then. Help.

And then on to Palau for a couple weeks sunning in the tropics. Amazing, as Yogi Barra proclaims, "it was de-ja vu all over again"! Our school there on Palau was in immediate need of a Principal, so Ed was corralled into the office for "temporary" that extended into a 3 month stint. Difficult choice: thee months in Michigan, October-January, or in Palau. The only downside: Ed developed Polymyalgia Rheumatica (no fault of Palau), but that seems to be under control. Apart from that negative, our third time working in Palau was a rewarding experience.

But the most amazing de-ja vu is the appearance this week of # 7 great grandchild, a little girl named Abigail Higgins (daughter of Matthew, Doug's son, and Kelly): keep them coming,guys, the more the merrier. "Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth." So, if you are keeping score on the Higgins' tribe: 4 children and spouses, 9 grandchildren and 6 spouses, 7 great grand children and don't put a period yet, because we know there will be plenty more. Hallelujah. Wouldn't it be great to get all of us together in one photo?????

Well, our greater concern is that someday soon we shall be able to take an even larger family group (none missing) photo, including Jesus, and Peter if he insists, at the gate of the Holy City. That would make a great shot for our first Heavenly Newsletter. May this New Year find us each one living in greater anticipation and expectation daily for His coming.

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2. Rudy & Anna Klimes <edu@learnwell.org>,<annaklimes@yahoo.com>
The sun is shining in Northern California and we are blessed. Today Anna went by herself with her walker halfway down our block and Rudy did his one mile on our beautiful nature path near our house. We are very thankful to the Lord that He has looked after us so well. Then this evening Anna sent Rudy to distribute her usual cinnamon rolls to our neighbors. Our friends love them.
In 2011 we hit a bit of a speed bump and learned to slow down. Anna had problems with her back, hip and legs, was twice in the hospital, once she almost died. For a time she got around only in a wheelchair. What’s wonderful, she ended up with a new hip that works just fine. Praise the Lord for his miraculous healing. Rudy has peripheral neuropathy that at times makes walking unsteady and sometimes painful. So he gets along just fine with a cane.

This Christmas, we received chestnuts from some of our friends. In his autobiography, that came out in October 2011, Rudy writes about enjoying chestnuts all around the world ("An Adventurous Pilgrim," available from Amazon.com and Kindle). So many of our family and friends keep commenting on episodes of Rudy’s life with which they especially connect. He even had a book-signing session.

This year, Rudy decided to hang up some of his shingles. There was a big 60-year retirement celebration. He preached his last sermon (so far) and went from Associate Pastor to Pastor Emeritus. Also he is stepping down from LearnWell Resources, the nonprofit he founded 18 years ago.

Anita Heidi is in her 22nd year in ER, and Greg Borrowdale in his 20th in dentistry. Bonnie is teaching large university classes in psychology and Jack Dougan commutes to Vancouver, BC where he serves as vice-president of a helicopter service firm. Randy is safely back from a three-month engineering tour to Afghanistan, but the big news is that Lindsey Malechek is pregnant.

Our grandchildren Hudson, Tyler, Torin, and Justin, and Justin's wife Nicole, are all doing well.

We wish you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you very much for the many letters, cards and phone calls we received this year.

Rudy and Anna Klimes
115 Kennerly Way, Folsom CA 95630, 916-984-7437 ~~~~~~~~~~ IV. Hacienda Heights Church Moves, Gets New Name

Cho Paul <paulcho99@yahoo.com.hk> January 4
--from the January 7 Church Bulletin:

At a Church Business Meeting last Saturday evening, it was voted to change the church name to Chino Valley Chinese Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Our church will be moving to Chino on February 5, 2012 (Sunday) and will hold the first Sabbath Service on February 11, 2012. If you are available on that Sunday from 1:30 pm. we will need all the help we can get. The last Sabbath service at Walnut will be February 4, 2012.

Chino campus address: 4136 Riverside Drive, Chino, CA 91710 at the corner lot of Riverside Drive and Pipeline. Phone number is 909-628-6262.

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V. Notes from Chiang Mai Academy

Notes from Chiang Mai Academy
***Season's Greetings to All

Another year is soon to pass into history, and what a year it has been!
There have been so many signs of the soon coming of Jesus. How can we ignore them? We've had the earthquake and tsunami in Japan near the beginning of the year and end with the floods in Thailand - especially from Ayuthaya to Bangkok. Besides these, we have seen the economy of the world ready to fall at a moment’s notice. How much longer will we be able to live the way we have been living with so many luxuries and freedoms. We are thankful to God for these blessings, but need to do more to prepare ourselves and others for the future. Please pray for CAA students and staff. We need Jesus so much.

***Culture Night

When the rest of Thailand was celebrating Loi Kratong, staff and students on our campus were celebrating our multiculturalism. Everyone enjoyed the cultural food and activities presented by the Akkha, Hmong, Isaan, Mien, Karen, and Thai groups.

***M6 Evangelism Weekend

This year the M6 students went to three different Adventist Churches to share with the members songs, inspirational talks, and fellowship. Each group also helped the church with a special project. One church needed a fence around their property; another needed painting; and the other needed help in building a baptistry.
***Sports Days
November 20-21 was our annual sports days. Students competed in colour teams in football, basketball, volleyball, takraw, paetong, and the parade entries. Many parents came to witness the parade and opening exercises.
Everyone had a good time.

***Christmas
This year our Christmas program was held on Friday evening just before exam week. More and more parents and friends from the community are coming to our program every year. What a wonderful Saviour we have. Saturday night we have a special party for the students and staff. Then the students prepare for their exams. --from Chiang Mai Adventist Academy's "Whispers from the Hills, December, 2011; Principal: Mrs. Panomwan Wootisarn, Administrator: Mr. David Bell caathailand@gmail.com

VI. Boats & Balloons in Buddhist Worship
"The Loi Krathong festival just ended herein Thailand. This festival is held every year on the full moon of the twelfth lunar month. Another festival here in Chiang Mai that is celebrated around the same time is Yi Peng. Loi krathong means to float an offering. A krathong is a banana-leaf boat that is intricately folded and decorated and holds coins, flowers, incense, and candles. One that I saw had a sparkler flickering on it.
"This festival is a time of merit making and spirit appeasement. During Yi Peng many hot-air balloon lanterns are released into the night sky. They look like hundreds of floating stars. As the Thai people light the fuel cells beneath their lanterns and hold them before letting them go, they pray for their bad luck to be taken away.
"We watched the krathongs floating in the water and saw the thousands of lanterns filling the sky. We thought of the prayers attending those boats and lanterns. We thought of all these people who believe that somehow these acts will bring them merit and help and help them achieve nirvana someday thousands of lifetimes from now.
"We know that the prayer of faith to Jesus is more powerful than a million prayers to any false god. We are so thankful for all the faithful prayers being lifted up for the people of Thailand."
--Robbie Doss, in the current issue of Adventist Frontiers magazine.

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VII. SULADS Mission Story: "Joel's Prayer"
by Mr. & Mrs. Hanamel Canilao, Kafok Mission School
Meet our bashful, quiet student Joel Talabang. He is short in stature for his age of fourteen years. He is very slow in learning and writing in particular. While others are writing and doing their work at a fast pace, he was going the extra mile writing the letters as legibly as he could. While I was teaching, or shall I say, reviewing the three colors that they are commonly using-blue, red, and yellow-I was impressed that he somehow managed to utter the three magic words. Aside from that, he just attended our class as he had the previous months.

Since meeting him we learned that he had no mother and he was living with his stepmother and his biological father. I was beginning to understand why he was sometimes acting differently. Before, pupils, in general, were not accustomed to lead in a prayer but as years went by it was becoming a great opportunity and a useful means for them to be part of a prayerful group.

There was a time when I personally asked him to lead the group. He hesitantly answered no but I persistently asked him to lead and he finally agreed. When he was half finished with his prayer, he began to laugh so the rest of the group was laughing with him. I asked him to do it three times.
Finally this time he made it through without laughing. Afterwards, I told him that prayer must be taken seriously and that he must practice to make his praying more honorable before God and his classmates.

A few weeks later, I asked the students who would like to lead out in prayer. Three students raised their hands but suddenly another hand was raised up. I was surprised to see that the fourth raised hand was that of Joel. Without a second thought, I asked him to lead the prayer which he happily accepted. While he was praying, no more laughter was heard but
complete reverence to Whom they are praying - God. After which, I congratulated him for taking the prayer seriously.

I could see on his face the great joy and sense of pride for praying seriously to God. His classmate's reacted well to his efforts. They patted his back and said a word of encouragement and complemented him. Prayer, though so simple and short like Joel's, can transform a boy's attitude towards God.

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