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I. Vegetarian Restaurant Opened in Laos

   Brian Wilson <boutronw@gmail.com> Sept. 14:
   The first Seventh-day Adventist vegetarian restaurant in Laos has a new name! And the winner is... Mana Vegetarian Restaurant. The initial list of 12 names came down to a tight race between "Udomsouk" and "Mana." A tie of 7 votes each with two people remaining to vote created some excitement but both cast their vote for Mana Vegetarian Restaurant. The expanded committee included Church employees and Mekong IT employees.

   Upcoming events:
   **September 16-21 -- The head cook will go to Mission College in Thailand for a final field trip.
   **September 27 -- Opening ceremony with extended church family.
   **October 1 -- Opening day

September 28:
   Last week I rushed off an email before Sundown announcing the name of our restaurant as "Mana Vegetarian Restaurant". The vote for this name was in Lao and this is the transliteration of the Lao word for Manna--bread from heaven. There was some discussion the following week which English spelling to use and Manna it is. So Mana [????] in Lao and Manna in English.
   Today there was a beautiful dedication service at Manna Vegetarian Restaurant with Pastor Houmphanh preaching a dedicatory sermon. So much has happened during the last two weeks and the managing director assures me that everything is ready for opening day, October 1, 2012. Praise the Lord.

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II. Letters

   1. Carrol McBroom Grady, September 24:
   My most thrilling and inspirational Sabbath of the year is always with Kinship Kampmeeting. But I think my second most exciting and inspiring is the Maranatha Convention, which we just attended this past weekend in Sacramento. The stories of miracles and thousands brought to Christ who need churches and schools, make you want to shout Hallelujah!

   It’s also fun to see lots of friends - former FED friends Clinton and Mabel Shankel and Arnie and Donna Krogstead, former Takoma Academy classmate Dixie Roberts, former Kaneohe HI friends Jonathan and Anita Kelly and her parents the Fonsecas, and Maranatha storytellers, Dick Duerkson and Dave Brillhart. -- from Facebook  ~~~~~~~~~

III. Death of Bruce Wickwire

   Barbara Clemons <barblemons@gmail.com> Sept. 27:
   Dad passed away peacefully about 6 p.m. today. His memorial service will probably be in a week to ten days. Several grand kids want to attend from Canada, Washington state, Texas, and Connecticut. Thanks for your prayers. I remind myself that I am blessed to have had my Dad so many years.--Barbara Wickwire Clemons.
   [forwarded by Willard Hackett <wkhackett@yahoo.com>]

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Tribute to Bruce Wickwire

Dave Dennis <davedennis@verizon.net> Sept. 28:

Our hearts and prayers go out to Adele and the Wickwire family members.

While we mourn our loss we long for the day when Jesus returns to call forth His sleeping saints. Bruce leaves behind many friends who loved him from all around the world. He put stature in the publishing work of the church. But he will be most remembered for his integrity. He is featured in Doug Hackleman’s well-document book, "Who Watches? Who Cares?" for having stood tall, against strong opposition, during a period when our publishing work was threatened. We will miss a dear friend and stalwart in Adventism.

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IV. Update on Jim Fisher's Cancer Treatment

Ann Fisher <Ann.Fisher@wallawalla.edu> Sept. 23

After 12 days in the hospital, Jim was moved late this afternoon to the new rehab unit at Regency at the Park. It is very close to our house, and I can walk there if I don’t have a lot to carry. His room is very big, with a couch and several chairs. There is one that reclines completely, so I can take a nap in it. That will be a blessed relief.

He has had seven radiation treatments with three more to go next week. His pain has subsided a little bit, but it is still painful when the PT people get him up to sit in a wheel chair and walk with a walker. He is making a little progress every day, but it is very slow.

We are so grateful for all your prayers and concerns. We are getting e-mail messages from friends all over the world. I haven’t even had time so far to read them all. I hope to read them this weekend. I wish I could respond to each one of you personally, but this message will have to suffice for now.

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V. The Dysingers Support Bike Ride Memorial

Paul William Dysinger <billydysinger@gmail.com> Sept. 19:

Bill & Yvonne Dysinger, who were missionaries in Cambodia-1958-60 and Singapore - 1972-73), report their support of grandchildren doing a 500 mile bicycle ride to raise funds for the Loma Linda Lifestyle Medicine Fund to fight cancer and other lifestyle diseases. It is in memory of their grandson who died of cancer at age 13.

Pedaling For Prevention (P4P)

See Website:  http://pedaling4prevention.blogspot.com/

1. P4P is a 500 mile 5 day ride through four states to raise funds for prevention of cancer and other lifestyle diseases. (October 1 - 5, 2012: St. Francisville, LA to Natchez, MS and on the 444 mile Natchez Trace Parkway through Mississippi and Alabama to Nashville, TN.)

2. Organized and implemented by committed young people in memory of those who have died of cancer, including cousin Stephen Dysinger who died in 2006, at age 13, of a rhabdomyosarcoma.

3. All funds go to assist the Lifestyle Medicine (LM) Fund at Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, CA.

4. Loma Linda has had the experience of more than 100 years of healthful living-has less cancer, heart disease, diabetes and obesity-than others. Declared by National Geographic and the book, Blue Zone by Dan Buettner, to have the healthiest, longest living population in North America. Loma Linda experience has been reported in more than 300 articles in the world-wide scientific literature.

5. The Loma Linda University Lifestyle Medicine Fund is the most effective we know to support prevention of cancer and other lifestyle related disease.

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VI. Burma Vignettes-- Early Missionaries # 2

Mervin Myt Kyaw <<mervinmk@yahoo.com.au>> and his wife Nan are Karen Adventists who worked many years in Burma and Thailand and, now retired, live in Australia. He has written a manuscript covering Adventism in Burma from its very beginning to the present and of his work in Thailand, primarily for Karen men who were prisoners, successfully bringing scores of them to baptism into the SDA Church. He is searching for someone to edit his manuscript for publishing as a book. He has kindly given me a copy and permission to share it with readers of our FED and SUD newsletters.

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(2) Heber H. and Carolyn Votaw (1905-14)
Heber H. Votaw, with his wife (a sister of US President Warren G. Harding) arrived in Rangoon in January 1905 when the General Conference responded to Myanmar's call. Both Votaw and his wife, Carolyn, were nurses.

He was 23 years old at the time he arrived Myanmar. There were only three Sabbath keepers in Yangon at the time.

Votaw rented a hall and started his evangelism. A telegraph operator was interested in the Three Angels' Messages of Votaw. He was, however, transferred to a town called Meiktila.

This man told friends and neighbours of the good news he had heard from Votaw in Yangon. A.W. Stevens, a lawyer, was interested most with regard to the messages he heard and of the educational philosophy principles the church organisation was working.

Votaw was a man of vision. He initiated Meiktila Technical School to train workers for the mission service - ministers, teachers, colporteurs, Bible instructors, office workers, nurses etc. By the time Votaw came to Meiktila the idea of opening a school with the principles of our educational philosophy were already underway. The leading citizens of the town had already started raising a fund for building a school and implementing other necessary works. All Votaw needed to do was to find an education man to come to the school. Votaw attended the General Conference session in America in 1909 and made a stirring appeal for an education man for Myanmar. Robert Bruce Thurber was sent to Myanmar that same year and Meiktila Technical School was established and with Thurber in charge. This school later became famous far and wide of Myanmar.

Pastor Votaw was an able organizer, as well as a successful evangelist. The Votaws visited Mawlamyne (Moulmein) at the end of 1905 and two Myanmar brothers, Chit Hla and Po Hla, together with their families, accepted the Adventist message. These two brothers became valuable workers in the mission.

Elder Votaw baptized many converts, beginning from Daw May and her brother U Maung, found by first self-supporting missionaries to Myanmar, Meyers and Watson. Pastor Votaw baptized some would-be missionaries too. A.H. Williams, an Englishman, who brought new mission station at Ohn Daw with Elder George Hamilton, and later became a missionary himself; he was baptized by Elder Votaw. Mr. A.A. Baash, a German businessman and later a missionary in Myanmar and many other countries, was also baptized by Elder Votaw.

Elder Votaw served magnificently from the time of arrival in January 1905 until his return to America in May, 1914.

[Bryan Votaw, a missionary in Northeast India in the 1930's & 40's, was a nephew of Heber Votaw. Bryan & Verna's daughter Lois served in the 50's & 60's. Evelyn Tidwell is a niece of Bryan, and thus related to Heber Votaw!]

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VII. NSD Hold First Pathfinder Camporee

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division's first Pathfinder Camporee, held in early August, was a chance for young Seventh-day Adventists to fellowship with other Adventist youth from throughout the region.

The six-day event drew about 4,500 attendees from South Korea, Japan, Mongolia, the People's Republic of China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and the United States. It was held at church-owned Sahmyook University in Seoul, Korea.

"I want to share my appreciation for the great support of our pastors, staff, and volunteers for their wonderful dedication," said Kim Nak Hyung, youth ministries director for the division.

In a sermon, Ron Whitehead, executive director of the Center for Youth Evangelism at Andrews University said, "The camporee was so full of creative programs, with music, drama, costumes, culture, and new techniques. But most of all it has helped to draw near to Jesus to share Him with other people."

Nearly 100 Adventist youth were baptized during the event.

"Pathfinders" is a youth activity club sponsored by the Adventist world church. There are more than 2 million Pathfinders worldwide.
The denomination's Northern Asia Pacific Division includes North and South Korea, Japan, Mongolia, China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong. The division claims a membership of 640,000.

The next division-wide compare is scheduled for Taiwan in 2017.

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