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I. Letters
   1. Willard Hackett <wkhackett@yahoo.com> October 5:

   I am one of those who are proud to count Bruce Wickwire, Sr. as a friend.

Bruce and my Dad, Willis J. Hackett were about the same age, both Nebraska boys and worked together and were lifelong friends. My heart and prayers go out to the family. Jesus, please come soon.

II. Death of Clarence Henry Goertzen

   Nathan Tidwell <nathantidwell@yahoo.com> October 9:

   Grandpa Clarence Goertzen passed away [at his resthome on Canada] on Monday, October 8. At 1:20 pm he peacefully breathed his last. At his side were Aunt Lois, Uncle Jason and his wife [Lila]. It was a beautiful Fall day, and it was Canadian Thanksgiving Day. He was a gentle man, and one of God’s committed soldiers. His life made a difference for so many all around the world. Many people have many happy memories of him.

   [Clarence and his first wife, Alice, were missionaries in Sri Lanka and in Sarawak. They had 3 daughters, Lila, Lois, and Treva; the oldest two attended Vincent Hill School in India where our son Dennis and their daughter Lila began a lifelong romance. Alice passed away several years ago and Clarence some time later married a friend from his and Alice's youth, a Lila after whom Clarence and Alice had named their oldest daughter.

   Clarence and I were "co-grandparents," for our son Dennis married his daughter Lila who had two sons, both "co-grandchildren" of Clarence & Alice and Evelyn & me. --CHT/sr.] ~~~~~~~~~~ III. Tribute to Bruce Wickwire

   Bruce M. Wickwire Sr. was the Seventh-day Adventist world church’s Publishing Department director from 1975 to 1980, having risen to the position after managing the publishing and door-to-door sales of Adventist literature in his native United States and mission fields worldwide.

   Wickwire, who died September 27 at age 96, held Publishing director posts in East Asia three years after World War II, and later in Europe and Africa. In 1949, he helped secure funds from the world church to expand the Indonesia Publishing House, which met the growing demand of local Adventist literature salespeople.

   Bruce Wickwire was a missionary to East Asia in the 1940s and 1950s. He helped sell Adventist literature and recruited literature evangelists throughout the region. Throughout his career, Wickwire touted the benefits of the denomination's literature ministry, saying it was a good return on investment for the church, both financially and for bringing in new members.

   Wickwire wrote two books in retirement. His 2005 book "Gospel in Shoes" identifies several well-known Adventists who joined the church because of Adventist literature, including Jack Blanco, who went on to become dean of the School of Religion at Southern Adventist University in Tennessee, United States, and authored the Clear Word Bible.

   A native of Nebraska, Wickwire worked as a farmer in Colorado before becoming a door-to-door salesman of Adventist literature, then known as a "colporteuring." In 1944, he became the Publishing Secretary for the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference and two years later moved to serve in the same post for the Texas Conference.
In 1948, he moved his family to Indonesia to accept a call in Jakarta. Traveling to Southeast Asia then meant living on a small freight ship at the mercy of sometimes rough seas. His daughter, Linda Breedlove, recalled a harrowing trip through a typhoon, in which the captain fought to keep the ship upright as waves crashed over the deck for three days. "I always said the devil didn't want him to go out there and tried to stop him," she said.

"He [had] been through a lot but he always came through trusting the Lord."

Wickwire served in Indonesia for two years, later moving to Singapore to work for the Adventist church's then Malayan Union Mission and Far Eastern Division. Trips to outposts throughout the division back then would take months. "Him coming home was like Christmas with all the things he bought for us on his travels," Breedlove said.


"My dad was very active, very adventurous and always positive. I can't remember him ever being negative," said his son, Bruce Wickwire Jr.

Later in life, the elder Wickwire held Publishing posts in the Southwestern Union in Texas, the Columbia Union in Washington, D.C., and the church's Northern European Division in England. He came to the denomination's world headquarters in 1972 as associate Publishing director before becoming director in 1975. He retired in Tennessee.

---Source: Ansel Oliver/ANN -- Oct. 04, 2012 Silver Spring, Maryland, United States ~~~~~~~~~~ IV. Dr. Jerry Chi Appointed Associate Dean of SBA at Andrews University

"Jerry Laing-Yueh Chi has accepted the position of assistant dean for the School of Business Administration (SBA) and director of the graduate program.

"Chi completed a BA in theology in 1987 and a BBA in 1989 from Taiwan Adventist College. He received both an MBA 1991 and a PhD in Leadership and Administration in 1995 from Andrews University, as well as a PhD in Research Evaluation (Quantitative and Qualitative Methods) in 1999 from Illinois State University.

"Chi comes to Andrews from Southwestern Adventist University (SWAU) where he has worked since 1995 in various positions, including professor, chair of the Business Administration Department and director of the MBA Program. He was the recipient of the Educator of the Year Award in 2007 and helped develop the e-Learning System. He also served as the advisor for both the SWAU Asian Students Association, and the SIFE program for many years.

"Published in more than 40 articles, Chi displays his diverse educational background in the wide variety of topics he covers. His leadership abilities are also reflected in numerous seminar presentations.

"An avid violinist and pianist, Jerry Chi joins the Andrews University faculty along with his wife, Grace Chi, who is a new assistant professor of nursing." -- from the summer, 2012, edition of Andrews' FOCUS magazine ~~~~~~~~~~ V. Merle & Betty Fernando Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Merlyn Fernando <merlynfernando@yahoo.com> October 6:

Merle was in his final year of medicine and Betty had just finished her senior house residency. We were both at Vellore. One year later, during Merle's residency, Betty made it known that this was her choice of a man! Other suitors and parents' picks had been turned down with various hard to debate reasons, and now it was her father's turn to turn Merle down.

All through Merle's senior residency, Betty rose to Registrar, and pursued what she saw in Merle in her own quiet ways, beginning with chocolates!

At the end of that calendar year, Merle was assigned to Pakistan. In the three months awaiting approval via Delhi, Betty and Merle decided it was for sure. Six months after going to Karachi, with no emails, no smss, no cell phones, no satellite links, we had had enough of letters which took two weeks to return with answers, we set our own date, our own budget, our own travel links and Merle came to Bezwada and embraced Betty in a small wedding at Merle's uncle's [Loretta Rao's father] church and fifty years of wedded life began.

We celebrated 50 years, Sept 26! All three of our children and their spouses came with us to Vellore where it all began two years earlier than 50. We walked over our footsteps, and went places in Bangalore, Madras and Kandy, where Betty's relatives are. They were limited by age and doctors, so we went to where they were. Have been cutting cake and celebrating for the past three weeks. The last was here in Kandy with our group of community and home care givers and team mates on Wed this week!

Just moments ago RoseMarie and Altorro took off from Hong Kong for their return to the USA. We are in Kandy, helping Nigel to sort his stuff and he returns to the US on Wed. next. Lovella and the girls will go in Dec. when he returns
to take them there. They have been approved for entry as residents. We will return to HK a week after for another while.

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VI. Mervin Myat Kyaw <mervinmk@yahoo.com.au> and his wife Nan are Karen Adventists who worked many years in Burma and Thailand and now live and work in Australia—Mervin as School Services Officer 1 (SSO-1) in a primary school and Nan as a full-time lay minister in the Werribee Karen Church, appointed by the Victorian Conference of SDA. He has written a manuscript covering Adventism in Burma from its very beginning to the present and of his work in Thailand. He has kindly given me a copy and permission to share portions of it with readers of our FED and SUD newsletters.

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(4) Robert B. Thurber (1909-15) Educator/principal

Robert Bruce Thurber arrived in Myanmar at Meiktila Technical School at the end of the year 1909. This came from the appeal of H. H. Votaw to the General Conference for an education man for Myanmar. Robert B. Thurber and Pastor H. H. Votaw struggled to build the school amidst much opposition.

Pastor Thurber was very successful in implementing Meiktila Technical School. For many decades the graduates of this school served as leaders in the many departments of the church.

The first superintendent of the Burma Union was Pastor H. H. Votaw who served until 1914. Pastor R. B. Thurber took over but had to leave for America in December, 1915, when Mrs. Thurber started to develop failing health.

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VII. A SULADS Story: "Double Blessing"

by Angel Baluran, as told to Daryl Farnisaran

In my recent visit to SULADS High School I was fascinated with the story and experiences of Angel Baluran. Angel was born with deformed legs. Her pair of legs, which are not the same in length, have no feet. So Angel limps around barefoot on her calloused two stick legs. She stands only three and a half feet tall. Angel is brilliant, a student leader from her first day at school when she came here six years ago from Bugahon Mission School. Now she is a fourth year graduating student and recently voted by the student body as the president of SBO (Student Body Organization).

But that is not what I want to tell you about Angel. I just want to let you know what kind of a girl she is as revealed by her recent experience last summer when school was out in April and May. Every summer many students from SULADS High School join the Mountain View College (MVC) student summer canvassing work. For several years, she listened intently to the summer experiences of this Literature Evangelist Ministry. Angel would listen in awe to the many experiences and challenges her classmates told of how God so blessed them in the hot cities selling the truth filled printed pages.

"Lord, let me join next summer and use me in my humble capacity," she whispered in prayer.

And so it was that Angel joined the Literature Ministry work last summer and was brought to Ozamiz City in Western Mindanao. One day Angel’s mother visited the SULADS office at MVC and talked to my wife, Sarah."I’m so concerned for my daughter Angel," she cried. "Even though she has a deformed pair of legs I cannot stop her from joining the group. Please help me, Ma’am, to discourage her."

My wife tapped her shoulder and said, "Angel, your daughter, can make it. Please treat her as a normal person like anyone else. In her deformity God can use her mightily. God uses ordinary people even disabled persons like Angel. You should be thankful that Angel is strong and brave enough to give her time and life to the Lord in service."

Then my wife prayed for her. "Lord, please use Angel mightily this summer. Only you, Father, know how to use her for your glory. Protect her and make her a blessing to the people she will meet as she goes around the city bringing the truth filled printed pages."

The city was so hot and was extremely uncomfortable for Angel and her classmates who are used to the cold breeze of the SULADS mountain school. It was even worse for Angel as she was limping barefoot on the hot paved roads of the city.

"There was one time that I was not able to hold my tears anymore" she related. "I had to hike with my team buddy because we had no money for fare," she continued to express with her voice choked with tears, "It was obvious that people’s eyes were glued on me as we passed by."

Later on a tricycle came and stopped right beside us. "Hop on!" the driver said.

"No, thanks," my buddy said. "We will just walk home."

"Come on," the driver insisted.

"We don't have money for fare" Angel butted in. "That's the truth of the matter."
"That's alright with me. I understand. I will bring you home, wherever that is, for free."
So we hopped in and sure enough the driver was so kind to drive us to our quarters. "Mr. Driver," Angel said, "Thank you so much for your kind heart. But I feel 'thank you' is not enough for the kindness you offered us. Would you mind if I offer a prayer for you? It won't take long."
He started to excuse himself but she insisted. She could tell he was not an Adventist. So they prayed just right there beside the road.
"Dear Lord," Angel prayed aloud over the noise of the busy street. "Here is a man who is so kind to give us a ride for free. We don't have money, Lord, for fare but I pray that You will doubly bless him as he continues to work for the day. Bless this tricycle from mechanical trouble. Give him and his family good health, too, and keep him safe as he goes around giving service to passengers. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen."
"Thanks so much again, Mr. Driver, for the ride and God bless you more."
"Thanks, too, for that beautiful prayer," he smiled as he sped away.
They worked in another place the following day and the next. After two days they were again on the road where our driver friend found us on his route. We saw him in a distance. And in a minute he came and stopped just right beside us. "Come on. Hop in!" he invited again.
"No, But thanks," Angel said.
"Please!" he pleaded. "Come on, please, and I have something to tell you." We could see a sparkle in his eyes as he seemed to have some good news.
We hopped in and he started his story. "Wherever you find me just hop in and I will drive you wherever for free."
"Why are you so kind to us, my friend?"
"You are a blessing to me. DOUBLE BLESSING, in fact. My giving you a free ride is no match for the blessings I received because of you."
"What made you say that, my friend," Angel became excited now.
"Right from the day you prayed that beautiful prayer for me, my income has doubled every day in my work. I can't believe it. You wouldn't believe how surprised my wife was. She was so happy to see my income doubled that day and on up to now since you prayed for me. I was just touched to see you, my friend, Angel, in your situation walking around barefoot on the hot hard road. I just wanted to give you a lift. And now you became a blessing that lifted my spirit up. My wife is sending her love to you. To what church do you go to?" he inquired.
"Seventh-day Adventist," was Angel's ready answer.
"You are a wonderful people," he called as he drove away.

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