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I. Dr. Samuel Young Out of Hospital
Peter Young <py@peteryoungdds.com> May 13:
As you may know, Dad suffered from a minor stroke April 26 and we had him admitted to LLUMC and transferred to Rehab. Today he was and discharged. He is slow at moments, however alert and can carry out short conversations.
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II. Burma Vignettes-- Early Missionaries #32
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. He has written a manuscript covering Adventism in Burma from its very beginning to the present and of his work in Thailand.

#32. C. H. Mackett (1927-29)
C. H. Mackett was sent by the Southern Asia Division at Poona in 1927 to oversee the building work at Myanmar Union Mission headquarters in Yangon.
The finance was from the Thirteenth Sabbath Overflow offering sent from General Conference. As the division building supervisor, he was praised for his ability to organise and supervise the building works well. He and T. J. Michael, who came from Southern Asia Division office, to serve temporarily as the superintendent of Myanmar Union Mission while J. Phillips was on furlough in America, contributed greatly to the stability and success of the work during that building period.
C. H. Mackett drew the designs of buildings for the whole of Southern Asia Division, and the ones at Myanmar Union Mission headquarters are identical to those buildings of Southern Asia Division in India.
C. H. Mackett was supervisor in building of Myanmar Union Headquarters.
He returned to India to serve as Division building supervisor when the work in Myanmar terminated.

III. Bangladesh Union Has New President
Benjamin Raksham <braksham@baum-bd.org> May 19:
The Southern Asia-Pacific Division (SSD) in its mid-year meeting appointed Dr. Myun Ju Lee as president of BAUM. When Pastor Jim Brauer left for the U.S. with PR at the end of April 2013 due to medical reasons the presidential chair was empty for sometimes, Dr. Lee fills that chair. Dr. Lee comes from South Korea. He holds the reins of BAUM with his rich experiences. Prior to this appointment, he has been president of our Bangladesh Adventist Seminary and College since October 2005. He graduated with BA, majoring...
IV. Remembering Andrew Kuntaraf

John Zollbrecht <dorojon@yahoo.com> May 23:
I was deeply saddened several weeks ago to read of the death of Andrew Kuntaraf. My wife, Dorothy, and I served at the Far Eastern Elementary School in Singapore from 1991-1993. Andrew was in my classroom during that time. I enjoyed having him as a student and as a friend. We lived in close proximity in Westlake. On one occasion we removed a python residing in the retaining wall next to the Kuntaraf’s house. Andrew was also interested in tropical fish. Together we went shopping at a fish store familiar to Andrew.
Only about two weeks before the tragic accident that took his life we were in contact agreeing to meet on my trip to the East Coast later this year.
That meeting is postponed to the Golden Coast of the Heavenly Continent.

V. Chinese Campmeeting in California
--from the Chino Valley Chinese SDA Church Bulletin
The North American Chinese Campmeeting will be held at Monterey Bay Academy, July 5-7, 2013. The speaker will be Chinese Union Mission president Pastor Bob Folkenberg.

VI. With the Campbells in Thailand
The following is from Jephthae Campbell's May Family Newsletter, "The Tai-Kadai Tales."
"108 degrees F...in the shade. Bicycling over rugged mountains for hours on end...Chasing large Tokey Geckos out of the house...Burning ant nests out of the durian, mango, and longan trees in the yard...Having loads of young kids come over and play with blocks on the living room floor...These are just a glimpse of the things happening here among the Thai-Kadai.
BABY
...."The doctor confirmed our certainty in the matter: 'Jephthae is pregnant!'""The next few months have been exciting fun-time learning about and getting ready for Baby Campbell’s birth in early October. Robert and I continue to prepare for parenthood and prayerfully seek ways to make this an opportunity to further connect with people here, and point them to a stronger faith in God.
TEACHING
"Do you have a position open for a teacher?’ asked a church member. . . .
Two weeks later it was decided that, due to my pregnancy, I would no longer be teaching the kids' classes. God provided a teacher right when we needed one. I will miss teaching, but am thankful for the opportunity to focus on lesson writing. . . .Please pray for me as I began working with some Tai-Kadai people in preparation for writing these lessons. . . .
RECORDING
"While on furlough my husband and I were given some recording equipment to help with the work here. Our first recordings were small, but as time has gone on, there have been more and more opportunities to put the equipment into good use.
“Robert has been recording the sermons and other programs at church. He is working with the local division and Jesus for Asia to get more materials online so they are more widely accessible. Though the local language is a written language, on average people gain a deeper understanding when they listen to a recording than when they read a text. So having materials available in audio format will be a huge benefit to the work here.
"Another area of great need here is quality Christian music. Thai music and western hard rock pervade the land, and have a strong influence even on young people within the church. Robert is working with the local pastor to record Christian songs so that they can be distributed to both the church members here, and those living far outside the city where they don't have access to Christian music. We are hoping to help them to learn how to sing Christian songs and fill their minds with uplifting thoughts about God. The local pastor is excited about this project, as he sees many congregations who don't even know how to sing the basic Christian songs.

"A new project we started today recording 'Steps to Christ' in the Tai-Kadai language. One of the young people from church is reading the book, and Robert is teaching him how to use audio auditing software to make it sound professional. We are excited about these opportunities to spread the Gospel."

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by Linda Pangilinan, Gospel Outreach Evangelist, Pampanga, Philippines

A tragic accident came to Vicente Naguit who was a faithful father of four children. He was selling bread early in the morning every day to earn a living while his wife was accepting laundry jobs. But one day an accident came to him when he climbed up in a mango tree to get some fruits and accidentally fell down along with the branch where he was stepping. That caused damage to his spinal cord. He spent almost a year in the orthopedic hospital and was discharged to stay at home. He remains bedridden until now.

His wife is faithfully taking care of him.

Then Vicky, a sister in the Palmayo church, visited him and offered free therapy. A regular schedule for his therapy was set up two times a week. Every time this sister does the therapy for Bro. Naguit, she starts and ends with a prayer. Little by little this sister shares the truth of the Bible with him. One day sister Vicky told Roselle and me that he was interested in Bible study.

Then I remembered an instance two years ago when we had a Bible study near their place but this man didn't want to join the group but was contented only by peeping at us once in a while, from outside their house while we were studying the Bible. When we approached him one time, he said, "I am a member of Iglesia ni Cristo. That's why I am not joining the group studying the Bible."

When we learned that he was now interested to know what's in the Bible, we made a schedule to visit him and his family. We had a great time sharing that day and the schedule for the study of the Bible in their house was set. It's been two months already that we are doing the series of Bible study with Mr. Naguit and his family. And we were glad that despite his very difficult condition since he cannot sit by himself, cannot walk, and can't move easily, his mind remains active. He always expresses his faith in God and in His word that someday soon his incapability will be forever removed and he may have the perfect strength that God has promised to anyone who believes and trusts in Him.

Every time we come to his house to lead the Bible study, Bro. Vicente Naguit will have his wife call their children and nephews to sit beside him on his bed to listen to the study of the word of truth. And recently, a newly arrived neighbour of Bro. Naguit happened to drop by their house. They had a short conversation regarding each one's family but before the new neighbour left, Bro. Vicente invited her if she was willing to join the Bible study that we have been doing in their house on a regular schedule.

And by God's grace, that new neighbour expressed her willingness to join us in the study of God's word. And so, on the day of our Bible study, we went to Bro. Vicente's house and that lady came to join the group. On our next schedule, we gave the lady a VOP lesson so she would have something to answer while we are in the mission in Pangaranan, Porac.

Truly, what had happened to him was God's appointment with him. Because Bro. Vicente believes that there is no reason for him now to stop his search for the truth concerning Jesus and His teachings. He believes that it is God who gives him strength and great hope to hold on until that great day of Christ's return.

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