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    The Bair Family <missions@danielbair.com> Oct.8:
    Summer's Happenings and Expanding the Work
    During the first part of the summer, on weekends, the All-Asia Studio staff were busy visiting villages for on-site video shoots. This is a new goal for the All-Asia Studio, and is pretty exciting in many ways. Going to the villages has many advantages. For one thing, the pastors are already going to be there to speak to their churches, so we don't have to arrange anything extra other than showing up to shoot footage. Plus, the church members are already there too, which allows us to record lots of their testimonies about how they came to know Jesus Christ or what He is doing in their lives! We have gone to two Hmong villages. The first had a large, concrete church building, which was full of people. And the Sabbath School had lots of kids. The other village, more remote than the first, was a small wooden church building, with a dirt floor. We also went to an Akha village, which had a small, concrete building.
    Each weekend, we got up early, drove over the bumpy, windy roads in the mountains. Reaching the village, our hosts graciously gave us breakfast, with traditional foods from their cultures. Then we went on to the church, and the All-Asia Studio team would set up the cameras to record the church service.
    At the time of the church service, the pastor would announce that anyone who would like to share their testimonies could come after lunch. Then we had lunch that church members prepared and enjoyed with us, and then the people came for testimony time. It was wonderful seeing the people's eagerness to share what Jesus has done for them, and we look forward to a great impact when the videos of these testimonies are ready for them to distribute!
    Speaking of distributing, we also took DVDs and CDs that have already been developed to these churches. You might think in a remote village the people would not have the ability to play these DVDs and CDs, but many of these villagers have CD or DVD players, and we have even seen satellite dishes on their simple wooden buildings.
    In some of the churches, the church members took samples to distribute later, but for one village, after testimony time, they organized a walk around the village, handing out the materials right away! It was such a blessing to see the smiles of the villagers as they received the materials.
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    When the studio was built in 2008, Jesus For Asia (JFA) had a vision for it to be a center for broadcasting the gospel in Thailand as well as the 10/40 window. And now that vision has taken an unexpected and exciting turn!
    JFA and EOF (Education Opportunity Foundation) worked together to develop the first studio-building the facility and establishing a team. Now we are in the process of developing a second studio in Thailand!
    The original studio building is now going to be known as "Hope For Thailand", which is EOF's new name for the studio. They are working on getting together their personnel/team right now. Their building is ready for production, complete with two sets, lighting and soundproofing. The team and additional editing equipment will be their main needs.
    One main advantage of the development of these two studios in Thailand, is that the "Hope For Thailand Studio" would be free to broadcast directly, since they are run and operated by Thai citizens. With over 70 languages in Thailand, there is a vast need for multiple studios, all with the goal of creating videos to share the gospel, so this is an answer to prayer.
    Meanwhile, the "All Asia Studio" team is continuing with production, while we wait on completion of our second studio building. One of the exciting things happening is the search for property on which to build a new studio. We have
no idea where God will place the next one, and many options are open. Please pray for us to make the right choice of property, and that funding will come in for it. . . .

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II. Burma Vignettes-- Early Missionaries # 54 & # 55

Mervin Myat Kyaw <mervinnmk@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.

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# 54. William L. Murrill (Ruth) (1951- 66)

Pastor W. L. Murrill became president of Myanmar Union Mission in 1962 and labored on successfully until he had to leave Myanmar on the request of Burmese government in 1966. Elder Murrill was the last foreign president of Myanmar Union Mission. He handed over the responsibility on the shoulders of national leader Pastor Kalee Paw who had been serving as the union secretary at the time of Burmese military takeover. Since then 8 successive national presidents have toiled on and twenty-six plus thousand Adventists are walking in the land which we call now as Myanmar.

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#55. Frank C. & Barbara Wyman (1949-66)

Frank C. and Barbara Wyman arrived Myanmar on Dec. 7, 1949, together with other missionaries who came back or who just came for the first time. This was just after the war and Adventists in Myanmar longed to see them back.

Frank C. Wyman was the son of Frank A. Wyman and Nellie Wyman, the earlier missionaries. Frank C. was thus a second generation missionary.

Frank C. Wyman was the principal of Myaungmya Seminary from 1964 to 66. The Wyman were the last to leave Myanmar when foreign missionaries were requested to leave in 1966.

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III. Lillian Guild Tells Her Life Story

Lillian R. Guild <LRGuild@aol.com> Part 2 of 3

God Has a Plan for Your Life

by Lillian R. Guild, as she approaches her 90th birthday

It was while I was a student at Gem State Academy under the influence of my spiritual Bible teacher/Principal, T. W. Walters, that I decided I wanted to be a real Christian, and not just one in name. I remember raising my hand in Bible class and asking him, "How can I know God and love and serve Him? He seems so far away." His answer was, "Lillian, if you want to know God, you must get acquainted with Jesus, for He came to show us what God is like. I suggest you read the book The Desire of Ages." I read it and it gave me such a love for Jesus and my heavenly Father, and for the first time I understood the plan of salvation. This book has become one of my favorite books ever since. I read it often.

While attending the academy because of the incentive my brother gave me of getting top grades in my classes and because of my leading in spiritual activities, upon graduating, I was chosen to receive a scholarship to attend Walla Walla College. God provided for my future as I was awarded a full scholarship which had always before been divided between two students. Now with a full scholarship which would pay my expense for a year, I could attend college! Before this I had given up the idea of going on to college, for my brother was getting married and wouldn't be able to help me. How I praised God for this unexpected blessing!

When I got to college in the fall of 1942 I needed to make a big decision -- what course should I pursue? Ever since my days in the hospital when I first was burned, I was sure I would be a nurse. But now it seemed to me it would be impossible for me to pay for nurses' training. What should I do? I decided I should take a general course my first year, and pray that God would reveal His plan for my future life.

After finishing the first year of college, my roommate and I went to Pendleton, a town nearby, to work at a Box factory. During the summer months the Christian owner employed students from college so was able to earn enough to return to college and make a down payment, at least, for part of my second year. I still did not know what course I should pursue even though I kept praying for the answer.

It was not until the middle part of my second year of college that God answered my prayer for a definite decision I was to take pre-nursing. Why had He waited so long to let me know? I wondered. "God works in mysterious ways, His
wonders to perform." I surely believe this saying is true and His timing is always right. "My times are in His hands." (See Ps. 31:15) But by the next year I understood the answer. If I had of known ahead of time I would have taken pre-nursing in two years and gone to Portland, Oregon, for my training. But God had other plans, I soon discovered.

At the end of the second year, the Lord impressed me to do colporteur work for the summer months so I could get a scholarship to pay for my third year of college with the pre-nursing course. However, it didn't work out that way. The student who was going to be my partner selling children's and religious books, at the last minute because of her father's illness, needed to stay home to care for him. Now what should I do?

I needn't have worried for God had it all worked out. My college friend from Southern California asked me to be her partner in Los Angeles. She promised to find a free ride for me, and I could stay in her home to begin with. It turned out to be an amazing answer to my prayers! Not only did the Lord sell books for me, but I surpassed the record for sales that summer and sold enough for not only paying the rest of my college bill, but earned enough that I could start my nurses' training at the White Memorial Hospital in February. I needn't go back to Walla Walla to finish my pre-nursing for another year because the White Memorial hospital had an entirely new plan to begin a nursing course in February.

Because of this I could keep working and have time to complete the two only subjects I need for pre-nursing by attending City College. Now I knew for sure why God hadn't answered my prayer of what course to take until the middle of the second year of college. It was while in nurses' training at the White Memorial Hospital that I met my future husband, Dan Guild. It would be a year, however, until we began dating. When I first met Dan I was introduced to him by his friend, Bill, who wanted to find a wife for he and Dan were senior theology students at LaSierra College. But I was not interested in either of them for I was seriously dating a senior medical student.

This medical student I was dating wanted me to make the decision to marry him. I really wanted to say yes, and even though I did much praying about it, I just couldn't feel right about marrying him.

When summer came my boyfriend had graduated and was a doctor intern now and I was selling books in Burbank to earn enough to keep me going for another year of training. My roommate's boyfriend was calling her about every day wanting her to say yes to his proposal for marriage. On the other hand, I had only a few telephone calls from my boyfriend so I couldn't help but wonder how much he really loved me. When I got back to the dorm at the end of the summer I got word that he had dated another nurse. I knew for sure then I could not marry the doctor. How thankful I am that God answered my prayer once again for guidance! How can I ever thank Him enough?

IV. Death of Jerry Bruce

Dave Dennis <davedennis@comcast.net> Sept. 30:

This is to notify you of the death of Gerald O. Bruce late Friday afternoon September 27, 2013 in Portland, OR.

Life Sketch

Gerald Oliver Bruce, born January 25, 1925 in Salem, Oregon. [ Family & friends always called him Jerry.] Jerry's family moved to the Walla Walla, WA area when he was about two and he lived there until he went into the Navy in World War II. He attended Walla Walla College, began his denominational service as a clerk at the now-defunct Southern Publishing Association in Nashville, TN, then served as Assistant Treasurer in the Oklahoma Conference in Oklahoma City, OK. From there the family were sent as missionaries, first to South China Island Union Mission in Taiwan, where they were for a few months, then transferred to Japan Union Mission in Tokyo, Japan, where he was Mission Treasurer. When the first term of service of six years was over, they went on a one-year's furlough to the homeland.

At the end of that time, Jerry was made Assistant Treasurer of the Far Eastern Division in Singapore. After some time he was asked to be Treasurer of Southeast Asia Union Mission, also in Singapore. Following the General Conference Session in 1970 he was appointed Treasurer of the Far Eastern Division and served there until mid-1977 when the family returned permanently to the United States. Jerry was made Assistant Treasurer of the General Conference, heading up the Transportation Department, where he served until the mid 1980's.

Survivors: son Dr. James Bruce of Dayton, OH; daughters Judy Bruce of Vancouver, WA and Jeanie Jura of Yakima, WA; six granddaughters, ten great grandchildren, five nephews and three nieces. His remains will be interred at a military cemetery in Portland, OR.

V. SULADS Story -- Jasmine Gives Her Testimony in Church

by Ranny de Vera, SULADS Field Supervisor
If you recall, Jasmine is a daughter of the Sultan responsible for the entry of SULADS work in Lanao del Norte, an area infested with heavily-armed rebel groups. There are already two schools opened in this area and many more villages are asking for SULADS to teach in their area because government schools are nowhere to be found. It is amazing how the Lord opened the way by using Jasmine's father, the Sultan, whose main agenda was to liberate his people from the bondage of ignorance through education.

The largest Adventist Church in the area, with a membership of two thousand, was having a special program and the SULADS team coming from the two villages were invited to give a report, update, and inspire the brethren. Jasmine and some other adult Muslims came as well, surprising many of the church members because it is rare to see Muslims entering our church.

In fact, it is unexpected that they, the Muslims, would dare to enter any of our Churches. The report and updates were given and the brethren praised the Lord for the wonderful reports they were hearing. The Muslims were just sitting in the pews listening, perhaps wondering at how the program progressed. Jasmine was sitting still and was probably trying to process in her mind what she was experiencing at the moment.

When the reports and updates were done, the leader at the pulpit surprisingly asked Jasmine to give a few words. She was unprepared. Nobody told her she was to do this. It wasn't planned at all. Since her name was called and she was introduced, she stood up and headed for the pulpit. There was stillness in the congregation.

All of a sudden everybody became quiet wanting to catch every word that a young Muslim lady had to say. She opened her mouth and narrated how the Adventists first stepped into their village. She related the excitement that day brought to every Muslim resident. She related how thankful the Muslims were for the gesture of kindness shown by the Adventists. As she was coming to a close, with tears in her eyes she said, "I cannot believe it but it is the Adventists that have seen the need of our community and decided to help us. We cannot thank you enough. May Allah richly bless you more and more so that you can help many more Muslims like me."

As she left the pulpit, the quietness was still unbroken. The brethren were seen wiping tears of joy from their faces because of what they had just heard. It may be unbelievable but true. God is doing wonders in the Muslim world. He is touching their lives through SULADS.

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