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The Bair Family <missions@danielbair.com> December 31:
It is the last day of 2013, and all around us are people celebrating the end of the year, and the beginning of the next year. Thailand shares the same New Year's Day as America, although the numbering system is different. This year ending is the Thai (Buddhist) year 2556, and tomorrow will start 2557. Happy New Year everyone!

We have had a full year, and we are thankful for God leading us through difficulties and filling us with blessings. One of our biggest blessings is to be debt free! A bit over 5 years ago, we stepped into mission work, knowing that we still had college debt to repay. It was even more of a step of faith when we went into full-time mission work. The cleared debt confirms that God will continue to provide for us. . . .

At our staff meeting on December 23, 2013 we had a report of the video production of this year. It has been a full year, and we thanked God for all the work He enabled us to do. Here are our lists from that report:

***Finished programs:
A Thai Vegetarian Cooking Program
Beautiful music from Jun's Choir
A sermon series from Pastor Surachet
Two sermons, and many more personal testimonies, from two Hmong hill tribe churches

***Recorded, but not yet edited:
Music from Royal Heirs
Sermon and testimonies in Ahka, Hmong, & Thai languages from five different churches
A sermon series from Pastor Samart
A sermon series from Peter Gregory

***Technical video clips finished:
All-Asia Studio logo, plus logo animation for DVD's
Video Intro and copyright declaration
Title and information bar
Video Credit Roll in four languages

***Monday, December 30, 2013
Urgent prayer request: The server with all of our videos, is not able to access any files. We are now trying to recover files, but much of the edit work of this year may be lost. Please pray!! We were just about to publish a sermon series that is very powerful for helping Buddhists to understand the gospel. Not a coincidence. Last year we had a similar thing happen, and God helped us get the videos back, so we are praying the data will be recovered.

***Tuesday, December 31, 2013
The data has been on an external 4TB hard-drive. But we don't have any backup drives that can backup 4TB, so we have virtually no backups. A free software is able to recover most of the files except without their original file names or folders. Professional recovery software is not cheap.
Thank-you for all of your prayers and support! Pra Jaw Oi Pon (God Bless You), The Bair Family ~~~~~~~~~~~ II.

Season’s Greetings

1. Bill & Beth Dickerson <billbethd@msn.com> Jan. 1, 2014:

Greetings, Family and Friends,

Here we are ushering in a brand new year with its presssing challenges and its glowing promises. Of this one thing we are sure: God is really alive, ready to meet our every need in 2014. How very often we think of you and wonder how life is going for you. We like to stay in touch, but we surely don't show it very well by our infrequency of writing.

Beth and I are staying well and happy, while serving the Lord in a variety of rewarding endeavors including musical ministry, Church Television broadcasting, and Washington State Prison Ministry in Walla Walla. Beth also heads up the Funeral Dinner Ministry for the altogether too frequent deaths in our community. It has been my privilege to make appointments by phone for son David's piano tuning business. He is the most wonderful boss I have ever worked for in my entire life. Activities like these keep us quite busy.

This is indeed one of our richest times of life. You might not think so, with me having achieved 80 years and Beth crowding that mark. We are so very rich now, for you see, our family has grown and grown, and continues to increase in numbers. What greater riches can we earthlings enjoy? And now, the great grand-children are coming to brighten our world. Five have arrived already, and at least two more are in the factory. What joy is ours!

A climax of joy came shortly after Christmas when all of our immediate family gathered at our house to celebrate the end of another prosperous year. We were all here with the exception of grandson, Andrew and Carrie and their family of two who were in Nome, Alaska, and granddaughter, Ellen who plays violin in the Richmond Symphony Orchestra away out East in Virginia.

Can you imagine the emotions that surged through our hearts on such a wonderful occasion? We thank God for the blessings of our wonderful family.

It is with anticipation that we look forward to an eternity with them.

We trust and pray that you are doing well. How we would love to be able to see you more often. Until that is possible, know that we miss you and long to live closer to you once again. That's why we long for Jesus' return and that Grand Reunion Day soon to be.

With love and best wishes, Bill and Beth ~~~~~~~~~~~~ III Burma Vignettes-- Early Missionaries # 68

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.

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#68. Harriet Dinsmore (Nurse)

Miss Harriet Dinsmore arrived in April of 1953 and took charge as the director of nursing service. Miss Dinsmore continued to give faithful service until the hospital was nationalised in 1966. After retiring from missionary service, Sister Dinsmore married Mr. Harold Johnson, the Chaplain of the Florida SDA Hospital. The Johnsons currently reside in Avon Park, Florida.

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IV. The Beginnings of a New Church in Kolambogan, Philippines

SULADS 2014 Newsletter

by Tertuliano Hallasgo, Gospel Outreach Evangelist

Good day and Happy New Year 2014 to all of you. Glory be to our loving God for He continued using us on His sacred work. I said "continued using"

for no matter how sure the success for it is, it is his program. There are still some who tried to bother us. That's why we had experienced problems such as physical, financial, social etc, but thru Him we still continue to unite our efforts for His work and have reached success and victory.

Last month of November 2013 we conducted a Revelation Seminar at Barangay Kolambogan which was initiated by Unit 3 Fellowship where our two churches, which were built thru Gospel Outreach (Sinaca and Tagkiling) belongs, resulted in the baptism of fourteen (14) precious souls last December 4, 2013.

After the seminar we continued the construction of the church building at Tagkiling which we had reported about on our previous report in the month of November and this church building was being hoped for by the newly baptized members so that they will no longer have the church worships at the home temporarily used because they felt ashamed. Rather they will meet in the new church building. We thought that the building would be finished by the end
of year 2013 but many of the members became busy. The materials are already complete and we hope that it will be finished in the month of January 2014.

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V. Bangkok Catholics Visit Thailand Mission Headquarters

--from President's Message in current "Shining Light in Thailand":

"At the beginning of October Thailand Mission received a request from the ten Catholic Churches in Bangkok asking to visit the SDA Headquarters on October 19. When we received the message we had some questions. The officers and department heads gathered together and prayed and organized the preparation for the visit. Actually the plan was to visit on Sabbath morning and attend the worship service but there was a scheduling conflict so they made the appointment for 2:00 pm until 5:00 pm on Saturday. We organized our meeting at the Ekamai Adventist School auditorium with the representatives from these ten Catholic churches. We assigned Pastor Surachet Insom, the Health Director for Thailand Mission, to present a brief history of the SDA Church including the beginning of SDA work in Thailand, the health message, our educational system, the community service that we are doing and how we reach out to the Buddhists throughout Thailand.

"After the presentation, the leader of the group told us that they have never heard anything like this about Seventh-day Adventists. They learned that the SDA Church is giving and living a wonderful message from the Bible. They also learned that the SDA Church is giving the right message and the rumors are not true that Seventh-day Adventists are teaching false doctrines.

"We pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to work with the Sunday Church members and the people in the Government so that they will know the truth and through God's calling they will accept the Lord as their personal Savior."

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VI. New Church Buildings in Laos

from the current "Shining Light in Thailand":

"In Ban Laowang Salawan Province in Southern Laos there is an Adventist group with 70 people worshipping every Sabbath. They have worshipped in a bamboo church for three years. In March 2013 a church building was started with funds from Pasto Ralph Watts and the SDA Thai Church at Loma Linda through Doctor Henry Chai.

"Five more churches are planned to be built in the near future. One of them is in Namyoo, Buakaeow Province and Muang Fuang, Vientiane Province. This is Bonkhamxai Province, and beside Pastor Houmpalin’s School in Vientiane Capital. Each church costs between US$10,000 -- 15,000."

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VII. Dennis Dean Tidwell Visits Thailand

Paul & Lena Adams <paul_n_lena@yahoo.com> Jan. 1:

from "Happy New Year from Sunshine Orchard" Karen Outreach Dean Tidwell sacrificed in coming to Thailand with the purpose to help us understand recent issues and challenges we have had regarding property and Foundation needs and suggested solutions and placed in our hands a plan of action. He also introduced us to quite a few “important” people who we needed to be introduced to. He translated foundation documents into English for us too. Dean and his wife Lila gave 19 years of their lives to this area and the Karen. Recently Dean retired from being the head of the US embassy in Chiang Mai. It was a tremendous blessing to have his help much due to him being able to speak both Thai and Karen.

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VIII. SULADS Story --Two Grammies' Visit

by: Sarah A. Famisaran, SULADS Comprehensive School for the Deaf

Eighteen- year old Joeffrey is the only child in the family. This made him the center of love and he became the pet of his parents. Because he was born deaf both maternal and paternal grandparents gave much attention to him. As a special child for that matter, the family showered him with much love and whatever they could think of to show him how much the whole clan loves him.

However, there is no school for the Deaf in their area. Moreover, Joeffrey grew having no education because the school nearby does not accept Deaf children as there was no qualified teacher for Special children. Thus, Joeffrey was exposed to whatever there was he could find. As a non- SDA, he learned to drink liquor like his companions who taught him the vice. He also learned to smoke and gamble. Many a night he would come home late, drunk. This kind of life troubled his family, as they do not see a good future for their special child.
Joy, our volunteer assistant at the SULADS Deaf School found Joeffrey in Kalilangan town. She was close to the family as a neighbor. She told them that there was a School for the Deaf that was to open operated by SULADS. There was a dormitory where the students could stay and they can enjoy life on the campus under the care of the teachers. "This sounds like good news!"

Joeffrey's aunt said, "This is a good alternative where Joeffrey can be away from his friends who do nothing everyday but play cards gambling and get drunk in the evening like his father." Thus, Joeffrey is now at our School as one of our Deaf students.

Joeffrey's mom left home to find a job so she could support him. Therefore, he was left to care of his aunt who also was worried by him being a drunkard. Moreover, as he is now with the SULADS School for the Deaf, it is a big relief for her. However, Joeffrey who was abruptly separated from his friends, found it hard adjusting to the new life at SULADS School. At first, he would sneak out of the campus to satisfy his craving to smoke. He expressed he would like to go home as he missed his friends. This we understood but we just encouraged him to stay. With our daily morning and evening worship in the dormitory, little by little with much prayer, Joeffrey was able to cope and is now enjoying life at the Deaf School.

Joy went to Kalilangan one day to get food supplies for Joeffrey. She came home with Joeffrey's two Grammies. They came with no extra clothes as they planned to go home right away. They just wanted to pay Joeffrey a visit. They were not able to arrive that day because they were stranded in the nearby community because of the heavy downpour. In the early morning, Joy arrived telling us that the TWO GRAMMIES were at the house where they spent the night. They came to surprise Joeffrey because they missed him already. When I told Joeffrey about this, he was delighted. He left his work that early morning and ran to meet his visitors.

He was in a hurry mumbling something as if to say, "Oh! Grammies, I miss you, I miss you. I cannot believe you are visiting me; this is too good to be true!"

Meeting the two oldies at last, he gave each a tight hug and a pat on their back just mumbling words we cannot understand which seemingly to us,"Oh how I missed you. Thank you for your visit! Thank you for your love!"

Then releasing from the long embrace and wiping their tears away, the two oldies just embraced and kissed him again and again as they cannot express much as they don't know how to communicate in signs.

Joeffrey then started his long story in signs telling his two Grammies of his good life he is enjoying now. He said, "I do not drink, smoke, and gamble anymore as I have learned that it is not good to be drinking liquor. Tell Dad to stop that habit. It is not good."

One Grandma said, "Tell him his Dad was drunk the night before we left."

When I signed to Joeffrey about that, he said, "I will go home and give him a good jab so he may know that that is not a good habit. I will show to him that I do not do that anymore. He should find work to help and support me here."

The two Grammies stayed for another day and sat in my class observing how their grandson was doing. They found him enjoying school together with his classmates. They were very happy to see his paper work. He is doing great in class and he had learned a lot. Most of all, they saw the big change in Joeffrey; how he sweated as he worked in the garden. In addition, the best news we could give his aunt and mom is the new life Joeffrey has now. He does not drink, smoke, or gamble.

During lunch that day before they left, I asked Joeffrey to pray before we ate and he did with much effort for the first time. This brought joy to the faces of the TWO GRAMMIES who could not believe their eyes to see the sudden change they see in Joeffrey.

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