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Abel Pangan <abelfelpan2734@sbcglobal.net> Feb. 22:

On Sunday, February 16, 2014, Pastor Neng Lee, Elder George Johnson and I met with the Hmong leaders at the Fresno Asian Church to discuss the groundwork preparation for the Fresno Hmong city-wide evangelistic meetings on June 15-28, 2014. Since Pastor Rungsit Satayawaksakul, former Thailand Mission President, could not come for the right dates in June, it was unanimously voted that we invite Mr. Chong Tou Vue, radio health lecturer in North Carolina, to be the speaker for the Hmong City-wide Evangelistic Campaign. Pastor Neng Lee and other Hmong leaders had heard Mr. Tou Vue's radio program and they highly recommended him to be the one to come. They said that his English is excellent for appealing to the Hmong youth. The Hmong people are very much interested in learning more about health.

The other actions taken were:

1. To recommend to the Fresno Asian Church Board that Pastor Neng Lee be recommended to the Central California Conference Executive Committee to be a fulltime pastor of the Hmong groups in Fresno and Visalia.

2. Improve the weekly Hmong TV program composition by consulting the CCC Communication Department (Costin Jordache & Tibor Shelley) and prepare the messages 3 or 4 a week in order to reduce the cost of production.

Here is the report of my checking Mr. Tou Vue’s background. I talked with Pastor Brad Cauley, Pastor of the church where Mr. Tou Vue is a member with his family. (Pastor Cauley is also the Church Planting Coordinator of the North Carolina Conference.) He said that Mr. Tou Vue will be a good speaker. Also, he is willing to help him prepare the health presentations with integrated Biblical messages and with power points. In my talking with Mr. Tou Vue, he said that he is willing to come on June 11 with his wife to be better ready for the meetings starting on June 15. Pastor Neng Lee has offered to provide them food and lodging at his home. Mr. Tou Vue is requesting us to earnestly pray for him to be used by the Holy Spirit in a mighty way.

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II. Letters

1. Philip Jones <pjadmin@gmail.com> Feb. 21:

We loved the story from China. JoAnne and I spent our fiftieth anniversary there. We visited Pastor Hua and the largest Adventist church in the world; over 25,000 attend every Sabbath with seven packed services in Shen Yang. God will never forget His people.

-- Phil Jones, R.E. (Retired Evangelist) ~~~~~~~~~ III. Burma Vignettes-- Early Missionaries # 74

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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#74. Rudy Haak (Doctor)

Dr. Rudy Haak joined the Rangoon SDA Hospital in July, 1961. He was a certified anesthetist with the American Board. Dr. Haak helped in training staff members in Anesthesia.

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IV. Bair Family's February Update

Daniel & Tesha Bair <missions@danielbair.com> Feb. 21:

WANIDA'S HMONG SERMON
This year started out with a ministry trip to the mountains. The pastor of Khun Sa Nai village church had asked Wanida, one of our teammates, to give the sermon. Khun Sa Nai village is the Hmong hill tribe village that Wanida comes from, and her parents still live there.

Wanida took religious studies in college, and had learned how to preach, but right after she agreed to preach she felt uncertain if it was God's will. As she prepared a sermon, without letting us know, she was praying that God would show her that He was leading by encouraging the rest of her team to come with her. Near the end of the week, she asked if we would come and video the sermon.

Friday night, I was uncertain if I would be able to go or not, since I was feeling quite sick with a bad cold. But Sabbath morning I felt better, and we got ready to drive the couple hours to the village. Wanida told us her prayers were answered, and we were so thankful that God had worked things out.

Wanida preached on the topic of faith and victory in our lives, preaching in her native language. Daniel and I ran camera, and Daniel ran the audio as well. The church was full, and people seemed very much engaged with the topic of the sermon. The outdoor porch serves as a "mother's room" for this church and there were about a dozen kids there.

As a mom, I was relieved that our toddlers Na-Na and Sano both shared their baby Bibles with the other kids. Praise God! Wanida had asked me to sing a song at the end of the sermon, so I sang "Faith is the Victory". Thankfully, I had a translator to help me communicate the message of the song to the people as an introduction.

Khun Sa Nai village church is a very large building, and we were told that most of the village has accepted the gospel, and been baptized. Two more families remain in the village that have not yet joined the church. That is very unusual! We praise God for that progress in this village! . . .

The DVD's in the Hmong language are very appreciated in this village, especially by the elderly people. The village has had a school for the younger generations, but many of the grandparents and parents cannot read. The DVD's help them be able to hear the word in their own home.

When we reached our car, we found that a couple of large bags of fruits and veggies had been put through our open windows, and one or two other people were also walking up with some of their produce. We were surprised, and thankful for their generosity. . . .

BIBLES FOR THAILAND:

Last year, when we visited the USA, one of our donors said she would like us to get a Bible for every month she donates. Recently, we found the opportunity to fulfill that request.

Chiang Mai Adventist Academy has a week of prayer each semester. At each week of prayer, the Thailand Bible Society brings Bibles and Christian books to the Academy, so that the students (many of whom are Buddhist) can buy these materials.

So, our team went to this sale, and purchased 12 Bibles in the Thai language and gave them to the pastor to give to students, especially since he knows which ones are interested in the Bible and are too poor to buy one for themselves. It was such a joy to be the courier for our American friend to give Bibles to others! Pastor Pada said that there are many more students who need a Bible. The plan is to purchase Karen Bibles next. There is also a need for hymnals.

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V. A High Sabbath at Sunshine Orchard

Karen Outreach <paul_n_lena@yahoo.com> Feb. 23:

We were blessed with having 21 young people committing their lives to God in baptism! Here is the story of BehNayHtoo, one of these young people:

When he came to LayKloYaw school across the river in Karen State at 19 years of age, he had never been to school, having spent his childhood and youth as a monk in a Buddhist temple. His mother had died when he was eight months old and his father, being a devout Buddhist, decided to send him to the temple at an early age. From the age of 5 to 15-16 years old he wore the yellow robe of a monk, begging for food, walking the streets barefoot, and living in the
The story I tell today is about a man who was deeply moved by his father's words. He said, "My dear son, you must know that God never forsakes you. No matter how big your sins are, God is always ready to forgive us if we confess it to Him. If you want to have your peace of mind, ask for the forgiveness of your sins and surrender your life to the Lord." I
told him. "If you want, you can come here when you are free and we can talk. You are also free to attend our worship. The hospital is for the sick not for the healthy," I added.

From that morning, Dodong always attended our worship with the children. He also started to attend Sabbath worships. He surrendered his life to God. He decided to have Bible studies again. He wanted to relearn the Bible. At the end of our term, Dodong was one of the 33 precious souls that received Christ through baptism. He now has the complete peace of mind that he was looking for. He found it in the Lord.

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