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I. Late Sending Explained:
   Due to difficulty with my e-mail server this month-old newsletter is being sent. Pray that the difficulty may be solved.

II. Letters
   1. Rawlings Family <rawlings@leadingtothelight.org> March 19:
      We want to send our heartfelt thanks to all who have been involved with Leading to the Light here in Thailand. We are
      here because of you! Your donations, prayers, and support are a lifeline directly linking you with service among the Thai
      people. Together, we have influenced many to commit their lives to God and go forward sharing the light of Jesus to this
      dark region of the world.
      Your investment in God’s Kingdom is paying off in many ways:
      * You are assisting Ratri and others to spread the gospel through health.
      * You are enlarging God’s army by sponsoring Bible students like Et Htoo.
      * You are building churches like the one in Htee Kho, resulting in 7 baptisms.
      * You are helping to translate and print literature in several Asian languages.
      * You are inspiring many Sunday Christians to change their day of worship.
      * You are feeding needy children who stay in our student dormitories.
      * You are giving hundreds of eager children Bibles in their own language.
      Thank you so much for your commitment to God’s Kingdom.
      Because Steve is the volunteer project coordinator for Education Opportunity Foundation and the director of Leading
      to the Light, devising ways to reach souls is a never ending priority. Working side by side with the people of Thailand is a
      never ending blessing. God’s call to "go into all the world" has proven to be a fountain of joy.
      --The Rawlings Family, Steve, Lynette, Elyssa and Micah ~~~~~~~~~~~~
   III. Report from Thailand’s Bamboo School
      Catherine Riley Bryan <momocat@bambooschool.org> March 14:
      I’m writing from the smoky border between Kanchanaburi and Burma.... God is so very generous to us out here. Since
      2001, He has blessed and encouraged me daily to walk with Him. This year highlights have included seeing one of my
      orphans gain 8th place in the national Thai English competitions, and a further 7 kids get to the semi finals. A team from
      Canberra came in to put in irrigation at our lakeside property, after a Thai donor gave us the irrigation pipes. Then a
      horticulturist volunteered from Sydney to help establish organic garden operation. A school in Christchurch, NZ sent us
      tools and seeds..... none of these people knew each other, all from different denominations; but all God’s people... Now
      Thailand is in a drought, yet our oasis on the shores of the lake stand out productive and beautiful... tears flow in
      gratitude to all who pray for us, but let’s praise Him.... By the way, the land at the lake was given to us in memory of a
      Canadian man who died at Phuket during the tsunami. God provides everything we need, just walk His way.

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IV Holistic Evangelism in Cambodia’s Preah Vihear Province

Tim Maddocks’ Prayer Journal, March 13:

The countdown is on. Less than two months to go before 33 of us head to Tbeng Meanchey town, central north Cambodia, to blitz it for Jesus. This 25 day evangelistic blitz, will by the grace of God, touch the lives of people from every level of society. Next Sabbath, Tbeng Meanchey, a town of more than 25,000 people, will have its first Adventist church building dedicated to the Lord. With much prayer and the working of the Holy Spirit, we plan to fill this new building for the Kingdom of Heaven. This is a special event for me, as I had the privilege of being the first District Pastor for this province, when in the year 2000, the Cambodian Adventist Mission sent in two families to church plant. Both families had attended our second Lay Training program. Now fourteen years later I get to lead a team of young people to add to the souls already rescued from the grip of Satan. Our young people are busy planning, preparing and praying as they prepare the sixteen evangelistic approaches planned for reaching the town.

As the e-Day gets closer, we solicit your prayers for:

1. true Revival and Reformation for each of our team members
2. local government permission to put into action all our plans
3. the local church members to get excited and involved in evangelising their town
4. for all our needs to be provided for, the greatest being the Love of Christ
5. the town people to be open to the working of the Holy Spirit

V. AFM Workers in Central Thailand Consider Merger

by Cindi Tumberg, March issue of Adventist Frontiers magazine

"How much of a difference can a couple of families make in a city with a population of 100,000? Ever since arriving in Thailand, Kyle and I have been confronted with this question. Pastors and church leaders in Thailand have told us repeatedly that the best way to reach the Buddhists is by drawing close to them and allowing them to see Christianity in action. They need to see the love of Christ worked out in our lives and manifested to those in our circle of influence. A Thai pastor recently told us that we need to become friends with Buddhists and be willing to walk by their sides for years, if need be, as they progress in their spiritual journey toward Jesus Christ.

"So, again, we are faced with the question, how can a handful of missionaries make a difference in a large city among so many people? Obviously, each person on our team is limited in the number of people they can mentor in this time intensive manner. If it were just up to us, progress would be painfully slow. That is, unless we can widen our spheres of influence.

"As our Central Thai missionary team discussed the challenges and difficulties of the work here, an exciting idea began to emerge. Was God leading our team (the Palacios family, Danielle Koning, and us) and the Northern Khmer Team (the Sorensen and Doss families) to join forces and share the work in the city of Khon Kaen? As we have discussed and prayed about this matter over the past year, the Lord has been confirming the idea to merge our two teams in order to extend our influence and accomplish a more comprehensive work in this diverse, growing city. By faith we are moving forward in this merger, seeking God’s continued guidance.

"At this point we are prayerfully seeking methods for developing relationships with middle and upper-class Thais, since it is much easier for the Gospel to move down the Thai social ladder than up it. Our team has founded a music school, Peace Music Academy, as a means of accomplishing this objective. We are also prayerfully seeking other ways to build friendships with people. Together, we will be preparing worship and outreach materials that we hope will benefit the Adventist work all over Thailand.

"Please join us in prayer as we seek God’s continued guidance in this merger. By His grace we believe that our newly merged team can radically impact the city of Khon Kaen, Thailand."

VI. Manila Youth Participate in Compassion Walk

--from current Adventist Review

More than 1,000 Adventist youth in Manila gathered for Global Youth Day.

At 1:30 on the afternoon of March 15, more than 1,000 Adventist youth in Manila gathered for a Global Youth Day compassion walk. Participants walked more than three kilometers, from historic Lapu-lapu monument in Rizal Park to Harbour Square, to make a statement that compassion is best communicated in practical ways.

The walk was led by Jobbie Yabut, Youth Ministries director for the church in the Southern Asia-Pacific Division (SSD), and Tony Stanyer, SSD representative for One Year in Mission (OYIM), a program, initiated by the Adventist Church to inspire youth to dedicate their lives to Jesus Christ.

During the walk, Stanyer shared his perspective about this significance of the event. "As a Christian youth, we have to be seen by how we love people.
Compassion is a medium in which we can put our passion into action."

The walk included four prayer stops, each with a different emphasis: such as the people of Manila, Philippine government officials, the spiritual and religious leaders in the country, and Hope Manila 2014, a revival initiative of the church that calls for cities like Manila to find hope and peace in Christ. Hope Manila 2014 will feature a week-long revival series in May featuring Ted Wilson, Adventist world president. Master Guides from the Adventist University of the Philippines served as prayer leaders at each stop.

Earlier in the day, 80 groups of Adventist youth filled the streets, parks, and neighborhoods of metro Manila with acts of kindness, or "acts of compassion" as they called them, to celebrate Global Youth Day with 8 million Adventist youth around the world. These intentional acts of kindness ranged from giving away free food and drink to offering encouragement cards, sharing flowers, and offering to pray with individuals. These small acts were designed to show the character of Jesus Christ to the community.

At Harbour Square, a two-hour live video stream via the Internet featured reports about different acts of compassion from around the SSD territory. Toward the end of the program, Deaf Ministry members from the Pasay Adventist Church, led by Lychelle Gabuco, touched the hearts of the crowd with their sign language rendition of the song "He's got the Whole Word in His Hands." The authenticity of the simple tune gave a closing reminder that God had indeed used the hands of Adventist youth to touch lives of the world around them.

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VIII. Cambodian Orphanage Restructuring

Tim Maddocks’ Prayer Journal, March 13:

It is 11 years since we opened the orphanage doors and began accepting children. God has worked some remarkable miracles in the past 11 years.

Miracles of finance, miracles of deliverance, miracles of healing, but mostly, miracles of transformed hearts. We can not say that we have seen all the children come to a lasting relationship with the Lord, but it is a joy to see those who have, and see them cherish this relationship.

Many of our senior young people living in the orphanage expressed a desire to practise what they have been learning about health and become vegan vegetarians. We have been happy to facilitate this, setting up two homes in the orphanage village where the young men and women (18 and over) can live semi-autonomously under the supervision of volunteers. They now manage their own finances, cooking etc. It is wonderful to see them shouldering this new responsibility and growing in maturity and wisdom. With the exit of these 13 young people from the existing orphanage homes, and the departure of a number of others who have chosen to return to a living parent, we have down sized the orphanage to 10 families, with 145 children still on the books. We are thankful that the demand for placing children in institutions has diminished sharply, a sign of improving standards of living and healthcare in much of the country. We anticipate that over time the number of children in the orphanage will continue to drop and in the future further homes will be closed. In anticipation of this, we are already planning how to make the best of the existing facilities that will become vacant. The next big event for the orphanage is the annual Birthday Party mid April. The children have been asking for weeks how much longer until this special event.

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VIII. SULADS Story -- The Reflector

By Jomer Clerigo--Canada Literacy Center

Canada Literacy Center is the farthest literacy center in Caraga cluster. It will take two days to reach the place. Because of its distance and location, people living there are illiterate. These people consider themselves lower than any other Higaonon tribes found in that cluster.

We were assigned to this village. I had only heard about Canada literacy center from the previous volunteers before I joined SULADS ministry.

According to them, the village is very far from civilization. No government facilities can be found there after the two-day hike. This considered the most unreached territory of SULADS. The volunteers also said that people are warm hearted and that evangelizing God's love to them was very effective.

When it was announced that I would be assigned in that place, I was afraid. It was my second year as a SULADS volunteer but I was still doubtful if I could survive and be a great help to the village.

When I reached the village, everything that I heard was proven. The village people welcomed us warmly. Happiness was shown in their faces. Then I knew, God really had a plan in sending me here and He knew that I could do things
through His strength. We introduced ourselves to the people and told them that we were the new SULADS teachers assigned to them.

Classes started. I handled levels 3 and 4 class. In this class was a transferee who came from the lowland. This child lived with us in our cottage. Because he came from a public school and a family who had not taught him about God, everything we taught in school and during worship were new to him. He did not even know how to pray. His name is Leoben.

Months passed and Leoben learned how to pray and sing to God. He even started to preach during worship. Morning and evening worships were a blessing to all of us. When it seemed that we were discouraged, he was always there to tell us, "Sir, let us worship. Do not be discouraged." The eagerness of this child was an inspiration to us. Whenever there was rain and the children could not go to the worship hall, he was the one who would quickly suggest to worship house-to-house.

There was a time when Leoben went to a neighbouring village to visit some relatives. Two of our students went with him. During their stay at the house of Datu Mandapitan, they did not forget to worship in the morning and in the evening. Datu was happy to hear God's promises through a child. He was also happy when he heard songs of praise and worship from the mouth of these children who visited him. Even some of the village people joined them in their worship to listen to God's promises.

Leoben received the Light into his life and he happily and eagerly reflected it to other people that are within his reach. God is touching many more lives through this ministry. I am happy to be His instrument and His channel is sharing His love with His people.

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