I. Builders Needed for Indonesia

II. Letters

1. Jonathan Catolico <jcatolico@ssd.org> Nov. 7:

   Thank you for featuring important news and information at the FED e-News. This keeps our people worldwide who were and have been associated with the work of missions in the Far East and Asia-Pacific updated and well-informed.

   This latest news (No. 3) appearing entitled "Philippine Pastor Murdered by Gunmen" which was reprinted from Adventist Review online edition had undergone some correction for wrong information. The corrected edition showed that Ramil Ansong was not a Pastor but an Elder of the Church. The AR news editor immediately made corrections, however, the older news came to other news outlets including this one you just sent out, to our regret.

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III. Report of October-November Laos Trip

1. Khamsay Phetchareun <KhamsayP@apiu.edu> Nov. 15:

   I just arrived back from Laos yesterday evening. This trip was full of activities. We had two trips to Luang Prabang and Xieng Khouang and also had a ministerial training for two weeks. . . .

   We praise God for good developments in some areas. There still remains challenges in some areas as persecution of our members still exists. Most of our members are in rural areas and very poor. Poverty, misfortune, and sickness seem to work together. I encountered two members who needed hospitalization. One had a broken arm and another swollen legs and shortness of breath. With no money they could not get treatment. I helped what I could for them to get initial treatments. Please pray for these members.

   We also tried very hard to impact cities with several activities. We have established a language centre in Xieng Khouang City in June this year. Already there were baptisms from the students. We are planning to expand by building a proper school building and add more teachers. We also saw an opportunity at Hua Kua Suburb of Vientiane that we can establish another language school or a centre of influence there. In all, we have Adventist presence in 14 of 18 provinces of Laos so far. We need to find ways to get in to the remaining provinces. A language school is also planned for the city of Savannakhet, the second largest city of Laos.

   Thank you all for your prayers and support throughout this year, 2014. I am going to Singapore for the Union Year End tomorrow. So, must send this newsletter out to you all.
May God richly bless you.
Best regards,
K. Phetchareun
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IV. Wendy's PAMPAS Report
Wendy Harris <wrguptill@gmail.com> October 22; Philippine Adventist Medical Aviation Services (PAMAS) Saving Lives
It seems like more and more emergencies are happening lately that could have really used a helicopter. But it's no different than it's always been, it's just that with our visit to Palawan we have been reminded again of the ongoing need. There are also other reasons for needing a helicopter. There are many areas in the surrounding mountains that are still isolated from the outside world, and unreached by missionaries of any kind.
Transportation is critical to open up these areas where it takes a full day's hike or longer to reach. Other ministries also need our help with emergencies in the small islands off the south end of Palawan where there is no health care and travel by boat is difficult or impossible during some times of the year. Many lives will be saved physically as well as spiritually when we get a helicopter back in operation.
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Helicopter Fund Progress
We continue to ask for your prayers for the rest of the funds needed to purchase a used helicopter for Palawan. We have $255,500 pledged or given towards our $300,000 goal. This leaves $44,500 still needed to fulfill the matching funds pledge. Thank you so much for being a part of this project!
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V. The Kelli Doss's Farewell to Thailand
--from the December Adventist Frontiers Magazine
"Thailand has been a part of my life for the last 11 years. My two years as a student missionary created a special place in my heart for Thailand and the beautiful people who live there. A year after Robbie and I were married we applied with AFM and I looked forward to returning to work with the Thai people I had left a few years before.
"Finally, after a year and a half of support raising and preparing, we launched to Thailand. I was so excited to be back in Thailand, eager to use the Thai I had learned years before, and share in the work of reaching Thai people for God's kingdom.
"After two years of language learning for Robbie, and a couple of moves, we settled in Surin, working with the Sorensens to help the church there be able to function and thrive when we moved to Khen Kaen to merge with the Central Thai project.
"We developed friendships in every place we lived, trying to show Christ through our actions and our love for others. We trust that our lives have been a witness, and that our words have brought hope to those we have come into contact with. We may never know, this side of heaven, the lives we have touched.
"Our furlough is now over, and sadly, so is our time in Thailand. We have served in Thailand for almost four years. We have loved our time there and the friends we have made. Thailand and the Thai people continue to hold a special place in our hearts and in our prayers."
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VI. E. G. White's Books in Thai Language
Mission President Chanchai Kiatyanyong writes:
"We gave set up a committee to translate and print more of Ellen White's books in the Thai language so we can have more titles to distribute and reach city people. There are many books that we have already translated and printed and now we are in the process of revising many of the old translations and reprinting them. We pray that God will provide resources to print materials and distribute them to city dwellers. At the moment we are revising/ translating the following books:
*Steps to Christ (Just printed)
*Ministry of Healing (Just printed)
*Desire of Ages
*The Great Controversy
*Christian Service
*Education
[The Story of Redemption
*Counsels for the Church
*The Story of Jesus
*Adventist Home
*Messages to Young People

"We will also produce more of Mrs. White's books for our church members because we see more and more problems that are affecting our church family members."

from the current "Shining Light in Thailand"

VII. History & Growth of Chiangmai Adventist Academy

from the current "Shining Light in Thailand"

"Forty years ago Dr. John Dybhol was a pioneer missionary to Thailand. A piece of property was bought and a school was established in Chiangmai province. The school is a one and a half hour drive from Chiangmai city. At that time, the school was opened to train Hilltribe people. It was called an "adult school" as registered in the government education department. Most of the students were young adults who could not read and write in Thai. Later more and more young children came, and so it was expanded to include an elementary school through to a high school. God continues to bless this school and now it has grown to be a boarding school with over 950 students. "We have in the past built dormitories, a beautiful church, and classrooms for the high school. Now we need to build classrooms for the elementary school for the old elementary school is timber and the termites are eating the posts and beams and the rooms are not safe for the children. We are now planning to build a two-storey building to accommodate the ever-expanding elementary school. . . .

"We realize that Jesus Christ is coming soon. There aren't usually any major earthquakes in Thailand, but this year there was a quake measuring 6.3 on the Richter scale in Chiangrai followed by 600 aftershocks. This disaster reminds us that Jesus is coming very, very soon."

[It was my privilege to serve as acting principal of Chiangmai Academy a few months in 1991 before heading to Cambodia to re-start Adventist work there. --CHT/Sr] ~~~~~~~~~~~~ VII. SULADS Story -- Gentle Voices
by: Sharey Balan, Panglima Haji SULADS Academy, Laa Island, Simunol Tawitawi

"I can't stand it anymore!" I was handling restless, hyper-active first year high school rascals! They shout, they run, they do just anything they want to enjoy their day with their classmates. Though there is no electric power in this tiny island, the people have generators for their light and televisions. Every now and then loud noise beats of drums of rock music (is that really music?) would rock the island and especially these young students into wild "rockers".

It is a sad fact also that this tiny island community of Muslims opened their doors to some "Christians". They explained that these help them fish the deep sea "Lapulapu" which they catch live and sell live for the expensive market for the prestigious hotel restaurants in the cities. I see that these "Christians" use drugs and drink alcohol which is not supposed to be accepted by Muslims. But as tolerated by the leaders in the island, these contaminated the young students and learn the bad influence of the "Christians".

One day as I was writing on the board, my class went wild again. Despite my warnings they just played deaf ears and did what they wanted. They flew paper planes, ran around inside the classroom and shouted, as if there was no teacher in their presence. I just kept my cool, and stood there waiting for them to calm down. "I'll give you ten counts!" I shouted! They stopped for a second and looked at me, and started their "storm" again. Then I counted calmly, "1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10." Nothing changed. Then I picked up my things and walked out.

The following day, I purposely did not report to that class. I gave up!

I would not teach that class anymore. But in my private time I came to myself, "Lord," I prayed, "What am I here for? I came as your servant to reach these young people for you. Please give me more patience and love. But this class of mine is too much for me to handle." That night, before I went to bed I prayed again for that class that there would be some change and they would come to their senses. And if not I would really give up and pack my things and go home.

I had a good sleep that night and I dreamed. In my dream, I heard GENTLE VOICES singing. WOW! Beautiful music! "Kay ALLAH maniwalay kay ALLAH lumapit, Siyang daan Siya ang buhay" (translated in English as... "Have faith in GOD, come to HIM. He is the way, He is the life") I kept on listening as I remembered this was the song we used to sing in the
classroom with my students. Then as I enjoyed the music I heard my cell phone ring and that woke me up. It was my teammate from the other room calling. She said, "Wake up! Your students are singing outside by your window."

Yes I heard the singing, but brushing my eyes from sleep I wondered, "Am I dreaming? Is this real?" I opened my window and there was my class singing that same song I heard in my dream.

Then the singing stopped. "Please forgive us, Ma'am," they chorused. "We won't do it anymore! We will be good this time. Please give us another chance. Please come to class today." Then Bujang, the leader of the group, unrolled a piece of wide paper where they wrote in big bold letters, "Ma'am Sharey, we love you. Please forgive us. We will be good this time, we promise."

I didn't notice my tears flowing. Whose heart would not melt when these young precious souls were sent by God to reach me here in this island?

"Yes, of course I forgive you!" I assured them. "And I will come to class today as you stand firm to your promise! Please come in." I opened the door to welcome them.

Each gave me a hug saying, "Please forgive me, Ma'am." I gave each one a tight hug of love and assurance as all of us wiped our tears of joy away.

From that time on, I enjoyed my class because they have behaved well as they promised. I promised, too, that I will give my best for them as I serve my Lord.

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