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URGENT REQUEST

We will be changing the way we distribute the FED e-News. It will be posted via Yahoo Groups. Our daughter-in-law, Lila Tidwell, is currently sending invitations to each of you to sign up to the FED e-News Yahoo group. Please accept the invitation if you wish to continue to receive my newsletter. You are very urgently requested to join by sending an email to the following address: <fednews-subscribe@yahoogroups.com> The old method of sending it to you may be terminated soon.

I. Death of Pastor John Lu
Cho Paul <paulcho99@yahoo.com.hk> Jan 28:
Weekly Newsletter/Bulletin, Chino Valley, Calif. Chinese SDA Church
Our deepest condolence to the family of Pastor John Lu, who passed away last Saturday night at the age of 84. He was a former professor and President of Taiwan Adventist College, former pastor of Los Altos Chinese, Los Angeles Chinese and Loma Linda Chinese SDA Churches. He will be missed by many who know him. May God give comfort and strength to Mrs. Karen Lu and their children, Jonathan and Roschelle and their families.

II. Letter
Michael Campbell <thewalkingstick@gmail.com> Jan. 18:
I am an assistant professor of Historical/Theological Studies at AIIAS in the Philippines. I am conducting some research on how people observe the Lord’s Supper in various parts of the world. I’m especially interested in how Adventists observe the Lord’s Supper (including foot washing) in various countries of Asia. The way you can help is to write to Dr. Campbell at <campbellm@aiaas.edu> with a description of what the Lord’s Supper means to you along with a description of how you observe the Lord’s Supper. Any difficulties or questions about its observance should be included in the description.

III. Pastor Appointed for Atlanta’s Korean-American Church
Center for Youth Evangelism - Andrews University <Sue@cye.org> Jan. 20:
Justin Yang has accepted the call to be the Senior pastor of a Multi-Ethnic second generation Korean-American church in Atlanta, Georgia beginning January 1, 2015

IV. The Halls’ Visit to Laos
Dick Hall <dicknjeanh@gmail.com> Jan. 16:
from his Season letter
Our final trip in 2014 was to Thailand and Laos. We traveled by van to Vientiane, Laos, then to Luang Prabang where we hope to buy some property to build a place to start an English language school, with a room for assembly, that we can use for meetings to worship Jesus as well as school functions.
We looked at a piece of land last year that was near the main highway coming into the ancient provincial capital right between 2 universities with a secondary school across the road. It was about 3 acres and they price land with US dollars, and they were asking $100,000. We thought that was too expensive and we didn’t know where the finances would be
coming from, so didn't buy it. We went to look at it this year, and it had been sold. About half a block away there was a FOR SALE sign on an empty lot, not as large, and 2 levels, and when we phoned about that, it was $150,000 plus the cost for transfer. After much negotiations the seller came down to $125,000. Now we are trying to raise funds to buy it before it goes to someone else. If you or someone you know can help on this please let us know.

We drove on to Xiang Kwang where the mysterious Plain of Jars is being made into a world site for tourists. We realize learning the English language is a good entering wedge where evangelism is forbidden in a closed country. Fortunately, the church had purchased a brand new house on a large lot, about a block off the main highway into town, and renovated it by enlarging the front room so it can be used as a meeting place. The newly graduated pastor and wife have started an English language school and have

71 students registered and many more asking for classes. This is a way that the teachings of Jesus can get into the country by starting a language school, then using the Bible as a book to study, and it is amazing how many will come to know Jesus as their Savior this way.

Another way the gospel is spreading in Laos is by cell phone. When you travel and see no villages or cities, yet there are communication towers, you know that there are people in the jungle that have that method of communication. From brother to brother, cousin to cousin and family to family, the gospel is traveling by means of the cell phone. Church or worship groups without buildings are springing up all over Lao. As it is a closed country, it is difficult to build churches, so we must use other means of spreading the gospel message. God is still working, and more people are awaiting the second coming of Jesus.

V. A Missionary Family's 30 Years of Service

Tim Maddocks' Prayer Journal <terence.maddocks@gmail.com> Jan. 20:

Away back in 1984, Wendy and I heard the call to foreign service. On January 20, 1985, we began to realise this calling when after a 12 hour flight delay due to a hurricane, we first set our feet on Samoan soil. After three years of work (or maybe more accurately training) God moved us to Fiji. Four years later, God again called us to move on, directing us to ADRA, God's instrument for getting us to Cambodia, where we still call home.

Thirty years of foreign mission service has been quiet a journey. Our boys, Caleb and Shannon, both born in Fiji, are now grown men and serving side by side with us here in Cambodia. By God's grace, He has used us to bring many to a knowledge of His love and to train many others to share that love and grow His kingdom.

We would like you to join us in praising God for what He has done with our lives. And we praise God for the many of you who have supported us in prayer over those many years and given from your hearts to make this work go forward.

I just returned from a 4 day conference looking at the progress of the Gospel to the Asian peoples. Christians have made inroads but the populations in the Buddhist world are growing faster than the Gospel advances. If we are tempted to think that the Gospel has gone to all the world and Jesus is about to come, we are at least wrong on the first point. Now, with the love of so many rapidly growing cold, in the power of the Spirit we must redouble our efforts to finish this life saving work. For Wendy and I, we believe our thirty years of training can be put to best use on foreign soil for the advancement of God's kingdom. On this milestone day for us, as we renew our commitment to working side by side with our Lord, may you join us in renewing your commitment to do the same.

Here, is an appropriate place to announce a new joint initiative between three ministries, L.I.G.H.T., R3 and SALT. In the spirit of unity, our ministries are uniting to present IMET, an International Medical Evangelism Training designed to prepare people to work for God in a foreign culture.

The emphasis will be on holistic evangelism with medical missionary training and traditional evangelism training combined together with cross-cultural missions training. The first course will begin in March here at Wat Preah Yesu, Siem Reap, Cambodia, so if you are interested in more information, let me know and I will get that to you.

We have registered the domain name <imetjesus.org> and hope to have this site providing information soon.

On a similar note we are also planning to host our first medical Missionary training in the Khmer language also beginning in March. Our young people who have been trained here and in the Philippines will be leading out in this one month training.

The Cambodia Adventist Mission camp meeting is only 2 weeks away and as Camp Superintendent, I have much to do to prepare Wat Preah Yesu to receive the expected more than 1000 visitors. Please keep in your prayers this event to be held February 2 to 7. We need a renewal of commitment to finishing God's work in this country. The theme for the camp meeting is Footprints of Grace.
As I am constrained for time I will finish here but not without giving thanks to our Almighty God who is mighty to sustain and faithfully providing all our needs.

With love, Tim, Wendy and the SALT Ministries team ~~~~~~~~~~~ V. China Reflections from the January "Adventist World"
by Michael Campbell, ALIAS
"China may no be identified in the Bible as a missionary destination as some Adventists once believed but the faith is flourishing there today in a fractured community that is largely homegrown and unknown to the outside world.
"That is what a group of about 100 Adventist leaders and scholars heard at a first-of-its kind conference in Hong Kong this autumn as they sought to gain a better understanding of the Chinese church which is believed to have 500,000 members.
"The gospel commission is to go into all the world, which includes China,' said Bon Falkenberg, Jr., president of the China Union Mission.

"Edward Allen, a professor of religion at Union College, noted that the first serious article about China and missions was written in 1874 by George W. Amadon, a pastor at the Review and Herald Publishing Association. Amadon believed that 'the land of Sinim' referenced in Isaiah 19:12 in the King James version published pointed to China, a notion reputed by biblical scholars today.

"Regardless, Allen said, Adventists 'were beginning to think outside the box' of sharing the gospel only within the U. S."

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VI. Life Sketch of Mary Saba Anderson

Gina Anderson <Gina.Anderson@cdph.ca.gov> Jan. 21:

Mrs. Mary Saba Anderson, age 82, of Allendale, Michigan, passed away Monday, December 29, 2014 at Great Lakes Specialty Hospital in Grand Rapids.

She was born December 20, 1932 in Farmington, New Mexico to Ralph and Viola (Franks) Swayze. She graduated from Campion Academy in Loveland, Colorado, in 1951. She also attended Union College, in Lincoln, Nebraska in 1951.

She worked as a nurse's aide at Paradise Valley Hospital, in National City, California for some time; then, in 1955-57, she returned to Union College, majoring in Elementary Education. From 1957 to 1960, she taught Adventist elementary school in Cedar Edge and Brighton, Colorado, attending summer school at Union College in 1958 and 1959. On August 28, 1960 she married Lewis Anderson, whom she had met at college.

Saba became a pastor's wife and continued teaching. She and her husband lived and served in Minnesota, Michigan, Indiana and California; from 1975 to 1986 they were missionaries in Korea, where Saba taught English at Sahm Yook College, near Seoul. During a 1980-82 study leave at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan, Saba finished her BA in Elementary Education, and earned a Masters degree in English Education. Shortly after she completed her graduate studies, Lewis and Saba returned to Korea until 1986. When Lewis retired from pastoral ministry in 2003, they moved to Wiemar, California, where he taught religion and she taught English to students from non-English-speaking countries and managed the English lab. In 2007, they returned to their home in Allendale, Michigan.

Saba enjoyed reading and spending time with others; she will be greatly missed. She and her husband have been life-long members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Lewis, and their three children and families: Jonathan and Debbie (Roy) Anderson of Grand Rapids, MI; Eric Anderson and Donna Kang of Pusan, Korea; and Gina Anderson and Kim Fong of Sacramento, CA; and three step-grandchildren. She is also survived by one sister, Ester (Swayze) and Gary Ballard; one brother, Ralph and Linnaea (Peterson) Swayze; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Viola; and her brother, David.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at the Grand Haven Seventh-day Adventist Church, with Pastor Jarod Thomas officiating. She was buried in the Allendale Charter Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions in memory of Saba may be given to Hope Television Channel.

[Lewis Anderson may be reached at <lewssaba@lycos.com>.

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Reading his Bible regularly at night before bedtime is Jobert’s new hobby since he was baptized as an Adventist.
Jobert Picardial is a third year high school student and is a kind of melancholy teenager. He loved to be alone most of the time and was hard to be get along with. His life was a kind of boring because his routine only consisted of house and school all the time. But when Gospel Outreach missionaries entered their place and started to do house to house visitation to meet people and make friends and eventually established a good relationship with the people there, Jobert’s family were among those who had accepted the offer of free home Bible study in preparation for the upcoming public evangelism near Jobert’s house. A month long Bible study series has started in Jobert’s family including his mother. Things began to change in his life after learning truths from the Bible.

When the public nightly meetings got started, Jobert was one of the active attendees in the meetings. At first it was hard to approach him because he almost didn't want to open his mouth nor give a single smile. But as the meetings went on and he regularly attended, he little by little responded to the inquiries when we asked him especially regarding how he feels about the nightly presentation of truths from the Bible. He also actively participated in the quiz during the meeting. Then at the end of the series, Jobert was one of the nine precious souls from that area alone who had decided to accept Jesus as their own personal Saviour.

After he has been baptized, this young man is regularly attending the Sabbath worship in the nearest SDA church in the next village. Happily, Jobert accepts parts in the Sabbath school class like sharing the mission stories. His mother was very happy to share the wonderful changes in her son's life especially his new hobby now of Bible reading before bedtime. He had never done this before he knew Jesus.

Jobert now is gradually overcoming the shyness as his weakness and is faithfully trusting God to help him become the kind of person that God wants him to be.

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