KK English SDA Church Evangelism

Pastor Feldinand, an AIU theology graduate and pastor of the KK English SDA Church, had requested my help with an evangelistic series at his church. I arrived in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, on 28 July, 2011 and the meetings began the following night. The theme of the series was ‘The Path Less Travelled: Journey with God.’

Altogether there were 9 sessions, 8 at night and the last one on Sabbath morning (August 6) at the worship service.

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The attendance on the first night was 47 but it grew as the week progressed. On the last night, the attendance peaked at 109. Among the attendees were 15 seekers (Bible students at the church) and other visitors. There were also some members from the surrounding churches who attended the series. Every session ended with a call for commitment using a decision card and almost all the attendees responded nightly.

In addition to the series, I also held two Q and A sessions on the two Sabbaths I was at the church. These were very helpful to the church members who are interested to learn more about their faith.

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I thank God for this opportunity and I wish the church and its pastor all the best as they move forward in faith.
ONESQA visit to AIU Muak Lek Campus
Monday - Thursday, August 15-18, 2011

AIU Distinctive Identity Feature and Emphasis

For ONESQA quality assurance purposes, AIU has chosen – as its distinctive identity feature – the importance that it places on being a virtuous/ethical person and serving the community. This is in accordance with the AIU Commitment of nurturing virtue, wisdom, and holistic development.

In terms of its emphasis, or a strong point that reflects its uniqueness, the university has chosen the international composition of its faculty members and students. This is in accordance with the university’s vision, which states its intention of being a leading, international academic community.

A weekend to seek God’s power and be equipped to finish the work

Revival for Mission Conference
Friday - Sunday, August 19-21, 2011, AIU Muak Lek Campus

Speakers involve
• Pr Chanchai Kiatyanyong (TAM President)
• Pr Francis Lajanim (SAUM Publishing Director & Spirit of Prophecy Coordinator)
• Jonathan Lovitt & Jared Wright (Adventist Frontier Missions)
... along with AIU Faculty of Religious Studies

For more information, visit www.apiu.edu/go/r4m2011. Register by August 16 to reserve a seat at the seminar, obtain meal tickets, and a registration packet.

The Seeker Ministry’s 2nd Anniversary Celebration
Yoko Uchima

Last weekend, from August 5 to 7, The Seeker ministry group held a special program for its second anniversary.

On Friday after vespers, we gathered at the auditorium to start the special weekend program. There, we were welcomed by a beautiful decoration at the front with the words, “2nd Seeker Anniversary - Seek Into the Truth.” We started the program with powerfully sung praises. We were happy to see previous graduated Seeker officer, Tipaka Seksantisakool from Bangkok campus, on the stage leading the songs.

In the program we had 5 testimonies of God’s work in students’ lives. They shared their experiences of what God has done for them. It was quite amazing to listen to their testimonies and they made me happy because we have such a wonderful God who is working closely in our lives! Then, we had a time of prayer. We thanked God for His work and asked for His care upon us. First, we prayed in pairs. I liked this because I felt that I was actually involved in the worship. After that Pr Gerard Bernard, the adviser of The Seeker group, and Pr Semilee Tajau closed this prayer time with their prayer. Finally, we had a time to open our Bibles. Tonou Komlan Hunlede and Michael Paul, students from the Theology department, shared the Bible with us. From the story of Ruth and Peter, we learned that when God chooses us, there is nothing that can block us from His call. After the program, we enjoyed fellowship with food provided outside of the auditorium.

On Sabbath evening, we combined the program with Thai and International AY. We started a little late, but I was happy to see many Thai students who are non-Christians attending the program. We started the program with singing new Thai songs, English songs, and Thai translated songs. I enjoyed to learn those new songs with some actions. Then, we had an interesting Bible game which everyone could join without language problems. We were divided in five groups, and each group was given a Bible story which they had to act without words on stage. The other groups were to guess the story. Some stories were figured out very fast, even before they were completed! We had great laughter and we interacted together.

On Sunday morning, about 8 o’clock, almost 60 students went on a community service drive at Muak Lek. We were divided into two groups, and we cleaned up the road from the fire station to Muak Lek waterfall. We picked up rubbish and swept the leaves off of the road. On the way, we found a lot of interesting things which we did not find when we just came for shopping. We found a beautiful cactus, a small bird, a single sandal, dead mice, nice shops, and so on. I had a nice time walking through Muak Lek; places we usually drive by on motorcycles. When we reached the waterfall, it was almost 11 o’clock. We waited for food to come, but some of us could not help ourselves from jumping into the water!

We spent quite a worthwhile time this weekend. We look forward for the 3rd anniversary of The Seeker program.
On Sunday, July 24, 2011, Dr. Beulah Manuel, former dean of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities gave lectures to AIU students at a workshop co-organized by the Faculty of Arts and Humanities and Education and Psychology.

Dr Beulah comes from the USA. Currently she is an Associate Director for the Center for Learning Resources, Washington Adventist University, Maryland, USA. She has worked for more than 32 years in different countries. Dr Beulah began her first talk entitled “How to be Successful in College” followed by the second topic “Time Management” for the morning section.

At the workshop students were engaged in group discussions on how to manage time in college life. In addition, students discussed issues or problems of why they are late for classes. Students had to come up with solutions to the problems.

The afternoon section started at 1:30 pm with a topic “Critical Thinking and Problem Solving”. Refreshment was provided for students before the last topic was introduced. Dr Beulah addressed her last topic “Facing Challenges in the Working World”.

At the closing remarks, Mr Nakhon Kijcharoenchai stated that Dr Beulah has been his greatest and most inspiring teacher. She helped him to achieve when he was in college.

The students who attended the workshop found the lectures beneficial for their college life. They hope that such workshops will be organized in the future to enhance knowledge and skills for career prospects.
Weekly Event

AY Channel 7: At The Cross
Special program by RELP 377
Date & time: Saturday, August 13, 5 pm
Venue: Church

Upcoming Events

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Date: Saturday, August 27
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Guest performers from Mahidol University. Organized by the Faculty of Arts & Humanities.
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Performed by the AIU Chorale.
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Please register your cultural group with Mrs Sheila the latest by Tuesday, August 16. Everyone is invited to witness the cultural diversity we have at AIU!

Announcement

Public Holidays
AIU students will have a mid-semester break from Thursday to Friday, August 11-12.

AIU faculty and staff will observe Friday, August 12 as a public holiday (HM Queen’s Birthday).

The University and classes will resume operation on Monday, August 15.

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Field Trip Announcement
Class: HMNT 210 Appreciation of Fine Arts
Date: Sunday, August 21
Time of departure: 7:30 am
Destination: The Ananda Samakhom Throne Hall at Vimanmek Mansion, Bangkok

30 girls from the Lopburi Girls’ Orphanage will experience Sabbath and friendship with AIU students, faculty and staff on Saturday, August 27 at AIU Muak Lek campus. Let’s welcome them with smiles and open arms! Please continue to keep this project in your thoughts and prayers. For more information, contact Andrew at admichell@msn.com.