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JoAn Witzel <ejwitzel@mchsi.com> Friday, April 27:
Recently Dr. Everet W. Witzel <professorw@yahoocom> received the Global Mission Award from the Association of International Medical Services (AIMS) organization at Loma Linda University (LLU) during the weekend celebrating the 50th anniversary of his graduation from the LLU-School of Medicine. Shown live on Loma Linda TV Broadcasting Network, his award was presented by Dr. Edwin Krick, president of AIMS, assisted by Dr. Richard Hart, president of Loma Linda University.

The following excerpts are taken from Dr. Edwin Krick's remarks on March 2 immediately prior to presenting the two AIMS Global Mission Awardees their trophies:

"AIMS is the missions arm of our SM Alumni Association and was founded in 1977... We recently changed our corporate name to the Association of International Medical Services... We have actively supported Seventh-day Adventist medical facilities and personnel around the world with continuing education, establishing AIMS chapters overseas and publishing a quarterly journal highlighting the work of our more than 350 Adventist medical institutions.

"Tonight we are pleased to present our annual Global Mission Service Award to two recipients who are representative of the more than 1,000 Loma Linda graduates who have gone abroad to serve.

"Our awardee is Everet Witzel, M.D. Class of 1962. Everet also has Master's degrees from LLU in Anatomy and Health Administration as well as a PhD in Neuroanatomy. He is board certified in Family Practice and pioneered a networking of SDA hospital FP residency programs to enhance their accreditation. He spent six years as Director of the Health Department of the Far Eastern Division which at the time stretched from Singapore to Japan and included 21 hospitals. He spent 2 years teaching in Vellore, India at the Christian Medical College. Since 2002 he has traveled to the Far East eleven times as a self-supporting missionary to teach at the Adventist University of the Philippines in the area of Public Health.

"Everet, you have set an example of dedicated service and we congratulate you as a Global Mission Service Awardee for 2012."

Doctor Witzel is known as a teacher who is tough in getting the students to learn, but shows mercy and fairness when issuing grades. In 1982 Dr. Witzel helped to establish the College of Health at the Adventist University of the Philippines.

A year ago, JoAn Witzel's brother, Ron Myers of France, built a local "Radio 74 Internationale" station which is housed in the Witzel's guest room, broadcasting the Gospel 24/7 within a radius of 50 miles around Ridgecrest, CA. You can listen to this station streaming live by going to www.krsf.net and click on the tower icon. For the last 11 years JoAn has managed Radio 74 Internationale-Americas, a growing network of Adventist Christian stations from Alaska to the Bahamas.

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II. SUDites Annual Camp August 9-12
Priscilla Shyam <priscillashyam@SAAA.ORG> April 26:
The 2012 SAAA Annual Camp will be held from August 8-12 at the beautiful Laurel Lake Camp in Pennsylvania. This is the same place as last year and all who attended had a very wonderful experience. Please plan to come with your family and friends this year. Further details from the Camp leaders will follow shortly. --SAAA Officers ~~~~~~~~~~~~ III. Letters

1. Eric Moser <susanmoser@hotmail.com> May 1:
The 'Rag Pickers' in the last 'News Letter' was interesting. This is the third or fourth article from Sudha that has appeared in the Advent Review.
After I read her second article in the Review I got in touch with her. She lives and writes from Nadiad, Gujarat. Her parents, sadly now deceased, were both two years my senior in medical school. When I was doing my internship in surgery her father, Jai Kristmukty, was doing his post graduate training in surgery. Sudha was born during that time, so I knew her as a baby and was quite excited to read her articles. Her parents went on to work in Methodist mission hospitals for many years until their untimely deaths.

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IV. Ambassador Nirupama Rao Address at WAU Graduation
(Salutations)
I am extremely happy to be here on this lovely morning on such an important and special occasion. It is an occasion that is specially important for all you young students present here today.
I am sure this day will be etched in your memory for many years to come, as you set forth on your journey in life, on pathways yet unknown.
I know that the Washington Adventist University is one of the leading colleges in the region and that, for more than a century, you have been engaged in imparting of education and learning and preparing young minds to face the challenges of the contemporary world.
You are doing so within an eco-system of the continued pursuit of academic excellence, providing moral leadership, commitment to community service and respect for fundamental human freedoms and values.
I am impressed by the fact that the university has sought to amalgamate a system of formal education with focus on wholesome character building, empowerment and instilling an awareness of duty and social responsibility.
A value-based education that seeks to inculcate a scientific temper in students always stands apart. And, I know that the Washington Adventist University is breaking new ground in the quest for imparting such learning, skills and character building.
You are the fortunate ones who have chosen to be part of this special experience. I warmly congratulate you and your families on this special graduation day and wish you every success for the future.
Mahatma Gandhi, whose life is an inspiration to us, said, "I do desire to serve and in endeavouring to fulfill that desire, I make use of the education I have received."
He also said that character-building has the first place in education, and a building erected on that foundation of good character-building will last.
So the first requisite of a good education is that it should create good, committed, honest and principled citizens of our democracies, who will contribute to the progress of the nation they belong to.
It is also important to be eternally curious, and value the spirit of enquiry. The great Polish Nobel Prize winning scientist, Marie Curie, once said, "Nothing in life is to be feared. It is only to be understood."
You must remember that each and every one of you is unique, and the purpose of your education is to discover your uniqueness.
At the same time, your effort should be to excel in whatever you do.
Like the Olympic motto, you should strive to be faster, higher and stronger in whatever field you take up.
All it requires is the deep desire to succeed, to never say die, and to work very hard, concentrating on achieving our goal.
You live in a globalised world today. No country is an island. It is closely connected with the world outside. The world around is changing rapidly.
You should be aware of the developments in the global arena. So always keep yourself well informed, and increase your knowledge constantly. Never give up on your search for knowledge.
I have always regarded inwardness, and the lack of openness and transparency in one's dealings as anathema. A closed, "cribbed, cabined and confined" mind is an enemy of democracy. We cannot erect walls around ourselves.
Let me talk briefly of empathy. A citizen seeking redressal is never an avoidable responsibility but a person to be sincerely helped. You may have heard of a king who was looking out of his window early one morning and saw a beggar. As he withdrew his head, it hit the edge of the window and he bled a little.

"Hang the beggar", said the King's loyalists. "He was the first person the king saw this morning and is, therefore, responsible for his injury".

Before he was hanged, the King asked him if he had anything to say.

"Only this your Majesty", said the beggar. "I was the first person you saw in the morning and you had a minor head injury. You were the first person I saw this morning and I am losing my life". A contrite King apologized to the beggar and let him go.

Empathy is about looking beyond your own interest and problems, and appreciating the difficulties others face.

I shall end with a reference to the "seven blunders". Lest you think that I am venturing into undiplomatic speech, let me assure you I am not but that I am merely recalling Mahatma Gandhi's enunciation of the cause for the violence that plagues the world:

These then are the seven blunders:

"Wealth without work.
Pleasure without conscience.
Knowledge without character.
Commerce without morality.
Science without humanity.
Worship without sacrifice.
Politics without principles."

I believe that if we learn from these seven points about what not to do, we can be finer persons, better human beings, exemplary members of society, and wise citizens of the world.

This being said, I want to wish you everything good in the present, and in the future, success in life ahead, and happiness always. And apart from succeeding in what you do, always treasure your families and your friends because these relationships are precious and irreplaceable. May your tomorrows be beautiful. Thank you so much.

[-- forwarded by Sunny Wycliffe <sunnywycliffe@gmail.com> ] ~~~~~~~~~~~ V. Death of Pakistan Layman, Rehmat Masih

Joseph Zahid <josuna4@gmail.com> April 29:

Three weeks ago Pr. Z. M. Zubaid, long-time Pakistan Adventist church leader, lost his younger brother and Mrs. Zarina (Ayub) Khan her older brother, Rehmat Masih, who lived in Karachi. He had worked for the Pakistan Railway for many years before his retirement. Rehmat Masih's brother and sister, mentioned above, live in Loma Linda, California.

There were two special death memorial services held, one in Pr. Zubaid's son Noble's house and the other in Mrs. Zarina Khan's house. Pr. Lazarus Mall presented a comforting message at Mrs. Khan's house, while Pr. Joseph Iqbal Zahid give a message on the hope of resurrection we have in Jesus in the meeting that was held in Noble Zubaid's house. Some Pakistani people who live in Loma Linda and some close-by areas in California, were gathered in these two meetings to sympathize with and to comfort the family members.

Please pray that the family will take courage and grow in their trust in the Lord. Pr. Zubaid retired from his active service with Seventh-day Adventist church at least 20 years ago, and during his service, he has been a teacher at PASC, Section Secretary-Treasurer, Section President, Union Treasurer, and Union Secretary in Pakistan. Pr. Z. M. Zubaid's Phone No. is: 1-909-799-6806, and his son's email: <noblezubaid@gmail.com>.

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VI. METAS (Kerala) Seminary Students in Evangelism in Munnar

T. P. Kurian <tkurian@sud-adventist.org> April 27:

One well-wisher funded an evangelistic crusade by the students of METAS Adventist Seminary in Kerala during the vacation time. Sixteen students from the seminary, two teachers, five volunteers and four pastors were the crusaders. They selected a scenic place in the high ranges in Munnar called Chinna Canal for the crusade. This elevated place consists of many tea estates of different companies and the population there is mostly of Tamil origin. Students and volunteers did the ground work, visited one hill after another where the houses are located among the mountains and tea estates.
They gave Bible study for the interested ones as they visited them. The public meeting was held from April 15-22, 2012 in the panchayat community hall. Around one hundred people attended daily.

Eleven people were baptized on Sabbath 21 April, 2012. More are taking Bible studies from the pastors in the follow-up program. Therefore more baptisms are expected on coming Sabbaths. It was a real field experience for the Seminary students and the volunteers.

VII. Mission Story from Long Ago

Hanged for the Truth

Mr. Thomas, a young man of Andhra, was so violently opposed when he decided for Present Truth that the men in the village hanged him on a tree outside the village by a rope. It was not so tight as to choke him, so he cried out, but no one came to save him. He hanged from 9 in the morning until 2 in the afternoon. Finally a sister cut him down and he collapsed on the ground in a faint. After some time he recovered. He has been in the Truth 10 years now (1967) and has brought in three souls per year for baptism, a total of 30. He was Layman of the Year for Andhra in 1966.

Story told by George Maywald, Division Office worship, Dec. 6, 1967 ~~~~~~~~~ VIII. Charles, Jr. & Ruth Tidwell Retire

--From Andrews University's Current Alumni Magazine, "Focus"

Charles and Ruth Tidwell are retiring from their positions after 15 years of service each at Andrews University. Ruth is retiring as an administrative assistant for the Department of Accounting, Economics & Finance in the School of Business Administration. Charles retires as the dean of Affiliation and Extension Programs, as well as associate registrar and professor of international business and communication.

Charles was director of off-campus programs in the School of Business Administration before becoming dean of Affiliation & Extension Programs. He also served as interim dean of the School of Business Administration on two occasions, and regularly taught in the School of Business Administration and for the master's in International Development Administration Program.

Born in Lincoln, Neb., Charles attended Atlantic Union College in Massachusetts, where he received a Bachelor of Arts in English and history in 1967. He completed his master's degree in English from Andrews University in 1968. In 1983 he received his doctorate in English literature from the University of Calgary in Canada. Charles grew up in India where his parents were missionaries for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He and Ruth were married in 1967.

Before coming to Andrews in 1996, Ruth worked as assistant to the librarian and school nurse at Hong Kong Adventist College. Before she and Charles moved to Hong Kong in 1984, she worked as a registered nurse at hospitals in Red Deer, Alberta, Canada, Stoneham, Mass. and Edmore, Mich.

Before coming to Andrews University in 1996, Charles served for 12 years as vice president and academic dean of Hong Kong Adventist College, for seven years as associate professor of English at Canadian Union College; and for nine years as an English and history teacher at South Lancaster Academy in Massachusetts and Cedar Lake Academy in Michigan.

Charles published a number of articles on pedagogy issues in intercultural communication, and made regularly referred presentations at annual conferences of the National Communications Association. He is a board member of the Adventist Accreditation Association and has served as an evaluator for AAA site visits in 20 different Adventist Colleges around the world, as well as a board member of "Journal of Adventist Education."

Charles and Ruth will be staying busy in their retirement. Charles holds a part-time appointment as advisor for the South African cohort of the Master of International Development Administration, taught yearly at Helderberg College in South Africa.

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