MESSAGE FROM THE SDA FOUNDATION CHAIRMAN

The Shining Light in Thailand was first published in 1991 and has continued every year for the last 19 years until today. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our donors, readers, and supporters of God’s work in Thailand. I believe you will continue to support God’s work here for the years to come.

In 2010 Thailand Mission changed its officers-President from Pastor Somchai Chuenjit to Pastor Chanchai Kiatyanyong; Mission Secretary from Pastor Chanchai Kiatyanyong to Pastor Nipitpon Pongteekatasana; and Treasurer from Mr. Lito Ligsay to Miss Patcharaporn Satayavaksakool. The three new officers are young but have experience and education. I believe God’s work in Thailand will be a success through the leadership of these officers. I encourage you to support them as you have supported past leadership.

This coming December 30, 2010, I am going to retire from regular work and will go back to my home to stay with my grandchildren. After 40 years of service in the church as teacher, church pastor, department head, and Thailand Mission officer, I think it is time to rest. However, I will still be active helping the church when needed.

I would like to encourage our leaders, pastors, institution heads, and donors to keep up the good work as Paul mentioned in 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13. “We beg you, our friends, to pay proper respect to those who work among you, who guide and instruct you in the Christian life. Treat them with the greatest respect and love because of the work they do. Be at peace among yourselves.” Galatians 6:2 says “Help carry one another’s burdens, and in this way you will obey the law of Christ.”

Lastly, may God bless the officers, department heads, institution leaders, church pastors, and all workers. Please support one another, pray for one another, join hands together to serve God and the Thai people as much as you can.

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May God continue to bless you all.

--Rungsit Satayavaksakool

CHURCH BUILDING PROJECTS FOR 2011

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During the year 2010 Thailand Mission finished five church building projects and during the year 2011 we would like to build 12 more churches. However, we do not have sufficient funds in hand. If any of you would like to sponsor one church or contribute towards the cost you could do so.
BONG-TI CHURCH

Bong-ti church was built just five years ago. The building was designed to seat 60 but now the church has grown to 120 church members and they badly need to have a church with enough seats for all. The Thailand Adventist Mission bought a beautiful piece of land inside the Bong-ti village. Beside the land is a mobile clinic and school, managed by Catherine Riley-Bryan, a volunteer from New Zealand. There are about 60 students attending this school.

Thailand Mission badly needs to rebuild this church. We thank you very much for your prayers and financial support extended to this project.

UBON INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Ubon is one of the largest cities in Northeastern Thailand near the Laos and Cambodia borders. Thailand Mission used to have a small hospital, primary school and high school in Ubon. At present we only have the Ubon English Language School.

Thailand Mission has responded to a popular request of the community for an international school. Thailand Adventist Mission Executive Committee meeting approved to start an international school beginning May 2011. The international school will start with kindergarten first and then expand to primary and high school in the future.

Mr. David Bell, the Chiangmai Adventist Academy Administrator, was requested by the Thailand Mission to help the Ubon International School. Now Mr. Bell is working to prepare for the grand opening in May 2011.

Although the Thailand Mission does not have enough funds we believe that God wants us to open this international school for the people in this region. In Ubon Province Thailand Mission has 10 churches, but nine of them are located outside the city. Please continue to pray for this school and especially for Mr. David Bell and his leadership.

CHIANGRAI CITY EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS

Pastor D.K. Smith and Pastor E.B. Smith were former missionaries to Thailand. Last year their sons, Pastor Richard Smith and Mr. Elden Smith held evangelistic meetings in Prapornsawan Church, Maelao District, Chiangrai Province. As a result of the evangelistic meetings many were baptized.

After they left last year they again contacted the Mission to plan for further evangelistic meetings. This year from November 18 to 27 both men will return to hold evangelistic meetings in Chiangrai city.

Much groundwork and preparations have been done and are still going on. A group of Thai pastors is now doing the groundwork and preparing for Pr Smith and Mr Smith to come.

In Chiangrai city we have a beautiful church and a brand new dormitory. We would like to expand the work in this city. So please continue to pray for these special evangelistic meetings.
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The LEAD Seminar is greatly blessed by these speakers. The attendees received a certificate of attendance at the end of the meeting.

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We thank God for His blessings and thank all the speakers sent by God to these evangelistic meetings.

In the year 2012 we are planning more and different evangelistic meetings in Bangkok. We need your prayers and your support.

CHARNCHAENGSAO CITY EVANGELISTIC MEETING

In 2009 Thailand Mission sent Pastor Apiwat Sirivong, a Thai pastor, to Charnchaengsao city to open new work there. After two years the first fruit was harvested on July 17 when Pastor Rungsit Itsaringkarn, a retired Mission pastor, went to the evangelistic centre to baptize our first lady member, Miss Mary Rose who has accepted the Adventist message after coming from a Catholic background.

The people have heard the Adventist message and are now slowly accepting it, so we hope the church will grow in this city in the near future.
From November 12 to 14, through the leading of Doctor Surachet Insom, Thailand Mission Health Department Director and with the help of Bangkok Adventist Hospital, Ekamai International School, Adventist Ekamai School and Asia Pacific International University, along with the churches in Bangkok, the first Adventist Health Expo will be held in the Tokyu Department Store, Bangkok. With this health expo we will have nursing students from Asia Pacific International University, doctors from Bangkok Adventist Hospital, doctors from the Bangkok Chinese Church, and personnel from all the schools and churches working together to present the Adventist Health message to the people of Bangkok.

We hope that through this Health Expo the people of Bangkok will come to know about the Adventist Church, Adventist Education, and the Adventist Health message, but especially about the Adventist lifestyle and way of life.

Thailand Mission thanks all the participants who will sacrifice their time, finances and energy to support this program.
God is working in many ways in many places and with many people. There is a Burmese refugee camp located in Suanphuing District, Ratchaburi, Thailand. A group of Adventist believers in this camp gather together regularly every Sabbath and hold worship services. This small group is a great witness for our Lord Jesus Christ to the refugees. The group contacted a local pastor and on June 19, 2010, Pastor Prasert Rachaorai, a Mission pastor went to the camp to conduct a baptism for them. Ten precious souls accepted Christ through baptism.

More people are studying the Bible and preparing for future baptism. Please include them in your prayers.

In 2005, Thailand Adventist Mission sent Mr. Jared Teves from the Philippines, sponsored by the funds of Sister Reva Moore, to Pitsanuloke city to open an English Language Center and at the same time to hold an outreach program in this city. After five years this center has grown with over 34 people now coming to worship every Sabbath. The Thailand Mission would like to thank the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew from India who are working with the Thai government there in Srisaket and leading this group of worshippers.

During this visit Thailand Adventist Mission took over the financial responsibilities for the group and now meets the rental commitments for the meeting place. Please continue to pray for this group.

Srisaket is located in Northeastern Thailand near the Cambodia border. Early in 2010 a group of SDA Filipinos, Thais and Indians formed into a small group to worship and rented an apartment as their worship place. Then in August of this year Pastor Chanchai Kiatyanyong, Thailand Adventist Mission president, Patcharapor Satayavaksakool, Mission treasurer, and Pastor Rungsit Satayavaksakool, SDA Foundation Chairman went to Srisaket to organize this group. There are over 20 people who are worshipping together every Sabbath. The Thailand Mission would like to thank the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew from India who are working with the Thai government there in Srisaket and leading this group of worshippers.

During the month of September the Bangkok SDA English Language School moved from their Klongtan location to the Thailand Mission and Ekamai Thai Church buildings to save on rent and other expenses. So far the number of students has not increased. We need your prayers and your support.

BURMESE REFUGEE CAMP

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DOCTOR AND MRS VAN ARSDELL VISIT THAILAND

Former missionaries to Thailand, Doctor and Mrs. van Arsdell, came to visit from September 19 to 26. Doctor van Arsdell was a medical doctor at Haadyai Hospital for many years and along with his wife was also the founder of the Haadyai Thepamnuay School.

The van Arsdells left Thailand over 20 years ago and they only now had a chance to return and visit many places in Thailand including a trip to the Mission Office to visit with the officers. After so many years away from Thailand they still remember the Thai Language. Just over a year ago they sent enough funds for the future development of the Haadyai school building to high school level.

We thank Doctor and Mrs. van Arsdell most sincerely for their support of God’s work here in Thailand.

THAILAND LANGUAGE SCHOOL

Bangkok SDA English Language School started 50 years ago. Thailand Adventist Mission expanded the language schools into Phuket, Haadyai, Ubon, Muaklek, Nakornsawan, and other cities. But the mission struggled with finances as student numbers decreased. Finally the Mission had to close the schools in Haadyai, Phuket, Nakornsawan and Muaklek. Now we have only two language schools, one in Bangkok and one in Ubon.

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PITSANULOKE OUTREACH CENTER

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DOCTOR NANTJE TWIJNSTRA

Doctor Nantje Twijnstra worked and served in Thailand for more than 40 years – in Bangkok, Chiangmai and Phuket. While she worked in Thailand she sponsored many needy students to attend schools. She kept the children in her home, fed and clothed them and paid their way through school. Many of those students have graduated and are serving the church today.

At the time of her sudden death on December 7, 2003, at the age of 86, eleven children were living with her at her home.

After the funeral, her adopted children who are now adults earning a living, and her friends decided to set up the Dr. Nantje Twijnstra’s Education Fund with the money that was donated during the memorial service in order to carry on her vision for the remaining children, and for others in the future. She also left behind an amount of money and this was added to the education fund as per her written request in her will -- "my will is to use all left for the youth in Thailand to prepare for service to God and mankind...for scholarships and support of students and widows who cannot take care of themselves, the poor.”

During the past seven years the work of the Dr. Nantje Twijnstra Education Fund was based in Phuket. On July 31, 2010, 24 of her senior children from Phuket and Bangkok together with leaders of Thailand Adventist Mission held a general board meeting to decide on the future of the fund. The action voted was to upgrade the Dr. Nantje Twijnstra Education Fund to the Dr. Nantje Twijnstra Education Trust Fund under the Thailand Adventist Mission. New board members were appointed and a memorandum of understanding (MOU) was developed and signed between Thailand Adventist Mission and the new board members. The new board members are: Pastor Nipitpon Ponrugkatasana, Mr. Nutaporn Patchawongsakool, Doctor Supachai Wongpichedchai, Pastor Rungsit Satayavaksakool and Miss. Aranya Mookdasawan

Donations should be deposited as per the following bank information:
DOCTOR NANTJE TWIJNSTRA EDUCATION TRUST FUND
Name of Bank: Kasikorn Bank (Ekamai Branch)
Account Name: SDA Church of Thailand
Account Number: 059-2-61960-1
TFB SWIFT CODE: KASITHBK

Please specify that your donation is for DOCTOR NANTJE TWIJNSTRA EDUCATION TRUST FUND or if you would like to sponsor a particular student please write to sdatam@adventist.or.th or nipitpon@adventist.or.th

We are very thankful for all kind hearted supporters and contributors to the Dr. Nantje Twijnstra Education Fund over the last seven years. Through this fund two of her students have completed their BA and MBA from the university and are currently serving at our Adventist School in Phuket. A few more students are studying with the help of the education fund at Chiangmai Adventist Academy and Thepumnuay Vittaya School (Phuket). We aim and look forward to building up this trust fund into the SDA Church scholarship for poor Adventist and non-Adventist children from all over Thailand in order to carry on Doctor Twijnstra’s vision “for the youth in Thailand to prepare for service to God and mankind...for scholarships and support of students and widows who cannot take care of themselves, the poor” until our Lord Jesus’ return.

Pastor Nipitpon Ponrugkatasana, Executive Secretary
Thailand Adventist Mission and
Chairman, Dr. Nantje Twijnstra Education Trust Fund Committee