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AIAS is like an airport where students and faculty arrive and depart on a regular basis. It is a wide avenue for building legacies. But what does it mean to leave a legacy? Be it a material thing, an accomplishment, or a good deed, a legacy is something that you leave behind for which you will be remembered. Let us focus on the latter.

Can you think of someone who has left a legacy in your life? I have encountered strangers who have deeply affected me through random acts of kindness. Leaving such legacy might not have been a grand gesture, but has left me thinking and wondering how ordinary people can radiate love and care to those they do not know. It is challenging to create a legacy but building it allows you to give your life purpose and meaning.

Martin Luther, Florence Nightingale, Mother Teresa, and Nelson Mandela are some of the countless people who had a great influence in the history of mankind. Their lives showed us a glimpse of what Jesus' character must be like as the utmost example of love, care, leadership, and logic in today's world. Through their legacies, lives have been changed, unity has been created, and their contributions have greatly impacted the areas of health, science, politics, and religion.

Many AIAS students will achieve great heights in academe and it might seem to be the priority for now. However, people will also remember you for how you made them feel or what you did for them. Yes, attaining an excellent degree will give you a title and significant success in life. It will give you an opportunity to serve in a more powerful way. But, touching a person's life can also leave a wonderful legacy.

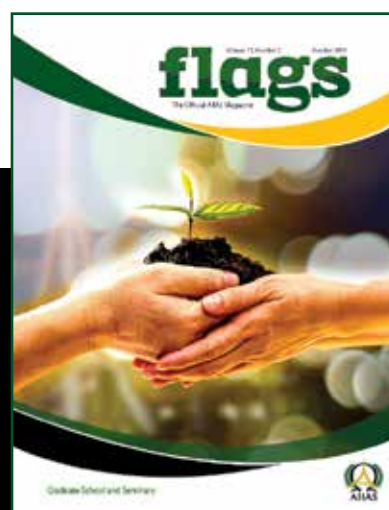
A famous author, Shannon L. Alder, writes, "Carve your name on hearts, not tombstones. A legacy is etched into the minds of others and the stories they share about you." Live well and do good. Be honest, kind, humble, and diligent. In so doing, you will leave a beautiful legacy for others.

BUILDING LEGACIES

Read about the activities and events in AIAS that have forever been etched in its history; learn about persons whose lives have been an integral part of the institution and those who have made significant contributions to others in the surrounding community; and be motivated by the legacies-in-progress shared by individuals around the world.

I hope that this issue will inspire you to start building your legacy by following the special path the Lord has for you. May Jesus be our inspiration as we live the way we want to be remembered.

SHARNIE LOVE ZAMORA



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A VISIT TO THE Creation Science Display

BY STEPHEN GUPTILL/SHARNIE LOVE ZAMORA

With a simple ribbon cutting, the new AIIAS Creation Science Display was opened by the AIIAS Board on May 1, 2018.

The featured items on display include fossils and specimens, generously provided by the Geoscience Research Institute in Loma Linda, California. The collection also includes fossils from Madagascar, selected and transported by AIIAS faculty and alumni working and visiting in that country. Also on display are beautiful shells from the personal collection of Dr. Stephen Guptill, AIIAS president.

The display also features a creation/science video display highlighting the best of media supporting the perspective of science consistent with the Biblical view. There is also a display of outstanding books on this topic.



"We are preparing materials to address the many questions about how a person with a creationist view looks at dinosaurs, the fossil record, the flood, and other related issues. We want the visitors, whether they are children, adult scholars, or theologians to better understand a scientific worldview that is consistent with the Bible record," explained Guptill.

"Flying" above the display area is a huge model of a flying dinosaur-like animal, artistically constructed by AIIAS Public Health student, Miguel Quiñones. This model is a favorite item for the children visiting the display and draws them into a discussion about the fossils and how they relate to earth history, creation, and the Biblical flood.

It is expected that this will become a favorite feature for those groups visiting the AIIAS library.

The display is located on the second floor of the Leslie Hardinge Library on the campus of AIIAS in Silang, Cavite, Philippines.



Stephen Guptill explaining to the AIIAS Board members background information about some of the Creation Science Display collection.

AAA CONDUCTS ACCREDITATION VISIT

BY DOLF OBERHOLSTER/SHARNIE LOVE ZAMORA

A team of 10 accreditors from the Adventist Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges, and Universities (AAA) based in Maryland, USA came to AIIAS on July 30-August 1, 2018 to evaluate all areas of the institution's operation. Through assessment, interviews, and observation, the team completed a draft report containing commendations and recommendations that can assist the institution in developing further. The final report stating the period of accreditation is expected later in 2018.

The AIIAS leadership thanks the AAA team for the important task they dedicated themselves to in identifying areas and processes that should be prioritized for improvement. AIIAS pledges to address these issues in a timely manner.

AIIAS and all its programs are accredited by the AAA. It has enjoyed the highest accreditation rating offered by the AAA for the past four accreditation terms. Having demonstrated a continuous commitment to excellence, AIIAS achieved the designation as an institution.



(From L to R) Front Row: Dr. Stephen Guptill, president, AIIAS; Dr. Obed Jimenez, president, Antillean Adventist University, Puerto Rico; Dr. Daryl Gay Tanamal, associate treasurer, Southern Asia-Pacific Division (SSD); Dr. Julian Melgosa (chairperson of the visit), associate director of education, Seventh-day Adventist Church world headquarters; Dr. Hudson Kibuuka (coordinator of the visit), associate director, Seventh-day Adventist Church world headquarters; Dr. Olivia Vasquez, dean of education, Mountain View College, Philippines. Back Row: Dr. Dolf Oberholster, AIIAS vice president for academic administration; Dr. Mario Ceballos, director, Chaplaincy Ministries, Seventh-day Adventist Church world headquarters; Dr. Gerry Grant, professor of business, Carlton University, Canada; Dr. Canadian Panjaitan, associate director of education, SSD; Dr. Richard Sabuin, education director, Northern Asia-Pacific Division; Dr. Jong Choon Kim, director, International Affairs Center, Sahmyook Health University, South Korea; Dr. Elmer Carreno, member, Health Professionals Education Committee

Passion for Mission, Heart for Service—102nd Graduation

BY SHARNIE LOVE ZAMORA

AIIAS held its 102nd Graduation Ceremony for 159 candidates, representing 40 countries from 12 world divisions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, which took place at the AIIAS Auditorium from March 9-11, 2018.

Out of the 159 graduates who finished their programs, 62 came from the central campus, 87 from Distance Learning Centers, and 10 from the Division of Online Learning; 74 graduates were from the Seminary and 87 were from the Graduate School; Four were recipients of graduate certificates, 137 earned their master's degrees, and 18 earned doctorate degrees.

The 159 graduates represented the following countries: 36 from Indonesia, 33 from Bangladesh, 27 from the Philippines; six from South Korea; four from Myanmar; three from Argentina, China, Haiti, and United States; two from Cameroon, Ethiopia, Georgia, Malawi, Malaysia, Mauritius, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Russian Federation, and South Africa; and one graduate from Angola, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Egypt, Fiji, Germany, Ghana, India, Japan, Kenya, Peru, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Tonga, Trinidad & Tobago, Uganda, and Zimbabwe.

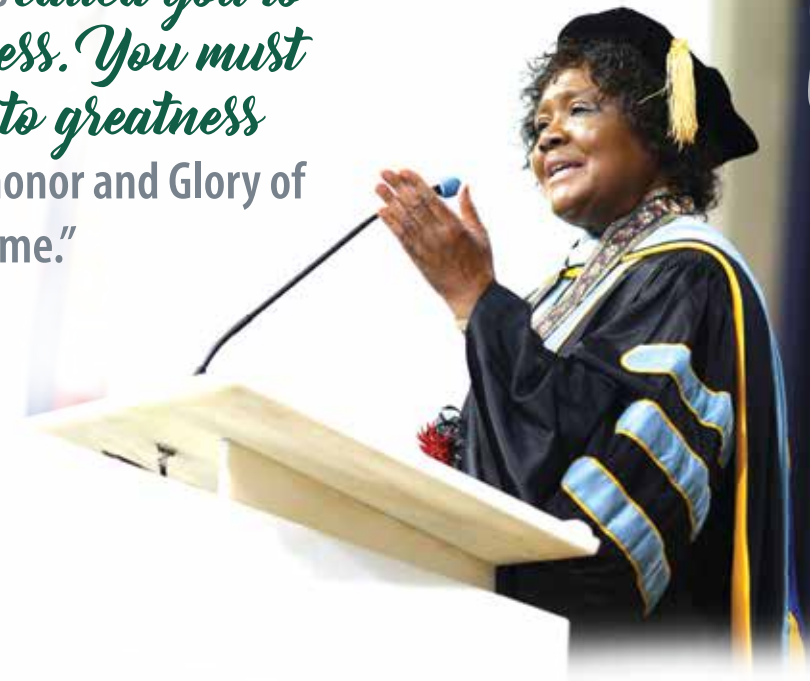
Consecration speaker, Dr. Safary Wa-Mbaleka, president of the Asian Qualitative Research Association and associate professor in the education department inspired the graduates to depend fully on God, to accept where He sends, to walk in integrity, to love those that they serve, and to serve those that they lead.

"Shine the light of Jesus. In everything that you do, serve. Stay committed to service. When you are committed to serve, it's not about your ability, it is about your availability," appealed Wa-Mbaleka.

Baccalaureate speaker, Dr. Delbert W. Baker, president of Adventist University of Africa in Nairobi, Kenya, encouraged the class to be a band of comforters. He reminded the class about the steps to becoming a comforter.

"You've got to be faithful ... Though things will be difficult, if you keep hanging in there, God will bless you. He is taking you through experiences so that He can develop you and teach you comfort so that you can also teach others."

"God has called you to greatness. You must aspire to greatness for the honor and Glory of God's name."



In her commencement address, Dr. Ella Simmons, general vice president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church world headquarters, reflected on the idea that love for God yields passion for mission and that love for neighbors yields a heart for service.

"Do not be afraid to put your God-given powers to task. Constantly press onward and upward, whatever you do." Simmons also emphasized the importance of living life without mediocrity, "God has called you to greatness. You must aspire to greatness for the honor and glory of God's name."

The class chose the theme "Passion for Mission, Heart for Service". This theme was inspired by the essence of Christian education and the personal desire of AIIAS scholars to humbly serve Jesus Christ by carrying out His mission with passion and faithfulness.

"We were inspired not to aspire after position and comfort, but our purpose is to serve others, to be willing to be God's instruments. Despite our weaknesses and limitations, God can still use us to do great things," remarked Joshua Dylan Antoine, a graduate of Master of Arts in Religion.

The graduates who are now part of the AIIAS Alumni serve as leaders all over the world both in the public and private sectors, especially in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

AIIAS is a graduate school that offers masters and doctorate degrees in four main areas: business, education, public health, and religion. It is operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church world headquarters.

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BY AIVARS OZOLINS

UNQUALIFIED

In matters of acceptance and salvation, my guess is, most people would like to be included. Most of us, Adventists and non-Adventists alike, would want to be accepted and favored by God, and people too. But what are the qualifications? How does one get accepted?

Jesus lived in a culture with a conveniently simple worldview in terms of people. The whole of humanity was divided into two distinct groups: the good guys and the bad ones. And invariably the ones you happened to talk to consider themselves as the good ones while the others were the bad guys. And it naturally followed that the good guys were in and the bad ones were out of God's and human favor. I suspect that this cultural aspect is alive and well even today.

Jesus tells a story to a crowd of unsuspecting listeners (Luke 18:9). Two men came to the temple to pray; one was a Pharisee, and the other a tax collector; the first one instantly stood out in the crowd, clearly a righteous man. His prayer was such a blessing to listen to, beautifully patterned after a Psalm of Thanksgiving, except that he was thankful for his own goodness, not so much for God's. But it was all magnificent: he was fasting twice a week, paying tithe of all he got (so much more than the others). God was so impressed with him!

In fact, God must have felt really fortunate to have such a good person. He was able to thankfully list even all the bad stuff he'd never done, unlike the others: "God, I thank You that I am not like other people; swindlers, unjust, adulterers,

or even like this tax collector" (v.11). He was a hard-praying, Sabbath-keeping, always grateful, church-going person—in other words, an all-around good guy. "What a great example! Should be the first in line for the kingdom of Heaven," ruminated the crowd excitedly, as they continued to listen to the story.

The tax collector, on the other hand, was standing on the side. He did not think much of himself. In fact, he did not even have a list to present ... any list; not the good deeds to be proud of, nor the bad stuff to avoid. When he looked at himself, it was all bad. He must have been one of the others, people concluded. And, besides, he must have had a really bad conscience, as he couldn't even look up heavenward, beating his chest instead. And his prayer? Oh, no eloquence at all, nothing to write home about. All he could muster was a few awkward words blurted out:

"God, be merciful to me, the sinner!" Who would come to God with such a poor prayer?

Everyone knows that you have to find the right words, beautiful words in order to approach God. You've got to put your best foot forward, don't you? It's like going to church, you know, you have to make yourself presentable, put

your white hat on and try to hide what's really bothering you on the inside. But since this guy was obviously one of the others he understandably did not know better. Poor judgment, though.

Jesus pauses his story for a moment. His listeners perk up, "Go on, go on, we want to know what happened!" And then without even the slightest warning, Jesus drops quite a bombshell, turning their world upside down (or is it the right side up?): "This man (tax collector) went to his house justified rather than the other." What!? Jesus, are you saying, that the bad guy, one of the others, got in? ... while the good guy got left out? Really?!

Years later an old and weary friend of Jesus, writing a letter to his church members, summarized the main thrust of the story well: "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9). Turns out—grace is the operative word in matters of acceptance with God. Could that be true for our human relationships as well?

Dr. Evelyn Villafior Almocera is one of the outstanding faculty of AIIAS who has dedicated her life to serving the institution as faculty of the Public Health Department in the AIIAS Graduate School and as the AIIAS School Physician.

As a Doctor of Medicine graduate from Southwestern University Matias H. Aznar Memorial College of Medicine, Cebu City, Philippines with a Master in Public Health degree from AIIAS, Almocera also has experience in clinics and hospitals around the Philippines. She is a certified School Health Consultant by the Philippine Academy of Physicians in School Health, Inc. as well as a certified Family Life Educator by the Family Ministries Department of the Seventh-day Adventist Church world headquarters.

FLAGS: *What motivated you to serve at AIIAS?*

ALMOCERA: AIIAS is a wide mission field with multicultural exposure. Because of this, AIIAS is an enriching workplace for students and faculty to learn from each other not only through books but by personal experience. I believe that working with AIIAS is a great challenge especially in preparing workers and leaders, not only for the church but also for the world. After all the years of working in AIIAS, it is just so rewarding to meet graduates who are now leaders in their respective countries, churches, and work fields.

FLAGS: *Why should a student pursue a degree from the AIIAS Public Health department?*

ALMOCERA: The faculty composition is so diverse with rich experiences in their own field of specialty/training. Our students are also from different countries. Our courses help prepare students to serve as public health professionals and leaders in either government, non-government agencies, or the church organization. Students can choose to prepare themselves to be involved in research or in public

health practice such as community development. Some of our graduates now serve as health directors and wellness/lifestyle center directors while some work with UNICEF and the Department of Health (Philippines). Students can also choose from three areas of emphases: Health Ministry, Health Promotion, and Nutrition. For students who are unable to come to AIIAS for the on-campus modality, classes are also offered in Distance Learning Centers and Online. These are designed for students who cannot leave the convenience of their homes and professional responsibilities for full-time study. Students who choose to study at AIIAS will not only find it affordable but will also be enjoying high-quality Christian education.

Almocera has been actively presenting her research in various conferences in the country. Her research interests are in infectious disease

With a heart for mission, Almocera has actively participated in the medical, dental, and surgical missions for the AIIAS Adventist Church. She organizes cooking classes once a month for the AIIAS community, and in collaboration with the Public Health Department, she also organizes health screening activities for the AIIAS Adventist Church and for the town of Silang. She also conducts marriage enrichment seminars together with her husband. She facilitated the fundraising activity for a water system in Zubiri Mission School located in Bukidnon.

Almocera has been serving at AIIAS since 1991. Aside from teaching undergraduate and postgraduate level subjects, she is also the first one to teach a fully online course in 2003. AIIAS is grateful for the unwavering service and dedication of Dr. Evelyn Almocera.

Serving with a Heart FOR MISSION

BY SHARNIE LOVE ZAMORA

prevention, teen pregnancy, maternal nutrition, and women, children, and adolescent health. She is also the medical consultant for the "Journal of Health and Home" by the Philippine Publishing House as well as a peer reviewer for "Catalyst", a Journal for the Institute of Interdisciplinary Studies in the Asia-Pacific International University located in Thailand.

Almocera has published a book on "Healthy Foods Healthy Lives". She is currently writing three books: Family Medical Encyclopedia (2019), Healthy Cooking (2020), and Stress-Free Lifestyle (2021). She is also in the process of publishing two articles on the impact of religious beliefs on prevention and treatment attitudes towards HIV-AIDS among Africans in the Journal of the AIIAS African Theological Association and authentic online assessments (fieldwork) in the special edition of the Journal of Adventist Education.



The year 2018 marked an important milestone in the history of education in the Philippines by introducing the first ever batch of grade 12 graduates. AIIAS Academy (AA) is no exception to this achievement. As an international academy with more than 35 countries represented, it produced half a dozen graduates at its first senior high school graduation.

One-third of the graduates appeared for the United States of America college eligibility standardized tests and passed with distinctions. Simultaneously, these graduates presented their talents and skills in music through sacred music concerts, national violin concerts, cantatas, etc. Some students took up the challenge of spending their summer vacation as student literature evangelists in collaboration with members of local churches. Another student further elevated spiritual growth by working as a student missionary in Japan.

The proud teachers of these achievers are no less than veterans. These teachers took advantage of their summer time to be professionally equipped by being part of the summer teaching institute offered by world-renowned professors at the AIIAS Graduate School. The trend moves on with vigor with most of the teachers striving to complete their master's and doctorate degrees. Additionally, teachers and senior high school students presented their research papers in international conferences. The teachers went on to publish articles, research papers, and co-authored books for the benefit of the growing professionals in and around the world.

With a new vice principal and a whole lot of trending achievements, AA has marched onto creating footprints. For more information about the AIIAS Academy, please contact academy@aaias.edu.

"A legacy is etched [printed] into the minds of others and the stories they share about you." —Shannon L. Alder



THE UNKNOWN TEACHER

BY WATSON MBIRIRI

AIIAS is a graduate education institution with a heart for mission. It is the 'heart for mission' epitomized by this lady on the AIIAS campus, that is on my mind right now. Hers is an inspiring story, with all the ingredients for a class that should have never been, but surprise, there it was!

To begin with, none of the young people she took as her students were from her cultural background. She could not speak English and none of them could speak Korean, but that would not deter her missionary instinct. She communicated with the students and instructed them in an improvised language, something that only the people in that class could understand.

After recruiting the first few learners, word soon spread among the young ones that there was a very kind piano teacher offering lessons free of charge. Sooner than later, she had a tight schedule with these learners virtually turning her house into their rehearsal studio, and she loved it!

Many times one would see her roaming around campus, looking for one of her students who had to come for a scheduled lesson. She held little individual ceremonies to recognize and celebrate her students' progressive achievements. They would go home bubbling with joy and confidence, inspired with possibilities of what they could be. Once in a while, you could meet her walking around campus with one or two of her students, who now assumed roles of her English teachers and she, their student!

She had come to AIIAS campus with her family because her husband, a professor, was on a sabbatical. Just before they left for Korea, parents of the children she had so much helped, touched by her kindness, organized a farewell ceremony for her. A surprise video of her students playing their pieces was the highlight of the program. They expressed their gratitude to her. She shed tears at the thought of parting with them all. They hugged and shared pictures. It was a moving experience for all present.

Many of the parents had never even met her, until that farewell ceremony. Even more interestingly, none of her students ever knew her name (Mrs. Lee Kwang Soon). To them, she remains this kind-hearted, but unknown teacher.



Photo Credit: Watson Mbiriri

A CALLING TO THE MINISTRY

BY HUAYI LIU

Having grown up in a village in China, I regularly went to a Christian church with my mother. There I danced and sang without knowing that I was doing it for Jesus. I only started to understand the difference between Christ and science when I was at the university.

I have one sister who is two years younger than me. Back in 2011, during her third year in high school, she worked so hard to prepare for the National College Entrance Examination. One day, she called me saying that she did not know why she had so many red spots on her feet and legs which were very painful. After several days, I went to her school to visit her. I saw that she could not walk anymore because her feet and legs were so swollen, she couldn't even wear shoes. We had no choice but to carry her back home with the help of her teacher and classmates.

We later brought her to hospitals in Beijing, Shanghai, and Changchun. All of the doctors said that my sister had a serious disease called Erythema Nodosum which according to Wikipedia, it is "an inflammatory condition characterized by inflammation of the fat cells under the skin, resulting in tender red nodules or lumps". Since we were late in bringing her to the hospital and we did not have money to move her to a bigger hospital, my parents planned to sell our land and house for money. Her disease became so serious that even her kidneys started to fail. More lumps appeared on her arms that she could not even lift a piece of paper.

Finally, a Chinese Christian acupuncturist gave the final try. During the treatments, my sister was very strong. She did not cry out loud but her tears expressed the pain she felt. I asked the Lord to put me in my sister's place so that the pain could be taken away from her. I prayed, "Lord if you heal my younger sister, I would like to devote myself to you."

The Lord is faithful and he really hears and answers our prayers. As you know, the Chinese National College Entrance Examination is very difficult and can determine one's future. Although my sister was unable to attend school for almost three months, she was

still able to successfully pass the exam with a high result and was able to proceed to a prestigious university for her studies. My sister recovered by God's grace.

Many years have passed but I still cry whenever I recall God's goodness to my family. My sister got married and is now blessed with a family of her own. She currently works as Human Resource director in Hangzhou and attends church regularly.

When I graduated from university and started working, I completely forgot what I had told the Lord about devoting my life to Him until I got baptized in August 2012 and Christ's calling came back to me. I quit my job and became a Bible school teacher in the mountain region of China, serving the Lord day by day.

On December 2014, I received the opportunity to study at AIIAS in the Philippines. My travel turned out to be challenging because I lost all of my money on the way to the airport. However, when I arrived at AIIAS, I remember crying with gratitude because I was still able to arrive with my things, visa, and passport despite having only \$10 in Chinese currency left.

I still do not know what my future will be. But I do believe that my future is in His hands and I am ready to follow where He leads.



"By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going."
HEBREWS 11:8

Photo Credit: Tomás Villanueva Mayr

DEVELOPING A HUMBLE LEGACY

BY SAMSON BUSH

Everyone likes the idea of being remembered when they're gone. However, is it enough to be remembered as a good man or a good woman?

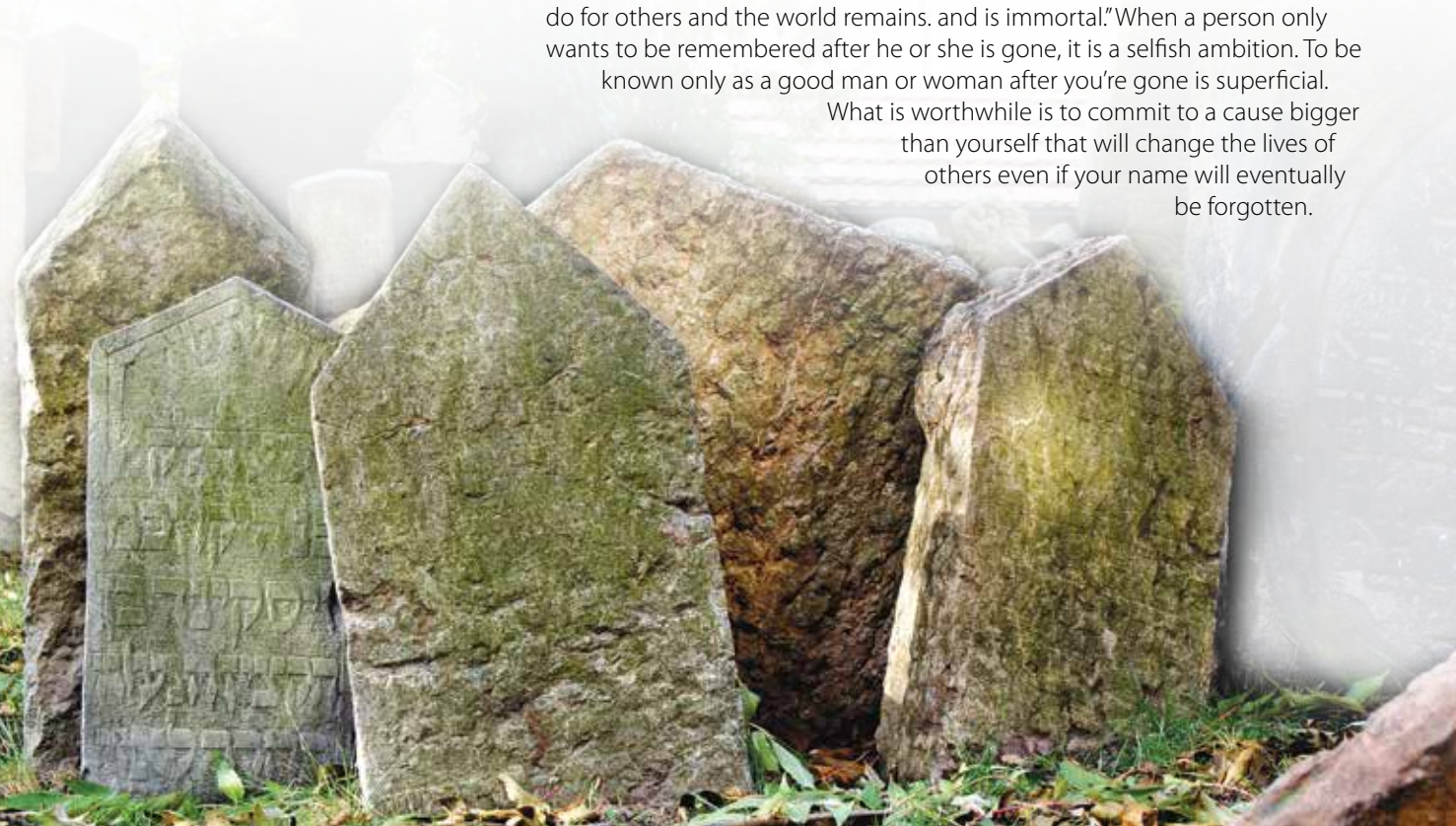
Funerals. Who likes attending them? I've been to quite a few of them, but one of the most unforgettable moments was an occasion when the man in the casket, known for having abandoned his wife and son to pursue a career of terrible reputation and lifestyle, somehow had a big crowd at his funeral. Interestingly, I heard many people say that day, "He was a good man". Unfortunately, that man who earned a tremendous amount of money through illegal practices did not leave anything behind for his wife and son.

Everyone likes the idea of being remembered when they're gone. However, is it enough to be remembered as a good man or a good woman? Living in Southeast Asia, I've noticed that their culture isn't about a one-man show as it normally is in other parts of the world, but of a collective group that doesn't hesitate to help each other move forward. Evidence of this is when the Bataan province in the Philippines achieved a Guinness World Record in 2015 for planting over 223,000 trees by 18,000 volunteers. Not much was said about the originator of the idea because the focus is on the significance of the actions of those who participated in the Bataan Green Legacy Program. It seemed to be something greater than themselves.

Coming to AIIAS has helped me understand the meaning of legacy in a new light; that having a life of legacy is ONLY for the humble. The administration, staff, and professors have been a beacon of this influence because of their desire to contribute to God's cause unselfishly. Through their humility, I've learned that life is about giving value rather than to keep expecting to receive value. It takes humility to be willing to give-up being remembered for who you were, or what you did, or even what ideas you came up with because you basically understand that changed lives are more important. In other words, legacy isn't about being remembered when you're gone; it's making the world a better place even if you don't get the credit for it.

When I got home that day after the funeral, I saw a quote on the internet by Albert Pine that said, "What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains. and is immortal." When a person only wants to be remembered after he or she is gone, it is a selfish ambition. To be known only as a good man or woman after you're gone is superficial.

What is worthwhile is to commit to a cause bigger than yourself that will change the lives of others even if your name will eventually be forgotten.



"We receive even more by giving more," rings in my mind everytime I think of our trip to Mindoro. The activities with the local church members; the small creek with clear water flowing along the trees; the salty fragrance of the open sea; and the smiles and laughter shared by all were only some parts of the trip which can be described through words. The rest will continue to remain in the heart and mind.

On February 22-25, 2018, 15 AIIAS Business Club (ABC) members with their children joined a trip to Oriental Mindoro province—an island 140 kilometers southwest of Manila, Philippines. Our purpose was to help the on-going Adventist church construction in Barangay Calima, a project which began in 2013.

After 10 hours of travel by land and sea, we arrived at Barangay Calima where a forest, a fresh flowing creek, a waterfall, and a small bridge welcomed us. Walking through the village's narrow roads created a warm, yet familiar atmosphere. We easily found stores to buy food and even *halo-halo*. Calima is a lively village where everybody is well-acquainted with one another.

We had the opportunity and pleasure to join and lead in the vesper prayer meeting, the Sabbath Worship service, the children's Sabbath School, and the Adventist Youth program. The church members are mostly elders and children. Though small in number, the young people of Calima church are full of energy and active in the ministry. Things were more fun on Saturday evening when we played games with them during a social night event.

Sunday was dedicated to painting the church's walls. We brought in six large buckets of paint and 20 units of ceiling fans donated by generous and blessed contributors. The children were the ones excited to get their hands on the brushes as they were also the first ones to wake up early in the morning. The church members also joined in painting and cleaning the walls. The ladies cooked delectable *Tinola* while some of the men were pounding, wrapping, and steaming bananas. We finished painting the church before noon, and still had a little time left for a quick dip in the creek to wash the paint off of our skin. We are indeed grateful for the experiences we had and happy that we could give something for the church. Most of all, we thank God for bringing us to meet our brothers and sisters in Calima. I am convinced that by giving more, you receive more and you become closer to Jesus.

BUSINESS CLUB GOES TO CALIMA

BY AKIKO SINAGA

**Halo-halo is a dessert made of ice, milk, beans, jelly, and fruit popular in the Philippines, especially during the hot summer season.*

**Tinola—a ginger-based soup usually served with chicken and green vegetables, also a local favorite.*

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AIAS DATELINE

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JUNE 2017

TOWER R CONSTRUCTION

Construction continues on Tower R, which consists of 16 3-bedroom units. This was made possible through gifts from a very generous anonymous donor, from the Southern and Northern Asia-Pacific Divisions, and from family and friends.



MAY 2017

ALUMNI HOMECOMING

Seventy alumni gathered at AIAS to reconnect with one another, relive their memories, and respond to the call to represent the 3,500 alumni around the world.



NOVEMBER 2017

SEMINARY FORUM

235 attendees attended a forum about the "Protestant Reformation in Global Context" to learn about the contributions of Martin Luther and its connection to the Adventist Church as the world recounts the events of the 500 years of Protestant Reformation.



AUGUST 2017

LIVE LIKE JESUS

The Week of Prayer with the theme "Live Like Jesus" was conducted by Philip Baptiste, special assistant to the president of the East-Central Africa Division.



NOVEMBER 2017

ICONFERENCE

300 scholars of Business, Education, and Public Health responded to the call for "Social Responsibility," during the Graduate School forum highlighting valuable research and practical proposals to promote, educate, and practice social responsibility. Keynote speaker: Dr. Elissa Kido, director, Center of Research for Adventist Education, La Sierra University, California.



NOVEMBER 2017

HEALTH FESTIVAL WEEKEND

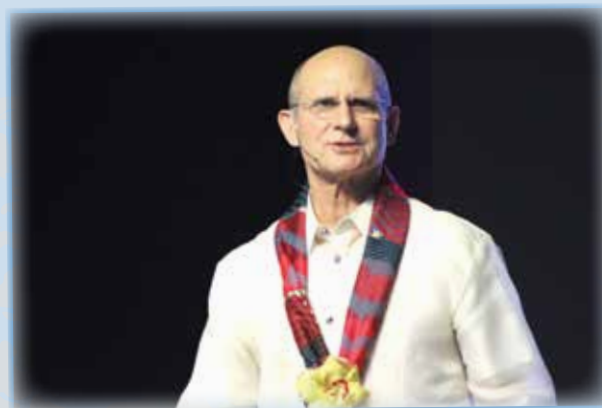
The Health Festival Weekend is an annual reminder that health is wealth. Led by the Master in Public Health class, AIAS continues to promote living a healthy lifestyle.



NOVEMBER 2017

ON GIVING, MINISTRY, AND GOING HOME

During the church service in conjunction with the Southern Asia-Pacific Division year-end meetings, guest speaker Elder Ted N.C. Wilson, Seventh-day Adventist world church president shared a message about pressing forward in the great Advent movement and the Gospel Commission.



NOVEMBER 2017

CULTURAL NIGHT

This year's cultural night, an annual AIIAS tradition of music and performance, featured a celebration of unity amidst differences.



JANUARY 2018

MINI OLYMPICS

During three full days of sports, cheers, and teamwork; students, faculty, and staff joined one another in fun and camaraderie.





JANUARY 2018

WEEK OF PRAYER—GOD IS LOVE

Dr. Artur Stele, a general vice president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church world headquarters together with his wife Dr. Galina Stele, research and program evaluation manager at the Seventh-day Adventist Church world headquarters, highlighted the importance of recognizing God's love and His character through a week-long journey to know more about God.



JANUARY 2018

PREACHING LECTURESHIP

With the support of the Southern Asia-Pacific Division ministerial department, along with additional support from the North Philippine Union and Central Luzon Conferences, 200 attendees were enlightened on "The Sermon Journey", a discussion by Dr. Randy L. Roberts, senior pastor of the Loma Linda University Church. Roberts explained how to develop a sermon from Bible study right through to delivery.



ONGOING

UNITED IN DIVERSITY

United in Diversity is a special talk-show program featuring the many unique perspectives from people around the world. This program deals with various topics from cultural practices and traditions and a plethora of issues that are not often discussed.



ONGOING

SACRED CONCERT SERIES

AIAS is blessed with much musical talents and there's no better way to give back to the Lord the talents that He has given than to share with the AIAS family. Featured every first and third Sabbath of the month, this marks the fourth year of the Sacred Concert Series.





Online Students Celebrate Missions

BY LENI T. CASIMIRO

Online students have proven anew that distances in space and time cannot hinder God's people from worshipping together to celebrate God's mission of saving souls for the kingdom. This year's online week of prayer, which was held on March 12-17, 2018, was participated in by more than 60 students and guests in 25 countries around the world. Wolfgang Schick, an AIIAS Online student from Germany testified in the online forum that the week of prayer was indeed "very positive and enriching."

The chosen theme for the event was "Engaged to Mission." Just as in engaged couples, this theme portrays a strong relationship between God and His followers. Christians are created for a mission and, as such, ought to be engaged to it. As Ellen White emphasized, "We should now feel the responsibility of laboring with intense earnestness to impart to others the truths that God has given for this time ... Now is the time for the last warning to be given" (Evangelism, p. 16).

The highlight of the event were the chosen speakers who have been involved in mission from various fields of endeavor such as health, business, education, and church ministries. These fields were intentionally chosen as they represent the degree programs of AIIAS students, thereby making the messages directly applicable to them. The speakers emphasized biblical principles in doing mission and gave ideas on how to actively engage in it.

Many online students of AIIAS work in various mission fields; hence the interest in the topic. They were then invited to showcase videos of their ministries in order to inspire others. This sharing

proved exciting to the participants as they witnessed their schoolmates' actual mission work in Australia, Caribbean, Cuba, Egypt, Germany, Qatar, Thailand, United States, and Zambia.

The other features of the event included interactive Reflection Forums about the messages; a Prayer Garden where students and professors prayed for each other; My Story where everyone shared testimonies about their own mission work; and Call-a-Friend for those who want to share their burdens and concerns. These features made the week of prayer engaging; thus, avoiding the strong temptation to worship passively in an online event.

The culminating message of Pastor Doug Venn, the director of Adventist Mission at the Seventh-day Adventist Church world headquarters, called everyone to a commitment "to bring the fragrance of God's grace to a dying world." Sharing a real-life story of a man who gave his life in exchange for the truth was a touching message to value God and His work over everything we have in life.

In response to the messages of inspiration, Liz Zambrano, an AIIAS Online student in Thailand testified, "I am blessed to be part of the week of prayer. It is a challenge to witness in a Buddhist country being the only Christian in my workplace. I pray that God will help me to share His love through my contact with others." Henry Roman, another online student from the US exclaimed after being touched by the messages, "Lord, I am here. Mold me."

The online week of prayer is an annual event at AIIAS created for the purpose of enriching the spiritual lives of online and on-campus students, faculty, and staff.

BY BRUCE SUMENDAP

AQRA Hosts 2018 International Qualitative Research Conference

Asian Qualitative Research Association (AQRA), an AIIAS-based research organization, hosted its Third International Qualitative Research Conference in Subic Bay, Philippines.

Themed, "Honing the Craft", the conference was attended by more than 200 scholars from all over the Philippines and several other countries from April 24-26, 2018 at Subic Bay Travelers Hotel.

"We are so excited to host another important conference as we are actively expanding our platform for interaction with those who are interested in qualitative research," remarked Dr. Safary Wa-Mbaleka, president of AQRA. We are committed to setting high standards for qualitative research."

Continuing the tradition of featuring high profile resource people at the event, the keynote speaker for the conference this year was Dr. René Drumm, the associate dean for the College of Health of the University of Mississippi, USA. Dr. Drumm came with a large wealth of expertise that has landed her millions of US dollars in research grants in the past several years of her scholarship. She spoke from experience, not just from books.

It was a record-breaking event where more than 80% of the attendees presented their qualitative research (QLR) studies. Up to seven concurrent

sessions were held simultaneously to accommodate the numerous topics during the conference.

Many participants of the event commented that the conference has deepened their knowledge and understanding about qualitative research. Many have expressed appreciation to AIIAS faculty members, Dr. Arceli Rosario, Dr. Prema Gaikwad, and Dr. Safary Wa-Mbaleka for not only imparting knowledge about qualitative research but spending time encouraging new qualitative researchers.

"This conference is about building one another and helping one another grow in qualitative research," continued Wa-Mbaleka.

During the testimonial session, participants shared many ways how qualitative research helped them grow in their personal and professional lives. One commented on how qualitative research helped her keep her job by increased research output. Another noted that qualitative research helped in the understanding of the whole human that cannot be answered by quantitative research.

During the event, a new book entitled "Qualitative Research for Senior High School" by Safary Wa-Mbaleka and Ranjith Kingston Gladstone was launched. The book contains a practical, self-explanatory, and step-by-step approach with illustrations on how to conduct qualitative research at the senior high school level.

The field of qualitative research has drawn a huge amount of interest among scholars in recent years. Proponents of this interest argue that qualitative research provides an in-depth exploration of complex issues.

AQRA was founded in 2015 with a mission to promote QLR and develop QLR scholars. In just three years of operation, AQRA has reached 1,300 registered members and has more than 2,000 following and participating in qualitative research discussions virtually.

At the closing of the conference, organizers announced that the 2019 AQRA international conference will be held in Cebu City, Philippines, on April 23-25, 2019.



From left to right: Dr. Arceli Rosario, René Drumm, and Dr. Safary Wa-Mbaleka

BY INNOCENT GWIZO

Resolve to Live, Teach, and Preach: Health and Wholeness in Africa and Regions Beyond



The guest speakers, forum coordinators, and AIIAS faculty.

Health and Wholeness in Africa: A Biblical Foundation,” was the theme for the 13th AIIAS African Theological Association (AATA) Forum on March 28-31, 2018. This was chosen under the backdrop of the felt health needs on the continent of Africa. The church seeks to reach millions through health programs initiatives. The selection of this theme proved to be needful during the Forum.

There were six guest speakers who graced the 2018 AATA Forum. These scholars represented a fair level of diversity in their professional work and calling and brought a wealth of experience. Dr. Peter Landless, director of the Adventist Health Ministries, Seventh-day Adventist Church world headquarters reminded the delegates about the thrust of the church in doing mission around the world. Michael Sokupa, Keynote Speaker for the forum, is an associate director at the Ellen G. White Estate. Other guest speakers, AIIAS professors and students also took part in presentations.

The major highlight of the forum was a voted statement that brought all the discussions of the week together. The conclusion of the statement reads, “We thus resolve to live, teach, and preach health and wholeness in Africa, and regions beyond, on Biblical foundations till the coming of the Master architect and Restorer of health and wholeness.”

AATA took the occasion to appreciate AIIAS President Dr. Stephen Guptill for his support of the association from its formative years to the present. AATA will publish a book from the presentations at the forum which will be also dedicated to Dr. Guptill.

Under the special projects AATA seeks to undertake, was the launch to write a book in honor of Professor Joel Musvosvi, who served AIIAS as Seminary dean, before he moved to AUA to serve in the same capacity. Currently, he is the vice chancellor of Solusi University in Zimbabwe. Dr. Sokupa was assigned to be the chief editor of this book earmarked to be published in 2019. A call for papers is underway from the editors.

The AATA 2018 Forum witnessed great success because the association’s members worked as united patriots, the AIIAS administration was greatly supportive, and all the presenters were keen to share their scholarly papers and research findings with enthusiasm. Health and wholeness is a need for all humanity and thus overlooking health concerns is an inadequate presentation of the gospel.

“We thus resolve to live, teach, and preach health and wholeness in Africa, and regions beyond, on Biblical foundations till the coming of the Master architect and Restorer of health and wholeness.”

Read the full text of the statement.



Dr. Francisco Gayoba

AATS Spearheads Special Sabbath and Annual Forum on ENCOUNTERING RELIGIOUS PLURALISM IN ASIA

BY PETRONIO M. GENEBAGO

The AIIAS Asian Theological Society (AATS) exists to foster a healthy dialogue among members on issues relevant to biblical, theological, historical, and missiological studies in the Asian context.

A month before the forum the Society spearheaded the Asian Special Sabbath on June 9, 2018, at the AIIAS Amphitheater with its theme, “Challenges and Triumphs of Mission in Asia,” with Dr. Samuel Saw, Southern Asia-Pacific Division (SSD) president, and Dr. Bienvenido Mergal, SSD vice president as guest speakers. Dr. Mergal spoke about “SSD for Christ.” He presented the direction of the SSD not only to bring people to Christ but to disciple them. Dr. Saw imparted the challenges and triumphs of mission in Southern-Asia. One of the challenges he highlighted was how to reach the 10/40 window. This window houses major continents and major religions of the world that should be reached for Christ. He also related the triumphs of the work of God in Southern-Asia and in his own life. That Sabbath the AATS also recognized the contributions of Dr. Stephen Guptill and Dr. Michael Campbell to the society.

During the 6th Annual Forum, the AATS focused on the theme, “Encountering Religious Pluralism in Asia,” which was held on July 13-14, 2018 at the AIIAS Amphitheater. Dr. Ricardo A. Gonzalez, AIIAS Seminary dean, emphasized the significance of this forum in his welcome message. According to him, “Since more than half of the population of the world lives here, it is important to talk and to discuss religious pluralism and how it impacts the mission of the church in this part of the world.”

More than 125 administrators, professors, faculty, students, and lay members attended this year’s forum, coming from

various institutions, namely (1) Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies, (2) Adventist University of the Philippines (AUP), (3) Andrews University, (4) Central Luzon Conference, (5) Manila Adventist College, (6) Mountain View College (MVC), (7) Naga View Adventist College, (8) Northern Luzon Adventist College (NLAC), (9) *Pag-aralan Natin*, (10) Philippine Frontier Mission, (11) Philippine Publishing House, (12) Union Theological Seminary, and (13) 1000 Missionary Movement.

Dr. Francisco Gayoba, AUP president, spoke about doing theology in a time of fake news. He also reminded all presenters to make their presentations and preaching relevant and alive to the hearers whether they are coming from biblical, theological, or applied disciplines.

Twenty presentations followed, dealing with the theme. The *Pag-aralan Natin* Crew, headed by Johnson Amican, recorded all the presentations for posterity. The DVD will be kept at the AIIAS library. The forum ended with the commitment message of Dr. Nepthali J. Mañez, NLAC president, highlighting that despite the religious pluralism that this generation faces today, the only way to God and to salvation is through Jesus Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life.

Dr. Jim Adil, one of the presenters from MVC, appreciated the forum. He commented, “I am speaking from my heart when I say that so far it’s one of the best forums I’ve attended and presented at. It was well organized, the communications beforehand were sufficient, and we presenters were treated well with some perks. I hope to be active in AATS, especially in terms of presentations and publications. Hope to be with you again in the next.”



Petronio Genebago, AATS President, with Marfeal Santiago, AATS Associate Editor, pose with the presenters after handing the certificates of appreciation to Maila Dizon (Andrews), Dr. Remwil Tornalejo, AATS Sponsor (AIIAS), Watson Mbiriri (AIIAS), and Haesub (Hyssop) Chung (Andrews). They presented papers on the topic “Encountering Religious Pluralism in Asia.”

AIIAS POLL

Let's Talk!

Flags asked the AIIAS Community what legacy they would like to leave behind for their colleagues and friends and the contributions that they would like to make to their field. Here are their responses:

I extend help to my friends: computer skills, text resources, useful computer apps, extensions, software.
—Golden Gadoh, MALAYSIA

A man after God's own heart.
—Davied Yosua Abraham Zebedeus, INDONESIA

I would want to be remembered as someone who wasn't so caught up in my studies that I forgot that there are people around me and a world in need of God and His love.
—May Ann Baragona, PHILIPPINES

My great desire in life and at AIIAS is to impact young people to have a personal relationship with God. I would like to develop an IT system for the AIIAS store. I want my classmates to remember me as one who was always there for them.
—Edivaldo Abel, ANGOLA

I would like people to remember me as a SMILING WOMAN. A little kindness just to brighten up someone's dull day.
—Darcy Tangi Kaituu, SOLOMON ISLANDS

In my field as a teacher, I don't want to stay stagnant so I want to keep learning. I want to educate young minds not only academically but also in values and most especially with the fear of God.
—Elsie Pastrana, PHILIPPINES

Altruism.
—Ruth Sendie Edmond, HAITI

I would like to make my colleagues and friends believe that they are capable of more than what they believe in themselves. The simple reason being that once you are in Christ, you are a new creation, and every new creation comes with extra power. I would like to register my continuous learning in and through research to raise the standards of Adventist education research a step higher than what it is now. Further, I would like my colleagues to remember me as a friend who is always there to encourage and guide them to our Eternal Father.
—Ranjith Gladstone, INDIA

The legacy that I would like to leave behind in AIIAS is the good memories about my life and family, not just to my colleagues and friends but also to our beloved lecturers and faculty in AIIAS. I also want to have a good relationship with all of the students here because I know very soon we will meet again as servants of God in His fields. That is why I need to build good relationships with others, not just with my Indonesian community but with the international community. Also, I want to be remembered as a good student who works very diligently and has integrity in all things, so one day, if they need an Indonesian friend to work with them, they will know how to find him.
—Kweqlys Franklin Christian Satori, INDONESIA

The apostles Paul uses the systemic relationship of the body organs to illustrate the presence of the Holy Spirit among God's people in 1 Corinthians 12. This analogy aptly fits the AIIAS community, given the diverse population of nationalities. I wish my colleagues and friends to remember me as a man of God who faithfully discharged my role in building the body of Christ, especially in encouraging and giving hope to all.
—David Odhiambo, KENYA

As I have grown through studying and living together as united in diversity within the AIIAS family, I want to respect others, as every one has their own strengths and weaknesses. I hope that everyone of us could create one entity, especially the business faculty, alumni, and students, to help Adventist members to overcome their economic challenges by strengthening their livelihood. This could be as 'supporting ministry' to our Church around the world.
—Jusuf Kalengkongan, INDONESIA

I believe in the spiritual formation of students in school as the foundation needed for them to be solid in faith as they go out into the world to serve. I, therefore, wish to contribute my quota by integrating content and pedagogy of a Christ-centered curriculum to build faith and spiritual growth of students. Through this, I would like to leave behind a legacy where through an integration of content and pedagogy, every school going child passing through my class would encounter God and every teacher I mentor will also be able to integrate content and pedagogy for the benefit of their students. Finally, I would like to be remembered as a mentor in the integration of content and pedagogy of a Christian curriculum, the man who touched the lives of students.
—Ebenezer Danquah, GHANA

A man who served God without any reservations, even unto death.
—William Azupardo, PHILIPPINES

I want as many students to develop some sort of scholarship work which will not only help shoulder their educational/living expenses but will also extend to their professional career and field growth. For that, I want to work on many areas which need urgent attention and then submit the proposal to the concerned department and personnel. At the end, I want to see it successfully operating and making a huge difference in student life and in the alumni's professional life after leaving AIIAS.
—John Andrew Mohan, PAKISTAN

I want to be remembered as a helpful friend and classmate. Studying at AIIAS can be difficult, but with helpful friends and classmates, it becomes easy. Friendly and helpful classmates are always remembered because they give a long-lasting influence on others.
—Czarina Mae Celestre, PHILIPPINES

AIIAS opened wide windows of possibilities in my mind that I would have never considered before. My professors tell us about referential scholars who did outstanding contributions in biblical studies. I also see inspirational missionary testimonies and reports from all over the world on campus. My prayer is that God will lead me to be a scholar and a missionary at the same time so that I may reach others through preaching or teaching in spoken and written words. My aspiration is to be remembered as someone who was able to make God's Word so simple that even kids would understand but also be able to present the Bible logically to those with higher levels of thinking. I also want to be known as someone who loved people, to the point of having them as Jesus would have them. My aspired legacy's name is service.
—Rafael Bampi de Oliveira, BRAZIL

I want to be remembered as one who helped others—colleagues, students, and the community around AIIAS—to reach their objectives and goals inside and outside of the campus. I also want to leave behind or to be remembered for how I liked to participate in different activities organized by my colleagues or the institution, especially the spiritual activities.
—Amon Ndagijimana, RWANDA





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AIIAS is located on a beautiful tropical campus 45.5 kilometers outside of Manila, the capital city of the Philippines. This location offers easy access to opportunities for mission trips and community outreach both locally and internationally, especially within the 10/40 window.

The AIIAS community consists of over 200 graduate students from more than 80 countries all over the world. The faculty members come from 16 different countries, a majority of which are expatriates. The teacher-student ratio is low, giving students the opportunity to work closely with their teachers. Typically, a class of 10 students will represent many nationalities that create access to a variety of insights and global perspectives.

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