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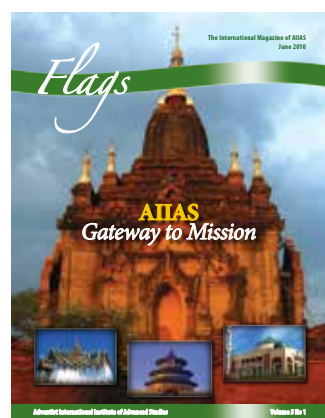
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About the Cover

These photos, which were taken by Pastor Jim Park within the past 18 months, illustrate the diverse cultural challenges that AIIAS faces in ministering to the 10/40 window.

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The **BEST** of AIIAS

As president of AIIAS I often get asked, “What is special about AIIAS? What are the distinguishing qualities of the institution?” This is a leading question and one that I enjoy answering. This issue of *Flags* is dedicated to answering that question. We are featuring some of the very best things about AIIAS including its beautiful location in Asia and its special place in Adventist education. We could not include all the great things but this is a good start. I think everyone who comes to AIIAS has their own favorite things.

Recently I have been engaged in planning for our new auditorium and that is certainly on my mind as one of the AIIAS best. The 1200-seat auditorium includes artwork and symbolisms in the three spires, the creation grills, and the Spirit dove chandeliers. It provides facilities for varied needs with its grass covered amphitheater, classroom block and media center which are all part of the special new complex at AIIAS.

For me, the international nature of the student body is one of the best things about AIIAS. Students and faculty from more than 50 countries make AIIAS a little taste of heaven and a wonderfully rich environment that provides opportunities for growth.

AIIAS is unique in that it only offers graduate education. That makes the nature of the whole learning environment special. Often the graduate students have already distinguished themselves as leaders, before coming to AIIAS, holding positions of trust in the church and community. Faculty and students rub shoulders at AIIAS with peers who have a deep commitment to the church and its mission and take their education seriously.

Certainly, the beautiful, tropical campus is on the list of the “Best of AIIAS.” AIIAS is located just 15 minutes from the resort

town of Tagaytay that overlooks a beautiful lake and volcano. It is only 1 1/2 hours drive from the beach where there is great “aquarium style” diving and snorkeling. Tropical fruits such as mangoes, pineapples, and papayas are grown locally and are available all year long.

Other “Best of AIIAS” item on my list are the outstanding alumni who hold leadership positions as presidents of Adventist colleges, GC Associate Education Director, Union presidents, treasurers and leaders throughout the world church and community. AIIAS is proud of its alumni and their contributions to their communities and to the mission of the church.

I hope that through this issue you will become better acquainted with AIIAS. These are some of the great things that make AIIAS such an enjoyable place for students, faculty and staff to work and study. The pictures are intended to give you an insight into our world and why we think this is the very best place for us, and maybe even for you.



Stephen R. Guptill

AIIAS Gateway to MISSION

As a missiologist, working at AIIAS is a unique opportunity for mission. The pictures and text in this issue are meant to convey the rich cultural context that AIIAS enjoys which is so much a part of the AIIAS educational experience.

AIIAS is situated on the doorstep of Asia. In less time it would take to fly from Los Angeles to New York, one can encounter the complex and exciting world of Buddhism in Thailand, Islam in Jakarta, the Great Wall of

China in Beijing and the tribal peoples of Papua, New Guinea. Whereas many people are familiar with looking through copies of National Geographic magazine, the community of AIIAS has the opportunity to actually visit and experience these diverse places first hand.

Jesus has called us not to be tourists of the world, but to go and make disciples of the nations. AIIAS has been granted the great opportunity to be a gateway for mission. If you are inspired by these pages and want to further prepare yourself for service, I would like to invite you to become part of this wonderful community.

JA Park

The **BEST** of AIIAS: Gateway to **MISSION**

By JAMES H. PARK, Associate Professor of Discipleship and Church Growth



AIIAS CAMPUS

The beautiful AIIAS campus is situated some 40 miles from Manila at about 1000 feet above sea level which makes for a pleasant climate throughout the year. The campus has wide expanses of grass dotted by coconut palms and tropical plants. It is a very pleasant environment to study, walk and rest the mind.

AIIAS PRAYER GARDEN

On almost all Adventist college and university campuses in Asia, a peaceful prayer garden invites individuals and groups to come apart and pray. The soothing sound of flowing water complements the quiet beauty of flower and fern and directs the thoughts to lie down in the green pastures of the Good Shepherd's choosing.



AIIAS BELL TOWER

The Bell Tower was designed by Edwin Reynolds when he taught in the Biblical Studies Department at AIIAS. Meant to symbolize the "A" (alpha the first letter of the Greek alphabet), it is a multipurpose campus gathering place. Flags from many countries encircle the Bell Tower on special occasions.



AIIAS AUDITORIUM

The newest building on campus is the recently completed AIIAS Auditorium. It seats over 1,000 and has a kitchen, a fellowship hall, a media center, Sabbath School rooms, and lecture halls. Major musical, cultural and academic events are planned for campus and community enrichment.



AIIAS LIBRARY

The AIIAS Library is at the center of the campus and has about 50,000 books as well as over 8,000 online journals, an instructional media center and an E. G. White research center. The catalog can be electronically searched over the internet and provides space for students to engage in research and study.

AIIAS STUDENTS

AIIAS attracts graduate students from all over the world and is truly an international community. The relatively small size of the campus ensures a lot of interaction between the administration, faculty, students and staff. This cross-cultural diversity in itself is one of the major educational components and benefits of the AIIAS campus.



AIIAS FACULTY

The AIIAS faculty is itself diverse. Most of the world divisions of the church are represented by the faculty who teach Education, Health, Business and Theology. Because most of the students and faculty live on campus, there are many opportunities for them to interact with one another on a scholastic and informal basis.

AIIAS MINISTRY

Pictured here is Dr. Andreas Binus, a Master of Public Health student from Germany who has taken just a few minutes to treat a high blood pressure patient. Just outside the AIIAS gates, there are many opportunities to serve the community in meaningful ways and opportunities to put faith into practice.





SOUTHERN ASIA-PACIFIC DIVISION—1 MILE

The very beautiful Southern Asia-Pacific Division office is located just one mile from the AIIAS campus. This close proximity provides good opportunities for AIIAS to respond to the ongoing needs and challenges of the field.



MANILA—35 MILES

Manila is the capital of the Philippines and is located some 35 miles from AIIAS. The international airport can usually be reached in just over an hour. There are many stores and services in Manila which meet the needs of the campus community. Faculty and students often go to Manila on Sabbaths to do ministry.

SILANG CATHOLIC CHURCH—2 MILES

At the heart of every Filipino town is the Catholic Church. Silang is the small town which is adjacent to AIIAS and at its center is this Catholic Church which was founded on February 3, 1595. Every year in February, the town comes alive with a colorful fiesta and the church is ablaze with lights. It is an excellent place to learn about Filipino culture.



BAGUIO CITY—178 MILES

Baguio is considered the summer capital of the Philippines because of its cool mountain weather. It is also called the City of Pines because of its many pine trees. It is located in northern Luzon. You can travel by land or air to reach the city. Tourism is one of Baguio's main industries. This is the perfect place for those who are from cold weather countries.



TAAL LAKE—18 MILES

The AIIAS campus is on a ridge a few miles from an active volcano. At the rim of the volcano is the resort town of Tagaytay where people from Manila come on weekends to enjoy the cool breezes and wonderful vistas of Taal Lake. A boat can be rented to take the short ride to the smoldering remnant of this once great volcano.



PALAWAN ISLAND—250 MILES

Located southwest of AIIAS is the beautiful tropical island of Palawan. Relatively untouched, the island has many natural attractions including the famous underground river, pristine beaches, and diving and snorkeling sites. The island also has many tribal groups, and the Adventist Church is active in reaching them through education and medical ministry.

MANILA BAY—20 MILES

Manila Bay is only 20 miles from AIIAS and provides a great natural harbor and income for many people along its shores. Here we see a fisherman trying to net a catch just offshore. Manila Bay is alive with many small towns and it is a good place to visit to see the culture and livelihood of the people.



MARAWI CITY—450 MILES

Marawi City is a Muslim community located in the Southern Philippines and is the home of a major educational institution—Mindanao State University. There is a very active Adventist congregation of 150 members who are allowed to freely worship on the campus every Sabbath. This is a great place to go to learn about the Muslim culture and context.





BANGKOK, THAILAND—1,200 MILES

Exotic and mysterious, Bangkok, Thailand can be reached in 3 hours by plane from Manila. Thailand is a thoroughly Buddhist country with many temples and monks. Bangkok itself is a very modern city which boasts great architecture along with the famous Thai cuisine. One of the best places to learn about Buddhist culture and society.



BANDUNG, INDONESIA—1,600 MILES

Bandung is a city located some 2 hours from Jakarta which boasts a variety of landscapes. Pictured here is a beautiful pastoral scene just beside our Adventist university named UNAI. Bandung has a large Adventist hospital and is just one of many places to visit in Indonesia including Bali, Borneo, Manado and Sumatra.

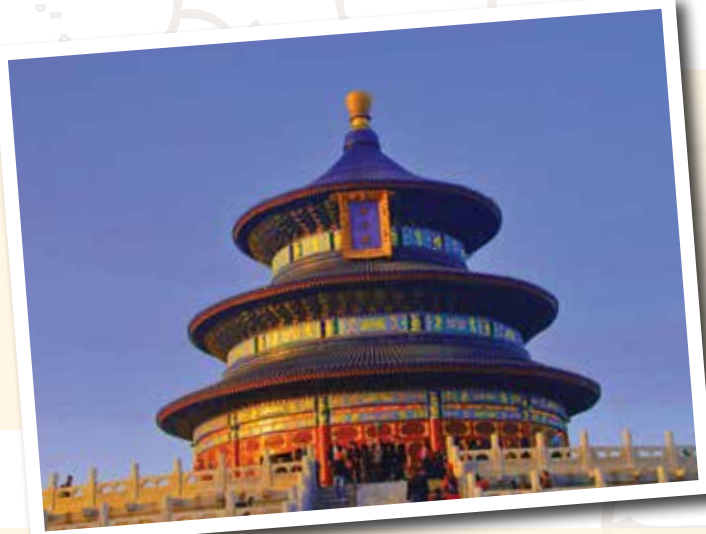
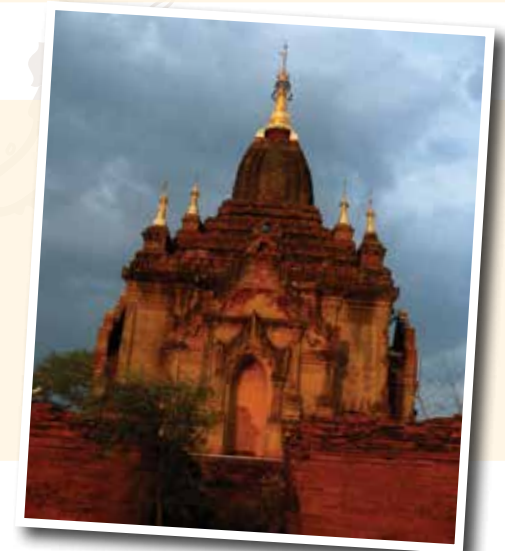
SINGAPORE—1,300 MILES

Located just 3 hours' flight time from Manila is the very modern and exciting city of Singapore. It is the home of many multi-national corporations as well as outlets for famous brands. An excellent transportation system links together this unique city. Singapore is an excellent place to learn about the postmodern way of thinking.



BAGAN, MYANMAR—1,700 MILES

Myanmar (formerly known as Burma), neighbors Thailand and is also a Buddhist country. Several hours by bus from Yangon is the ancient city of Bagan which boasts over 2,200 one-thousand-year-old pagodas. In May of 2010 a class from AIIAS visited Bagan to learn about Buddhism and the unique history and archeology of the region.



BEIJING, CHINA—1,500 MILES

The capital of China is located just a 4-hour flight north of Manila. It is both the political and tourist center of China. Its many attractions include the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, the Olympic “Bird Nest” stadium, and the Summer Palace. There are active Adventist churches in Beijing. This is a fantastic place to go to learn about modern and ancient Chinese history and culture.



PAPUA, NEW GUINEA—1,700 MILES

Papua, New Guinea is a mountainous country which is home to many exotic tribes and peoples. When compared to an ultra-modern city like Singapore, it is easy to see the great diversity of cultures that are relatively available to interact with and study near the AIIAS campus.

SEOUL, KOREA—1,600 MILES

Pictured here are the famous cherry blossoms of Seoul, Korea. The capital of Korea is a thoroughly modern city with a great airport. Korea is the most Christian of any northern Asian country. The Adventist Church operates the largest Adventist school in the world at Sahmyook University.



KOLKATA, INDIA—2,200 MILES

Kolkata is an old British colony in India with a very large population. India is the birthplace of ancient Hinduism (as well as Buddhism) and its many gods still have a profound impact on the people. Pictured here is a Hindu temple built by a rich man in the heart of the city. Kolkata offers a unique opportunity to experience the ancient and modern culture of India.





BUDDHISTS

There are about 800 million Buddhists in the world today with the greatest concentration in Southeast Asia. Pictured here is a Thai boy who is training to be a monk. Buddhists have traditionally been highly resistant to the gospel. AIIAS has consulted with the Adventist Church in Thailand and other places in seeking to develop new methodologies to reach these people.

THE CHINESE

China is the most populous country on earth and has emerged as an economic and political power over the last twenty years. Pictured here are three young Chinese girls near the Summer Palace in Beijing. The Adventist Church in China is growing especially among the young people. AIIAS currently has about twenty-five students from China studying on campus.



MUSLIMS

Because of historical events and sociological pressures, the one billion Muslims which comprise the world's population have been highly resistant to the Christian faith. Pictured here are two Muslim girls near Bandung, Indonesia. AIIAS, along with many others, is seeking to understand and reach out to this precious people group.

TRIBAL

There are hundreds of tribal groups within Southeast Asia. Pictured here is a young Manobo girl from the southern Philippines resting with her family in a makeshift bamboo hut. The Adventist Church has an active program to reach these tribal peoples through the SULADS program at Mountain View College.



Gateway to the 10/40 WINDOW

By JAMES H. PARK, Associate Professor of Discipleship and Church Growth

A Glimpse Inside the 10/40 Window

The 10/40 Window is a term coined by Christian mission strategist Luis Bush in 1990 to refer to those regions of the eastern hemisphere located between 10 and 40 degrees north of the equator. Roughly two-thirds of the world's population lives in the 10/40 Window which is populated by the most disadvantaged people with the least access to Christian influence. Traditional institutional methods and evangelistic approaches that the Adventist Church has used in other parts of the world are either highly restricted or less than effective in many countries within this region.

Within this challenging framework, the Big 4 proposal was developed and approved which envisioned the training at the Master's level of 60 local leaders: 20 in ministering to Buddhism; 20 in reaching out to the Chinese and 20 in sharing with the Muslim peoples. It was decided that the original fourth concept of educating for urban/secular ministry would be included in the contextual training of all three groups.

The Master of Arts in Ministry – Intercultural Studies

One of the biggest challenges in implementing the proposal was to decide what degree was to be offered, given all the components that had to be taken into consideration. The regular 72-unit MDiv program was too long and also did not have enough flexibility. After some study, it was felt that the MA in Ministry degree, which was already in existence, would meet the requirements of the Big 4 program without requiring the design of a completely new degree.

Many individuals were consulted and had input into the development of the new programs. For the Buddhist Component: Scott Griswold, Buddhist Study Center; Insom Surachet, Communications Director, Thailand Mission. For the Chinese Component: Miguel Luna, NSD Ministerial Director; Chek Yat Phoon, NSD Education Director; Robert Wong, CHUM Ministerial Director and Verna Wu, CHUM Education Director. For the Muslim Component: Lester Merklin, Head of the Adventist Muslim Relations Center; Bruce Bauer, Chair, Missions Department, Andrews University; and Velda Cox, Adventist Muslim Relations Center.

The original 39-unit program was increased to 42 units (14 courses) to meet the institutional and accreditation needs. The MA in Ministry has a core of 4 courses in Missiology, 2 in Biblical Studies and Theology, and 2 in Research and writing, as well as 6 courses in each emphasis. Under the grant received from the General Conference E-tithe funds, additional faculty will be hired on a contract basis to teach the courses related to Buddhist, Chinese and Muslim ministry.

Student Qualifications and Distribution

Individuals who have successfully worked in ministry in one of these three areas of specialization will be selected for sponsorship to this special MA program. On completion of their degree, they will be responsible for training people in their region for ministry to these target groups.

The choice of distribution of students was based on the relative presence in each county of either Buddhist, Chinese or Muslim components. While all countries have Buddhists, Chinese and Muslims, those areas with higher concentrations will be given priority. A country will be allowed to send students for more than one of the three areas of specialization.

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Schedule of Classes and Facilities

The first and fourth years of the program will be offered on the AIIAS campus. The students will be accommodated on the 1000 Missionary Movement campus, which is very near AIIAS. Three Distance Learning Center sites will be chosen in order to facilitate the contextualized instruction of the program. It was decided to have the first year at AIIAS in order to form a cohesive cohort, provide an orientation to the program and to acquaint the students with the library and research resources. The first classes are scheduled to be taught from September 20 to October 30, 2010.

Dr. Jim Park will lead out in the overall coordination of the program and the Chinese component, because of his knowledge of the Chinese language and people. Dr. Reuel Almocera will oversee the Muslim component because of his acquaintance with Islam in the Southern Philippines. Dr. Chung Youngsoo from Korea will lead out in the Buddhist component. Finally, Dr. Ben Mergal, the Director of the off-campus programs in the Seminary, will be in charge of the logistics of the program. It is our united hope and prayer that this new program will greatly help in making AIIAS a gateway to mission. [3]

Siew Huy Auditorium: A NEW Place to GROW

By SHAWNA VYHMEISTER, Professor of Curriculum and Instruction



Siew Huy Auditorium: A New Place for AIIAS to Grow

October 16-18 marked a special weekend in the history of AIIAS as it celebrated the grand opening of the Siew Huy Auditorium located within its campus. The auditorium is a facility that will cater to the needs of the AIIAS community as a place of worship, for graduations, for academic presentations, concerts, and other special events, as opposed to using the AIIAS gymnasium for such functions.



Grand Opening

Led by trumpet calls and flag bearers representing the different nationalities that make up the AIIAS community, more than a thousand AIIAS church members and visitors marched from the AIIAS gym to their new place of worship. There was a symbolism of the Christian journey to the New Jerusalem and of king David's procession bringing the Ark to the temple. The AIIAS family joyfully made their way to the impressive new fan-

shaped multipurpose building, which will also serve as a place of worship. In a grand and moving performance of "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" the combined AIIAS mass choir and orchestra led the procession as the congregation filed into the new 1200-seat auditorium. The special service combining the graduation baccalaureate service and the grand opening celebration of worship featured Dr. P. D. Chun, former Division President and graduate of AIIAS.

Commencement Extraordinaire

The 93rd AIIAS graduating class commencement program on Sunday, October 18 was held for the first time in the beautiful new Siew Huy Auditorium at AIIAS. The graduating class was made up of 49 graduates from 17 countries. Among the graduates, 8 earned doctoral degrees, 40 earned master's degrees, and one received a graduate certificate. With all due pomp and circumstance, and led by rows of flag marshals, the graduates and faculty marched into the new building. His Excellency, Ambassador of Indonesia, Dr. Irzan Tandjung gave the commencement address. A graduate of the University of Illinois with a Ph.D. in Economics, this Christian gentleman and statesman has honored AIIAS by his friendship and frequent visits to the campus.



Gala Concert & Recognition

Sunday evening, a gala concert was held in the new AIIAS Siew Huy Auditorium featuring the talents of the AIIAS family. Outstanding sacred performances were presented during the first half of the concert, followed by secular presentations during the second half. Music ranged from classical to contemporary, to folk/cultural renditions. Interspersed between the performances, recognition was given to the many individuals and companies who



had a part in the design, funding, supplying and building of the new auditorium.

Building Features

Siew Huy Auditorium sits on the highest point of land on the AIIAS campus. With its fan-shaped main auditorium, with raised floor in the back, there is no bad seat in the house. Given the acoustic properties of the building, it will become a favorite for concerts, and has already been requested by off-campus groups who wish to perform there.

Open on the sides, with a high ceiling, air circulates freely. A special feature of the new auditorium is the decorative grills principally designed by Delft Pagaduan. Along the back are 12



panels depicting the many countries and regions of the world representing the diversity of AIIAS students and faculty. Along the sides of the auditorium are massive panels depicting the days of creation.

In addition to the main auditorium, the building includes several classrooms, a media room, counseling rooms, a pastor's office, and a function hall, as well as an open-air deck and an outdoor amphitheater. Parking is available in the adjacent administration building parking lot.

Appreciation

Siew Huy Auditorium, AIIAS' new multipurpose building, is named for the elder brother of Dr. Dato Tan Hian-Tsin and his wife Sui Lan, whose significant donation, along with the gifts of other major donors, made the building of this auditorium possible. Heartfelt appreciation is also expressed to the General Conference as well as the Northern and Southern Asia Pacific Divisions and Unions for their contributions which helped to make this dream a reality.

Key to the construction of the auditorium were the architect, Mr. Augie De la Paz; the builders, Mr. Nathaniel Atienza and Mr. Jose Bong Bumalay, Jr.; building consultant, Mr. Jim Hippler; Mrs. Trevlynn Oberholster, as well as the AIIAS administration and countless workers, supervisors, and others who donated time, expertise, or services. Special thanks goes to the AIIAS/SSD community, who turned out on more



than one occasion to help prepare the building site inside and out, for the inaugural events.

Just as this issue of FLAGS was about to go to press, AIIAS has received full permission to occupy the entire auditorium, including the classrooms and the function hall. Sabbath School classes are now being held in the building, as well as the church fellowship luncheon, and the Pastor's office has moved to its new, permanent location. 



SPIRITUALITY and SERVICE

By CAROL TASKER, Associate Professor for Religious Education, and Spiritual Life and Family Ministries



“We never dreamed we would ever have the chance to make personal friends with fellow Adventists from Mongolia and Africa, Japan and Indonesia, Russia, China, Europe and Korea, South America and USA...it’s like a foretaste of Heaven.” (Judy and Leeroy Elisha, Solomon Islands.)

A Doctor of Ministry student shared the excitement of his Management Theory class in which the

11 class members came from 11 different countries.

The professor, with extensive cross-cultural experience added a number of additional cultural insights to the class presentations that spanned eight church Divisions of the world church. Adventist graduate education does not get better than that.

The possibilities for Spiritual Life on the AIIAS campus are equally as rich and diverse. And since all of our lives are lived in the presence of God, spiritual life is a 7-day affair. Each day we study, work and worship with people from so many countries. From worships at the beginning of each class, to small prayer and study groups, to weekly jail ministry trips, to community outreach and service projects, to annual mission trips – there is no shortage of possibilities for drawing people closer to God, and acknowledging His presence in our own lives.

Spiritual life is all about responding to God’s initiatives, joining Him where He is working. Of course we can ask God for direction anywhere, anytime, but for a number of people at AIIAS the Phillip Boughman Meditation and Prayer Garden is the special place where they wrestle with God, seeking His will and guidance. Various mission initiatives and life-changing decisions may be traced to individual or small group time spent with God in the prayer garden.

Community outreach can be as creative and varied as the classes we offer at AIIAS. Last year’s Faith and Learning class conducted five seminars in the community for parents on the spiritual development of their children. The Health and Ministry class conducted community assessment; AIIAS MPH students supported the SSD president’s evangelistic campaign with a major Health Expo and comprehensive health assessment for the community in nearby Silang.

A group of seminary students volunteer their services on a regular basis to provide spiritual leadership and support to nearby churches without pastors. The AIIAS Church on campus is also the parent church for a number of new churches established in the last few years under the direction of the AIIAS Church pastor. Evangelistic campaigns have been run by both students and staff in these struggling communities and baptisms have resulted.

Prison ministry to a number of district jails every Sabbath requires a sizeable group of committed staff and students. It’s not just spiritual nurture that AIIAS has provided. A number of projects requiring considerable financial outlay have been personally supported by students and staff alike. Providing a recreation area where inmates can breathe a little fresh air for an hour a week has to be like a breath of heaven after living in a cramped cell with 50 others

24/7, where there is not even sufficient space for all to lie down horizontally at the same time. Plastic water barrels have been provided so there is a little more water for drinking and washing in these cramped quarters.

Discipleship and training is an important component of Spiritual Life. Since 1996, Master Guide and Pathfinder Leadership training has been available to students, staff and spouses. Ruby Orate, a long term supporter of this program, reports that typically 30 or more enlist for training each year and at the end of each year, at least 15 are ready to be invested. Mature students from Bangladesh, India, China, Russia and Ukraine have been especially grateful for the opportunity to train as Master Guides and study for Pathfinder Leadership Awards. In the course of their training they become valuable staff members for the 100+ strong campus AIIAS Pathfinder Club, and when they return to their countries, they establish new clubs. Both the Pathfinder Club and a further 120 Adventurers assisted in distribution of relief food and clothing for victims of the Manila typhoons and floods towards the end of 2009.

For the last 4 years, several students have been ministering at a local women’s shelter founded by Pastor Jim Park. Along with weekly Friday night Bible studies for adults, teens and children, the ministry has provided shelter for needy women and their children, medical visits and help for poor people, the construction of grow boxes and greenhouses on a former tennis court and the employment of Bible workers to study with the many interests. The ministry is currently partnered with ADRA Philippines,

which provides consultation and administrative oversight.

Spirituality is about recognizing God at work, and we praise God for His many initiatives such as the daily 5 a.m. prayer & study group of students and faculty who have been meeting since May 2009, the Korean Pastor who has chosen to have an early morning Bible study and prayer group with juniors and teens from his country at 6 a.m.



each morning, theology students who voluntarily study with new believers both on campus and off; the Sabbath afternoon women’s spiritual nurture group, as well as the mission trips to Northeast India, Indonesia, and various locations in the Philippines.

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Music is an important and glorious part of AIIAS spiritual life, both on campus for all worship services, as well as gospel outreach through the ministry of music. One AIIAS group, *The Voices* recently toured Japan, and the AIIAS youth choir went to South East Asia and Indonesia. Various cultural groups meet together for mid-week prayer meetings, Bible studies and sundown worships.

Of course, graduate students come to AIIAS with their children; there are wonderful spiritual opportunities for children of all ages on campus. The AIIAS Junior Academy (Grades 1-10) is a true United Nations with regular opportunities for musical performances, weeks of prayer, and class worships.



The AIIAS International Church serves God’s children of all ages. Three Cradle Roll Sabbath Schools, 2 Kindergarten, 3 Primary and 1 large Junior Sabbath School, as well as vibrant teen and youth Sabbath Schools involve scores of children and dedicated teachers who learn from each other in this global community.

Summing this all up, Spiritual Life is about learning to live life as it was always meant to be, with God at the center, so that who we are with ourselves and with each other depends upon who we are with God. AIIAS is a great place for cultivating faith, and sharing with others our friendship with God with those around us. ☺

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Business Club MISSION TRIP to Indonesia

By ANNALYN OKAN, PhD Business Student



In support of the vision of AIIAS to become a Gateway for Mission, the AIIAS Business Club set out for a mission trip to Manado, Indonesia on March 9, 2010. Coordinating closely with Adventist World, the club sponsor Mr. Raimond Luntungan and AIIAS director for advancement, Mr. Marcus Frey led a team of 13 graduate students

from seven countries. The students were from China, Germany, Ghana, Indonesia, Kenya, Myanmar and the Philippines. Twelve of them were from the Business Department, and one was from the Seminary.

The purpose of the trip was to help build two churches, to conduct seminars and to host programs in the nearby Adventist churches. The main mission was to help build the Sagerat Adventist Church—the first Adventist Church, newly established in the village. The team donated a sum of money to assist in providing the church with glass windows, doors, tiles for flooring, smooth walls, and additional chairs. The team enjoyed helping the church members in putting up and smoothing the walls and hauling tiles for the flooring. Through this project, the team also had the opportunity to fellowship as God’s family with the church members. The church members of Sagerat Adventist Church had been praying for a year for this team to visit.

The team also helped with the building of a GMIM church, a protestant church in the same village. This church congregation has the largest number of members in the North Celebes Islands. Aside from donating some funds for the ongoing construction of their building, together with some church members of GMIM church, the team eagerly helped in the painting of the walls of the church. The team enjoyed the opportunity to interact and share God’s love with people from another denomination.

Two seminars were also conducted along with the church building project and they anchored on budgeting, family and personal finance, and small and medium businesses. The first seminar was held at Sagerat village, Bitung City on March 16 and was attended by about a hundred local residents. The second one was conducted on March 17 in the government hall of Amurang City, which gathered an audience of almost 200 women, most of whom were Muslims, either working for the government, or spouses of local officials. These ladies were accompanied by no less than the first lady of the city, Mrs. Hetty Mawontu, SP.d who was also the leader of the city women’s movement association.

Other highlights of the mission trip were the visits to two Adventist universities in Indonesia: Klabat University in Manado and the Adventist University of Indonesia in Bandung. The team was able to interact with the officers and the students from both universities, fellowship with the church elders and the youth of Bitung Adventist Pioneer Church and Grandaria Adventist Church in Jakarta where the team hosted an Adventist Youth program. They also held meetings with AIIAS MBA Alumni in Manado and Jakarta where they were able to network, and share the school vision with the alumni.

The team was grateful for the AIIAS Adventist World project managed by the Business Club that helped fund this mission trip. It was a life-changing experience for the group members. “The team is very grateful for this chance to be a part of fulfilling the gospel commission which is to go and share the love of Christ to other people,” said Marolop Siahaan, the newly elected Religious VP of the Business Club. The business club is looking forward to another mission trip like this in the future.

A MESSAGE from the Deans



DENISE DUNZWEILER
Graduate School Dean

Did you know that we live in a world where more than 1 million students now study outside of their home countries? Are you interested in challenging yourself to higher education in a new and different environment where your spiritual life will grow?

You may have read articles in Time, Newsweek, or U.S. News and World Report referring to studying abroad as a cost effective alternative to American higher education. AIIAS offers globalized Seventh-day Adventist education, where trends in higher education have cross-national implications. These include a global marketplace for students, faculty, and highly educated personnel, and the global reach of internet-based technologies, among others. The Philippines is at the door of the 10-40 window, and opportunities abound for outreach and growth. AIIAS students and their families represent people from all around the globe. Can you imagine studying with 18 classmates from 18 different countries? Additionally, the AIIAS Graduate School includes experienced, outstanding Seventh-day Adventist faculty from Argentina, Australia, Canada, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Malaysia, Peru, South Africa, the United States, and of course, the Philippines. The insights gained by learning, living, and praying with people from other cultures are invaluable. On our campus



DAVID TASKER
Seminary Dean

Welcome to AIIAS—the best kept secret in Adventist graduate education!

Let me explain... AIIAS is located in a corner of the globe that the rest of the world knows very little about. Yet it is on the doorstep of the 10/40 Window, the most important focal point for mission that

the church has. Here you will have first hand access to the major world religions, and this is the only place in the world that offers a comprehensive range of graduate programs on how to approach Buddhists, Muslims and the huge metropolises of Asia, including China.

AIIAS is an international school and not limited to just one country. Part of its government charter is that it may only have 30% of students and faculty from its home base—the Philippines. And this is in fact, the case. Our faculty and students come from every corner of the globe, and its cultural mix is indeed a foretaste of Heaven. They come from countries in the Americas, Europe and the former Soviet bloc, pan-Africa, Asia, and the island nations of the Pacific.

you will experience a full, vibrant spiritual life—with believers from all over the world.

The mission of AIIAS includes the development of leaders who are of service to both the community and the Adventist Church. Because purely academic work does not always integrate leadership or service opportunities, the Graduate School has included a Service Learning component. This provides an exceptional opportunity for gaining international experience serving others during your graduate education.

Getting your Master's or Doctorate in another country may not be as difficult as you imagine. Located in the beautiful Philippines, the AIIAS Graduate School offers excellent and affordable degrees in Business, Education, and Public Health. Our programs are recognized by the Adventist Accrediting Association (AAA), and the Philippine Accrediting Association of Schools, Colleges, and Universities (PAASCU). English is the first language of AIIAS, and is spoken predominately throughout the Philippines. AIIAS is also inexpensive for international graduate education. Tuition, books, living expenses, and airfare are incredibly affordable, and entrance requirements are typical of most graduate schools. Although you may want to stay longer in this lovely place, our goal is for you to graduate from your program of choice on a reasonable timeline, and return to serve others.

For students who are interested in challenging the 'norm' of homeland graduate education, developing a stronger spiritual life, and learning more than the contents of their textbooks, coming to AIIAS Graduate School is the right decision. We hope to see you soon! 📖

AIIAS graduates are in great demand. You can find them on every continent and at every level of the church's structure. They are senior pastors, departmental directors at all levels, college Bible teachers, university professors, and presidents of colleges and universities, as well as of conferences, unions and divisions. They have the tools needed to do the job, and they are distinguishing themselves in the process.

AIIAS upholds the highest academic standards. Seminary professors are given leave for professional growth, to write and to attend conferences. They are expected to present papers at both the international and US-based meetings of the Society of Biblical Literature (SBL), a major event on the calendar of theological events worldwide.

Seminary classes are not just taught on campus but are also conducted as intensives at a number of off-campus sites. This makes it easier for more students to undertake graduate study. Additionally, a growing number of students are now able to pursue an ever-increasing range of courses online. This means that prospective students have greater choices available to them in the pursuit of their career options.

So there you have it. The secret is out. It is no longer appropriate to stick to the old "business as usual" approach. It is too close to the return of Jesus for that. Step out of the box and study with us. And oh, did I mention that it will cost you only about a third of what it would if you studied in the US? What are you waiting for? 📖

INVESTING in AIIAS Is Investing in MISSION

By MARCUS FREY, Advancement Office



When my family and I received the call in January 2008 to serve at AIIAS, I did not know where the place was or what programs were offered. Doing some research on AIIAS I was stunned and asked myself: Why did I not know about this place? It almost seems like the best-kept secret in the Seventh-day Adventist community. Being called to AIIAS as Director of Development and Advancement, I made it my personal goal to change that.

AIIAS serves the world church by providing high quality graduate education for students from over 50 countries. Our graduates are uniquely qualified to work in a variety of international settings and serve as leaders in numerous positions all over the world, contributing to the mission of the Adventist Church directly, as well as through organizations such as the United Nations, World Vision and the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA).

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The Graduate School offers graduate degrees in Education, Public Health, and Business, including a PhD in Education, and the only PhD in Business in the worldwide Adventist educational system. The Seminary plays a significant role in educating denominational leaders, and offers programs specifically designed to prepare workers for the 10/40 Window. AIIAS Online continues to add more high quality degrees in order to offer an array of options for those who can not relocate in order to study full time.

AIIAS serves as a Gateway to Mission for the entire Asia region, as well as much of the rest of the developing world.

Investing in AIIAS is Investing in Mission. Most AIIAS graduates return to their home countries to serve, providing strong leadership in churches, missions, schools and colleges, businesses, government and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) around the world. Others serve in international settings, providing diversity in the regions where they serve.

Being strategically located on the doorstep of Asia, AIIAS serves as a Gateway to Mission for the entire Asia region, as well as much of the rest of the developing world. Your support ensures that the Word will be spread in the 10/40 Window through graduates from AIIAS, which provides Graduate Education With a Heart for Mission.

Please visit www.aaias.edu/givetoaiias or email Marcus at marcus@aaias.edu for more information about making an impact with an endowed fund at AIIAS.

In these uncertain times, an institution like AIIAS has to strive for stability and independence. An endowment creates financial stability, allowing AIIAS to be less dependent on unpredictable sources of revenue. Endowments allow for a rich variety of activities such as scholarships and fellowships for talented students, support for distinguished and dedicated faculty through professorships and endowed chairs, support for research and other programs. For that reason AIIAS gives you several options to support the important mission that AIIAS has in the 10/40 Window to reach the vast population in this area.



Endowed Scholarships

You can make a significant impact on the lives of people in the 10/40 Window by enabling nationals from those countries to receive a higher education. This special scholarship fund provides a way for students to receive graduate education who would otherwise not have the opportunity. Your gift will give more students access to educational opportunities and help AIIAS attract and retain the best students.

Endowed Chairs

This endowment will enhance the quality of instruction and research. It will greatly assist the institution's efforts to attract and retain outstanding faculty and administrative staff by providing salary supplements and supporting professional development funding. Prestigious endowed chairs and professorships will support exceptional faculty in each of the institution's academic departments, where they will provide lively and cutting edge teaching and research.

The Annual Fund

By giving to the AIIAS Annual Fund, unrestricted support for essential needs is provided, helping significantly in the daily operation of the institution. Consistent giving is the cornerstone of the Annual Fund's success. By making a gift to the Annual Fund, you can nurture the aspirations of students who are changing the world for the better.

Current *TRENDS* in Adventist Theology 12th Annual AIIAS Theological Seminary Forum

By MICHAEL OLUIKPE, PhD Student



Adventist Theology is at the heart of the message and mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and its educational institutions.

However, the world church is presently experiencing biblical and doctrinal challenges from the local fields that have attempted to create various changes in the church's unique theology. There is, therefore, a need to maintain and clarify the church's biblical stand on these challenging issues. It is on this basis that the AIIAS Theological Seminary chose the theme "Current Trends in Adventist Theology" for its 12th annual Theological Forum, held October 29-31, 2009, in the AIIAS Amphitheater.



Each session began with a special devotional service stressing the need for the Holy Spirit's leading in the proceedings and presentations on issues from the Word of God. The opening session included a candle lighting ceremony and responsive reading of selected Bible texts. This symbolized a public commitment made by the delegates and presenters to be true to the Bible in their participation during the Forum. A dedicatory prayer sealed this commitment.

The key resource persons for the Forum were members of the Biblical Research Institute (BRI), an important auxiliary to the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Presenters included Dr. Angel Rodriguez (Director) and his

associates, Drs. Gerhard Pfandl, Ekkehardt Mueller and Clinton Wahlen. They presented papers on the current trends of Adventist Theology and answered questions related to their presentations. Rodriguez explained the role of the BRI, how it works, and their plan for its future especially as it relates to SDA scholars and theologians in Adventist educational institutions and church administration. He pointed out the need for an emphasis on the centrality of the biblical message and mission of the Adventist Church by the leaders and teachers at all levels of church organization and our schools. This would keep church leaders and members focused and prevent them from being confused by "winds of false doctrine." He also stressed that the foundation of Adventist doctrines is not a majority vote by the church delegates at the General Conference session but the Bible as the Inspired Word of God.

In addition to the BRI delegates, three other professors made presentations: Dr. David Tasker, the AIIAS Seminary Dean; Dr. Eliezer Gonzalez, from Avondale College; and Dr. Woodrow Whidden, head of the AIIAS Historical Theology Department.

Attendees included participants of various ages, and from various countries, levels of church organization and educational backgrounds. A total of around 120 delegates were present, from Australia, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand and the Philippines. This included a large number of Seminary students, but also attendees from several sister colleges in the Philippines and Indonesia, as well as church administrators from several Conferences and Missions within the Southern Asia-Pacific Division, and attendees from the Division itself.

God mercifully diverted a typhoon on Sabbath morning, and the Forum continued with a potluck fellowship and a question-and-answer session involving the presenters. Giving of certificates, awards, gifts of appreciation and picture taking followed after the last session of the Forum. The participants were blessed to be part of such a significant event and are already looking forward to next year's Seminary Forum.



Abundant Living: *NEW* Perspectives The 11th Graduate School Forum

By CESAR AUGUSTO GALVEZ, Chair of Public Health Department

"This event surpassed our expectations; thank you for motivating us to attend it!" said one faculty member from Mountain View College who, together with a delegation of 42 faculty and students of the College of Health, had traveled 6 hours by car and 2 hours by plane to attend the 11th Graduate School Forum. "The behavioral tools to change that I got from this forum are just powerful," said a doctoral student from the Adventist University of Philippines. "The forum helped my husband to change," said an AIIAS faculty wife.

These were some of the remarks of the 476 professionals, graduate faculty, and students who attended the forum. The event was held on January 28-30, 2010 in the new AIIAS Siew Huy Auditorium. The attendees represented more than 10 Adventist and non-Adventist universities, colleges, hospitals, Unions, Conferences and Missions.

Dr. Gary Hullquist, the keynote speaker, is a consultant for managed health care systems in the U.S. Other presenters were Dr. Miriam Estrada, Dean of the College of Health of Adventist University of the Philippines, and Dr. Domilyn Villareiz, coordinator of the Smoke-Free City Program in Davao—the first smoke-free city in the world. The Public Health Department faculty and other Graduate School professors made presentations on the skills, strategies, and educational tools for effective behavior change.



This Forum was the largest paid academic event in AIIAS history. Thanks goes largely to the Public Health faculty and students, who worked hard to organize, advertise, and manage the event. Several Adventist institutions and conferences have already requested the Public Health faculty to conduct similar events for their personnel.



Spreading the knowledge about what is defined as good and bad from a health perspective is only the beginning; this alone cannot change people. Using new educational techniques aimed at motivating behavior change is required for change to actually take place.

A Worldwide **ONLINE** Community

By LENI CASIMIRO, Director of Division of Online Learning

“Online learning at AIIAS is one of my greatest learning experiences. It’s flexible and allows me to work while studying.” “I certainly wouldn’t have been able to study any other way....” These are just a few of the words expressed by students of AIIAS Online—the virtual campus of the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIIAS).

The goal of AIIAS Online is to deliver quality graduate Christian education that is accessible anywhere in the world and affordable to church workers who want to prepare to serve in God’s vineyard. It focuses on student-centered, contextualized learning experiences designed to develop mature spiritual leaders in their fields of expertise.

Because of the nature of online learning, students can take graduate classes even while employed full time or even if they are distant from an Adventist educational institution. They do not have to leave their workplaces as learning takes place totally over the Internet. This makes AIIAS Online an ideal option for many church workers and missionaries who desire academic upgrading. At present, 90% of online students are working in Adventist institutions, some as church administrators, and they come from 12 of the 13 divisions of the world church. Roughly 50% of them are missionaries, working in 18 different countries around the world.



Degree programs offered at AIIAS Online are based primarily on the needs of the church. They are offered with the same rigor as the on-campus courses with instruction from the same international faculty, and the same stringent admission requirements. Online graduate degree programs, as well as shorter graduate certificates are available in Education, Business, Public Health, and Theology. For more details about these programs, **visit our website at <http://online.aiias.edu> or email us at online@aiias.edu.**

AIIAS **HOSTS** Theological Accreditors

By DAVID TASKER, Dean of Seminary

As part of a concerted effort to gain accreditation for all programs of study, the Seminary has become increasingly involved in networking with its accreditors. At an annual assembly held in Malang, Indonesia, July 2009, the Seminary Dean was asked if AIIAS could be the venue for the inaugural meeting of a Philippines national chapter of the Association of Theological Education in South East Asia (ATESEA).

ATESEA is the main accrediting body for the professional programs offered by the AIIAS Seminary. Theological schools in the country have long desired an association to improve their standards. This initiative was an attempt to mutually strengthen each other’s programs of study.

The Dean was also asked to be one of the three vice-presidents for the newly formed association—SAMAHAN NG TEOLOHIKAL NA EDUKASYON NG PILIPINAS (STEP)—The Association of Theological Education in the Philippines.

As a result, on October 21, 2009, 30 delegates from 20 theological schools met at AIIAS for the day to discuss ways in which to enhance theological education in the country. Delegates appreciated very much the fellowship and facilities at AIIAS, and responded warmly to Dr. Leni Casimiro’s presentation of a paper about teaching online. They also appreciated the sumptuous vegetarian meals provided by a team of on-campus ladies. A number of Seminary faculty were present as observers and this provided further opportunities for networking. We thank God for these opportunities and for the positive benefits we are seeing already as a result.

AIIAS **HOLDS** Seminar for Silang **BUSINESSES**

By ERIC NASUTION, Professor in Business



The Silang municipality has a total population of over 156,000 residents, living in a total area of 210 square kilometers. According to the municipal office, there were 80 small and medium enterprises (SMEs) operating in Silang at the end of 2009. These 80 enterprises have an imperative mission of developing the Silang economy and creating a better standard of living in the region.

On November 27, 2009, the AIIAS Business Department, in cooperation with the Silang Municipal Office and the Philippine Stock Exchange, conducted a seminar on “Capital Market Financing Strategy for Small and Medium Enterprises in Silang.” About 50 participants, including a small number of representatives of the Silang enterprises, attended the seminar at the AIIAS Amphitheater. The seminar sought to inform these enterprises about capital market financing strategies which could effectively assist them in achieving their development goals.

The resource speakers included officials from the Philippine Stock Exchange, as well as Dr. Eric Nasution, AIIAS Business Department professor. One guest speaker, Mr. Antonio Tiu, concluded that his company is an operating testimony of how to successfully use capital markets as a strategy for growth. He also shared with the seminar participants his advice on how to use this strategy and experience moving from the small to the medium board at the Philippine Stock Exchange.

The seminar encouraged the SMEs in Silang to further develop their enterprises. Their success would mean more jobs and more income for Silang residents. This event is one example of how AIIAS can assist in the economic development of nearby towns.

Seminary **Holds** **SYMPOSIUM** on Calvinism, Arminianism, and **ADVENTISM**

By IAN FELICITAS, PhD Student

The Theological-Historical Studies Department of the Seminary acknowledged the 400-year death anniversary of theologian Jacobus Arminius (October 10, 1560-October 19, 1609) by sponsoring a symposium on Calvinism, Arminianism, and Adventism, held November 29-30, 2009. AIIAS students, faculty and staff, and delegates from Adventist University of the Philippines, Central Philippine Adventist College, and Northern Luzon Adventist College composed the 70 attendees who awaited the answer to the lead question:

“What happened to Calvinism and Arminianism in Adventism?”

Papers presented during this forum addressed this question. Together with selected professors and students from the AIIAS Seminary were guest presenters Dr. Martin Hanna and Dr. Jiri Moskala from the Theological Seminary of Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

A groundbreaking presentation was made by Dr. Aecio Cairus in which he pointed out that John Calvin’s strong emphasis on

the heavenly sanctuary is a much under-appreciated contribution of Calvinism to Adventism. Calvin, of course, did not anticipate Adventism, but he certainly prepared the way for our strong emphasis on the sanctuary doctrine in Protestantism.

Another definitive presentation was given by MAR student Joseph Olstad, “Jack Sequeira, the Arminian against Arminius.” Pastor Jack Sequeira was probably the most influential revivalist in the Adventist world during the 1990s. Sequeira strongly attacked the claim of James Arminius that no one is truly justified until they respond to God’s convicting grace by faith in the forgiving grace of God, but then he went on to teach essentially the same thing with his doctrine of experiential justification.

Other presentations were given by Dr. Woodrow Whidden, Lowell Domocmat, Remwil Tornalejo, and Gary Rustad. The papers presented were informative and thought provoking to those who attended this 2-day event. We are particularly grateful to Dr. Martin Hanna and Dr. Jiri Moskala who came from Andrews University under the auspices of the Adventist Theological Society to help us to put on this symposium.

New Faces at AIIAS



ROCELDA EJERCITADO is an accountant by profession and comes to us from the central part of the Philippines, Negros Occidental. Rocelda and her husband Jaime "Boyett" Ejercitado have been here at AIIAS since 1993 but she joined the library family only in 2008. Rocelda is a soft-spoken and approachable person that you will find in Patron Services. She greets each library patron with a smile and loves to

help them however she can. Rocelda considers the library the best place for her to serve the Lord.



SUNIA FUKOFUKA began working as the assistant to the director of Asia Pacific Research Center in March, 2010. He holds an MBA degree from AIIAS, and is working on his Ph.D. in Business. Sunia is from Tonga, and enjoys working and going to school at AIIAS. He loves the scenery and the people, and he enjoys learning and research. He is anxious to contribute to God's work, regardless

of how small that contribution is. This is his way of saying, "Thank you Lord for the many gifts you have blessed my life with!" Sunia and his American wife Ashley, have three young boys, and they enjoy gardening, swimming and learning together. Sunia is also very talented musically, and we often find him singing and preaching in his "free" time. The Asia Pacific Research Center is blessed, indeed, to have Sunia as part of the team.



NOELIA GALVEZ came to AIIAS in 2009 from Peru where she has been teaching Office Management. Noelia is married to the chair of Health Department, Dr. Cesar Galvez, and is the mother of three children. She is assigned to serve in Patron Services in the library. Noelia is an accommodating and cheerful person with a big heart and a concern for healthy living. If there is someone you see walking

around campus early every morning, that's Noelia!



"Doing your best is more important than being the best" is what Mrs. **PREMA KOLLABATHULA** believes, based on her 10 years of teaching experience. Prema has a college degree in Biology and a master's in public administration, both from India, where she is from. Before joining AIIAS Junior Academy as Grades 9 and 10 Homeroom teacher and science teacher, she

worked in Manado International School, Indonesia, as Grade 10 Homeroom teacher and science teacher. Prema is married to Vijay Kollabathula, and they have two children. She loves working with young people and hopes that she will be able to fit in and work well with the students, teachers and administrators of AJA.



ELLY KOUNTUR came to us in May 2009 from Indonesia where she has experience in office administration. Elly is married to the Director of the Asia Pacific Research Center, Dr. Ronny Kountur, and is the mother of three children. She joined the library staff in Patron Services in April of this year. Elly's hobbies include swimming, aerobics, and cooking.



PAK THONG LEE joined the AIIAS Business Department just after Christmas, 2009, making him our newest faculty member in the Graduate School. Dr. Lee received his PhD from the University of Newcastle, Australia, with a specialization in Accounting and Management. He has been teaching at the tertiary level for over 25 years in various locations throughout the Asia-Pacific region. He is already

very much appreciated by his students. Pak's wife, Wilma Lee is teaching in the English Center. They have two married children—a son and daughter—who live in Australia. Pak and his wife enjoy walking, listening to music and traveling—so, AIIAS should be a perfect fit for them! We are so glad they have joined our team.



WILMA LEE is originally from Melbourne, Australia. She is finishing a master's degree in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESOL), and she teaches in the English Center at AIIAS. She is married to Pak Lee, and they have a son and a daughter, and two granddaughters. Before coming to AIIAS, the Lees have lived and worked in Papua New Guinea, the U.S. and Thailand, where she

spent the past 8 years teaching ESL before coming to AIIAS. Before becoming an ESL teacher, Wilma worked as a secretary, a nurse, and a full-time mom (not all at the same time). Wilma loves chocolate, animals (especially frogs, ducks and cats), history, bushwalking, and learning about other cultures.



ROY MAYR is a Chilean national who was raised on the campus of Chile Adventist University. He has a master's degree in Informatics Engineering from the University of Concepcion. Roy is married to Sandra Kalbermatter, who is an elementary school teacher from Argentina (born in Brazil, to missionary parents). Roy and Sandra have two boys: Kenneth (11) and Edwin (8). Before

coming to AIIAS, Roy worked in Argentina as head of Systems Development, then he worked as IT Director at Chile Adventist University. Roy and Sandra came to AIIAS on a special contract. He is serving as IT Director at AIIAS and working part time on his PhD in Business Administration. The Mayr family enjoys music, volleyball, cooking, and the diversity of the AIIAS campus. As IT director, Roy's goal is to serve the AIIAS community. He hopes to improve internet service, update the AIIAS servers, and solve security issues. The Mayr family is happy to be a part of the AIIAS community!



Since October 2009, Dr. **CARLOS MORA** has been an Associate Professor in the Seminary at AIIAS, Philippines. Dr. Mora is from Costa Rica. He is married to Raquel Zepeda, from Honduras. They have three children: Juan Esteban (14), Paola (12) and Samuel (8). He has worked in Guatemala, Costa Rica, Honduras, Argentina, and Chile. He did his doctoral work in Old Testament at River Plate University in Entre Rios,

Argentina, where he also taught. Dr. Mora has published many articles, and plans to publish his book on Daniel 10-12 later this year. Carlos says that "it is a privilege to be working at AIIAS. I have seen an excellent academic and spiritual environment here. For the children, there are beautiful opportunities to grow in different areas. I have enjoyed getting to know many people of different countries and cultural backgrounds. This institution is a light for the 10-40 Window and the majority of students come from different places of this missionary area. It is a great responsibility to work with these pastors and workers of God's people. We are so happy to share with them and to help them in their preparation for service. We study and worship as brothers and sisters in the same Blessed Hope." Welcome, Dr. Mora!



RYLAH KRISHNA (R.K.) PASTRANA was born in the Visayas (Central Philippines) and graduated from Central Philippine Adventist College in 2002. After receiving her teacher's license, she moved to Luzon, which has been her home since then. After 4 years of teaching, she got married to Ariel, and they now have two children. Being active in church and the community, she finds joy and satisfaction in working with people—

young and old. Currently, she teaches at the AIIAS English Center. She looks forward to starting and completing her MA degree.

Mission Trip to India

By PURING RAGUI, Administrative Assistant to the President

On April 19, 2010, a team of 21 people composed of medical doctors, nurses, ministers, faculty and staff from AIIAS left for Northeast India for a 10-day mission trip led by Dr. Paoring Ragui. On their way to Aizawl City, Mizoram, India, they passed through Kolkata where they visited Mother Theresa's houses for orphaned and destitute children and elderly people. They also visited the Kalighat Kali Temple, one of the many Hindu temples where they perform daily animal sacrifices. This experience reminded the group of the sacrifices done at the tabernacle made by Moses during the journey of the Israelites in the wilderness.

As soon as the team landed in Aizawl City they were divided into five groups and assigned to work in five different parts of the city. Each group was composed of a health lecturer, a teacher for the children, a preacher, and a translator. Musicians from the team rotated among the five groups every night to share their music. The preachers were assigned to preach in different churches for Friday vespers and Sabbath church services, and the rest of the team participated in the youth programs. With the group was a Korean family who shared their music as well as their skill in paper art to the community of Aizawl City. The services of the ministers and professors on the team were maximized as they were asked to give seminars to the Conference ministers and evangelists.

The team worked hand in hand with the Mizo Conference and at the end of 10 days, 148 precious souls accepted Jesus Christ through baptism. 

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