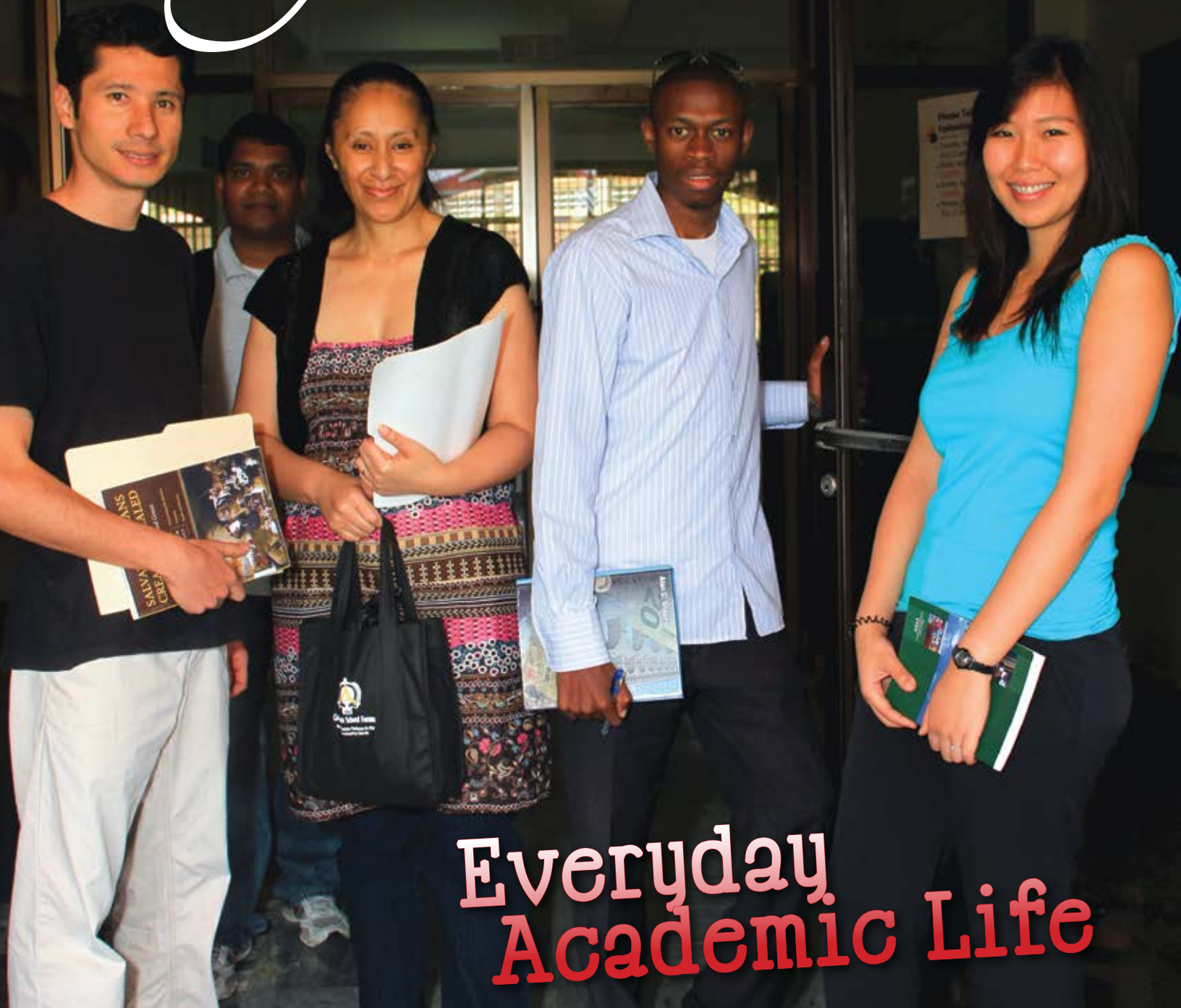


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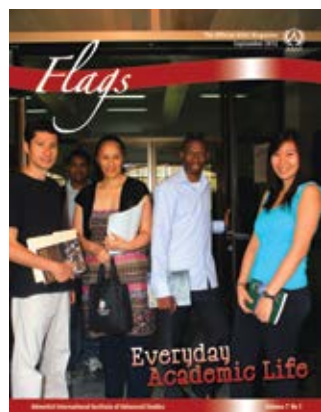
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Students of different academic backgrounds mingle and study together, brushing aside their cultural differences and nationalities, because they believe in the goals of mission and service. Attending AIAS, students discover that they learn more than just academics.

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Everyday Academic Life

There is never a dull moment at this academic institution in this international community we call AIAS. Visitors who come to campus are often mesmerized by the scenery that greets them at the gate. They see the lush green lawns, the earthy colored structures, and if they are fortunate enough, they see the colorful flags around the Bell Tower. And though all these portray the peaceful, yet vibrant life within the campus walls, it can never do justice to the hustle and bustle that this place symbolizes to its inhabitants.

Within the last couple of months, AIAS has hosted several forums, a health festival, and an advisory; sent professors and students off on mission trips, to conferences and distance learning centers; and welcomed new faculty and students into its bosom. The steady growth that AIAS is experiencing, as well as its desire to increase its impact in the areas of mission and service has encouraged the administration to make some distinctive additions to the AIAS workforce. These stories and more are contained in this issue of *Flags*.

Flags itself is going through a transition, with Teresa Costello regrettably transitioning out as editor, due to health issues. We appreciate Teresa's contributions and wish her all the best. Aimee Tapeceria will be replacing her as the new *Flags* editor. Welcome, Aimee!

Calling All AIAS Alumni

You are all invited to the
AIAS Alumni 2nd Homecoming Weekend
on November 9-11, 2012

Special Events:

November 9, 2012	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Special Vespers
November 10, 2012	7:00-8:00 a.m.	Prayer Breakfast
	9:00-12:00 p.m.	Special Church Services
	7:00-8:30 p.m.	Musical Concert
November 11, 2012	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Banquet

If you graduated in 1972, 1982, 1992, 2002, and 2012: Kindly email Dr. Chung Young Soo (AIAS Alumni Association President) at chungys8@aiias.edu for specific instructions about this weekend.

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Everyone: If you would like to be a part of the good things that are happening at AIAS, there are many opportunities to become involved! More information is available on our website (www.aiias.edu) and facebook page (facebook.com/aiias).

As a developing institution, AIAS is constantly bettering the services provided for students such as student scholarships and building projects. Any financial support you can offer will be greatly appreciated. It will help to give more students the opportunity to experience AIAS as they prepare to help further God's work throughout the world. Tax-deductible donations may be sent to:

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New DLC in Baguio

The AllAS Education Department, in partnership with the Philippine International Communicators (PIC) Training and Development Corporation, opened a Distance Learning Center (DLC) in Baguio City in April 2012. This DLC offers the Master of Arts in Teaching, Emphasis in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESOL) to interested individuals over a span of four years. Since the target group is professional educators, students will meet April and May of each year during the summer school break.

The Baguio DLC joins a growing list of DLCs across the Southern Asia-Pacific Division and beyond. AllAS currently has DLCs in Bangladesh, Indonesia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand, Chile, Ukraine, and Qatar.

DLCs are a long-standing AllAS tradition. Originally, extension programs were established with the purpose of serving the needs of Adventist employees who could not or did not wish to be released from their duties for full-time study. Many workers who desired and needed graduate study had work and family obligations that made it difficult to relocate. As a result, AllAS developed this intensive learning option.



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Baguio TESOL students and teacher

Courses offered at a DLC are normally taught during two- to three-week intensive periods. DLCs operate from four to nine weeks a year in any given location. Students entering a DLC program will normally complete a master's program in four to six years. The Graduate School offers the following degree programs at DLCs: Master of Arts in Education, Master of Arts in Teaching, Master of Business Administration, Master of Science in Administration, and Master of Public Health. The seminary offers the Master of Ministry at its DLCs. 

The 14th Theological Forum: Creation

The 14th Annual Theological Forum of the Theological Seminary of AllAS focused on the basics of the Bible and Theology during the October 29-31, 2011 session. The theme of this annual event this year was "Creation." Biblical, theological, historical, and pastoral issues related to the theme were discussed throughout the weekend.

Dr. Richard Sabuin, dean of the Theological Seminary, explained that the Forum was aiming to "strengthen our faith and to equip us to be able to defend the truth on creation." He added to that aim a wish that the Lord would "cast away all doubts and make us strong in the faith."

Close to 200 participants attended the event. Dr. Denise Dunzweiler, dean of the Graduate School, and



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Drs. Kim Papaioannou and Richard Sabuin congratulate Dr. Jiri Moskala for his presentation



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Dr. Randall Younker presents at the Theological Forum

Dr. Reuel Almocera, associate dean of the Seminary, provided the morning devotionals. Guest presenters included Dr. Ekkerhardt Mueller, associate director of the Biblical Research Institute of the General Conference, based at the world church headquarters in Maryland, USA; Dr. Jiri Moskala, professor of Old Testament Exegesis and Theology of the Theological Seminary at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan, USA; and Dr. Randall Younker, professor of Biblical Archeology of the Theological Seminary at Andrews University. Dr. Moskala and Dr. Younker both hold key responsibilities in the Adventist Theological Society (ATS), working as the vice president for global evangelism, and vice president for publication of the society, respectively. The papers they presented underscored the validity of biblical creation.

In addition, AllAS Seminary professors and students presented papers and research related to



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Delegates interact during a break



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An open dialogue with Dr. Randall Younker

the theme. Dr. Mathilde Frey dealt with Creation: A Sabbath-Intended Design; Dr. Sang-Hoon Jee gave a historical sketch of the various Adventist Interpretations of Genesis 1:1; Dr. James Park presented a paper entitled Creation, Ordination and New Life; Dr. Bienvenido Mergal revealed the correlation of Creation Beliefs, Moral View, and Satisfaction of Life From a Philippine Context. Dr. Carlos Mora presented a study entitled Daniel 11:36-39: The Vile Person, Idolatry and Creation; and Dr. Richard Sabuin gave an insightful perspective of the Creation Theology in the Pauline Theology. Patrick Anani, a doctoral student, led the presentation of *Bereshit* in the Syntax of Genesis 1:1 while another doctoral student, Samuel Attah-Oduroh, stressed in his presentation another vantage point to creation. His paper was entitled The Healing of the Man Born Blind: A New Creation.

We are grateful for the work of Dr. Kim Papaioannou, Forum committee chair, and his team for the structure and spirit of this Forum. As we look back with appreciation to those who took part in and planned the Forum, we also look forward to the 15th AllAS Theological Forum with anticipation. It will be held in November 2012 with the theme of "The Remnant." Who is the Remnant Church? Is it one church or many groups? What are some of the identifying marks of this church? What is its mission? How does one become part of it? Can the remnant apostatize? Does the idea of a "remnant within a remnant" have any basis? These and many other questions related to the Remnant Church will be the focus of the forthcoming Forum. See you there! 

—Felixian Felicitas, PhD Student

The Asia-Pacific Research Center

The Asia-Pacific Research Center (APRC), located on the AIIAS campus, enhances the AIIAS educational experience, as well as that of other institutions worldwide. The purposes of the APRC include the following three vital services:

- To conduct scholarly research in the Asia-Pacific region, centering on funded research requested by the Adventist denomination and other entities, and providing quality research experiences for AIIAS graduate students.
- To serve as a regional resource center for research instrumentation, including instrument development and validation for the Asia-Pacific context.
- To assist scholars, especially AIIAS faculty and graduate students, in designing and implementing research studies, focusing especially on the selection of appropriate instrumentation, population/sample questions, and advisement regarding data analysis and interpretation.

Research

The APRC completed several research studies during 2011. These were categorized into three main types of work: AIIAS-mandated research (institutional research), APRC-mandated research, and research requested and funded by other institutions.

Institutional Research: The APRC studied student satisfaction about the services offered by departments within AIIAS. The students' satisfaction levels were measured as an index, with the AIIAS library having the highest satisfaction index.

The APRC also initiated research for the purpose of evaluation and theory development. There were two research projects initiated by the APRC that were evaluation-oriented research. The first was the evaluation of the Adventist workers' commitment to the Southern Asia-Pacific Division (SSD) and the second was an evaluation of the Managerial Competencies of Adventist Leaders within SSD. Data were taken from three unions in SSD: the North Philippine Union Conference, the West Indonesia Union Mission, and the East Indonesia Union Conference. The implementation of these studies was done in collaboration with three other Adventist universities in the region.

Two other studies were initiated by the APRC that were intended for developing theory. The first one was intended to improve the theory on school performance. We were interested to know the variables that could explain the perceived performance of Adventist schools. This study was completed and the findings presented at two locations in SSD—at the year-end meetings of the West Indonesia Union Mission (WIUM), and at the annual Research Forum of the AIIAS graduate school. The second study was intended to derive a theory on how to approach Muslims (i.e., how to develop positive relationships with Muslim people). This study is soon to be completed.

The APRC was also involved in externally funded research. The Philippine government under the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) funded a proposal by the APRC regarding the study of communities impacted by natural disasters. The 300,000 pesos allocated to this year-long research project were utilized to meet the study's objectives; the goal was to develop a holistic model of efficiently and effectively relocating communities that have been impacted by a natural disaster. The University of the Philippines Los Baños evaluated the research and it was approved and completed on December 15, 2011. Other funded research was a study requested by WIUM, which is still ongoing.

Instrument Development

The APRC has developed several questionnaires which are available at the APRC office. Among the standardized instruments available are questionnaires on student satisfaction, a measure of employee commitment, and a questionnaire on managerial competencies.

Training/Workshops

The APRC conducted two workshops in 2011, and one so far in 2012. A typical workshop is a 5-day, 8:00 a.m.-to-5:00 p.m. event. The first workshop was held August 1-5, 2011. The focus was a Research Capability Enhancement (RCE) Program with daily topics on Survey Research Design, Focus Group Discussion, Effective Case Study Research, Experimental Design, and Grounded Theory Research. The 30 participants included AIIAS students as well as students from both Adventist and non-Adventist colleges and universities. Participating institutions were De La Salle University–Dasmariñas, Lyceum of the Philippines–Lipa City, Lipa City Colleges,

Cavite State University–Indang Campus, Mountain View College, and institutions from other parts of the country. Attendees expressed appreciation for the knowledge they gained, especially that regarding qualitative research. Topics such as Focus Group Discussion and Survey Research were very interesting for them because they were able to gain experience in constructing their own questionnaires and formulating questions as part of the seminar. They wanted more of this kind of workshops.

The second workshop was a Management Enhancement (ME) Program with topics on Managing People, Managing Operational Activities of an Organization, Marketing for Services, Analyzing Financial Information and Formulating Strategic Plans. There were 35 attendees. Six of them came from the Asia Pacific International University (APIU) in Thailand, and the rest were from different schools, hospitals, missions and conferences in the region. The participants were pleased that they were able to attend this kind of workshop; they said that this workshop was informative and beneficial, especially for the leaders of the Adventist Church. They are hoping that we will continue to educate our organizations, and that there will be more of these workshops.

The third workshop was held from January 16-20. This workshop focused on Research Capability Enhancement (RCE) in Data Analysis, and the areas covered were Descriptive Data Analysis, Regression Analysis, Discriminant Analysis, Path Analysis and Structural Analysis.

In addition, the APRC has been involved in research collaboration with other universities in the region, including University of the Philippines–Los Baños (UPLB), Adventist University of the Philippines, Universitas Advent Indonesia, and Universitas Klabat. 

—Sunia Fukofuka



An APRC workshop in the AIIAS IMRC Lab

Who We Are

The APRC is a research unit that operates within AIIAS. We are supported by recognized scholars and researchers from different parts of the world and from various areas of expertise. Our main purpose is to provide empirical information and solve issues/problems faced by the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church organizations and institutions, industries, and the community in general. We also support AIIAS students and faculty with different kinds of assistance in doing their research.

Our Mission

To conduct research, provide research support and training, and disseminate findings and professional insights relevant to the needs of the Adventist Church and the community.

Our Vision

To become a center of excellence in research that is trusted internationally.

What We Can Do

Our Services

- We construct behavioral, spiritual, and performance related instruments that can be used for research and evaluation purposes.
- We conduct evaluation and policy studies.
- We conduct basic research in the areas of business, education, health, and theology.
- We provide research consultancy.

Our Products

- Ready-made instruments used in research and evaluation studies
- Tailor-made instruments
- Research reports and books

Our Personnel

Director: Adam Daniel Kiš, PhD

Research Assistant: Sunia Fukofuka, MBA, PhD Candidate



The APRC staff: Sunia Fukofuka (left) and Adam Kiš (right)

Board Meeting Brings Changes

The March 9, 2012 meeting of the AIIAS Board resulted in several changes for AIIAS.

- Raimond Luntungan will now serve as a full-time faculty member with a half-time appointment in Business and a half-time appointment in Education. Previously, he maintained the AIIAS website and taught Graduate School classes. Aimee Tapeceria will assume his previous responsibilities, and will work with *Flags*.
- Dr. Kenneth Swansi was appointed as the associate dean of the Graduate School effective Inter-semester 2012. Dr. Swansi was also appointed chair of the Business Department for the next three years.
- Dr. Kyung Ho Song has been awarded the rank of Professor. He was also appointed as chair of the Theological-Historical Studies Department effective Inter-semester 2012.
- Dr. Bienvenido Mergal was appointed chair of the Applied Theology Department in the Seminary effective Inter-semester 2012.
- The Board approved the new distance learning programs in Bangladesh and Myanmar and is recommending them to the International Board of Education that will meet next month. Dr. Richard Sabuin, dean of the Seminary, will represent AIIAS at that meeting. 



Graduate School students and their teacher in front of the CHED Building in Manila

Visit to CHED

Curriculum specialists from the Process of Curriculum class visited the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) headquarters in Quezon City, Manila recently. The purpose of the visit was to learn how the nation's highest curriculum agency conducts curriculum development, implementation, and evaluation. The group was invited to the conference room where the director of programs and standards gave an informative presentation explaining these processes. Questions and comments made the discussion lively and meaningful. The visit to the CHED library was an added bonus for the group. It was amazing to see how much learning can result from a single onsite visit. 

—Prema Gaikwad, Faculty, Department of Education

Adventist-Muslim Relations Advisory

The Adventist Mission and Adventist-Muslim Relations coordinators from the world divisions of the Adventist Church were hosted by AIIAS for a special consultation on the church's relations with the Muslim world from September 14-17, 2011. The Adventist-Muslim Relations (AMR) Advisory was called by the General Conference Global Center for Adventist-Muslim Relations (GCAMR) and was attended by

representatives from the General Conference, 12 of the 13 world divisions, and other supporting ministries.

The 4-day advisory opened with a keynote address by Dr. Ganoune Diop, the Adventist Church's United Nations liaison, who reminded the attendees of the foundations of Islam and Adventism. Other topics presented and discussed during the sessions included

- 1) organizing the church for AMR
- 2) wholistic ministry
- 3) understanding the Qur'an and Islam.

Presentations were made by AMR leaders from Central Asia, Africa, London, and the United States.

Health Festival Weekend

The October 21-23, 2011 AIIAS Health Festival weekend was well-supported and highly successful. A hard-working team of 14 students from the Health Ministries class of the Public Health Department assisted the coordinating team from the AIIAS Church Health Ministries Department. The main goal of this program was to provide practical ways to apply the unique health message of the Adventist Church and to encourage participants to share it with the world around them.

This event offered creative ideas through seven different activities. The program began with an Interactive Vespers Program that focused on the "Role of the Health Message in the Current Church Revival and Reformation Context." The Sabbath Service was also dynamic, with more than 400 church members participating in discussions and sharing ideas on "How to Use the Adventist Health Message to Make Disciples." These lively sessions ensured that the festival was not just a program, but also an experience for each attendee. Some members found this approach unique and innovative.

Immediately following the morning service, an international healthy, natural, and wholesome potluck was hosted in the AIIAS gymnasium with the cooperation of all the different regional communities on campus. Nine beautiful tables were displayed with traditional raw and cooked vegetarian dishes from diverse continents, countries and regions. A cooking guideline was offered to church members to meet the desired healthy food standard prior to the event. Students and faculty representing approximately 60 different countries

supported this event through their mouth-watering dishes. The Spanish community won the prize for the healthiest and most beautiful food display, followed by the Filipino and Indian communities.

In the afternoon a workshop was conducted on Power to Change Behaviors Pleasantly. People worked in small groups with the group facilitator in an effort to encourage each other to change unwanted behaviors by using a 7-step behavior change model.

A free health screening was conducted on Sunday morning from 5:30 to 7:00 a.m. Church members and visitors participated, anxious to know their health age by doing a holistic checkup, including blood pressure measurement, body fat analysis and integrated health counseling. Next was the 3 km Family Fun Walk/Bike event. For singles, there was a 1 km run. A medal was awarded to every family that completed the challenge. In addition, prizes were given to families whose unique uniforms were deemed to have the best designs. It was inspirational to see how grandparents, parents and children participated enthusiastically and had fun working out on this special occasion.

The weekend activities from all aspects seemed to be successful. One PhD candidate commented that Adventist institutions around the world need to review their curriculum to incorporate classes that teach the Adventist Health Message and its application in ways like what were done this weekend! AIIAS Church Health Ministries Department and the Health Ministry class team express their sincere gratitude to the church pastor, AIIAS administration, and SSD Health Ministries Department for their support that helped make this event a success. 

—Aimé Mbakulirahi, MPH Student & César Galvez, Chair, Public Health Department



A healthy, natural and wholesome international potluck

Seminary Faculty Attend the Third International Bible Conference

The Third International Bible Conference for Bible Teachers and Theologians with theme "Issues in Biblical Anthropology From an Adventist Perspective" held June 11-21, 2012 in Israel was attended by around 330 theologians and administrators who were selected by their respective division and institutions around the world. Joining this special group of biblical scholars were 10 AIIAS Theological Seminary faculty members of which four were privileged to present their papers during the conference. A gathering such as this was a great opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones. It was a chance to share experiences with fellow Adventist scholars from around the world, discussing about theological and academic issues during the sessions, as well as socializing with each other during tours.

The conference began by the Sea of Galilee where the delegates were able to visit the surrounding area. The next day the tour was in the north: Tel Hazor, Tel Dan and Baneas (Cesarea of Phillipii). Going to Jerusalem provided a chance to visit Nazareth, Megiddo and later Ceasarea, on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea. The second part of the conference was held in Jerusalem where the main presentations were given. At the same time there were tours to some of the key sites in Jerusalem and the Dead Sea: Qumram, Masada and En-gedi.



Former and current AIIAS family members

The program finished with the formulation of a consensus statement on the topic of biblical anthropology. The purpose of this conference was to promote biblical and theological studies and to foster theological unity and fellowship among Bible teachers, theologians, and administrators. For sure, this was accomplished, and the agreement is now to share these blessings with all the Adventist institutions around the world.

One amazing thing to discover during the conference was that of the 330 attendees, 82 were AIIAS graduates or former professors who are now church leaders (from the GC down to local Conferences), theologians, Bible teachers, professors, deans of schools of theology, and even university presidents. What was even more exciting was the fact that, when all the AIIAS faculty and alumni were invited for a picture taking, more than 90 individuals joined. It is a tremendous motivation to know that AIIAS is playing an important role in the world church and its fruits are a great blessing, not only in Southeast Asia, but in every corner of the world. 📖

—Richard Sabuin, Seminary Dean

8th Annual AATA Forum

Spiritual leadership was the theme for the 8th Annual Forum of the AIIAS African Theological Association (AATA) from April 13 to 15, 2012. Fifteen presenters and eleven topics offered attendees an opportunity to focus on the theme in depth.

Before each session, the devotional speakers challenged the audience to take every circumstance as an opportunity to apply spiritual leadership principles. Dr. Denise Dunzweiler, Graduate School dean, spoke before the Friday morning session and gave different leadership models and principles that one could use in various situations. Mrs. Nilde Lust, AIIAS registrar, spoke before the Saturday morning session and her topic focused on Queen Esther as a leadership example. Dr. Dolf Oberholster, the academic vice president, spoke before the last session on Sunday morning with a message centered on Jesus as the ultimate example of spiritual leadership.

Presenters included both AIIAS students and faculty with the foundation of servant leadership anchoring the themes for the entire weekend. Topics ranged from Leadership in the Family to Leadership in Local Churches, as well as leadership in the

96th Graduation Exercises

March 9-11, 2012 offered moments of laughter, tears and triumphs as 126 students representing 32 countries received graduate degrees during AIIAS' 96th graduation weekend.

Surangel Whipps Sr., former senate president of the Republic of Palau and father of 2012 graduating class president Eric Whipps, shared fond memories of his mother and the impact of her advice upon his life during the Friday evening Consecration service.

During the Sabbath morning Baccalaureate program, AIIAS Board Chair (and General Conference Vice-President) Ella Simmons exhorted the graduates to face their challenges and seek higher ground in all aspects of life and especially in this next phase of life.

On Sunday, G.T. Ng, General Conference executive secretary, AIIAS alumnus, and former dean of the AIIAS

workplace in general, and leadership specifically focused on the needs in Africa. Ideas such as sustainability of leadership, biblical principles and theological foundations of leadership were presented, as well as the concept of preparing future leaders.

Aside from the presentations, the Forum featured a Friday night panel with Dr. Oberholster and PhD students Edward Moyo, Edmond Seneque, and Amos Afriyie, sharing their definitions of spiritual leadership and how they apply it in their work. During the divine worship on Saturday morning, AIIAS President Dr. Stephen Gupitill used Nehemiah as an example of eternal values applicable today. Music provided an additional blessing through the voices of AIIAS student Christian Esso in addition to *Cleansed* and *Testify*, two singing groups from the Adventist University of the Philippines, and the Forum ended on Sunday with the awarding of certificates to the presenters and attendees, followed by a potluck.

Spiritual leadership is, without any shadow of doubt, the greatest need of our time. Attendees Sylvanus Assigbe and Dube Loke both expressed the view that though much has been done, there is more that needs to be done in order improve our services in every level of leadership. As a presenter, I was personally challenged to consider how current leaders can prepare the next generation to lead. May we each be more aware of our personal accountability as servant leaders and mentors to future leaders. 📖

—Christel Ngadima, MDiv Student



Commencement speaker G.T. Ng

Theological Seminary, reminded the graduates that they had gained much during their years at AIIAS and that they should share those blessings and lessons through meaningful and dedicated lives of service in the future. Afterward, the awarding of the diplomas featured smiling and teary-eyed graduates, faculty and staff.

Years of hard work and sacrifices culminated into joyful students striding across the stage to grasp those coveted certificates.

The weekend also included the touching and beloved Tribute and Thanksgiving program on Sabbath afternoon as well as the Saturday evening President's Reception where

AIIAS administration and faculty served refreshments to the graduates and their guests.

The class message best expressed the overall feeling of the weekend. "AIIAS, our home away from home, has helped us achieve several of our life goals and aspirations. Much of it had to do with the people God placed into our lives—our families, our respective organizations, professors, sponsors, friends, mentors, the AIIAS administration, staff, and colleagues who made sure we had the best learning opportunities as well as the miracles God sent to get through the long

hours of studies, work, challenges, and adversity. Thank you to those who kept the light on and their doors open for whenever and wherever we needed it." 📖

—Teresa Costello



Baccalaureate speaker Ella Simmons

Northern Asia-Pacific Division Officers Visit

Dr. Jaiyong Lee, the president of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), led a delegation of 175 officers on a tour of the AllAS campus on February 16, 2012. The officers were visiting the Philippines as part of an annual week of meetings. Rather than meet in their usual territory, it had been voted to hold this week of meetings in the Philippines because of the cost-efficient location and strong Adventist connections. They toured a number of Adventist-related sites with a special stop at AllAS.

At their midmorning arrival, they were greeted by faculty and staff and served fresh coconut juice. Handshakes, hugs, and laughter were shared as former students and colleagues reunited for a brief time.

After some time to talk with old friends from campus, the group met in the amphitheater where Dr. Stephen Guptill, AllAS president, officially welcomed them and shared information about the different programs around campus. He noted that a significant number of the visitors were either former students or had an AllAS connection which included children or other relatives who had studied at AllAS.

Dr. Ron Vyhmeister, the director of Recruitment and Development, then gave the group an orientation about AllAS with emphasis on the 11 currently operating Distance Learning Centers, eight of which are located in the Southern Asia-Pacific Division (SSD) territory, one in the Trans-European Division (TED) territory, one in the South American Division (SAD), and one in Euro-African Division. He also talked about the 38 NSD students that are currently present on the campus, three of whom are from Mongolia, 11 from China, and 21 from Korea.

Dr. Paoring Ragui, the vice president for Student Services, next introduced the AllAS administrators and faculty that were present at that time. He also shared that he was Dr. Lee's classmate on the old Philippine Union College Campus.

Once on stage, Dr. Lee spoke also about his own experience at AllAS and encouraged his fellow NSD officers to advertise AllAS to their own territories. He told of his own connection with AllAS. "Twenty-seven years ago, I arrived in

the Philippines and began to teach. Dr. Werner Vyhmeister (father of Dr. Ron Vyhmeister) was the dean of the Theological Seminary at that time. I taught for 11 years and 3 months in AllAS. I know every corner of this campus; I was here when it was constructed. And every time I come back, it is my pleasure to see many evidences of God's goodness. I am proud of the beautiful campus, the strong faculty, the students of different nationalities, and its (AllAS') massive contribution to the world church."

Dr. Lee continued his speech concluding it with a plea: "The Northern Asia-Pacific Division really appreciates AllAS and the quality of education it gives to its students. For many of the people in our group, this is your first time to come to AllAS. Now that you have come here and seen the campus, please tell your people about AllAS and come back to visit."

Dr. Lee ended the gathering with a prayer of dedication for AllAS, asking the Lord to "continue to bless this institution. It had a small beginning, small faculty, and small students, but now it has grown. Bless the professors as they travel to the different DLCs. Bless the students. Please constantly guide them as they study here in AllAS, so that they would be able to be effective when they go back to their countries and mission fields."

After the meeting, the group dispersed, with many joining a campus tour. With such an inspiring event, it is hoped that many more students from NSD will have the opportunity to experience the blessings of an AllAS education as a result of this NSD visit. 



NSD Officers with AllAS Administrators

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Students Win 2012 Ministry Magazine Writing Contest

AllAS is very proud of three PhD in Religion students, whose submissions were selected as winners of the *Ministry Magazine* 3rd Ministerial Student Writing Contest in 2011. Warren Simatele won 2nd prize, and Peter Pamula and Patrick Anani both won 3rd prize.

During the first quarter of 2011, *Ministry* announced its third Ministerial Student Writing Contest. The professors of AllAS Theological Seminary encouraged all their students to join because this contest was open to "all students enrolled in a full-time ministerial preparation program on the undergraduate or graduate level" to write about one of the following categories: biblical studies, historical studies, theological studies, ministry, and world missions.

Six months passed without word, and then in January, 2012, Warren Simatele, Peter Pamula, and Patrick Anani received emails from the *Ministry* magazine editor Derek Morris, informing and congratulating them that their article submissions entitled "More Than a Super Apostle, The Role of Hardships in Pastoral Ministry," "Women Are Also Created in the Image of God," and "The Case for Dance" were winners of the contest.

Read the brief responses of the three winners when asked about their professional background, their course of study in AllAS, why they decided to join this contest, and how winning this contest helps them as they continue their study at AllAS and in their ministry when they go back to their home countries.

These three students were given plaques by the AllAS Theological Seminary, through Drs. Kim Papaioannou and Richard Sabuin, during the April 2, 2012 Chapel Period, in recognition of their achievement. 

Note: Ministry has been published monthly by the Seventh-day Adventist Church since 1928 and currently reaches approximately 80,000 pastors from different denominations.

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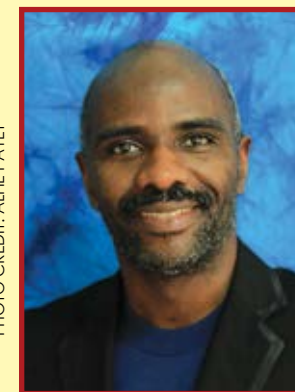
My name is Warren Simatele from Zambia, Africa. Before coming to AllAS, I was a lecturer at the School of Theology and Religious Studies in Rusangu University (formerly Zambia Adventist University). I arrived in AllAS on October 6, 2010 to take PhD in

Religion, concentration in Biblical Studies, New Testament.

I joined the contest because first, it offered an opportunity to share my views with other ministers in the world field. Second, it was an opportunity for me to apply the writing skills I am learning. Finally, I felt that my article would encourage my readers to endure ministerial challenges in the parish until Jesus comes.

This experience has encouraged me to write and to publish articles not only here, but also when I return home to Zambia. If God gives me strength, I intend to publish at least two articles per year in our professional and scholarly journals. 

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My name is Patrick Anani from Gabon. Before coming to AllAS, I served as an assistant lecturer and chaplain at Adventist University Cosendai (Cameroon). I arrived at AllAS in October 2009 to take the Doctor of Philosophy in Religion emphasis in Old Testament, and I

am currently writing my Dissertation.

AllAS, being a multicultural environment, has helped me appreciate the theological differences in applying the word of God and how often the churches' practices are based on modern understanding rather than in the Word of God.

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My name is Peter Pamula from Papua New Guinea. Before coming to AIIAS, I was serving as a Pastor/Evangelist at a local conference in the Papua New Guinea Union Mission. I arrived here at AIIAS in

January 2010 to take the Master of Arts in Religion, which I just recently finished, and am now taking Doctor of Philosophy in Religion, emphasis in Old Testament.

I am amazed at how the Lord leads. With this recognition, I would like to fully develop my writing skills and write articles on issues of the church. While this is the beginning of a long journey saturated with challenges, I am determined to do my best to sharpen my writing skills and contribute meaningfully to our denominational publications.

When I leave AIIAS and go back to my country or to where the Lord calls me to serve him, I am encouraged by this recognition to write to promote God's kingdom in any capacity...whether writing for the denominational publications or a weekly newspaper.

Upcoming Events

- **Alumni Homecoming:** November 9-11, 2012
- **Seminary Forum:** November 10-12, 2012
- **Graduate School Forum:** November 15-17, 2012
- **Graduation:** March 8-10, 2013

Check www.aaias.edu for more information and any updates.

New Director of Advancement Appointed



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We are pleased to announce that Dr. Ron Vyhmeister has been appointed as Director of Advancement. This is in addition to his existing position as Director of Student Recruitment. He will, from time to time, teach a Business class. Dr. Vyhmeister's contributions to the Business program at AIIAS have been significant, particularly in the establishment

of the first PhD in Business within the global Adventist educational system. We are pleased that he will also use his talents in advancement, focusing initially on the urgent need for more student housing. 

New Registrar



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Nilde Lust arrived with her husband German and children almost two years ago when he was invited to serve AIIAS as the Vice President for Finance. While she is not a newcomer to the AIIAS campus, Nilde Lust has stepped into a new role on campus – that of registrar. We asked her to share more about herself and her new work responsibilities.

Please briefly share about your childhood and growing up experiences.

I grew up in a missionary family. Being a missionary doesn't always mean travelling far away. Instead, I think it means that you are willing to go and do whatever God calls you to do. I spent my childhood in Chile, but returned to my home country of Argentina for high school. During my childhood God enabled my family to study in the United States for almost three years.

What is your educational background? Where did you work prior to AIIAS?

I completed my college studies in Buenos Aires, Argentina, with a Bachelor's degree in Physical Education (PE) and worked for a short while as a PE teacher in an Adventist school there. While my parents were working in the Philippines, I spent a year in Switzerland, my grandfather's homeland. There I learned a bit of German language and Swiss culture.

Back home in Argentina I then worked for six years in our Adventist Health Center (Centro Adventista de Vida Sana) as coordinator of the program and as the physical education leader. The Health Center is a wonderful place where we introduce many people to our healthy lifestyle while helping them with their weight, stress or addiction problems.

I completed postgraduate studies in Health Promotion and a Master's degree in Education with emphasis in School Counseling at River Plate Adventist University (UAP-Universidad Adventista del Plata) in Argentina. I then married my wonderful other half, German Lust. Our two children, Annie (now 16) and Alex (13) were born while working at the UAP.

After a few years, God gave us the opportunity to serve for almost four years at Chile Adventist University (Universidad Adventista de Chile) where I helped to start the PE degree program, and then we spent three years in Argentina, where I coordinated the ACA (Adventist Colleges Abroad) Spanish learning program at the UAP. Since 2010 we have enjoyed being part of the AIIAS family.

What aspects of your job are most inspiring to you?

This campus is an inspiration in many ways. It has helped me be closer to God and encourages me each day to fulfill our mission so we can all meet very soon in heaven and live together.

What are your goals for the Registrar's office?

My work as registrar involves understanding new aspects of graduate school work, enriching my organizational skills, and learning how to deal with all the admission needs, verifications and requirements involved. I must also be familiar with government requirements, other schools and the work of accrediting bodies. We have an excellent team at the office. With their involvement, I look forward to doing our work not just for men, government or others, but to serve God while preparing leaders for service.

What are your interests/hobbies?

Apart from my office work, I love to walk for exercise. I enjoy the outdoors, gardening, playing, scrapbooking and keeping track of the growth of our children through photography. I collect magnets as souvenirs and handmade rag dolls representing cultures from different countries. I also enjoy making friends as well as learning about different cultures and the way people live.

What does AIIAS mean to you?

I think that in some ways, AIIAS is a tiny foretaste of what heaven will be like—living, learning and worshipping together. However, I eagerly wait for that day, because it will be SO much better and bigger than I can ever imagine. May we all be there. 

New Faculty Members



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Dr. Oleg Zhigankov

comes to the AIIAS family from Tula, Russia (Soviet Union). He was trained for Pastoral Ministry at Zaoksky Theological Seminary where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1993. He graduated with an MA from Andrews University in 1996 and continued on to study Advanced Studies in Historical Theology, and graduated with a PhD in 2000. Before AIIAS, Dr. Zhigankov served in Ontario Canada as a pastor and district coordinator.



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Dr. Elena Zhigankova,

like her husband, is from Russia. She graduated from the University of Karaganda in 1990 with a Bachelor's degree in Russian Language and Literature, completed an MA in Youth ministry from Andrews University in the year 2000, and finished a DMin with a concentration in Family Ministry in 2008.



Allias Theological Seminary is proud to have **Dr. Alfredo Agustin Jr.**, from the Philippines, as a New Testament faculty member. As an alumnus of Allias, he graduated in 2002 with an MA in Religion and in 2008 with a PhD in Biblical Studies. He previously served as the chairperson of the AB Theology Department, in the

School of Theology in Mountain View College before answering the call to teach here. We are also glad to welcome his wife Arlyn, and his children Ralph, John, and Alyn back to the Allias campus.



Dr. Arceli Rosario, from the Philippines, brings with her a wealth of experience as a professor in Educational Administration. She graduated with her MA in Education major in English from the Adventist University of the Philippines, and her PhD in Education from the University of San Carlos, in Cebu City. Before coming to Allias, she

was serving as the president for South Philippines Adventist College. We are happy that her husband Nimrod, daughter and niece have joined her here.



The most recent addition to the Allias community is Research Professor **Dr. Adam Kiš**, his wife Kristi, and their children Zachary & Julie. He is from the USA with a multicultural background, and obtained his PhD in Anthropology from the University of Florida. Prior to coming to Allias, he served as the programs director for ADRA Madagascar. 



Dr. Cristian Dumistrescu, from Romania, has joined the Historical and Theological Studies Department. Before coming to Allias, he served as the associate editor for the Journal of Adventist Mission Studies (JAMS) at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan and as an adjunct professor. He graduated with his Master of Arts in Religion

from Newbold College, in the UK, and his PhD in Religion from Andrews University. His wife Alina and daughters Ingrid and Celine are here with him.

First Qatar DLC Graduate: Rowena Gerente



There are four categories of students at Allias. The most well-known are the on-campus students who get the full Allias experience (both academically and culturally), followed by the Distance Learning Center (DLC) students who receive their instruction from the Allias professors who travel to that specific region. We also have the Allias Online (AOL) students who receive their education through web-based interaction with professors and classmates. The final category includes the work-embedded program students who come to the campus for several weeks each year for their classes.

As a result, graduation day brings a myriad of emotions and reactions from these students. Most of the on-campus and work-embedded program students feel nostalgic that their time in this place has come to an end, while DLC and AOL students walk around the campus with wonder as most see Allias for the very first time. With all the hustle

and bustle that surrounds graduation weekend, it is very easy for this second group to be overlooked in the crowd. As a result, only a few were aware of one special DLC graduate whose graduation marked a momentous occasion for Allias as an institution during the 96th Graduation Exercises on March 9-11, 2012.

Rowena Gerente, a Born Again Christian from the Philippines, works as a Finance/Business Support Coordinator in the Middle East. She is the first graduate of the Allias Distance Learning Center in Qatar with a Master of Business Administration degree, with an emphasis in Finance.

She was kind enough to answer a few questions about her Allias experience.

Why did you decide to seek higher education?

Although education is not listed as one of humans' basic needs (like food, clothing, shelter), I still believe that it is equally important. I believe that higher education is an important factor in life because it prepares an individual with all the tools needed to make his/her dreams and aspirations come true. Education opens doors to brilliant career opportunities. Most employers of today require their prospective employees to be well-educated. Organizations want people with expertise. So basically, education becomes an eligibility criterion for employment in any sector of the industry, especially in my field of work (Finance/Accounting). In today's competitive world, it is not wise to neglect the importance of education. Thus, this is the main reason why I enrolled in the Master of Business Administration (MBA) program at Allias.

How did you become an Allias DLC student? (Who informed you? What procedure did you have to do to enroll?)

Honestly speaking, I had never heard about Allias until they put an advertisement in the Gulf Times Newspaper, the leading newspaper in Qatar, in February of 2008. If I recall correctly, the article mentioned that the Doha Training Center would be offering an Allias MBA program with emphases in MIS, Finance, and Business Administration through a Distance Learning Center.

Since I was eagerly looking for a school or university that offered a program during the evenings (which is very unusual in Qatar), I decided to grab the opportunity. I contacted Pastor Raju, the administrator of the program at that time. After the discussion we had, I submitted all the required documents such as the degree certificate, transcript of records, passport copy

and pictures the next day. After a week of evaluation, I received a letter confirming my eligibility to join the MBA program.

How was the MBA program?

I started in March 2008. It took me four years to finish the program. It was originally planned for three years but due to some issues regarding the schedule of the professors, it was extended beyond the planned timetable. Having Dr. Penniecook teach the first subject, Economics, was very helpful. We were fortunate to have him as our first teacher because we were pampered with a lot of free stuff during the class like refreshments, stationery, and study materials. But of all the subjects, I appreciated Strategic Management the most because, for me, this is the heart of the MBA. It summarized everything involved in setting up a business, which began with the drafting and step-by-step process of achieving the goals and objectives.

Time management was one of the biggest issues I had during my course of study. Working and studying at the same time is hard. I can still remember working from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and attending class from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. I would reach home at around 10:30 p.m., catch a late dinner, and afterwards, study for the next day or work on a project, etc. Other difficulties depended on the subject being taken. I have had different experiences where the subject was both interesting and extremely difficult. For example, Management Information Systems (MIS) is a subject that is very interesting, yet the terms sounded like Greek to me. This was often the case when I was learning something that was very different from anything I'd ever learned or experienced in the past.



First DLC Qatar graduate (center) with some of her professors

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Allias Campus experience

Allias campus is . . . WOW! It is very calm and quiet, a campus where you can find everything. It is strategically located; the means of transportation is not an issue. It is close to the market, the mall and some tourists areas. I've visited the campus twice. My first visit was in 2010 and the last one was for my graduation this past March.

My graduation experience began with me not being able to attend the Saturday morning services because I developed a very bad cold with a high fever. Fortunately, I was able to attend that afternoon. The tribute to God, parents, professor and friends was the most wonderful experience I had during that weekend. It was so emotional and a time when words were just not enough to express my sincere thanks to all who have been a part of my journey. That night was the presidential banquet. It was an awe-inspiring experience. I felt so honored to be served with refreshments by the administrators. It really demonstrated the humility of the Allias president and top management. And finally, Sunday morning, I received my diploma. Oh, I can't explain why I cried, but I was so happy and very proud of myself, that finally through all the hardship, I made it to the end. In addition to that, it was an overwhelming feeling to be the first student who graduated from Allias program through the DLC in Qatar.

Looking forward

My Allias degree has provided an advantage for my career advancement. Completing my MBA program will make climbing up the corporate ladder in one of the most prestigious organizations in the State of Qatar quicker. The specialized skills and leadership qualities taught in the program has provided me with a competitive advantage over others as well as developed my managerial skills.

Words of appreciation

I wish I'd had a chance to say "thank you" in person to all my professors who were a part of my growth as a person, so I'd like take this opportunity to give a big, big thank you to all of them for being such fantastic professors. Special thanks to Dr. Swansi, who was so helpful in arranging my accommodation and in transporting me from SSD to Allias during the graduation activities.

I would like to thank the Allias administration who was very patient in dealing with all the inquiries of the graduates. We were very fortunate to find them all in the Allias Administration building. I hope they know how much I appreciate all the hard work and dedication they put in to make the entire graduation event a success.

I would like to thank the DLC Qatar organizers Mr. and Mrs. Raviraj and Rakesh, who were very helpful in arranging the documents for my graduation. A special thanks to Pastor Raju, the first administrator of the MBA program in Qatar.

Special thanks also to my previous company, United Enterprises, for giving me flexible working hours during the time of my studies. Special thanks also to my mentors, family and friends who have always been there and never stopped showing their love, support and understanding. To God be the glory for everything He has done for me. 

—Aimee Tapeceria, Writer

Note: The Allias Distance Learning Center in Qatar was initially set up in September 2007, when Dr. Ron Vyhmeister visited the Middle East to participate in some other church projects. Mr. Wilson Raviraj was the Managing Director of the Doha Training Center (where the Allias DLC is held) at that time, and today his son, Rakesh Raviraj, an Allias alumnus, is the manager.

Evelyn Cezar



I never thought or even imagined that I would one day attend Allias. I always planned to go back to the state university in Manila where I started my master's degree in Public Health, with an emphasis in Parasitology. But I believe the Lord had better plans for me, and in June 2005

I was accepted to the Allias School of Graduate Studies.

My Allias experience has not only been academic, but it has also been highly spiritual for me. I was a non-sponsored student and had to work my way through school. I came to Allias

E.N.D.U.R.E. Project

It was on January 1, 2012 that Mrs. Fe Peñaflorida, whose family has supported the work of Adventist education in Thailand over a number of decades, approached me about the present teacher training needs of Adventist educators in Thailand. With a lot of constructive discussion and much prayer, a group of students and professors from both the Seminary and the Graduate School began preparing for the new mission. The mission was to organize seminars to train Adventist teachers in three major cities of Thailand: Bangkok, Phuket, and Hat Yai. The seminars had to be in the fields of business, education, health, and theology. The ultimate goal was to train teachers in becoming more effective in their teaching and most importantly how to grow spiritually and bring their students to Jesus.

The E.N.D.U.R.E Conference was prepared specially to inspire teachers to (a) Educate with more passion and Christ's love; (b) Network with colleagues from around the world in order to share knowledge and resources; (c) Drive sustainable change needed to meet today's learners' academic and spiritual needs; (d) Unify faculty, staff and educational leaders in order to reach the Mission given to Adventist educators; (e) allow the Spirit of God to Revive teachers in their career and throughout their spiritual life in preparation for eternity; and (f) encourage them to Excel as a result of the new commitment to educational excellence.

While the whole trip went from May 31 through June 5, 2012, the seminars in the three sites were held on June 1 through 3. About 300 Adventist teachers

only with faith and the encouragement of a friend. Yet, over and over, the Lord proved to me that He is the great provider! He provided me with not only the things that I asked for, but also the little things I needed, even if they might have seemed insignificant to others.

I was also blessed to meet friends from different countries and various cultures . . . friendships that I will value for the rest of my life! It was such a great opportunity to study, learn and serve with those who became such a treasured part of my life. Some of my favorite memories are of the community outreach programs with my fellow students and the faculty of

from both Adventist and public schools participated in our programs. The topics ranged from spiritual revival to innovative teaching strategies to entrepreneurship to technology integration in the classroom to integration of faith and learning.

We want to praise God for making this project a success for His glory. We would like to thank Mrs. Peñaflorida and her family, the Allias administration, and the Thailand Adventist Mission for all their support, guidance, and prayers. Our gratitude goes to all the local churches that helped coordinate our seminars in the three sites. Last, we want to thank the 32 students, faculty and staff from Allias who spent their time, effort, and resources to travel to Thailand to share their knowledge with our education colleagues there. May the Lord bless you all abundantly! New calls have been received for other similar projects in other countries. Please pray that God will guide us in this vision. 

—Safary Wa-Mbaleka, Faculty, Education Department



Some presenters and participants in Hat Yai

the public health department. It was always a joy to me to go out with them and meet people in the community. I am also privileged to have kindhearted mentors who really "live what they preach" not only health-wise, but they also offer examples of what a life of service and dedication to God's work is like. 

Evelyn Cezar is a 2009 MPH graduate. She served as a missionary in South Korea and the Philippines with the 1000 Missionary Movement from 2000 to 2004. Currently, she is an assistant to the Health Director of the Southern Asia-Pacific Division where she coordinates health programs, community initiatives, and various projects designed to promote healthy living.



The AllAS President expressing thanksgiving for Dr. Ron Clouzet's inspiring presentation

Week of Prayer

Dr. Ron Clouzet, director of NADEI (North American Division Evangelism Institute) and professor of Christian Ministry and Pastoral Theology at Andrews University, was the AllAS Week of Prayer speaker from February 4 to 11, 2012. He spoke twice daily about "The Greatest of All Our Needs." He focused on Ellen White's assertion that "a revival of true godliness among us is the greatest and most urgent of all our needs." Throughout the week, Pastor Clouzet examined Christians' needs, especially our need for the Holy Spirit, and concluded on Sabbath with a reminder of how Jesus longs to meet our needs, especially our need for revival. Attendees were encouraged to seek a personal revival through prayer, study and contemplation. Pastor Adventor Trye, an attendee, echoed Pastor Clouzet's message when he concluded that "Jesus' greatest longing is for us to receive the Holy Spirit. This is because the Holy Spirit shows us who Jesus really is."

In conjunction with the adult meetings, a Children's Week of Prayer was held on campus from February 5-10, 2012. Dr. Prema Gaikwad, professor of Curriculum and Instruction, coordinated the event for elementary-aged children. Staffed by Education students and other volunteers, the nightly meetings introduced the wonders of God's creation with the theme, "If Animals Could Talk." Approximately 50 children enjoyed learning about various animals through activities, games, and crafts.

It was a week of spiritual nurturing for both children and adults. Many individuals were touched by the messages of Pastor Clouzet, and the spiritual revival that began at that time is still being felt on the AllAS campus today. May God grant that it continues and strengthens until Jesus returns. 



Children sing a song of welcome for Dr. Clouzet

Speaker Interview

Given an opportunity to interview Dr. Ron Clouzet at the midpoint of his stay in AllAS, I was interested to find out a little bit more about him as well as his evaluation of AllAS as a school, a community, and a part of the world church. What he said was both heartwarming and challenging.

"Looking at our church's history, revivals were started by young people," he stated. "I pray that groups of families and friends would spontaneously rally together in prayer, and that this movement will have an effect on the campus. AllAS is very unique, strategically and critically, because if God does something surprising in AllAS, in terms of revival and reformation, it will have an amazing impact in the world church."

He said that our geographical location within the 10/40 window, as well as our multicultural flavor, gives AllAS an exclusive and direct channel into a widely untouched mission field. This is uniquely ours. No other Seventh-day Adventist educational institution can boast of having these same qualities and characteristics.

Sabah Mission Trip

In June 2011, the AllAS Business Club (ABC) officers learned that Sabah Adventist Secondary School (SASS) in Tarampuli, Malaysia needed help with the reconstruction of their computer laboratory building. The science building and other parts of the school had been burned. On October 6, 2011, right after their final exams, a group of 19 AllAS Business students and friends traveled to Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia.

From October 7-12 we served in Sabah. Our first task was to prepare and lead the Sabbath programs. The AY program was memorable because we were able to interact with students, staff, and faculty through Bible games and quizzes. We closed the Sabbath feeling very blessed to have



Business students at work



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shared such joy with new friends.

Entering the new week, we conducted a seminar for teachers from SASS and other nearby schools entitled "EMPOWER – Contemporary Skills for Educators." The various topics presented were Communication Skills, Marketing, Budgeting & Finance, Time Management, Embracing Technology, and Realigning Faith Integration in the Classroom. The following days were spent in constructing the computer laboratory room. Every team member contributed their strength and energy to this project. Most of us had never done any construction work before so it was a new and exciting experience. Through all the bricklaying, tiling, painting, sculpting, nailing, and cleaning, we learned that no matter how huge the task may seem, God can accomplish many things through teamwork.

We went there with one mission: to help Sabah Adventist Secondary School. However, we went back home feeling that we were more blessed by the people of SASS. Their kindness and generosity made each of us comprehend the grace of God. We came home healthy (we were served healthy, delicious meals), rich (full of various kinds of experiences), happy (remembering the smiles of the SASS students) and blessed (to have been able to share such an experience with new friends). The bond among us students became stronger: we left as friends and came back as family. One thing we each learned from the mission trip was that marvelous things can happen only by the grace of God. "For with men many things are impossible, but with God all things are possible" (Matt 19:26). Each of us, regardless of background, nationality, and occupation has an important role in His work. Therefore, "let your light shine before men, that they may see the good deeds and praise our Father in heaven" (Matt 5:6). 

—Natasha Nangoy, MBA Student



I was bursting with pride to hear such words from the NADEI Director who is also a professor at Andrews University. But it also made me pause. There was one very big "IF" in Dr. Clouzet's statement. "If God does something surprising in AllAS, in terms of revival and reformation..."

If we are ready for it, just like the apostles in the Pentecost, He will pour out the Holy Spirit, and we can only imagine what kind of chain reaction will result. Are you ready for it? 

—Aimee Tapezeria



Cultural Night

On the evening of November 19, 2011, the world came to AIIAS through its annual Cultural Night. It was a night of colorful outfits, lively music and thrilling presentations that showcased eleven cultural communities.

The Filipino group, as host country, began the festivities with an impressive number that displayed the creative talents for which the Philippines is known. Next, the Myanmar community awed the crowd with an intricate traditional bamboo dance. This led nicely into the Slavic group's presentation of a clever folktale about working together rather than competing against one another.

The Indian community gave a rare glimpse into Hindu culture through a lavishly beautiful representation of a Hindu wedding ceremony. This was followed by the Chinese group's entertaining piece entitled "The Growth of the No. 1 Scholar." The Latin community closed the first half of the program with a virtual parade of Latin nations as they highlighted the various countries represented in their group.

The African community opened the second half of the program with a traditional story about the importance of obeying one's parents. Then the Japanese group shared a cultural dance called the Yosakoi which is a combination of traditional dance moves set to modern music and usually accompanied by hand-held wooden clappers.

The vibrant Indonesian community gave audience members an opportunity to "Journey to Dewata" with them while the Mongolian group featured an intriguing cultural dance by one of its adolescent members. The evening finale was the Korean community's exciting drum dance. Afterward, national flags were raised and all participants sang "The Family of God" as a fitting close to a very lively and enriching evening. 



Mini Olympics

The annual AIIAS Mini Olympics took place from November 25-27, 2011. This event, sponsored by the Student Association, encourages students and their families to join together for two days of sports and teamwork. Students, their families, faculty and staff were randomly assigned to one of four teams: blue, green, orange, or red. On Friday and Sunday, teams participated in activities such as soccer, basketball, volleyball, badminton, tennis, and other games.

The event was well attended and provided participants with a much-needed break from their studies. However, it was the camaraderie that developed among team members that brought the greatest benefits. 

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