



# Newsletter Spring 2018

## HKAC

DIXON NG DECIDED TO GIVE HIS LIFE TO JESUS

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## 2018 Spring Gospel Week

by Richla Sabuin

From March 19-24, we had Spring Gospel Week. We were really blessed by a very powerful and yet humble speaker, Sandy Smith. He had worked as a counselor, coach, social worker, athletic president and now a teacher. He was also drafted to the Phoenix Sun of the NBA in the 1970s. Sandy Smith shared his life story with us, leaving a cliffhanger at the end of his talk for the day. His talks inspired us to always put our life in God's hands because God knows what is best for us and will bless us if we trust Him. To make our Gospel Week even more special,

we had the Golden Angels sing for us every day. The Golden Angels are a singing group who serve as missionaries for one year in the Northern Asia Pacific Division area. Like their



group name, they really sounded like angels when they sang. They also made friends with our students through one afternoon of playing board games during that week. Other than the Golden Angels, we had our very own College Choir, Hyun Bee (college student) and Ye Bin (academy student),

and students from the academy do the special music. The highlight of 2018 Spring Gospel Week happened on the Sabbath of that week. Two of our precious students, Bella Hong and Dixon Ng, accepted Jesus as their personal Savior through baptism. God has been blessing our campus especially through the Gospel Week!



## Hard work and success go hand in hand!

by Syed Ali Imam



I am a University student now! When I look back at my struggle I don't believe myself. Was it me? How did I make up to University? Indeed, it wasn't an easy job. Rigorous hard work, dedication

and determination made the success possible. Although I haven't reached my goals yet I am continuously striving for the best achievement of my life to fulfill my dream to be successful in life.

My journey started in Hong Kong when I was admitted to Sir Ellis Kadoorie Secondary School. Academically my background was not sound enough. My English Language was just ok. As for the Chinese Language I was totally blank! However, I gathered up all my courage and strength and made a promise to myself that I will never give up! No matter whatever hardship may come in my way to success.

My first three years flew away, while learning and understanding by the help of my devoted teachers. Then came to Secondary Four this year gave me a high alert of getting ready for the DSE Exams. By the grace of God, I passed my HKDSE with flying colors. I achieved 23 points in HKDSE.

After all the efforts, came the time of selecting an appropriate university. I was offered seats by HKU Space, City University of Hong Kong and VTC. However, I chose Hong Kong Adventist College. The universities named above offered me higher diploma courses which was uncertain because only 7% of the students upgrade to top up degrees after 2 years of higher diploma, which is very unfair because not everyone will get the opportunity. Moreover, the classrooms are overcrowded and therefore I chose Hong Kong Adventist College which offered me a scholarship by acknowledging my result along with a Bachelor degree in Psychology.

How is it like studying at Hong Kong Adventist College? We have a great learning environment here. So far what I have experienced over here is that the teachers are highly qualified, experienced and friendly which automatically makes the students life much easier. My University don't just believe that a degree helps a person to get on in life. They also think that other things you learn at university, like independence, are equally helpful. A lot of it depends on hobbies and societies that you get involved in. If I talk about our campus, library, gym, computer rooms, playgrounds and many more, not to forget beautiful open-air campus which gives the vibes of studying in one of the USA universities.

I have great trust in the Hong Kong Adventist College and wait for a prosperous future ahead.

## Welcome Back Jonathan

by General Education Department



For those who are new, Jonathan Funkhouser was serving as an Assistant Professor for Hong Kong Adventist College teaching English between 2000 and 2002. Jonathan is from California in

the United States. He received a Bachelor's degree in English from Pacific Union College and a Masters in English from La Sierra University. Jonathan has taught in colleges and universities since 1993, mostly outside the U.S. including Pakistan, Korea, Thailand, Hong Kong, The Marshall Islands, and Saudi Arabia. He also taught at Arkansas State University in 2010. Jonathan is specialized in literature, film, culture, and writing. Currently, he is researching common writing errors of second language students. He is married to Rowena and they have three children: Joshua (14), Faith (11), and Jacob (1). We want to welcome the Funkhouser's family back to the campus of HKAC.

## New Faculty Revolutionized HKAC

by Daniel Chuah



Pastor Leong Fai is the new Chief of Operations for the Chinese Adventist Seminary. He was born and grown up in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Prior to his Christian journey, he was working in a commercial bank in Malaysia. After

baptism, he decided to quit and went to Hong Kong for his theological training. He graduated in 1980 and he went back with his wife Tam Man Lin to

serve in Peninsular Malaysia Mission. For the first 24 years, he was sent to six different districts to care for 11 big and small congregations. In 2001, he received his Master in Ministry from AIAS. In 2003, he was appointed as the Ministerial Secretary for the mission. In 2006, he was elected as the president of the mission and retired in 2017. He served Peninsular Malaysia Mission for a total of 37.5 years. He has two daughters and both are nurses in Penang. The elder daughter is serving as a supervisor in Penang Adventist Hospital and the youngest daughter is a clinical instructor in the Adventist Nursing College. The younger daughter is married with two daughters at the age of four and five.

## Academic Achievement Awards – Fall 2017

by Henry Ya'ang

Let's extend our sincere congratulations to the students who have earned a place in the Dean's List of Fall Semester 2017. With the achievement of an exemplary Semester GPA, the outstanding academic performance of these students has set an example for their fellow classmates. The College is proud to have these students join the ranks of distinguished and accomplished students and look forward to helping all students to work toward academic excellence.

Hong Kong Adventist College recognizes its top academic achievers by publishing the Dean's List with two Academic Achievement Awards:

The **Dean's List** is awarded to students who have completed a term of study of 12 credits or more; excluding S credits, In-Progress and Incompletes; and earn a grade-point average of 3.50 or above.

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| Joshua LIM      | (Health)     |
| Gwyneth TO      | (Health)     |
| Carina YU       | (Health)     |
| CHOI Hyunbee    | (Psychology) |
| KWOK Ho Chuen   | (Psychology) |
| Kassu LIMBU     | (Psychology) |
| Jonatas SANTANA | (Religion)   |
| YEUNG Chun Yin  | (Religion)   |

The **Dean's Certificate of Recognition** is awarded to students who have completed a term of study of 12 credits or more; excluding S credits, In-Progress and Incompletes; and earn a grade-point average of 4.00.

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| Gwyneth TO    | (Health)     |
| Balkiran KAUR | (Psychology) |
| Paola MORA    | (Psychology) |



## Speakers of Weekly Chapel

by Sam Shum, PhD

Faculty and Students were blessed by listening to Ir. Michelle Tang Ming Sum at chapel on March 7, 2018. Michelle received her BEng (Hons) in Civil Engineering degree from the University of Leeds, U.K. and MA degree in Anthropology from the Chinese University of Hong Kong. She joined AECOM, an Engineering consulting firm, in 2000. Her works include project management, planning, design in stormwater drainage systems, and various critical & sensitive civil engineering projects; including Tung Chung East New Town Extension, Hung Shui Kiu New Development Area, Kwu Tung North & Fanling North New Development Areas, Relocation of Sha Tin Sewage Treatment Works to Caverns, TKO-LT Tunnel Investigation, and HATS Stage 2A Sewage Conveyance System. She is the recipient of the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE) Young Engineer of the Year 2011 Certificate of Merit.

In addition to her role as a civil engineer, Michelle is currently serving as a District Councilor of the Yau Tsim Mong District Council of Hong Kong SAR, an elected member of the 2016 Chief Executive (CE) Election Committee – Engineering Subsector, appointed member for Advisory Council on the Environment (ACE), and appointed member for Women's Commission, a founding member of the Wong Tai Sin Orchard Women Association, the Vice President of Community Alliance on Kai Tak Development, the Vice President of Community Renaissance and a member of the Board of Directors of the Engineering & Construction Evangelical Fellowship.

Based on her experiences in managing Engineering projects and working with people in her district, Michelle encouraged the students to obtain a good Education and to apply their knowledge and skills to develop future Hong Kong.



by Dr. Dan Cheung



Dr. Cassian Cheung, former President of Wal-Mart China Company, 2002 to 2005, came to speak to our students

and faculty during our weekly chapel. Recently retired from being the Executive Director and Group Chief Executive Officer of Next Digital Limited, Dr. Cheung also worked for The Nestle Company as the Chief Operating Officer from 1978 to 1994 and currently serves as a member of the Global Advisory Board for the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University, USA. He is also an advisory member of the Global Business Program for the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

Dr. Cheung shared with our students and faculty the characteristics necessary to be a leader in a global company. He pointed out that different cultures have different ethical and moral standards, meaning that an act that one culture might consider to be wrong can be acceptable in another culture. Leaders of a global company need to respect and adapt to various cultures when making rules and policies.

Someone who is a good leader of a global company, Dr. Cheung mentioned, has the ability to foresee shifts in global expectations and future corporate needs. With this sort of foresight, good leaders are able to motivate their subordinates to prepare the company for these future shifts. A visionary leader can help the company to stay ahead of the competitors and be adaptable to this constantly changing world.

Dr. Cheung also warned us that the work schedules of leaders of global companies can disrupt personal and family life. To illustrate this fact, Dr. Cheung shared that he stepped down from being the president of Wal-Mart China because he missed being with his wife, Vivian, on her birthday. He gave up leadership of one of the largest companies in the world because he valued his personal and family life far more than the honor of being the leader of a global company. From Dr. Cheung's candid remarks, we were able to see the many facets of being a visionary leader of a global company, including balancing personal and corporate need.

## 2018 Philippines Mission Trip

Have you ever heard of the phrase “living like a missionary”? This phrase usually implies living off of little money and with poor living conditions, all the while finding solace, strength, and comfort in the grace of God. The funny thing is, sometimes living like a missionary begins before the mission.

Flying a group of 20 people across the ocean is by no means cheap, and this problem often causes missions teams to be creative in fundraising. Our Hong Kong Adventist College (HKAC) missions team decided the best way to fundraise was via concerts, church visits, and food sales. With the permission of HKAC Administrative Committee, in the months leading up to the mission trip, our team loyally set



camp outside of the cafeteria, selling garlic chips, brownies, and other goodies. It's not a secret amongst us that garlic chips seem to be our number one sponsor!

At first, the profits we made were not sufficient. Additionally, over half of our team fell ill. But, we remained loyal, because we knew that through our faith and our willingness to serve God, He would reward us. By the grace of God, within the last two weeks prior to our flight, God supplied our team with a surplus of funds!



Our first stop was Mountain View College, Mindanao. We sang with the Mountain View College choir. Dr. Daniel Cheung and Dr. Corjena Cheung shared their testimonies and stories with the church members.



The next day, we were off again. This time for the small town of Lumbia, Cagayan de Oro, Mindanao. In Lumbia, HKAC students shared health messages and stories of Jesus' love and promise to be our only hope. Some of us were also actively involved in leading the children's program every night. By the conclusion of our week in Lumbia, not only had most of us redeemed our health, but we also were able to witness 16 baptisms of the local people, 1 baptism within our team, and 2 of our members make the decision to give their lives to Jesus.

The most rewarding aspect, for me, was bonding with the team and watching the members grow. Even when our circumstances weren't great, such as piling 20 people into one small van, organizing washroom schedules since running water seemed nonexistent, and the toilets clogged too easily, we found a way to be joyful together. Most importantly, we grew in love. Many of us left Hong Kong with selfish hearts, but we returned with hearts that yearned to uplift each other, and to bring changes in the lives of the downtrodden.

Sometimes, the best missions take place in our own hearts.

