



HIGHLIGHTS

Internal Newsletter of the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies 02/26/2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb 26 Healthy Heart Month Food Bazaar (4-8pm)
Send Off: Dr. & Mrs. González (11am)
- Feb 27 Last Day of Application for Graduation
Library Workshop: Google Drive (8:00am)
Send Off: Dr. Benjamin (11:40am)
- Mar 3 *Chapel: Disaster Readiness*
- Mar 4-16 Biblical Studies Tour: Turkey
- Mar 6-15 MPH Mission Trip to Sabah, Malaysia
- Mar 6-16 SA Mission Trip to Tayabas & Pagbilao, Quezon
- Mar 8 Clinic: Walk with a Doc (5:30am)
- Mar 17 Term B Classes Begin - Tuesday
- April 2-5 **Easter Weekend Holidays**

Red font - declared no work no school by governeimt
Send Off: Gathering to pray for a departing AIIAS family member, at the AIIAS Administration lobby or Bell Tower.

WEEKEND

- Feb 27 Sundown - 6:04 PM
Vespers: MPH Band
- Feb 28 Worship Speaker: Pastor Redante Honorica
AYStory: Nomad Worship Concert - 4PM
Sundown - 6:04 PM

FAREWELL

With sincere gratitude, we honor the dedicated service of **Dr. Robert Benjamin**, VP for Student Services. His leadership, care for students, and steady guidance have left a lasting impact on campus life.

We also extend our deep appreciation to **Dr. Ricardo Gonzalez**, Dean of the Theological Seminary, whose faithful leadership and passion for ministerial formation have strengthened the Seminary and enriched our academic community. Alongside him, we recognize **Mrs. Nery Vasquez**, Library Assistant at the IMRC, for her quiet yet invaluable contribution. Her helpful spirit, diligence, and warm presence have made the IMRC a welcoming and supportive space for students and faculty alike.

FOCUSED ON MISSION

We praise God for the safe travels and successful weekend mission trip of the **Applied Theology** team to Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia on February 20-22, 2026. The team conducted Revival Meetings for multiple congregations in preparation for the upcoming evangelistic series on July 19-25, 2026, with the inspiring theme: "The Promise Still Stands."



There will be more groups going out during term break next week and we would like to invite you to pray for them.

Please pray for the team from the **Biblical Studies Department** that will be flying to Turkey on March 4-16, 2026, for the Bible Study Tour. Please also pray for the team from the **Public Health Department** that will be flying to Sabah Malaysia for their mission trip on March 6-16, 2026.

The **Student Association (SA)** is also leading a mission trip team to Tayabas and Pagbilao, Quezon on March 6-16, 2026 for a mission trip. Please keep them in your prayers as they serve communities, share God's love, and grow together spiritually during this term break.

AIIAS ACADEMY

The AIIAS Academy went on their [annual field trip](#) on February 24, 2026. The elementary school and high school students visited different locations in the morning, then met at [Harbour Square](#) and [Manila Ocean Park](#) before coming back to the campus.

The Elementary School (Kindergarten to Grade 6) students visited [Gardenia Bakery](#) and [Museo Pambata](#), while the High School (Grades 7-12) students visited [Intramuros](#) and the [National Museum](#).

"Our field trip to Intramuros and the National Museum made history and art come alive, especially when we were standing in front of the [Spoliarium](#) and thinking about the stories behind it. From riding a horse around the old walls to seeing penguins and sea lions up close at Manila Ocean Park, every experience made learning an adventure." - Rocky Buscato, Grade 9

CLINIC

AIIAS Clinic is leading the campus in celebrating [Healthy Heart](#) month. We started with a food bazaar on Sunday, February 22, 2026. Dr. Edward Nathan shared heart friendly advice and Dr. Monalisa Acero-Xavier invited everyone to participate in the Meatless Monday initiative. She also launched the AIIAS Biggest Loser program. Participants enjoyed the health bazaar and the opportunity of a free health check.

ETHICS REVIEW BOARD

The Ethics Review Board is requiring all researchers who conduct research on human participants to take [Human Research Protection Foundational Training](#).

You need to:

1. [Complete all five training modules](#)
2. [Submit your five certificates](#)
3. Once verified by the ERB, you may [submit your research for review here](#).

For concerns and inquiries, reach out to [Dr. Innocent Sigauke](#) or [Robert John Almocera](#). (see [detailed guide](#))

ALUMNI NEWS

Congratulations to Gianina-Estera Petre, a PhD in Education graduate from Romania, for the successfully publishing the book "Qualitative Research: A Practical Guide for Early Career Researchers".

QUALITY ASSURANCE REMINDER!

To all students of AIIAS, don't forget!
"Withholding feedback is choosing comfort over growth." - Adam Grant.

You need us to provide the education you came to AIIAS for, and we need you to complete your **course evaluations**.

COMMUNITY REMINDERS

- **Teaching our Children Reverence Before the Lord** - Please you keep your children seated with you and do not allow them to run around the auditorium during the services.
- **Off Limits Areas for Children** - Children are not allowed to play in the following areas:
 - Administration Building
 - Around Faculty / Staff houses
 - Around and in the Academic Buildings - Library, Graduate School, Theological Seminary, and Prayer Garden
- **Zumba Sessions** - every Monday to Thursday, 5:15pm to 6:00pm (none on Holidays) at the Admin Building Kitchenette Hall
- **AIIAS Church Newsletter** - [February 20, 2026](#)
- **SA Carwash** - a fundraising activity to support the upcoming SA Mission Trip. Book to have your car washed through this [form](#).
- **Clinic** - Meatless Mondays - an invitation to commit to eating plant-based meals every Monday, starting March 2, 2026.

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