



HIGHLIGHTS

Internal Newsletter of the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies 03/19/2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mar 20 [Eid al Fitr \(Feast of Ramadan\)](#)
- Mar 20 [Dissertation Defense \(online\)](#) - Evins Nouke Kumendong, PhD Education Candidate (8AM)
- Mar 20 & 27 [Empowering Allias Helpers \(1-2:30PM\)](#)
- Mar 29 EDSA Outing to Picnic Grove, Tagaytay
- April 2-5 [Easter Weekend Holidays](#)
- April 5 [Allias Alumni & Friends Potluck & Fellowship in Loma Linda, California](#)
- April 9 [Araw ng Kagitingan \(Day of Valor\)](#)

WEEKEND

- Mar 20 Sundown - 6:07 PM
- Mar 21 Speaker: Dr. Watland Francois
Sundown - 6:07 PM

WELCOME BACK!

We would like to praise God for the success of the Sabah, Malaysia and Quezon Province Mission Trips that went out from March 6-15, 2026. God blessed and used both groups to minister and serve the respective communities.

We also warmly welcome our 18 new students that are starting their Allias journey this term. We are rooting for your success!

1. Charles, Innocentia Nkeiruka - Nigeria
2. Charles, Matthew Ethan - South Africa
3. Chen, Youding - China
4. Chhakchhuak, Vannunzira - India
5. Gosal, Febrio Samma - Indonesia
6. Ha, Jungsoo - South Korea
7. Heo, Heejoo - South Korea
8. Kaghoma, Justin Kasereka - Democratic Republic of Congo
9. Lopes de Oliveira, Milca - Brazil
10. Matias, William Andrade - Brazil
11. Nam, Kyoungwon - South Korea
12. Oh, Kyoungyun - South Korea
13. Song, Bada - South Korea

14. Sumali, Zefani Katembo - Democratic Republic of Congo
15. Yang, Heewon - South Korea
16. Yin, Xiaocui - China
17. Yogaraj, Gobi Krishanth - Sri Lanka
18. Yun, Choungsil - South Korea



PUBLIC HEALTH

Contributors: Frank Aduse-Poku and Christian Cayrus

We praise God for keeping our Public Health team, comprising 31 students and faculty and the South Philippine Union Conference (SPUC) cohort, safe as they traversed the mountains of Sabah, Malaysia to bring health services to the remote villages.

Mission activities began on March 7 with Sabbath worship at Manggatal Seventh-day Adventist Church. From there, the team traveled to Kota Marudu, which served as the operational base for their outreach initiatives. On March 8 and 9, medical services were delivered to Kinadaan, where residents received free health screenings, medical consultations, and essential medications. Persistent rainfall and rising floodwaters forced the team to depart on March 10, as access routes became increasingly hazardous. Outreach operations resumed on March 12 and 13 in Kampung Rugading and Kampung Bambang. Across all three outreach sites, more than 210 individuals benefited from the services provided.

[Public Health Mission Trip - Highlight Video](#)

STUDENT ASSOCIATION MISSION TRIP

Contributor: Joeper Eurolfan

We praise God for the successful mission trip conducted by the AIIAS SA team in Tayabas and Pagbilao, Quezon on March 6-16. For the 45 students who participated, this mission was more than just an outreach, it provided a meaningful way to spend their semester break by actively engaging in ministry and building connections with local communities.

The team was divided into 10 groups and conducted nightly meetings from March 8-14 in ten district churches under the leadership of Pastor Darwin Remulta. They were also involved in various outreach and service activities like church painting, clean up drives, house visitations, teaching children in schools, feeding programs, and clothes distribution. AIIAS MPH graduate Delwin Gusago also conducted a two-day medical mission and provided free health services.

On Sabbath, March 14, all the groups came together for a district-wide fellowship. We praise God for the 28 individuals that chose to be baptized as a result of their missionary efforts.

PHOTOS: [Team](#) [Day 1](#) [Day 2](#) [Day 3](#) [Day 4](#) [Day 5](#)
[Day 6](#) [Day 7](#) [Day 8](#) [Last Day](#)
[Ilisan SDA Church](#) [Agape SDA Church](#)

AIIAS ACADEMY

The AIIAS Academy students successfully concluded their Week of Prayer with the theme "You Are Loved." Each day featured different topics that reminded students of God's unconditional love for them.

"I was generously touched by the message of hope each day to keep on doing my best, knowing God is there to support me each step of the way."

-Bemnet Dana

Daily Poster Quote: [Day 1](#) [Day 2](#) [Day 3](#) [Day 4](#) [Day 5](#)
 Daily Photos: [Day 1](#) [Day 2](#) [Day 3](#) [Day 4](#) [Day 5](#)

LIBRARY

The Library is delighted to announce the launch of DSpace 9, an online repository for theses and dissertations! A very big thank you to the dedicated efforts of the AIIAS IT team who brought this project to life with their expertise and hard work. We invite you to explore the platform at dspace.aiias.edu.

CONDOLENCE

We would like to express our condolences to our AIIAS Academy Librarian Aloisa Fiedacan and her family for the passing of their father, [Mr. Sherwin Fronda Fiedacan](#), on March 14, 2026. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they go through this difficult time.

AIIAS ALUMNI & FRIENDS in CALIFORNIA

Bryan and Joie Sumendap, Ronald and Nancy Vyhmeister, and AIIAS President Ginger Ketting-Weller will be hosting an **AIIAS Alumni and Friends Potluck Gathering** at the [Loma Linda Chinese SDA Church - Fellowship Hall](#) on [April 5, 2026 \(Sunday\)](#) at 6PM.

If you know any AIIAS Alumni living in Southern California, please **pass on** this invitation to them! Thank you so much!

COMMUNITY REMINDERS

- **Training for AIIAS Helpers** - an emergency preparedness training has been organized for all the household helpers on campus. If you have an "Ate", please encourage her to attend. Refreshments will be provided.
 - When: March 20 and 27, (Fridays) 1:00-2:30 PM
 - Where: Graduate School Room 12 and 13
- **New AIIAS Caps and Visors** - Aside from our new shirts, we also have caps and sun visors available for sale at the PR Office for P200.
- **Zumba Sessions** - every Monday to Thursday, 5:15pm to 6:00pm (none on Holidays) at the Admin Building Kitchenette Hall

FUNNY BONE

(Alumni Contributor: Dr. G. T. Ng)

"I really only love God as much as I love the person I love the least." Dorothy Day