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From Itzhak to acrobatics, the opportunities for new experiences at Andrews abound. Celebrating established traditions like Alumni Homecoming and New Life Fellowship also make many new memories that will last a lifetime. Even if you were unable to attend, enjoy a look at what you missed.

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Ed McWilliams (MA '63) shared the spring issue of FOCUS with me, and asked if the third person on the last row was my sister. It is. She is LaVerne Cunningham Kunze. She graduated from Washington Missionary College in 1949, I believe, and worked for Home Study and then for the purchasing department of the General Conference in Takoma Park, Md.

Alice Cunningham, MD (att.)

Setting a good example

I was fascinated by the article "Walking on the Roof of Africa at 70" (FOCUS, Summer 2011 by Samantha Snively). Congratulations, Woodland, for your success in reaching that peak at the age of 70. Even though my home is about 50 miles (80 km) from Mt. Kilimanjaro, I feel bad that I have not made an effort to climb it. Maybe it is not too late for me at 70+ to follow Woodland's example.

For me, it was nice to know that Mt. Kilimanjaro is "the highest free-standing mountain in the world" and that some species of flowers are found only on Mt. Kilimanjaro.

Just one minor correction. The writer in the article states that "The figures for the disappearance of Kilimanjaro's glacier center on 2025, which means that the expanding population in the Arusha Plain will lose their main source." I think instead of Arusha Plain it should have been Moshi Plain. Arusha Plain gets most of its water from Mt. Meru.

Mishael Muze (BA '64)



Dennis Woodland (*right*) and his son-in-law, Michael Hughes of Seattle, on the trail up Mt. Kilimanjaro. The elevation rain forests are lush with many ferns, tree ferns, epiphytes and woody vines on the trees. Precipitation here is over 80 inches per year.



Thanks for writing

Letters to FOCUS are always welcome. To ensure a range of viewpoints, we encourage letters of fewer than 300 words. Letters may be edited for content, style and space.

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“Memories of Sacrifice, Reasons for Hope”

Andrews hosts a week-long series of events in remembrance of 9/11

Ten years ago, today’s Andrews University undergrads would have been anywhere between 9 to 12 years of age. As elementary and middle-school children, they watched the 9/11 terrorist attacks unfold and grew up during the tumultuous decade that followed. As young adults at a university, they participated in a campus-wide commemoration of that day.

The week-long series of events, “Memories of Sacrifice, Reasons for Hope,” began with a panel discussion on Tuesday, Sept. 6, in the Seminary Chapel. Also that day, students had the opportunity to hear from a World Trade Center survivor during University Forum in the Howard Center. Stanley Praitmnaht was recently featured in *Time* magazine as a 9/11 survivor. He was on the 81st floor of the World Trade Center when the second plane crashed into the South Tower. He eventually emerged from the building and found his way back home to his wife and two daughters.

On Wednesday night, Sept. 7, the weekly prayer service House of Prayer at Pioneer Memorial Church hosted a guest speaker, Imam Mustapha “Steve” Elturk of the Islamic Organization of North America (IONA.) Elturk is an active interfaith and community leader, and sits on numerous interfaith and racial-justice committees.

Elturk also presented “Blessed Hope” at University Forum on Thursday, Sept. 8. He further elaborated on his religious beliefs and post-9/11 experiences and one of his more recent projects—the institution of a mosque in Warren, Mich. Warren is known as a highly racist city. Elturk recalled the assistance he received from leaders of other faiths in the area, and related the story as an example of productive interfaith collaboration.

That evening, the art gallery hosted a reception for the “Post-9/11 Reflections” exhibit in the Art & Design Gallery. Brian Manley, associate professor of art, and Kristen Witzel gave lectures entitled “The Art of Peacemaking” and “Hospitality and Resilience.” On Friday afternoon, the History & Political Science colloquium featured a faculty panel discussion on “Terror: Experiences, Perspectives and Judgments.”

On the morning of Sunday, Sept. 11, students and faculty gathered around the flagpole to say a prayer and observe a moment of silence at 8:46 a.m., when the first plane hit the Towers. Observers also planted small American flags in the lawn of the campus entrance.

The weekend closed with a commemorative concert at the Howard Performing Arts Center (see back cover for details).

Southeast Asia Tour

Alumni and friends of Andrews University are invited to join the following 2012 tours offered by Merlene Ogden, dean emerita of Andrews University:

Springtime in The Netherlands and Belgium

April 18–30, 2012

This tour will feature five nights in Delft, Holland, with day tours to include Delft, Amsterdam, The Hague, the flower auction at Aalsmeer, and much more. Best of all will be the day at the world-famous Keukenhof Gardens with their 7,000,000 tulips and spring flowers in bloom. Then it is off to Belgium for five nights in Brugge to visit that city as well as Ghent, Brussels, Antwerp, and the World War I battlefields around Ypres.

Vietnam, Cambodia and the Mekong River

November 10–25, 2012

Pre-extension to Bangkok, Thailand November 7–11, 2012

This tour features:

1. A seven-night Mekong River cruise in a river-view stateroom aboard the brand-new River Saigon with guided on-shore visits daily. The ship has only 30 all-outside cabins, and we have reserved 28 of these cabins for Andrews alumni and friends. It could be an enjoyable “homecoming” tour.
2. Seven nights in deluxe hotels in Ho Chi Ming City, Siem Reap and Hanoi, with guided excursions daily.
3. A two-day visit to Angkor Wat Temple Complex.

Full information is available upon request to:

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Clockwise from top left: Panel discussion, Seminary Chapel ■ Stanley Praitmnaht, World Trade Center survivor, University Forum, Howard Center ■ Dwight Nelson interviews Imam Mustapha “Steve” Elturk, PMC House of Prayer ■ Small American and international flags were placed in the lawn at the University entrance