

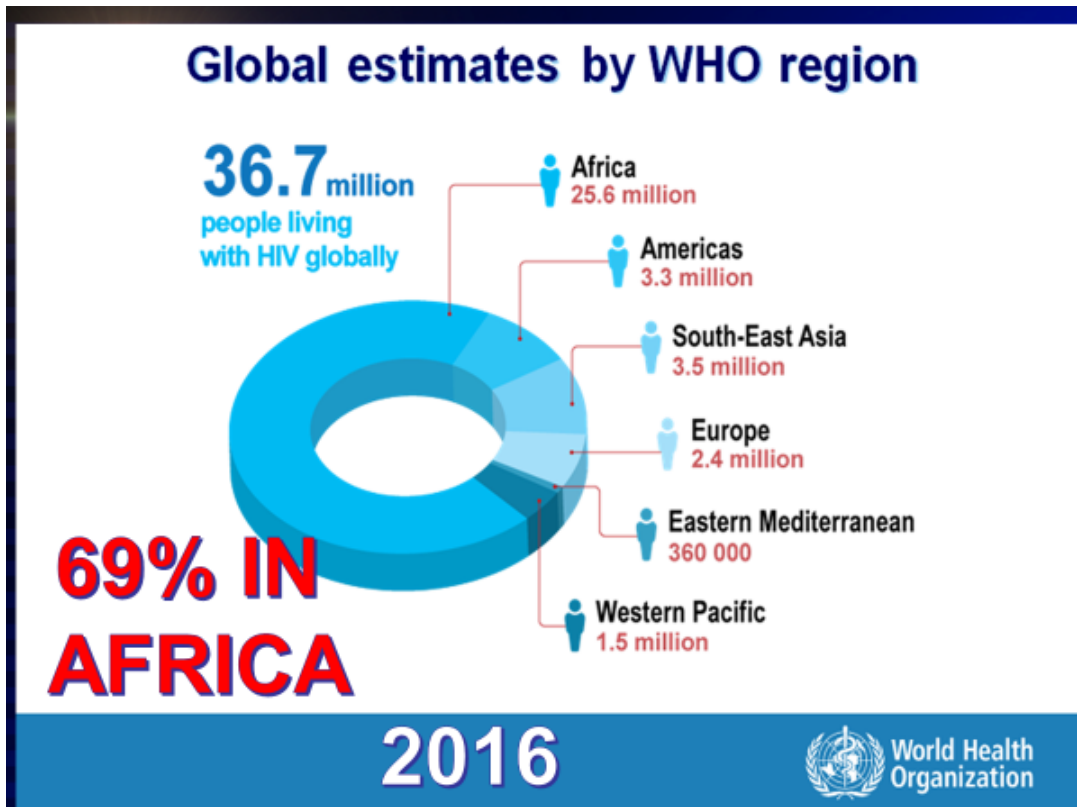
**AAIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
to the AAIM Board on the 8th of October 2018
at the General Conference Office
Silver Spring, Maryland**

The HIV pandemic has resulted in millions of untold suffering, woe, pain and death. It is impossible to quantify the many lives ruined and lost. We can only catch a tiny glimpse of the many of untold agony. Since statistical reports in Africa are difficult to obtain and at the same time unreliable, the data from first world countries will assist in giving us a picture of the countless destroyed by HIV.

The figures from the United States of America tell a tiny fragment of this malevolent disease. There were five seemingly insignificant initial cases in the USA in 1981 that served as a spark in the HIV conflagration. By 2013, there were more than 1.2 million HIV infections which do not include those who have died from the disease. From 1981-2018 more than 80 million have been infected with 35 million deaths. This disease truly fulfills the proverbial flame that resulted into a global disaster. One HIV infected individual has brought gigantic woe and death.

UPDATES ON THE HIV SCENE

This is the HIV global distribution as of 2017 with 36.7 million infected and 25.6 million infection in the African continent or 69%.



2016 COUNTRIES WITH HIGH HIV INFECTIONS

COUNTRY	HIV INFECTIONS
SOUTH AFRICA.....	7,100,000
NIGERIA.....	3,200,000
INDIA.....	2,100,000
MOZAMBIQUE.....	1,800,000
KENYA	1,600,000
TANZANIA & UGANDA.....	1,400,000
ZIMBABWE.....	1,300,000
ZAMBIA	1,200,000
MALAWI	1,000,000
ETHIOPIA.....	620,000
CAMEROON	600,000
IVORY COAST	500,000
RUSSIA & USA each in 2013	1,200,000

2016 HIV INFECTION IN SELECTED AFRICAN COUNTRIES

Country	HIV Infections	Prevalence
Swaziland	220,000	27.2%
South Africa	7.1 million	18.9%
Lesotho	330,000	25%
Botswana	360,000	21.9%
Zimbabwe	1.3 million	13.5%
Zambia	1.2 million	12.4%
Mozambique	1.8 million	13.2%
Malawi	1.0 million	9.2%
Nigeria	3.2 Million	2.9%
Cameroon	560,000	4.6%
Kenya	1.6 million	5.4%
Tanzania	1.4 million	4.7%
Ethiopia	620,000	0.9%
Ivory Coast	500,000	2.8%
Ghana	310,000	1.7%
Uganda	1.4 million	6.5%

HIV and Youth- At the start of the HIV pandemic, 1 out of 4 or 24% of the new infections were at the ages 15-24. Today, this percentage has jumped to 30-50% depending in the countries involved. Every 2 minutes a youth is infected with HIV.

PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF HUMAN SEXUALITY BOOK

Ninety-five percent of HIV infections are due to sexual activities. This is the main reason for the wide spread of this disease hence if AAIM has to target the main cause, sexuality needs to be addressed. Not all

sexual route of transmission are immoral as in the case of rape, mother to child transmission, and a faithful spouse with a permissive partner transmitting the disease to the righteous individual.

The Human Sexuality Book stresses that God only allows sex within the context of a monogamous, heterosexual and lifetime marriage. Outside of this parameter is not within God's design which has led to many diseases and deaths.

The printing of this book in English, Portuguese and French is through the kind permission of the GC Family Life Ministries with the help of Dr Willie and Elaine Oliver.

SEVENTH AAIM ADVISORY

The 7th AAIM Tri-Division Advisory took place in the ECD Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya on the 1-6th of July 2018 with the theme: AAIM- Help for Today and Hope for Tomorrow. AAIM expresses its profound appreciation to the ECD officers and the rest of the staff members who made the Advisory a resounding success. ECD did not charge for the use of the conference venue plus gave a 30% discount in the accommodations. French translation was also provided. The three African divisions were well represented with ECD with the highest number of participants as it is the host division.

Initially, the projected total number of participants was 60 with the maximum of 70. However, with the posting of the Advisory notice, there were more than 120 applied for registration. Due to the budgetary constraints plus the limited accommodation facilities, some of the applicants had to be regrettably and painfully denied. The highest number of participants was registered at 110 during the middle of the week. The daily average attendance was 110. Even with the excess in the number of participants, the Advisory stayed within the budget of USD 25,000 provided by the GC Treasury through Daisy Orion. AAIM is thankful for the intercession of Daisy with the GC Treasury for the budget.

Some of the high-lights of the AAIM Advisory

1. Dr Delbert Baker, the Vice-Chancellor of the Adventist University in Africa dropped by to invite the AAIM participants to visit the nearby AUA campus a stone throw away from the conference venue. Dr Peter Landless immediately grabbed the opportunity to find out opportunities how AAIM can collaborate with AUA. Dr Baker mentioned that AUA is opened for this collaboration. Right after the conference, Dr Baker connected with Dr Hudson Kibuuka (GC Education Associate Director) for AAIM to make a presentation to the coming Association of Adventist Universities and Colleges in Africa. This way AAIM is able to make inroads with all the Adventist educational establishment in Africa.

2. Participants from ADRA International and ADRA AFRO. Jonathan Duffy of ADRA International made a presentation on how ADRA can collaborate with AAIM including one presentation in developing resiliency in young people. At the end, Jonathan Duffy made of pledge of USD 30,000 to AAIM for youth prevention programs. This was further matched by Dr Peter Landless of USD 10,000 with a total of USD 40,000 for the use of the three divisions in Youth Alive programs. ADRA AFRO through Dr Zivayi Nengomasha presented the ADRA-AAIM collaboration on the HIV TOT Program sponsored by Swedish Mission Council which started in 2004 and is still running up to this time. This program included the countries of Tanzania, Kenya, Rwanda, South Africa, Zimbabwe and Malawi. The next phase of the program will be for youth HIV prevention covering the countries of Namibia, Lesotho, Swaziland and Zambia.

3. The whole GC Health team headed by Dr Peter Landless was present as the main resource speakers. Dr Abner delos Santos, AAIM Chair person graced the event with his presentations on Christ like leadership. Dr Kebogile Mokwena representing the Adventist Professional Health and Humanitarian Services made a very valuable topic on the usage of recreational drugs fueling the HIV pandemic plus the

issue of health literacy. Other topics included the collaboration with the various church ministries to mainstream HIV presented by Women's Ministries, Children's Ministries, Family Life, Youth and others. Also the Advisory emphasized utilizing HIV programs to bring people to the knowledge of Christ.

4. All the Unions present gave AAIM activities and program reports. It was very encouraging to hear the various reports which have touched and change the lives of many. The format of the Union reports had to mention the following endeavors:

- a. How many churches within the Unions and how many churches are involved in AAIM programs
- b. List of AAIM programs and projects by the churches mentioned
- c. Mainstream of HIV programs with other church ministries
- d. Collaboration with agencies like government organizations, non-government organizations, faith based organizations and others.
- e. List of all health institutions and the HIV activities done in each facility
- f. Evangelism program and how many have accepted Christ from AAIM programs.

5. The Seito support group formed by Elijah Mosiori from Kitale, Kenya gave their testimony on the compassionate efforts of the church providing care and income generating projects for them to survive in their HIV status. Concepta Momanyi and Evelyn Nandokha both HIV positive gave their testimonies on how they were cared for and supported.

6. AAIM honored two coordinators who have passed away while still in active service with the crystal of appreciation. Dr Urban Negre the AAIM coordinator of the South African Union Conference who passed away last September 2017. His widow Cherry Negre and son Mark Ryan were the ones who accepted the recognition award. The other was Evelyn Nkhethoa of Lesotho Conference who started the grandmothers club for support of HIV orphans. Her program served as a model and has been duplicated in many parts of Africa. She passed away last June 2015. Accepting the award in behalf of the family of Evelyn Nkhethoa were the delegates from Lesotho headed by Thabang Pulumo- the CEO of Maluti.

7. The group also came with a resolution to honor and appreciate the gargantuan pioneering work and dedicated service of Dr Oscar and Dr Eugenia Giordano for AAIM. A book of tribute was circulated where participants wrote how they valued the Giordanos contribution.

8. Towards the end of the Advisory, resolutions were drafted to be presented to the AAIM Board for considerations.

PAN-AFRICA ASSOCIATION ADVENTIST UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (PAAUC)

This organization was formed about 2 years ago with the purpose of creating a forum where all the Adventist universities and colleges in Africa are able to collaborate, share experiences, link with each other and other academic aspects which would be beneficial to all members.

The appearance of AAIM with about 23 Vice-Chancellors and Head of Education was possible through the influence of Dr Delbert Baker and Dr Hudson Kibuuka. The following AAIM issues were raised during the meeting:

1. AAIM made its services available to all the educational institutions for HIV didactics of 6-8 hours be part of the general basic curriculum either in health or in Bible courses
2. Engage with the general student population during health emphasis week on HIV issues

3. Protection and guarantee of the rights of HIV employees and students fostering an environment free from stigma and discrimination respecting secrecy and confidentiality
4. Same gender sexual intimacies experimentation and illicit relationships
5. Awareness of sexual predators
6. In campus protection against sexual violence/rape and proper Adventist Risk Management coverage in case of accidental incidents. Also medical advice for this emergency to prevent HIV, pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.

So far, AAIM has made presentations in the University of East Africa in Baraton for the past two years in their health emphasis week. It also has made presentations to the students in Valley View University in Ghana.

ECD has taken a very valuable action relating to AAIM with the encouragement for all churches and institutions to have a health emphasis week. Through this initiative, AAIM is able to promote its programs and to create awareness of HIV.

ASSOCIATION OF AFRICA THEOLOGIANS IN AIIAS (AATA)

As the name implies, this organization is composed of African theology graduate students in the Adventist International Institute of Advance Studies (AIIAS) in Manila, Philippines which has been in existence for the past ten years. The members are church leaders in Africa taking advance studies to better prepare them for the work in the continent. The theme of the conference was: Health and Wholeness in Africa.

This was a wonderful opportunity for AAIM to create awareness of its programs, projects, expose the African pastors unconscious practices of stigma and discrimination and to establish relationships for future encounters when these theologians return as leaders to their various territories. A presentation of how religious attitudes are negatively and positively affecting the HIV pandemic was given by Dr Evelyn Almocera, the AIIAS resident medical doctor. Here are some of the comments given to the AAIM presentation:

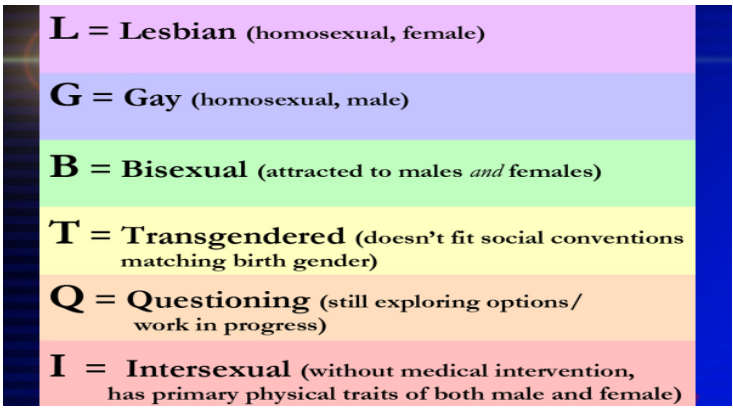
“ I did not know that the church has created AAIM in response to the HIV pandemic. This is a wonderful initiative. I look forward to working with AAIM when I return to Africa”

“ The presentation of stigma and discrimination is a great eye-opener. I myself had unknowingly done them as a pastor. You have made me see my erroneous practice.”

GC YOUTH CONVENTION KASSEL, GERMANY

When HIV was still newly diagnosed, 1 out of 4 infected was that of youth ages 15-24. Today, the new youth infection is between 30-50% depending on which country. Every 2 minutes, a youth gets HIV. For this reason, AAIM has made youth HIV prevention strategies its top priority. For this reason, it took the opportunity of participating in the GC Youth Convention in Kassel, Germany thereby reaching to a world audience.

AAIM was given a 2 workshops slots with a presentation on Youth HIV Prevention Strategies. Care was particularly given during the talk on HIV and the non-binary gender spectrum. In Africa, it is not a crime to Biblically lash out on the LGBT practices (lesbians, gay, bisexuals and transgender). But in Europe, this can result in legal proceedings. Rightly so as when the discussions came to the LGBT, there were three Europeans who defended this practice as hormonal or genetic aberrations.



There is a vigorous systematic campaign by the LGBT community to accept an infinite spectrum of gender proclivity as opposed to the exclusive binary genders created by God. This is creeping into the whole world with unprecedented speed. The church needs to cry out loud against the unbiblical practice but at the same time show love, compassion and the power of grace to overcome any temptation.

WAD YOUTH CONVENTION IN ABIDJAN

With the youth very vulnerable to HIV infection, AAIM does not spare any opportunity given to inter-act with the them in the West Central Africa Division wide youth convention in Abidjan, Ivory Coast. There were more than 3,000 young people from the various WAD countries. Thanks to Dr Ogochukwu Elems-WAD Youth Director for the invitation to AAIM. The theme for the convention was Harbingers of Peace. Dr Elie Weike Dido- WAD President formally opened the meeting with Pastor Kingsley Anonaba present for the sabbath services. The presence and support of the WAD officers are very meaningful to the youth showing how important are they to the church. There are two AAIM Union Coordinators who are also Youth leaders: Dan Owousuh Mensah of North Ghana Union Mission and Dr Jean Paul Assam Assam of Cameroon Union Mission. With these two holding other offices, it becomes easier to mainstream HIV in the other church ministries specially the youth.

AAIM ADVISORY AND PROJECTS VISITATION IN CAMEROON

There are three countries in WAD territory having the high HIV infections compared to the others. These are Cameroon, Ivory Coast and Nigeria. Here are the 2016 HIV statistics for Cameroon:

Population.....	23,739,000
HIV Infections.....	560,000
New HIV Infections.....	32,000
Deaths	29,000
Mother to Child Trans.....	4,000
Prevalence.....	4.6%
Increase in HIV Infections.....	5%.

A joint AAIM and Health Advisory was done in Douala, Cameroon together with Dr Andre Ndaa. The meeting was well represented from the different regions of the country. There were also Adventist medical practitioners who were present. Organizing all these activities is Dr Jean Paul Assam Assam the Cameroon Union Mission Health Ministries and AAIM Coordinator.

After the Advisory, a trip to Bertoua, east of the country was done, to visit the existing projects under Pastor Landry Mevack. The first league was from Doula to Yaounde about 450kms by road and then another 500 kms to Bertoua. There were two very active support groups in that area: Kpwokolota and Simone. Leading the grandmothers club is Jacqueline Abezock with 14 other women. They are taking care of 72 orphans through various income generating projects: vegetable-fruit production, poultry, dyeing of cloth and brick production. They are in the process of erecting a small office with two rooms as sick bay for the orphans. These projects were initiated through Dr Oscar Giordano together with Pastor Landy Mevack. The AAIM programs in Bertoua is very fruitful and successful that this is to be duplicated in the other parts of the country.

On sabbath, it was World Youth Day where AAIM joined the young people that visited 2 hospitals. In each of hospital food supplies were donated to the administration. Patients were encouraged, prayed with and toiletries with drinking water were given.

Each of the three divisions have one country by which the other countries can look up to as examples and a model for the AAIM programs. These are:

- WAD- Cameroon
- SID- Zimbabwe
- ECD- Kenya.

AAIM profusely thank the leadership of these three countries showing the multi-faceted HIV programs which can be emulated by the others.

SID ADVENTIST-LAYMEN’S SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

Thank you to SID for the opportunity to allow AAIM to be one of the presenters to the SID ASI Convention. This provided an avenue to AAIM for the following:

- Create awareness of the programs and projects of AAIM
- AAIM intends to utilize ASI as one of its donors of programs and projects
- Connect with Adventist lay persons who can be of assistance to AAIM
- Funding proposals to be submitted to SID ASI.

AAIM display booth distributed various HIV literatures and sold Human Sexuality for fund raising and educate members on how to teach this very delicate subject to children, youth and also to the church. Sex is a blessed gift from God to be appreciated in its rightful place. Due to the display, AAIM was able to make several connections and also get orders on the Human Sexuality book from the different unions.

ZIMBABWE VISIT

This is the 2016 HIV statistics for Zimbabwe:

Population.....	16,150,362
HIV Infection.....	1.3 million

Prevalence.....	13.5%
New Infections.....	40,000
AIDS Deaths.....	30,000

The initial intention was to participate in the first HIV Convention for the Northwest Zimbabwe Conference held in Kwekwe through the invitation of Pastor Xmas Mutero the conference Health and AAIM Coordinator. The occasion also provided an avenue to visit the other AAIM programs after the split into three union conferences in Zimbabwe from its original one union conference status.

East Zimbabwe Union Conference supervisory visits to two sites:

- a. Glenview Church in Harare Support Group. Some of the members have left commercial sex due to alternative income generating programs by this church like peanut butter production and production of bags and ornaments. This group badly needs a peanut roaster and mixer for better production.
- b. Tazvinzwa about 100 kms of good roads and 27 by gravel road east of Harare. This support group was formed by the HIV members of the church. They came together about 12 members and donated each a goat for the community. From this pool, the goats increased. They gave goats to HIV infected and destitute individuals. The Lord blessed their efforts. They were able to form another support group by donating another set of goats as a pool. They also have poultry and gardening.

Central Zimbabwe Union Conference activities

- a. The first HIV convention in North West Zimbabwe Conference with more than 500 attendance. Pastor Estwell Tapera, the Central Zimbabwe Union Conference President motivated the members to do HIV support programs.
- b. Lower Geru Support Group. AAIM gave some seed money for poultry project which sadly did not take off. Instead they have diverted the funds to a flourishing vegetable garden. This group is supporting the teens who were born with HIV from the parents.
- c. Orphanage of Mrs Magama in Kwekwe. Deeply touched by the sad plight of HIV orphans, she opened her house as the initial program dating way back in 2006. A donor agency saw her efforts and help her build a house which now is taking care of 19 orphans. Such a heart warming story of an Adventist church member who responded to the HIV orphan crisis.
- d. Leya Sibanda support group in Mpumalanga church- Another story of a mother who responded to the needs of orphans and HIV infected in the community. She together with 6 other Adventist women are doing home base care and orphan care.
- e. Visitations of Mateme and Lowe Gweru rural health centers (RHC). Both RHC are making a vast contribution in the fight against HIV through the VCT (voluntary counseling and testing) and the distribution of ARVs (anti-retroviral medications) or else HIV patients would have to walk long distance for their treatment.

Distribution of ARV is a major problem in the fight against HIV that donor agencies are using church facilities for this. John Snow in Zambia is using the church premises for this. Some ideas to solve this issue is the use of mobile clinics using motorcycles and vending machines. Our RHC are making a big difference and have a major contribution in this regard.

The HIV activities by the church in Zimbabwe is in a great part attributed to the ADRA HIV TOT program in 2004-2006. Unfortunately, the program came to an abrupt end due to run-away hyperinflation and the difficulties of NGOs to operate at that time. Many NGOs stopped their program during the same period. Yet, even with only 3 years, ADRA made a considerable impact up to these days. The tiny seed sown has germinated into a huge tree providing shade, sustenance and the other necessities of life.

ETHIOPIA WOMEN'S MINISTRIES CONVENTION

This is the 2016 HIV statistics for Ethiopia

HIV INFECTIONS.....	620,000
Prevalence.....	0.9%
Population.....	100,886,000.

There are very few AAIM programs going on in Ethiopia. The mainstreaming of HIV in Women's ministries hopefully will encourage AAIM programs to flourish. More than 400 women attended this convention from all over the country. Some travelled for 3 days to be in the gathering. This was organized by Gelane Kumera the Women's Ministries director of the Union. She is also in charge of Health and AAIM. Debbie Maloba the ECD Women's Ministries Director was there as main speaker. Pastor Temesgen Bulti Besha, EUM President was of great support. He was the one who translated AAIM presentations into Amharic. This made a deeper impact to the audience coming from the union president with his presence during the whole time of the convention.

Sewing Project done by Genet Zeleke in Addis Ababa has been there for more than 10 years with more than 100 individuals trained for this income generating activity. This resulted in 5 baptisms. Recently there has been a drop in people wanting to be trained in tailoring due to other IGA programs by the government. There is a plan to move Genet to her village where she can be of better use.

NORTH TANZANIA UNION CONFERENCE HEALTH CONVENTION

This was organized by DR Silas Kabhele in conjunction for the Health Professionals, church health leadership and young people. More than 600 were in attendance. Dr Katia Reinert from the GC Health Ministries and Dr Fesaha Tsegaye were among the resource speakers.

Human Sexuality book was promoted with all English copies available sold out. The proceeds of the sale went to AAIM programs in NTUC. Members clamored for the translation in Kiswahili so this book could reach many more specially during camp meetings.

Northern Tanzania has 22 clinics/dispensaries with Heri Mission Hospital in Kigoma. Health facilities are doing voluntary counseling and testing. Anti-retroviral treatment are done. Tanzania has been the recipient of the ADRA HIV TOT training program but has since died out when the funding ended from Sweden. There are plans to revive the program using the local churches.

Currently, the Union is in the process of finishing the 5-floor Mwanza SDA Hospital and is envisioned to open mid 2019. There are many SDA medical doctors in Mwanza who would be able to lend their medical skills to this institution.

NORTHWEST WOMEN'S MINISTRIES CONVENTION

In Africa, women are disproportionately affected with HIV compared to men. For this reason, AAIM is also making women's group as its priority. This women's convention was organized by Patricia Papu- the Cape Conference Women's Ministries Director.

HIV is a very big issue in South Africa with 7.1 million cases. It ranks number 1 in the world with the highest number of infections. This is the 2016 HIV statistics for South Africa:

Population.....	55,910,000
HIV Infections.....	7,100,000
Prevalence.....	18.9%
New HIV Infections...	270,000
AIDS Deaths.....	110,000

TRIBUTE TO ALAIN SANON

It is so sad that once again AAIM has been visited by another passing away of a dedicated volunteer by the sudden death of Alain Sanon last August 2018. He helped in the initial set-up of the computer systems in the AAIM office during the incoming of the Llagunos. He also was instrumental in the revision of the AAIM website. We were together in Kassel in July 2018 where we worked on the new AAIM website. Little did I realize that this would be our last time together. Thank you Alain for all the valuable work you did for AAIM as a volunteer giving his best to the cause of the Lord. He has departed, but his wonderful influence continue to linger in the lives of many.

APPRECIATION

CELEBRATING
the wonderful life of
ALAIN J. SANON

BALTIMORE EXTENDED AREA MINISTERIUM (B.E.A.M) FEDERATION MEMBER, YOUTH MINISTRY ENTHUSIAST, ADVENTIST RICK MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEE AND ELDER OF THE EDMONDSON HEIGHTS SDA CHURCH.

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AAIM Executive Director
30 September 2018