Judson Bicentennial Launch

The Historical Society opens its first exhibit on Judson200.org with the story of Howard Malcom (1799-1879), the minister who became the premier missions educator of his generation. Archivist Jan Ballard and Executive Director Deborah Van Broekhoven have drawn exhibit materials from the Society’s collections, including sketches made by Malcom during his 1835-36 tour of Baptist mission stations in Asia. Malcom’s published report, Travels in South-Eastern Asia, Hindustan, Malaya, Siam, and China (1839), went through many editions, becoming the handbook for mission education in the 19th century.

Malcom’s writing led to a career in higher education, first as professor and president at Georgetown College, KY, and later as President of the Baptist college in Lewisburg, PA (now Bucknell). After retirement Malcom became the curator of the American Baptist Historical Society, ensuring that missionary letters and reports would be at the core of ABHS collections.

Highlights of the exhibit include correspondence between Malcom and Luther Rice, as well as sketches made on his world mission tour. The curator for this digital exhibit, ABHS Director Dr. Deborah Van Broekhoven, explains Malcom’s importance: “In the 19th century, Howard Malcom was almost as famous as the Judsons. The sketches he made on his visit to Burma were the images through which Americans visualized missions in this far off land.”

Visitors to the Judson200.org web exhibit will find links between the images of Malcom’s sketches (scanned from his originals) and the images as they appear in a digitized edition of Malcom’s book.

The web exhibit provides images of other items from the Howard Malcom Collection, including photographs, correspondence, articles, documents and newspaper clippings dating from the 1820s-1879, about Malcom’s life, ministry, and travels in Asia.

Grants To Fund Exhibit

This and future exhibits and resources for Judson200.org have been made possible because of two grants from the Virginia Palmer Fund of the American Baptist Foundation, as well as a smaller grant from Oakhurst Baptist Church, Decatur, GA.

A first Palmer grant was awarded in August 2011, providing $25,000 to develop a (Continued on page 2)
website featuring archival materials and discipleship resources for congregations. The number of Burmese languages and the quantity of Burmese language materials provide a major challenge for ABHS staff, since our goal is to provide materials in English and Burmese ethnic languages.

Aware of this challenge, Oakhurst Baptist Church, which hosts the Georgia Chin Baptist Church in its Decatur, GA, facility, contributed $1000 to assist with translating digitized documents from English to Burmese or from one of the Burmese languages to English.

In January a second Palmer Grant for $28,000 was awarded to the Judson200 project, allowing ABHS staff to digitize issues of the *Morning Star*, the Karen language monthly newspaper that began publication in the 1840s. The most complete run of this periodical is available only at ABHS, and Research Associate Will Womack will be drawing heavily from this publication in developing a web exhibit on early Karen networks of literacy.

**Judson Legacy Tour to Burma**

In addition to developing the Judson200 website, ABHS is sponsoring a Judson200 Legacy Tour to Myanmar (Burma) for January 2013. Led by Rosalie Hall Hunt, author of *Bless God and Take Courage: The Judson History and Legacy*, the tour group will also include Archivist Jan Ballard and Executive Director Deborah Van Broekhoven.

Trip participants will tour Judson legacy sites at Yangon (Rangoon), Bagan, Aungbiale, Mandalay, and Moulmein. We’ll meet and worship with Myanmar Baptists, and visit Judson College, several Baptist seminaries, Myanmar Baptist headquarters, and churches.

We’ll also learn about Myanmar’s history, economics, and culture as we visit such sites as the silk factory in Mandalay; the lacquerware industry at Bagan; and the Gem Market in Yangon, which boasts the world’s largest single piece of jade.

A full itinerary and other details about the Judson200 legacy tour are available on the events pages for **Judson200.org**.

To register for this tour, or for more information, contact ABHS at abhs@abhsarchives.org

**Judson Conference 2013**

In collaboration with McAfee School of Theology, the Historical Society is also planning a conference for November 14-16, 2013, on the Atlanta campus of Mercer University. Designed to provide a theological and historical context for the Judson mission and legacy, the conference...
will feature major speakers, small workshops for church leaders, and worship led by Burmese pastors.

Invited speakers include Graham Walker, Bill Leonard, Scott Walker and Carol Woodfin, with ABHS providing an exhibit and opening night reception for participants.

**Rev. Ronny Lanier & Judson**

In October 2011, the Rev. Ronny Lanier of Melrose, MA, was the resident minister at ABHS. During that time she explained to the ABHS work-study students her love for Ann and Adoniram Judson. McAfee student Billy Roberts filmed Rev. Lanier, and a portion of her conversation with students is featured on the homepage of Judson200.org.

Work-study students, too, are bringing their thoughtful and creative energy to the Judson200 project. These young professionals, all of whom are pursuing graduate study at the McAfee School of Theology, worked together with staff to develop a special program featuring Rev. Ronny Lanier as ABHS resident American Baptist minister and home missionary.

Rev. Ronny, as she is affectionately known by her many children in the Spirit, was one of the earliest African-American women to be ordained an American Baptist minister.

Born in 1918, she is a long-time resident of Melrose, MA, and pastor emeritus of First Baptist Church of Lynn, MA. The church hosts five congregations, including Haitian, Burmese, and Latino groups. In 1999 the American Baptist Churches USA awarded her their highest honor, the Dahlberg Prize, for a lifetime of Christian service and activism.

Rev. Lanier has also actively served as an American Baptist home missionary, a career path she credits the Judsons with inspiring. Historical Society students prepared questions for a morning seminar with her at the ABHS, portions of which are included on the Judson200.org video feature.

**Judson200 Calendar**

Kick-off events for the three-year celebration are happening in Massachusetts, where the February calendar is crammed with events commemorating the commissioning of Adoniram Judson and the sailing from Salem harbor.

Events are scheduled at area seminaries as well as at First Baptist churches in Salem, Malden and Lynn. Times and local contacts are listed on the events page at Judson200.org.

As the calendar fills with a varied slate of events, both at ABHS and other sister historical institutions and churches, Judson200.org will continue to provide a clearinghouse for events. Organizations that are hosting public events between now and 2014 need to send that information to ABHS for listing on the website.

Websites: www.abhsarchives.org

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“We’re excited about the plans we have for 2012 and our continued partnership with you.”

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In 1821 Howard Malcom was a rising star in the Baptist denomination. As fundraiser for the denomination, Luther Rice wrote to Malcom for help soliciting subscribers for two periodicals.

"Very dear Bro:

By these papers you will learn a little of the progress of our concerns here. Prospects at present are peculiarly propitious. I do think this College by the blessing of the Lord will rise into consideration and usefulness. The missionary cause is in some places gaining ground. We should be glad to supply you with the Luminary or Star or both if you wish. Please drop a line by mail.

Ever most sincerely yours, Luther Rice

Source Note: Luther Rice scribbled this note on the back of a broadside, the term used in the nineteenth century for one page posters. Broadsides advertised events, or in this case two newspapers. As the Baptist publisher of The Columbian Star, Rice hoped for an audience interested in religion, science, and politics. As fundraiser for the Burma mission, Rice encouraged dual subscriptions to his Columbian Star and to the Baptist mission paper, The Latter Day Luminary.
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In 1813 the Judsons arrived in Burma (now Myanmar).

Join the Myanmar Baptist celebration of the Judson bicentennial by traveling with Archivist Jan Ballard, Director Deborah Van Broekhoven, and tour guide Rosalie Hall Hunt.

We will walk in the footsteps of Ann and Adoniram Judson, guided by Hunt, author of the acclaimed *Bless God and Take Courage: The Judson History and Legacy* (Judson Press). See page 2 for details.