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   Margaret Nathaniel <margaretnathaniel@gmail.com> January 17:
   Pastor and Mrs. A. M. Job celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary on December 15, 2010. An occasion as this, unlike and unique for a married couple, was a time of celebration and rejoicing, with thankful hearts to God by their children, Alexander, Sarojni, Prabha and Jayakaran and their families who included 6 grand children and 4 great-grand children.

   Pastor Job, pioneer educator and administrator, served Southern Asia Division from 1935-1977. Graduating in 1935 from the former South India Training School (now Spicer Memorial College) and married in December 1935, he labored in several institutions. Mrs. Job was a loyal, faithful companion to him and a firm supporter of the family during all these years.

   Highlights of the long years of service include: establishment of the English Elementary School, Salisbury Park, Pune in 1939; Registrar, Spicer Memorial College(1955-57); Principal, E. D. Thomas Memorial High School, 1957-63); Teaching at Spicer College. Education Dept. and in charge of Spicer Higher Secondary School (1964-74) and Principal, Lowry Memorial Higher Secondary School (1974.1975). The following 2 years he served as the Educational Secretary, South India Union (1976,1977).

   Their joy and satisfaction comes through their students who now hold responsible positions in the Lord's vineyard in various parts of the world.

   Thanks be to God for their long years of service and their longevity attributed by following good habits and implicit trust in God.

   -- Contributed by Alexander S. Job
   [Pastor and Mrs. Job live in Hosur, about 15 -20 minutes drive from Division office campus.] ~~~~~~~~~~ II.

"Empowered For Victory" Available

   Franklin G. David sasda@sasda.org January 25:
   The Southern Asia Division's 2011 morning devotional is entitled "Empowered For Victory," a compilation of select writings from the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy by Dr. Raj Kumar Chavakula who is the current Medical Director of Ottapalam SDA Hospital. Empower yourself daily with this very uplifting morning devotional. This has been translated into many Indian languages. You may contact Dr. Edison Samraj, Director of the Intra-Church Publications to get a printed copy. His email is: <e_samraj@rediffmail.com> General feedback and comments can be also sent to Dr. Raj at <r_chavakula@rediffmail.com>

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   Dr. Raj Kumar Chavakula is the second son of Mrs. Mary Grace and the late Pr. Anand Raj Chavakula who served in G.M. Hospital, Nuzvid, India. His siblings are: Anand K. Chavakula (MD, USA), Jyothi Christian (Ottapalam, India) and Shanthi Raj (Hosur, India).-- SASDA.ORG ~~~~~~~~~~ III. Letters

   1. Rajaratnam Jones <rajaratnamjones@gmail.com> January 11:
It is so sad and heart aching news about the death of the newly elected president of the Northeast Adventist College, Pastor Lalthanzika. We the members of the Pragasapuram Seventh-day Adventist church pray that the Lord of Comfort be with the rest of the family members. May Lord Jesus console and comfort them. --Rajaratnam Jones, church pastor

2. D. L. Ebenezer <dlebenezer@gmail.com> Letter to "REVIEW":
"Term Limits," by Roy Adams (Oct. 21, 2010), was an interesting article.

. . . The Seventh-day Adventist Church has pretty well followed the American model for its organizational structure. I wonder why the term of office for the General Conference president, secretary, treasurer, and others is not limited to two consecutive terms of four years each. The current practice allows officers to be elected for a five-year term and then stand for election until they retire or die. Perhaps the church should look into Numbers 8:23-26 for some pertinent counsel.

The American form of governance is the envy of most people in the world. This is partly due to no one having the potential of becoming dictatorial in administration. It's something to think about in planning for the 2015 General Conference session in San Antonio, Texas.

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IV. Update on the Lyn Watts

Reggie Shires <RegShires@aol.com> January 10:

Months ago we heard that Pastor Lyndon Watts had a stroke but we couldn't get word on how he was doing. Thanks to the internet I tracked down the pastor at the Adventist church in St. George, Utah, near the Watts home on their beautiful farm in Hurricane, close to Zion National Park and the Grand Canyon. The pastor had visited him in hospital and told me that the stroke had affected his speech and his ability to walk and that he and Mrs. Watts had moved to Canada. But he had no phone or address for them. It took months to finally get word from their children. Heather gave me her parent's phone number. Pastor Watts answered the phone and his speech was perfect. He said he was told he wouldn't be able to walk but he was at that time making a tomato sandwich to take to Mrs. Watts who was in hospital with a fractured wrist!

Since then Norma and I talked with both of them and we were encouraged by their faith and their pioneering spirit which still sustains them in their old age. They live not far from the home where Mrs. Watts grew up so they have relatives near them. Pastor Watts, like Paul, has eye problems that have bothered him for years, where it is difficult to see at night, but he gets around to the store near their home during the day using his walker which has a basket for his groceries. They love the daily TV broadcasts, Sabbaths in particular, on the Three Angel Broadcasting Network and they are very strong in their belief in the soon-coming of Christ. "Our Lord could return this year," he told us before we said goodbye. They would be encouraged by a card or letter from friends and those they worked with in India. Their address is: Apartment 112, 3510 30th Avenue, Vernon, B.C., V1T 2E5. Canada ~~~~~~~~~

V. Death of Pakistan's Mrs. Puran Gill

Franklin Allan Inayat <franklin.inayat@gmail.com> January 10:

The Pakistan Adventist Seminary and College Alumni Association (PASCAA) was saddened and offers its condolences and sympathy on behalf of all its members to fellow members Alice, Venus (Shafi), Iqbal, Habib, Najma (Soail), and Kiran Puran Gill on the loss of their mother, Mrs. Puran Gill, who slept in the Lord on December 29, 2010. Her funeral was held on January 2, 2011 in the Kot Sundha Village, Punjab.

Mrs. Puran Gill was also like a mother to scores of PASC alumni who hail from the Kot Sundha village and who are equally grieved at her passing away.

The golden resurrection morning is fast approaching when her family and well wishers will be reunited with her again. May our good God provide comfort and strength to bear this loss until then.

--Franklin Allan Inayat, Executive Secretary, PASCAA) ~~~~~~~~~ VI. William Forrest Zill in Hospital for Surgery

Kathy Zill Higgs <kathyahiggs@yahoo.com> January 12:

Friday evening we took my father to the Apopka [Florida] ER with chest area pain and high blood pressure. After hours and multiple tests in ER, they came to the conclusion there was an infection and probable a gallbladder blockage. Admitted for further testing—Sabbath he had two more tests on liver/GB area. Not enough. Gastrointestinal and general surgeon Drs. came and ordered another test for Monday with the feeling they would have to remove his GB anyway. MRI on Monday afternoon confirmed the need for surgery. Monday night he was transferred to Florida Hospital, Altamonte and went in for a laparoscopic procedure 8 a.m. Tuesday. A usual 30-45 min. procedure turned into 2 1/2- 3 hr. ordeal. But the doctor avoided having to open up Daddy's abdomen. He's still in hospital and in lots of pain. I'm sure they will be trying to send him home soon, but we'll see.....

[Let's all remember Pastor Zill in our prayers.] ~~~~~~ VII. Christmas in Nepal
Christmas falling on Sabbath was something special. The elders and the pastors of the Gathaghar church decided to make this years Christmas a spiritual rather than social festival; we planned the program exclusively for the believers who have love spot for Jesus.

So, on Sabbath, Dec. 25, more than 200 squeezed into the Gathaghar Church to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ under the coordination of Santu Kham. Believers from 6 congregations came together to worship the Lord. After Pr. Umesh Kumar welcomed the congregations, various Christmas songs were sung by the Zenith School, Balaju and Kunta groups. There was a touching skit given by the students of Zenith School, in which the earth was claimed to be owned by Satan but the light of Jesus dethroned his darkness.

Pr. Naseeb gave the main Christmas message in which he said that Christ should not be forgotten in the midst of celebrating Christmas. Elder Kapil Bania, Elder L. B. Sunuwar, Mrs. Rama Basnet threw light on the importance of Christmas. Elder Bhaju Ram presented the Sabbath School lesson after unveiling the new quarter lesson, "Jesus Wept." in the Nepali language.

Pr. Umesh gave the annual report of Gathghar Church telling how much the offering and tithes were collected and where they went. He said with the commitment by the believers, Gathaghar Church of the central region had experienced a blessed year. Started with a few members about 6 years ago, now the Gathaghar church looks after over half a dozen established satellite congregations. He set the goal by saying with the help of God, he would like to see at least 100 new souls in the church in the year of 2011 by helping the needy, distributing hundreds of Bibles, conducting at least ten cottage meeting and a health seminar, extending the worship hall, organizing prayer teams, adding 12 benches, installing a generator to cope with never ending load shedding, adding more fans, helping sister churches, setting up more congregations, adding more gospel workers and publishing at least three more Spirit of Prophecy books.

The short and sweet Christmas program was wrapped up by the prayer by Elder Bhaju Ram Shrestha. Afterward, the fellowship meal was provided.

The next day, Sunday 26, Christmas celebration took place in the Tumpakhara church in a village 80 km from the capital. There were over 50 believers gathered for the function. This church was rebuilt, after the Gathaghar team stepped in, with the help of friends because of absence of funds from the Nepal Field. Along with other speakers, the outgoing director of Nepal Field, Pr. David Tamsang spoke on the value of Christmas.

The next day, Monday, there was another Christmas get-together in the Kaping Church. It is about 30 km from the Tibetan border, over 90 km from the capital. There the children sang many action songs learned from the VBS program and other. Pr. Umesh, Elder Kapil, Elder Kuber, Elder Devi Bahadur and Elder Bhaju shared the important message of Christ's birth. Elder Bishnu is running the church that has about 75 members with a lot of children.

There was also the fellowship meal, and afterward a camp fire. The team from Kathmandu slept in the church on Monday night.

The final leg of Christmas function ended in a village of Lele, which is about 30 km from Kathmandu in the Lalitpur district. The function was held in the home of veteran Adventist elder James Nakami. Pr. Umesh and Elder Kuber joined the function on Jan 1. It was time for spiritual fellowship and get together with believers and a few friends.

The Christmas of 2010 was a notable and unique experience for us after learning from the past. It brought our believers together in solidarity in God’s love. -Report prepared by Bhaju Ram <bhajupurna@gmail.com> with Pr Umesh Pokherel umsan@wlink.com.np ~~~~~~~~~ VIII. Christo's Memoirs: Memorials--The Last Challenge

The stone marker that had been unveiled by Frank Jones for the proposed church building on the Jeevan Jyothi Campus thirteen years earlier, was lying gathering dust on the veranda of the Division maintenance building. During the years, many had walked past it in its untidy isolation. Dr. Edward Samuel had, on our invitation, come to Hosur and designed a church whose model was on display on the Division engineer Gideon Dayak's table.

The money appropriated for the church building had been spent on more pressing needs.

The pastor of our church had been transferred to Delhi. The North Tamil Conference asked me to act as the interim pastor of the Hosur church. The Division worship room and the veranda outside the room were not large enough to accommodate the growing membership as retiring workers, seeking escape from the hot and humid weather elsewhere in India, made Hosur their home. At a meeting of the church board, I mooted the idea of resurrecting the plan of building a house of worship which had lain on the table for ten years. We presented a proposal to the Division administration, which encouraged our efforts with a sizeable contribution. The church members enthusiastically supported the idea and a ground breaking ceremony was held on December 3, 2000 when Pastor Watts turned over the first spade of sod. Present and former members contributed generously. They contacted relatives and friends who pledged funds which were to be paid in several installments. Children saved their coins. Pastor Paulraj Isaiah was the chairman of the planning committee. The committee worked very closely with
Zachariah Consultants, a reputable Bangalore architect and builder. Soma Engineering, a company formed after former building engineer Gideon Dayak left the service of the church, was awarded the contract after the floating of tenders.

I could visualize what I wanted in a church building. I didn't want a traditional design. I favoured a building where all the participants on the platform could be seen from anywhere in the building and where the members were close together. After poring over designs of churches-oblong, square, round-with our architects, the church building committee chose a simple seven-sided structure.

Soon after the design was chosen, we went to Maryland to attend our first grandchild, Jyoti’s wedding. When we returned, the shell of the building was up. We decided to bring in the New Year of 2002 in the new building. The walls hadn’t as yet been plastered. The flooring had not been laid. We gathered round a fire and rang in the New Year. David, son of Pastor and Mrs. Ron Watts, wanted his wedding in our unfinished church building. Chairs were hired and the building was tastefully decorated when David and Sally walked down the aisle.

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