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Raymond Brodersen
Judy Brodersen Winters <jwinters@southern.edu> January 25:
Raymond Brodersen, age 96, resident of Collegedale, TN, died Saturday, January 22.

The redheaded baby boy born August 8, 1914 in New York Mills, Minnesota, to Danish immigrant parents, was the much loved youngest of eight children, six of whom were girls. The hardworking Seventh-day Adventist farming family valued education and all eight children received college degrees, with both boys becoming ministers and missionaries.

In 1940, following college, Ray and Emma Jean were married and began a long life of service together. Following several years of pastoral and evangelistic work in North Dakota, the couple were called to serve as missionaries. With two small sons they made the long voyage to India, arriving in 1946. A few years later a daughter completed the family. After 13 years in India, they returned to the United States so their children could continue their education. When the last child graduated from college, they returned to mission service, this time to Taiwan and later to Okinawa. Between mission service appointments, Ray served as a pastor in several areas of Virginia including Roanoke, Hampton, and Appomattox as well as many years in the Potomac Conference as Sabbath School and Lay Activities Leader.

Ray and Emma Jean retired to Collegedale in 1983. They were active members of the Collegedale SDA church, with Ray serving as an assistant pastor for several years. He loved gardening and especially roses. He was known as the "Rose Man of Collegedale" and many people were the recipients of his beautiful flowers. After 57 years of marriage, Emma Jean passed away.

For the last 12 years of his life, Ray was blessed to again find love with his second wife, Marie. She has been his joy as they traveled and shared retirement years together. She has faithfully stood by him and cared for him as his health significantly declined in the last year.

What a thrill it will be in heaven for Ray to meet his Lord . . . and all those who are there with him as the harvest of his life-long ministry.

Ray is survived by his wife, Marie; sons Raymond (Darlene) of Calimesa, California; Jim (Ellen) of Harrisonburg, Virginia; and daughter Judy (David) Winters of Apison, TN.

Grandchildren: Kelly (Les) Mathewson, Marc (Apryl) Brodersen, Ryan Brodersen, Ashley (Bryan) Beagle, Eric Brodersen, Amanda Winters, Jessica
(Brad) Clifford, Lorelei (Darren) Dennis. Great Grandchildren: Justin, Beth and Jennifer Mathewson, Devin Brodersen, and Sadie Clifford.

A memorial service will be held on February 19, 2011 at 3 pm in the Collegedale SDA church with the family receiving friends for an hour before the service.

Memorial gifts can be made to the Brodersen Scholarship at Southern Adventist University, Collegedale, TN

2. Death of Kenneth Deweltz
Peter Peabody <peabody@mindspring.com> via Franklin Allan Inayat <franklin.inayat@gmail.com>
Kenneth Deweltz passed away this evening at about 8 p.m. He and Dolly were residents at Heritage Green Nursing Home in Stoney Creek, Ontario, Canada. Dolly is doing O.K. so far. Ken had developed a brain tumor a few years ago. As best as good be determined, it was benign. Doctors did not feel that at his age it would have been wise to operate. He agreed with them and refused any aggressive care for it. He appeared to get along without a lot of discomfort. Funeral arrangements are pending at this time. Their daughter, Marlene, lives in Traverse City, Michigan. Her address is:
Marlene Bielas
P.O. Box 3224
Traverse City, MI 49685
[Many will remember the Deweltz family who lived on the campus of our Chuharkana, Pakistan school in the 1950s and operated an orphanage, back in the time when Ed Hutchinson was principal. -- cht/sr]

3. Death of Sam Raju Ressalam
Edwin Joseph <edwin.joseph46@gmail.com> January 27:
On behalf of the Ressalam Family I wish to inform the Adventist Community at large that Sam Raju Ressalam, son of late Mr. & Mrs. K. S. Ressalam; oldest brother of Lila Rani Mammen, Leena Macado, Joy Ressalam, Lilac Kunjoo and Laurel Ressalam, and father of late Kenneth Ressalam; Christina Pedapudi, Leon Ressalam and Benjamin Ressalam, breathed his last at 3:54 a.m. January 26, 2011, almost 3½ hours after his 'Life-Support' was removed.
Raju had been in coma, following a cardiac arrest, for the last seven months. The family's long vigil, in hope of his recovery, finally came to an end. His earthly journey concluded at the Maryland University Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. Raju was 64.
The family thanks everyone for their loving support over the past seven months, through visits & prayers; and requests that you continue to keep them in your prayers.
Southern Asian Church (SASDAC)
2001 East Randolph Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904
Viewing: 10:00 a.m.
Service: 11:00 a.m.
Internment: (Following the Service)

II. Letters
1. Jim Ashlock <jim.ashlock@comcast.net> January 26:
Greetings! I am sure by now most of you have heard about the New Shillong Church now under construction and how very important it is to the work there in Shillong with the Khasi people. I know most of you have pet projects as almost everyone who has ever been to India does, but there are not very many of us left who actually know the Khasi people. I am the only one in my family. And people like Dever Larson and others who worked there long gone, so I urge you to prayerfully consider making a major donation as Betty and I have to make it possible for them to complete this Church. With all that is happening in America and around the world I believe the Lord is coming very soon. There is already talk of a National Sunday Law, and National ID Cards for every American which will control our lives completely, and as we know our money will not be worth much then, so I urge you to give NOW so more of our Khasi friends will have a chance to learn of a soon coming Savior before it is too late. For a fully tax-deductible gift make out your check to the "Ooltewah SDA Church" and send it to me to see that it is processed and that 100% goes for the New Church. Thanks for hearing me out and for prayerfully considering this appeal.
Jim Ashlock
2. D. L. Ebenezer <dlebenezer@gmail.com> Letter to Jan. 27th "REVIEW":
Focus on Education
Kudos to Carlos Medley!In "A Temple Reborn" (Dec. 16, 2010) he succinctly states what it would take to strengthen the mission of our schools.

From my travels to about 70 countries in all six continents of the world, and having worked in Bangladesh, Canada, India, Jamaica, South Korea, Sri Lanka, and the United States, I could say "amen." A great deal of dedicated work must be done.

George Sweeting, a philosopher of uncommon magnitude, gives this philosophical position: "The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing."

To all who work hard for spiritual values and reflect the blueprint God has provided through the Bible and the writings of Ellen G. White, I recommend that we keep our focus on Jesus. Simply put: be careful, be vigilant, and watch with utmost diligence what you do. --D. L. (Eb) Ebenezer Detroit, Michigan

3. Justin Singh <JUWYL@aol.com> January 26:
I am looking for the whereabouts of Mrs. Doris Caleb. She was in Spicer College during 1957-1959. Her maiden name was Doris John. She was from Lucknow, UP, India. After her marriage to Vijay Caleb she lived close to 11 Hailey Road and attended church there. From Delhi they moved to Bombay.

Vijay worked in the banking system. They might be in the UK. Anyone with the information please contact us at the above e-mail address. Thank you. --Justin & Juanita Singh

III. Remembering Pastor Lalthanzika

Gladwin Mathews <gladwinmathews@hotmail.com> January 26
I am writing this with a heavy heart to express my condolences to the bereaved family who have lost their loving father, a devoted husband and a dedicated worker of God. I have known Pr. Lalthanzika since my college days. We have spent good days together. He was really a good friend of a unique quiet and calm nature, very dedicated and hard working. The church has truly lost a champion of faith and a dedicated worker. I sincerely pray that the Lord will comfort the family in this time of their grief.

IV. Correction: In the last issue we promoted the devotional book, "Empowered for Victory," that is finding wide use, acceptance, and appreciation in the Southern Asia Division, . " We incorrectly stated the source of the item. It should have stated that it was from the SASDA.ORG, not from SASDAC which is an entirely different organization!

V. Thank you from the Wilson Family

Marilyn Perez <PerezM@gc.adventist.org> January 18, for the Wilson family:
Greetings,

Thank you so much for your message of sympathy and condolences regarding my dear 90 year old father's recent death on December 14, 2010. He was a wonderful father, church leader and friend. We had a simple and brief family-oriented graveside service amidst the falling snow on Thursday, December 16, and a simple public memorial service is planned for Wednesday, January 19, at 2:00 pm, at the General Conference headquarters auditorium.

We greatly look forward to the soon return of Christ when the resurrection of those who have placed themselves in God's hands will take place. What a day that will be! What a privilege to now plead with the Lord for the Holy Spirit to work revival and reformation in our lives, preparing us for the latter rain when the proclamation of the three angels' messages will cover the earth and Christ will return!

Thank you for your prayers for each of us in the family, including my almost 91 year old mother who is content and essentially unaware of current events. She continues her stay at Elternhaus Assisted Living about ten minutes from our home where both my parents have enjoyed exceptional Christian care.

May God bless your new year of service for Him as we anticipate Jesus' second coming.

Regards,
Ted N C Wilson and Family

VI. Christo's Memoirs: Dedication of the Hosur Church
We worked feverishly to get the building in readiness for its dedication at the time of the Division year-end meetings, when former friends from the General Conference would be present. The bell tower, the walkway around the church and the restrooms were the last to be completed. Modern Furniture had contracted to make the pews and furniture for the platform. We borrowed the Moser's electric piano for the opening ceremony because the grand piano and electric piano donated by Martin and Mary Pakkianathanam and Vijayan and Jill Charles respectively hadn't yet arrived.

Invitation cards for the opening of the church were sent to friends and the public in general. Our inauguration celebrations were scheduled to begin at sundown on Friday, November 8, 2003. A light drizzle began as we were putting the finishing touches to the building. The decorators were ready to take over. With my mission accomplished, I was ready to drive home for a bath and get ready for the evening meeting. I was tired and in a hurry. After I had indicated a right turn at the school gate, the driver of a lorry behind me, mistaking my signal as a sign for him to pass me, crashed into the side of my car and sent it flying between an electric pole and the school boundary wall. The lorry came to a halt when it landed in a ditch.

The lorry driver jumped out of his vehicle and ran away, not wanting to see the consequences of his action. A woman who lives at the corner of the school, which is also the entrance to Maranatha Colony, the location of our home, came running to the side of the car. When she saw I was stunned but alright, she brought a chair from her house and beckoned me to come out of the car and sit down on the chair. In spite of the fact that the side and roof of the car were totalled, I didn't even have a scratch on my body. It seemed as if angels had carried the damaged car to its resting place. Bystanders, friends from the Division campus and Maranatha Colony soon encircled me. Then I saw Birol running toward me and tears filled my eyes.

We could have so easily been separated by this event. Leaving the car in the ditch, we walked home to thank our heavenly Father for His miraculous intervention.

I barely had thirty minutes to bathe and get ready for the opening service. The weekend services had been meticulously planned. During the opening consecration service, the choir sang, "He shall cover thee with His feathers and under His wings shalt thou trust." I thought to myself that never had a choir sung a more meaningful song, not only for my most recent experience, but also for the church to remember that that is where its trust should always abide in every aspect of life and leadership. The youth of the church took the consecration service, and they spoke on the fruits of the Spirit as being the hallmark of a vibrant Christian fellowship. Dr. John Fowler challenged the youth to live up to their high calling. The Sabbath School lesson was presented as a panel discussion, and the Sabbath Service was taken by Dr. Armando Miranda, Vice President of the General Conference.

Choirs from the Central Seventh-day Adventist and Lowry Memorial College churches blended their voices with our Jeevan Jyothi senior and junior choirs in a festival of praise on Sabbath afternoon. There was a sharp shower as we gathered for the "big event"- the dedication ceremony of the new church building. After the ribbon was cut by Don Robinson, associate treasurer of the General Conference, Jothi Anbiah lead the congregation into the church. The dedicatory message was given by Pastor Ron Watts. P. H. Lall read the dedication litany and Don Robinson had the dedication prayer.

Mohanraj Jesudas and Ron Watts presented me with an award of appreciation.

Praise God! The entire project had cost Rs.65,00,000.

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