I. Death of Monorama Wilmott

II. Letters
   1. Derald Bhengra <derald_b@yahoo.com> February 5:
      Dilip Tirkey, former Associate Secretary, IFA for the Southern Asia Division, is going to go through a Kidney transplant on coming Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2011. His wife is the donor, please uphold both of them in your prayers.
   2. Dean Tidwell <deantidwell@yahoo.com> February 4:
      In mentioning VHSites who went on to be come SDA union presidents, Pastor Christo forgot to include George C. Johnson who graduated from VHS in 1961 who served as president of the Pakistan Union and then the SE Asia Union in Singapore.
      Interesting to read of all the VHSites who were employed by the church in 1946 in Southern Asia, but of course that was exactly in the middle of VHS's heyday from 1922 - 1969. It seems irrelevant today and most of them are no longer around. A year after this article was published, and following India's independence, these mostly Anglo-Indians no longer felt welcome in their country of birth. They began immigrating elsewhere, spreading VHS's influence to Australia, Canada, UK, and the United States.
   3. Praveen-san K. Tamsang <pktamsang@hotmail.com> February 7:
      We the Sikkim-Darjeeling Himalayan Hills believers were praying continuously for Pr. Robert Robinson surgery and today it brings us great joy to know through SUD-e News that surgery was successful. We know Pr. Robert Robinson; servant of the Lord dedicated himself for India to expand His Ministry in unentered areas. Moreover, today we many new churches, publication and schools etc... constructed and now rendering excellent service to uplift...
the lost soul. We hope and pray our Lord will completely heal him and bring him back with his loving family - Brenda in His vineyard - SUD.

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III. Bob Robinson Making Remarkable Recovery

Robert L. Robinson <bobrobinson2004@yahoo.com> February 13:
Greetings from Pastor Robert Robinson-India Evangelism Coordinator.

While I have been out of India since Oct., 2010, Roger Stone has stepped in and has been my assistant working night and day to make the necessary arrangements and coordinating each of the meetings. He is a God sent messenger.

As a result, we will finish this April, 2011 with 22 different teams coming to India to preach in different parts of the country. As a result several thousands have accepted Jesus and been baptized in the 64 new villages entered and 65 existing churches. New church structures are being constructed in the new villages. Praise be to God. We invite you to also join in the advancement of the cause of God in India by selecting a time frame to come and conduct an evangelic effort in India. Just visit the ShareHim/the Quite Hour web site www.sharehim.org and select a date convenient for you or send me an e-mail in regard to your desire <bobrobinson2004@yahoo.com>.

May 10, 2010, I had a AV fistula put in my right wrist at Maniphal Hospital in India, which tied my vein and artery together for future dialysis. After returning to USA late Oct I visited Loma Linda and was urged to begin dialysis immediately. The night before my dialysis (November 11, 2010) my lungs and chest filled with fluids and I thought I would drown. I was unable to walk more than a few feet without resting. Having endured illness for 65 years, I didn't realize how ill I was. It had come on me so slowly.

Dialysis began at 6:45 pm on November 12. I was frighten and it took them 45 minutes that first evening to get the needed needles into my veins in the proper place to make the blood flow. At the end of that first dialysis my life began to change. About 40% of my blood was cleaned of the impurities that evening. I could now walk up a mountain and at first it was difficult, but exercise and God divine blessing allowed me to advance in endurance. Dialysis two days a week for 4 or so hours each time lasted until January 28, 2011. On January 30, we flew to Portland, Oregon where the operation for the kidney transplant took place on February 1, 2011. While in the hospital I was not allowed to eat until I passed gas. During the operations some of the internal parts of the body shuts down and the intestines are one of those organs. On the third day I succeeded and was now allowed a liquid diet for breakfast. That amounted to 1/4 cup of apple juice. I could not take any more. For supper my appetite improved and I was given two bowls of soup. Now in order to have more solid foods I must pass urine and then have a bowel movement. I passed all the requirements by the 6th day of hospitalization so I was discharge at 3 pm on Sunday, February 6.

I now have blood draws and medication adjustments three times a week at the hospital for one month. If I pass those requirements, next month it will be twice a week and the 3rd month it will be once per month. During these three months I will stay in the Portland area so that I am close to the hospital and until they discharged me to be under a family doctor.

Fortunately we are located in an area were we can continue our work during my recovery. My plans are to attend camp meetings throughout USA if my health permits beginning June through August and them back to India.

The kidney transplant normally last for 18 years and I want to use my time and energies to invite people to India to proclaim the Gospel and to invite those nearest to me to accept Jesus as their personal Saviour.

As you may know my son-in law, Dr. Wichit Srikureja, has given me one of his kidneys as an act of love and I want to use the opportunity he has given me to advance the cause of God. Please pray for my son-in-law as he is in the healing process. His surgery was a major one and he needs our prayers. His will be the longest to fully recover, and mine will be the most crucial in the next three months to keep from infections and rejections.

I want to thank each one for your letters of encouragement and prayers and to the many churches and organizations praying for the two of us during these past few days. THANKS so much.

May God bless each one of you. Keep looking up; Jesus is coming SOON.

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IV. Remembering Ken Dweltz

Dave & Sandi Reynolds <dreynolds@canby.com> February 6:

It is with sadness that we learn of the passing of Ken Dweltz. Ken and Dolly Dweltz lived next to us (the Reynolds family) for most of our time at Pakistan Adventist School and College. We shared a duplex. Better neighbors were not possible. They ran the medical clinic at the school for most of the time we were there as well as a long time when we were not there.

Ken was working with Dad when he was shot while trying to flush out a burglar. Then he examined Dad after the shooting and declared him dead. He left to inform the other faculty on campus of the shooting and death. Dolly then
found Dad still alive and breathing, so got blankets from Mom, and arranged for him to be transferred to the medical clinic run by an international canal building corporation that was across the street.

This is, of course, a much shortened version of events at that time, but this is not about those events, but about Ken Dweltz, who will be missed by all who knew and loved him. Our hearts go out to Dolly, Marlene, as well as their nephew Peter, who sent this message. We look forward to the resurrection when we will all meet around the throne of God, and be reunited with our many friends and loved ones who lived and died in the hope of Jesus return.

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V. MFM Pioneers Join Medical Missionary Training

Saw Thein <sawthein2009@gmail.com> February 7:

The Myanmar Union Mission Health Department director, Dr. Htway Lay provides Medical Missionary Training and Health Care Program under the title Pearl Lifestyle Center.

The 2nd batch training was on was held January 17 to February 6. During the 21- day training there was a total of 17 attendees: 7 women & 4 men for medical missionary trainees and 6 for health-care patients. I had the privilege of attending both opening and closing ceremonies.

Myanmar Frontier Missions (MFM) is going forward, as we have for the past 13 years, with the Church Planting Movement. We are preparing the ground in Middle Myanmar. Praise the Lord our Mighty God for the first group of seven potential trained missionary pioneers who willingly serve.

These are Mahn Myint Aye, Z. Naung San Aung, Mai Mary Aung, S' Soe Moe Kyaw, Tun Ta Oo, Rosetta, and S' Willian Phyo.

We need more Adventist youth and adults who willingly serve the Lord. We also need prayers and financial support to our ministry. May God bless all who respond our urgent call!

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VI. Christo's Memoirs: A Tribute to Those who Have Helped Build [Part 1 of 3]

There is another memorial that I would like to raise—this one not in brick and stone, but in words. It is a memorial to those who have worked, sacrificed, and had the vision to bring the Seventh-day Adventist church in Southern Asia to the place it is today.

In the early days of the British Raj, when Christian missionaries came to India, they thought that if they could attract a corps of educated Indians to the gospel of Jesus Christ, India would provide a bountiful harvest for the kingdom of God. In fact, Lord Macaulay wrote on October 12, 1836, to his father, who was a supporter of missions: "it is my belief that, if plans of education are followed up, there will not be a single idolater among the respectable classes in Bengal thirty years hence: and this will be effected without any effort to proselytize—merely by the natural operation of knowledge and reflection" (Sir George Trevelyan, Life and Letters of Lord Macaulay, 1908, quoted by J. W. Pickett in Christ's Way to the Indian Heart, page 16). It has now been recognized that Christian schools for higher education don't result in accessions to the church.

Research and excavations of the Indus-Saraswati in north-central India and the Cholas civilizations in the south give evidence of a sub-continent peopled with intelligent, cultured, highly motivated inhabitants with moral values which predate the Christian era. In an address to the British Parliament on February 2, 1835 Macaulay observed, "I have travelled the length and breadth of India and I have not seen one person who is a beggar, a thief: such wealth I have seen in this country, such high moral values, people of such calibre, that I don't think we could ever conquer this country, unless we break the very backbone of this nation which is her spiritual and cultural heritage, and, I therefore propose we replace her old and ancient education system, her culture, for if Indians think all that is foreign or English is good and greater than their own, they will lose their self-esteem, their native culture, and they will become what we want the, a truly dominated nation."

It is sad that our colonial masters who called themselves followers of Jesus Christ had insidiously and a systematic way dismantled the very of the fabric of India's way of life and replaced it with a structure which led to the plunder of her resources and her self-esteem. Christians have failed the people of the South Asian sub-continent. Our exclusiveness, our judgmental attitude, our exaggerated sense of superiority and high moral standards have repelled rather attracted the non-Christian to our Saviour.

By and large we have failed to demonstrate the "loving" Jesus. We have failed to minister to the people's needs.

The early protestant missionary befriended the high castes, educated, and elite, but met with stiff resistance and little response. Jesus cautioned that the "whole need no physician" and it is harder for a rich man to enter heaven than it is for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle" (Mark 10: 25). Paul emphasizes that the disadvantaged and disenfranchised have always been more responsive to the gospel (1 Cor. 1:26-29). The missionary from the evangelical churches and the missionary wing of the Anglican Church (Church Missionary Society) soon found that the caste system in Hinduism offered fertile soil for the sowing of the
gospel seed. The gospel found a ready response in the disadvantaged sections of society that wanted release from generations of bondage and were seeking for an identity.

The gospel of Jesus offered them both. Where the Christian message is presented in its simplicity, when the risen Christ is lifted up in every sphere of His followers lives, and Christ is presented as the reason for existence and the hope of a future disciples have been gathered in and churches have been raised up. The promise of the Bible writers that the story of Jesus would find a response in every country, language and race gives the heralds of the gospel reason to keep the torch that has been passed on to us burning brightly for, "Among earth's inhabitants, scattered in every land, there are those who have not bowed the knee to Baal. Like the stars of heaven, which appear only at night, these faithful ones will shine forth when darkness covers the earth and gross darkness the people. . . . In India, in the islands of the sea, and in all the dark corners of the earth, God has in reserve a firmament of chosen ones that will yet shine forth amidst the darkness, revealing clearly to an apostate world the transforming power of obedience to His law. . . . The darker the night, the more brilliantly will they shine."  E. G. White (Prophets and Kings, pp. 187-189)

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