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~~~~~~~~~~ I. Scholarship Fund Set Up at Spicer

Michael I. Osuri <drosuri@aol.com> March 30:
On behalf of the community-wide Southern Asian Adventist Centennial Celebration of the Washington Metropolitan Area (SAACWA) then Chairman of the celebration, Dr. Michael Israel Osuri, recently handed to Spicer Memorial College a check for rupees seven lakhs, one hundred ninety one and thirteen paisa (Rs. 7,00191.13). The College has deposited this money in the bank. Dr. Devadas expressed the desire to share the blessings with as many students as possible. This is in keeping with SAACWA's intent. From the substantial interest accrued each year scholarships will be given annually to deserving theology students who will choose to work in Southern Asia, including former territories of Southern Asia Division.

Any one interested in ministerial studies at Spicer and working in Southern Asia may apply for scholarship details and consideration to Spicer Memorial College, Aundh Road, Pune 411 007, India. The details are being worked out and the scholarships will commence from 2012.

Dr. Justus Devadas, President of Spicer Memorial College has asked to "Kindly thank all the members and organizers on our behalf."

To all who participated in and supported SAACWA, making possible the scholarship fund, "A Big Thank You." If any one wishes to add to this scholarship fund to reach a targeted goal of Rs. 10 Lakhs, please contact Dr. Justus Devadas, 020-25807003,4 in India.

~~~~~~~~~~ II. Jeanne Beck Jarnes in Walla Walla’s Alumnotes

Jeanne (Beck) Jarnes and her husband Dave, live in Caldwell, Idaho. She is the purchasing director for Pacific Press Publishing. Her hobbies include walking, cooking, entertaining, reading, music, teaching kindergarten Sabbath School, being chair of the church's music committee, and being grandma to her two grandchildren. Her favorite memories of WWU were Friday night vespers and Sabbath morning church service in the sanctuary with the beautiful music. She and Dave have two children, Kristen Browning att. and Todd. -- from the current WWU alumni journal, WESTWIND

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1. John M. Fowler" <FowlerJ@gc.adventist.org> March 23:

It was heart-warming to read the tribute Pastor Christo paid to Pastor S. James. Pastor James was known and respected as the "saint of Salisbury Park." Yes, in moments of crisis, Dr. Lowry always asked Pastor James to plead with the Lord for the guidance Division Committee needed to face the crisis. His prayers were not theological or philosophical prose, but the cry of a bleeding heart, and the reach of a living faith. My life was closely linked and influenced by Pastor James--as Paul to Timothy. He was a mentor, a model, a saint, a great preacher, and above all one who walked his talk.
Rarely has the church been blessed by a man of his caliber and devotion. I have often wondered what made him the man he was, and the more I thought of it, the more I was convinced that he was a true disciple of the Lord Jesus: he never sought power; he once told me that when power defines the life of a leader, the church gets hurt in the process. How true! He was also a true disciple because he took up his cross literally and gave his life for the church. When he died, he did not leave a house or even a simple bank account for his wife or children. What he left was something more important: character and commitment to the Lord. He was also a disciple in that he served till it hurt, he gave when he had nothing left for himself. The poor in Salisbury Park or around Shivaji market in Pune would remember him for his exceedingly rich and precious generosity. Finally, he was also a true disciple of Jesus because his undimmed focus was always on the
imperishable and immortal life that His Lord has promised him and the rest of us. May our Lord raise more of such disciples in Southern Asia so that the church there will be a tower of glory and a pillar of unity.

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2. Ian Grice <ieghg@yahoo.com> March 23:
Georgine and I have the greatest respect for those Indian leaders who we first became acquainted with at Salisbury Park in the 1960s. Pastor S. James was one of those kindly souls with boundless enthusiasm for the work of God and urgency in his voice as he presented his talks and sermons. We believe God sent us to India to learn spiritual lessons, and Pastor James was one who certainly contributed to our spiritual development.

3. Wesley James <wjames231@msn.com> March 31:
Thank You, Pastor Christo, for your article last week, "Remembering and honoring Pastor S. James." I, too, remember those fervent prayers and songs. Sometimes, I would hear his voice and wake up in the middle of the night only to find out that he was praying. I was amazed how the Lord led us through those trying times, especially as our church leaders collectively and prayerfully sought to find solutions to the problems our Church faced.
As a teenager at that time, it made a big impression on me; and I learned to appreciate and respect those God fearing leaders. Through the years, my sister, Priscilla Selvaraj, and I have been recipients, though undeservedly, of much love and kindness of many people simply because of Pastor S. James.
We are always grateful for him, and proud to call him "dad."

IV. Death of Beryl Allwood

Amy Wallang Bogley <amyb1@twlakes.net> March 27:
Beryl Allwood, born September 21, 1924, passed away on March 24, 2011, Thursday afternoon, at the Andover Nursing Home, New Jersey, after a stay of about 3 years due to Alzheimer's. It was good to hear from a good friend of hers that she had played a very active part in her church and had spread sunshine wherever she was, including during her stay at the Nursing Home.
She was loved by many, and that her faith was strong to the end. The church will have a memorial service for her this Sunday at Cochran Funeral Home, Hackettstown, N. J. The funeral will take place Tuesday, March 29, at the Restland Memorial Park Cemetery, Andover, N. J. The Church telephone No. is (908) 852-6100

V. Pakistan Adventist Youth Summer Camp

Samuel Nazir <samuelyouthpk@hotmail.com> March 26:
The Youth department - Pakistan Union of Seventh-day Adventist Church - have plans to provide a life-time experience to learn about God's grace and His blessings and purpose in life during at Summer Youth Camp July 12-17, 2011.
Please be reminded, its not a family camp - we encourage youth leaders and pastors to prepared young people ages between 16-35 years.
Samuel Nazir
Director Youth Ministry
Pakistan Union of Seventh-day Adventist Church

****ADVENTIST YOUTH SUMMER CAMP - KHANSPUR AYUBIA July 12 - 17, 2011 Fee Rs. 2300 (from Rawalpindi to Khanpur Ayubia to Rawalpindi) Brief Details:
Departure from Seventh-day Adventist Church Rawalpindi on July 12, 2011 at 10:00 AM.
Meals will be served while travel to camp.
Meals will be vegetarian.
Bedding/ eating utensils will be provided. There will be separate accommodation for males and females respectively.
Warm cloths will be needed during nights and even if it rains.
Bring your own pillow cover and bed sheet.
Site seeing transportation will be provided. But everyone will pay themselves for chairlift ride.

Bring your Bible pen and notebook.

Please register before June 15, 2011

Contact for further information:

Samuel Nazir -Youth Department: Pakistan Union of SDA, Adventpura, Near Thokar Niaz Baig Motorway By-pass Multan Road Lahore- Pakistan.

Phone: 042 7510968; Fax; 042 7510967; Mobile: 0345 2300153 Karachi Hospital Church Contact: Arshed Nazir/ Cell: 0321-2594973 Wallayat Abdullah/ Cell:0300-8224537

VI. SUDite Needs Bibles in Micronesia

Walter John <gwalterjohn@hotmail.com> March 24:

My family and I have been living and working on one of the remote islands of the Pacific during the last seven years. We are on the islands of Chuuk in the Federated States of Micronesia. Our island has one SDA church and an academy. The local church here has requested me to conduct a series of evangelistic effort meetings during the months of April and May this year. For our crusade we need English Bibles which the local church is unable to afford. Hence I am making this appeal for some English Bibles. The Bibles do not have to be brand new. Even used Bibles will be alright. Whatever you could send will be of great benefit and encouragement to us in our evangelism. My mailing address is:

Walter John, College of Micronesia, P. O. Box 879, Weno, Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) 96942.

Thank you so much for your kind consideration in this matter. God bless.

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VII. Another Spicer Professor Earns Doctorate

L Colney <neiupre@bsnl.in> March 23:

Biakzidinga Renthlei, Vice President for Academic Affairs at Spicer was a awarded PhD in History by Pune University. His dissertation had to do with one of the dwindling tribe of the Northeast India, the Biate. Congratulation for his hard work and contribution for the enlightenment regarding the tribe which is not so known to outside world.

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VIII. The Eastern Tidings--100 Years Later

Gerald Christo presents some historic information from Southern Asia's first official journal, "The Eastern Tidings." In this centennial year we will bring some short items that still thrill us to read:

From the Eastern Tidings of January 1911, published at 19 Banks Road, Lucknow.

Editor-W. E. Perrin

Writes J. L. Shaw:

***School Planned for Karmatar

We were pleased to see omens of progress in the work at Karmatar. We visited the out-school and the, home of the teacher; about forty-five or fifty children are attending the school. They also have a Sabbath-school at the same place. The morning we were there about sixty were ill attendance. There are many inquiries for schools about Karmatar. If we had half a dozen teachers we could find schools for them at once. One man came to the bungalow while I was in Karmatar, from a distance of six miles, offering us fifteen acres of ground if we would start a school in his village; he offered to put up a building for the school and a house for the native teacher to live in. He thinks about a hundred students might be collected together for such a school. We shall investigate further into this matter, and place a teacher there as soon as possible if it seems advisable. Land has been offered us at one, or two other places near Karmatar, providing we will start schools. The schools affords a very strong agency in village, work the people desire the school, and this gives us one of the best means of teaching the gospel to the children and opens the doors into the homes of the people.

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IX. SUD Retiree Haven Visited

Gerald Christo <christohsr@dataone.in> March 25:

Old timers who remember Bangalore/Hosur as a "pensioners' paradise" will be surprised with a caption by a Times of India reporter describing Bangalore's decline from a hill station with a salubrious climate to a concrete island with temperatures increasing by 1.8 degrees over the average 23 C since the 1990s mainly due to carbon emissions and pollutants. We are in the midst of a heat wave with temperatures touching 34C already and its only March.

Current census projections put Bangalore population at 8.4 million up from 4.5 millions at the turn of the century. Presently Warren Buffet and Bill Gates are in Bangalore and Delhi on a mission to challenge India's rich and famous to give their millions to charitable projects.
Bangalore/Hosur Seventh-day Adventists worship on Sabbaths in about thirty churches and praise God in English, Kannada, Tamil, Telegu and Hindustani. The membership is made up of businessmen, physicians and nurses, IT professionals and engineers, college and school teachers, call centre employees, daily labourers, students and housewives make up its membership.

They tithe faithfully and give offerings generously.

In Hosur among these there is Maranatha Colony, a small community of about 16 homes with as many families. Of these 16 are octogenarians some with failing eyesight, some hard of hearing, many with fading memories, one needing a walking stick for support and another using a walker. We travel to the church every Sabbath in a van provided by the Division and get together to celebrate birthdays or an occasional potluck.

One such occasion was Chris Nathaniel’s 80th birthday on March 24. Wife Margaret planned a grand celebration for Chris, not knowing that she and Chris were in for a surprise of their lives when Christine, their only daughter, from Texas turned up on their front verandah of their home in the wee hours of the same morning.

The Bible reminds us that we are all part of the same body and that God is Father of us all. As we attempt to live out God’s call on our lives, we are not alone. In my lifetime I have seen children writing with reeds on a board plastered with white clay which can be easily erased for further use, and now children using computers before they have learnt their alphabets. We write e-mail messages and skype our loved and friends who are usually in their 80s. We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses in heaven and on earth (Heb. 12:1). We are united with those who have gone before us in faith and those who are on the journey with us right now -- no matter where in the world they are. Come live with us at Maranatha!

Present house owners and occupants of Maranatha Colony include Sadanala and Lily John, Helen John, Ambat T. and Leila Thomas, Millicent and Leon LesTine, Esme Smith, David and Birdie Poddar, Grace Singh, Lissie George, Eric and Susan Moser, Y. Robert Samraj, Jones and Florence Isaac, Sam and Margaret Koilpillai, Johnson Koilpillai, Saramma Philip, Colin and Salomi Watts, Bobby and Heps! Henry, Chris and Margaret Nathaniel, Gordon and Rose Christo, Gerald II and Naphirissa Christo, Gerald and Birol Christo.

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