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   1. Treva Burgess <bobtreva48@yahoo.com> March 31:
      Warm greetings from Palm Springs, California! I just finished reading the latest SUD newsletter with much interest. First I would like to send greetings from my husband, Bob, and me to our friend, Eric Moser. His parents were among our closest friends in Sri Lanka. Then when we spent a few months in Hong Kong, Drs. Bobby and Hepsi Henry were so very kind to us.
      I especially remember the Indian food Hepsi would share with us. And the TV they loaned us was the means of our keeping up with happenings at home.
      Thank you!! Won't Heaven be wonderful when we can all be together!! One more thought, yesterday we mailed a box of Bibles to Pastor Walter John in Chuuk.
      That place holds a special place in our hearts also because our grandson, Mark Miracle, is a student missionary there teaching 5th grade. It's such a blessing to belong to the family of God!

   2. Gerald J. Christo <christohsr@dataone.in> April 6:
      Correction to "SUD Retirees Haven Visited-- SUD e-News, March 31, 2011 #12"
      Missing from the list of names are Prabhu and Dora Sharan who live with their sons Anil and Tinku and Mrs. Dayak, mother of Gideon Dayak of the General Conference staff. The total number of homes is 20 and not sixteen.
      The mistake is regretted. GJC

II. Remembering Beryl Allwood
   J. D. Moses <jdmoses36@yahoo.com> April 4:
   It was sad to hear of the sad demise of sister Beryl Allwood. We worked with her in Delhi sometime 1966 or so. She was a very active church member, taking part in church activities, especially in the choir. My wife the late Hannah Moses was her close friend. It is natural for one to leave this world as he or she ages. God be with the bereaved members of her family. We mourn her death.

III. A Myanmar Frontier Mission Story
   Saw Thein <sawthein2009@gmail.com> March 23:
   "My God Take Care of Me"
   Daw Tin's husband died and left her with three daughters. When I was there the first time, Daw Tin learned something about Christ. She was convinced and was baptized on June 2002. Daw Tin's faith in God grew as she faced some difficulties; that made her faith stronger instead of her giving up.
   She said, "I was 8 years old when my father remarried. Five years ago my mother passed away. Then my father tried to get me to forsaken my Christian faith." First he made a court case that the mother's house and land belonged to him. It took three years to finish the case. The complainant asked her for Ks. 30 lakhs or give up her belief in God and to became a Buddhist nun. "I can't forsake my Lord and my faith even though I die," she said. Finally the judge decided the case in her favour.
   The Myanmar Frontier Mission appointed Daw Tin as a nursery teacher. In
2003 there were about 20 baptized from Pwint Phyu and a nearby village, Taw-Kyaung. If we cannot provide a shepherd, the sheep will be lost and scattered. Over the years and in many ways people who don't like Christians make work against us. But the school is still alive, no body can stop it if God is with us. Daw Tin endured.

Daw Tin said, "Once my second daughter Cherry Thin suffered a serious kidney disease. I lost most of my properties for curing my daughter." The physician said, "You can take your daughter from the hospital; there is no hope for her to live." "I cried and asked help from my God. There are no other ways. My father and the non-believers accused me saying, "That is because you become a heretic; you made trouble for yourself and are facing these trials one by one."" Daw Tin testified: "My God who take cares of me, listened to my cries and answered my prayers." Later Cherry Thin was already fine. Praise the Lord!

IV. Southern Asian Camp in Vancouver, British Columbia

Priscilla Shyam <priscillashyam@SAAA.ORG> April 1:

Message from SAAA Chair, Krupavaram Meesaranapu

Attached is an announcement of a Southern Asian Camp in Vancouver, British Columbia. This is not a camp planned or sponsored by SAAA, but we encourage as many as possible to attend. This camp is for everyone in North America, not just for British Columbia Area residents. However, this group has been in contact with me and some of our members for the last one year. They selected several regional leaders. For Washington DC Region, they selected Mr. & Mrs. John Victor <johnandlillie@aol.com> to be the leaders and promoters. For further details contact the above or Mr. P. D. Solomon <solomonpd@hotmail.com> ~~~~~~~~~~~ V. ADRA Sponsors Vocational Training for Nepali Women

Nepal is among the least-developed countries of the world. Many women in the western plains of Nepal are illiterate because of their ethnicity, caste, or traditional beliefs. ADRA is providing literacy training to women aged 15-49. Follow-up education is provided in marketing skills, agriculture, weaving, sewing, and handicrafts, helping a woman to provide for herself and her family. [To help and learn more, go to www.ADRA.org] ~~~~~~~~~~~ VI. Spicer Celebrates Graduation Weekend

Rajendra Prasad <rajendraprasad2000@yahoo.com> April 4:

Spicer College celebrated its graduation weekend March 24-27, 2011, starting with College Day. With Mr. A. S. Varekan as the Master of Ceremonies, the members of the Senior Class led by their sponsor Dr. Mohanraj Israel, pianists Mrs. Glynn N. Lalkaka and Mrs. Lalrintluangi, and officers -- Richard John Chintha of Andhra Pradesh, President; Deepak Ralph of Jharkhand, Vice President; Vung Deih Niang of Myanmar, Secretary; Sonic Kumar Boro of Arunachal Pradesh, Treasurer; N. Asok Kumar of Andhra Pradesh, Pastor; Marcus Dan Jacob of Andhra Pradesh, Associate Vice President representing the Pune University programme; and Nitu Gupta of Uttar Pradesh, Associate Vice President representing the BEd programme, -- marched on to the open air stage on the main lawn in the cool of the evening to sing the college song. The Chief Guest was Pr. M. J. Prakasam, President of Lowry College and the Guest of Honour, Dr. Edwin Dass, President of Roorkee Adventist College. In his address the Chief Guest urged the Class of 2011 to cultivate, among others, social skills and soft skills along with the skills of the trade to face the fiercely competitive world outside and explained to the teachers that there is no "useless or hopeless" student but only "used less or hoped less" student. Then the pictorial annual of the college, Oreodoxa 2011 was presented by the sponsor Mr. Chacko Paul to the College President Dr. Justus Devadas for release, who in turn dedicated it to a senior faculty member and Academic Dean of the College, Professor S.

Rajendra Prasad "in recognition of valuable service par excellence" for over "twenty-five years of undivided loyalty and dedication to Spicer." Special honours were cited by Oreodoxa 2011 for the four college presidents, Pr. Prakasam of Lowry College, Dr. M. S. Jeremiah of METAS, Dr. Edwin Dass of Roorkee College and Dr. Ray Clarence William Roennfeldt of Avondale College of Higher Education, Australia, for their leadership in and contribution to Adventist Higher Education while Ms Christiana George, Mr. Awungashi S.

Varekan, Mrs. Esther Rani Dhasiah and Mr. Christopher Jefferson Yesudhason of Spicer college were cited honours for their special contribution to the college life.

This was followed by the prize distribution to the students who excelled themselves in academics, citizenship, sports, work, hostel life, spiritual life, etc. A couple of dances by the Northeast students enlivened the evening before the president of the Senior Class, Richard John Chintha, delivered his presidential address and the Class treasurer Sonic Kumar Boro presented to the College Vice President for Finance, Mr. R. Jeyam, the Class Gift in cash to be used to place in the middle of the plaza facing the College of Arts, Commerce and Science Building a granite tablet with the quotation of Ellen G. White on True Education engraved on it. After the national anthem all the members led by the college president and the invited dignitaries moved towards the newly erected water coolers on the lawn between the Ad building and the Main Auditorium to be inaugurated by the Chief Guest. Later the Chief Guest, Class officers and the
Senior faculty were invited to the President's home for a delicious meal dominated by a very tasty fish curry skillfully prepared by the first lady of the college.

The speaker for the vespers meeting the next night was Dr. Edwin Dass who in his address on the intriguing Class Aim "Climb to Heights Beyond" after describing in detail various popular mountains both from the biblical and contemporary times, skillfully wound up encouraging what one must do after reaching the heights beyond to which the class pastor Ashok Kumar aptly responded on behalf of his class. In his sermon during the divine service the next day, Dr. M. S. Jeremiah expounded on the Motto "In His Footsteps" urging the senior class as well as the remaining congregation to follow "the only way" to success and life beyond, regardless of one's humble roots and simple beginnings. After the divine service all the faculty and staff along with their families met on the President's lawn for a pot-luck lunch with the visitors, parents and guests.

For the Commencement exercise the next day, all the college faculty, attired in their colourful graduation regalia—complete with gowns, caps, hoods and sashes, marched behind the graduates who occupied the central portion of the House of Prayer, and proceeded to their chairs on the rostrum while the president's party comprising of the registrars and deans of various programmes and the commencement speaker led by the Class sponsor followed them and ceremoniously occupied their designated seats in front.

Dr. B. Rentthlei, VPAA, welcomed the gathering, Pastor Noble Pilli, Executive Vice President, offered the invocation, and Dr. Justus Devadas introduced the speaker, Dr. Ray Roennfeldt who in his address quite ingeniously combined the aim and motto of the class and brought a surprise ending explaining what one must do on his way down after climbing the heights beyond. This was followed by the class song composed by a member of the senior class Barwin Marak from Meghalaya and sung by almost the entire senior class comprised of over 200 members. Then the candidates were presented by the respective Deans of various programmes while the College President assisted by the registrars conferred the certificates and degrees.

There were 4 two-year diploma holders and 73 four-year degree holders comprising of one candidate in Office Administration (BAA), 15 in Elementary Education (BEd), one with a major in Computer Science and minor in Industrial Arts (BLA) (vestiges of the erstwhile college programmes), two in Western Music (BMus), 31 in Theology (BTh), all of them from Spicer Autonomous programme; 24 in BBA, and 21 in MBA from Griggs University programme; 2 in Master's Diploma in Theology from Spicer College, 7 in Master of Arts in Education (MA), one in Master of Education (MEd) and 14 from Master of Arts (MA) in Religion, all from Andrews University programme; and the remaining from Pune University programme - 34 in BA, 35 in BCom, 1 in BSc Computer Science, 1 in BCA, 8 in BSc in Biotechnology, 5 in MA English, 1 in MCom, and 20 in BEd.

Then the charge was given to the graduates by the College President, followed by the College Song, closing prayer and benediction after which all the graduates ceremoniously marched out followed by the president's party and faculty and formed a neat line on the church plaza and beyond, to be greeted by their parents, teachers, visitors and well-wishers with bouquets, cards, hugs and photo-clicks, with a festive air all around, thus bringing the curtains down successfully on the academic year 2010-2011.

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VII. 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:

****Work in Villages Around Karmatar

Sister Burroway and Prova Mitter are working the surrounding villages near the bungalow, at Karmatar. They have a number of persons who are very much interested, and expect some to take their stand as Christians soon. The dispensary work is going forward in an encouraging way, but Sister Scholz feels that she should have the language before going on further with the work; as she is not able to teach the truth to the people. It was decided to allow her time from her dispensary work for language study until she passes her first year's examination. As our workers get hold of the languages and are able to talk to the people in their own tongue and teach the gospel in connection with dispensary work, we shall see far greater results. At Babulmohal we found the workers ready to start a boarding school for boys.

Twenty or thirty boys have already made application. We should have a strong industrial boarding school at Babulmohal. Brother and Sister Leech are spending all their time on the Santal language, and they hope to pass their first year's examination the beginning of March. After that, it will be necessary to settle on a location for them among the Santal people. We believe that our workers at Karmatar and Babulmohal are going forward into their work with renewed
courage and energy. The work of each worker has been definitely planned. A few years ought to see a number of converts from among the people surrounding these two mission stations.

We are leaving to-day for Poona, and will spend a week or ten days planning for the work on the Bombay side.-- J. L. SHAW ~~~~~~ VIII. Two former Spicerians Honored as Chaplains

Subramanian Varadarajan <subbu1088@gmail.com> April 6:

John Waidande and Chandradass Ephraim, who currently live in the USA, possessing definable wealth of Seventh-day Adventist Church faith, theological academic preparation, measurable ministerial experience, and identifiable pastoral calling to serve God, have been responsibly engaged in the professional training program of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) in the past several years. In this pursuit of professional/pastoral training, in order to acquire clinical competence and credibility as professional chaplains, John and Chandradass have affiliated themselves with two major national certifying agencies that are acknowledged for excellence in producing the fine spiritual care providers of multiple categories: the Association of Professional Chaplains (ACP) and the College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy (CPSP). To their merit each of them individually has earned 5 units of CPE from nationally renowned healthcare institutions such as: National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, Washington Hospital Center in Washington, DC, and Adventist Healthcare System in Takoma Park, Maryland that have been accredited by either of the afore-mentioned certifying agencies.

Normally, as per protocol, each unit of CPE rigorously demands of the admitted candidate for 400 hours of patient visitation, multiple facets of writings, case verbatims, reflections, and devotions under clinically qualified supervisors, in the duration of seven months. The minimum required units for full-fledged chaplaincy certification are 4 and degrees from the area of religion/theology in Masters level with currently valid ministerial licenses and ordination credentials.

In addition to their professional maturation in this process, John is an official hospice chaplain in Martinsburg, West Virginia and Chandradass is a part-time chaplain at the Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park, Maryland. The love and the compassion of Jesus Christ is the chief ingredient in their ministry. They exalt Christ through the pastoral virtues of sympathy, empathy, and the clinical characteristic of listening to the stories of the patients’ pain and suffering, death and grief, and positively use their pastoral authority to bring hope and healing.

Upon careful evaluation of these two chaplaincy candidates' professionalism in 2009, the Washington-Maryland CPSP Chapter recommended the names of these two functional ministers for Board Certification. point of culmination, on Tuesday, March 29, 2011, on the occasion of annual CPSP plenary session that took place in Virginia Beach, Minister John Waidande and Pastor Chandradass Ephraim were certified and recognized as Board Certified Clinical Chaplains (BCCC). This graceful moment was witnessed by the Associate Director of Adventist Chaplaincy Ministry, Dr. Mario Ceballos.

May god continue to bless them in their ministry for the sick and suffering.

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