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I. Letters
   1. Vara Prasad Deepati <vdeepati@alias.edu> June 5:
      It gives me a great privilege to share with you as to how the Lord used our family this summer. We left Spicer on April 20, 2011 to be part of Youth Revival between 22nd and 24th, organized by Mr. Derald. The following week-end (April 30-May 1) we were with Hyderabad church for Vespers and Sabbath worship, which included a seminar in the aternoon. The next day, we had seminar with 15-20 local church pastors organized by Pr. Kadugula Christopher. From May 8-14, we, along with 8 students from Spicer, had Adventist meetings for the first time in the village. Then revival meetings at Antervedi 18-22, Chirala, 22-25, and Kakinada 26-28. We left our home in Lakkavaram on June 1 and reached Spicer on June 2. The Lord has been extremely good to us. Our entire family travelled to all these places, while our children did music, my wife, Dr. Esther, did health lectures and I shared from the Bible. We did not have any problem anywhere, even a little headache or stomach upset. The exciting thing is the presentations in all these places were solely based on the Ten Commandments. The response was extremely great. We thank God for all this and hope to do more like this anywhere the Lord leads.
--Pastor Deepati Vara Prasad, PhD, Spicer Memorial College ~~~~~~~~~~ II. Two Deaths
   1. Pastor S. M. Isaac
      Aruna Papp <aruna.i.papp@gmail.com> June 1:
      My uncle, Pastor S. M. Isaac, passed away on April 26, 2011, in Oshawa, Canada where he had lived with his family since 1968. For over ten years he had been employed in various administrative and pastoring positions in India and for over 45 years he was employed as an administrator and then as pastor in Canada as well.
      As in India, my uncle was highly respected in Canada. He was seen as a God-fearing man who lived what he preached by those who worked with him and knew him. He was a role model of honesty and integrity for our family and yet he was a humble man.
      Hundreds of South Asian who immigrated to North America or came to Canada on vacation found great hospitality in the home of my uncle and his wife Saroj. My aunt is doing well. She is strong in her faith surrounded by her wonderful children and grandchildren. She is in good health.
      Anyone wanting contact with my aunt can get in touch with me and I will pass on their information to her.

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2. Death of Mrs. Surriya (Inderias) Bashir Khazzan
Andrew Mohan <andrew.mohan82@gmail.com> June 3:
I regret to inform you that Pakistan Adventist Seminary/College alumna, Mrs. Surriya (Inderias) Bashir Khazzan of Loma Linda, California, slept in the Lord last night. Most of us, by the prayer request put among us, already knew that she had been battling cancer and recently was hospitalized. Information was received that she was put on the vent (respirator) last Friday night due to her serious condition.

We all must pray that may Our Almightly, Merciful & Loving GOD Give His Peace, Comfort, Courage & Spiritual Strength to the bereaved family, friends, relatives & loved ones to bear this irreparable loss. Amen

For condolence, Dr. Bashir Khazzan (her husband - Chairman of Friends Ministries-USA) may be approached via his e-mail: <bkhazzan@aol.com>

We all can understand and feel the pain of losing our loved ones, especially those who lost their immediate family members. But on the same time I would like to draw our attention toward the Eternal Hope for Everlasting Life with Our Heavenly Father after this earthly life.

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Franklin Allan Inayat <franklin.inayat@gmail.com>

PASCAA condole this loss and sympathizes with the bereaved family members. May God provide the comfort, courage, and strength to all her family members, relatives, friends, and well wishers to bear this loss.

Condolences and inquiries about the funeral plans can be sent to the Khazzan and Inderias families at the following e-mail addresses:
Dr. Bashir Khazzan (Husband): <bkhazzan@aol.com> Mr. Maqbool Inderias (Brother): <minderias48@yahoo.com> Dr. Naseem Inderias (Brother): <ninderias@yahoo.com> Dr. Sarfraz Inderias (Brother): <inderias92408@msn.com>

-- Franklin Allan Inayat, Vice President, Pakistan Adventist Seminary & College Alumni Association (PASCAA International) ~~~~~~~~~~~ III. Tributes to the Fowlers on Their Retirement

1. Eric & Susan Moser <susanmoser@hotmail.com>

May we pay tribute to Mary and John Fowler. They are younger than us, (Mary calls Susan "akka.") so we were not associated with them as students. We were in med school when we heard and read about this brilliant student, John Fowler. His has been a glittering career and Mary has stood with him and in no small measure has supported him. To think that they have packed 50 plus years of service is remarkable. Congratulations to them. We know that they will visit India often now and continue to contribute to the work here. Our children were friends of Filvia and Falvo and spent time in their home. Steven, our son, still thinks no one makes iddilies and sambar like aunty Mary does!

May God give you good health in your retirement years, and, hopefully, our paths will cross again.

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2. Rajendra Prasad <rajendraprasad2000@yahoo.com>

I was glad to see your name in my inbox, but was sad to read the contents of your mail. But immediately I felt it wasn't bad after all, as you are only "re-tyring" and you still have many many more years of fruitful service. Don't hang up your gloves yet! The Gold from Kolar should never loose its sheen, after all! All your rare and still latent talents should be explored still and exploited to the full for the glory of God and the edification of His church!

It is our earnest prayer that the Good Lord will continue to bless you and use you, in spite of leaving your office, in still greater tasks of inspiring the world church to be ready for His kingdom soon to come, along with so many unfortunate souls still languishing in the gullies and alleys, as well as the highways and byways of this world.

May He grant you and your dear wife good health and strength, wisdom and knowledge, longevity and love, and joy and peace as you continue to pursue your varied vocations and avocations in your final vacation.
3. Ian & Georgine Grice <ieghg@yahoo.com>
   It was with a tinge of sadness we read about your imminent retirement. Sadness because it means the years are passing by for all of us. We agree with you, it has been a privilege for all to have been associated with the work of the Adventist Church for many years. You in particular have been endowed with talents few can match, and you have used these talents wisely and with enormous success. We have read your published works with great interest and they have always been a blessing and helped us in our individual spiritual journeys.
   You certainly deserve the rest of retirement, but I suspect knowing you that you will continue to participate in the work and share your talents with the world through your writings. Wishing you and your wife a very pleasant and care free retirement.

4. Calvin N. Joshua <joshuac@andrews.edu>
   Congratulations for your outstanding contribution to the world church and I thank God for someone from India who has made such an impact.
   You have done so much to Publishing ministry in India and I wish that you continue to partner with Oriental Watchman Publishing House, Pune, India, where you had served as the Editor-in-Chief for two decades. You are welcome to OWPH anytime and looking forward to many projects with you as you pass on the mantle of leadership.
   Greetings to your family. Leaders and members from India join with me in sending our greetings for your illustrious career and contribution.
   Calvin N. Joshua, President
   Oriental Watchman Publishing House
   Salisbury Park, Pune 411 037 India

5. G. Nageshwar Rao <gnageshwarrao@sud-adventist.org>
   We would like to congratulate you on your retirement. It is a great joy to know that you worked for the Church for 53 long years. It is amazing. God was with you in all your endeavors and travels. It is a great witness for all of us.
   You have been a great inspiration for many teachers, preachers, authors, evangelists, administrators, friends, etc, in various ministries of our Church.
   The Department of Education at Southern Asia Division is grateful to you for your guidance, directions, and councils.
   All our prayers and wishes are with you and Mrs. Fowler. God bless you both.
   G. Nageshwar Rao
   Director, Education Department, SUD

6. Gordon Christo <gechristo@sud-adventist.org>
   I cannot forget the day you first impacted my life. You had just returned from the US with degrees in theology and journalism and had come to Spicer to speak to us students. That day I resolved to try to be like you--to deliver God's messages through both, the spoken and the written word. And through the years as I have observed scores of young people emulate your preaching style I realized how much you have inspired other young ministers. You also functioned as the voice of "right" and "wisdom" which you could do from an objective distance.
   Your counsel has inspired, consoled, and corrected. From the platform of authority in the education department you have uplifted, upheld, and defended our institutions. We shall continue to seek your guidance as we develop our education system. God bless you and your continuing influence. I hope sometime to work on a book with you -- perhaps on the Indian pioneers of our church.
   With fondest memories and warmest wishes for a happy retired life.

IV. Remembering Pastor Cherukuri Paul
   Mohan Jaya Suvarna Raj <cmjsuvarnaraj@gmail.com> May 26
   We are saddened to know the demise of Pastor Cherukuri Paul. He was much closed to our parents, in laws and my family. We considered him as a part of our family. Apart from our
friendly relationship I also had my working relationship as a departmental director working under him in North Andhra section, while he was secretary.

The memories our relationship are so fresh and valuable and they are imprinted in my heart. He always worked with consistency in carrying out the Adventist message to people. Being a born teacher he was found to be so efficient in reaching people with the message of gospel. He liked people and people liked him and this virtue had become asset to Church in winning souls.

His contribution to the Church as teacher is also remarkable. He worked as a teacher in Narsapur School while the educational system was still in its initial stages. Through his active participation in the faculty as a teacher he could mold hundreds of young people and later many of them joined in the church work.

Telugu Commentary on Daniel and Revelation is one of the commendable contributions of Pastor Paul to the Adventist Church before the termination of his life; these books are now found in almost in every Telugu Adventist church making most difficult concepts of bible made easy. At this stage I want to conclude in saying that he lived as an Adventist he died as an Adventist leaving behind his family and the church with a hope of seeing him when Christ shall appear on the earth for the second time. My personal sympathies are with his family members who are left behind.

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V. SUD Mid-Year Meeting Makes Some Changes

Gordon Christo <drongo.ostrich@gmail.com> May 21:

This was first new Division committee constituted at the last Division Council. Pastor Lowell Cooper, Vice President of the General Conference, was present. Elder Cooper has been appointed head of the leadership advisory team for Southern Asia.

Here are some of the new appointments:

**Jothi Anbiah - IFA secretary to replace Shamgar P. Rao who is retiring in August.

**B Renthlei - former president of Northeast College, current VP AA at Spicer to replace Berun Sangma who will be moving to the Division office as Assoc. Secretary.

**Gnanaraj Kore - Division Field Secretary.

**Dr. Justus Devadhias, Dr. M. S. Jeremiah, and Pastor M. J. Prakasham were reelected presidents of Spicer, METAS, and Lowry colleges. Milon Rana -- president Roorkee College to replace retiring Dr. Edwin Dass.

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VI. Footprints on the Sands of Time

Gerald J. Christo <christohsr@dataone.in> June 5:

All This and More

When I read the recent passing of friend Wilf Benwell I was reminded an incident when they got ready to leave India for the second time. The Parsees in town as usual swooped down and bought everything of foreign origin. Hazel was left with a 12' x 9' ochre coloured bright floral designed Mirzapur woolen carpet costing a bomb. She really never could reconcile herself with Wilf's choice but with no alternative at the time, it adorned the Benwell living room till they left permanently. The Parsees who are aesthetic by nature and prefer pale colours were put off by the bright colours and its "desi" origin. The "for sale" price kept coming down and when it became ridiculously low Birol and I couldn't resist a good bargain. Never mind if the yellow-ochre with the red-blue floral design clashed with our sofa-set. We subsequently changed the colour of the upholstery of the front room furniture to draw attention away from the carpet when our children gifted us a new carpet on the occasion of our 50th wedding anniversary.

We have at one time or another had a veritable museum of items either purchased or gifted by missionaries of yesteryear. They include washing machines, refrigerators, waffle-irons, pressure cookers, ironing boards, music systems, kitchenware, tableware, beds, linen, blankets, and clothing.

The articles still in use are:

**A Hamilton upright piano, guaranteed for all of ten years, belonging to Clara Mattison's mother, courtesy of James and Frances Campbell when they left Delhi.

**We still sleep on Bill and Aimee's Sear-o-paretic queen-sized bed.
**Birol still uses the ancient Singer motorized sewing machine we got from Charles and Laverne Holford.**

**We seldom use but still have the 110 volt GE Electric iron and frying pan which Bill and Ruth Storz left with us.**

**When we have company for meals the Wm Roger and Sons silver ware belonging to the Don Laursen family decorates our table.**

**Birol would never think of parting with the iron skillet and heavy aluminium sauce pan which Charles and Helen Boykin used years ago in the Northeast.**

**We sit on the corner living room furniture that Jack and Ada Williams first brought to Spicer College and sold to Willis and Helen Lowry. The upholstery has been changed three times.**

**After the Parsees were done at the Roscoe and Louise Lowry home, we were lucky to have a small rocker to complete our booty.**

What stories these items could tell of travelling to remote mission stations, of Bible studies given, of meals prepared and served to presidents and strangers, of articles sewn for the needy, and memories of hymns played at sundown worship and of laughter and tears that are a part of life.

Looking for a family heirloom!

[As the poet said:  
"The lives of great men oft remind us,  
We can make our lives sublime,  
And departing leave behind us,  
Footprints on the sands of time."]

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