I. Letters
   1. Justin & Juanita Singh <JUWYL@aol.com> June 8:
      Some 200 special guests were invited by our children to our 50th wedding anniversary celebration and most of the invitees showed up. To those who get this newsletter we say, 'A big thank you!'
      The children and the grandchildren worked hard to put together a program that turned out a real blessing to all of us who were in attendance. Many sent emails and greeting cards in response to the announcement in the SUD newsletter sent by our children. We wish to thank our well-wishers and you for putting this note in your next Newsletter.
      We remain grateful to many family members and friends for their support as we have had the privilege of working with them or had some contact with them in our life's journey. God has been good to us and our family and we give Him all the glory. The celebration was not so much about us as it was about the Lord who has been our refuge and our stronghold. We are determined to follow in His footsteps as long as we have life.

II. Asian Aid Officers Meet in Collegedale
   Chief Executive Officer, USA, Jim Rennie, last month met with visiting officers of Asian Aid, John Truscott from California, and Roger Isaacs from Australia, in the USA office of the organization in Collegedale, Tenn. where the American office has recently located.
   Originally founded in Australia, Asian Aid has for more than 40 years given HOPE to the lives of the disadvantaged, poor and needy in India, Nepal and Bangladesh. It is a ministry that serves by providing education to the needy orphans, the blind and deaf; feeding the hungry, delivering women's health programs, protecting girls from human trafficking, and improving lives through village development. It is a fully supportive ministry of the SDA Church. Some of its activities include the following:
   ***Education -- over 7,000 children sponsored in over 100 Adventist schools in the above 3 nations.
   ***Orphanages -- Sunrise Home in Bobbili, India (89 children); Elm Home in Hyderabad, India (300 children); Sunshine Home and School in Bangalore, India (71 children); Bethel Home in India (97 children); plans for a new school and orphanage in Nepal.
   ***Blind & Deaf Schools -- School for the Blind in Bobbili, India (175 students); School for the Deaf in Kollegal, India (90 students).
   ***Community Projects -- Hunger Money, to feed those who have no food; Water Projects, clean water in villages and schools; Village Development, programs to develop crops, small businesses, education on nutrition and health.
   Contact Asian Aid at the following email addresses:
   <support@asianaid.org> or <contact@asianaid.org.au> on the web <www.asianaid.org>
   [We had the privilege of attending church here in Collegedale with our old-time Sri Lanka fellow worker, Roger Isaac, and having him as our guest for Sabbath lunch. cht/sr] ~~~~~~~~~~~~~ III. Remembering Them
   1. Remembering Dr. John B. Oliver
Merlyn Fernando <ferdo@pacific.net.hk> May 28:

It is always sad and a real reminder of our humanity when we see/hear of another faithful believer in God going to sleep in death.

Doctor John Oliver first stepped into my life in Ranchi, when he was captain in the army of the allied troops. He was upright in posture and tall, as is his son Don and grandson Ansell, the two others whom we have met 55 years after then.

Dr. Oliver organized for Adventist troops to be given army transport to our small church/chapel on the then North East Union office grounds on Sabbaths, in Ranchi. They traded big cans of peanut butter and marmite [not to mention chewing gum!] for freshly bottled tomato juice and homemade foods.

We always remembered him as the one person out of the army who returned to live and work as a civilian, for the church in India. From the age of 8 till medical school years at Vellore, his name was known to me and mine. He was in Nuzvid then. Betty, my wife in waiting, spent a few months working with him there, till she left for me and Pakistan, in 1962. She remembers him as available to get her personal needs on every town day, saw him as a strict administrator, who assigned her to pediatrics, which was far removed from her five years of experience in internal medicine.

As near always, Adventist bureaucracy did not pay her until she asked him five months later on the eve of her wedding, when she ended her Nuzvid life. As evidence that he supported her departure was his signing as a witness at our wedding in Vijawada!

Sunny Wycliffe <sunnywycliffe@gmail.com> June 1:

Heartfelt Condolences, Dear Ansel,

I read in the SUD e-News about your grandpa's passing away. We are sorry about it and we are praying for all of you. Your grandpa had a wonderful and fruitful long life in His service. We in the Southern Asia Division, India, are grateful to Dr. John Oliver's services. Kindly accept our heartfelt condolences. May He grant you peace and please prepare to meet your grandpa on that glorious morn when He will return to claim His own. God Bless one and all of you.

Appa Rao & Susan Moturi <raosue@comcast.net> June 2:

A missionary giant laid to rest! A life to celebrate and thank God for Dr. Oliver's life and service.

Dr. Oliver is known to many who worked in Gifford Memorial Hospital, Nuzvid, Andhra Pradesh, India. He really became one of the Nuzvidolu. He was very much feared and respected at the same time while he was running the hospital in Nuzvid.

However, I had the distinct privilege to work with Dr. Oliver in Scheer Memorial Hospital, Banepa, Nepal. He was really a dedicated and service-minded missionary. He was certainly true to his beliefs and a wonderful Christian in his living. He was an example of hard work and dedication to the higher calling. One thing I recall; we had Dr. Reed working at the Nepal hospital who commented one time, "If you can get Dr. Oliver to smile or laugh, he is the cutest and most handsome person in the whole world."

We certainly cherish the memory of working with him and his wife (fondly known as Mrs. Oliver). May his soul rest in Peace and we extend our prayers to his children.

Solomon David Nagelli <ndsolomon@rediffmail.com> June 1:

I am saddened to know of the demise of Dr. Oliver who has worked in Gifford Memorial Hospital, Nuzvid, India. Dr; Oliver left a great mark in the life of that hospital and the people that worked with him at that time. Dr. Oliver was not only a medical doctor but he was also a man of commitment for God. Because of his commitment and hard work, even in the ministry of God, we have more than fifty churches in and around Nuzvid. He used to go to the villages, many times walking, to preach the word of God and conduct branch Sabbath Schools. Many people used to come to G. M. Hospital just to see him and touch him.

Though he was very strict in his dealings when it comes to work and worship, he was also a lover of people. He help many young people in those days, and he used help the patients also when it comes to finance: buying medicines and clearing their bills. Even if you go to Nuzvid and the villages around Nuzvid now, people still remember him and his work.

Our prayers are with him family members. May God bless them and console them. I know, we will see him when Christ comes the Second time.

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Sajjan Rayavarapu <rayavara@telus.net> June 2:

Much saddened to know the death of Dr. Oliver; he was not only a smart surgeon and clinician but a good administrator, while at the Gifford Memorial Hospital. Patients travelled many miles to see him and get medical help. He was ‘on call’ almost any day and night. When there was an emergency he often took a short cut from his house to the hospital by the middle compound. He appeared tough and hard to get through to him when issues came up with progress of the hospital, yet he was kind at heart and ready to help any one who needed. He was a down-to-earth man, he dressed very simple ate rice and pappu, (lentil curry) just like any Indian. If I correctly remember only on two occasions he wore a suit: when he preached and at the nurses’ capping ceremony. One time he was walking from the Nuzvid bus station to his bungalow after attending a meeting in Bangalore with bedding on his shoulder. When someone from the town had offered to carry the bedding for him he refused.

Ponnamma and I were about to get married in two weeks. Dr. Oliver came to the lab where I was working at that time and said, "See me in my office at 7 this evening." My heart began to race questioning myself what in the world did I do wrong. I was quite nervous until that meeting. I felt good, after all. It was about marriage and marriage counseling. I needed that session very much. Dr. and Mrs. Oliver conducted separate sessions for young people who were getting married. They took special interest in young people.

Dr. Oliver was a good friend of my father, R. S. P. Rao. Once my father had invited him to open a newly built church in Eluru. In his opening remarks Dr. Oliver humorously said that he had opened many abdomens as a surgeon but he never opened a church.

Dr. and Mrs. Oliver encouraged staff and students alike to participate in evangelism around Nuzvid. As a result several churches have established during their time. They were a good missionary family. Life on this earth seems very meager and short, but a day is coming where there is no death and suffering. We all rejoice with Lord.

2. Mrs. Surriya (Inderias) Bashir Khazan

Elishba Khalil <elishbakhali@yahoo.com> June 8:

It is a big loss to the Khazan and Inderias family. But we believe on our Savior Jesus Christ that Aunty Surriya is asleep in Him. May God provide the comfort, courage, and strength to all the bereaved family members, relatives, friends, well wishers and all those who were praying for her in the Karachi Seventh-day Adventist Church every Sabbath from above. - from Elishba Khalil, N/instructor, School of Nursing, KAH (SDA Church member) ~~~~~~~~~~~

IV. The Simpson's Work in India

Gavin & Marion Simpson <werthesimpssons@yahoo.com>

Going Forward Again.

We have now been back home in the U.S. 3 months after a 6-month tour of duty as foreign missionaries to the country of India.

First of all we want to say a sincere and heartfelt thank you to all of our friends and supporters of our ministry. We know for absolute certain that the work which we did in India was a great success because of your faithful prayers on our behalf and the generous support of many who are reading this blog today. Our family stands forever grateful to you and we know that God will richly reward you on that great day.

Making the decision to go and serve in India as missionaries was the most difficult decision that our family has ever had to make. We discovered that it takes a tremendous amount of courage, faith and determination for one to embark on the journey as a full-time missionary. We learned from experience that it is not easy to break away from one's 'normal,' daily, predictable life and set out on a course toward self-supporting labor in order to spread the Gospel. There is that ever resounding 'what if' that always seeks to hound us every day and at every advance step. What if we fail? What if we fall flat on our faces? What if we don't stay afloat financially? What if all of our struggling and sacrificing is in vain? What if we return to India and we get terribly sick or even die due to the environmental conditions there? These and many other 'what-ifs' are a regular part of everyday life.

Beyond all of the challenges and hardships that we have faced over the past year, we the Simpson family have proven beyond the shadow of a doubt that God is faithful. And because God is faithful we can go out on the limb for Him at any
time. And so with that foundation being laid have decided after prayer and serious consideration to return for a second missionary tour to the country of India in July 2011.

We plan to return to the Villapiram region in Tamil Nadu to continue our work there as missionary evangelists. Our initial visit last year yielded much fruit to the glory of God even though it was only our first visit to this region. We were able to evangelize many unreached villages and spread the Everlasting Gospel Message there. We were also able to secure land for a group of persecuted believers, this property is still being finalized and plans are currently under way to construct a church building for this Village. We were also able to provide employment for 4 native Bible workers who will be working with us to do ground work and follow-up work in our new areas of outreach. As a result of our family's humble efforts in helping to open this new region, the Southern Indian Union has plans to plant several churches in the Villapiram region over the next 5 years, all to which we can only say praise be to God.

Our plans this time are to visit the local villages where we have already conducted evangelistic meetings as well as to start new congregations in un-entered villages. We also hope to conduct nightly health meetings and provide free high blood pressure and diabetes testing for local villagers throughout the region.

We want to solicit your earnest prayers for our family as we make preparations for a second mission trip. We know that there will inevitably be challenges to meet in India, the last time we worked in India we suffered through several bouts of dysentery, internal parasites and various other ailments and afflictions. Yet, nevertheless we feel compelled to again advance in faith as we hear the Macedonian cry "come over and help us" sounding from this distant land. As we see all of the unfolding of events taking place in the relentless tornadoes that are now battering our land; as we see the tumults and uprisings of nation against nation we know that our earth's history will soon close and that we must work while the day lasts for 'the night cometh when no man can work.' May God bless you as we work together to hasten our Lord's coming. Maranatha. -- [Sent by Evelyn & Samson Khandagale <khandagale@msn.com> June 3] ~~~~~~~~~~ V. Northern India Union Constituency Session

Derald Bhengra <derald_b@yahoo.com> June 1:

Officers, Directors and NIU Department Directors Elected:

Section Officers:
Western Jharkhand Section, Ranchi
  1. President - Pr. Moses Lugu
  2. Executive Secretary: Mr. Fredrick Lakra
  3. Treasurer: Mr. Shispal Singh

Eastern Jharkhand Section, Dumka
  1. President - Pr. Alfred Kisku
  2. Secretary/Treasurer - Mr. Sameer Babul Nowrang North Bengal Section, Falakata
  1. President - Pr. J. M. Kujur
  2. Secretary/Treasurer - Mr. Christopher Kisku North India Section, Jallandhar
  1. President - Pr. Samuel Gill
  2. Treasurer - Mr. Bipul Bairagee

Madhya Bharat Section, Jaipur
  1. President: Pr. Ravi Gill
  2. Executive Secretary: Pr. Franklin Francis
  3. Treasurer: Mr. Shekhar Chand

Upper Ganges Section, Hapur
  1. President: Pr. R. R. Bharti
  2. Secretary/Treasurer: Mr. Cornelius Kisku

Regions:
  Bihar Region, Patna: Pr. Alex Dang, Director
  South Bengal Region, Kolkata: Pr. Victor Sam, Director, Mr. Harun Lakra, Treasurer
  Delhi Metro Region, Pr. Satish Sharma, Director
  Haryana Region, Chandigarh: Pr. Anoop Gill, Director
  Chhatishgarh Region, Bilhali: Pr. P. M. Lall
  Eastern UP Region, Varanasi: Pr. Surender Lall, Director, Mr. O. P. Singh, Treasurer
  Western UP Region, Roorkee: Pr. S. P. Singh Boarding Schools:
VI. Death of Larry McNitt, Husband of Margaret Roelke McNitt

from a letter dictated to Betty Reynolds <bettyreyn84@airosurf.com>

"Almost five years ago, Larry's doctor diagnosed him with a malignancy in the abdomen. He recommended X-ray treatment and said that this should keep it at bay for four years. After the four years, it would return with a vengeance and take his life. It did just what the doctor predicted. Larry's life declined rapidly the last few months. Larry became so weak that he could not drive. His weight and his energy declined rapidly. Hospice gave him excellent care. They gave him medication for pain around the clock. He lost his appetite for most food. But with medications he managed to sleep well.

"On Tuesday, May 17, at 10 a.m., Larry suddenly gasped and died. He was in his own bed and never had to go to the hospital for which we both thanked God. His Memorial was here at our church on Monday, May 23.

"My friend Betty Reynolds, whom I met in Pakistan, is taking dictation for this letter which I very much appreciate. We first met when I was in Pakistan and was called to care for her husband Bob when he was shot in the face by a thief. I flew back to the States with him, his wife, and youngest son. He died almost 40 years later before Larry & I arrived here at Summit Ridge Retirement Village.

"Larry and I both expect to be resurrected to see Jesus come in the clouds of heaven very soon."

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