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1. Marcella (Lange) Manley <marcielmanley@juno.com> June 14:
   My Sister and her husband, the Harold Ericksons, would like to send their congratulations and best wishes to Justin and Juanita Singh on their fifty years of marriage. I also would do the same. It's been a long time since I have seen Juanita, but I remember the years ago when she and her sisters were our friends up in Shillong and Jowai.

2. Samuel Manimaran <samuelmanimaran@yahoo.com> June 14:
   This is Samuel Manimaran, pastor of the Central Tamil Church, Trichy, Tamilnadu. We as a church have planned to create a web site for the convenience of our church members to find a partner for their children within India. They can send in their profiles to <sdamatch@gmail.com>. So kindly forward this information to everyone possible so that our church members can be benefited.

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II. Remembering Wilf Benwell

1. John Curnow <jjcurnow@att.net> May 31:
   We knew Wilf Benwell was battling a terminal illness, but we were still deeply saddened when we learned he had passed away. Joan has many memories of Wilf; they had gone through school together at Stanborough Park, England. He was always ready for a good prank. One day Wilf, whose desk was behind Joan's, tied her pigtails to the back of her chair, much to the amusement of the class - and no doubt displeasure of the teacher.
   But in another way, he was very special to us both. It was Wilf who started the process whereby Joan and I joined him as missionaries in India.
   In a letter to his parents, he told them that the Southern Asian Division had passed through a call for us. His father, who was in charge of the London office of ESDA, phoned me about booking a passage on a ship to India. That was the first I had heard of the call; it was being blocked by the British Union. I immediately paid a visit to the president of the Northern European Division and explained how I had lived in India for twelve years (the last four years with Joan) and that I had been baptized in that great country. I stressed that it was our hearts' desire to return as missionaries. Only then was the call passed through to us, and not many months later we were on a life-changing sea voyage to the land of my re-birth.
   My friendship with Wilf grew during the years we were together at Salisbury Park, he as the most able Superintendent of the Oriental Watchman Publishing House, and I as the Division Publishing Director.
   Years later, here in America, when we would visit our eldest son Adrian, whose practice was in Boise, Idaho, we would often meet up with Wilf and Hazel at potlucks at Helen Stiles' home or a visit to theirs. They lived not far from Boise. We will greatly miss seeing Wilf when we go to Idaho in just one week's time. But this friendship is not ended; I know it will continue, and deepen, as the years of eternity roll.

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2. Robyn Nash <austmar@activ8.net.au> May 27:

Judy and I would like to send our condolences to the Benwell family. May the Lord sustain them at this time of sadness. We were in school with Lorna, and in grade school Judy was with the younger sisters, Deirdre, Ginette, and Jackie and later at FEA. I think Mr. and Mrs. Benwell did very well in bringing up four lovely girls.

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III. Nepal Youth for Christ (NYC), A Breakthrough

Bhaju Ram Shrestha <umsan@wlinc.com.np> May 21:

Under the direction of the young "Beautiful dreamer" (Stephen Forster) Madeline Cardona, for the first time around 400 young Adventists from all over Nepal had the mountain top experience in Banepa, 25 km east from Kathmandu, on May 4-8, 2011.

A year ago, Madeline with her young friends, Mona Bajracharya, Flora Bajrachatyaa, Phillip, Paul Dangal, and other conceived the desire to uplift Jesus by calling His Holy Spirit to send the revival among young Adventists of Nepal. Backed by Spirit-filled mother Sonia and father Nandy Fernando Cardona, the group made the plan to host the revival meeting in Banepa. The prince of this world did his best to discourage them, but the prayer of thousands of people in and outside of Nepal, the support by Nepal Field, and moral and generous backing of friends and well wishers proved more than a match for the devil's power.

On the designated day, May 4, young men and women below 30 years of age came from near and the farthest corner of Nepal, and even from India. Many had to walk days from their villages to the nearest bus stops. Adventist young believers from Tibet, remote Rolpa and Rukum, Mungpu (Darjeeling), Gimdi. Khaping, Tumpakharaka (30 km from the Chinese border), Pokhara, Tarai and places came longing to drink the juice from the spiritual fountain that the NYC had prepared. On Wednesday, these young people were registered and shown the three big class rooms to sleep-one for the men and two for the women. That evening after the supper, all these eager ears and spirit young people gathered in a big hall. Madeline threw the light on the purpose of the meeting, which was to bring the revival. Elder Kapil Baniya, the treasure of Nepal Field introduced the crew that daringly stirred young hearts to be firm in Jesus.

The inspirational choir and song service ushered all the participants to focus their eyes on the stage from the beginning to the end of the meeting which was ended on May 8, morning. The spirit filled speaker, Jeffery Rosario of California, interpreted by vibrant young man Phillip Dangal, was the heart of the program. During morning and evening hours, drawing the richness from the Bible and his own personal experiences, Jeffery stirred and sharpened the spiritual nerves of the listeners (on Sabbath there were more than 500 people). His inspirational messages helped to equip the young people with new commitment to the Lord. Mid day key speakers were Basil A. J. Pedrin and Joshua Subasa from Tamil Nadu, and the only ex-youth Bhaju Ram Shrestha, the first Seventh-day Adventist in Nepal as a result of mission in Nepal. There were seminar sessions in the mid-morning and afternoon led by Sonia Cardona, Madeline Cardona, Basil Pedrin, Joshua Subasa, Sandra Horner, Joseph Magar and Pr. Kumar Adhikari. Various topics such as the appropriate music, how to study Bible, how to give Bible study, Daniel's prophecy, spiritual leadership and reaching out the people with the health message were the timely information that the young people got.

On Sabbath, there was the session where the young people had opportunity to get the answers of the questions that they put in the box. Besides the key speakers, Pr. Chuck Jenson, the director of Nepal Field, was in the panel to answer questions.

On Sabbath afternoon, the young Paul Dangal, organized the witnessing program. Over 400 young people spread out in Banepa, Nala, Dhulikhel, Panauti, Sanga towns and the surrounding villages with the message pleading to give their hearts to Jesus. In the evening the group leaders shared their joy of witnessing. They also shared the group members' negative encounter with the "happy to be without Jesus" people.

The next NYC in June 2012 was announced by Madeline, and called to pray, support and be ready with the double participants. . . .

The Sunday, May 8, afternoon, 400 revived, renewed, re-committed and happy young people left for their various destinations This scribe did not encounter single complain about the arrangements, food, organization and management from the participants This Nepal Youth for Christ meeting was the solid full proof that what the young people could do if they include Jesus in their plan to lift Him up. This scribe was given a rare privilege to participate the program from beginning to end in spite of his age. There is no words to express the appreciation to the hard work by the young teenagers to make the program a great success. The first break through NYC meeting will be written in gold letters in the history of Seventh-day Adventist Church in Nepal. The readers of this report is requested to lift next NYC meeting in their prayer and extend the right hand of support to make it success.
IV. Spicer’s T. Anthony Earns PhD

Rajendra Prasad <rajendraprasad2000@yahoo.com> June 13:

T. Anthony is the latest faculty member from Spicer College to complete his doctoral programme successfully. He was awarded the PhD degree for his research in Chemistry on the topic, "Analogue and Structure-based Computational Studies of HIV-1 Protease Inhibitors from Natural Products," under the guidance of Dr. Gummadi Samuel Moses, Principal, Govt. College, Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh on May 9, 2011.

This is the 9th doctoral degree earned by Spicer College faculty in the last 20 months: Sheela Chacko (Education); Calvin N. Joshua, now transferred to OWPHE (Religious Education); B. Rentlei, now transferred to Northeast Adventist College (Sociology); Nanibala Paul (Education); Nishikant M. Borge, recently retired (Business); Vishranthi Sathe (Education); Noah Balraj (Business); Deborah Samraj (Economics); and T. Anthony (Chemistry).

The College family joins these special scholars in thanking the Good Lord for granting them this unique success in their academic life and thus fortifying the working force in Southern Asia Division. May He continue to lead this college from success to greater success!

V. SAAA To Celebrate 50th Anniversary Next December

Southern Asia Adventist Association Inc. www.saaa.org You are warmly invited to SAAA’s December 2-4, 2011 Golden Jubilee Celebration at Eglise Baptiste Du Calvaire, 10002 Riggs Rd.

ADELPHI, MD 20783 (venue tentative; may switch location to accommodate larger crowd)
1) December 2nd Friday--Celebration Kick off with Vespers
2) December 3rd Saturday--Sabbath Celebration
   a) Prayer Breakfast: 9:30 AM
   b) Sabbath School: 10:15 AM English, Tamil, Telugu, SAAA Missions
   c) Special Feature: 11:15 AM Founders and Pioneers -- History in Photos
   d) Honor and Recognition 11:30-12:00 noon
   e) Souvenir book dedication & first copy to the speaker - Merlin Ponraj
   f) Divine Service: 12:15 Noon-1:30 PM Message from the throne of grace via a messenger set aside for this special occasion. Presiding elder:
   Jayasing Vedamuthu
   g) A special potluck lunch after divine service 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Golden Jubilee Food coordinators - Seetha Milton and team
   h) Sabbath Afternoon - 3:30 PM - 6:00 PM Seminars, discussions, health
   i) Social Program - 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM Social Committee.
3) December 4th Sunday
   a) Optional van arranged tour of all the places where we had our meetings and culminating the day with
   b) Grill and barbecue party in our Brooksville property.
   c) Volley ball, table tennis, make a million games will be organized in the property.
   d) You are welcomed to stay as long as you want in the property.

Please mark your calendar: December 2-4, 2011 Souvenir Advertisements open; Full color page $340, Half page $180 Quarter page $100 Send in your, comments, suggestions, ideas, family photos, up dated addresses and email to <Subbu1088@gmail.com> Reserve a copy of the Golden Jubilee souvenir.

Artists out there ??? Design a Golden Jubilee logo for SAAA and win $100.

deadline: 6/30/11

We will dedicate a page in the souvenir to print all the images sent in for selection.

VI. The Eastern Tidings--100 Years Later

The Eastern Tidings LUCKNOW, JUNE, 1911 (EASTERN TIDINGS is published the 15th of each month, and all copy should be received not later than the 10th. -- Printed by W. E. Perrin at the Watchman Press, 19 Banks Road, Lucknow.)
Doubtless many readers of the Tidings have already heard of the sad death of our dear Brother Last, which occurred in the Patiala jail on the night of the 10th of May. The circumstances of Brother Last's death were given us by a friend of his living at Umbala. and are about as follows:

The neighbours, being disturbed by his preaching, had Brother Last arrested, but as no charge was brought against him he was released. Some time after he was seized again by Mohammedan neighbours, bound, and taken to the jail, where a false charge was made against him. He was beaten and confined in the jail. As to what other abuse he received we can only guess; but from the effects of his treatment he died within five days, before being given a trial. His wife visited him in the jail and tried to secure his release but without success. We became acquainted with Brother Last in 1907, at which time he became interested in the message of the Sabbath and the soon coming of our Lord, which he soon accepted with his whole heart, and was baptized at Mussoorie the following year. After his baptism he was a zealous herald of the coming of the Lord. During the last two years he has been traveling and preaching at his own expense, with the help of donations received from various ones. All who became acquainted with Brother Last were impressed with his earnestness and integrity, which we have never seen more marked in any of the people of this country with whom we have had any dealings. He was never contented except when going about preaching the message to his people and teaching them to flee from the wrath to come. We trust that the harvest may reveal some fruit of the seed he has sown.

-- L. J. BURGESS

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Those who are visiting among the homes of Mussoorie are meeting with many good experiences. Several homes have been opened for Bible studies, and it is hoped that some fruit may be gathered in for the kingdom this season.

Elder Miller is planning to attend camp meetings in the Lake Union Conference. He expects to make India's needs prominent at these meetings, and would be glad for any information of recent developments of the work or any new calls for help.

A note from Elder James informs us that he has accompanied Mrs. James and the boys to Bangalore, the boys' school having, opened again, and will remain there for a time for a rest and change. The rains have broken, and they are quite comfortable.

Miss Reid and Miss Wagner send in favourable reports of their work in Bombay. Both have patients and are giving treatments sufficient to considerably more than pay their salary, while at the same time Miss Held has opportunity to study the language.

Brethren Carratt and Poley were working in Lahore until just recently, when we understand they moved to Quetta. The Lord has been blessing Brother Carratt since he entered the canvassing work. His sales the first week after reaching Lahore were Rs. 130.

The Mussoorie Treatment Rooms are giving an average five and six treatments a day. Miss Loveday is treating the lady patients in addition to her office work. The dispensary is having from twenty to thirty patients a day. The workers, realising the great importance of making the teaching of the Word of God first in their dispensary work, require patients to wait for the morning gospel exercise before being treated. The time is drawing near when all our workers contemplating vernacular work will have passed their first year examination. Elder French in a few weeks will pass his first year examination in Bengali. Elder Votaw hopes to make satisfactory arrangements so as to pass his first year's examination in Burmese with in the next two or three months, while Elder Enoch is hoping to pass his second examination in Marathi before the end of the year.

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VII. Address of Margaret Roelke McNitt

In the last newsletter we told of the death of Larry McNitt, husband of former Karachi nurse, Margaret Roelke McNitt. Several have written to get Margaret's address. She lives in the same Oklahoma retirement community as Betty Reynolds. Her address is 6898 Robin Road, Harrah, OK 73045 ~~~~~~~~~ VIII. UK Asian Adventists Run Eye Camp in India

17 June 2011 Email Newsletter of the SDA Church in the United Kingdom and Ireland [O. P. Chackochen]

Eighty-two people have had their lives drastically changed by a team of Asian Adventists from the UK who ran an eye camp in Ranchi, India for five days. John Varghese and Rajsri Ramble of Southern Asia Fellowship Europe (SAFE), in collaboration with Kanka Gajendra Foundation of Manchester, worked with the Ranchi SDA Hospital to provide a dedicated team of medical staff comprising of doctors, nurses and technicians for the camp.

Of the more than 600 people who came to the camp for eye check-ups 255 were identified and screened for surgery. Some people had multiple problems besides the eye problems. Therefore only 82 were operated on and the rest were called for further treatment prior to an operation.
Just imagine! For just under £30 a person, one's eyesight could be restored! Eighty-two people regained their eyesight as a result of this camp. Many more are waiting for the next eye camp. If anyone is interested to be part of a future camp, please get in touch with John Varghese: johnvarghese22@hotmail.com

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