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I. Letters
   1. David K. Tamsang <sdevis@wlink.com.np> June 21:
      The Dhumbarahi Seventh-day Adventist Church, Kathmandu, Nepal, congratulates all the Adventists students of St. Devis Academy for the glorious success in the School Leaving Certificate (S.L.C) Examination, 2011A.D. Also, congratulations to St. Devis Academy, for the 100% result with Distinction and First Division.— Elder Ashok Pradhan, Dhumbarahi SDA Church
   2. Don Bankhead <drrbankhead@gmail.com> June 24:
      I am writing this from the beautiful campus of the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIIAS), about 50 miles south of Manila, Philippines. Their Educational Administration teacher left, and the one they had hoped to get could not come this year, so we are here helping out. I teach in the Graduate School of Education. Marge helps in the elementary school.
      We are AVS, and they are searching for someone to teach the EDAD classes—for at least 5 years. Any suggestions?
      We were happily surprised to find many friends here from India. Dr. Paoring Ragui, our former student, is a VP, Drs. Sam and Prema Gaikwad are in the Graduate Ed dept. Dr. Kenneth Swansi is head of the Graduate Business Dept. And we run into students all the time we knew in India, or Pakistan, or Sri Lanka.
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II. Remembering Dr. John Oliver
   Ganesh Lal Kayastha <gkayastha@yahoo.com> June 17:
   Our beloved friend and devoted Dr. John Oliver passed away. I met with him in Sacramento, California, USA many years ago. We pray for the eternal peace of the departed soul and our deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences to his son and his family.
   I worked with Dr. John B. Oliver in Scheer Memorial Hospital in Banepa, Nepal. I was Lab & X-ray technician as well as Public Relation officer and supervisor of hospital construction and General Secretary of the Health Education Welfare Service in of the hospital. He trusted me more than the missionaries. In those days law and order from the Nepal government was difficult. I did not care; I had open Sabbath School in my house. Those things Pastor Shultz, Dr. T. Mulan and Dr. Clark know very well. My wife Hari Baba Kayastha worked in the Hospital as Cashier and interpreter and
Secretary about 27 years. I worked 29 years with Dr. Stanley G. Sturgess and Dr. Leonardo J. Vigna 29 years. All my family had served that Hospital, my daughters Sangeeta Kayastha and Sunita Kayastha served as translator and assistant in surgery with Dr. Leonardo J. Vigna, Dr. Clark and Dr. Abal.

Now we are in USA. We heard of death of Dr. Oliver and are so sick. Dr. Oliver worked in all the Departments; he was not only physician/surgeon but he was a Building Constriction engineer. He was not only smart surgeon but good in administration. During his time patients came many miles from the hills to see the Doctor to get medical treatment. He worked day and night. He was very understanding person. If he get any emergency work he would called me day or night. I used to tell the Health Minister we need Seventh-day Adventist doctors in Nepal. Though he was very strict in his dealings when it comes to work, he was also a lover of people. He help many young people in those days, and he loved and help to the patients also when it comes to finance, the buying medicines and clearing their bills. Even if you go the villages around Banepa now, people still remember him and his work. Our prayers are with him family members. May God bless them and console them.

Remembering the Benwell Family
Lorna Christo Samraj <lornachristo@gmail.com> June 22:
I would like to send my condolences to the Benwell family. I have pleasant memories of knowing the family when we lived in Salisbury Park and playing with the four girls. Some memories that stand out are of Deidre and I being flower girls for a wedding, playing with Frisky, their pet donkey, and being quite awed at a birthday cake Mrs. Benwell had made for one of the girls' birthday parties. It was made like a train with many carriages all decorated delightfully with colorful candy.

Remembering Mrs. Fred Nash
Robyn Nash <austmar@activ8.net.au> June 23:
Greetings to Robyn from a former member of the Spicer Junior Choir:
I am Clarence Samuel, the son of late Mr. Dharmadas Samuel of Spicer. I was sad when I read in the SUD newsletter the passing away of your mother, Mrs. Nash. I feel worse that I could not thank her for the strong impression she made on me while I was in the junior choir while at Spicer.
I remember ma'am playing the silver flute and how magical it sounded. The values of respect, punctuality and discipline she inculcated in us children. I remember the video of Bambi that was screened to us. Videos were rare and this was special. The songs still ring in my head and often I find myself singing them to my two year old son -- "Santa Lucia, the peddlers song," "O Vreneli, my pretty one," "In a monastery garden," and all the others.
I remember the big sugarcane that grew in the backyard, which would be given as a treat to us when ready. I remember ma'am and you occasionally jumping rope with us on the front lawn before practice. I remember the mischief that we got into, some of which was captured on video... Mrs. Fred Samuel showed us on one occasion when we were in high school.
May the Lord bless you abundantly, especially now as you cope with your loss.
I would like to thank you (the Nashs) from the bottom of my heart for the values you instilled in us and the wonderful memories you have given us.
Clarence James Samuel, MD (Com Medicine) Assistant Professor Department of Community Medicine Christian Medical College Ludhiana 141 008 ~~~~~~~~~~~ III. Death of Mrs. Lily Isaac
SAAA <priscillashyam@SAAA.ORG> June 23:
The Southern Asia Adventist Association regrets to inform members and friends that a long-time member of our community, Mrs. Lily Isaac, passed away on Tuesday, June 21, 2011. Mrs. Isaac is the mother of Catherine Khandagle (wife of SAAA member Franklin Khandagle), Joann Thamby and Mervin Isaac.
Funeral services were held on Friday, June 24 at the Southern Asian Seventh-day Adventist Church (2001 East Randolph Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904). The interment was at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Aspen Hill, MD.
On behalf of the SAAA members, we wish to remember the family in our thoughts and prayers.
Rajan Thomas, President, SAAA.
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IV. NAD President Dan Jackson to Speak at Southern Asia Service
SAAA Religious Committee <priscillashyam@SAAA.ORG>

Elder Dan Jackson, President of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists is scheduled to speak at the SAAA July 9th Sabbath Services. You may remember him as a professor at Spicer Memorial College. He is a dynamic speaker and we want to welcome all who can come. If you are visiting Washington, D.C. area during this time, we hope that you will make a note of this and plan to worship with us. Members are encouraged you bring your friends as well.

?SAAA meets for its Sabbath Services at: Eglise Baptise Du Calvaire,
10002 Riggs Road, Adelphia, MD 20783. For further inquires you may reply to above e-mail address.

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V. Maryland Pastor Paulasir Abraham Completes Doctorate

Johnson S. Christian <JSFRUIT@aol.com> June 18:

Paulasir Abraham, Associate Pastor of Asian Seventh-day Church at Silver Spring, Maryland, U.S.A. was awarded his Ph.D for his thesis, “Seventh-day Adventist Schools and Youth Development in Madurai, India on May 20, 2011.

In his dissertation he highlighted Seventh-day Adventists as a world organization, the philosophy of Adventist Education, the establishment of the school system world-wide with special reference to Madurai and unique and specific youth development activities of Adventist education with due emphasis on Bible teaching. He has studied at length the socio-economic background of the students and how the educational system has contributed to education and economics of the alumni and empowered them in the development of the personality traits such as building character, self-confidence, compassion, caliber, tolerance, etiquette, and social justice.

The thesis, which has a blend of Adventist theology, history and education, is the first of its kind submitted in a secular university and awarded a Ph.D.

He is married to Huldah. They are blessed with two lovely children namely Sylvester, currently a student of medicine in Loma Linda, and Sylvia, a registered nurse in Washington, D.C.

Pastor Paulasir is a very humble and God-fearing person and does his work in our church in a marvelous manner. We are so proud to have him and his good wife in our church. I have know him for some years. Prior to his coming to U.S. a few years ago, he was the president of South Tamil Conference in India. Dr. George Abraham and myself as elders in the church really appreciate his good ministry. May the Lord bless Pastor Paulasir and his good wife as they contribute in promoting God’s work in our church.

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VI. Paul & Dawn Dulhunty Honored by Andrews University

Former Southern Asian Division employees, Paul and Dawn (Maberly) Dulhunty of Australia, have been awarded Andrews University’s highest faculty award for academic excellence and noteworthy service, the John Nevins Andrews Medallion.

Dawn is the director of the International Development Program which involves a masters degree offered in annual intensives in Chile, Japan, Canada, Italy, Ghana, Kenya, Rwanda and South Africa. Paul is a consultant instrumental in establishing working relations with the local universities and communities where the program is conducted. Under their leadership, this off-campus education opportunity currently has a student body of 430 representing 77 countries and 180 organizations.

Paul and Dawn have committed the past 35 years of their lives to improving the health, education and wellbeing of communities in Africa and Nepal.

In 1976 they traveled to Zamb to be medical missionaries at Yuka Hospital and Leprosarium for six years. In 1986 they moved to Nepal to establish the work of ADRA, including leprosy rehabilitation, women's literacy, family planning, cleft-lip and -palate surgery and established a heart centre. During this period several hundred volunteers came to work with Dawn and Paul to assist in the projects and become friends of the Nepali people. Following Nepal, Paul worked as the ADRA operations director and Dawn as program director in post-war Kosovo coordinating one of the biggest emergency operations in the history of ADRA.

The Citation read at the presentation ceremony concluded, "Dawn and Paul have been inspiring advisors, dedicated mentors and personal friends to the hundreds of students who have participated in the International Development Program. They have been passionate advocates of leadership training for humanitarian workers who in turn help fulfill the mission of Andrews University to 'Change the World.'"

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VII. Prayer Requested for Bhutan


Scott Griswold <prayersamongbuddhists@gmail.com> June 17
A Quick look at Bhutan, the Switzerland of Asia

Bhutan is about the size of Switzerland. Similarities are impossible to ignore as one considers the alpine meadows and jagged peaks with year-round snow. Waterfalls and streams flow wildly in the spring and many of the most prized garden flowers in the West today (like several species of the rhododendron, clematis, lily, and poppy) were bred from plants and seeds collected in the Eastern Himalayas. And like Switzerland, Bhutan is landlocked by neighbors larger than themselves.

Land of the Thunder Dragon

Although this country is called Bhutan by the world beyond its borders, the Bhutanese call their home Druk Yul, or "land of the thunder dragon." The people themselves are known as Drukpas.

The early history of Bhutan is known as it is mixed with mythology. The medieval and modern periods are filled with warlords, fortresses and feuds. Only since the beginning of the 20th century has there been a break in the isolationist policy. The break has not been a large one. Interestingly, the development of collectible postage stamps has been responsible for financing much of the modern, yet controlled development of the country.

Seventy-five percent Buddhist

The state religion is a branch of Tibetan Buddhism. The Chief Abbot is chosen from among the most learned lamas and has rank in the society equal to the King. The Buddhist faith was and is fundamental to the Bhutanese culture and ethics. It permeates all aspects of secular and religious life.

Bhutan has been politically very closed to the gospel. There is a growing number of Christians now (maybe 2000), but many ethnic groups do not yet have a witness among them. The New Testament has been translated into Dzongkha, the main language of Bhutan.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church began a work for the Bhutanese people in 1991. The outreach to this country is made more difficult due to the fact that Christian missionaries are not allowed. Thus the work began outside the country, just across the border in India, for the Bhutanese living there.

"Nineteen lay Bible workers study with these people. Some new believers have returned to Bhutan to share their faith. In 2006 about 120 Bhutanese became Adventists." --from Quietly Doing God's Work.

The Kingdom of Bhutan presents itself to the world as an enlightened place. They embrace the concept of Gross National Happiness as the principle which guides its development. Why might it be that this nation of 600,000 people has over one sixth of its population seeking asylum elsewhere? This makes Bhutan one of the highest generators of refugees per capita in the world.

"The light of the knowledge of the glory of God' is seen 'in the face of Jesus Christ.' '....It was to manifest this glory that He came to our world...to reveal the light of God's love." --Desire of Ages, p.19. This revelation is needed in Bhutan; for the people to hear His name and have the chance to believe in Jesus and experience true happiness. There are many Bhutanese refugees that have resettled in the United States. You can pray not only for Bhutan, but do some research, find out if some Bhutanese refugees have settled in your area and pray how Jesus would have you reach out to them.

Prayers Among Buddhists, PO Box 15, Nakhon Luang, Ayutthaya 13260, Thailand ~~~~~~~~~ VIII. First Ever Asian Adventist Bible Camp in Cornwall, UK

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

Cornwall, with its breathtakingly beautiful panoramic views over rolling hills and across the Atlantic, and cliffs that look like cathedrals with waves large and small worshipping at their feet with bouquets of spray that defy description, was the setting for the first ever Bible Camp for Southern Asian Adventists in the United Kingdom. The sun shone brightly and hot during the entire span of the camp from 1 - 5 June at the Chapel Porth campsite.

Jairaj Kanakaraj from Birmingham, a keen Bible student and a good teacher took the campers through the lessons of the sanctuary service that apply to our daily Christian living. He showed how the sanctuary theme is woven into many of the books of the Bible, and how the lessons of the sanctuary and its services were always in the minds of many of the Bible writers. Pastor Chackochen took the group cliff walking showing us the beauty of God's creation even in its fallen state. He also spoke of the grace of God in His dealings with man, and the importance of grace in our own dealings with one another. During the Sabbath service, he pointed out how faith is vital in our relationship with God.

Just as an army marches on its stomach, so do all Adventist camps.
Prabha John, with the able assistance of Amu Sahai and Mala Jairaj, seemed to conjure up such delicious meals so effortlessly and on time that the men did not feel the need to get involved, though they cleaned up, washed up and even occasionally conjured up some meals!

John Varghese from Manchester both planned and coordinated the camp. The children enjoyed the camp so much that they implored their parents to stay on for a while more. But alas, the parents could only express their disappointment that the camp was not long enough, and suggest that the camp be for at least one week next time.

IX. Who Was John Last?

Gerald Christo <gechristo@sud‐adventist.org> June 21:

A note about John Last (featured in the excerpts from the 100 year old Tidings in the last newsletter): He was not a westerner as the name might suggest but a Punjabi. He took the name "John" as the beloved disciple was his favourite Bible character, and added the name "Last" as that disciple was the last to expire.

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