I. Death of Mrs. Dorothy S. Mathews

It is with sadness that we have received the news of the death of Mrs. Dorothy S. Mathews on Wednesday, 3 August, aged 81. The wife of the late Pastor Peter G. Mathews, she supported him during his 40 years of ministerial service in India and the South England Conference (1975-1989). Mrs. Mathews is survived by her sons, Edwin and Gladwin and her daughters, Adline and Eileen. Details regarding the funeral service will be forwarded as soon as these are available. Thank you for remembering the family in your prayers. -

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Gladwin Mathews <adventministries@gmail.com> August 8:

Sorry to hear about the death of Mrs. Dorothy S. Mathews. I know the family very well. My Dad and Pr. P. G. Mathews' family both had worked in North India. I will contact them to convey my condolences.

II. Letters

1. Peter Mundu <peter.mundu@yahoo.com.au> July 28:

Greetings from green Auckland, New Zealand. My wife and myself have arrived here on the 26th of July on a mission to conduct an evangelistic crusade for the Indian community in Hindi from August 7 - 27. We need your prayers for the success of Lord's work among the Indians here.

III. MK Janice Burr Henline Remembers Orissa Childhood Days

Dennis Dean Tidwell <deantidwell@yahoo.com> August 5:

Janice and I were e-mailing about Orissa where she grew up and where I spent some time with ADRA responding to a super-cyclone. She was talking about growing up way out in the sticks of Orissa at what is now known as Khurda S.D.A. School.

--from a letter she sent Dennis; used with her permission:

[At Khurda, Orissa around the time of Partition] In addition to tigers wandering around the campus, we also had jackals, cobras, and kraits, as well as bandits that were roaming and killing. When we arrived at to the house [principal's bungalow now] in 1946, the doors and windows were gone. The roof needed massive repairs and there were critters living in the house. My father spent 2 weeks getting the house livable for us. My mother saw a picture in a magazine of a mud oven and my dad made a mud oven out behind the house for her to bake bread! She made peanut butter with a mortar and pestle! God was really looking out for us.

My dad's first baptismal candidate's son is working out there and started a school. I'm not sure if it is the school that you visited or not.
As I get older, I realize what my parents, especially my mother, went through. I am amazed at their faith in God! My mother was left by herself for weeks while my father traveled through the villages, telling about God’s love. There was a bend in the road just before our house where my father would strain his eyes to see if there was still life at the compound because he never knew what to expect, what with the bandits and the state that India was in during Partition.

[Editor’s note: The Burr family was the first of 4 graduates* of Union College's Class of '46 to go to India.
1. The Burrs, Harold* & Ravilla, were the first to go.
2. They were followed very soon by Charles* and Carrie Robbins who went to Chuharkana in what was then still India. Charles was stricken with polio shortly after arrival and is buried there near our school. Dr. Carrie continued to serve in Southern Asia for many, many years.
3. Then Howard* and Evangeline Mattison returned to India where they and other Mattison brothers worked.
4. Evelyn and I* followed soon thereafter, reaching India on January 1, '53.
Union College is rightly named "The College of the Golden Cords" for annually they had a ceremony of hanging a golden cord on a quaint display they had of the world’s two hemispheres with Union's trademark Clocktower in the middle; the cord reached from Union to the spot on the world map where their missionary had gone; the missionary got a souvenir clip from the golden cord hung for him.
*Members, Class of '46]

IV. New Appointments at Spicer College, 2011-2012
S. Rajendra Prasad <rajendraprasad2000@yahoo.com> August 3:
New personnel were appointed for the following posts by the Spicer Memorial College Board at the beginning of this academic year, 2011-2012: Vice President for Academic Administration--S. Rajendra Prasad Vice President for College Development--Sam Charles Vice Principal, College of Arts, Commerce and Science--Reginald Chavan Academic Dean-- Roy Jemison Injetye Dean, School of Religion--Mohranj W. Israel Director, E G White Research Centre--N. Sharath Babu Registrar, Pune University Programme--Sanjay Salve Attendance Officer--Valsan Joseph Manager, SMC Products and Services-- Robir Abraham
It is hoped the new office-bearers will contribute their best in their respective area especially as Spicer College inches towards the centenary year 2015. The centennial celebrations are scheduled between January 28 and February 1, 2015 and are expected to be launched during the weekend of August 26-28, 2011. The following publications are planned to commemorate the centennial with the chairman already appointed for each publication committee:
Spicer College is pleased to invite all the alumni, faculty and well-wishers of this great institution for these celebrations and you may please make arrangements to be here for the centennial celebrations scheduled from January 28, to February 1, 2015. And those who are interested in contributing your expertise to the centennial publications may contact the chairman of the respective committee.

V. Remembering Rajiv Rao
1. Gerald Christo <christohsr@dataone.in> August 1:
A week after Rajiv Rao passed away a memorial service was held for him in the Hosur Headquarters church on the evening of August 1 at which time Dr. M. C. John reminded the grieving loved of the glorious resurrection morning when death shall lose her sting and the mourners will be reunited with their loved ones to occupy the mansions Christ has gave His life to prepare for them. The service of hope and renewal was interspersed with music by Lenin and his nephews, Gerald Christo II, brother-in-law Praveen, sister-in-law Shivonne and the Jeevan Jyoti Church choir, and with tributes to the memory of the deceased by Bobby Verghese, Vara Prasad, sister-in-law Sherlin, and sisters Preethi and Sharmila. The service was followed by a fellowship meal provided by the family of the late Rajiv.

2. Florence Fernando <flofernando@hotmail.com> August 3:
My family and I would like to express our deepest sympathy to Rajeev's wife Sheryll, his parents Shamgar Prasad Rao and wife Sunithi, his sisters and their families, and also the Sampson family.
From the time we heard that Rajeev was in hospital, we prayed earnestly that God would heal him. Although we didn't know Rajeev personally, we had heard a lot about him and were so happy that Sheryll was to marry him. Sheryll and her family were known to us as we attended the same church in Bangalore, India.

It is so sad to know that death's icy hand has snatched a young talented son, husband, brother, brother-in-law and uncle and has left a young bride.

Only God can give Sheryll and Rajeev's family and the Sampson family the strength and comfort to face the future. We look forward to the day when there will be no more tears or sorrow because 'tears are a language that only God understands.' May God bless you all and remember that you all are in our thoughts and prayers.

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3. Shanti & Umesh Kumar Pokharel <umsan@wlink.com.np> August 3:

We are very sad to hear sudden demise of beloved Rajiv Rao. At this time of great sorrow and grief we would like to express our sympathy to uncle & auntie (Mr. & Mrs. Shamgar P. Rao) as well as Sheryll his wife and two sisters. Personally I didn't have a chance to meet Rajiv Rao while he was on this earth but I have known Uncle Shamgar P. Rao since 1999 and I was invited to attend Rajiv's wedding.

Uncle Shamgar, my wife Shanti and myself are with you in prayer; right now we have no answer as to why it happened but God will reveal the reason when time comes, but we know that Jesus is coming soon and one day very soon our beloved Rajiv will be restored to life and his beloved parents, wife, sisters, family members as well and friends will see him; we all are waiting for that time. May God give you the peace of mind and the assurance of meeting Rajiv again when He comes.

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4. Justin & Juanita Singh <JUWYL@aol.com>

Our heartfelt condolences to Mr. & Mrs. Shamgarh Rao for the tragic passing of their beloved only son, Ranjiv. We have known Shamgarh from the time he worked for the Northern India Union for many years. We thought of him as a Northerner, not a Telegu. He identified with the people he worked with and endeared himself to them in a remarkable way. It is so sad for them to lose their only son in such a tragic way. Words are not adequate to express how we sense the parents' pain. But we pray that with the help of God and the support of the Adventist community in Hosur and Bangalore they will be comforted. We join a host of family and friends who are praying for the family.

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VI. Opportunities in the Nepal Field: Prayer Requests

James & Janis Campbell <jcampbellm@sbcglobal.net> July 29

Here are some reports from Nepal indicating how there are people in many parts of Nepal who are eager to learn about Jesus and His Truth for our time:

(Reports sent by Kamil Kumar Baniya, Treasurer of the Nepal Field.)

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1. Mugling is a transportation town in central Nepal. It is reported and confirmed that over 500 people in the Mugling area are interested in the Adventist Message. The Nepal Field is planning to hold evangelistic meetings in Mugling. It will be advisable to begin the meetings in September, since it is now the monsoon season and the people are very busy planting their crops.

   The Nepal Field is conducting a training program for pastors and lay workers. It is planned to invite one of the Mugling village leaders to attend this training in August. While attending the training he will be observed to see if he would be suitable to be a Gospel Outreach lay worker for his village.

   The 500 interests in Mugling do not have a suitable worship place. The Nepal Field is praying that funds will be provided to build a church for this new congregation.

   Requests:
   a. A budget for the stipend of a new Gospel Outreach worker for one year: $1,000
   b. Funds to conduct evangelistic meetings in Mugling: $4,000
   c. Gifts to build a church for the Mugling congregation; $10,000

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2. Daniel is sharing his Faith with the people of the small village of Lubhu in the Kathmandu valley not far from the capital city. Daniel is a lay member who has come about 300 miles from eastern Nepal where he assisted the pastor in
establishing two churches. Some in the large Christian congregation in Lubhu are opposing Daniel and the Adventist Message. The Spirit of God is working and already 13 people have accepted Jesus and Adventism.

At present, Daniel is working at a chicken farm, but the Nepal Field believes that Daniel would be a successful Gospel Outreach worker for this new congregation where the people trust him. Then Lubhu will need a place for the new Adventists to worship.

Requests:
   a. A budget for the stipend of a new Gospel Outreach worker for one year: $1,000
   b. Gifts to build a church for the Lubhu congregation: $7,000

3. Two men from the Butawal district in south-central Nepal accepted Jesus over 5 years ago through the ministry of AWR Nepali Speaker, Naseeb Basnet. They have often requested Pastor Basnet to visit them but he was unable to go to their villages because of the pressure to prepare and record the radio programs on time. They have been like sheep without a shepherd. The Nepal Field Treasurer learned about these people about 3 months ago. He has visited them and provided the Sabbath School Lesson Guides and Mission Reports in their language. Already there are 25 people in one village and 8 in another who are observing the Sabbath.

   These two men from Butawal are being invited to attend the Workers Training in August. Budgets are needed to provide stipends for two Gospel Outreach workers to nurture these two villages. It is hoped that these two men who have remained faithful for the past five years will become Gospel Outreach evangelists in their home areas.

   Requests:
   a. Budgets for the stipends for two new Gospel Outreach workers for one year @ $1,000 each = $2,000
   b. Gifts to build two new churches for these villages at $7,000 each = $14,000

4. Baitadi is a remote mountain village in far western Nepal. About 20 years ago, Bansilal, then in his early forties, accepted Jesus as his Savior. Bansilal has been severely persecuted by the devoutly religious people of his village. To escape from the trials in his home area, Bansilal made his way to Kathmandu. Kind people have provided him food and shelter in exchange for work in their shops. Recently, Kapil Kumar Baniya was doing some business in the market. Someone mentioned that Kapil is a Christian.

   Bansilal followed Kapil and told his story. The next Sabbath, Bansilal attended church with Kapil and was impressed with the Sabbath truth, being taught in the Sabbath School.

   Now Bansilal is prepared to face the challenges and go back to teach others in his remote village the Nepal Field would like to have Bansilal attend the Workers Training, and if he proves suitable, have him serve as a Gospel Outreach evangelist to his isolated people.

   Requests:
   a. Budget for the stipend for a Gospel Outreach evangelist to serve in Bansilal's remote village: $1,000

The Nepal Field has a goal to establish at least one church in each of Nepal's 75 districts. People in all of the 75 districts have been listening to the Good News in their own languages on Adventist World Radio for several years. Families in many villages have found compassionate healing at Scheer Memorial Hospital. Now the Holy Spirit is guiding them to seek out Adventist people to teach the last day Message of Hope.

   Today, there is freedom to share Jesus openly in Nepal. That door could close at any time. The leaders, pastors, Gospel Outreach workers and other lay evangelists are united in dedicated service. This is our moment of opportunity to support what God is doing in Nepal with our prayers and gifts.

   What a privilege to be a part of this great blessing for the beautiful people of Nepal, whom all Heaven is waiting to welcome Home.

   Kindly send gifts to Gospel Outreach, P O Box 8, College Place WA 99324

   You may designate your gift: Nepal Workers, Nepal Evangelism, Nepal Churches or Where Needed Most. Janis and I welcome your questions, comments or assurance of your prayers for Nepal. Phone 916 365-3351.

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VII. Miscellanea on Hope TV
August 5, lunch time at the Tidwell domicile, and Evelyn switched on the TV--to the Hope Channel--and lo, there was a very familiar face on the Global Outreach presentation! None other than little Manzoor Massey! Well, no longer the little fellow we first met at Roorkee School almost 60 years ago, but highly recognizable to us. Sharing the time of Dan Matthews' interview was another whose face we immediately recognized from almost as long ago: James Campbell. What an enjoyable half hour we had listening to them and viewing an occasional picture from India: the Golden Temple, the bathing ghats at Haridwar, the Taj Mahal, and groups of brightly sari-ed young ladies. Both Manzoor and James gave accounts of Global Outreach's work in the densely populated Gangetic plains of North India.

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