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   SAAA priscillashyam@SAAA.ORG September 30:
   We regret to inform you the passing away of Mr. Jaya Joseph Saggurthy (brother of SAAA Member Stalin Saggurthy and Ravi Saggurthy) in Vijayawada, India. Funeral Services were held at Gifford Memorial Hospital in Nuzvid, Andhra Pradesh on September 28, 2011. A Memorial Service has been planned for this coming Sunday, October 2, 2011 at SASDAC Fellowship Hall at 11 AM followed by fellowship meal. The families of Ravi and Stalin would be honored to have you be a part of this.

   The families of Ravi and Stalin would like to thank the host of friends and well wishers who visited them, prayed for them during their time of grief. Your prayers and support have been a great source of strength for their families. Let us continue to remember the families of Ravi, Stalin and other family members in India in our prayers.

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II. Letters & Prayer Requests
   1. Rajaratnam Jones <rajaratnamjones@gmail.com> October 2:
   Dear Dittu Abraham,
   Very much shocked to hear that you lovely son is undergoing treatment for brain tumor via the SUD E-news letter. We are praying for you and your beloved wife who had to undergo pain along with Lumin. May God bless you.
   May He heal your son in the appointed time and bring back joy in your family. [Lumin Abraham, Dittu and Molly (Varghese) Abraham's son, is at Johns Hopkins for treatment of a brain tumour.]

              2. Rose Muthiah Davy <davyp@bellsouth.net> October 3:
   We appreciate everyone for remembering us and for the comforting & encouraging messages. I apologize that we are unable to call or write to everyone.
   October will be a busy month as we get training and my husband Paul gets prepared for a bone marrow transplant (BMT). We thank everyone for praying for us. The chemotherapy so far has been good. I am requesting special prayer for my husband Paul as the chemo for the BMT prep is a heavy dose.
   Also that God will spare his life during the BMT. He has been anointed. We have left him in God's hands. I am praying for all who are ill and for their families also as each one is travelling on the hard road like we are. I too have to keep a check on my thyroid nodules from time to time so it does not become cancerous. I was led by God to learn about many nutritious things in nature that are for healing. Also friends are sharing what they know. If anyone needs information please send me an e-mail. When my husband is resting I will do my best to reply as I am taking time off from work for a few months. Meanwhile please use lemon juice daily for protection from cancer. God be with each one of you.

              
3. T. M. Patrick <tmpatrick7@aol.com> October 3:
Dear Dittu and Molly (Varghese) Abraham,
My whole family is praying to God for the healing of your son, Lumin. We have full faith and trust in God's healing power. He can do anything for His children and nothing is impossible for Him. He has done many great things for His children in the past. He is the same God yesterday, today and forever. May God give you courage at this time and faith in His healing power.

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III. Remembering Edwin Charles & Jaya Joseph

1. John M. Fowler <FowlerJ@gc.adventist.org> October 2:
Edwin Charles entered the denominational service as my colleague when I was editor of Oriental Watchman Publishing House. All the years he served there, I found him to be most reliable, committed, hard-working. While his father literally gave his life working at the press, Edwin never hesitated to go the extra mile to make the printer's ink to tell the story of the Cross. Whatever he did he did it with all his heart. He excelled in Salisbury Park church youth activities which took him eventually to leadership of Division Youth Department. His wife stood by him at all times, and together both of them gave their very best to the church, even enduring the tragedy of the death of their son in an accident near Hosur.

The Charles family had more than their share of sorrow and grief, but in it all they have maintained their trust in God and their smile, telling the rest of us, "Lo He comes, and comes soon." May that day arrive real soon, and meanwhile may the Lord of all comfort be close to the grieving wife and daughter and other siblings.

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2. Rajaratnam Jones <rajaratnamjones@gmail.com> I was shocked to hear of the demise of Pr. Edwin Charles. When I was the youth director of the South Tamil conference, he was the Youth Director for the South India Union. We had closely associated with regard to the work of the youth in this part of the world. He always was a helpful person when we visited Salisbury Park campus for any reason. It is too sad to loose a such a person. Heart felt condolences to the bereaved family.

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3. Manzoor Massey <mindrealignment@att.net> October 2:
I was deeply saddened to learn about the passing away of Edwin Charles. Edwin was in High School when I was at Spicer. He served the church as a youth leader for many years. I praise God for his contribution to the lives of many youth. May God comfort his family with the memories of a life well spent in the cause of God. The entire Massey family will keep Edwin's family in their prayers.

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4. Rose Muthiah Davy <davyp@bellsouth.net> October 3:
Once again we are sad to hear about members from the church family being laid to rest. May our Heavenly Father put His loving arms around each grieving family member and friends. I saw my classmate Edwin Charles in Atlanta Ga. during the GC in July 2010. He looked happy and healthy. In that large crowd of people, God gave me the opportunity to see him and talk to him. Dear friends, the times we are living in are pointing to the nearness of Jesus' second coming. By His mercy, grace & love we can once again meet everyone who is resting in Jesus. I can hardly wait for that blessed day. Even so come Lord Jesus quickly come.

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5. Florence Fernando <flofernando@hotmail.com> October 3:
We were sad to hear about the death of Edwin Charles. May God grant his wife, daughter and all the other members of his family the grace and strength and courage to bear this great loss. We all look forward to the day when there will be no more sorrow and tears. God bless you all.

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6. Remembering Jaya Joseph
Manzoor Massey <mindrealignment@att.net> Oct. 2:
With the death of a child of God, a part of us dies as well. Jaya Joseph was a prince of a leader at Ibrahim High School. I have had the privilege of hosting two training conferences
at his school, and to take on a Rotary project to build a kitchen, laundry and education center at his school over the past two years. Jaya reflected a true spirit of Jesus in all his endeavors. One of the most dedicated spiritual leaders I have ever worked with. He reflected the spirit of Jesus, not only before our large group of Gospel Outreach workers, but a host of Rotarians from the community. I am deeply saddened and heart-broken to hear of his unexpected early death. We have been planning a Youth Congress and a Gospel Outreach training at his school in February 2012. These events will not be the same without Jaya being there. He was well respected by his colleagues, and greatly admired by every student. There are almost 750 children at his school. He was a father to all of them. His wife and daughter were part of the family to all children. My heart goes out to the teachers and the students. They must be crushed with grief and sadness.

Jaya's daughter is pursuing medical training in China. She has learned Chinese. It is her desire to share God's love with non-English speaking people. I would invite the readers to join me in supporting Jaya's dream to help his daughter to complete her training in China and become a missionary.
If you are interested, you may reach me at 661-304-1080 or e-mail me. We will present the scholarship to Jaya's daughter.
I request all readers to pray for Jaya's family and all the teachers and students at Ibrahimputnam High School.

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7. N. D. Solomon <ndsolomon@rediffmail.com> September 27:
It is saddening to know of the sudden demise of Mr. Saggurti Jaya Joseph while he was working as the Principal of Ibrahimputnam, one of the major boarding schools in the East Central India Union. He was the second son of late Mrs. & Mr. Saggurti Joseph and Pushpam.

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IV. Surat Hindus & Moslems Hear of Last Day Events

Samuel Raj Sodadasi <sodadasi.samuelraj@gmail.com> October 3:
The final events are always fascinating for the people of God who are preparing for the second advent; the Adventist Telugu Church in the suburbs of the city of Surat has the largest of south Indian community which speak Telugu language. Most of the church members live on daily wages they earn in the power loom factories to earn their daily living. This church comes under the Gujarat Conference of the Western India Union in the state of Gujarat.

The church invited Dr. Sharath Babu from Spicer Memorial Collage, the director of the E. G. White center as well as a professor in the Dept. of Theology, to conduct revival meetings on the Spirit of Prophesy and finally events. In spite of hectic work schedules of the church members, they throng to listen to the messages; they have also invited and brought their Hindu friends to attend the meetings.

The S. D .A High School grabbed the golden opportunity and utilized the services of Dr. Sarath Babu to preach to the students in primary, middle school and the high school. The principal, Mr. Luther Solomon, and his administrators and the school faculty also attended each presentation along with their students body of 1240 students and the Hindu and Muslims students were thrilled to know the miracles of Jesus which were shown to them on Power Point by Dr. Sharath Babu in spite of his total blindness. The church members were captivated with the theme song on "last day events," and they shared their testimonies. Seventeen precious people responded to the alter call for baptisms and were baptized by Dr. Sharath Babu.
Praise and honor be to Jesus; please pray that their church be a beacon of light for the Hindu and Muslim communities in the city of Surat. I sincerely thank Pr. Pankaj Parmar, the President of the Gujarat Conference for giving us permission to conduct this meeting for the glory of God; kindly pray for the church and my ministry.

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V. ADRA Aids Flood and Earthquake Victims in North India

ADRA, the humanitarian arm of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, is responding in the wake of monsoon rains that have flooded wide stretches of northern India, killing at least 80 people since August.
Flood waters collapsed mud huts and stranded hundreds of thousands of people in recent days.
The Adventist Development and Relief Agency is providing clean water, sanitation and hygiene supplies, focusing on two districts in the state of Orissa, which has seen the most damage. While the water is beginning to recede, rains continue in these districts and the threat of water-born diseases and malaria outbreaks remains high, ADRA India reported. While ADRA India's initial response was hampered by heavy rains and muddy conditions, officials were able to distribute supplies before access was affected by a second round of flooding.

ADRA India reported that hundreds of thousands of people have been evacuated to higher ground to escape the floodwaters in low-lying areas. More than 2,700 villages have been affected, with more than 300 square miles of cultivated land submerged. Reports indicate that schools in severely affected areas are closed until floodwaters recede.

Meanwhile, Adventists in northeast India said members were affected when a 6.9-magnitude earthquake struck the northern state of Sikkim near the border with Nepal last month. Landslides blocking roads and electricity interruptions have made it impossible to contact many members, said Gordon Christo, secretary for the church's Southern Asia Division. Reports so far indicate that many homes and at least one church incurred damage, he said. --ANN Bulletin, October 4, 2011

VI. Classroom Transformed into Church in Kerala

Elwin Vedamony <elwinvedamony@yahoo.co.in> October 7:

Last week was a high water-mark for the members of the School-Church community at Vellarada, near Trivandrum, South Kerala. For the past three years a group of 45 believers, the teachers of the High School, had been worshipping in one of the classrooms. Seeing their difficulty, the School Board took down the partition of the UKG & LKG classrooms and allowed the use of the 900 sqf hall for the weekends.

We want to thank Dr. Selvaraj & Priscy Vedamony, Drs. Sam & Prema Gaikwad, Drs. Elwin and Jaya, Mr. Sunder & Amala Singh, Mrs. Omama Sutharshanan, Mrs. Hutton, Dr. Joel & Sarla Vedamony for their generous contribution in renovating the hall from a "chicken coop"(quoting the Division President) to an honorable place of worship.

The first convention, sponsored entirely by the church members, was held at the newly renovated hall from September 28 to October 1. We are grateful to the South West India Union and the South Kerala Section for their support. The messages were delivered by the Section officers, Pr. S. Jacob, Pr. Anthony Devadas and Pr. Jose Prakash, Associate Director, METAS Seminary. The Union President Pr. Y. Selvamony and the Section Treasurer Pr. G. Abraham took the Sabbath services, including the Communion Service. This was followed by a baptism of 4 candidates. The delicious "Kerala lunch" was appreciated by the 200 plus members present.

We are grateful to God for giving us an opportunity to work close to my birth place, Kottarakara, a place where my parents, Pr. and Mrs. Stanley Hutton, gave some of the best years of their life. We are thankful to God for all His blessings.

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VII. God Heard & Answered Your Prayer for My Mother

Andrew Mohan <andrew.mohan82@gmail.com> October 5:

God is great! Indeed, He is an Awesome GOD. He loves us and answers our prayers with His love and kindness; a couple of weeks ago the SUD newsletter carried my humblest request for my mother's healing and recovery as she was suffering from multiple illnesses. GOD answered our prayers. She is doing really great by His Grace & Mercy. I am so much glad for that and very much thankful to all of you as you all showed your honest concern, care, support, love & prayers.

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VIII. LLBN South Asia Channel Launched

Wesley James <wjames231@msn.com> October 5:

Simply, words are inadequate to express my feelings as I write this exciting story. It has been a journey of faith and total dependence on God's leading. When Dr. Johnny Thomas invited me to join LLBN SA in May 2007, I had no training or experience in media, nor any
budget to start a global television ministry! But, the LLBN team guided, encouraged, motivated and supported me. There are so many people at LLBN - the visionaries and a management team of professionals - Ganim Hanna - President /CEO, Marlon Paley - VP for Productions, Gary Schiller - VP for Engineering, Derrell Mundall - VP for Marketing, Hannah Luttrell - VP for Communications; the support staff - Linda Crawford, Sam Robinson, Emmy Lin, and Sterling Peter; the studio crew under the able leadership of Cheri Dixon and assisted by Jessica Paley; and many others who patiently worked with us. Their knowledge, skills, resources and time invested into this ministry is immeasurable, and their dedication to this cause as volunteers is worthy of emulation.

A special "thanks" to the LLBN Board for authorizing the start of LLBN SA - their faith is inspiring and contagious; and to Dr. Johnny Thomas, Chair of LLBN SA / LLBN Board member, whose vision and continued support kept us on course. Many Southern Asians in Loma Linda area and visitors to this place have volunteered and helped in producing these programs. Also, there are "desis" in other parts of the world that are producing programs for LLBN SA, praying for us and supporting financially. The LLBN SA network is wide and strong - built over several generations! ... Besides English, we have programs in five languages - Punjabi, Hindi, Bengali, Tamil and Telegu. This is only the beginning ... there's a lot more to be done.

Please spread the word among your "desi" friends and friends of "desis." We need your prayers and support, and would love to hear from you - llbnsa@llbn.tv Continued blessings and to God be the glory!

--Wes James, Volunteer/Director, LLBN SA ~~~~~~~~ To remove your name from the mailing list of this newsletter, simply reply to this e-mail and put "REMOVE" in the Subject line.

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