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I. Death of Ruby John
   Priscillas Shyam <priscillashyam@SAAA.ORG> November 10:
   Mrs. Ruby John (sister of SAAA's long-time member, Mr. Walton Dawson) passed away in Pune, Maharashtra, on Sunday November 6, 2011 at Ruby Hall Nursing Home, the same hospital she passionately served as a nurse all her career life.
   Graduating as a registered nurse from the Nursing School at Nuzvid, Andhra Pradesh, Mrs. Ruby John, personified the true essence and principles of nursing not only in her professional life but also in her personal life that had touched the lives of all those who came into contact with her. Her profound generosity, compassion, concern and selfless service have endeared her to the hearts of one and all in Salisbury Park, in the Adventist community, and the society in general, both in India and abroad.
   She leaves behind her two children Bobby and Lizzy, and a grandchild, Sara who was her joy and pride; her siblings and a multitude of relatives and friends.
   SAAA offers its deepest condolences to the family of this departed sister in Christ and invites all those reading this tribute to pray for this family to share in the immeasurable pain, sadness and loss of this precious soul with the hope that in the near future, we will be able to see her again along with all the other believers. (Any considerate responses could be directed to <waltondawson@aol.com>).

   Rose M. Davy <davyp@bellsouth.net>
   Ruby Dawson John was talking and explaining that she was not feeling well a few weeks ago. Family did not know if she would make it or not as changes took place in her health condition. Then her condition got from bad to worse and we are all in shock as she passed away on Sunday, Nov. 6. The staff of Ruby Hall Hospital in Pune, India had a service for her as she served well as a nurse at their facility & retired. Then there was a service at home. After that there was a service at our SDA church at Salisbury Park.
   She had the desire to be buried next to her parents Mr. & Mrs. P. M. Dawson and was laid to rest at the Salisbury Park cemetery. She was a special Aunty I must say. She had a good sense of humour and we had the priviledge of enjoying her for so many long years. She was a very loving & caring person.
   Her father & my mother's father (P. A. Dass who changed his name from Dawson to Dass) were brothers. They both worked at the OWPH in Pune. We will miss our Ruby Aunty for a while, like we are missing so many others, but signs are fast-fulfilling and we will once again be reunited when Jesus comes to take us Home. Even so, come Lord Jesus, quickly come. God be with each one of you.

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II. Letters

1. Richard Samuel <samtrio@verizon.net> November 8:
   My siblings Dr Edward Samuel, George Samuel & Stella Thomas and their spouses and myself are products of SMC. We certainly are proud of the institution. My prayer is, in the pursuit of higher education along with acquiring university status we do not lose sight of the primary purpose for which this college was established. To train our young people to meet the needs of our church in southern Asia.

2. Elwin Vedamony <elwinvedamony@yahoo.co.in> November 8:
   After reading Mr. Sunderan Moses's account, I felt a little nostalgic remembering my father, Pr. Stanley Hutton. If I had to get to my room, I'd have to weave my way past all the students practising for some program or the other in the front room our home at Spicer College.
   I remember dad telling us about the first time he "met Sunder, an immensely talented musician". Dad had come to Spicer with his wife and baby, my sister Prema, for a summer school session. Someone discovered that he was a violinist and so was asked to play for the chapel. The person also added, "By the way, don't worry about the accompanist. We have Sunder and he doesn't need any practice!" The two of them started playing the piece. Then alas! one of the violin strings broke. Stating that the Spicer student crowd could be cruel would be putting it rather mildly. My father quickly regained his composure, replaced the string and the two of them started playing again.
   This time there was pin drop silence in the auditorium. I would like to imagine that the angelic choir stopped their singing mid chorus to listen to the Heavenly music ascending from this earth. Thank You, Uncle Sunder, for telling your story so "THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW!". --Jaya Vedamony

3. Gerald Christo <christohsr@dataone.in> November 6:
   How delighted we delegates from Southern Asia were when it was announced that "our very own" Sunder Moses was going to introduce the theme song "That the World May Know" on the opening night of the 1970 General Conference session. We--Birol, her mother, Queensilies Wallang (on their first attendance at a GC session), and I walked excitedly down the Boardwalk to the Cow Palace auditorium. Wayne Hooper, one the Kings's Herald Quartet members, conducted the song service. As Sunder was called to the platform we delegates from Southern Asia gave him a thunderous ovation and when the late Pastor and Mrs. I. K. Moses were also called up to the platform to join Sunder, our joy and gratitude turned into a "holy pride." I can imagine how Sunder felt. Thank you for sharing the story behind your moment of inspiration.

4. Boxter Kharbteng <khar_btg@yahoo.com> November 13:
   Dr. Fowler's comments on the services of Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Dass at Roorkie, as well as on Spicer's future possibility of becoming a university are spot-on.

5. Sunny Wycliffe <sunnywycliffe@gmail.com> November 16:
   From the very depth of my heart I wish to thank one and all of my friends for your e-mails, telephone calls and more than that for all your prayers for me and my family. By His grace Sunday, October 9, 2011 is only a memory now and we thank God for that. I am alive again and well. I am requesting your continued prayers so that I may continue to do my humblest part in His cause.

III. Rememberian Brian Juriansz

D. L. Ebenezer <delebanze@gmail.com> November 10:
   It is with much sorrow Jazlin and I learned of the death of Pastor Brian D. Juriansz at 86 years of age on October 11, 2011. True he had lived his life--beyond the three-score +10 and another 16. But, death at any age isn't good news. This is particularly true when somebody you have loved for so long and has meant so much to you has passed away. Let me highlight some things I vividly remember about Pastor Juriansz.
   My family was very close to Pastor Juriansz since the late 1940s.
   He saved me twice.
   Back in 1956, Pastor Juriansz conducted a Week of Prayer at Lakpahana SDA School in Mailapitiya, Sri Lanka. I was relentless in his pursuit in seeing that Stephen Jesudason, Jeyekody Edward and many others, along with me must give our hearts to Jesus. By the end of the week, the Pastor won.
Stephen, Jeyekody, many others, along with me were baptized by Pastor Eric L. Juriansz (his first experience baptizing) at Kandy SDA Church on Sabbath, June 2, 1956.

In January 1959, I registered in a Commercial school in Kegalle and was studying bookkeeping, shorthand and typing. Pastor Juriansz and Pastor Robinson had their caring eyes on me. And Pastor Juriansz was sent from Mailapitiya to convince me into dropping the studies I was doing and enroll at Spicer Memorial College. I showed no interest to this proposal. I was ready to go into the world and make a living. I suggested I had no money to attend school in India. Pastor Juriansz and Pastor Robinson quickly worked out a plan whereby I was to teach at Lapahana (relieve Mrs. S. J. Louis who was taking maternity leave) from September 1959 to March 1960 and then begin Summer School at Spicer. With a great deal of reluctance, I agreed to the Pastor's suggestion. What a change that was! It has made all the difference in my life!

Pastor Juriansz was very tactful in dealing with problem areas. He knew how to remove the sting without being stung. When I began teaching a 7th standard class at Lakpahana in September 1959, I recall three girls--Damayanthi, Jazlin and Rajakumari were in the class. After a few days, Pastor Juriansz and Pastor Robinson decided it wasn't good to have me teach a class with three girls in it. So they arranged for me to teach a different class and Pastor Juriansz to deal with the class where Damayanthi, Jazlin and Rajakumari were. Is it any wonder that in December 24, 1972, I should actually get married to Jazlin--one of the three girls back in 1959.

Talk about tact and know-how, that Pastor Robinson and Pastor Juriansz had!

I've always thought of Pastor Juriansz as a person who saved me twice:

a) Brought me to the SDA Church Membership on June 2, 1956;
b) Redirected my course in life by persuading me to attend Spicer Pastor Juriansz was Dean of Boys at Lakpahana for a short time. One day several boys were in bad behavior. The discipline committee met and the decision was made. The "bad" boys were to receive corporal punishment.

Pastor Juriansz began pleading on behalf of the "bad" boys. The discipline committee was determined with its decision. Finally, Pastor Juriansz said "As the "father" for the boys--good and bad, he was prepared to receive the corporal punishment. Boys were let free. Imagine a dean doing such a thing--bearing the punishment upon him!

Pastor Juriansz was good at teaching sex education. I recall him telling how we must be very cautious when we take a bath. Clean yourself but do not spend much time around sensitive parts.

As a Pastor and a Teacher, he had no difficulty integrating faith and teaching. Whether in the Math Class or any other subject he taught, it was just natural for him to talk about Christ. When he saw me as a student worker in the carpentry shop at Lakpahana, he would say I should be a worker as Jesus was in His father's carpentry shop.

What a happy day it was when Pastor Juriansz was present at my graduation from Andrews University in 1969.

The last time I met him was at the GC Session in Toronto, Canada. He was concerned about me being away from home so much of the time. He cautioned me to be always joined to the family. While he believed "Distance makes the hearts grow fonder" he also believed that all too often "Distance makes the hearts go "wander."

Due to an automobile accident, Mrs. Brian Juriansz passed away in 1983. Pastor Juriansz never remarried during the last 28 years. For all the years I've known Pastor Juriansz, his wife and he were always together. When they had children (Roseanne, Rosemary, Rosalee, & Darryl), they too were always seen together with mom and dad when the children were young.

With the death of Pastor Brian D. Juriansz, the Adventist Church has lost a beloved friend, counselor, father, pastor, a fine genuine Christian who was so tender-hearted.

I want to meet Pastor Brian D. Juriansz and all the others who have been laid to rest. Come, Lord Jesus, quickly!

[Perhaps some readers will recall Eric B. Hare's story of the Juriansz family and "the little yellow truck..." Seems they were going from Lakpahana to the "town with the sweetest name," Kandy, the family sitting on passenger benches in the back of the truck. Forced off the winding, hilly road by a vehicle coming up, the little truck plunged down a brush-covered embankment, but, protected by an angel, the truck came to rest with little or no harm to the truck or the passengers; even little baby Juriansz not losing the nursing bottle it was sucking on! Two other Juriansz brothers were well-known workers in Northwest India Union back in the mid-twentieth century when the headquarters of the union was in Bombay. Frank, married to Joy Christo, Gerald's sister, was treasurer of that union, and Robert was one of the union secretaries (as we call directors of departments today).] ~~~~~~~~~~~~ IV.

Yvonne Baziel Continues to Improve

G. R. Baziel <simlasan@sify.com> November 11:

Yesterday Yvonne was shifted from the ICU to a private ward just next to the apartment that we have lived in for the past ten years. The transfer in itself implies the level of improvement that she has achieved. The central line intravenous
in the carotid has been removed and the IV fluids discontinued. For the past three days now, she has been able to eat small amounts of semi solid to solid food. This has included boiled vegetables; half boiled eggs and of course soups and juices. Nausea does play up once in a while, so she is given an anti emetic tablet 15 minutes before a meal.

Yesterday we managed to bring in a hairdresser (one who has been dealing with her from the days she started work at this hospital in 1973). We sat her up in the wheel chair - draped her in plastic sheets - and he managed to wash and trim her hair. Today when her doctors and other staff walked in, the first words were, "WOW, you look good" !!!!

Physiotherapy on the legs has started in small installments. The sutures are all removed and the wounds are healing well. The left leg where the tibia was in five fragments has been kept in a cast, but the right leg where the femur was fractured in three fragments is now open and dry. A few minutes ago the surgeon commented that the edema on both legs has reduced considerably.

Last evening I read out to her some of the interesting headlines from the news paper and she was glad to discuss these. The pain in the back, which was a long standing problem even before the fall, is causing discomfort, but the anaesthesiologist who is also running our 'pain clinic'

injected the site. So we are hoping that this will come under control too.

God is good, and for sure Yvonne's recovery is nothing short of a miracle.

V. Caution Regarding PASC's Official Recognition
George Babcock <gpbabcock@gmail.com> November 12:
I am writing in response to the news item from Pakistan Adventist Seminary & College. Many of us would like to see a copy of the affiliation agreement with the University of Sargodha. Many questions come to mind. Basically, will we be able to recognize PASC as a Seventh-day Adventist school one year after the affiliation takes effect? I remember quite a bit about Pakistani law and I know that Pakistan has not become more liberal.

Example: Pakistan requires that a mosque be on campus if Muslim students are enrolled. Also, Islamiat must be taught. Will any government money come to PASC as a result? If so, there will be the devil to pay in short order. I am concerned. I trust that the College Board, the Pakistan Union Committee, and the Division have talked about these things. However, some reassurance would be in order.

George P. Babcock, Ed.D.
Former President of PASC

VI. Loma Linda Southern Asia Adventists' Christmas Program
George P. Johnson <geoprasad@aol.com> November 15:
On Sabbath, December 3, Southern Asia Adventist Community Church (SAACC) of Loma Linda will celebrate Christmas through music. Various participants will sing in English, Spanish, and several other languages of India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh. Instrumentals include steel drums performed by our members. Please join us for a potluck following the worship.

Venue: First Lutheran Church, 1207 W. Cypress Ave., Redlands, CA 92373
For further information, please contact Pastor Sam Shadrach @ (909) 810-3424 e-mail: pastor@sasdacc.org/srshadrach@hotmail.com
George P. Johnson
Head Elder, SAACC

VII. Thanksgiving Service at Hopeside Community Church
Andy Stone <contact@hopeside.org> November 16:
The Hopeside Community Church welcomes you to a celebration of Thanksgiving Sabbath followed by a fellowship luncheon on November 26, 2011.
The featured speaker is Stephen Chavez, Managing Editor of Adventist Review.
Mrs. Saroj Isaac will be organizing a special Sabbath School presentation by the Youth and Children starting at 10am. Praise music will be by PraiseLive starting at 11:15 am. The Divine Service starts at about 11:30 am.
The church meets regularly at:
Calverton Baptist Church
12625 Galway Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20904
VIII. Honoring Spicerians This Weekend In Maryland
Priscilla Shyam <priscillashyam@SAAA.ORG> November 14:

The Remnant SDA Church cordially invites you, and ALL SPICERIANS to a very Special Sabbath Weekend, on November 18 and 19, 2011.

The Remnant Church Services are held in the Transfiguration Episcopal Church, located at 13925 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20904.

Vespers begins at 7:30 p.m.; Sabbath School at 9:30 a.m. and Divine Service at 11:00 a.m.

A special welcome is extended to the members of Spicer College's graduating Class of 1982, and former Faculty, residing in the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area and else where in the US. The Pastor of the Class of 1982, Pr. Geoffrey Mbwana, will be the guest speaker at these weekend services and will be delighted to meet members of the '82 graduating Class. Pr. Mbwana is currently one of the Vice Presidents of the General Conference.

IF YOU ARE A SPICERIAN or a MEMBER OF THE CLASS OF 1982, you are encouraged to come, worship, fellowship and reminisce with a fellow graduate. Pr. Mbwana is probably the only person in Spicer College's illustrious History to have been appointed as one of the VP's of the GC.

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