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I. Letters
   1. Rose Muthiah Davy <davyp@bellsouth.net> December 8:

   I lived in several different places in India and USA and know a lot of people. I do read the newsletter & get the messages & pray for those who are ill & those who are grieving. I am also related to people who are living in different places around the globe. I belong to a very large circle of family & friends, which includes missionaries who served in India. So I read what Pastor Hetke wrote about Pastor Kutzner & what Dr. Michael Israel wrote about our Uncle, Pastor O. Israel, with keen interest. I read parts of it to my husband in his hospital room. Luckily we are able to use our computer here.

   Pastor & Mrs. Kutzner & family were at Lowry school when I studied 1964-1965. Then I went on to Nuzvid for nursing school. He was my chemistry teacher. I did not remember that he had formed the choir [I am getting old so excuse me!]. I was a choir member and may still have the picture. I have wonderful memories & some not so good from the places I lived at. I cannot forget the bulgar wheat porridge at Lowry school which I hated but now go to the Indian store to buy it and cook it as I know it is good for health. My husband was the last one from his family to come into the SDA family circle and he says that Pastor Kutzner gave him Bible studies and baptized him at Lowry School. His signature is on his baptismal certificate. I was happy for that. The Kutzners visited us here in TN and we saw them in CA. I called and spoke to Mrs. Kutzner when we heard the sad news. We know that we will meet Pastor Kutzner when Jesus comes to take us home.

   Now about our uncle O. Israel & both auntsies. We were able to meet uncle at different family gatherings whether it was a happy or sad occasion as God had blest uncle with many long years. He always had a smiling face as you know and would talk to us lovingly. Both auntsies were God-fearing and good and kind people. It will be a joy to meet everyone again when Jesus comes.

   Now about my husband Paul. God is with us. Many are praying around the world and even strangers whom we will meet for the first time in heaven and be able to thank them. I am praying for each one of you too and wish to thank you. Paul was able to tolerate the much dreaded heavy doses of chemo as they gave him antiemetics. I was happy that he was able to eat food. He lost weight and his blood counts have dropped as expected and we will watch the figures as they increase by the mercy & grace of our loving Heavenly Father. He has very low immunity so we will worship together at home after discharge like we have been doing for so long. He can’t be around large groups of people. We will try to make it a happy 2012 because we love our Lord & He is with us day & night. Just keep us in your prayers please, and thanks again for caring & praying. May God bless each one of you and have a Very Merry Christmas & a Bright & Prosperous & Happy New Year 2012.

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II. Tamil Church in Mumbai Growing
   Pastor Jeyaraj <jesusformumbai@gmail.com> Dec. 6: We have a growing Adventist congregation at Virar, Mumbai. There are about 50 members who attend the meetings we have every Sabbath. We meet at a place that we have rented for the church for Rs. 3000 for the past 3 yrs. The rent is being paid by members of the Goregaon, Tamil SDA church until now. There are more people attending church every week and we desire to buy a church so that we can have a permanent place to worship. There is an apartment available for sale for Rs. 1,732,500. The flat is 1050 square feet costing Rs. 1650 per sq. ft.. We have about Rs. 300,000 with us now. But we are very much short of being able to buy it. Please do contribute if you can help buy a church for Seventh-day Adventist believers in Virar, Mumbai. Remember this in your prayers and any kind of help will be appreciated. Any donation can be made through the Southern Asia Division as Virar church building fund.
   Pastor Jeyaraj
   SDA Tamil Church Mumbai
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III. Remembering Them
   1. Remembering Harald Giebel
      Gerald Christo <geraldjchristo@gmail.com> November 6:
      Harald Giebel, M.D. 81, husband of Dr Beverly for 55 years passed away quietly during his assignment at the Christian Medical College on Tuesday, November 29, Wednesday, 2011. A memorial service was held at the Vellore SDA Church Centre on Sabbath, December 3 at 4:00p.m. which was attended by his wife, sons Herb, Art and daughter Rita. Dr. Raj Kumar spoke words of comfort for the family and hope in the resurrection at Jesus' second coming.
      The family, Beverly, Rita, Herb and Art, coordinated the memorial service playing a leading part in the selection of music, -- Beverly at the piano accompanied Art when he read "The Human Heart/Die Uhr" by van Carl Loewe and he sang the "Holy City." Beverly also accompanied two mixed quartets and a girls' instrumental number. Pictorial memories were screened of Dr's Giebel's ministry and service.
      Touching tributes of a much loved father, colleague, counsellor and friend were paid by the family, members of the College faculty, medical and nursing students and friends. Dr.Suranjan Bhattacharji, director of the College spoke of Dr. Harald's commitment to the tasks he was assigned.
      Friends and students spoke of his fatherly concern for their problems.
      Pastor Gerald Christo who knew the Giebel family when they were at Karachi and on their many visits to Poona and more recently to Hosur recounted his memories of Dr Giebel and his outstanding leadership qualities and his overarching compassionate nature. Dr John Christo, Director of the Adventist Medical Centre, Bangalore represented the Division Administration.
      The Adventist presence and influence is still felt in CMC College and Hospital. When in the 1940's the Southern Asia Division administration spearheaded by secretary Duane S Johnson had when he negotiated a plan which opened up opportunities for Adventist young people to pursue medical and allied studies. Scores of Adventist doctors, nurses and allied medical personnel trained by a committed faculty with Christian values in hospitals and clinics the world over are a witness to that vision.
      Currently there are four doctors and two nursing staff personnel that are on the administration of the college faculty. Ruby Anand is the Deputy Nursing Superintendent and Dr. Sam George Hansdak is a Deputy Registrar.

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   Maqbool Inderias <minderias48@yahoo.com> December 4:
   Dear Dr. Beverly and children
   Dr. Bashir Khazzan shared the sad news of our dear brother going to be with the Lord in the church yesterday with us Pakistanis (quite a few of us were there, Pr. Zubaid family, Shakeel, Emmanuel Zahid, quite a few I mean -- because it was a Christmas program by the Southern Asia Community Church), and for me personally it was saddening to hear that. I lost my wife about 10 years ago, my father in 2008, and my younger sister, Suriya this June. It is not a joke to serve a country for about quarter of a century (1958-81). No doubt, as colleagues, coworkers and subordinates it was not always all well, but over the years I have learnt to revere, respect, rather love him, of his unprecedented and unparalleled contribution to Karachi Adventist Hospital. The new girls' hostel will always speak volumes about you both and great Germany-- those aluminum windows and beds hauled from Germany and other places -- and the "Giebel Hall" will always stay there until our Lord comes -- and your name in the heavenly mansions -- his services as a great surgeon and
the level he gave to KAH. I was in the accountaining department at that time so I can safely say and vouch that -- Dr. Giebel always saw ways and means he could improve the hospital. He had already started seeing expansion of hospital building the third wing -- the Dubash property next to the hospital was bought.

I had hardly joined as an accountant in 1976 when Dr. Giebel picked me to serve in the house committee and then appointed me as CHAP executive member to represent hospital in the committee of Christian hospitals in Pakistan, even authorized me to sign payment of credit due to the patients. I brought to the attention of the administration that it is not good policy for a bookkeeper to authorize reimbursement, but their trust was so great that they still kept me. In the end, let me say he was greatly respected and loved -- like the prophets along with him and I plead to the Lord: "Lord, see my sacrifices, offerings, dedication, prayers and tears for your people." Well done" you will the Master's voice when you will rise in the morning.

I pray God's peace, the peace of Jesus "My peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth, my own peace I give unto you." We have got a blessed hope we shall see our loved ones who have preceded and gone ahead of us. May that hope rest with you. May the Almighty God comfort you at this time of grief. God bless you all.

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2. Remembering Arno Kutzner
Gerald Christo, December 8:

The late Arno and Agnes Kutzner came to India for only five years but some of us remember Arno as if we have known him all his life. I spent a week in their home during a week of prayer at Lowry and witnessed how easy it was for young people to love them and they in turn impacted the lives of those who came to know them. Els Hetke's biographical sketch of his brother-in-law is a classic tribute to his memory. It adds to our remembrance of him as an understanding and transparent individual who made the best of the odds life dealt him. With his loved ones we await the blast of the golden trumpet on the great resurrection morn.

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3. Remembering O. Israel
Gerald Christo, December 8:

I have fond memories of visiting the home of the late Pastor O. Israel during the many years I knew him in Poona. The Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence flourished under his stewardship. Birol and I still remember his favourite seat in the Salisbury Park Church. Many times only late Pastor O. Israel, C. John and we were the first to enter the church, especially during the mid-week prayer meetings. On Sabbath mornings the whiff of Brut After-Shave signalled that he was already present. Michael’s tribute to his father is reminder that he brought his children up in fear of the Lord and to honour his parents. The golden morning is soon approaching!

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IV. Death of Nepal's Madhu Kumar Bajracharya

Bhaju Ram Shrestha <bhajupurna@gmail.com> December 2:

"I am destroyed by the sad news..." lamented Dr. Leo Vigna from Malawi as he heard the tragic news of the death of quiet, dedicated layman, Mr. Madhu Bajracharya, in Scheer Memorial Hospital, Banepa, Nepal on Nov 26, 2011 leaving his devastated wife, Rampyari and two young daughters, Flora and Mona. He was only 51. He had been suffering from the heart ailment since his young days, and finally the inherited heart disease won victory over him. Mahdu studied in Spicer, then came to work in SMH in the maintenance department, then on to his own social organization.

Amidst the hundreds of friends, relatives and well-wishers, Madhu’s funeral service was held in SMH Church, officiated by Pr. A. M. Puri, assisted by Elder Sunder Thapa, Pr. Kumar Adhikari, Elder Rakesh Lamiche, Dr. Fernando Cardona, Pr. Naseeb Basnet (the brother-in-law of Madhu), Elder Netra Dahal, Elder Lincoln Morikone and Pr. David Kumar Tamsang. Recalling Madhu's worthy life, reading the assurance from the Scriptures, and prayer were done in tearfully. After the service, the body was taken solemnly in a van to the cremation spot about 2 km from the hospital, while many of us walked through Banepa displaying our respect to our brother whom God had told to rest till Jesus comes. After the simple Christian service performed by Pr. A. M. Puri, Pr. Naseeb Basnet, Elder Kapil Bania, the funeral fire was lit by Pr. Naseeb Basnet. According to the wish of Madhu, his ashes were taken in the coffin to Bhakunde Besi, about 40 km from Banepa (70 km from Kathmandu) and were quietly laid in the cemetery ground in the middle of the forest.

Death of Madhu was a great loss not only to the family but to the Seventh-day Adventist community, among whom he left his footsteps. It was also witness to the non-Christian friends and relatives that a death of God's child is just a
sleep or rest from the weary labor till the trumpet sounds for the wake-up call. There was no wailing and the endless ceremony to disturb the dead for the dead knows nothing. Whereas this scribe expresses heartfelt condolence to the left behind family members, relatives and friends, let us continually be mindful of the speedy coming of Lord Jesus so that we can be united with our loved ones according to His promise.

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V. Death of William Murrill
Dale Bidwell <dbidwell@afmonline.org> December 12:
Elder William Murrill, former Under-treasurer of the GC, former NAD treasurer, former treasurer of the Lake Union and former president of the Burma Union died in Kansas City December 5. He was married to Ruth Wilson, the sister of Elder N. C. Wilson.

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VI. Help Needed to Complete Hospital in Karnataka
Karnnel Charles <teachiindia@aol.com> December 9:
The 75 bed hospital (K. Moses Memorial) is nearing its completion in Kolligal, Karnataka, India. It is now in its last stages of completion. The humongous task remaining is furnishing the hospital with necessary equipments and room supplies, which is in progress. By the end of December 2011 two commercial containers with hospital supplies will be shipped out of Baltimore in Maryland.
TEACH International, Inc., is assisting in the shipment of these two containers. We, however, are still in dire need of more hospital equipments and since there is more room in the 'containers', we are looking for donations of hospital equipment urgently needed. If you know of any doctor's offices/healthcare facilities who have unused hospital equipment that we can use, please e-mail us the information, so we can contact the parties involved and make necessary arrangements for shipping those items to our packing and storage area. We are looking for the following items:
- EKG Machine
- Incubators
- Scopes
- Ventilators
- EEG Machine
- Wheel Chairs
We are also in need of a donors who will be able to furnish a 'Patient Room', as a personal gift or memorial to a loved one. A plaque in recognition of the donor will be displayed in the room furnished by the donor.
Other donations needed are:
- Furnishings for a doctors lounge, nurses station, patient reception, registration area, waiting area for relatives, etc.
Your help and generous donations will be greatly appreciated. I wish you and family God's blessings.
Karnnel Charles, Executive Director
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VII. Asian Adventists in Britain Celebrate the Season
Victor Hulbert <VictorHulbert@adventist.org.uk> BUC News Edition #759 (9 December 2011) CHRISTMAS FATHER NOT FATHER CHRISTMAS -- Earl RamharackSingh
The rich cultural feel emanated out of the doors of Flanders Community Centre, East Ham, where the Asian Adventist Day of Fellowship was held on Sabbath, 3 December. They represented many and varied origins: Pakistan, Bangladesh, India, West Indies, Philippines, Mauritius and more. Even more exciting was that Muslim friends and members of the local community excitedly joined in.
The day included hearty singing from various groups and even a contemporary Youth drama production that looked at the distractions of the world around us and focused on the difficulties of peer pressure. There was a twist to the musical element of the day, as singers and hymns were accompanied by 'tabla', Asian drums, and 'baja', an Asian accordion. Karen Marson, from Ilford church, performed a soulful rendition of "I want Jesus to walk with me" and Marianne
Bahadur, from the Asian church, gave an excellent recital on the piano of "Kiss the Rain", by Yiruma, followed by a duet with her sister Melissa. Singing "Oh Holy Night" they captivated all those who listened.

Speaker for the day was Pastor Petras Bahadur, South England Conference and General Conference's Adventist Muslim Relations director. He spoke on the Christmas theme, highlighting how the world wants us to focus on Santa and not on Jesus. Only by remembering that Christmas is not about receiving, but more about giving, will we be able to get back to what God wants for us over the festive period and focus on Him.

Linking well to the Christmas topic, there was a joyous celebration as the new pastor for the Asian church, Pastor Samuel Sultan, and his family were presented during the service. Further introductions were made to welcome the Reverend Bashir Sundhu, from the local Pentecostal church, who gave the closing prayer.

No Asian Day of Fellowship could be concluded without a customary Asian meal and the writer can testify that the feast was amazing and enjoyable!

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