I. Letters
   1. Merlyn Fernando <merlynfernando@yahoo.com> June 3:
      An interesting side news to the items that appeared in your recent newsletters on blind scholars!
      We have personal friends in HK who have put huge improvements into the St. Louis School for the blind in Chennai, who sponsored this lad to Pondicherry.
      We also were visited by the George Marimuthu that Romain has written about in your newsletter, who walked into our hospital in Kandy, Sri Lanka, and said, 'Your Kandy Market is so beautiful!'
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   2. Sunny Wycliffe <sunnywycliffe@gmail.com> June 1:
      Dear Brother J. D. Moses,
      I was very gratifying to read your e-mail in the SUD newsletter. I pray and thank God for taking care of you and your health. I believe many of your friends and relatives must have been praying for your healing. Do continue in His Service.
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II. Dr. Justus Devadas Approved for PhD Guideship
   Rajendra Prasad <rajendraprasad2000@yahoo.com>
   Manav Bharti University, Solan, the State Private University of Himachal Pradesh, approved by University Grants Commission (UGC), Govt of India, in their letter dated January 10, 2010, addressed to Dr. Justus Devadas, but just received here today (May 31, 2012), has approved him as Major Guide for the Research Students of PhD in History of Manav Bharti University, Laddo, Sultan Pur (Kumarhatti), Solan, Himachal Pradesh 173229. While congratulating Dr. Devadas on this achievement, we encourage any prospective PhD student in History in any of our Adventist Schools and Colleges to make use of this opportunity of completing their PhD programme under his guidance.
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III. Conference Hall at AMC Renovated
   Edison Samraj <amc3@vsnl.com> June 4:
   In memory of Pastor I. K. Moses, the family has contributed to the renovation of the Adventist Media Centre conference hall. Sureka Khandagle, a grand daughter, cut the ribbon for the conference hall in the presence of our division president, Pastor R. John. We had all the institution heads participate in this including Spicer, PAD, Hume McHenry School, Medical Trust of India, Estate, IFA and other units represented. Pastor John along with the others responded to the challenge; it was a meaningful event. There were two unveiling ceremonies—one on the history of the church by Dr. Franklin Khandagle and the other of the logo which was unveiled by Pastor John. The event followed with a refreshments after the program. We thank God for the contribution of the Eric Khandagle and the I. K. Moses family for their contribution in making this happen.
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IV. Remembering Beth Robinson

1. June Peter-Fiorito <jfiorito@cauc.ca> May 31:

Beth James Robinson, beloved to many, many Sri Lankan students who studied at Lakpahana and teachers who taught there, may her soul rest in peace! Her unreserved dedication and commitment to service along side her husband, Pastor A. W. Robinson, will always be admired. She never looked for prestige or fame. She never looked down on any one who could not "make it" in life. Her soft words and kind disposition will always be remembered. I was fortunate to meet both of them in Canada when they visited our campmeetings in Alberta several year ago. May the Lord bless her family as they continue to carry the torch which she carried alongside Pastor Robinson. Judy, Julia and families, you can continue to reflect the love that your mom radiated throughout her life. When that day comes, we shall hear it said, "Well done thou good and faithful servant. Enter thou into the joy of the Lord."

June D. Fiorito, Ed. D.
Chair, School of Education
Canadian University College

2. Augusta Malkanthie Ballowe <ballowes@aol.com> June 1:

I was saddened to hear of Mrs. Beth Robinson's death. Even though I haven't physically seen her in many years, I feel as if she has always occupied a very important part of my life. As a little girl in Lakpahana in the 1960's, I came to love her very much. The Robinsons were on assignment in Sri Lanka where Pastor Robinson was the Administrator and Mrs. Robinson was the librarian and teacher. For me especially, she taught English and Bible. Many an evening she had a sewing class for girls, and I can still picture very vividly the dress I sewed with her gentle, loving guidance. Often she would walk into the girl's dorm to check on one of the girls who was sick or was experiencing other problems. She was always kind, soft, and gentle with every person she met and dealt with. The Robinsons were well know to almost all the SDA members in Sri Lanka and Mrs. Robinson will be missed by all her former students. When the Robinsons reached the end of their mission assignment in Sri Lanka, and were on their way to the US, word reached them that I had passed my GCE examination. In response they sent me a brown handkerchief with two cats embroidered on it. It is still one of my most cherished possessions. The Robinson's kindness and generosity to me are memories I will treasure the rest of my life. With great joy I will be looking for them under the Tree of Life. Our condolences are with Pastor Robinson, Judy and her family, and Julia and her family.

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V. Checking in with Pakistan Families in California

Joseph Zahid <josuna4@gmail.com>:

It's great to see that the children from Pakistani families living in California are advancing and progressing in their education. Recently there have been several graduation parties to attend:

**1.** RUSSLELL AND PARVEEN’S SON’S PARTY: (Parveen Hakim Dean, her maiden name). They live in San Francisco area. Their son competed his high school with good grades, and so they called several Pakistani families from nearby places to attend their son's graduation party. They had this party in Biryani House in San Francisco on the evening of May 26. There must have been no less than 100 people who attended the party. Some people from UK were also there. Congratulations to the Russell family, and may God bless them.

**2.** AMJAD AND ASHI’S DAUGHTER’S PARTY: Amjad and Ashi, with their two children live in Loma Linda area. To celebrate their daughter Abigail's great success in completing her 8th grade, they called a party in Delhi Palace, a restaurant, on the evening of June 2, at which at least 65 people were present, including Amjad's two older sisters and a younger brother from UK. They were Parveen, Josephine, and Philip. Congratulations to them, and may God bless them.

**3.** HERRY AND ADALINE’S SON’S PARTY: (Adaline Ghosh, her maiden name). They live in Loma Linda area. Their son completes his high school with high grades, and so they are having his graduation celebration party in Delhi Palace, a restaurant, on the evening of June 10, where a lot of their family members, friends, and guests will be present. Congratulations to Herry Montang and family, and may God bless them.

**4.** KENNETH AND LIIILIAN KHAN’S DAUGHTER’S PARTY: Kenneth (Obed Khan's brother) and family live in Loma Linda area. Their younger daughter (they have two daughters) is very successfully completing her high school, and they are holding a party in her honor on the evening of June 9 in Delhi Palace, where his brother and family, relatives, friends and acquaintances will be coming. God bless them and continue to give their children further progress.
**5. OBEDE AND VERONICA KHAN'S PARTY: They did not have any of their children's graduation party, but they had a House-warming Party in the Fresno area, where they live. They held it right their own house on May 19. The guests at the party included Pr. George Johnson, former Pakistan Union president, who spoke for evening worship. There were about approximately 50 people who attended that party. The Khan family are doing well. They have two grown up son, Nasir (who is married and a father already), and Adeel. God bless them, as they live in their house, their lives pleasing to God.

VI. Death of MK Barbara Morris Jacobson

Justin Singh <jUWYL@aol.com> May 3:
I leant today that Barbara Morris Jacobson (R. P. Morris's youngest daughter) passed away on May 30, 2012 after a heart attack. She was 84. Her husband, Samuel Jacobson, passed away a few years back. She leaves behind 2 sons, 2 daughters, and 1 adopted daughter; and Joan Morris Kester, her older sister, and me. The rest of the siblings are all gone. I will be sending her life sketch later.

You will recall that she used to send me Christmas presents every Christmas. She was like my real sister. I am very sad. She was with us last year for our 50th Wedding Anniversary (May 29), and one year later she's gone. She was healthy and followed a very healthy lifestyle, and she walked every day. However, her appendix burst, but she survived that surgery. Ellen, her daughter, thinks that the surgery trauma may be the cause of her heart attack. But no one knows the real cause of the heart attack. The memorial service will be in Oregon sometime in the early part of July.

The R. P Morris family were pioneer missionaries in the United Provinces (later called Uttar Pradesh) in North India. They took me in their home when I lost my mother at age 15 months only. When my father remarried, my father took me back, but to Barbara and her siblings I remained their brother. I have lost a sister.

VII. SAYJ to Hold Rally in Bangalore

South Asia Youth for Jesus <sayj.info@gmail.com> June 6:
A youth-led supporting ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church
Two-day discipleship and care group training event, featuring Vikram Panchal - Hindu convert and AFCOE/Andrews Seminary graduate from Australia.
Starting June 10, 2012 at 09:30 AM IST at Tamil Central Church of Seventh-day Adventists, Spencer Road, Bangalore, India.

A note from Pastor Vikram Panchal in Bangalore:
"Things have been going well here so far. I had the opportunity to speak at the Lowry English SDA church in Bangalore this past Sabbath. The message was titled 'The Explosion Formula' which implies that evangelism + training = explosion. Training our members is the missing component in our church today (Matt. 28:18-20). It was a good experience and I appealed for people at the end to come for the SAYJ rally this Sabbath which will provide training on CARE Groups and Discipleship. . . "

VIII. "Spiritual Interpreter"— Nepali Mission Story

by Jared Wright in the June, 2012 ADVENTIST FRONTIERS Magazine
"Sweet stench permeated the apartment as the Hindu priest lit incense sticks and butter lamps. He began to pull various talismans and religious trinkets out of his bag in preparation for the rituals. Glancing up, he noticed an image of Jesus nestled between the idols and pictures of Hindu gods and gurus that adorned the family shrine. 'Why is there a picture of Jesus in this house?' he demanded.

'The old man and his wife were perplexed by the priest's question and looked at each other nervously. Not waiting for an explanation, the priest commanded a servant girl standing nearby to remove the picture immediately. 'You are a Hindu family,' he said. 'You should not have a picture of the Christian God in your house.'

'The servant girl hid the picture under a bed in a back room of the apartment. For a time, the incident with the Hindu priest was forgotten.

'One day the servant girl came to our house and visited with our Nepali niece, Dikee. She told Dikee what had happened with the Hindu priest. 'But now many bad things have started happening in the house, and Uncle and Auntie have had very bad luck lately. Some money disappeared from the house. Uncle and Auntie have been sick, and so many other things have happened.'
The girl was clearly agitated, but she didn't know what to do about the situation.

"Dikee is a recent convert to Seventh-day Adventist Christianity. Because of her growing knowledge of the battle between God and Satan, she has a better understanding of the world around her than do our Hindu and Buddhist neighbors. 'Were there any of these bad things happening before you took the picture of Jesus down?' she asked.

"'No, nothing.'

"'Isn't that interesting? The Hindu priest came to bless your house and ask the gods to protect your uncle and auntie, but after he left, things got worse.'

"'Yes, that's right.'

"Dikee could see that her friend was beginning to understand. 'You should take the picture of Jesus out from under the bed and hang it back up again. I'm a Christian, and we believe Jesus will protect us if we worship Him, because He is greater than all other gods.'

"The girl did what Dikee suggested, and after a few days, things in the house returned to normal.

"Later, as I was thinking about what happened with Dikee and the servant girl, the thought struck me that, as a Seventh-day Adventist, I have a lot of spiritual knowledge, but too often that knowledge never finds meaningful expression in real life. I live my life but often fail to interpret what is happening around me according to my knowledge. Yet it was a natural thing for Dikee to help her friend reinterpret reality according to her own developing biblical worldview. As a spiritual interpreter, Dikee helped her friend better understand Jesus. That's what being a follower of Christ is really all about. Dikee's own understanding is still very basic, but God is working with her and blessing her friends through her witness."

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