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I. An Era Ends at Spicer College

Gordon Christo <drongo.ostrich@gmail.com> July 24:

The End of the Corner Shop

It is hard to imagine Spicer without the Corner Shop but we will have to because it has finally been demolished for road widening. We had heard for years that the restaurant was doomed but the management managed to hang on and on. Yesterday at about 6 pm, in a drive that struck down several unauthorized buildings in and around Aundh, bulldozers knocked it down.

I asked my uncle David Poddar who as a kid cycled from Salisbury park to watch the college being built, but the earliest he remembers the shack was the mid 40’s. He patronized the joint then for their famous bhajis.

In the 60’s I recall Hassan was a little chap who waited on tables. He later took over the management from his uncle who had run it for the family.

Back then operated under a sign that read: "South India Restaurant." Later the word "New" was added. After communal riots during which the store was vandalized, the Muslim owners changed the name to Maharashtra Restaurant.

Over the years, despite the fact that they were squatters on what has been a Muslim graveyard, they grew, adding a grocery store, an auto repair shop, and even a travel agency. One year the Corner Shop was featured in a song at the annual Talent Night, titled "You Can Get Anything at Corner Shop."

The shop kept up with the times. The latest money spinner has been SIM cards for mobile phones. Students could obtain one without any documents and changed them sometimes monthly.

So, the restaurant is gone. Those who long for the familiar taste of bhajis can try their branch in Sangvi across the Mullah River, or hope that the shop is rebuilt a little further back.

II. Death of Aimee McHenry

Hazel Benwell <hazelbenwell@gmail.com> July 22:

Aimee McHenry passed away this morning at 2:30 AM in Yakima--most likely they will have the memorial in Walla Walla where her husband, William McHenry, was. I understand she was 94 yrs old and just died of old age. My eldest daughter Lorna just gave me this information as her daughter Andrea is married to Josh--Aimee's grandson--Winnetta's son. Winnetta's phone number is 360-791-1919.

Life Sketch

Winnetta McHenry Martin <winnetta@gmail.com> July 27:

n Sunday July 22, 2012, Aimee Lillian McHenry went to rest with her beloved husband, William McHenry to wait for Jesus to come to take them home. She was 95 years old. She lived in India as a missionary spanning a period of 42 years teaching, training teachers and writing a series of beginning readers, illustrating them with Indian art work and using culturally appropriate stories. She painted, designed and sewed clothes, built furniture, gardened, did flower arranging,
made and decorated wedding cakes, made many wedding dresses for her "girls", and acted as village nurse and mechanic. She was a gripping storyteller and easily held the most wiggly audience of youngsters spellbound, along with any adult listeners, with her adventures from her early childhood "horse and buggy" days and her missionary life. Her faith in God and her desire to share His love consumed her life to the very end. She leaves a legacy of a passion for service to others for all who have known her.

The kids will remember her for her blunt and direct no-nonsense approach, the what you see is what you get, but mostly, for her ability to relate to everyone without making them feel there was a glass door separating the Indian people from the foreign missionaries. Probably the best memories they have of her was their ability to come to the house and hang out and the fun activities arranged for them.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, William J. McHenry; a daughter, Sarah Munger; her parents, George and Sadie Brown; one brother, Willis Brown; and three sisters, Lila Brown who died in childhood, Margie Carpenter and Jeanette Preyer. She is survived by her sister Barbara Brooks, and two daughters, Nola (Murit) Aichele and Winnetta (Gary) Martin, 9 grandchildren, 1 step-granddaughter and 12 great-grandchildren, 9 step-great-grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews. She also counts as special children from India, Ruthie Yacovetti, Farook Sait and Sharda Mahapoori, along with many others who lovingly remember her as "Mama" McHenry and were blessed by weekendaspers, hanging out, hiking, making fudge, being encouraged in their interests such as developing choirs, etc.

When Mom told her story of Dad courting her, she would begin her story by telling us about their first date, a picnic. Dad took along a blanket for them to sit on, and she ended the story by saying "and we've been sharing the same blanket ever since." It seems most appropriate that again, on August 10, their 73rd anniversary, they will be "sleeping under the same blanket" until Jesus comes.

On August 10, Friday, there will be a graveside service at Mount Hope Cemetery, College Place, WA at 3 PM. On August 11, 2012 there will be a Memorial Service for her at the Shelton Seventh-day Adventist Church, Shelton, WA.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions to an India Education Fund for students in care of the Shelton or Yakima 35th Ave.

Seventh-day Adventist Church.

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III. Death of S. G. David

Priscilla Shyam <priscillashyam@saaa.org> July 23:

Pastor S. G. David, pioneer worker from Bangalore, South India, passed away Saturday, July 21st, 2012 in Maryland. Pr. David is the father of Vasantha (Sunimal) Kulasekere and Sulochana (Paulraj) Kamaldinni. Funeral services are scheduled for Tuesday, July 24, 2012 at the Southern Asia SDA Church, 2001 East Randolph Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904. Viewing will begin at 10:00 a.m. with the Service to follow. Following the Service the Committal will be at the George Washington Cemetery: 9500 Riggs Road, Adelphi, MD 20783. Contact Information for Sulochana and Vasantha:

301-989-1131.

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IV. Death of Derek Beardsell, Former Pakistan Union President

-- from Newbold Reunion Facebook page

Dr. Derek Beardsell was born in Suji, Tanzania on July 26, 1934. The village in the Kilimanjaro region of north-eastern Tanzania has had a Seventh-day Adventist church since 1903. The son of British missionaries, Derek attended Helderberg College in the 1950's and entered church employment in Feb. 1955. Later that year he and Joy (nee Barrett) were married. Between 1955 and 1970 Derek and Joy served in various roles in the East and Central Africa Unions during which time their three children were born (Eileen, Robert and Beryl). In July 1970 the family returned to the British Union where for a time Derek served at Newbold College then as Youth Director for the British Union. In Sept. 1976 Derek and Joy returned to the Tanzania Union to serve as President and for a short time as Youth and Communications Director of the Afro-Mideast Division in 1980. Following completion of a PhD at Andrews University Derek and Joy again returned to Britain where from Sept. 1983 to Sept. 1986 they pastored in the NBC and then to July 1988 in the SEC. In August 1988 they prepared once again to leave for overseas this time to serve as President of the Pakistan Union until Jan. 1991. Called to serve as Principal of Newbold College, Derek and Joy returned to Britain in Jan. 1991 and served at the college until Aug. 1997. Their last assignment was as President to the Iceland Conference where they served until retirement in Sept. 1998 after 43 years' service to the church.
In retirement, Derek and Joy made their home in Cheshire near to their children and grandchildren. Active in the local church and preaching further afield when requested, Derek also took up a hobby to restore a Land Rover as well as support various activities at the NEC Aberdaron Campsite.

It was a shock to all when Derek was diagnosed with a brain tumour earlier this year and his courage in the final months was a testimony to all who have had the privilege to know him - young and old alike. In the early hours of Tuesday, 24 July, Derek breathed his last breath and now rests until the return of Jesus.

Our sympathy and expression of love are extended to Joy, Eileen, Robert and Beryl and their families and grandchildren at this time of loss.

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V. Rural Tent Evangelism Meeting in Eastern Sikkim

Praveen Kishore Tamsang <ptkamsang@hotmail.com> July 25:

Village Tent Evangelism (Open Outreach) Meeting is going on in Eastern Sikkim from July 22-August 5, 2012. This is the new targeted area with thickly populated Buddhist community. Sikkim, bordering Indo-Tibet China, is a restricted area; foreigners need inner line permit for visitation. Sikkim is one of the strong Buddhist state in India and we can see monastery everywhere controlled by Buddhist Monk-Lamas who run higher educational research training centres for Buddhism studies.

There is a scope for evangelism in Sikkim; the young generation is thirsty and eager to know about truth due to change in environment and life style; the older folks are orthodox and strong in their superstitious beliefs. We have only one Adventist church with bunch of faithful members and a few companies in other districts of Sikkim. The gospel of the Three Angels & the Adventist health messages is reaching gradually but due to the shortage of gospel workers we are not able to do the evangelism work as expected. But the faithful members, during their free time, voluntarily carry on the ministry in their native villages and towns.

During this current ongoing village outreach tent meeting we are sharing the gospel and health messages. We have divided volunteers for home prayer band, distribution of gospel & health pamphlets, Great Controversy books, and practical medical ministry (Gold Curriculum) to villagers during morning and afternoon till evening 8 pm using Power Point presentation to study Daniel and Revelation. The responses from villagers are excellent and children classes are conducted separately. We hope and pray the Holy Spirit will change the heart of these people as they attend the meeting and it is our humble request to our brethren believing in Jesus Christ and beloved readers kindly remembers us in your special prayer the mission in Sikkim Buddhist State for the glory of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to save the Lost. Amen.

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VI. Letter

1. Daniel Winters <earlysda@hotmail.com> July 21:

In the July 20 newsletter the Bhutan Story: “Light in The Darkness” is especially interesting. I am the one who is responsible for supplying funds (given by God) to get those Great Controversy books printed. They are 1858 edition Great Controversy books, and around 25,000 Nepali version ones have been printed.

My pastor friend who lives in the area mentioned in the story sent me a e-mail from inside Bhutan last week saying he was helping financially a few SDA families there who had lost everything in the recent mudslides.

By God's grace, we are planning to print the Tibetan 1858 GC there soon. There are many Tibetan refugees in northern India now, and while they are living the life of a refugee, they are very open to the gospel of Jesus Christ. If anyone wishes to help print more Nepali 1858 GC, that would be very welcome. Of course prayers to soften the peoples' hearts to be receptive to the gospel is the most important thing.

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VII. Revival Meetings at Kanuru

Manick Kisku <manickrapaj@gmail.com> July 29:

The Kanuru SDA English church had been praying about having a weekend of revival meetings for its youth (about 94% of the member are between 14-24).

God provided us the services of Pr. Shadrach Samuel (TV, Adventist Laymen Ministry-Search the Scripture) even in midst of his hectic schedule, to meet with the youth on July 27th and 28th 2012.

Other non-Adventist came to know that Pr. Shadrach was coming they too wanted to listened to him But we needed permission, not only for the non-SDA students but for our Adventist girl students to come for the meeting at the church which is a stone's throw from the college building. (It also houses the girls' hostel.) Quite apprehensive about the
situation, Mrs. Ranjitham, the principal of the Nursing School (and deaconess of the church), with lots of prayer in her heart, approached the Secretary of the Nagarjuna Educational Society. Even before we could make the request (like the prophet Nehemiah) the Secretary gave us permission to hold the meeting in the college auditorium, and even provided us with the LCD projector for our meetings.

On Friday approximately about 140 youth were present to enjoy the meeting. During the Divine service Pr. Shadrach brought out the cosmic conflict from the life of Job the patriarch. His lucid and vivid presentation on the life of Job and his personal testimony made a great impact on the minds of youth. Sabbath evening he answered 16 questions which were given to him in writing. They were very happy and satisfied with the answers. Mr. V. Mahesh translated his answers which made a great impression on them.

We were asking God for a peanut and He gave us a watermelon (a coconut if you please!) which we had a hard time to take. Moreover the Secretary of the Education Society told us to conduct prayer meeting for the student body on every Sunday afternoon. Now we need to find a pastor who can respond to this Macedonian call.

May God’s name be glorified.

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