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I. Remembering Clarence Henry Goertzen
   1. Christopher Edersinghe <singingaswejourney@att.net> Oct. 22:
      We were saddened to hear of the death of Pastor Clarence Goertzen. In 1962 I served as his assistant pastor for the Bethel Chapel and Shiloh Churches in Colombo, Sri Lanka. In March of the same year, he performed our wedding at the Shiloh Church. I enjoyed working with him, and still cherish pleasant memories of visiting folks in and around Colombo with him. We know he will be missed by all who knew him, and would especially wish to extend our sympathies to his children. -- Chris & Esther Edersinghe ~~~~~~~~~ II. Letters
      1. Lall Dass <lalldass@gmail.com> October 23:
         I remember the days when I was your student in Roorkee High School and Spicer Memorial College. I still have fresh memory of those days. I am retired now from December 1, 2003. I served as accountant, auditor, Union Treasurer. Division Associate and Undertreasurer. I am in settled in Ani in my native place a small place [beyond Shimla]. God has blessed me. Nirmala my daughter is in Dallas, Texas; Ronand and Dennis my sons are in Melbourne, Australia. ~~~~~~~~~

      2. Manick Kisku <manickrapaj@gmail.com> October 10
      [Relayed by Reggie Shires <RegShires@aol.com> Oct. 23]
      I went to our Raymond Memorial School at Falakata on October 10, 2012.
      This time we dedicated our third grand son Artus Selvaraj Kisku. Sungeet, his wife Ponn, her mother Mary, our first grandson, three-year-old Autous, Ranjitham my wife and I had the privilege of having my 95 year old plus father dedicate his great grand child Artus to the Lord and to His service.
      The journey was uneventful as we had traveled in the second class sleeper coach. Third class sleeper coach was jam packed. This time I wanted to travel with you in the spirit of your book, The Leopard's Call (Apostle Paul's Macedonian Call). I read the book slowly and tried to remember the incidents about our school. We had taken a direct train from Vijayawada which starts at Cochin (Kerala), in South India, then passes through Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Bihar and Jharkhand, and then enters the Northern part of West Bengal and goes on to Assam. The migrant workers from West Bengal had crowded the third-class sleeper coach. We crossed the river Ganga by train in 3 minute flat. We got down at Dhupguri as the train does not stop at Falakata and went to Falakata by hired Van. It was two in the morning when we reached the school and my sister Helena Tudu, wife of Gamaliel Tudu's house. Early morning we woke up by the noisy pecking sound of four bright orange breasted Orioles at the colored window pane. They saw their own images and thought it to be intruders in their area. Though the numbers of birds have decreased, there are still many beautiful birds around.
      I met Khitish Dass and we reminisced about the old time when we had English classes in the old part of the school building. Then Samuel Margee met me and talked of the time you had made a raft of banana trunks and from 'Five Mile' North on the edge of the forest and you and Samuel had rafted down along the Balatosa River to near the bridge at the school. I was there in the crowd to cheer you as you both reached the finishing line. Two rafts entered the race. Also, he reminded me how seven or eight of us had gone with you for wilderness living right at the edge of the jungle. While we
boys snored away at night under the starry moonless night, you were more interested in listening to the calls of the birds and animals of the forest.

It was a weekend to remember as we spent Sabbath there, cooked wild greens, dhal, pumpkin and rice and even made chapatti's rolling them with a bottle since we forget a rolling pin! We had a beautiful Sabbath service sitting on an old log under a large jungle fig tree by the stream and toward evening we returned to the campus.

I went to take photos of the Press you managed. To my dismay the press has closed down for the want of spare parts. There are many presses now in the town.

Old Falakata has modernized. There are shops with photocopers, computers, banks with ATM's. The weekly hat (market) has not changed. Raymond Memorial School itself has changed since I visited a year ago. Sixteen more classrooms were added by lay workers from MARANATHA. I stayed only for 3 days and wish I could have met others you and Mrs. Shires knew when you taught at the school.

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III. Burma Vignettes-- Early Missionaries # 6

Mervin Myat Kyaw <mervinmk@yahoo.com.au> and his wife Nan are Karen Adventists who worked many years in Burma and Thailand and now live and work in Australia--Mervin as School Services Officer 1 (SSO-1) in a primary school and Nan as a full-time lay minister in the Werribee Karen Church, appointed by the Victorian Conference of SDA. He has written a manuscript covering Adventism in Burma from its very beginning to the present and of his work in Thailand.

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(6). Mary Gibbs (1910-33) & A. J. DeNoyer (1913-33)

Miss Mary Gibbs arrived from the US in November, 1910. She was a qualified nurse. She studied the Karen and Burmese languages. She could give Bible studies using the two languages. She could speak the Hindustani language too. She opened a dispensary at Ohn Daw, Kamamaung, and it was very successful. Eric B. Hare and wife Agnes joined her later. They made a wonderful team among the Karens.

Mary Gibbs studied midwifery for six-months in Calcutta in the year 1915.

Andrew J. DeNoyer arrived in Myanmar as a self-supporting missionary in 1923. For a year or so he worked with the Tornblads (Dr, Ollie Oberholzter-Tornblad and her husband) at their farm at Heho in the Shan States of Northeast Myanmar. Then he took up literature work, selling, in bazaar and railway stations, on trains and boats, small tracts that at that time were in Burmese and in some of the Indian languages.

He worked very hard. The mission leaders saw that Andrew DeNoyer was a very dedicated and hard-working man, so they invited him to work for the mission. His first assignment was to study Burmese. He continued to do literature work also, and for a time he worked in the school at Meiktila.

Mary Gibbs went on furlough to US in April, 1917. She met Andrew DeNoyer, also on furlough, and they got married in September 1918, and together arrived back in Myanmar in May, 1919. They became a wonderful missionary team. The DeNoyers were located at Ohn Daw for a year or so, where Mary continued the dispensary work she had started there. And from there Andrew travelled and continued with his literature evangelism. In 1920 the mission asked them to open a girls' boarding school at Taik-jee, about 30 miles north-west of Yangon on the Pyee railway line. Brother DeNoyer supervised the work of putting up the necessary buildings, and Mary supervised and taught the school with the assistance of two or three Karen and Burmese teachers.

They did good work until 1928, when this school was merged with the co-educational school of Meiktila. They continued their excellent service until they returned to America in 1933. Brother and Sister DeNoyers were real pioneers and contributed much to the success of early Adventist mission work in Myanmar ~~~~~~~~~~~~~ IV. SAYJ Conference in Bangalore

South Asia Youth for Jesus <sayj.info@gmail.com> Oct. 25
South Asia Youth for Jesus is a youth-led supporting ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. We take this opportunity to bring to your kind attention South Asia Youth for Jesus (SAYJ) and its unprecedented youth conference called FOLLOW ‘12 organized by the Bangalore Regional Chapter. It is for the first time in SAYJ’s history that young people in India alone have hosted such a conference focused on discipleship evangelism. It began yesterday (Oct. 24) in full swing at the Seventh-day Adventist School, Spencer Road, Frazer Town, Bangalore, India. It will continue till Sunday with door-to-door outreach planned for each afternoon. Young people as young as 11 years old are hitting the streets of Bangalore - talking and praying with people. They can be heard sharing their experiences of the day late into the night. It is the first time in our church’s history that the native young people of India have organized themselves for a mass outreach effort.

We are confident that the youth who attend will leave with a deeper relationship with Christ and an authentic soul-winning experience.

We kindly request you to uphold SAYJ leadership, volunteers, attendees and presenters in prayer at this time. Please also pray for all the people on the streets of Bangalore, who will come in contact with our young people, that they will be open and the seeds will be sown. Most importantly, pray that through this experience the youth who attend will see God working on their behalf as they work for Him.

We, the SAYJ family, would like to thank you for your contributions and support through the years. May God alone be praised and be lifted up in all the efforts united to make this event a reality. Your presence and support is highly esteemed.

VI. Station LLBN South Asia Completes One Year of Broadcasting

Wesley James <wjames231@msn.com>

LLBN South Asia completed its first year of broadcast on September 30 and we praise God for what He has done with this fledgling ministry. We are currently broadcasting in Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, and English. The numerous prayer requests, suggestions, and enquiries from Canada, England, France, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Singapore, and the US have been encouraging. They are asking for additional languages and we are ready. But, it requires increased financial support!

LLBN SA can be viewed on www.llbn.tv (click on LLBN South Asia). It can also be viewed on Roku, which requires high-speed internet and can be purchased mainly in the US and Canada. Furthermore, you can follow us on Facebook.

The story of LLBN SA is one of miracles. We started with nothing, we are not sponsored by any organization or institution; but, the Lord has helped us all the way! We are a viewer-supported, volunteer-based faith ministry. We are deeply grateful to our prayer partners who have upheld this ministry through their relentless prayers; and the faithful partners who have sustained this ministry through their financial support.

There are many volunteers, including non-SDAs and non-Christians that make this happen. A couple of lay television ministries share their programs with us. "The Advent Fellowship Ministries" is a dedicated group in Chennai that has given us invaluable support in producing programs in India. They have made our operations unbelievably cost-effective when compared to other similar ministries.

As Christ’s second coming approaches, Ellen White's words take on new urgency: "The work in the cities is the essential work for this time. When the cities are worked as God would have them, the result will be the setting in operation of a mighty movement such as we have not yet witnessed" (Medical Ministry, p. 304).

You and I have an opportunity to share His mission in these exciting times. One of the most powerful tools God has given us is the media that can reach people anywhere and everywhere. LLBN SA is an internet-based television ministry; and based on the rapid growth of the internet in South Asia, the potential for reaching the masses is far greater than we can imagine. We pray "that the Lord’s message may continue to spread rapidly and be received with honor, just as it was among you" (2 Thess. 3:1). We believe that the Lord will use LLBN SA for the glory of His name.

I appeal to you - please partner with us and support this ministry through your prayers and financial support. For additional information, please write to <llbnsa@llbn.tv>.

Thank you for considering LLBN SA.

Wes James, Volunteer/Director, LLBN South Asia

VII. Valsa Edison's Morning Watch for October 14

-from RENEW, the women's morning devotional book for 2012

"The Omnipotent God"

"Psalm 23:4"
"October 14 dawned like any other day. However I never dreamed that it was going to be an unforgettable day. Uttering my usual prayers, I rushed to the Sanatorium railway station to catch the 7:05 to Egmore to reach my school at Veprey. Getting off the back of my husband's bike, I crossed track to find that I was the only person at that peak hour of the day. Suddenly, something somewhere went wrong. Before I knew what had happened or why, I was thrown onto the railroad tracks. I hit the track with my nose, my feet resting on the track just behind, and my body lying in between. Unable to get up and needing some help, I yelled, wiggling like a worm in agony, struggling in vain to get up. Though people glanced at my miserable plight, no helping hand was offered.

"As my attempts to save my life proved futile, the thought of the electric train in two minutes flashed through my mind. Then I cried at the top of my voice, 'O my God, don't leave me alone!' Instantly I felt two invisible, mighty hands lifting me up and setting me on my feet. My guardian angel had dragged me off the track just as Lot had been dragged out of Sodom and Gomorrah. I had barely gathered my wits when the 7:05 train came howling up and passed over where I had just been, leaving me untouched.

"Hearing my hysterical cry my husband came running to see my bloody, battered face. My upper and lower lips had been smashed as they hit the track; skin dangled almost to my chin. My nose was completely smashed and my nasal septum twisted. There was a big black bruise on my cheek, and my four front teeth in my upper jaw had broken off.

"As part of my recovery, I underwent root canals, had four ceramic teeth implanted, and two nasal surgeries. The non-Christian doctor who treated me exclaimed, 'It's the hand of God who brought you back to yourself!' "

"Four years have now passed. As I reflect on that incident, tears fill my eyes and I praise the omnipotent Lord who preserved my life. How true are the promises of the Lord. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for God is with me. My friends, if God doesn't remove the obstacles on our way, then He'll give strength to overcome them."

[Valsa Edison writes from India, where she served as a secondary school teacher for 35 years, and in 1991 was awarded the Best Teacher Award. Now retired, she serves as an honorary director of women's and children's ministries. She teaches the teenager's class in the church. She and her husband have two daughters.]

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