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Donald Fernando <clifferd@eureka.lk> November 13:

News have trickled down of the appointment of Pastor George Wambeek, another Sri Lankan (fourth son of the soil) as the Sri Lanka Mission President of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The first was the late Pastor B. F. Pingho, next Pastor W. D. Anthony, followed by Pastor Willie Reith.

Incidentally, it was Pastor B. F. Pingho who introduced the Biblical teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Catholic stronghold town of Chillaw to the 'Wambeek' family. Mr. Stanley Wambeek, his wife Irene, daughter Rosemary, and younger son George were baptized by Pastor Pingho in the year 1967. Later their elder son Oliver, an engineer by profession, now living in Australia, was led to water baptism by Donald Fernando when he attended the evangelist series 'Where Jesus Walked'. Mrs. Irene Wambeek was a strong pillar of the Chillaw Seventh-day Adventist church, contributing much as a Sabbath School Leader.

We feel assured that their younger son George, (better known as calm and patient pastor) will usher in maturity and serenity to the church family. That his composure will bring in greater respect to his fellow workers. His tranquility will create such self confidence and demonstrate faith in God, as he leads the remnant church during these end times.

We welcome you to come and share
Our joys of worship, work, and prayer.
Show us the blueprint, show us how
To meet the challenge of the hour, now.
Pastor, you and your family remain in our prayers. Donald Fernando.

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Roger Isaacs <emmcon@gmail.com> Nov. 13:

The exciting news is that Pr. George Wambeek has been appointed as the President of the Sri Lanka Church has been a long time coming and I was very pleased with his appointment. He has been a tireless and faithful worker and a more honest man would be hard to find. I am sure many of us who know Pr. George Wambeek and those who have worked with him wish him and the church in Sri Lanka the very best. It is my sincere wish that this will be a new chapter and a new era in the work of the church in Sri Lanka.

Congratulations and God's Blessing to him and his family.

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II. Letters

1. Roger Isaacs <emmcon@gmail.com> Nov. 13:

I have appreciated the leadership of Pr. Gordon Christo in SUD and his commitment to the work in that part of the world. It is a difficult field to administer but his insight and involvement has been a blessing especially in resolving some
of our Asian Aid matters. While many of us have moved to greener pastures and a life of ease Gordie has remained faithful and committed to the work in SUD. I take this opportunity to wish him and his family the very best as they continue to lead out in the work of SUD.

2. Collet Masillamoni <puldr@msn.com> November 13:
I've been reading with interest about the early Adventist work in Burma (Myanmar). I want to point out that William Lenker, pioneer Adventist Missionary Literature Evangelist, was the first to enter and work in Burma. He arrived in Rangoon on November 17, 1895 by the British steamship 'Ethiopia', after having worked in India for two years. Lenker wrote, "I liked India as a missionary field, but I have rather fallen in love with Burma." (W. Lenker "Burma" Advent Review and Sabbath Herald 73 (11): 170-171, March 17, 1896).

III. Burma Vignettes-- Early Missionaries # 10
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. He has written a manuscript covering Adventism in Burma from its very beginning to the present and of his work in Thailand.

10. J. M. Comer (1911-12)
J. M. Comer came over from Calcutta to do evangelistic work in Yangon, Myanmar, and continued from late 1911 to late 1912, when he returned to Calcutta. He was assisted by Henry E. Baash, a German, who was baptised by Pr. Heber H. Votaw in 1911.

IV. Congratulating L. D. Paul in His 90th
Gerald Christo <geraldjchristo@gmail.com> Nov. 13:
Congratulations to Pastor L. D. Paul for reaching his 90th birthday.
Pastor Paul, I remember your faithfulness in spite of some adverse circumstances. Your are one of those stalwarts of the Northern Union to whom our Lord can say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." Whether accompanying young people on their canvassing rounds, or sitting behind a desk in your office and preaching God's Word from the pulpit, you put his heart and soul in every task you asked to do. You taught your children to be loyal supporters of the church as can be seen in the beautiful buildings they are erected for God's glory.
An experience which Pastor Paul related in an afternoon symposium was when visiting of a customer who complained that he was not receiving the health magazine regularly and he would write to the office in Delhi to register his complaint, Pastor Paul reminded the gentleman that the "office" was sitting opposite him. May God bless you.

V. Bangladesh Orphanage Featured on Hope TV
David and Barbara Weld were interviewed by Don Schneider on his very interesting TV program, REALLY LIVING today, November 15th, David and Barbara are retirees who have been working in Bangladesh for several years, establishing and running an orphanage and a school in a rural area, a 7-hour drive from Dacca. They currently have 150 children in their orphanage, and more children from the surrounding villages in their school. They have plans to increase the size of their institution to accommodate 500 children in the orphanage and add more acreage to their present 5-acre site. They have several teachers who have received their training at Spicer Memorial College in India.

VI. SUD Educational Leaders Hold "Education Summit 2012"
G. Nageshwarra Rao <gnageshwarrao@sud-adventist.org>
The Education Department of the Southern Asia Division conducted the Education Summit 2012 at the beautiful hill station, Mirik, Darjeeling from September 12-16, 2012. The theme of this important meeting was, "Onward and Upward." Two hundred and twenty administrators from educational institutions and unions received valuable instructions on being effective leaders for God.
The meetings started on the afternoon of September 12, 2012 with the devotional and keynote address by Pr. R. John, President, SUD on the topic, "Quality in a Chaotic Community: The Challenges of Adventist Education." In his message, Pr. John shared the problems and challenges faced by Adventist educators in providing a holistic education to the
students in our educational institutions. He reminded the delegates that our God is bigger than any problem we confront and He will see us through when we trust Him and be faithful to our calling.

The first plenary session was taken by Dr. Lisa Beardsley Hardy, Director of Education, General Conference, on the topic, "Shaping Adventist Leadership: The Model and Ladder to Success." In her presentation, Dr. Lisa spoke of Jesus who is our example in temperance, prayer life, seeking God’s will, counting the cost of leadership and in commending the dignity of labor. The day’s program ended with a thought-provoking devotional by Dr. L. C. Colney, Vice President, SUD.

Day two began with an inspiring devotional by Pr. Jothi Anbiah, Vice President, SUD. He dealt on God's promise to Israelites to make them, ‘the head and not the tail,’ if they obeyed His commandments. He urged the delegates to honor God in their life and work so that God’s blessing will be upon their ministry.

Dr. Hudson Kibukka, Assoc. Director, Department of Education, GC, spoke on the topic, "Leadership that Leads: The Board on its Toes." In his presentation, Dr. Kibukka reminded the delegates of the functions and responsibilities of Institution Boards. He said that Board Members should function as a whole body, recognizing the need for accountability, constant improvement and to approve and implement those educational programs which are in accordance with the mission, philosophy and goals of Adventist education.

Dr. John Fowler, former Associate Director of Education, GC, presented a paper entitled, "The Adventist Foundation - Who, What, Why." He stressed the need for every student to make right choices in life. Citing his own life story, he extolled the advantages of receiving an education from the Seventh-day Adventist educational system and the importance of instilling in the minds of students the truth that they are precious in God's sight and indeed the children of the heavenly King.

The third day’s deliberations began with an inspiring devotional by Pr. Cyril Monthero, President, SCIU. This was followed by an interesting session by Dr. Frank Hardy Wilxon, Department of Information Technology, GC, entitled, "Tools for Excellence: Going Beyond the Classroom." Dr. Frank pointed out the use, advantages and limitations of both print resources and electronic resources. He provided a list of Adventist electronic resources for educators. He said teachers who go beyond the classroom lessons are making a positive impact on their students, even developing committed leaders for the church.

Pr. Robert Clive, Treasurer, SUD, presented an inspiring and practical paper entitled, "Bible Principles of Management for Administrators." He compared management with leadership by saying that leadership is doing the right thing, while management is doing things in the right way. He urged the group to be servant leaders and delegate responsibilities while providing an environment which is conducive for co-workers to learn team-work, humility, accountability and develop courage to face the challenges at the work place.

"Managing School Discipline," was the title of an important subject presented by Dr. G. Nageshwar Rao, Director, Department of Education, SUD.

Dr. Rao began his presentation by sharing the following quote: "It is important that good discipline be looked upon not as student conformity to arbitrary standards of conduct but rather as individual responsibility for behavior."

University Commission, 1948-49. He then explained the causes of indiscipline in our educational institutions and the methods of developing self-discipline and social discipline among our students. He concluded his presentation by saying that appreciation by word or gifts and proper punishment will encourage students to conduct themselves in the right way.

Reports presented by the Directors of Education from all our unions and Presidents of our colleges were very encouraging. God is indeed blessing the efforts of our dedicated and faithful leaders.

Mr. Gideon Dayak, Senior Account Executive/Loss Control, Adventist Risk Management, GC, reminded the delegates the importance of following safety guidelines in our schools and offices. He said safety practice should include the detection of hazards and quick safety measures in the event of any emergency.

The Sabbath celebration began with a lively song service followed by inspiring special music. The sermon by Pr. Robert Clive entitled, "The Five Stones of Faith," demonstrated the act of faith by David in his confrontation with the giant, Goliath. He said that when we have a proactive faith in God, we will exhibit fortitude, aggression, initiative, testimony and accept help from God in facing the giants in our lives.

A well prepared Sabbath School program, including the Sabbath School lesson brought great blessings to all. Dr. Lisa Beardsley, speaker for the worship service, stressed the need for us to work with students and lead them to Jesus. She
said every worker for God should to be actively involved to taking the gospel to all language groups in order to hasten the second advent of Jesus.

The sunset meeting was taken by Dr. Calvin Joshua, President, OWPY. He played a DVD entitled, "A Ray of Hope," and spoke on the importance of taking the health and gospel books and periodicals to the teeming millions who need to hear the gospel before Jesus comes again.

Dr. Hudson Kibukka presented his second paper on the topic, "Leadership that Leads: Toward a Successful Administration and Faculty." Using the story of the lost axe head by the young man from the school of the prophets, he drew ten lessons for effective leadership.

On Sunday morning, Dr. Lisa Beardsley spoke on the essential factors of servant leadership which includes counting the cost before making important decisions and consulting God through His Word before implementing our plans. She also stressed the need for Boards to know and follow policy.

Dr. John Fowler in his presentation, "Preserving the Adventist Essentials; Integration as a Holistic Pursuit," reminded the delegates that, as workers for God, they are open letters to be read by people in this world. He explained how integration takes place when faith is applied to one’s life. Thus while living on earth and ministering to people we keep looking forward to the kingdom of heaven.

Dr. William Chunestudy, Resource Education Specialist, Adventist Risk Management, GC, in his talk reminded the delegates that Seventh-day Adventist schools in India have a special opportunity to provide Adventist education to the children of the country and to share the Adventist lifestyle. He spoke on safeguarding our students from physical and emotional abuse and the dangers of corporal punishment.

The summit ended with the message of consecration by Dr. M. J. Prakasam, President, Lowry Adventist College. He urged the delegates to seek first the kingdom of God by denying worldly pleasures, possessions and positions and to serve Jesus, the Leader of the Church, wholeheartedly till He comes again.

Stanley Daniel, Executive Secretary South Central India Union of Seventh-day Adventist ~~~~~~~~~ VII. Hosur English Celebrates 10th Anniversary Gerald Christo, Nov. 13

The Jeevan Jyothi Church celebrated her 10th anniversary of her dedication as a "house for prayer for all people" on the week-end of November 9,10. The theme for the celebration was, "Did it Make a Difference?". The vespers service of Friday was taken by the young people of the church when Riches Christian, admin. asst. to the Division Treasurer, challenged the youth when he emphatically stated, "I can make a difference." Riches introduced his remarks with a slide presentation of the opening ceremony ten years ago and a testimonies two young people.

The Sabbath worship service included included a brief history of the last years by Chitra Sunderaj and a report of tithes and offerings by Andrew Vedamuthu. Tithes paid by laymen and (from Division workers and retirees excluding salaries and retirement benefits) amounted to Rs.12,300,000 and offerings collected for the 10 year period was Rs.3,300,000. Two teenagers, Angell Selvakumar and Joash Anandaraj, had the Scripture reading and Nalini and Suresh Kumar had the family prayer. Pastor G. J. Christo, in his introduction to the to the celebration, pointed out that a life of personal devotion, an example of walking humbly, dealing justly, and a ministry of hastening Christ return should be the highest motive for worship. Jothi Ambiah, in his message, challenged the members of the church to model their lives after the pattern of Jesus Christ. After a baptism of three candidates a fellowship meal was served. The evening session featured the Hosur Church choir, the Hosur Children choir, songs by various groups from Bangalore, and testimonies and videos of activities of the Pathfinders. The sundown consecration service was taken by Pastor Maywald Jesudas who urged the members to "Continue to Make a Difference": by being vibrant witnesses of Christ has done for us.

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VIII. MKs Make Excellent Workers/Missionaries

Gerald M. Reynolds <gemreyn@sbcglobal.net> Nov. 17:

It was nice to read in a recent newsletter about the Robert Beckners, missionaries in Myanmar. It recalled for me the children of Robert and Ethyl Mae having known four of them as a student at Vincent Hill School and College, the "light upon a hill top!" They were Thornton, Roberta, Harry, and Margaret. It seems as though Harry went into dentistry and set up a private practice in Victorville, north of San Bernardino, CA. Margaret married John Tilstra who together gave us Doug, their son, who was at one time in the middle 1990's our pastor here in Penn Valley, CA. It is very interesting to me to note the number of Missionary Kids (MKs) who having been raised in the mission fields of the world have been united
in marriage and produced some of our Church's best workers for God. What a story these lines of families could and
would tell if some historian were to trace the many genetic lines and open the stories of their exploits for God and
Mission.

I think of Weldon Mattison, son of Zora and Olie Mattison, who themselves gave so many years of service to India, as
well as Weldon himself and the years of his life given to India. Weldon, having lost his wife a few years ago, remarried
another MK. The stories keep going as there was my own brother, Bob, and the work he was doing in Pakistan to find a
way to reach Muslims for Jesus. When he was shot by a burglar, he and Betty were living in the same house in which his
parents were living at the time of his birth.

This was on the Chuharkana (now known as Farokabad, if I've spelled it
right!) campus. Ashes of his cremains are interred in the little cemetery there. Two of their sons have served in missions,
before Edwin, Bob and Betty's second son, came to join the faculty at Southern Adventist University. Their eldest son,
Gerald Robert and his wife, Jan, spent 8 and a half years at Helderburg, teaching physics, math, and computer sciences.

I've only "tickled" the edges of the potential stories that could be told.

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