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I. Remembering Dorothy Willmott
   1. Edward Saggurthi <saggurthi2003@yahoo.com> April 12:
      We are very sad to know of the death of Mrs. Dorothy Willmott in the USA. Dr. Willmott and his wife are very close to our heart. Dorothy and Dr. Willmott were special people in our lives. We admired them, revered them for their dedication to the Lord's cause. The first close contact we had with them happened when Dr. Willmott took me as his treasurer when he became the president of Northern India Union in 1986. It was a wonderful experience working with the Willmotts. We used to live in the same block of the house on 11 Haily Road, New Delhi. Mrs. Willmott was a wonderful lady. Never used to interfere with anyone's life nor influenced Dr. Willmott in his admistrative decisions. She was friendly to every one who came in contact with her. My wife and I always felt very close to the Willmotts. We are praying for Dr. Willmott, and his children.

S. J. Edward
Hyderabad, India

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II. Letters
   1. Justin & Juanita Singh <JUWYLAol.com> April 11:
      Dear Anu Lakra:
      Congratulations for the 25th Anniversary of the Southern Asia SDA Church in Silver Spring, MD. What a feat for the Southern Asia Indian Seventh-day Adventist Community to have the vision for a worship place that is majestic and awe inspiring. God be praised for the vision and the courage of the group that planned and built this monument to God's glory!

      To the pastoral staff, elders, deacons and deaconesses and the entire congregation: May the Lord bless you all as you celebrate this Great and grand event and continue to worship in this Church until Jesus' Second Coming. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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2. Ruby Chand <shishuruby07@gmail.com> April 11:
   With gratitude and thankful heart to God, family members, friends and extended family members I write this letter to say that God answered your prayers for my healing from this deadly disease - cancer.

   Last year around this time I was very ill. I had been diagnosed with very aggressive type of cancer in December 2011. Beginning of year 2012 was mostly spent in the hospital. I had three major surgeries in six weeks. I must thank God for...
such devoted family and friends, Pastor Kossovan, our church pastor and members who prayed so earnestly for my healing. Not just prayers but they also supported by their visits at home and in the hospital.

In spite of their busy schedules, they took time to come and take care of me as well as help at home. They came all the way from Maryland, Texas, Michigan, Toronto, London (Ontario), India; and of course, my husband and children here in Windsor were by my side constantly. Without their loving care and God's grace I wouldn't have survived.

We are fortunate to have such good health care system here in Canada. We had to pay absolutely nothing for my treatment. My letter of thanks and appreciation to all, including Canadian government and my health care team was published in the local newspaper ‘The Windsor Star’ of March 19.

Our hearts and prayers go out to those facing the similar situation.

Trust in God, support from loved ones and prayers bring miracles in our lives. Therefore, please do not give up hope. My husband and family join me in saying 'A BIG THANK YOU' to you all for your prayers, love and support!

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3. Joseph Zahid <josuna4@gmail.com> April 11:
On Wednesday 7-8 p.m. elderly Pastor Roski, a young Pastor Allen, and 8 other young people came to our place (we are staying with a friend now), to conduct an anointing service for our son Adrian Zahid. The elderly pastor asked a young man (Jonathan) to offer an opening prayer, then he delivered a short sermon, asking the young people to read some texts for him. In the end he offered a prayer, towards the closing of which he put some olive oil on Adrian’s forehead. This gave Adrian much hope, stronger faith, and much more encouragement to face his sickness. We, as his parents, Joseph and Audrei Zahid, also felt much better after the service. We thanked the pastor and the young people for their coming.

For any postal mail, we are giving my sister-and brother-in-law’s address: Pervaiz Siraj, 25655 Allen Way, Loma Linda, California 92354.

You can call us on our cellphones: Joseph Zahid - 909-435-1157, Audrei Zahid - 909-363-5981, and Adrian Zahid - 909-503-5196. Our email address is the <josuna4@gmail.com> We appreciate your concerns, your calls, your emails, your visits in the hospital, your food, your other ways of supporting us, and finally (most important), your prayers for Adrian and us.

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III. Honoring 93-year old Pastor V. Raju

Rose Muthiah Davy <davyp@bellsouth.net> April 12:

I would like to share something with everyone. My cousin-sister who is the daughter of Pastor and Mrs. V. Raju and I were silent after reading about people who are above 90 years of age. Many people all over the world know him.He was the manager of O.W.P.H. in Pune [Poona] for many long years. He was born on Oct. 18,1920. He will be 93 this year! He is able to walk with a cane at present. He has been very ill on some occasions but God has helped him recuperate each time. He is alert and can talk; uncle and aunty live in Bangalore. Their daughter lives in USA and is VERY supportive and a help to them.

I am learning about the better way of having good health by what I eat.

I still remember that my uncle and aunty were careful in eating a certain amount of food. They may have had their own reasons but it paid off. They are keeping well.

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IV. Death of Pastor Gnanaraj Kore

Priscilla Shayam <priscillashayam@SAAA.ORG> April 15:

It is with deep sorrow that we convey to you the message of the passing of Pastor Gnanaraj Kore early this morning, April 15, in India after a brief illness. Pastor Kore had retired from official service in the Southern Asia Division in 2012. He was a prominent leader in the Division serving in various capacities which included the President of the South India Union and the Director of the Division’s Sabbath School Ministries. Pastor Kore is the brother-in-law of long-time SAAA member Robinson Abraham. Please remember Mrs. Kore and all the members of the family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

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V. Burma Vignettes-- Early Missionaries # 32

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.
# 33. Thomas Killoway (1926 - 28)

Thomas Killoway came from Poona to Myanmar as secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Killoway served efficiently as secretary to her husband and to the Union superintendent. The Killoways served until the end of 1928, when failing health took them back to India.

VI. Washington's Southern Asian S. D. A. Church Celebrates 25th Anniversary

Anu Lakra <sasdac@sasdac.org> April 1: [Included again by request]

The Southern Asian Adventist Church has completed 25 years of ministry in the Washington/Baltimore area and will be celebrating this important milestone in our journey on May 10-11, 2013. You are invited to this important event. Please join the church family as we praise and give thanks to our God who has led us so marvelously. Great things He has done, to Him be the glory. He has enabled the establishment of a congregation that is nearly 900 in membership with a building at a cost of ten million dollars.

A special invitation is extended to all missionaries and their families who have served in Southern Asia. Your presence will mean much to us and we will be blessed. Please join us in this celebration.

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VIII. Death of James Esca "Chip" Moore

Arvind Engles <arvindgitty@yahoo.com> April 10:
April 22, 1959 ~ April 8, 2013

Born and raised in Longview, Texas, Chip graduated from Texas A&M with a B.S. in Engineering Technology. A highly respected engineer, wise diplomat and trusted advisor, Chip implemented key improvements at the companies he served, and did it with a leadership style that included humility, compassion and grace.

Chip was a Principal at ENGEO Incorporated, a leading geotechnical engineering firm. He embraced his career with a commitment to excellence in service to others, whether they were clients, employees or service providers. Chip had a remarkable sense of humor and a contagious sense of optimism. He loved life. He was a gentle soul and was eager to help others.

He will be remembered as a wonderful husband, son and friend. Chip is survived by his beloved wife Charissa (daughter of Mr. & Mrs., Chet & Margaret Frank), mother Carrie Moore, brother Andy Moore, sister Sara Gray and nieces and nephews. A celebration of Chip's life will be held on Sunday, April 14th at 12 noon. Service will be held in the Tower Room at Mountain View Cemetery, 5000 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland, CA. In lieu of flowers, your prayers and contributions to defray funeral costs and assist Chip's family are appreciated. Checks can be made payable to the James E. Moore Memorial Fund, c/o Community Bank of the Bay, 390 Railroad Ave, Ste 101, Danville, CA 94526 Attn: Ana-Maria

VIII. Week of Prayer at Manchester, England

John Varghese <johnvarghese22@hotmail.com> April 5
Blessed and Inspired Week of Prayer by Pr. Anil Kanda

We at Manchester Southern Asia Church along with the Manchester South SD A Church were blessed to have Pr. Anil Kanda for the week of prayer. A man of God, full of wisdom, related God's word to us in a simple way, that all could understand. Below is a summary of what we learnt through the week:

We were shown Adam in a new light the king of the Garden of Eden who was created by dust and mist in God's own image, never saw anything created except the Sabbath day which was created right before him. . . .

After Adam and Eve's fall, Adam grasped the provision of grace by faith.
We are to look up and take that same hope in our Redeemer. In every disappointment God has an appointment with us. And in any emergency ring up to God in His personal line - Jer. 33:3

Then we learnt of the trials of Abraham. Famine in the land, Canaanites occupying, Egyptians wanted his wife, internal strife in his tribe, enemies abound, childless yet promised to have kids like the stars. God pointed him to the open heavens telling him of the souls that would be saved as a result of his suffering but never broke His covenant with Abraham. . . .

We also went through the Grocery list of Signs of Christ's coming in Matt 24. Are we sleeping like the disciples and not ready for the hour? He said that we have become so desensitized by sin that all these signs seem fine to us. . . .

How should we pray? Disciples saw that Jesus' prayers were always successful and that's why they asked Jesus to teach them to pray. And we learnt that we should have priority in our prayers.a Kingdom mentality, then ask to give others and not for self and finally ask for the Holy Spirit our comforter and helper.

Just like a car cannot run without gas so also a Christian is not a Christian without the Holy Spirit, therefore we are to pray for the Holy Spirit at ALL times.

Finally, Pr. Kanda gave us his testimony of how he became an Adventist from being a Sikh. We as a church would like to thank the Southern Asian Church at Loma Linda for sponsoring Pr. Anil Kanda and specially the initiative taken by Dr. Alvyn Devaraj and Mr. George Prasad Johnson ~~~~~~~~~ IX. Small Group Ministry Lay Training in Assam

Cecil Marandi <cmarandi123@gmail.com> April 10:

Encouraged by the Earlier Small Group Ministry lay training conducted during April 26 - 30, 2011 at Alinagar SDA Church, Kokrajhar, Assam, which resulted in 104 baptisms last year by those trained in the Small Group Ministry; another Small Group Ministry lay training was conducted at Good Samaritan Adventist English School, Kanupara, Kokrajhar, Assam, March 13 - 17, 2013.

Ethnic violence of 2012 was a cause of concern as there were bandhs and strikes called frequently. There was continuous five days of bandh called during the first week of March with rumors of more to come. Delegates who had eagerly waited for the lay training, together with the organizers prayed earnestly for God's intervention; and God did intervene! It was declared by all parties concerned and announced that there will be no bandh till 17th March. Everyone thanked and praised God for His miracle.

Delegates were informed in advance to prepare candidates by giving Bible studies and bring them along to be baptized. There was good response from forty-two delegates who brought twenty-two candidates for baptism. March 16, Sabbath when they were baptized by Pastor Junas Hembrom, the circle leader.

Lay members contributed toward food expenses by providing rice, dhal, vegetables and firewood. Mr. Moses Marandi, the principal and Dr. Raymond Bakhla, MBBS, the headmaster and his good wife helped with accommodation of delegates, food and co-ordinated the program. They did a superb job. The success of the program was primarily due to the co operation of the laymen.

Bibles, bags, to keep the Bible, Bible study materials and note books were given out to delegates. Delegates were taught how to give Bible Study.

Instructions were given on how to help people to make decision for Jesus.

They had practical instructions on visitation and intercessory prayers.

All newly baptized members too were given Bibles. Five bodo Bibles and one hundred Santali Bibles were given away.

There was another demonstration of the power of God over nature. Friday evening, all were gathered together to welcome the Sabbath to worship God and to praise and thank Him for His goodness. Just as the closing hymn was sung and closing prayer was being offered; there was a very strong wind. It was felt that the pandal was going to be blown off and torn into pieces. All efforts to hold the pandal in place seemed futile.

The delegates began to pray two by two sending in petitions to God to stop the wind as He had done on the Sea of Galilee long ago. While all were still praying, wonder of wonder! there was a great calm immediately. This was a powerful demonstration of the power of God over nature and all were amazed.

There was no more wind that night and that Sabbath.

Pastor Junas Hembrom, elders, Immanuel Marandi, Moses Marandi, Raymond Bakhla, Mrs. Salomi Bakhla, Mrs. Joanna Marandi and Pastor C. S. Marandi served as resource persons.

Dr. Lionel F Lyngdoh, president of North-east India Union gave an inspiring, simple, practical and balanced Divine Service Message on the immutable law of God, His grace and the Judgments. Pastor James Besra, the director of Assam Region translated the sermon.

Around 350 members from nearby churches had come to attend the services.
After baptism good vegetarian meal was served to all. New members were received into church fellowship. Impressive consecration service was conducted by Pastor Lyngdoh for forty-two lay delegates. A bamboo basket was beautifully decorated with phlox flower from the school campus. Each delegate had written out his/her own action plan. Resolutions written by delegates were placed in the basket. Pastor Lyngdoh held the basket as he prayed. Delegates also placed their cell phones in the basket to be consecrated for Lord's work. The group resolved that within next six months ninety-three persons will be given Bible studies and with God's grace and Holy Spirit's help bring them to the knowledge of the saving power of Jesus.

Two more Small Group Ministry lay training are scheduled in May/June this year to be conducted in Bihar Region of SDA and Eastern Jharkhand Section of SDA. Lay members who share good news of salvation continue to work for the new converts for their spiritual nurture.

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