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I. Letters  
  1. Umesh Pokharel <umesh.shantipokharel@gmail.com> July 24;  
     I am very pleased to read in the last issue of SUD e-News the story about a boy who is studying at Chadalawada English school in Tanuku, AP, India. It is a heart-touching story of Krshna Kumar. I have been to this school several time and have seen how God has brought this school up this stage and it is doing very well and it has got a good name in Tanuku. But this school needs some financial support to finish the construction of the main building and play ground. There are many poor people in that location and many children are not been able to go to school due to their financial condition. Kindly remember these underprivileged, poor and needy children in your prayers. --Umesh Kumar Pokharel, Kathmandu, Nepal  

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  2. Prayer Request for John Mall  
     Samuel Nazir <samuelyouthpku@hotmail.com> July 28  
     Pastor John Mall - from USA, has requested all to prayer for him as he is scheduled to go under spinal surgery at Loma Linda Medical Center on August 2, 2013. May the Lord grant His grace and healing for Pastor J. Mall.  
     Amen!  

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II. LLBN South Asia - An Update  
     Wesley James <wjames231@msn.com> July 26:  
     It started in May, 2007. The Loma Linda Broadcasting Network (LLBN) Board extended an invitation to start a new television network for South Asians. Media ministry is expensive, and we had no money - not even startup funds. However, we believed that the Lord would provide, and He did - through the viewers, and volunteers.  
     On July 3, the LLBN South Asia Production Center in Chennai received three new Sony Video HD cameras. It was made possible by the generous donations of some LLBN SA well-wishers and supporters. (Previously, we had only one camera). These developments have improved our capacity to produce more programs. Currently our programs are in Kannada, Marathi, Punjabi, Tamil, and Telugu; and music in other languages. We plan to increase our programs to at least 10-12 Indian languages by the end of this year. We are deeply grateful to our prayer partners who have upheld us through their prayers.  

     In recent weeks, the LLBN SA production team, under the direction of Pastor Leonard White Devadoss, has been traveling through cities and towns in India to record programs in various languages and in different settings.
This has opened opportunities for many church members - especially lay members, children, and youth to be involved. You can follow us on Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/#!/LLBNSouthAsia

As a kid growing up in Salisbury Park, Pune, I had the opportunity to observe musicians and dedicated technicians work together to produce programs for radio broadcast. Then, to hear those programs over the radio was truly exciting and fascinating. Now, we have an opportunity to spread the gospel all around the world via television. We have a ministry that is growing rapidly, a dedicated production team, and many talented people eager to share the gospel.

However, we still don't have a budget, and He still provides! Won't you join me in being a part of LLBN South Asia? Please visit our website at <www.llbn.tv> or write to us at <llbnsa@llbn.tv >

Thank you for considering LLBN SA. May God be glorified through this ministry.

Wes James, Volunteer/Director
LLBN South Asia
"One Gospel. Many Languages. Reaching Millions."

III. Reminder-- AFI 2013 Camp at Blue Ridge

Sarah Khandagle <skhandagles727@gmail.com> July 24:

The days are nearing for the AFI 2013 camp at Blue Ridge, and the excitement is building up. Plans are being finalized. Much is being done to make this camp a joyous one for one and all.

There will be lots of physical activities for those that wish to participate, delicious food for the hungry, and most importantly, a weekend of spiritual food for the soul.

We want you to be a part of this camp which runs from August 8 -11, 2013. So if you had put this plan on the back burner and perhaps had forgotten about it, this is a gentle reminder to you to call any one of the persons listed below for more information. Here are the names, email addresses, and phone numbers:

Franklin Khandagle (Director) <fskhandagles@yahoo.com> (240-441-5739) Kathryn Solomonraj (Asst. Director) <smokyzboo3@aol.com> (240-461-4033) Julie Ressalam (Asst. Director) <jules330@gmail.com> (301-537-6713) Shereen Khandagle <shereen_samuel@hotmail.com> (301-346-6172) Sue Khandagle <skhandagles727@gmail.com> (301-388-0331) ~~~~~ IV. Evangelistic Meetings at Vellore

Jasmin Anand <jasminandan123@gmail.com> July 24:

Recently the Vellore English SDA Church organised two series of meetings in Vellore. The first was in Gandhi Nagar and in Tamil. The speaker was Pr. Shadrach Samuel. About 140 people attended the meetings. The second was in Bagayam in a good wedding hall. Dr. Michael Pedrin was the speaker. This was in English. Both spoke on the book of Daniel for 10 nights. About 120 people attended these meetings.

Twenty-five theology students from Spicer helped us with the meetings. Thanks to the Spicer administration and the Division. We have 73 contacts from these meetings. Our Adventist staff brought their friends for the meetings and so we had many doctors, nurses & allied health workers on the visitors list. Many of them are studying the Bible more intensely and have asked for more material. Three highly educated families had got together and are in active ministry in Gandhi Nagar. One of them built a worship place on the first floor of his house and was conducting regular meetings on Sundays. They have also put their own money and purchased land and built a church on the Katpadi-Gudiyatham road where regular services are conducted. Pr. Shadrach preached there recently in one of their regular meetings and about 35 people attend it. In addition they also are involved in a lot of village ministry. Now they have stopped Sunday services in their house and have given us the place for conducting meetings on Sabbaths. It has mikes, speakers, UPS, pulpit, etc. Our members are conducting meetings on Friday evenings there.

A couple of lessons learnt from the meetings. Lots of effort went into organizing the meetings. The best of speakers were recruited. The meeting places were chosen with lots of thought. Accessibility was good. Lots of ground work was done. The church members prayed every Sabbath morning in the church as a group in addition to individual & family prayers. We did the best we could. The attendance on the first day for both the meetings was not good. It gradually built up.

1. We cannot depend on our own strength for bringing people for the meetings. God has to do it. It is only the Holy Spirit who has to convict the people of the truth. We have to do our part and do our best.

2. Money is important, but go in faith. It is His work and He will provide.
Do miracles still happen? Yes. Mr. Joseph Santana lived about 23 km from our church. Pr. Shadrach was the pastor of our church when I was a medical student here about 25 years ago. He was one of the people we used to visit on Sabbath afternoons with our pastor, as part of the outreach team. While a couple of us studied the Bible with him inside the house, others told stories to the children who sat on the ground outside his house. This included three of his children, two boys and a girl. He accepted our truth. He was not very educated but had a skilled job in the government explosives manufacturing factory here, with a good salary. He could not get Sabbath off. He decided to resign his job and be true to his conviction. He told his wife to make lime rice, tamarind rice & curd rice to sell in the Vellore bus stand. He said God will sustain him and the family. One Sabbath while he was sitting in our church, the Tamil church members, who meet adjacent to us had a big fight within themselves during worship and subsequently split into four groups. Mr. Joseph Santana, a new member, could not accept this. How could God’s children claiming the truth, fight during Sabbath service. He stopped attending our church. This was 25 years ago. About 2 years back I got his new house address and visited him. He was still bitter and could not accept the incident. Now I wanted to invite him for the meetings and prayed for him. I lost the address and forgot the way to his house.

It was three days before the meetings and my wife and I went to the meeting place after work to meet with the person who was to put up the stage. He called and said he would be late by about 30 minutes. So we visited the hotel where our students had their meals. There, one young man tried to smile at me just for a fraction of a second. He did not look familiar. I turned behind to see if he was trying to smile at some one else. There was no one else behind me. I walked up to him and told him, 'Sorry I do not recognize you.' He said he was James, son of Joseph Santana. Twenty five years ago he was a small boy about 7 years of age, sat on the floor outside his house and listened to bible stories. Now he is a grown-up man and married to a nurse in CMC. There was no way I could recognize him. I was so happy to meet him. THIS WAS A MIRACLE. Now I could get to Mr. Joseph Santana. Pr. Shadrach arrived the next day and we visited him at his home. This time he was very happy to see us. He attended the meetings along with his wife, son James and daughter-in-law. He attends our church and even took part in the last communion service. He is requesting for a service close to his house where he can attend regularly. He says, 'the truth is here, no doubt about that.' He has put the past behind him. He says he will not let anything come in the way of his relationship with God.

We thank God for His leading and blessings. We also want to thank the Vellore Region administration for their support. Please pray for a pastor who would passionately continue the work. We would be happy to support the conference financially for the service of a pastor. Please pray for all the people who have been touched by His truth.

V. Burma Vignettes-- Early Missionaries # 51

Mervin Myat Kyaw <mervinvkm@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.

# 51. Francis R. Scott ( Catherine) (1947-52)

Pastor Francis R. Scott and family arrived in Myanmar with other missionaries in 1946. It was the time to rebuild the mission work in Myanmar. Pastor F. R. Scott and other new and returning missionaries stirred around in the ashes, so to speak, to see what the fires of war had left.

Pastor Scott was in charge of the church in Yangon at the late forties. He held evangelistic meetings in the heart of the city - the Seaman’s Institute. He told of an occasion when he invited an editor of a newspaper to attend his lectures. The assistant of this editor attended and this assistant was so interested that he took the lecture notes from Pastor Francis R. Scott and printed it in the newspaper. The report appeared in full the next morning.

After the war, F. R. Scott was understood to direct the training school for Myanmar Union at Myaungmya for a time.

VI. Death of D. C. Christopaul

Wesley James, July 28:

D. C. Christopaul, 84, passed away on Saturday, July 27 in Colton, CA after a prolonged illness. The funeral date is to be announced. Please remember Mrs. Christopaul and family as they mourn the loss of their loved one. Family contact: 909-824-2208 or <joe_div@yahoo.com>

VII. SUD Welcomes Bill & Nancy Mattison Mack

-- from the July-August Southern Asia Tidings
We want to extend sincere and warm welcome to the new personnel who joined Southern Asia Division to strengthen the work in the Division. We are glad that William Mack and his wife Nancy (daughter of Pr. & Mrs. W. H. Mattison) joined Southern Asia Division to carry out their ministry on behalf of the "Adventist Child India". They have already started their work enthusiastically with commitment to accomplish their goal as they mentioned in ACI Newsletter, "to work tirelessly to ensure the children derive maximum benefit from the generous donations." Nancy says, "We have been married 25 years, and after raising three children, decided to leave everything behind in the United States and live in India in order to better assist the 'Adventist Child India' effort. We love the Lord and feel we are doing His will to help the most precious of His creation."

We assure you all the support we can give you for accomplishing your goal in this Division of ours. May God be with you and lead you through is our prayer.

T. P. Kurian, Editor, Southern Asia Tidings ~~~~~~~~~~~ VIII. Evangelism in the World's Major Cities
-- from the July 25 Adventist Review

"As New York City evangelism concluded its initial phase at the end of June, plans for the SDA Church's worldwide family to teach major metropolitan areas are in place. Some have begun while others are anticipated. . . .

"Southern Asia Division, based in Hosur, Tamil Nadu, India. Includes India, Bhutan, the Maldives, and Nepal. The division has selected Mumbai, India, a city of more than 18 million people. Church leaders will offer ministry in the northern suburb of Malady, among the fishing community in Vasari, and the Paschal village in Mad Island. Local members and pastors are offering Bible studies in these communities. In February Adventists held evangelistic outreach in West Andhra in India among the Telegu-speaking community. Programs offered preaching, children's programming, and lectures on health."

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IX. Daughter Marla's Childhood Religious Training

Recently Marla shared a bit of her talks at her St. Joseph, Michigan SDA church's week of prayer. I am including portions of it.

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A number of things have influenced not only my outlook on life, but my spiritual life as well. Growing up in India, seeing the pageantry, vivid colors and display of the Hindu religion left its mark. Every day, on the drive across town to get to school, we passed a very large banyan tree standing right next to the road. It had a large stone at the base that was painted neon orange. There were garlands of yellow and orange marigolds hung on the stone, and yards of yellow and orange netting encircled the trunk.

Often I saw people doing puja (worship) in front of the stone, and sometimes I heard a bell ringing to signify that something remarkable had just taken place. To this day I love going into churches and temples and seeing the symbols and displays. I like ceremony and ritual.

This next experience illustrates my interest in worshipping and my desire for having ritual in my worship. When I was about 10 we spent a couple of weeks over Christmas in Goa, a former Portuguese colony on the western coast of India, a couple of hundred miles south of Bombay. Francis Xavier, a famous Catholic missionary to India and other Asian countries in the 1500s, is buried in Goa. It was his feast day with a festival of celebration while we were there. My Mom thought we might find the festival fun since there would be rides and lots of yummy Indian snacks. So, we headed to the church, got in line and waited a long, long time before we were able to slowly process by the preserved body of the saint. Needless to say, we did not bow down or kiss the saint's feet as most of the other people did. It did seem to me at the time that it was a little like attending a funeral and going past the coffin and seeing the dead person. Only, this dead person looked more like a mummy. A year or 2 later, an overly-enthusiastic penitent bit off the big toe while kissing the saint's foot. After that, Francis Xavier was kept under glass!

I used some of the spending money my Mom had given me to buy a small painted plaster figure of Saint Francis. When we returned home I took my figurine and placed it at the back of the house, in among the huge elephant ear plants growing there. It really wasn't a very sacred place to put a saint—it was the top of our septic tank!! Anyway, every day after school, I would go and do Christian puja to the plaster figurine, like I had seen being done by the Hindu worshippers at the banyan tree. I don't really remember what I did, except to bring flowers, say a prayer and perhaps sing a song. After a week or so, I got bored with what I was doing. I suppose there was no satisfaction and the exercise seemed pointless.

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X. 90 + Club Update
Bob Manley <remanley@comcast.net> July 23:
My mother turned 101 on June 14.

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Rajan Thomas <rajan_thomas45@yahoo.com>
I know there would be many former SUD workers and members who reached
90+ by God's grace and it would be hard to keep a track of all. Just a
90+ few
others that I know of:

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Margaret Solomon <solomon.margaret7@gmail.com>
Mr. S. T. Gomer too joins the "90 + Club" on July 14 adding to the number of Southern Asians around the world. We praise God for the years they lived. May His Spirit minister to their physical, mental and spiritual needs. May their faith in Jesus be their strength.

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Edna York <ednalyork@gmail.com>
I was 97 on January 13, 2013. I worked in the Nuzvid Hospital from 1945 to 1960 and was then transferred to Karachi Hospital in Pakistan.

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