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    Devadas Moses <devadas909@gmail.com> October 7:

    Pastor John Rathinaraj, the president of the Southern Asian Division, will be presenting a report of the work in
    Southern Asia, and ministering to the Southern Asians during the divine service on Sabbath, October 19, 2013 in the
    Chapel at 944 Via Lata, Colton, CA 92324. Sabbath School will begin at 10:00 am with Dr. Ian Chand facilitating the study
    of ‘Sacrifices’ in the Sanctuary series.

    The Adventist Multi-Ethnic Nutrition Study representatives will give an update during the transition between the
    services. The sub-committee working on bringing healthy nutrition back into the traditional Southern Asian cuisine will
    present its exciting work at the same time.

    Please join us with a heart-healthy vegetarian dish for the pot-luck following the services, and be a part of a
    transformational spiritual and physical journey with God as we await His glorious second coming.

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II. Death of Kantharathnamma Meesarapu Jacob

    Priscilla Shayam <priscillashyam@SAAA.ORG> Oct. 4:

    It is with deep sorrow the Association announces the passing away of Mrs. Kantharathnamma Meesarapu Jacob on
    Thursday, October 3, 2013 in Nuzvid, India. She was the wife of Meesarapu Jacob, a life-long employee of Giffard
    Memorial Hospital, who died some years ago. She is the mother of SAAA Board Chair, Krupavaram Meesarapu, who
    along with his siblings James Rathnam Meesarapu and Mercy Jillella visited her less than a month ago when she was
    seriously sick. She fought hard but God saw that she need not suffer any longer and called her to her rest. She was 90
    years old. SAAA would like to convey its deepest sympathies to Krupavaram, his brothers, sisters and a host of relatives.

    The funeral services will be held in Nuzvid, India on October 6, 2013.

    Please keep this family in your prayers.

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III. Sunny Wycliffe & Friends Greet Indian Prime Minister in DC

    Sunny Wycliffe <sunnywycliffe@gmail.com> October 1:

    On September 26, 2013, sixteen community leaders and I were taken by special limos arranged by the Indian Embassy
    to Andrews Air Force Base to receive the Indian Prime Minister, Dr. Man Mohan Singh. The Prime Minister was coming
    to a Summit Conference with President Obama at the White House.

    Sudhir Chavan and I were the only Seventh-day Adventists in this group.

    Unlike previous occasions due to many recent reasons the security was extremely tight at the Andrews Air Force Base.
    We all had to be cleared by the Secret Service before proceeding and again checking at the Air Force Base.

    During the summit Dr. Man Mohan Singh expressed his grave concern about the terror attacks directed against India
    from the Pakistan.
Later Mathew Karmel, another SDA was at the Red Carpet taking photographs of the Prime Minister when he was departing Washington, DC.

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IV. Letters

1. George P. Johnson <geoprasad@aol.com> October 1:
The Southern Asia Adventist Community Church of Loma Linda is honored to have Pastor Karl Haffner preach during Sabbath worship on October 19 at 11 a.m., and during Vespers on Friday, October 18 at 7 p.m. Sabbath School starts at 10 a.m. All are welcome. Please invite your friends and families.
Venue: First Lutheran Church, 1207 W. Cypress Ave., Redlands, CA 92373. For further information, please contact Pastor Sam Shadrach at 909-810-3424.

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2. Janet Aldea <Janet.Aldea@nad.adventist.org> October 3:
Raj Attiken, president of the Ohio Conference, has announced his plans to retire.

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3. Janet Jesudason <jane_jesu@yahoo.com> Oct. 4:
Great testimony, R. J. Solomon!! I wish more Spicerians come out and acknowledge the good that Spicer College has done for them!

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V. LLBN South Asia Celebrating Two Years in Ministry

Wesley James <reply-b3b77a2275-b43caf94c7-50ad@u.cts.vresp.com>
Loma Linda Broadcasting Network South Asia (LLBN SA) is celebrating its two-year anniversary on September 30th. We have seen many remarkable things happen throughout these two years and we praise God for guiding and blessing us. We are excited to enter a third year of continuous broadcast and we are looking forward to expanding and reaching more people with the message of God's love in the upcoming year.
LLBN SA started as a dream to reach South Asians through quality Indian music and programming. However media ministry is expensive and we had no money - not even startup funds. Nevertheless, we believed that the Lord would provide, and He did - through the well-wishers and volunteers. Two years later, we have expanded our resources, and we have been able to touch viewers from all over the world. Recently we added programs in Kannada and Malayalam. Viewers from many parts of the world such as Canada, United Kingdom, Malaysia and more have expressed how blessed they were by our ministry.
As a viewer-supported, volunteer-based, faith ministry, we are deeply grateful for our prayer partners, volunteers, viewers, supporters, dedicated technicians and production team, who are behind our successes.
Currently our programs are in Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu and English; and music in other languages. We are working on adding more Indian languages by the end of the year; and also planning to include Burmese, Nepali, and Sinhalese in the future.
The opportunity to tell others about Jesus is growing exponentially as this ministry grows and expands. Lay members and youth are getting involved as volunteers, and more churches and schools are inviting our production team to visit them. However, with such an exciting development, there is also a constant need for financial support.
Wes James, Volunteer/Director

Vi. Burma Vignettes-- Early Missionaries # 61
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.

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# 61. John & Ruth Grossball (1949-54)
John and Ruth Grossball arrived Myanmar in 1949 and worked many years in Yangon Seventh-day Adventist Hospital. John worked as hospital manager. He also worked in pathological department whereas Ruth worked as a nurse. John Grossball also worked at Pyin-Oo Lwin as city evangelist for sometime. He used to collect Education and Medical Uplift funds at Pyin-Oo Lwin, Hsi Paw and Lashio area. John and Ruth were friendly and they used to extend their hands in helping needy people. They left Myanmar in 1954.

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VII. Three Spicer Faculty Complete Doctorates

Rajendra Prasad <rajendraprasad2000@yahoo.com> October 3:

Three more members of Spicer Memorial College faculty completed their Ph D programme during the last week of September, 2013.

Two professors from the business department - Noble Prasad Pilli, Executive Vice President (ExVP)) and Rathnasamy Jeyam (Vice President for Financial Administration (VPFA) have successfully completed their PhD programmes by passing their defense examination conducted in their Study Centre in Pune by Manav Bharti University, Solan, Himachal Pradesh, on September 23, 2013. One special feature about both these candidates is that they were guided, perhaps for the first time in Spicer College history, by Spicer's own Adventist faculty member, Dr. Noah Anburaj Balraj, Dean, School of Business, who himself completed his Ph D from Tilak Maharashtra Vidhyapeeth, Pune (A Deemed to be University recognized by University Grants Commission (UGC), India, in 2010 and is approved as a Research Guide by Manav Bharti University, another university approved by UGC. Dr. Noble Pilli’s Research is in the area of Economics and is entitled “A Study of Demand on the Prospects of Higher Education in Pune City with Special Reference to Selected Post Graduate Institutions” while Dr. R. Jeyam’s is in the area of Finance and is entitled: “Working Capital Structure and Liquidity Analysis of Non-Profit Organization with Special Reference to Adventist Institutions in India .

In the History department also, Assistant Professor Yesu Simon (College Registrar) passed his defense examination on September 30, 2013 and earned his PhD from Tilak Maharashtra Vidhyapeeth, Pune, in History on the thesis entitled "Christian Ashrams of Tamil Nadu and Kerala: A Regional Study in Historical Perspective (1920-2003)". His guide is Dr. Umesh Ashokrao Kadam, professor in the department of History, Shivaji University, Kohlapur.

Dr. Pilli has earlier completed his BBA from Spicer College in 1978 and MA in Economics from Pune University ten years later in 1988 and completes his PhD after a gap of 25 years while Dr. Jeyam completed his BBA from Spicer in 1987, MCom from Pune University in 1989, MBA from Southern Adventist University, (TN, USA) in 2001 and his PhD now 12 years later. Dr.

Y. Simon completed his BLA from Spicer in 1987, MA in History from Pune University in 1989, MA in Religion from Andrews University and now his PhD in History in 1999, about 14 years later.

We appreciate their persistence and perseverance in their studies and work and congratulate them in attaining their terminal degrees in spite of being quite busy with their teaching and administrative work. Dr. Pilli served as the former Controller of Student Finance (CSF) for several years, and VPFA also for nearly 20 years and as the Executive Vice President of the College since 2007. Dr. Jeyam too followed in his footsteps as former CCF for several years, later as Business Manager and now as the VPFA of the College since 2007. Dr. Simon started his work in the Registrar’s office for several years, served as Registrar of Griggs University programme for a year and is currently the Registrar of the College Autonomous programme. Dr.

Noble Pilli and late Mrs. Kalyani Noble have two grown-up sons, Dr. Sachin Pilli (who earned his PhD from AIAS in 2012 and presently employed in the West Indies) and Shahin Noble Pilli, an upcoming entrepreneur in Thailand. Dr. Rathnasamy and Glory Jeyam have also two sons, Mani and Jabberson, both students of this institution in college and school respectively. Dr. Yesu and Gladys Simon also have two children, -- daughter Sujitha Shirley doing Engineering in Chennai, and son Pradeep Sam, a student in the local Loyola High School. May the good Lord continue to bless abundantly these three gentlemen and their families and use them much more efficiently as they continue to serve this institution with heir enhanced educational qualification.

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VIII. Update on Adrian Zahid's Cancer Problem

Joseph Zahid <josuna4@gmail.com> Oct. 7:

Since after his 4 rounds of chemotherapy (July 8), Adrian's oncologist, Dr. Malik, allowed him to stay without any medicine or another treatment.

Some days he would feel well and normal, and other days he would feel weak and spend most of the day on bed. Of course, in this relaxation period, Dr.

Malik called him to his office, next to St. Bernadine Medical Center, few times, to check on how he was feeling. A few days ago Dr. Malik told him to get a second opinion on what further treatment he needed so that he would be cancer-free. So Adrian visited Dr. Frank D. Howard, from Loma Linda, who told him that within three weeks he would need to undergo a surgery so that his lungs are cancer-free, but he, also, told him that he would consult some other doctors on it and let him know. We ask all our relatives, friends, and acquaintances to keep him in their prayers so that God would
give him courage to face what is coming up for him. Of course, we thank all of you, who have helped him through prayers and other means, and we praise God for all he has done for him and for us. May God bless you and take care of your needs.

-Joseph Zahid, Cellphone No. 909-435-1157 ~~~~~~~~~~ IX. SAAA Sabbath Meeting in Maryland The Southern Asia Adventist Association Welcomes You to

Sabbath Services on? October 19, 2013 (Note the change in date - Service will resume on 2nd Sabbath beginning November)

At Eglise Baptiste Du Calvaire
10002 Riggs Road, Adelphi, Maryland 20783
10:00 A.M. -- Sabbath School
11:15 A.M. -- Divine Service, Speaker: Praveen Singalla
12:45 P.M. -- Fellowship Lunch

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