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I. Remembering Dr. Yvonne Stockhausen Baziel
   1. E. J. Heisler <papatiger1@gmail.com> Dec. 17:
      In December of 1955 we arrived at Kingston, Jamaica and met Allen Stockhausen who was President of the West Indies Union. We worked at Andrews Memorial Hospital in Kingston but often visited Mandeville where the Union office was located. So some short time later Yvonne came home for a visit and we got acquainted with her, a fine pianist, singer, artist and much more. Then she was off to Burma. We heard little during those years. In 1979 I visited students at Christian Medical College in Vellore and then purchased a train ticket to see some of India. After a few weeks I came to Simla and spent a few days with Yvonne and Gulraiz. That was a special visit. Then when she had the tumor removed, and was in Loma Linda, we visited her a few times there as I worked in Loma Linda at that time. Since then Gullu has been so wonderful in keeping us updated on the long years of recuperation. Yes, Yvonne is resting, and soon, very soon, we all shall proceed into the homes prepared for us. Let us be faithful, Jesus will keep all the promises.

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2. Merlyn Fernando <merlynfernando@yahoo.com> Dec. 17:
   After hearing the sad news about Yvonne, we didn't have words to offer as consolation to Gul and others in the family. Her life has said it all for us. When she came to Karachi, an observer remarked, 'Glamour has come to the hospital.' Betty complemented her for leaving the doctors' change room perfumed. She replied, 'It's not me, it's Avon, dear!' It was so touching to hear her sing on the Sabbath she returned from her father's funeral, 'This is My Father's World.' She wrote us after she was made partially invalid, May God give you enough clouds to make your sunset beautiful. What a beautiful life has been painted on God's canvass!

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3. Boxter Kharbteng <khar_btg@yahoo.com>
   The news about the passing away of Dr. Yvonne Baziel came to me and my wife with a degree of sadness. We were fully aware of her heroic post-operation struggles which lasted nearly three decades. Equally heroic was the post-operation tender loving care given her by her beloved husband, Dr. Gulraiz Baziel. His love, devotion and commitment to her were exemplary, to say the least.
   I clearly remember the day when my wife and I landed in Simla Sanitarium and Hospital. I was a fresh theology graduate from college, and a two-week old husband. We lived during the period when "the boss was always right." I was posted in New Delhi, but as soon as our taxi pulled into the church compound, we were greeted by the Northern India Union president, pastor W. H. Mattison. Then and there he told us that after they sent me the letter of appointment, another action had been taken concerning the change of my workplace. That instead of working in New Delhi as a church pastor, I had been moved to
Simla as a chaplain of the hospital. It was the first time I heard the word "chaplain"! So I had no idea what kind of work I would be expected to do. Since it was too late to catch the train for Simla, we had to stay in New Delhi that night.

When we arrived at Simla Sanitarium and Hospital, we were warmly greeted by Dr. Yvonne Bazliel, along with her husband, then Mr. Gulraiz Bazliel, who was fondly called Mr. Gulu. She had just been appointed as the new medical director. In other words, she was my very first boss! And so was she for my wife, too.

Though our stint in Simla was a breezy one, yet we have many memories of the hospital that will last with us for the rest of our lives.

Most prominent among them all was Dr. Yvonne. She was graceful and beautiful, as well as immaculate in her dress, not even one hair out of place. She always wore a sweet, winning smile, and worked long and hard, and was very popular with the patients. I remember one Hindu who called her "goddess." When I asked the reason, he said that Dr. Bazliel was able to fix his wife's problem which no other doctor could. I heard similar glowing remarks about her from others. It was then that I realized why the hospital was flooded with patients.

Dr. Yvonne was not only a superb physician, but also a lovely Christian, one with a deep connection with God. Her love for people, and readiness to help those in need was remarkable. She will certainly be remembered by many of us for her many good deeds. She was warm and friendly, gentle and polished in her manners, a good speaker and singer. And she also played the piano fairly well. She displayed passion and enthusiasm in everything she did.

Obviously, of all those that will miss her, the one will feel it with the greatest extent is Dr. Gulraiz Bazliel. While we can say that God had relieved him of his duties to her as a faithful and loving husband, yet seeing her leaving him behind must be heart-breaking. Those who had been with him for a long time, and who were there for the funeral, remarked that it was the first time they saw him cry. While the good Lord will wipe away his tears, they may come again, and the Lord will again wipe them. But we also know what he would say to Dr. Gulu, "I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take away your crown." (Rev 3:11, NLT). The word of God assures us that one day, there will be a family reunion, a meeting again, where there will never be any more parting and farewell. What blessed assurance!

--Boxter Kharbteng, University of the Southern Caribbean, Trinidad.

4. Joan Curnow <jjmcurnow@gmail.com> Dec. 19:

It was with deep sorrow I learned that Yvonne Stockhausen Bazliel had died. I first met Yvonne at a Youth Congress in Paris, France, away back in 1951. Our cots in the ladies "dormitory" were next to each other, facilitating may conversations during the congress. I soon learned that I knew her younger sister, Ardyth, very well; we were nursing students together at the same hospital in Watford, England. Yvonne was a medical student in Birmingham, living with a Welsh couple whom my Welsh mother knew well.

As the decades passed, Yvonne and I kept in touch as she served as a missionary doctor, first in Burma, then in Pakistan, and finally at Simla.

Once she visited us in Poona and a year or two later I was able to visit Simla for a vacation, staying with Yvonne. She and Gulu Bazliel were dating at that time, and I well remember a wonderful visit to one of Gulu's farms.

Several times I walked with Yvonne on her hospital "rounds." It was abundantly obvious that all the patients adored her.

Years later Gulu and Yvonne brought their elder daughter, Esther, to Keene, Texas, for her to join the nursing program at the then Southwestern Adventist College. They chose that college so that Esther could become part of the Curnow family and have a 'home-away-from-home.'

I am looking forward so much to seeing Yvonne again. She was one of the kindest and most sympathetic persons I have known.

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Il. Letters

1. Ruth Sipkens <ruthsipkens@gmail.com> Dec. 16:

John and I are presently being treated by a new cardiologist, Sugata Das, M. D.; Dr. Das grew up within a half block of Spicer College. Even though he was/is an Hindu and didn't live on the campus, he mentioned so many happy times being associated with the 'kids' of Spicer College. He mentioned some he would love to hear from. If you remember Sugata Das from those days and would like to be in touch, you are welcome to send a message to my email address: ruthsipkens@gmail.com, and I will see that he receives them. He mentioned with admiration, several times, the name of Dr. Cherian and wondered if he was still alive. I was sorry to have to tell him that Dr.
Cherian has passed away.

III. Southern Asia Adventist Association (SAAA) Elect New Officers

Mrudula Rao <mrao@ifiadopt.org> Dec. 22:
The Executive Officers of SAAA elected for 2014-2015 are as follows--

President: Dr. Michael I. Osuri
Vice President: Kingston Benjamin
Treasurer: Maharajan Ponraj
Assistant Treasurer: Deva Prasad Kokila
Secretary: Mrudula Rao
Assistant Secretary: Milton Sivalingam
Director of Public Relations: Dr. Subramanian Varadarajan.

The Board Members elected for 2014-2015 are as follows:
Shailaja Chopde; Marjore Inparaj; Seetha Milton; Jayaseelan Moses and Paulson Tharapatla.

These new Board Members will join Krupavaram Meesarapu (Board Chairman) and Yeluri Rathana Raj, whose terms have not expired, along with those on the new Board by virtue of their offices: Dr. Michael I. Osuri (President), Maharajan Ponraj (Treasurer), Mrudula Rao (Secretary), Rajan Thomas (Past President) and Dr. Daniel Yesudian (Chairman of the Property Management Committee).

On behalf of the Officers, I extend a special invitation to our Southern Asia friends, missionaries, and well wishers. Please join us, as members or guests, whenever you are able to in SAAA endeavors or for worship and fellowship, on the second Sabbath of every month. Our web site and your email address will ensure our programs and announcements. Thank you, Mrudula Rao--240-751-3359

IV. Spicer's Invitation for the Centennial Theme Song

Rajendra Prasad <rajendra.prasad2000@yahoo.com>

Spicer College invites from its alumni, faculty, staff and students as well as its friends and well wishers to compose the centennial theme song

(lyrics/music/both) on the theme "Celebrating 100 Years of Holistic Education". A handsome cash prize will be given to the one whose composition is selected with consolation prizes for the next 5 best ones.

All those who have the skills of composing lyrics and music are invited to send their compositions to Ms Mary Davy, Chairman; Centenary Music Committee; Spicer Memorial College; Aundh Road; Ganeshkhind Post; Pune 411007, INDIA, by April 30, 2014. Ms Mary Davy can also be contacted by phone Nos: +91-20-25699759 (office) and +91-8888014961 (Mobile) and email address: <tomarydavy@yahoo.com>

V. Dr. Yvonne Leaves Funds for Mountain Church

Gordon Christo <drongo.ostrich@gmail.com> Dec. 17:

Following the funeral for Dr. Yvonne Bazliel her husband, Dr. G. Bazliel, informed us that Yvonne had saved to fund construction of a church in the Mandi district of Himachal. Fortuitously, the region director, Pastor Albert Masih who was present, informed us that a member had already donated land for a church in the village Sayora which has already been registered in the name of the church and they were in search of funds for the building.

The church is expected to be completed within a year.

VI. The Sword and the Spirit-- a Mission Story

Joseph's heart pounded as the mob raged toward him. "Beat him!" someone yelled. "Kill him!" another echoed.

Joseph hadn't been a Christian long. In his zeal to share his faith with others, he had come to this village as a Global Mission pioneer to teach others about Christ. Some listened, but others were angry that a Christian had come to stir up their village. They found Joseph and demanded vengeance.
Joseph prayed as the mob surrounded him. Then he spoke to the leader, who brandished a sword. "Brother, I've come in peace and in the name of Jesus," he said. "My God wants to be your God too."

The crowd quieted, and the leader challenged Joseph with his eyes."My little girl has been paralyzed for six years. She can't move, and she speak can't speak. If your God can heal my daughter, then we will leave you alone. But if not then we will kill you." The man turned and walked toward his home. The man pushed Joseph to follow. Joseph and the mob leader entered the house together.

Joseph looked at Kamala, the little girl and realized that only a miracle would save her life--and his. He knelt by her bed and asked God to heal Kamala if it was His will. "Help this family to understand that You are the all-powerful God," he prayed.

Joseph finished his prayer and stood up. He continued to pray silently for the child and within minutes Kamala moved slightly. She stretched one leg and then the other, then she stretched her arms. Slowly she sat up. The family watched, speechless with joy, as Kamala pulled herself up on her once-withered legs and took a step.

"My daughter!" Kamala's mother whispered. The girl smiled and walked slowly toward her mother. Tearfully, the man who had intended to kill Joseph hugged him. "I want to know about your God," he said.

News of the little girl's miraculous healing spread rapidly through the village. Many wanted to know about Joseph's God. The man who had brandished a sword and planned to kill Joseph, now works with him to teach others about the living God. Dozens have turned to Jesus and worship Him instead of their former gods.

[Joseph and his wife served as Global Mission pioneers in western India. --from the General Conference Office of Adventist Mission.]

Joseph Zahid <josuna4@gmail.com> Dec. 23:

1. MR. JOHN CHAND: Mr. Chand, who taught Urdu as a subject, in PASC, Farooqabad, Pakistan, retired there, and is in USA for the last 8 years, with his wife and two sons, and two grandchildren, lately has been very seriously ill. He is admitted in the hospital. Mrs. Chand's Ph. No.: 1-703-354-1662.

2. MR. SALEEM RAZA: Mr. Saleem Raza, who has been on dialysis for the last few months, suffers from pneumonia, at present. He has served as a teacher, headmaster, and Pakistan Union education director, and is presently, again, teaching in high school at PASC.

3. WARYAM FAMILY: Joseph William (Josephine Waryam = maiden name), who lived in the UK, has passed away, after suffering from pneumonia. Her brother, Amjad Waryam and his family, residents of Loma Linda, California, USA, had gone to be with her, before she breathed her last. Some of her siblings, also, live in the UK.

4. ZAHID FAMILY: Joseph & AudiR Zahid, who son, Adrian Zahid, needs to go under surgery on Dec. 27, if all arrangements work out okay.

5. ZUBAID FAMILY: Ten days or so ago, Pr. Z. M. Zubaid's younger sister, the mother of Pr. Maqsood Mengha and Ashir Mengha, passed away. She lived in Pakistan and was a sister to Mrs. Zarina Khan (maiden name: Zarina Jalal). Pr. Zubaid and his sister Zarina live in Loma Linda, California, USA. To contact them, use these email addresses: <noblezubaid@gmail.com> and <joelzubaid@gmail.com> Pr. Zubaid's Ph. No. 1-909-799-6806. For contacting others, contact Joseph Zahid <josuna4@gmail.com> Ph. No. 1-909-435-1157.

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