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   1. Sherman McCormick <icanoe2@live.com> Jan. 31:
      It was with a great deal of interest that I read Dr. Merlyn Fernando's report of his trip to Kakpahana. A few years ago, my son, Sherman Junior, his daughter, and I visited the school as a part of her school mission trip. (She was attending Auburn Adventist Academy at the time.) Kakpahana, and all of the folks we knew while we were there, will always be very special to me.

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   2. Joseph Zahid <josuna4@gmail.com> Jan. 31:
      Son Adrian Zahid, whose last surgery was done on December 27, is slowly recovering. The incision was made in his chest all the way from left to right to take out cancer tumors from his lungs and chest. Whatever was pulled out, was sent to the lab, and it was reported that there is no cancer in them. It seems that the chemotherapy that Adrian was given between March and July had killed all the cancer cells that were in the chest and lungs, plus those in the big tumor in the abdomen. The next surgery date is set for March 18, when the big tumor that had cancer cells, to begin with, is to be taken out, even when it is not producing any more cancer cells.
      Although it has been more than a month since Adrian's last surgery was done, he has pain in his chest from time to time, and he experiences shortness of breath, when he walks a little. We request that prayers be continued for him. May God give him courage to face his last surgery on March 18.

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II. Remembering Arthur William Robinson
   1. Jack Perera <mahatmayaa@gmail.com> Feb. 1:
      It is with sadness that I read of the passing of Pastor Arthur William Robinson written by his daughter Judy.
      I first came to Lakpahana on January 23, 1961, not knowing anything about Seventh-day Adventists. Pastor Goertzen was the principal there at that time. As soon as Pastor Robinson returned from holiday in the US, he took over as school principal shortly thereafter. His structured and organized way of running Lakpahana made it the place respected and appreciated by all. He was there until the middle of 1966. He invested a lot of time and effort to build the place up to a fine elementary and secondary boarding school representative of the SDA church.
      Just before I came to Lakpahana, he had the boys dormitory built in 1960, which was later named after him by the school board without his knowledge. He was the one who added the Kate Wagner Library and the Science department annex on campus. He added to the housing for staff and personally saw to the building of the industrial complex and the 5-classroom school building to the right of it, which was later turned in to the dining room for the students and named after a later arrived administrator to Lakpahana.
He also expanded the girl's dormitory with a quadrangle-courtyard in the middle. Everything added to Lakpahana after he left was built on his foundation plan.

He truly was a kind and compassionate Christian who watched out and over us kids for our present and our future with the care of a good shepherd. He was probably the last principal at Lakpahana to run the school after the pattern of the Spirit of Prophecy guidelines for an SDA educational institution. When we complained about the cafeteria food as being insipid, he walked in unannounced one evening and sat down to dinner with us. He was so nice about the whole issue; explaining how nutritious the food was, we got the point and never complained again. Having the principal leave the comfort of his home-cooked meal to eat with us was such an awesome experience, we invited him back to dine with us.

There were some of us students who did not care very much for his strict manner of discipline. He made us work in "the hot-burning sun" for 1.5 hours every weekday afternoon (after a 6-hour stint of school with no breaks, and lunch that followed), come rain or shine. We had to work 4 hours on Sunday mornings. But he was also the one who organized us into three sports houses, Parrot House, Kingfisher House, and Woodpecker House and put us to work digging for a swimming pool made by us, and giving us homemade ice cream for every 8 tractor/trailer loads of soil we dug up and moved in competition with each other house.

The beginnings and endings of the Sabbath were strictly guarded by letting us know by what times we had to be ready to welcome the Sabbath. This well-rounded life style resulted in many of us students from that time, having well structured lives and following successful professional pursuits in our adult years. These students are dispersed all over the world today with rich accomplishments in their careers and spiritual faithfulness to our God and the church.

He taught us what the Love of God was all about. He had to discipline me once for some misbehavior on my part; four strikes with the wooden pad that he kept in his office on the wall. But he did so with tears in his eyes, and I had the privilege of meeting him about 25 years later and thanking him for it as I am sure I must have deserved it at the time. He always recognized me thereafter for that appreciation I afforded him.

The passing of this gentle and kind man of God leaves a void that will not be easily filled for all of us who were blessed in our lives by his service. My deepest condolences to his daughters Judy and Julie and their families. May God keep you in his arms. till we see him again on the resurrection morning.

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2. Remembering Art Robinson

John Sipkens <johnsipkens@gmail.com> February 5:

With the death of Art Robinson I lost a best friend and the greatest working companion, since our friendship and fellowship stretched over 50 years, starting in 1961 in Sri Lanka when Art was principal of Lakpahana and I was Union treasurer and Educational Department leader. Having been in educational work I missed being directly involved so Art and I formed an association that helped fill this need. One thing I was reminded of was just mentioned in the SUD news last week was the baptism held in Lakpahana's swimming pool. Art felt that a swim pool would be a great addition to the school but in those days such a project would have been considered very frivolous, so together we raised funds and built a water storage tank (with diving board)! It was nice to know that after 50 years it is still being used for baptisms and an occasional swim. A new elementary school, science wing, library, an industrial building for copra drying and cereal puffing, and a chicken industry were all done during the five years we worked together. Art was at Lakpahana from the time the Ceylon secondary school was moved from Colombo area to the hills near Kandy and was involved with the total building of the new school. I believe Art was at Lakpahana for about twelve years ending in 1966.

We were close friends again in Seattle while Art finished his masters in accounting, and associates at Mt. Ellis Academy for three years where we got scolded together by the school board for unauthorized spending $225 at a nursery sale for trees for the campus. After 50 years some of those trees are still living. My memories of Art could go on and on. Hauling water on a sled and hand watering water melons to raise money at Guam Academy. Sharing memories together in Tillamook during his retirement where Art and Beth continued their missionary activities at Nestucca SDA Church. They'll be missed and I'll miss them most.

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III. Geoscience Research Institute's Surat Seminar

A creation seminar for secondary school teachers was held from November 14-15, 2013, in Surat, India, on the campus of METAS. The campus combines a college, hospital, and a K-12 school with 8,000 students. About one hundred
science and religion teachers attended the meetings, which featured a series of lectures on current issues in faith and science. --GRI newsletter #36 ~~~~~~~~~~ IV. Adventist Appointed Deputy Director of CMC&H, Vellore

David Mathew <davidmathew_itb@rediffmail.com> Feb. 2:

The following announcement was made in the current weekly Christian Medical College & Hospital newsletter: "Mrs. Jasmin Anand, Professor of Medical-Surgical Nursing and Head of Medical Surgical Nursing-Specialty II, is appointed Deputy Director (Nursing and Campus Development) with effect from January 13, 2014 for a four year term."

An Adventist, Mrs. Jasmin Ruby Anand has just completed a term as the Deputy Nursing Superintendent. She is a Professor at the College of Nursing, CMC and also serves as the Head of the Departments of Cardiology and Cardiothoracic Nursing. It is a very joyous moment for us conservative Adventists in Vellore. We wish her God's blessings as she continues to serve in CMC.

-- Dr. David Mathew, Asst. Professor, CMCH Vellore ~~~~~~~~~~~ V. Obituary of Arthur William Robinson

Judy Schwarz <sjschwarz@bresnan.net> January 31:

Arthur William Robinson Jr. was born on May 21, 1925, to Arthur and Lydia (Schmidt) Robinson in Glendale, California. He passed quietly to his rest on January 24, 2014, in Canon City, Colorado, having served the Lord gladly for 88 years as son, husband, father, grandfather, missionary educator, and friend.

Born in the depression years as eldest of two siblings and only son to a legally blind father, Arthur began helping to support his family early by doing yard care. Because he wanted happy customers, he would manicure each lawn twice, pushing a reel mower both north/south and east/west. This work ethic allowed him to earn his way through Christian grade school, as well as help pay the tuition for his younger sister.

He went on to do the same through his high school education at Lodi Academy, and then, working at milking cows and as head janitor in Irwin Hall at Pacific Union College, finished his bachelor's degree in just three years.

Five days after his 21st birthday, he graduated college in the morning and then married L. Beth James in the college chapel that afternoon. The family joke was that he never wore diapers, never learned to walk, and never had to learn to read, write, or do math; he was born ready to hold down his first job!

Arthur began his teaching career in San Jose, California, traveling two years later to Shanghai, China and then Hong Kong, for language study so that he and his wife could serve as missionaries. His life's work as an educator spanned 42 years and took him to many locations, including China, Sri Lanka, Washington, Montana, Indiana, Guam, Singapore, and Bangladesh.

He served as principal for Lakpahana Training Institute, in Sri Lanka, Mount Ellis Academy in Montana, New Albany Junior Academy in Indiana, Guam Seventh-day Adventist Academy on Guam, Far Eastern Academy in Singapore, and as interim president for the Seventh-day Adventist College in Bangladesh.

He and Beth retired in 1988, locating to Tillamook, Oregon, where they lived for 22 years before moving to Canon City, Colorado, in January 2011.

Arthur was a lifelong member and an ordained minister of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Mr. Robinson is survived by daughters Judy (Steve) Schwarz, of Canon City, Colorado, and Julia (Gordon) Johnson, of Salem, Oregon, grandchildren Jana Johnson of Albany, Oregon, Joa Johnson of Salem, Oregon, Jonathan (Lauren) Schwarz, of Santa Rosa, California, and Julianne (Travis) Timmerman, of Morrison, Colorado; sister-in-law Irene Bowers, of Ramona, California; many nieces and nephews; and numerous friends, co-workers, and students around the world. He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, and sister, Margaret Robinson Charboneau.

A memorial service will be held at 4:00 PM on Saturday, February 15, 2014, at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canon City, Colorado. Memorial donations may be made to Adventist World Radio, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, Maryland 20904-6600 or to Lakpahana Adventist College and Seminary C/O 1025 N. Orchard Ave., Lot C, Canon City, CO 81212.

VI. Adventist Malayalam Fellowship in UK

from the British Union's Newsletter. #863 (31 January 2014)

"How can we evangelize the close to a quarter of a million Malayalam-speaking people in the UK?" "How can we help take the Adventist message to the same community in Kerala, India that we left behind?" These were the questions in the hearts and on the lips of a group of Malayalam-speaking Adventist community from around the United Kingdom that met on Sabbath 25 January in Walsall.

Organised by Raju George from Chelmsford and Joy Paul from Manchester, the Sabbath had the usual vibrant music, rich food and colourful atmosphere.
President

...<daviddtamsang@yahoo.com> Feb. 3:
Mrs. Devi Kumari Dhakal (Tamsang), the Founder and Principal of the St. Davis Academy Kathmandu, Nepal has been awarded the prestigious Award and appreciation for admirable service in Nepal on February 1, 2014. The Honorable Mr. Ram Chandra Poudyal, former Vice Prime Minister and the current Vice President of Nepali Congress Party and Member of Parliament presented the award in the presence of at least 500 eminent people, from all over Nepal.

Mrs. Dhakal has contributed outstanding service for the past 25 years in the field of Medical, Education, and Social Service Ministry in the Kingdom of Nepal. She is the first Adventist Lady to be awarded such distinguish honor for contributing excellent service in Nepal. Today hundreds of orphans, semi orphans, destitute and economically down trodden children are uplifted through her institution. She also contributed in establishing the Kathmandu Valley Dhumbarahi SDA Church and every Saturday many are worshipping and praising the Lord. This church has highest membership in Nepal and faithful members supporting the Nepal Field-Section. Beside Kathmandu Valley Church there are other churches out of Kathmandu she has helped in Construction of church and conducting outreach ministry. Her recent award is a fitting recognition for her great work.

The SDA Members of Kathmandu Valley - Dhumbarahi Church, and whole family members would like to congratulate her for the recognition she got in the country and appeal her for continuing the excellent service in Nepal and also for supporting the ongoing ministry of our remnant church. May God bless her and give abundant blessing as she continues to serve for the service above.

-- Ashok Pradhan, Elder (Dhumbarahi SDA Church)

VIII. Washington Area SUDites Give Scholarships to SMC Students

Michael Osuri <drosuri@aol.com> Feb. 4:
Dr. Justus Devadas writes as follows:
"Greetings from Spicer!

"I wish to give you a report on the Scholarship from the money received as interest from the deposit established by Southern Asia Adventist Centennial Celebration Washington Area (SAACWA). We have received a total of Rs. 68,171/- as interest. We have given scholarship of Rs.1000/- each to 57 students. These students had gone to conduct Vocation Bible School during last summer to various parts of the Division. We had distributed scholarship to all these students in recognition of their willingness to do the ministry as well as share the blessings with many people rather than just few. We also gave scholarship of Rs. 7000/- to a very deserving student perusing her studies in Elementary Education. Scholarships are given yearly from interest received on the invested funds. We want to thank you and SAACWA for these contributions."

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