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Rick McEdward <rickmcedward@yahoo.com> February 19:

Nora Dunn graduated from Emmanuel Missionary College in 1931. After her marriage to Cecil Guild, at age 21, they began mission service in Yunnan, China the following year. There they served two years with Eld. C. B. Miller. In 1934 Cecil was transferred to East Szechwan Mission. During their time in Chungking, Japan was at war with China and Chungking was a target. They spent many hours in a rock shelter during bombing raids. When the director of West Szechwan Mission went on PR to the U.S. Cecil was asked to serve in Chengtu where they still had bombing raids but no stone shelter!

In the early years Adventist work was first started in Honan when Drs. Miller and Selman chose to begin work there. Our members in Honan are proud to have the honor of being the first Adventists in China. Many miracles occurred over several weeks as Cecil and Nora escaped Honan and the advancing Japanese and evacuated by horse-driven carts, rail, truck and row boat to Chungking.

Cecil was put in charge of the Voice of Prophecy for the China Division and they were living in Shanghai in 1949 when the Communists swooped down rapidly from the north. Now there was a general exodus of foreign personnel. Cecil and Nora were among twelve SDA couples who remained in China for six months and were in Shanghai through the tense turnover in government. The U.S. asked for a truce, long enough to allow a U.S. Battleship to come into Shanghai to take out non-Chinese personnel. The "General Gordon," a U.S. battleship, arrived and along with the departing Guilds were "The China Doctor," Dr. & Mrs. H. W. Miller. The Millers went to San Francisco and the Guilds to Hong Kong and on to Bombay, India.

They were in Bombay two years before moving to Rangoon, Burma where they worked for 12 years. Cecil was treasurer for two years, then Division Secretary the position he had when he died in 1974. Nora remained at her post for an additional year. Nora was writer and Editor for the Southern Asia Division paper "Southern Asia Tidings."

Nora returned to the U.S., residing in Berrien Springs, Mich., where she continued her editorial work with the Ellen G. White Estate.

In 1983 she married Howard Marsh, of Ukiah, CA, a friend and classmate from College years. Howard was a long time church worker who had served with his first wife Ruby at Montemorelos University in Mexico from 1947-50. Howard passed away in 2005.

Nora Dunn Guild Marsh turned 100 years old on Sept. 1, 2010 in St. Helena, CA and celebrated the occasion on a Caribbean cruise with family members. She lived in Silverado Orchards in St. Helena, California at that time. Nora was delighted to hear from longtime friends after the news of her longevity was published in Charles Tidwell's newsletters.

On December 9, 2010, just two months after her 100th birthday, she fell and fractured her hip. She recovered from that and in February, 2011, since more assistance was required, she was moved from Silverado Orchards to Crinella Home Care in St. Helena, where she received excellent care. This location is only a couple blocks from the St. Helena SDA Church and she was delighted that she could faithfully continue attending church every Sabbath.

Nora never tired of hearing about the work overseas, asking visiting missionaries how things were in places where she had lived, and reading the Tidwell updates. Nora enjoyed eating out at her two favorite locations. One was the Jyun Kang Vegetarian Restaurant at The City of 10,000 Buddhas in Ukiah and the other was Silverado Orchards in St. Helena.
where she not only enjoyed the delicious food but she also enjoyed the camaraderie and friendship of staff and residents she had left there.

On January 30, 2014 she was admitted to St. Helena Hospital with aspiration pneumonia. She rallied briefly but was sent home with hospice care.

With great peace and great hope in Christ's soon return and the Great Resurrection Morning, she passed to her rest on Tuesday, February 11, 2014.

Interment will be in Ukiah, CA. A memorial service will be held in the St. Helena SDA Church at 3 p.m. on Sabbath, February 22, 2014.

Rick McEdward, Director
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General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists ~~~~~~~~~~~ II. Precious Memories of Pastor A. W. Robinson

D. L. Ebenezer <dlebenezer@gmail.com> Feb. 21:

It is with much sorrow that Jazlin and I learned of the death of Pastor A. W. Robinson on January 24, 2014. True, he had lived more than his Biblical allotment for life--three-score plus 10 and almost another 19 years, but, his presence is no longer there to seek his advice. With the passing away of Pastor Robinson, Jazlin & I have lost a colleague, confidant, mentor, spiritual guide, teacher, and much more.

Let me highlight some things I vividly remember about Pastor Robinson.

My family was very close to the Robinsons since 1949--the year that they came to Sri Lanka as missionaries.

My initial contact with him was in 1949 when I was a ten year old student at Kottawa SDA School. I knew him all through the seventeen years (1949-1966) he spent as a missionary in Sri Lanka. After 1966, I had occasion to visit with the Robinsons at GC Sessions and at their home in Tillamook. During his retirement years, he kept himself busy on volunteer assignments and also selling Health Foods to raise money for mission projects.

I've always thought of Pastor B. D. Juriansz & Pastor A. W. Robinson as persons who saved me twice.

First, they brought me to the SDA Church Membership on June 2, 1956.

Back in 1956, Pastor Brian Juriansz conducted a Week of Prayer at Lakpahana SDA School in Mailapitiya, Sri Lanka. Pastor Juriansz was relentless in his pursuit in seeing that Stephen Jesudason, Jeyekody Edward and many others, along with me must give our hearts to Jesus. By the end of the week, Pastor Juriansz and Pastor Robinson won. Stephen, Jeyekody, many others and I were baptized at Kandy SDA Church on Sabbath, June 2, 1956. The persons who were behind the scene in all of this were Pastor & Mrs. Robinson.

Secondly, in January 1959, I registered in a Commercial school in Kegalle and was studying bookkeeping, shorthand and typing. Pastor Juriansz and Pastor Robinson had their caring eye on me. And Pastor Juriansz, being persuaded by Pastor Robinson, was sent from Mailapitiya to Kegalle with the sole purpose of convincing me to dropping the studies I was doing and enroll at Spicer Memorial College. I showed no interest to this proposal. I was ready to go into the world and make a living. I suggested I had no money to attend school in India. Pastor Juriansz and Pastor Robinson quickly worked out a plan whereby I was to teach at Lakpahana (relieve Mrs. S. J. Louis who was taking maternity leave) from September 1959 to March 1960 and then begin Summer School at Spicer. With a great deal of reluctance, I agreed to the Pastor's suggestion. What a change that was! It has made all the difference in my life!

Pastor Juriansz & Pastor Robinson were very tactful in dealing with problem areas. He knew how to remove the sting without being stung. When I began teaching a 7th standard class at Lakpahana in September 1959, I recall three girls--Damayanthi, Jazlin and Rajakumari were in the class. After a few days, Pastor Juriansz and Pastor Robinson decided it wasn’t good to have me teach a class with these three girls. So they arranged for me to teach a different class and Pastor Juriansz to teach the class where Damayanthi, Jazlin and Rajakumari were. Is it any wonder that in December 24, 1972, I should actually get married to Jazlin--one of the three girls in that class in 1959! Talk about the tact and know-how that Pastor Robinson and Pastor Juriansz had!

In March of 1965, I decided to leave Sri Lanka to pursue my studies in the USA. I vividly recall Pastor Robinson giving me some U$ Dollars and a British Pound. I told him there were strict regulations on taking any money out of Sri Lanka without proper legal clearance. Past Robinson told me to keep the money in my shirt pocket and show these to the Immigration Officer and say that Pastor Robinson gave these to me. He was always the epitome of what honesty was all about.

His confidence in God was clearly noticeable every time we sang: “This is my Father’s world, Why should my heart be sad?” And when he quoted Psalm 33:6, & 9, there was no doubt in the kind of faith he had. I can still hear him drill the
principles of the NEW START program with us. There was no question in my mind of the commitment and conviction he had for God, the writings of Ellen G. White, all humanity, and the overall beliefs of the SDA Church. His work ethic was par excellence in all respects. 

In 1953, Mrs. C. K. John was the first person to die at Lakpahana. And Pastor & Mrs. Robinson played a key role in the funeral ceremonies. Then we saw the untimely and unfortunate death of Jebanesan Isaac. I was with the Robinsons during the entire ordeal surrounding Jebanesan's death. I saw how deeply the Robinsons grieved over the loss of Jebanesan. Pastor Robinson truly felt the sorrow that any parent feels.

On January 12, 1956, Florence Vallipuram & M. S. Rajah were the first ones to get married in the chapel facilities that the Robinsons had help build at Lakpahana. Fifty years later, the Robinsons were present at the 50th Wedding Anniversary celebrations of the Rajahs in Vancouver, BC, Canada. Robinsons were always involved intimately with their students.

Then there was a day at Lakpahana when some teachers were annoyed that Pastor Robinson had not shared a message of condolence. Upon close examination, it was found that Pastor Robinson and the missionary friend of his at the Union Office were communicating on the death of a pet. Although Pastor Robinson was in the thick of a lot of misunderstandings like this, his love for people was always beyond question. He did actually clear the financial debts that some of his strong critiques had accumulated. I know this to be a fact for I was the Bookkeeper at Lakpahana, May 1963 to February 1965.

With the death of Pastor Robinson, the Adventist Church has lost a beloved friend, counselor, father, administrator, educator, and a fine genuine Christian who was always found practicing what he taught.

I want to meet Pastor & Mrs. Robinson and all the others who have been laid to rest. Come, Lord Jesus, quickly!

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III. Christians in Pakistan in Danger

Blasphemy cases against Christians in Pakistan have reached an all-time high. Four such cases were reported in November; a number, according to activists, four times higher than the monthly average recorded over the past two years. Activists and clergy further stressed that the overwhelming majority of blasphemy accusations are being used as "instruments of revenge" against Christians, as a sure way to see them get punished for whatever real or imagined grievance the accusing Muslims might have. Separately, Younis Masih, a 35-year-old Adventist Christian who had been imprisoned and sentenced to death on blasphemy charges since 2005, was finally released after judges decreed he did not blaspheme Islam. He and his family are still in hiding, as some Muslims are still seeking to kill him despite his being cleared of the blasphemy charge. According to Masih: "I have four children and I have no job, no one is helping me. I live with the fear of being killed." In the words of his lawyer: "Christians in Pakistan fear threats, attacks, violence, discrimination and hatred. The law of blasphemy is always a sword of Damocles hanging over their heads: Their life is not safe even after their release from prison."

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IV. Broadcasting in Indian Languages

Wesley James <wjames231@msn.com> Feb 24:
"Small Beginnings, Big Possibilities"

After several years of planning and working, LLBN South Asia has been telecasting for nearly two-and-a-half years in six Indian languages - Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Punjabi, Tamil, and Telugu.

It's easy to despise the day of small beginnings. For LLBN South Asia, they came with many hours of fervent prayers and hard work, a lot of resistance and modest encouragement, no budget and abundant setbacks. Nevertheless, in what God called us to do, we are reminded to "not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin" (Zech. 4:10, NLT).

In January, I had the privilege to visit the LLBN South Asia production team in Chennai, India. The team comprises of Leonard White, a pastor who volunteers for LLBN SA as the Production Manager, and five well-trained and highly-qualified technicians. They chose to serve in this ministry because of their love for Jesus. This team takes care of everything that is involved from program production and editing to encoding and uploading the programs to the LLBN server. The programs are viewed through the internet in all parts of the world and via Roku (thanks to the support from LLBN in Loma Linda, California). Their wages... let me just say... they are making a sacrifice.
I praise God for such a dedicated team; and for all the other volunteers and supporters that I met in seven Indian cities recently. Many mentioned and appreciated the quality of programming on LLBN South Asia and enquired about the possibility of telecasting via satellite (which is more accessible than the internet). Some enquired about how they could be involved in this ministry. Based on our conversations, we are praying to accomplish the following:

1) Produce programs in Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu, Bengali, and two more (need your support).
2) Telecast via satellite (for greater access in Asia), and on cable television in an Indian city.
3) Sponsor the construction of a church building in South India (the land is already available).
4) Telecast some LIVE programs through internet streaming (to be announced).
5) Increase the awareness of LLBN South Asia throughout the world (with your help).

This is a very cost-effective television ministry that is fully supported by viewers and well-wishers. The development and growth of LLBN South Asia has been slow, but steady. Impatient as I am, I have to remind myself that it is a great folly to despise "the day of small things," for it is usually God's way to begin His great works with small things. All progress comes from God in His time.

Please visit www.llbn.tv and click on LLBN South Asia (yellow icon). We appreciate your prayers and support.

Wesley James, Volunteer/Director, LLBN South Asia / llbnsa@llbn.tv ~~~~~~~~~~~

V. Belated Obituary: John Parobek

from Union College's recent Cord alumni magazine


He was born in Cleveland, Ohio and lived there for many years. Twenty-five of these years he was principal of inner-city schools of Cleveland. John and his wife, Mary Sue Jones served as missionaries at Spicer Memorial College in India from 1952-1957. For the past few years he has lived in Lodi, Calif. to be near his family. In 2006 he married Ethel Reynolds Cole.

He raised and loved horses. He also loved the outdoors and had a landscaping business on the side. In Ohio he always had a big garden. He loved music and played the musical saw beautifully. He is survived by his wife Ethel, daughter Sharon Bowen, and three grandchildren.

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VI. SAAA monthly Sabbath Services

<info@saaa.org> February 24:

The SOUTHERN ASIA ADVENTIST ASSOCIATION (SAAA) Cordially invites you to worship and fellowship with us On March 8, 2014 At Eglise Baptiste Du Calvaire Church

10002 Riggs Road, Adelphi, Maryland 20783 Prayer Breakfast: 9:45 AM Sabbath School Lesson Study: 10:30 AM Divine Service: 11:30 AM

SPEAKER: Dr. Michael I Osuri

Fellowship Lunch To Follow

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