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Nigel Fernando <nigel_fernando@yahoo.com> Feb. 25:

The Sadlers most cordially welcome you in person to observe and further enquire of developments that are being planned, that have commenced and of those which have reached completion on this campus in Sri Lanka. A forum for this discussion will be held at the Southern Asia Seventh-day Adventist Church on 2001 E. Randolph Rd, Silver Spring, MD 20904 and is to commence at 7 pm on March 15, 2014 in the Youth Room (use rear entrance & parking).

Refreshments to follow. You may contact me via the above email address or the purpose of further clarification.

In Thanks to God Who Always is a Blessing!

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II. Memories of Nora Dunn Guild

John M. Fowler <FowlerJ@gc.adventist.org> Feb. 25:

I am saddened at the passing away of Nora Dunn Guild Marsh. I knew her as a colleague at the Oriental Watchman Publishing House where she worked as editor of Tidings. Her then husband, Cecil B. Guild, was the secretary of the Division, and he was laid to rest at Salisbury Park. Nora was a diligent and careful editor, very particular with every detail of the editing profession; she made sure that every comma was in its place, and every word had its function. Both as editor of Tidings and copy editor of the House, she ensured full quality control of the publishing house. Along with her husband, they contributed much to the spiritual life of Salisbury Park and the church, where she doubled as the organist for many years. As pastor of Salisbury Park church, it was my duty to lay her husband to rest in 1974, and for the first time in the history of that church, we used the pathfinders in a uniformed honor guard to accompany the casket to the graveside. The death of Cecil shattered Nora (they were an inseparable couple, as the phrase goes), and in 1975 she left India and lived briefly in Berrien Springs, Michigan, when I was doing my graduate studies there. Her life was a great example to many-in simplicity, devotion, helping the poor, in never ceasing to be thankful to God. When the Guilds lived in Rangoon, they had a mali serving them faithfully. But the Guilds had to leave for Poona. Years later, one day the mali turned up at the house of the Guilds in Salisbury Park-that's a long way from Rangoon. The Guilds immediately took him on, helped him settle down, saw him get married, and rejoiced with him when he had two sons. Both boys are doing well today, and are good Adventists.

Just before we left the US to settle in Hosur, I received a parcel with a hand-written address, the penmanship of which I recognized immediately as from Nora. I opened it in a hurry, and found in it several items of great interest-letters, photographs, notes of kindness-that I had written to both Cecil and Nora over the years. Nora was a person of great thoughtfulness, a blessing to those who had the privilege of her friendship, and a great oral historian of the tribulations and triumph of Adventism in China, Burma, and India. In her we have lost a great person of immense goodness. My condolences to her family.

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III. Death of Mrs. Josephine Dass Francis

Southern Asia Adventist Association <info@saaa.org> Feb. 26:
The Southern Asia Adventist Association is deeply saddened to inform its members, friends and the Southern Asia community at large of the death of Mrs. Josephine Francis. She, along with her husband Mr. Thomas Francis, had been a long time member of the Association. She is well known in the community and in the Southern Asia Division. As a teacher in elementary schools, dean of women at Spicer College and a nurse in the US, she has taught and touched many lives.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved Francis Family, extended family and relatives. Please remember to uphold them all in your prayers. God Bless them and grant them courage, as they find new meaning from their loss and Comfort in the Blessed Hope.

The family has provided the following information:

Life Sketch of Josephine T. Francis

With profound sadness, we announce the passing of Josephine Francis who died peacefully on February 24, 2014, surrounded by her loved ones. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend.

Dignity, integrity, faith and strength are words that describe Josephine Francis. She was born in Pune, India on December 22, 1931, to Francina and Anthony Dass and was the fifth of twelve children. She inherited a rich legacy of family, loyalty and compassion.

She graduated from Spicer Memorial College with an Associate’s degree in Teaching in 1953, and taught for 18 years as an elementary school teacher.

She was privileged to become the Dean of Women at her alma mater.

On April 6, 1965, she married Thomas Francis in Mumbai, India. In 1971, Josephine followed her husband to the United States with their family and settled on the east coast. At the age of 50, she pursued her dream to become a nurse and worked until she retired.

As an active member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, she held many positions and served on various church committees and on the School Board.

Her hobbies included knitting/crocheting, quilting, sewing, reading and playing the piano. Along with her husband, she had the opportunity to travel to over 35 countries.

Josephine will be missed by Thomas, her devoted husband of 47 years; her loving children Joycelyn (Vijay), Rita and Lois (Gregory); her wonderful grandchildren, Sangeeta and Sanjay (Samantha) and her precious great-grandson, Gideon; her loyal siblings and a host of nieces and nephews, relatives and friends.

The Celebration of Life Service was held on Sunday, March 2, 2014 at the Baltimore First Seventh-day Adventist Church and the Interment was held at the George Washington Cemetery. A Repast followed at the Southern Asian Seventh-day Adventist Church for all family and friends.

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IV. Women’s Ministry Meet in Nepal

Umesh Pokharel <umesh.shantipokharel@gmail.com> March 2:

On 17th February, 2014 early morning we (Raquel Arrias, Associate Women Ministry Director of the GC, Mrs. Permila Masih, Director of Women Ministry of the SUD, I, Pr. Umesh Kumar Pokharel, President of the Nepal Section, Pr. A. M. Puri senior Pastor, and Elder Bhaju Ram Shrestha) left for Thumpakhark which is on the way to the China border to meet wwith the Adventist ladies. We arrived there at 11:30 and around 100 people including children and men were gathered and waiting to give us a warm welcome. After prayers offered by Pastor Devi Bd and Pastor Bishnu Rokka,of the Kariping SDA Church we stared our program.

Mrs. Raquel Arrias spoke about happy life and explained from the word of God, her presentation on impact on women globally was very powerful and she demonstrated the way we can live with God happily as well as meaningfully.

Mrs. Permila Masih had very meaningful presentation on Prayer; she focused on family prayer giving examples of how prayer can heal people and lead to the Cross. With help from our visiting Women's Ministry ladies we presented two sewing machines for two churches, Thumpakharka and Kariping, and gave female goats for the poor ladies. By the time we finish our meeting it was 2 o'clock and delicious food was served by local church ladies. They ladies and local pastors of that area told me that they were rightly blessed and they asked me to arrange such a meeting again.

On 18th morning after breakfast we left for the Banepa church where the ladies from Kathmandu, Dapcha, Saga and Gathaghar were gathered and we had a three hour meeting and Mrs. Raqual Arrias and Mrs. Permila Masih again spoke
about family life and prayer and all the participants were richly enriched and blessed and small gift watches were given to all the women and a delicious meal was provided. Pr. Kumar Adhakari, church pastor of Banepa, thanked the guests and participants.

The next day both women leaders left for Delhi for other programs. On behalf of the Nepal section of SDA we would like to thank Mrs. Raqual Arrias and Mrs. Permila Masih for their ministry to the women in Nepal and we request them to plan again and come and spend more days in Nepal.

V. Water for the Indian Orphanage

Dede Van Buren <<dde@jesus4asia.org>> Feb. 28:

We are rejoicing! The money needed for drilling another well has been raised! Thank you profusely to the generous donors who made this happen!

As most of you are aware, India experienced extremely drought conditions last year. The well on the property ran dry and money was needed to drill a new well. Funds were raised, drilling began and we were excited and hopeful, believing the kids would soon be moving into their new home. The money raised was enough to drill 700 feet down. After drilling 925 feet down (!), there was still no water. We were devastated! Without water on the property, the kids would not be able to move, which meant they would have to stay at their current location for another year, since they could not move during the school year.

Now we are ready to drill again. We covet your prayers that God will bless with an adequate water supply. I'm reminded of the verses in Numbers 21:16-17 that say, "And from thence they went to Beer: that is the well whereof the Lord spake unto Moses, Gather the people together, and I will give them water. Then Israel sang this song, Spring up, O well; sing ye unto it." (reminds me of a children's song).

The school year for the orphans ends in May. With drilling another well and repairs needed, we are striving to make moving into the orphanage before the new school year starts a reality for the children.

The following are some things the orphanage needs:

Repair:
1. Repair extensive cracks in the kitchen ceiling
2. Repair cracks on sidewalks, walls and overhangs
3. Repair broken stair railings

Other Needs:
1. Vehicle to transport kids to and from school and church
2. Funds to move the kids - includes transportation
3. Funds for bedding and towels
4. Kitchen supplies

We are so close to having the kids move. It will be one happy day when that happens. Ideally, we'd like to have the repairs done ahead of time, so that the orphanage will be a safer place for them when they arrive. However, the most important thing right now is water on the property.

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VI. Memories of Them

Roseline Muthiah Davy <davyp@bellsouth.net> March 6:

PRECIOUS MEMORIES: Some very dear people who have impacted my life have gone to their rest. I long for the second coming of Jesus when we can all be together as one large happy family in heaven. Even so come Lord Jesus quickly come. I read the message about Mrs. Nora Guild Marsh. I knew the Guilds when i was a little girl in Bombay. When Pastor M. D. Moses and my father, Pastor V. P. Muthiah, were conducting an evangelistic meeting in Aurangabad, our little baby brother who was very ill was dying. We three Muthiah sisters were in the bedroom. Pastor and Mrs. Guild sat with our grief stricken parents till the baby breathed his last. He was buried in Aurangabad. I do remember the beautiful smile Mrs. Guild always had. We always had a high regard for Pastor and Mrs. Guild in India. After coming to USA I did contact Mrs. Guild a few times. She was a good friend of my mother, Grace Muthiah. The service many dear missionaries have rendered in our country of India and the sacrifices they have made are truly appreciated and God will
give them their wonderful rewards someday. That day looks like will be coming soon! The sad news about my Aunt's illness took me in a hurry to Maryland on sat Feb. 22. Mrs. Josephine Francis fell asleep in Jesus on Feb. 24. She was the fifth child and my mother Grace Muthiah was the first out of twelve children. This has brought a lot of grief to family and friends all over the world. Our thoughts and prayers are for our uncle Thomas Francis and family. The trip to Md. was special because my aunty was more than an aunt. From childhood she was like a mother to us Muthiah siblings. She was our teacher at the Bombay church school. She was my friend. I was blessed with the priviledge of being able to keep in touch with my aunty for many long years. Many who knew her visited her at the hospital. The love and support we relatives received, helped us in our deep sorrow. The many memories of days spent with my aunty and relatives in Salisbury Park, Bombay and USA came to my mind. When we visited our grandparents home in Poona when we were little kids, Psalm 100 was read for worship every evening. Aunty was always deeply religious. She was a good example to others. I see evidence of the love she has shared with others.

She has a large circle of friends around the globe. She was very caring and thoughtful and a great teacher. She had a BIG heart and that heart was filled with love for her creator, her family and others around her. Aunty Josephine is greatly missed and I look forward to the day when I will meet her again. That will be a glad day for all of us as we will get to see Jesus and all our loved ones who have gone on before us. May we all be ready by His grace.

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VII. Moses Christian Runs in LA Marathon, AGAIN

Sunny Wycliffe <sunnywycliffe@gmail.com> March 5:
Dr. Moses Christian, 81, will be running the LA Marathon for the 19th time in 20 years, while battling cancer. I certainly believe that he deserves a very mighty congratulation from each one of us! God Bless him. Please pray for him and his family in a very special way.

Moses & Lena Christian: <lenamchristian@gmail.com> ~~~~~~~~~~ To remove your name from the mailing list of this newsletter, simply reply to this e-mail and put "REMOVE" in the Subject line.


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