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   I. Remembering Mrs. Josephine Francis
      1. Gordon Christo <rongo.ostrich@gmail.com> March 11:
         I first came in contact with her when she was girls' dean at Spicer. In order to contact my aunt in the girls' hostel (usually to beg for money to pay the dhobi), I had to fill out a form from the boys' hostel office, get it signed by the Pastor I. M. Chand and then show it to the girl's dean who had my aunt called to the door. As dean she was most helpful. Later I knew the family in Calcutta. Whenever we passed through to and from Karmatar we would meet them and be recipients of their cheer and hospitality. On more than one occasion I have been invited to their table. I wish to extend my condolences to Joyla, Rita and the rest of the family. Words cannot express the feelings all that we feel.

   2. Mary Trim <maryktrim@bigpond.com> March 14:
      We want to express the sympathy of our family to Thomas and their family and to all relatives as they mourn the loss of Josephine. She was a talented and lovely Christian lady. Our older son, Geoffrey, was page boy at their wedding in Bombay, and we remember the couple with much affection. A few years back we were in touch again, but in moving house and buying a new computer I lost contact. Our love as we think of them all, looking forward to Jesus coming again.
      --Mary and John Trim

   2. Remembering the Shindes
      Nelson Khajekar <elijnelson7@gmail.com> March 12:
      My dear Shashi Dada, Sheela akka and Nanada, kindly accept my deepest condolences on the sad demise of your parents. Pr. Shinde was a very disciplined warrior of the Lord. Added to this was the dedicated support of your mother to Pr. Shinde's ministry. These two soldiers of Christ will be greatly missed.

II. Two Deaths
   1. Life Sketch of Dr. Giddaloore Samuel Sadananda Rao
      Rajendra Prasad <rajendraprasad2000@yahoo.com> March 11:
      Dr. Giddaloore Samuel Sadananda Rao was born the eldest son of late Pastor and Mrs. Giddaloore Ananda Rao on July 27, 1935 at Narasapur, AP. He went to the Philippines along with his parents when he was about 5 years of age and had his schooling there and in Australia while living in Refugee Camps after World War II. He returned to India in 1945 and went to school in Bangalore for a couple of years and to Narasapur School for another couple of years before joining the Spicer High School which he completed in 1952 and then studied at Spicer College for another two years where he served as the secretary of the Manley Men's Social Club. Then dropping out of Spicer he completed his intermediate course at Narasapur College and got into Christian Medical College, Vellore, TN, through open competition in 1957. He was very active there as the Speaker and Treasurer of the Men's Hostel Union, Speaker of the Student General Body Association, earning a name as an excellent Speaker, Planner and Debater and finally graduated with an MBBS degree in 1962.
Dr. Rao then worked in the Leprosy Hospital in Karigiri in 1965, and then at CSI Hospital in Bangalore before leaving to UK in September 1968. He worked in North Wales as a doctor in Bangor Hospital, got married to Lilian Ann Jones, a nurse, on February 7, 1972, and worked in different hospitals in Surrey from 1973-79. Then he moved to Telford, built 2 clinics, and worked as a general practitioner there from 1979 to 2006. He was well loved and respected by his colleagues and was a blessing to all his patients. He also played an important role in establishing the SDA church in Telford by helping in the purchase of an old abandoned Methodist church and renovating it to have Sabbath services and pastored the church in the absence of a full-time pastor.

Dr. Rao suddenly took ill on February 8 and breathed his last on February 9, 2014, and was buried in Wales. He is survived by his beloved wife Lilian Ann; sons Andrew and Peter; granddaughters Madeline and Holly; siblings Hannah Sadguna Nalli, Christy Jayananda Rao, and Daniel Dayananda Rao; nephews Samuel Nalli and Jayaker Nalli; nieces Sudha, Subha, Titi, Kanthi, Kala, Mona and Sona; and scores of other relatives and friends who wait to see him and other loved ones who preceded him on the resurrection morning.

(Details supplied by his brother, Prof. Daniel Dayananda Rao, former Vice President of Roorkee Adventist College, UP, India)

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2. Death of Mrs. Tasleem Iftikhar Saroya

Samuel Nazir <samuelyouthpku@hotmail.com> March 14

Mrs. Tasleem Iftikhar Saroya, died March 12, 2014 after a long struggle with sickness. She was very deeply rooted in faith as a Seventh-day Adventist and was great support to her husband in his ministry and a caring mother to children and other family members. I would like to pass on a request to all to pray for encouragement for Pastor Iftikhar Saroya for his great loss as loving faith wife and 2 daughters and 1 son. May God grant the family Great Hope in Him alone.

We all join together that "Lord Jesus Come Soon!" Amen!

Contact for Pastor Iftikhar Saroya: <iftikharsaroya777@gmail.com> Samuel Nazir Director, Communication & Youth Dept.

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III. Pray for Adrian Zahid's Last Surgery

Joseph Zahid <josuna4@gmail.com> March 11:

Dear family members, relatives, friends, and well-wishers of ours: We request you to pray for Adrian, as he is going to have his (hopefully) last surgery. The cancer tumor in his abdomen, from where the cancer had spread to his chest and lungs, is going to be removed on Tuesday morning, March 18 at Arrowhead Medical Center. God is great and greatly to be praised. We believe that He, who has been with Adrian through his last two surgeries and through 4 rounds of chemotherapy, will see him fully recovered, as he and we (his parents) pray morning and evening and trust our wonderful God. We do thank all of you for your moral, spiritual, and financial support, as well as your visits and prayers for Adrian.

By the way, surgery of Josh Zahid's brain tumor was successfully done at St. Vincent Medical Center in Los Angeles, a couple of weeks ago. He is at home with his parents and recovering fast. Do continue to pray for him. Joel Zahid is my younger brother.

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IV. A Visit to Surat METAS Adventist Hospital, Nursing School & College

Ratnam Busi <ratnambusi@yahoo.com> March 10:

My wife Victoria and I had the privilege of visiting this Institution and we were amazed to see that this institution is one of the latest, well equipped and well cared medical and educational institutions in the world. It is as good as any North American institutions and I must say it is better than many. We were told the waiting time for the emergency patients is 15-20 minutes (More serious patients with cardiac arrest and stroke etc. are cared for right away).

We had the privilege in meeting Dr. M. S. Jeremiah, Director and CEO, who is the heart beat for this institution, Mr. N. D. Solomon associate, Dr.

Anil Ch. Hospital Administrator, Mrs. Nimmie Isaiah, Director of Nursing school, and Dr. Eliah, Principal of the college.

We have seen the very efficient professional, architectural and administrative abilities of Dr. M. S. Jeremiah in Surat, Ayera High school and at Nuzvid Hospital. I believe he has plans to build another medical center in the Surat area. You must visit these institutions to appreciate his talent and administrative abilities.
As we visited the hospital, we were amazed to see the surgical suites, ICU, the emergency dept. and the patient wards. Very recently newly instituted patients’ special rooms - these are no where else existed which is just like having your own room at home but still you are cared and treated for your sickness.

As we talked to the patients, they expressed that they get the best care in this institution compared to many other institutions and they have all the needed facilities.

The doctors, nurses and the paramedical staff are doing a wonderful service and they are serving with a smile. Dr. Anil Ch is young, energetic and humble; he and his staff of medical doctors and all the staff are very happy and doing a wonderful job. They are serving with a smile.

The college is well equipped and the students are well trained for their future carrier. You should see their lecture hall and it is state of the art; it is amazing to sit and listen to the lecture.

The buildings are superb, well built and look beautiful and the rooms, corridors and the compound is clean and well maintained.

Many have expressed their idea and said that Dr. M. S. Jeremiah is a dedicated person who had a vision and creative mind and developed this institution so many people will know Christ by this medical, educational and gospel work.

May God continue to bless Dr. Jeremiah and his associates, and staff and students at Surat Hospital, Nursing School and College as they faithfully continue to serve this community.

By Ratnam Busi, Toronto, March 10, 2014 ~~~~~~~~~~~ V. D’Costa’s Mission Journey to India & Nepal
Eugene D’Costa <eugenedcosta@msn.com> March 13:

It took 33 days to get back from my ‘fly and build’ mission trip to India and three days to recover. Travelling with a team of ten which included nine men and two women was a wonderful Christian journey. Staying in a remote area in Andhra Pradesh where we worked made it difficult at times with electricity and communication.

Returning to Sydney, Australia, has been a way of coming back to civilization and a healthy environment which the poor people of Piridi, AP do not and will never see in their life time.

For the last six years I have been on similar outings but this Christian journey touched my heart and spirit - physically, mentally, socially and in an enormous spiritual way too. As a Director on the Board for Asian Aid Australia, I wish Asian Aid or ADRA were at work in this and a couple of other places we stayed at, to help the very, very poor children and people of the villages, although I rest assured that they and other organizations are also at work helping humanity in many other parts of the world. And while this whole concept from a personal point of interest materialised on a visit with my wife to Poland and Germany, this hand picked/amicable chosen team that came from Sweden, Germany, Poland and Australia, under God’s guidance was wonderful to say the least and a lovely team to journey with.

Coordinating, travelling, working, shopping and worshipping each day with this team had the makings of God’s inspiration and God’s hand of love and direction too. The poor village people who had very little to give were greatly blessed by the team. We were also blessed in return with their love and commitment to help us each day. At 10:30 of a morning, I with Lakshmi, the local church member, would go down to the market place to purchase the groceries for the day and by 1:30 the team enjoyed a beautiful Telegu lunch.

Breakfast and dinner was prepared where we resided through our duration by the blind school kitchen staff, Bihari style.

While our journey was to build, renovate and paint, we spent time in Hut visitation, a week of prayer at the Asian Aid blind school (25 kms from where we worked) and six nights of night meetings in the remote village of Piridi. The team included a Pastor/builder, four university graduates and elder/builder. Our welcome on arrival at Piridi at night, was a 150 metre cart ride driven by six bullocks, the sound of beating drums, fireworks ablaze and dancing in the village streets, very amusing to the foreigners and something I wasn’t prepared for as a person of Indian origin (I wanted to join the dancers, though the Aussies and Swedes did on top the float).

The team also spent Republic Day (26th Jan) celebrations in two schools in India - the Asian Aid Blind School in Bobbili, AP and the local Adventist school. As a special guest, I was requested to speak and hoist the Indian flag, a second opportunity in my sixth consecutive year of visitation to India. Some of the high lights of the team included, sponsoring five major dinner events, supplying all the Asian Aid blind students with shoes and participating in a challenging and breath-taking encounter of ‘Kabadi’ (‘goodoo goodoo’ in Madras) against the young staff members of the school at the Republic Day sports prize distribution day. The kabadi score - a tidy and close fought 1-1. Also on this special day of celebration the team dressed in dothi and saree - a beautiful arrangement of flower and dress.

The team also visited the city of Vizag, Fatepur Sikri, Jaipur, Delhi and Agra.
Our visit to Nepal was twofold. One to sightsee in Kathmandu and Pokhara and secondly to check how we might be of help to the Nepalese mission field if there is an opportunity next year. The team has expressed an interest to 'fly and build' again in another part of AP or elsewhere in India or Nepal, provided there is approved land to build on. If this does eventuate, I hope to take my wife Jennifer with me to experience a wonderful work for God's people, His church and the poor.

Attached is an email of appreciation from Pastor Paulson Joseph, principal of the Asian Aid Blind School, who requested my help when I visited the Blind School last year to take the Week of Prayer.

Christian Greetings to the Church,
Eugene D'Costa
Sydney, Australia

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From: <paulson_j2003@yahoo.com>
Subject: School for the Blind-- Bobbili

Dear Sir,

Greetings from School for the Blind, Bobbili. The dates from January 16 - 30, 2014 has just passed away like a dream. I was just thinking that I woke up from a dream only to see the reality, the wonder that God has done in our lives. The team that arrived from different parts of the world has touched us that it is difficult to forget.

The villagers from Piridi will never forget the marvelous experience working with persons who do not know the language as a family. Together we have done. Above all working with the unseen angels all around us keeping the evil angels at a distance. My heart is filled with joy, only to see what GOD HAS DONE through his servants. A beautiful compound wall as a protection for HIS church and a wonderful gate with walkway for people to walk in and praise GOD as long as the church exists, including the renovations, painting and planting of many mango, orange, guava and sapodilla trees. The work done by these people is a master piece in their own profession.

The beautiful memories will always remain with us and the church members till the last day on this earth.

We as a SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST family will ever remain grateful for your love and the generous gift for the poor villagers.

I am writing this on behalf of the CHURCH MEMBERS and with folded hands, we say a BIG THANK YOU.

I remain,
Pr. Paulson Joseph

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VI. Global Youth Day in Sikkim Buddhist State and Darjeeling Hill

Praveen-san K. Tamsang <pktamsang@hotmail.com> March 16:

It was a great day on Sabbath, March 15, 2014 in Sikkim - Darjeeling Himalayan hill. The celebration of Global Youth Day was excellent in our remnant hill church. Our members along with Adventist youth from every mountain top having fellowship every Sabbath going in different direction representing the hands and feet of Jesus to share the Good News.

We had a lively Sabbath... in the morning conducted by youth, and during the afternoon our youth marched out in different directions with leaders engaged in free medical camp, distribution of clothes, hospital visitation, prayer and fellowship at an old age home, rally with play card in hand reminding the public to keep away from intoxicating liquor consumption and other harmful products, etc., distributed one thousand Great Controversy books to thirsty people searching for truth, distributed biscuit, oil, comb, Colgate tooth paste, tooth brush, medicine, etc.

During the evening we had sundown worship together. Yes! This 2014 Global Youth Day was very interesting and lively; moreover, it was a great blessing to many people and especially to our young Adventist youth to be the leaders for His church. Thank you for remembering in prayer the ministry we are continuing in this Himalayan hill.

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