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I. SPECIAL NOTICE (Repeated)
   We are changing the way we distribute the SUD e-News. In the future it will be posted via Yahoo Groups. Our daughter-in-law, Lila Tidwell, is currently sending invitations to each of you to sign up to the SUD eNews Yahoo group. I encourage you to accept the invitation if you wish to continue to receive my newsletter. Some of your email addresses have rejected the invitation as spam because it does not recognize Lila's email address. If you didn't receive an invitation, you can request to join by sending an email to the following address: SUBSCRIBE: <sudnews-subscribe@yahoogroups.com>

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II. Letters
   1. Paul Dara <darapaul44@hotmail.com> April 26:
      At last an Adventist University in India!
      I understand that an approval was granted to start an Adventist university in India. We want to congratulate Dr. Jeremiah for his unceasing efforts and God's blessings to carry forward with this great adventure. It behooves all the Southern Asians to give support to Dr. Jeremiah to move forward with this project. All those who are interested in the work of God in India, those at the General Conference level and the Division level must encourage Dr. Jeremiah to continue his efforts in bringing this project to fruition. Congratulations, Dr. Jeremiah! May God continue to bless you as you try to establish an Adventist university in India. This is a long awaited project and I trust you will, with God's blessings and the support of the General Conference and Southern Asia Division and all those well wishers of Adventist work, especially Adventist Education in India, will give you and your team a support like you have never seen before. Go with God and He will give you the strength and fortitude to do great things for God.
      With our prayers and God's blessings,
      Dara Paul and family
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   2. David Mathew <David_jtb@hotmail.com> April 1:
      The CMC Vellore SDA church would like to thank Pr. Sam Shadrach and the Southern Asia Adventist Community Church in Redlands, California and express appreciation in helping to arrange Pastor David Machodo spend an inspiring weekend of spiritual understanding and revival/renewal with the Vellore SDA Church from March 28 - 29, 2014.
      He was a blessing to the church.... His life's testimony and messages were really powerful, and scriptural.
      All the principles of the Bible expounded translated into his life and it spoke messages larger than any theological exposition. May the church members be transformed into God's image as we journey our lives.
      We would like to testify and acknowledge the wonderful way in which God has touched the lives of those who were able to attend the Sabbath weekend service of March 29; 2014.
The speaker was Pr. David Machado from the Light Bearers Ministry from US. The Sabbath weekend started with Friday evening message in which the speaker called the audience to the true purpose of life which worth living for and to which God has called us to; to glorify Him and to please Him.

Sabbath morning the speaker outlined the basic steps of conversion experience and what it means practically. The divine service message was a call from God to His people to live a life of holiness. He clearly explained how God is working in the lives of His children to perfect them and purify them in their daily lives leading them in the path of holiness.

Sabbath afternoon session was made lively as Pr. Machado gave a brief account of his conversion and revealed to us how God is real to him in his daily walk with God. He went in detail on the Biblical principles to be followed in all true relationships which He maintains in His children.

The sundown message was a challenge to all to be a true witness to allow Him to work in their lives powerfully demonstrating to all around who the true God is as He creates and recreates, as He saves His faithful ones. He alone can predict the future in contrast to the false gods of Babylon.

The effect of the message was very evident to all who attended. The youth were inspired and many of them for the first time committed their lives afresh to uphold the truth which were presented. The older people were rejuvenated as they recommitted their lives to the cause once they espoused but were lagging due to various causes which were stealing into their energies.

To conclude, the word of God was powerfully served through the servant of God and the whole church unanimously said Amen as the meeting closed with a prayer of thankfulness to the Lord for the ministry of Pr. Machado and earnest appeal to God to continue blessing his ministry as He uses him.

We want to thank the sponsors of Pr. Machado for sending him to us and for remembering us.

Dr. David Mathew, Nuclear Medicine Department, CMCH
---Vellore English SDA Church

III. 100th Anniversary Celebration of Kerala's SDA Church

Sunny Wycliffe <sunnywycliffe@gmail.com> April 17:
Greetings to you from the South West India Union of SDA. As you all are aware of the Seventh-day Adventist church in Kerala has reached an important mile stone in the Mission work. Now its time for retrospection and rededication.

The SWIU Executive Committee which met on March 19th, 2014 has decided to commence our centennial programmes from April 24, 2014 and end it on October 25, 2014. The inaugural meetings will be held from April 24 - 26, 2014 at SDA Church Vadacode and SDA School Dhanuvachapuram.

We request every one to co-operate and make the centennial sessions as a spectacular event. The final meetings will be conducted at Al Saj International convention Center, Kazhakottam. Elder Ted Wilson, World Seventh-day Adventist General Conference president will grace the occasion.

Please call for a fasting prayer in this regard.

Yours sincerely,
Y. Selvamony, President

IV. Remembering Mary Gnanasigamony

1. Eric Moser <susanmoser@hotmail.com> May 8:
I was saddened to read of the death of Sri Lanka's Mary Gnanasigamony; we belong to the same generation. It must have been about 1945 when the Marshall family joined the SDA church, I do not remember her parents but I remember her and her five siblings. There was an older brother, Quentin, who played the violin, then two sisters and two more brothers. Jerry was the same age as my brother and the youngest, Joe, was about my age. I remember the four of us took part in a play one Sabbath. In '46 my brother went to boarding school in India and I followed in '47 and our ways parted. I don't remember meeting the rest of the family after that except for Mary.

I remember her late husband, Vernon, even though there was an age gap, he was very friendly towards me and I liked his company. He died prematurely. Mary was ten years my senior. A few years ago when I was in Sri Lanka and attended the Shiloh Church I met her, she and one of the Marao sisters were the only ones I knew. Our generation is nearing the end of our pilgrimage, this is a fact that cannot be avoided. We have the blessed hope that Mary and Vernon had.

To her family I extend my condolence, may we all be faithful till that day when Jesus returns and through His grace have a home with Him.
2. Malkanthie Ballowe <ballowes@aol.com> May 16:

It is always a sad event when our elders pass to their rest, but the sadness is overcome when we realize that their names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life. Aunty Ganasigamony was one of those who was dear to my heart. The first time I met her passes into distant memory as it seems as if I knew her my entire life. When my family journeyed to Colombo to attend the Shilo Church or for any other church function at the Union office, we always met the Ganasigamony. I can remember the whole family being very active in the church. When we attended Lakpahana Boarding School, Mr. and Mrs. Ganasigamony faithfully visited their girls on weekends. My memory of her was of a lady that was always immaculate, not only in dress, but in radiating an inner beauty and unmatched kindness that attended her wherever she went and to whoever she conversed with.

During the short time Aunty lived in California with her daughter Shirani and son-in-law Ian, we were blessed to have personal contact with her again. Every time we visited Sri Lanka, we made visiting her a priority. The last time we saw her it was obvious that her health was failing, and when she said goodbye, it was as if she knew this would be the last time before Jesus returned. She was one of the last of her generation who had unwavering faith in the soon return of the Lifegiver when she and her husband will be reunited, never to be separated again. I also am looking forward to meeting her again, and I have no doubt that I'll recognize her immediately because of the smile on her face.

Our condolences and prayers are with Shirani, Swinitha, Jini, Sharmini, and their extended family.

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V. Johnson Christian Reports India Visit

J. S. Christian <jSCFRUIT@aol.com> March 29:

I had to return from India after spending more than 2 months doing volunteer work in our churches and schools in South India. My wife Jessie got sick and was in the hospital. I rushed back; now she is taking dialysis 3 times a week because of a kidney problem. Kindly pray for her.

In India I was invited for workers' meetings in Madras Metro Region. Pastor Johnson Muthureaj is the president and Mr. Selvam the treasurer. This region is one of the best in growth of membership, tithe and growth in all the various departments. God has richly blessed them and they are doing a fine job. I was able to assist some pastors with audio equipment for evangelism.

I was in Vysarpadi School for their Annual Day program. The principal, Mr. Arul Koiland, headmaster Jesudas are doing a fine job with over 1,000 judgment-bound children under their care. They had an excellent program presenting various items, which the parents and friends enjoyed.

I had the privilege of also attending the pastors' meeting in Vellore. The president is Pastor John Wesley for the Vellore Region. They are doing a fine job for the newly organized region.

I visited the high school and college. Dr. Vijaya Kumar is the president of the college. Several thousand students attend this fine institution. Dr. Kumar should be commended for his fine leadership. They also have a fine staff.

I had the privilege of visiting with Pastor D. David, a pioneer worker going strong over 95 years of age. He is such a marvelous Godly person, having served in various capacities in the Sothern Asia Division, As a child I remember him in Salisbury Park. He is a nice person, a faithful and loyal servant of God. May God bless and may he have many more years to serve as a strong layman. I left him with a prayer that God will bless him as the days go by.

I visited our Bangalore Hospital where Drs. John and Priscilla Christo are in charge. When I was there, as usual a large number of day patients came each day. This hospital is doing fine and is well-respected in the community.

May the Lord richly bless the work in the Southern Asia Division is my sincere prayer. May He bless the leaders: Pastor R. John, president, Dr. Gordon Christo, secretary, and Pastor Robert Clive, treasurer, as they guide the work of God and spread the word of His soon coming.

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VI. Death of Mrs. Swaraj Edward Ganta

Anupama Ganta <anupamaedward@yahoo.com> May 18

My mother, Mrs. Swaraj Edward Ganta, has breathed her last in the SDA hospital in Bangalore on May 4, 2014, after battling with bladder cancer for
2 years. She is survived by her husband Edward Solomon Ganta. She was an active member in all church activities and served as a teacher in Adventist schools in Hyderabad, Secunderabad, Vijayawada, Guntur and Surat. She was we'll known for her hospitality and network of friends and relatives around the globe. Many friends in the Southern Asia Church in the US have prayed and sent condolences. The family thanks them and requests prayers during this tough phase. She is survived by her daughters Dr. Anuradha and Anupama, her sons-in law and granddaughters.

VII. British Asian Adventist Hold Seminar in Kerala

John Varghese <johnvarghese22@hotmail.com> May 12:

Eighty pastors gathered in Kochi, India for a seminar in the book of Revelation. The gathering was organised by British Asian Adventists under the leadership of John Varghese from the 6th to the 11th of May. Pastor Mammen Mathew was the main presenter. He provided in-depth study of the book of Revelation. Pastor O. P. Chackochen who happened to be in the area provided challenging and inspirational devotional talks. Other presenters were Pastors Y. Selvamony, South West India Union President; Sekhar Philip, Vice President of Lowry Memorial College; Victor Sam, Vice President of the Southern Asia Division and John Varghese, Director of International Everlasting Gospel Ministry. The meeting was financed with donations from generous Asian Adventists from around the world. Future meetings are planned for lay people and youth. Please contact John Varghese for more details and if anyone would like to help.

VIII. Week of Prayer at Spicer

Rajendra Prasad <rajendra.prasad2000@yahoo.com> April 1:

Spicer Celebrates the "Lord's Prayer" during Week of Prayer

When a special Week of Prayer speaker from the USA expressed his helplessness in not being able to travel to India in the last moment, Spicer immediately switched on to damage-control mode and commissioned the pastoral staff and the School of Religion faculty here to care for this unexpected development. Like warriors of faith they swung into action, adopted the Lord's Prayer as the theme for the week of prayer scheduled January 31 -- February 8, 2014, 6:00-6:30 in the mornings and 6:30 - 7:00 in the evenings and spoke on its various aspects, stressing each day on a portion of the Lord's Prayer. The speakers included Dr. Noble Prasad Pilli, Mr. Andrew Tompkins (actually an employee of SUD, Director of Hinduism, who resides on our campus, and was asked to steer the whole programme), Dr. N. Sharath Babu, Dr. Chawngdinpuii Chawngthu, Mr. Vanlaltluanga Khuma, Dr. Immanuel Paul Durairaj, Dr. Roy Jemison Injety, Dr, Mohanraj Wilson Israel, Dr. Noah Anburaj Balraj and Dr. Justus Devadas who concluded this special week of Spiritual Emphasis on the Sabbath. Surely the campus residents were greatly blessed during the week as never before. Never was a week of prayer session more fully and regularly attended like this one in spite of the wintry chill in the mornings and evenings and Comprehensive examinations simultaneously going on. God has certainly given a golden lining to this setback of not getting an overseas speaker and mobilized the whole campus to come to His feet on their knees.

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