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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 e-News 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@yahooogroups.com>

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II. Pastor V. Raju's Funeral Service in Hosur

Gordon Christo <drongo.ostrich@gmail.com> March 27:

Yesterday, March 26, we had the funeral service of Pastor V. Raju who had passed away the previous day. Appropriately the message was given by Calvin Joshua, manager of the OWPH where Pastor Raju had spent most of his working years. Calvin observed that is father had graduated from the South India Training School with Pastor Raju in 1941 and had worked as a literature evangelist most of his life, obviously selling literature that the OWPH printed. Tributes were given by Robert Skau, who had worked alongside Pastor Raju. He recalled that the subscription list of the Herald of Health had reached about 250,000. He also testified to the compassion of the leader who employed many uneducated wives of workers in the publishing house. Pastor G. J. Christo paid the next tribute; their families had lived as neighbors in Salisbury Park and again in Hosur as retirees. Pastor Christo mentioned that several times He and Dr. Lowry approached the OWPH manager and asked for funds because the Division treasury had run dry. Pastor Raju was always able to help. The third tribute was given by Christopher Jonathan who related many incidents from Pastor Raju's retired life. Pastor C. C. Nathaniel led out in the graveside service.

Personally I remember Pastor Raju as a strong man. As a kid I watched in awe at the man competing in sports on Jan. 26. In shot put and the discuss throw he outdistanced all the others. His booming voice and high position kept people at a distance, but he had a soft heart, especially for children.

The OWPH had its best years under his leadership. It was reputed to be the most complete publishing house in Pune, the largest in the Adventist world outside the US and Europe, and as one approached the main entrance of the estate the clackety clack of machines would be sure to fill your ears.

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III. Southern Asians To Meet in Loma Linda

George P. Johnson <geoprasad@aol.com> May 28:

Elder Ivan Williams, North American Division Ministerial Director, will be the featured speaker for Sabbath, June 28, 2014, at the Southern Asia Adventist Community Church of Loma Linda.

There will be a delicious potluck following the worship. Please invite your family and friends and be blessed with the Holy Spirit.

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IV. Nepali Child Receives 5000th Surgery

Posted May 14, 2014 Adventist Review

BY OPEN HEART INTERNATIONAL/ Record staff
Nishant, a two-year-old Nepali child, has become the 5000th patient to receive free, life-transforming surgery provided by Open Heart International (OHI) volunteers. Nishant severely burnt his right leg when he was six months old after falling onto the cooking fire in his home. Since he had never walked prior to the accident, his family feared he would never walk at all. In April, Nishant’s mother, Harimaya, heard that OHI volunteers offered free burn contracture surgery at the Scheer Memorial Hospital in Banepa near Kathmandu.

It took Harimaya and Nishant three days to travel the 500 km from their home in Kailali to the hospital, where Dr. David Pennington and his medical team operated on the boy's right leg. Three days later the toddler was walking with assistance. "To see Nishant --aka ’Mr. 5000’ to the OHI team --running around for the first time in his life brought tears to the eyes of his mother and the team members," said John Sanburg, OHI’s Nepal Project coordinator. "This was my final visit after 20 years of mission trips to Nepal, so to have the 5000th OHI patient on this trip will be a special memory."

Burns are the second most common injury in rural Nepal, accounting for 5 per cent of all disabilities. Many Nepali women and children are burned at home on their cooking fire, which is traditionally situated on the floor at the center of the household. Government hospital networks cannot cope with the demand for surgery resulting from the burns. Many villages have no access to emergency medical facilities, with some families living up to a three-day walk from the nearest road. he OHI team will return to Nepal next year. They may operate on Nishant’s ankle if he and his mother are able to make the journey back to Banepa.

Nishant is one of the thousands of patients who have benefited from the services of OHI since Sydney Adventist Hospital in Australia launched the initiative in 1986. Today, OHI provides free cardiac, orthopedic, ophthalmic, women’s health and burns surgery in 13 developing countries across the world, including Papua New Guinea, Cambodia, and Rwanda. More than 2000 volunteers have donated their time, skills, expertise, and financial support, to enable others to live longer and have better quality lives.

V. Holy Land Trip with Jordan Baptism

Shish Paul & Ruby Chand <shishuruby07@gmail.com>

The 12 days trip to the Holyland was organized and led by Esther & Zak Sayed of the Windsor SDA Church, Ontario, Canada. All together we were 26 people. We arrived at Tel Aviv on March 31, 2014 and were introduced to tour guide and the bus driver. Both spoke fluent English and had great knowledge of the Bible as well as ethnic culture, places and events that occurred in ancient times and Jesus' times.

The itinerary they put together took us to some of the most exciting places in Israel and left us wishing we could stay longer and see more.

The places we went to included Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Bethany, Nazareth, Cana, Joppa, Caesarea, Megiddo, Capernaum, the Jordan River and the baptismal site Yardenit, the Dead Sea and a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee.

Beside these, there were places like Jerash which was founded by the soldiers of Alexander the Great in 300 B.C. and, then to Petra one of the most magnificent sites in the Middle East. This "Rose Red City" is literally carved into the sides of a deep gorge; Madaba, this city is known for its most popular and well known ancient and most complete mosaic map of Jordan and the Holy Land of the 6th century in St. George Orthodox Church and marked with the point of interest of some historical stories recorded in the Bible.

Next, to Mt. Nebo where Moses viewed the Promised Land. Another very touching place was the foothill of the Mt. of Temptation and sycamore tree site where Zacchaeus climbed the tree to see Jesus.

Beside these places, we saw Qumran on the Judean Desert where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in 1947 by a Bedouin boy. Ascended Masada, the last strong hold of the Jews after the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 A. D. by cable car. And had the opportunity to float on the Dead Sea waters.

Also, visited Yad-Vashem-The World Center For Holocaust Research and Education.

In Israel, the history comes alive. We could go on and on, for the Bible has so much to offer us. The journeys and adventures through the mountains and valley’s of life that are located between its covers seem so endless at times.

At the same time, we were struck by "how far apart some of these towns are. When it says Jesus and his disciples traveled to Jericho, that’s one line (of Gospel text). It took several days. It shows the strenuousness of His ministry."

The Highlights of the trip were that eight people took stand for Jesus, renewed their covenant with God and I had the honor and privilege to baptise them in the River Jordan and later at the Garden Tomb gave Holy Communion to the entire group.
We are so thankful to God for giving us an opportunity to visit the places where Jesus walked, taught, served and gave His life for us... these experiences are unforgettable.

This was one of the most spiritually rewarding experiences of our lives. From beginning to end, a spiritual blessing. Our personal lives and our spiritual lives have been greatly enriched. This tour to the Holy Land is one of the greatest experiences we ever had.

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VI. Telugu Adventist Centenary Celebration

Measapogu Wilson <measapoguwilson@gmail.com> May 23:
Greetings from the East Central India Union of SDA. It is our privilege to bring to your kind attention about the Adventist church in Andhra and Telangana reaching the 100 years mark in its journey with JESUS. This is a very important event for the work among the Telugu people.

Different committees are at work in preparing for this event. We request all who are connected with work in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana to come and participate in this important event. I mean ALL, children and grand children of our pioneers, workers, contributors and well-wishers of Adventist work.

In a way the celebration has already started with different units having mini-centenary celebrations and revival meetings. The main event will be in Nuzvid from October 24 to 28, 2014.

Our world leader, Elder Ted Wilson, has agreed to come as our chief guest. He will be with us from 26th noon to 28th noon. We want all non-resident Indians (where ever you are on the globe) to please plan to be part of our celebrations. You all have, one way or the other, contributed to the growth of the work here. Your parents and grandparents have done something. Join us for prayer and fellowship, as we look back thankfully to the Lord for His leading and cast a vision in faith, to move forward with the mission of the Lord. We will together celebrate the goodness of God in making this Union a very large unit.

We are looking forward to getting some personal emails and other information to send you personal invitations. Please take a little time to write to us your details; my email addresses: <prwilsoneciu@gmail.com> or <ciusda1@sify.com>. Kindly spread the word around.

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VII. Spicer Graduates, Collect Documents

Rajendra Prasad <rajendraprasad2000@yahoo.com> April 1:
The Spicer College Board has taken an action to ask the Spicer College graduates to collect their documents, both what they submitted to the college as well as those due to them from the College like the Degree, Transcript of Credits and Migration Certificate within five years from the date of graduation failing which they are expected to pay a fine for another ten years. And the college will not be responsible for the documents after 15 years from the date of graduation and will not entertain any requests after this period.

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VIII. Death of John Christenson

The following is from Rose Stickle's FAMA Newsletter <rose.fama@gmail.com> June 6:

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John Christenson's Death
-by daughter Carolyn Creech
My Daddy died April 24, He was a complex man, with varied interests.
He studied at Helderberg College in South Africa and graduated in Education.
He received his Masters in Biology at Andrews University. He was born in Burma (Myanmar), his mother was one of the first women dentists, his father a Seventh-day Adventist pastor who translated the Bible into Burmese.
Accompanied by Eric B. Hare they fled Burma wearing out their shoes.

He met and married Barbara Baird. They soon began their missionary services in Rhodesia (Zimbabwe & Zambia). He built dams for water supply with pump stations. He taught how to make bricks to build churches, dormitories and teacher housing. When lorries (trucks) were needed he would buy broken down ones, rebuilding the engine and running
them as a profit. He taught Biology on the College level at Solusi University, resulting in some of the highest pass rates.

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