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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:
<sudnews-subscribe@yahoogroups.com>

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II. The Wilson Family & the Southern Asia Division

In the last newsletter we told you of Dr. D. S. Williams' book, "Highly Committed", about the Wilson family. Chapter 5 consists of 7 very full pages describing their years in the Southern Asia Division beginning in 1935. SUDites will find many, many historic names and families mentioned.

Beginning with this issue, the newsletter will quote paragraphs from this fascinating book.

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Nathaniel Wilson continues his description of the family’s introduction to India:

"While the response of the people here in India is not so ready nor so large as it is in some other parts of the world field, nevertheless there is a very apparent seeking after truth and a real earnestness taking possession of the people.

"One thing which has encouraged me as I take up my work [as Division President] in Southern Asia is the keen interest which the leadership throughout the field has in evangelism, and I believe that the workers, one and all, in this country are anxious to join in gathering in a large harvest of souls during this time of awakening and special opportunity in the field."

President Wilson's motto became evangelism. "We have only one watchword—evangelism. Lay evangelism, youth evangelism, literature evangelism, and most of all, public evangelism. Evangelism!" These were the words of the new leader of the Southern Asia Division which brought dramatic changes to caste-ridden India. With this dynamic emphasis, the following year saw twenty-seven new churches added and the Sabbath School membership increased by 50 percent. One national leader said, "After 26 years of faithful service, all workers rejoiced in being able to report a church membership of just over 1,000. In other words it took 26 years of hard work to build up the church membership to 1,000. How happy we are to report that the past three years, 1934-1936 have seen as much accomplished as those first 26 years from 1894-1920." Under Nathaniel's leadership division membership passed the 7,000 mark for the first time.

But Nathaniel Wilson did not just talk evangelism; he practiced it. He made sure he led by example. Three simultaneous meetings started in the middle of August in Lahore, the capital city of the Punjab Province, and were held six nights per week with an average attendance of about 1,200 for the three meetings each night. He led out in the largest of the three.

MINISTRY magazine gives an account of one of these efforts: "I am now in Lahore arranging for an evangelistic campaign in this large city of nearly one million population. I have associated with me 14 Indian evangelists, and we are really
making this an evangelistic school. We shall also keep 2 other efforts going in the suburbs of the city, with experienced Indian workers in charge. All of us meet frequently to plan the work and pray for its success. This is a new experience for North India and so we are approaching the problem with humility, but nevertheless with great courage. we recognize that it is only as God pours out His Spirit and impresses the hearts of the people that we can hope to succeed.

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III. Felicitations to SMC on Elevation to University Status

Steve Omenge Mainda <maindasteve@yahoo.com> July 27:

It is my distinct honour to extend my highest congratulations to the faculty and the entire management of Spicer Memorial College on the momentous occasion of being granted a Charter to be a fully fledged University.

I am exceedingly proud as former student (1965-1968), to be associated with the now Spicer Adventist University. I wish the University fraternity all the best, as you celebrate this award of the Charter. I am confident, with God's guidance, the new Spicer Adventist University will rapidly become a part of international network of research and educational institutions and uniquely equally serve as a model for the world.

I applaud your accomplishment whose foundation was laid by the late Dr. Cherian.

-- Dr. Steve Omenge Mainda EBS, Chairman, Housing Finance Bank, Nairobi, Kenya ~~~~~~~~~~~~ IV. Nepali Student Gets One Millionth Dollar From Scholarship Fund

by Ansel Oliver, ANN, in current Adventist Review

A Nepali student named Sunita became on Wednesday the recipient of the one millionth dollar from a scholarship fund backed in part by the sale of women's devotional books.

The one-millionth dollar was included in a $500 scholarship granted to Sunita during a meeting of the Women's Ministries Scholarship Fund at the world church's headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland.

The money will assist Sunita in paying for her tuition at India's Spicer Adventist University, where she is majoring in education.

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V. Remembering Mrs. Rose Florence Rajah Rao

1. Rajendra Prasad <rajendraprasad2000@yahoo.com> July 25:

Another Mother in Israel is laid to rest, only awakening in me a stream of nostalgic memories. My first memory of Aunty Rose Florence Rajah Rao dates back to 1962. Mrs. (Violet?) Ralph H. Jones, the then School Nurse at Narasapur School, suspecting her elder son Randy (Randial Bruce) and me of suffering from rheumatic fever, took us both for a medical check up at Giffard Memorial Hospital, Nuzvid, and we stayed at the Medical Director's home. Next morning while passing the Hospital Registration Desk, Mr. Paka Rajah Rao while entering my details on a card, came to know about my parentage, expressed great happiness as they were family friends, and asked me to stay at his home saying that I may not like the bland western diet at the Medical Director's home. He took me home for lunch and there I met his dear wife, a gentle woman with very kindly eyes and soft voice, and gifted with culinary arts. So her preparations seemed to impress me then.

I stayed with them for a week or so, while undergoing various tests along with the Jones scion at the hospital and was treated as their own son, as all their children, Jennifer, Wilmer Hamilton (Ham), Alvin and Vivien, were away either at Spicer or Lowry for their studies then. And since Aunty Florence, a nurse, was on night duty those days, Uncle Rajah Rao used to make me sleep next to him, afraid that I would feel lonely or homesick and would keep talking to me fondly about his children and their antics and hobbies. Some evenings he would also cook supper (I still remember him seasoning pepper rasam) explaining to me various steps involved there.

However, as Aunty Florence would catch up with her sleep during the day, most of my meals were arranged at the home of Uncle and Aunt (D. N.) Peter, her younger sister, a few yards away. I recollect with gratitude and admiration how their young sons Vijji and Denis (Heaven bless them and their families wherever they are now!) would scour for me all over the campus, almost every morning, noon and evening, and after finding me either at the hospital, or at the Director's home, or just wandering about exploring the campus, both of them would happily hold my hands as their prized catch and take me home for the meal. I often wonder now if such innocent friendship and love still exists in the world. It's my crying shame that I didn't get to meet often these exceptionally loving kids or their great parents and Uncle and Aunt who instilled such noble virtues in her siblings and their offspring, as well as her own. However, I was lucky to have her son Hamilton Rajah Rao as my high school classmate and close friend in Narasapur School and later at Spicer College and he would often jokingly tease me why I took his place in their parents' bed. Perhaps it thus makes
Aunt Florence a Mother after my Mother. My heart-felt condolences to her loving children, grandchildren and siblings, Mrs. D. N. Peter, Drs. Johnson and John Choppala, Mrs. Lily Kaligithi, (all of whom are also known for their exceptional hospitality and love like their eldest sister), and a host of relatives and friends. But we have this great assurance that we will meet our loved ones again on the resurrection morning, if we are faithful and true. Bank on it, my friend Ham and others!

2. Alfred Raju <alfredraju_d@yahoo.co.in> July 25
   I send my condolences to the bereaved family of Aunt Mrs. Rose. I knew Aunty from my childhood. We all lived as one family in Vijayawada; we were together till Spicer College days. I know them very well; I personally feel I have lost a good mother and our prayers are with you all.
   Pr. D. Alfred Raju, Hyderabad

VI. SUD Malayalees Meet in UK
   from the BUC News Edition #886 (25 July 2014)
   Sabbath, 5 July 2014 saw the second gathering of the Malayalam Church at St. Martin's Church, Walsall. The Malayalam-speaking community in the United Kingdom came together with the one mission: 'Proclaim God's love and care, and give praises to our Creator in a language we were born to speak'.
   The ladies wore the traditional gold-bordered saris, and the children were decked out in pretty dresses of many colours. The Sabbath School conducted in Malayalam saw keen participation from all. They felt very much at home speaking in their own language. Many said that it brought pleasant memories of church back in Kerala. During the divine service, Pastor O. P. Chacko then challenged the community with his sermon, 'How do you know you are a Christian?' All left the church with hearts filled with love for God and love for one another.
   The evening programme was 'the icing on the cake' as children and youth praised the Lord with their beautiful singing, memory verses and instrumental music.
   The group identified their mission as sharing the gospel of the love of God and the three angels' messages to fellow Malayalees in the UK and to support our churches and the people who are in need in Kerala. The next meeting is scheduled for 5 March 2015 at St. Martin's Church, 1 Daffodils Road, Walsall WS5 3DQ. Further information can be obtained from Raju George (07882 578 539), Joy Paul (07545 464 779), or Mathew Varghese (07872 302 106).

VII. Vincent Hill School Alumni Reunion
   Ronnalee Netteburg <rknetteburg@yahoo.com>
   The "All Years" Vincent Hill School get together will be Sept. 12 and 13 in Collegedale, TN. The first meeting will be a bara khana which will be at 6 pm Friday afternoon in the Collegedale Community Adventist Church.

VIII. Mission Story ---"Taking God at His Word"
   "Austin's parents worked hard, but finances were difficult. The family had other problems, too, and felt little peace in their home. Then they met a Global Mission evangelist who shared the Bible with the family. Although the family had been Christian for years, the man taught a message they had never heard before. He visited the home and studied and studied with Austin's mother. After the man left, she read the Bible passage for herself to be sure that what the man taught was true. She could find no error in the man's teachings. Convinced, she asked to be baptized and become a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. A year later Austin's father also joined the Adventist Church.
   "Our financial problems didn't clear up,' Austin says. 'But we had a peace we had never known before. We realized that no matter how big our problems are, God can carry us through.'
   "The family moved to Mumbai, a large city in western India. Austin's father worked hard to support the family. Mother began tutoring neighborhood children to earn extra money. Joyfully, she tithed her meager earnings. Father worried that the family wouldn't have enough money to meet their needs if Mother tithed, but he saw that God blessed her faith, and more students wanted her tutoring services. Today she has more than 100 students, and Father has begun tutoring now. And he gladly returns God's tithe and his offerings.
"When people ask the family why they don't tutor on Saturday, the family shares God's love through His commandments. There is no Adventist church in the area where the family lives, so they welcome those who wish to worship to their home on Sabbath. About 15 people regularly attend, 10 of whom are baptized members.

"Austin's parents have been strong examples of sharing God's love with others. His mother visits homes of those in need and shares what she can along with God's Word. Many people know the truth now because of her ministry. Austin and his brother also are sharing God's truth with teachers and fellow students and inviting them to worship in their home. 'It's a great privilege to have a part in spreading the everlasting gospel,' he says. 'I'm grateful for the faithfulness of that Global Mission evangelist who first taught my parents God's truth. It's changed our lives forever.'" [from the GC Office of Adventist Mission] ~~~~~ IX. Jayabarathan Honored by La Sierra University

Margaret Nathaniel <margaretnathaniel@gmail.com> July 21:

On February, 2014 Mr. Jayabarathan received an email from the President of La Sierra University, Dr. Randal Wisbey, announcing the glad news that he was chosen to receive the Honoured Alumnus Award for the year 2014 from the School of Education. Mr. Jayabarathan belonged to the class of 1978. So he was at his Alma Mater on April 25 along with his wife, Florence, to receive this great honour. It was a happy occasion as they celebrated it with family and friends at the banquet.

While Mr. Jayabarathan was serving as the Principal of the SDA School, Trichy, South India, his brother-in-law, Collet Masillamoni, who was also then a student at the Dental School in Loma Linda University, sent him a clipping from the School of Education newsletter, which announced a scholarship to pursue a Master's Program in Educational Administration at the then Loma Linda University. He was only too glad for this opportunity and left for the United States of America.

Upon his graduation, he did not stay back but returned to India and was posted as the Principal of the SDA School in Ernakulam, Kerala. He continued his service in mission schools in various places. While he was serving as the Principal of E. D. Thomas Hr. Sec. School in Tanjore Dist., he was called to be the Education Director of the then South India Union. He served in this capacity from 1986 to 1988.

In 1988, he felt impressed to leave this position and become a lay member and serve the Lord as an educationist. He chose the most backward district in Tamil Nadu where there was no Adventist presence and started a small school in Pudukottai. In 2001 he started Mount Zion College of Engineering & Technology. In 2009, he started Mount Zion College of Nursing and in 2011 one more school with CBSE syllabus was opened. Today there are over 7700 students pursuing education in these institutions.

His wife and their two sons along with their families work together as a team. They unitedly built a beautiful church at the entrance of the campus which stands as a witness to testify of God's marvelous leading in their lives. The morning prayer sessions in all these institutions when the sweet name of Jesus is lifted up, bring the greatest joy and reward to Mr. Jayabarathan and his family. May God continue to bless their united efforts to touch many lives and draw them to Jesus.

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