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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@yahooogroups.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. The newsletter will continue quoting paragraphs from this fascinating book.

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

"I am enclosing the opening announcement for our effort in Lahore. We also have billboards for each of the three tents in the effort. These are attractively painted. size 10' by 6'. The upper six feet of the billboard has permanent wording. The lower four feet is left blank for daily changes. Each day a local artist advertises our subject on colored paper, and this is placed in position.

"We have arranged with a local music house for a gramophone and an amplifier for each tent and shall have a good selection of English and Urdu records. The weather is very hot day and night, so we have installed large overhead fans. We also have a stereopticon, film strip and moving picture machine. So our equipment and physical arrangements seem to be satisfactory.

This is a large, important campaign, and we are indeed anxious that the work shall be definitely successful. We feel that this kind of program is in harmony with God’s plans and we are most anxious to do everything possible to place public evangelism on a firm basic in all parts of the division.....

The 43rd session of the General Conference in San Francisco, California, which began on March 26, 1936, was a great experience for the 571 official delegates which included SUD’s Nathaniel C. Wilson. It had been 6 years since the church leaders had met, and they were anxious to hear how God was blessing in spite of great financial difficulties in the world. It would be the beginning of new trend for Nathaniel and his family. From then on there would be an N. C. Wilson in these world sessions as a delegate and in an administrative position.

The session revived Nathaniel's spirits and that of other missionary workers in the Southern Asia Division. His reports were spellbinding and an inspiration to all the delegates. Remaking on the session, he said, "The Conference breathed a spirit of hope and confidence. It could hardly be otherwise as we listened to the story of God’s abounding grace in every land. The story of our advance during the past 6 years at home and across the seas is one of great blessings and victory. The Conference session breathed a spirit of determination to undertake even greater things for God during coming days.
No thought of standing still or of retreat was found in any room of the San Francisco meeting. The very clear and dominant keynote of the entire conference was 'Onward to Victory.'

"We return to our task in the distant lands with confidence and courage.

We return with a very keen sense of the deep interest taken by our people of the homeland in our great foreign mission task. We in Southern Asia stand with our people in the homeland fields and in the mission divisions in consecration of our all for a great forward move under God’s leadership that shall result in speedily finishing the work."

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III. Death of Helen Soule

Larry Soule <pialarrys@aol.com> August 2:

My mother, Helen Soule, passed away last Friday, July 25. When Pia and I got back from Alaska two weeks ago, I could tell that she was not doing well after having been in the hospital while we were in Alaska. The day we came home we put her on hospice care till she passed away five days later. We are grateful that we got back in time to see her while she still recognized us and could talk with us.

Mom always treasured the years we spent in India, and had so many fond memories of India and friends made there. She would tell her caregivers about India. Though her short-term memory has not been good for a long time, she could still remember things that happened in India. Her eyes would always light up when anything was said about India. When she couldn’t eat much else, she could still eat rice and curry, and drink mango lassis!

I praise God for blessing me with such a wonderful, Godly mother who was not afraid to leave the safety and comfort of home to travel to the unknown world in India. What a rich heritage she gave John and me, raising us in India.

I know we all look forward to the reunion one day soon in Heaven where we’ll again meet all those we knew in India - and where we can have one big bara khana. Maybe there will even be mango lassis! -- Larry Soule

Remembering Helen Soule

LoRita Erickson <LoRita Erickson hde24@msn.com> Aug.1:

We Lange sisters wish to send our thoughts to those who mourn and want you to know that though we are so sorry, yet we know the Lord is coming very soon and it will not be long till we all will meet again. In the mean time, may God richly bless you and give you peace, and know that He cares. It has been awhile since we saw them last, and my memory does not recall many things. In fact my memory has really gone blank on most things. But I am sure that the Lord used your folks in a mighty way while there. May God be with you.

Your friends the LANGE girls: LoRita, Marcella, Marjorie and Virginia.

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IV. Letters

1. Jean Sequeira <jeansequeira@comcast.net> July 31:

I was happy to read Birol Christo's article on her summer in Goa. My husband (Goan born in Kenya), and I are interested to hear about any work being undertaken in Goa. We once visited a church there but have never seen any reports regarding what is currently happening. Maranatha said they have no plans for building churches there so we have asked them to keep us posted. Hoping to hear some good news sometime soon.

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2. Saleem Raza <yerushah@hotmail.com>

I humbly request the people of God to pray for me as I'm on dialysis. My disease is renal failure. This is a very expensive disease. My physician advised me to have dialysis 3 times a week. Please pray for the expenses to meet. My Phone # is: +923004677482 My ID Card #: 35202-2698368-1 ~~~~~~~~~~~~ V. Life Sketch of Pastor V. Raju

from the May/June New Southern Asia Tidings

Pr. Vellaichamy Venkataswamy Raju was born to Vellaichamy Chinnachamy and Gnanammal on October 18, 1920 in Kariananthal, Tamil Nadu. He had his education in Prakasapuram school and Lowry Memorial College in Bangalore. He married Rosemary Dass on June 28, 1944. In 1947 he joined Oriental Watchman Publishing House (OWPH) as a stenographer and retired from there in 1982 as general manager. His 22 years of service at OWPH is considered as the golden era of the biggest Adventist publishing house outside the US and UK. He was a powerful leader who was strict, assertive and compassionate. He was a personal example before the workers of whom he expected good moral and ethical behavior. In turn, he zealously protected their interest and came up with many welfare schemes that provided
employment and security to the workers and their families. During his time, OWPH provided financial assistance for many projects of the Division and profit was shared by all the workers of the entire Division periodically as additional help. He was living in Bangalore with his wife for several years after retirement. His health was detonating recently and was admitted to the hospital. On March 25 he was called to rest. He leaves behind his wife, daughter Rani, daughter-in-law Ranu, 6 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. He rests in the Lord awaiting the great day of our Lord's return.

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VI. SUD Office Staff Visit North India
Premila James in the May/June New Southern Asia Tidings

"It was February 16, 2014, Sunday afternoon 4 pm, SUD staff with their spouses and children started the exciting trip to Agra and New Delhi after small devotion and prayer. Rejuvenate, Revive and Reform was the theme of those chosen for this trip, and every devotional speaker spoke on this theme which inspired each one of us daily. It was a very well planned trip. All came prepared to face the cold in Agra and Delhi. The journey was a pleasant one; some singing, some playing games, some eating, some just having fun, and some loved to sleep. Two buses were waiting to pick us up at Agra station. Comfortable stay and food were provided us in Agra and New Delhi.

It was also a great opportunity for us to take vespers, Sabbath School and divine service at Delhi church. The children played their recorder, the ladies gave a special song, and Babu Moses sang during the divine service and Ravi Shanker, leader of the group, inspired all of us with his message.

It was a great opportunity for us to see many historical places. Specially the Taj Mahal, Lotus temple, Fatipur Sikiri, Kutub Minar, Red Fort, and many other places. The most amazing thing is that nobody got sick on this trip in spite of the cold weather. It was an unforgettable trip. We thank God for making this possible."

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VII. J. N. Andrews Missionary School Launched
Edison Samraj <adventistmediacentre@gmail.com> Aug. 5:

Adventist Media Centre has successfully launched a new school in the name of J. N. Andrews Missionary School. It has been named after the first Adventist foreign missionary to the world. AMC thought it best to link the school with this name so that the spirit of J. N. Andrews will be taken further to all the countries of the world. We have received the blessings from the missionaries for more than 105 years. We thought it best now to, in return, send missionaries as a tribute to the missionary movement in India, and therefore, we have identified 8 missionaries who will be going to different countries in the month of September and October. The 8 missionaries are also TV and radio speakers. They are as follows: William Mall, Morris M. Madho, Purno Chandra Chintada, Emmanuel Nakka, Bannet Franklin, Benoy Jacob Das, Ashok Kumar and Simon Pandey. The countries they are going to are Maldives, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.

We had a two day training program organized by the Adventist Media Centre with resource people from distinguished institutions orienting the young missionaries on the rationale for missionaries and approaching the different religious groups with more maturity especially to Islam and Buddhism. The feedback I received from all the participants was positive and the resource people were Dr. Cho Paul, Dr. G. K. Roberts, Dr. Jin, Dr. Wilson Palluri, Mr. Peter Gaikwad, Pastor Shekhar Philip, Dr. Sharath Babu, Rev. Daniel, Pastor A. M. Franklin, Dr. Calvin Joshua, Dr. Bakul Bhosale, Pastor C. R. Shinge and Dr. Vara Prasad. I believe it was a well spent event. I would like to use this newsletter platform to request for prayers that this missionary movement of J. N. Andrews School will go from strength to strength in advancing new young energetic and dynamic preachers to go to the ends of the earth, which is our dream. We would like to send missionaries to Europe, America, Africa, Far East and Middle East. I believe we will take inspiration reading the book of Acts as the early church found by the mission of Christ to finish the Word of God. So we solicit your prayers and support for the missionary movement in India.

-Edison Samraj, Director, AMC

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VIII. Jayabarathan Honored by La Sierra University
John M. Fowler <FowlerJ@ gc.adventist.org> August 1:

I rejoice in the honor La Sierra University has bestowed upon Mr. Jayabarathan. He deserves it absolutely. Along with him, his wife Kasthuri deserves a super award and recognition by all of us who belong to Adventist community in India. When things were going rough, she stood by him and together they started this venture in Pudukottai years ago. The venture was not easy. Indeed it started in sorrow-the church
administration was not ready to respond positively to some of his ideas to improve our schools in South India, and he was minimized in what he can contribute. A powerful brain with big dreams was lost to the church. So he felt Bangalore, moved by the Spirit to go out to the wilderness of Pudukottai to "sow in tears. [but] reap in joy" (Ps. 126:5). With hardly any capital, but only what they could gather from family, they started in faith and prayer. A small school soon turns into a giant institution. Then a college of engineering. Then a college of nursing. Who knows what afterwards? A self-financing university? Why not? The dreams of those such as the Jayabarathan's family, rooted in God's miracle-working power, can accomplish much for His glory. I am grateful for that family and others like them.

What I have learnt from Mr. and Mrs. Jayabarathan are some important lessons in life: first, leaders do not make the church, and if leaders make wrong decisions, we ought not to be disappointed, but trust the Lord and move ahead in faith; second, continue to support the church, for it is the bride of Christ, that shall always triumph.

I wish the Jayabarathans well, and may they dream even bigger.

John M. Fowler, Editor-at-Large, Adventist Review ~~~~~~~~~~~~ To remove your name from the mailing list of this newsletter, simply reply to this e-mail and put "REMOVE" in the Subject line.