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

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Nathaniel Wilson continues his description of the family's leadership in the Southern Asia Division:

"Dear friends, [addressing the 1936 General Conference session in San Francisco] the work of God in the Southern Asia Division, where we have 400,000,000 people, can never be finished in any other way than through the preaching of the word with greater power. We believe in this program of larger evangelism in the Southern Asia Division.

"I have here a message from the city of Madras, a city of three-quarters of a million people, which tells of the program of God's work there. Until recently we have kept a foreign worker in the city of Madras. During the difficulties of the last few years we have been obliged to remove this worker. We have there an Indian brother whose heart is on fire with the spirit of evangelism. A few weeks ago this brother got out some handbills and scattered them over the city, calling the people to meeting. He tried to secure a hall, but was unsuccessful. Finally he decided to hold meetings in a upper room where our believers meet. As the meetings have gone on, he has been greatly surprised at the crowds that have come to listen. On the third night he had an attendance of 400 and about 400 more were turned away. The stairway was full, the balcony outside the hall was crowded, and even the roof was covered with people. There were people standing on the rostrum and in the aisles.

"We do not wait until we have a large budget, until we have a great preacher, or elaborate equipment. Simple men who have the Spirit of God and the spirit of evangelism in their hearts can do and are doing a large work for God.

"Six years ago an urgent call to greater evangelism went out to the world field. A great blessing has come to the church of God in every land as a result of the program that was adopted at that time. I feel that in this Conference, with this large delegation present, we should mark another milestone, another great forward step towered worldwide evangelism."

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III. Death of Niranjan Besra
SAAA <Info@saaa.org> August 15:
We regret to inform you of the passing of Mr. Niranjan Besra to his rest on Tuesday, August 12, 2014. Many came to know Niranjan when he studied at Spicer College as a High School student and later earned his college degree as well from Spicer College. He was a pleasant, outgoing young man with a lot of promise. He migrated to the United States and raised his family. He was an active member in his church and community and was always willing to lend a helping hand. He will be missed by his loving family and friends. He is survived by his devoted wife Mrs. Sylvia Besra, and children Newton and Sabina. He leaves behind his siblings, Ms. Florence Besra and Mr. James Besra of India; Mrs. Evangeline Smith of Kansas; Mrs. Mercy Gideon and Mr. Sathya Besra of New Jersey; Mrs. Latha Bathini of California, along with her husband Leon Bathini who were long time members and supporters of SAAA; and numerous friends and relatives here and abroad.

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IV. Len Tolhurst Preaches Around the World
L. P. Tolhurst <lptlhrst@bigpond.net.au> August 10:
I have recently completed a trip around the world during which I preached in Ukraine, Romania, Russia and Brazil. Counting some one on one encounters and some small group discussion meetings I had 58 engagements, most of them in the first five or so weeks. I left Australia on 22 April, and returned on 17 July, so it was almost three months away from home. My family and friends prayed for me especially as I spent about one and a half weeks in Ukraine, but where I was working, it was safe, -- there was no fighting around me. On one Sabbath in Russia, I was asked to preach five sermons in one day. They wanted six, but we ran out of time. All my sermons were translated into local languages of course. In Romania most of my lectures were for the pastors in one of their conferences. In that conference there are 97 pastors, and I lectured to them in three groups in three different cities.

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V. Invitation To Spicer University's Inauguration
Rajendra Prasad <rajendraprasad2000@hotmail.com> August 14:
Dr. Justus Devadas, Vice Chancellor, Faculty, Staff and Students of Spicer Adventist University, Pune have the pleasure of inviting you with family and friends on the auspicious occasion of the inauguration of SPICER ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY, PUNE on Thursday, August 21, 2014 at 10:00 am in the Main Auditorium.
The Honourable Shri Rajesh Tope, Minister for Higher and Technical Education, Maharashtra, has kindly consented to grace the occasion with his presence along with Dr. S. B. Mujumdar, Chancellor, Symbiosis International University.
--S Rajendra Prasad, Registrar, Spicer Adventist University

Larry Burton <burton@andrews.edu> August 15:
Congratulations to all at Spicer Adventist UNIVERSITY! This is fantastic news! I wish all of the faculty and staff at Spicer God's continued blessings.
Larry Burton, PhD
Professor of Curriculum & Instruction
Andrews University

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VI. Southern Asia Adventist Community Church, Loma Linda Celebration
George P. Johnson <geoprasad@aol.com> August 11:
The Southern Asia Adventist Community celebrates its 12th anniversary on Friday September 19, and Sabbath September 20. Elder Ron Halvorson, Sr. will be our guest speaker. He will speak during Vespers, and Sabbath morning worship. He will also take the youth Sabbath School class.
Elder Halvorson conducts evangelical seminars and is prayer coordinator for It Is Written. He also conducts prayer seminars for the North American Division.
There will be a delicious potluck following the Sabbath worship. All are invited to attend these meetings with your family and friends.
--George P. Johnson, Head Elder, SAACC ~~~~~~~~~~~~~ VII. Maranatha & Adventist Growth in India from Maranatha's July/August issue of "The Volunteer"
In 1998 there were 50,000 Adventists in India; in 2013 there were 950,000.
Maranatha has built 1,766 church buildings in 18 of India's states, ranging from 1 church in 2 states to 1,295 in Andhra Pradesh.
In the years that Maranatha has been building churches in India mission offerings has increased annually from $118,280 to $702,521; tithe has increased 604%.

India’s chief religious groups are as follows:

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VIII. FM Radio Launch Successful in India

Edison Samraj <adventistmediacentre@gmail.com> Aug. 5:

We have successfully launched the FM project in India in more than 10 cities including Bombay, Calcutta, Hyderabad, Secunderabad, Bangalore, Pune, Siliguri, Trivandrum, Shillong, Delhi and Chennai. These cities are our focal point of broadcast. However, we are reaching to more than 170 towns surrounding these cities in 5 dominant languages including Tamil, English, Telugu, Hindi and Malayalam. We have decentralized our production and it has been our blessed opportunity to reach out to millions of listeners everyday through this interesting approach of the gospel. You will be happy to know that out of the listenership, one person has attended our Sabbath service in Bangalore. The statistics provided by the AIR as of yesterday is that Bombay, Bangalore and Delhi have the highest listenership. I am happy to tell you that our listenership is totaling to 116 lakhs per day. Kindly pray for these initiatives that God will use this instrument to introduce the people to the church and also lead them to Christ.

-Edison Samraj, Director, AMC

IX. Communication Ministry Seminar in Pakistan Union

Samuel Nazir <samueleyouthpku@hotmail.com> August 6

Our South Asia-Pacific Division’s (SSD) Communication Ministry Department sponsored and organized a seminar for pastors, laymen, North and South Sections administrators included PKU administration and all departmental directors.

Pastor Simon Siew - Communication director from Southern Asia Union Mission facilitated teaching "Effective Modern Communication Methods in Evangelism". He was requested by Dr. Jonathan C. Catolico, SSD Communication director to come to Pakistan for equipping our local people to be effective.

We in Pakistan Union are very thankful helping Pakistan Union (PKU) and facilitating service of Pastor Simon - who is full of passion & commitment to teach. He was able to teach preparing POWERPOINT presentation, inserting clips and videos and also animation to make prepare effective sermons. This method /tool in ministry is more effective in reach hearts of people in big cities where people are education and belongs to middle upper class of group of people.

Twenty-four participants attended the 3-day seminar facilitated by PKU Communication department. (this group was represented from Pakistan Adventist Seminary, Karachi Adventist Hospital, North section and south section, all PKU department directors, AWR staff and Qasid Polishing House staff.

Thank you very much, Dr. Jonathan C. Catolico - SSD Communication Director for providing funds for seminar & Pastor Simon Siew for visiting and teaching in Pakistan. You are greatly appreciated for your support and facilitation to Pakistan Union Mission

--Samuel Nazir, PKU Communication director ~~~~~~~~~~~~ To remove your name from the mailing list of this newsletter, simply reply to this e-mail and put "REMOVE" in the Subject line.

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