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I. Death of Mrs. Injety Julia James
S. Rajendra Prasad <registrar@spiceradventistuniversity.com> Nov. 2: It was a rude shock for me to learn in the church this morning about the tragic news of the sudden demise of Mrs. Injety Julia James, or just Aunty I. James to most of us. I first saw her and her family in June 1972 in Narasapur when I joined the Flaiz faculty and got to know her better over the years especially as I taught their four children, Roy, Rosy, Don and Harold at Flaiz and began discussing their progress with parents. Pastor I. James was then the Boys' Preceptor and often asked my help when there was some problem in the hostel to talk to the senior boys who were in my high school maths class as some were about my age and a couple perhaps even older. And this familial bond and trust also grew with years and I was just treated as a family member especially with their frequent visits to Spicer, both official as SUD officers, and personal, to the families of their two older children Dr. Roy Jemison Injety and Mrs. Ellen Mohanraj Israel, and later their own stay in Pune during Pastor James' final illness.
Aunty I. James was not only just a Mother in Israel, but a leader in Israel. She was not only the last matriarch in the family of Injety Jeevarathnam of Lakkavaram, as the wife of their last and sixth child James, but a mother figure for the entire Injety clan and other clans related through birth and marriage as well as to the greater Southern Asia Division, where she worked as the Director of Women's Ministries or the Shepherdess Department along with her husband. She was instrumental in establishing several training camps for women throughout the Division and starting a new era where even unemployed and unemployable housewives were especially trained as efficient Bible women and toiled beside their husbands, not only in their ministry, but also in raising the family income and dignity. Aunty James, born and brought up in Narasapur and adopted into the family of her paternal uncle Mr. Meesarapu Jacob, though originally trained and worked as a nurse in GMH, Nazi, after her marriage to Uncle I. James, followed him wherever he went, adapting his vocation too. Where he worked as
teacher, she too became a teacher, and where he became a pastor, she became 'pastoramma'--- a transformation not very easy in many other women. Gifted with a gentle, soft, assuring and pleasing voice, a cheerful composure and unassuming gestures---spontaneous holding of hands and a warm friendly hug, and a compassionate and motherly care and caress, she befriended every needy child and mother irrespective of caste, colour, creed, region or tongue, and brought great hope and relief to them. She taught at Narasapur, probably was also the school nurse, and held other responsibilities when Pastor James served as Section President, Union and Division Departmental Director, thus following the footsteps of the Master who healed, preached and taught. She had almost an encyclopedic knowledge and elephantine memory of the Adventist genealogies and hardly missed any major or minor event, especially in the Telugu Adventist circles, both in India and abroad, and blessed the do with her invaluable presence, advice and guidance. And I didn't want to shy away when I was invited to her 75th birthday party arranged by her children in Narasapur in May, 2010, and made a surprise visit to her beautiful mansion and grand function, just as a token of appreciation and gratitude to all that she did to people all around to feel themselves being loved and appreciated. She last visited Pune, in spite of her advancing age and the accompanying discomforts, in July this year for Dr. Noble Pilli's son's wedding and the following month again for Dr. Ronnie Gyi's daughter's wedding, when I had finally got the opportunity of talking to her at length at her son Roy's home along with our mutual friend Mr. Daniel Dayananada Rao. And now I hear that she had even booked her ticket to Pune to attend the wedding of Suseela Injety Skariah's son with Reenu Chacko scheduled on Nov. 9.

In spite of her very recent and serious illness, which she wasn't perhaps herself aware of, or just kept it to herself even if she knew, perhaps not to alarm her children, she traveled all alone by bus from Narasapur to Nuzvid to attend the East Central India Union Centenary Celebrations, October 26-28, 2014, though her general weakness and the pounding rains may have prevented her from actually attending the meetings, because I was actually looking for her everywhere and missed her. Such is her unique nature and universal appeal, but the Good Lord saw it fit that she should rest now from all her labours! Certainly He will also take her long, blessed, peaceful and useful life of inspiration and service into reckoning when He makes up His jewels, and we will certainly see her again in the earth made new if we too are faithful to Him till the end! She leaves behind this message to her children Roy, Rosy, Don and Harold; siblings Krupavaram, James Rathnam, Prakasam, Joyce and Mercy; their children and grandchildren, and a great host of relatives and friends all across the globe!

II. Remembering Them

1. W. F. Zill

Patricia Wallang Thomas <patriciathomas1966@gmail.com> Nov. 2:
Our heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Zill and her family. I took one class under Pastor Zill at Spicer College. He was a very good teacher and a very nice person. He had a great sense of humor and we would joke with each other. Mrs. Zill was very helpful to me. She gave sound advice about
marriage since I was getting married after graduation that year. When my mother-in-law came to Spicer, Mrs. Zill helped me bake a cake for her. Pastor and Mrs. Zill also invited me along with two of my friends for Sabbath lunch at their home. Once Pastor Zill gave me a ride to the train station. Pastor and Mrs. Zill were so nice and helpful to me while I was at Spicer; they were a loving and caring couple. May God comfort Mrs. Zill and her children. Thank you, Mrs. Zill, for your thoughtful kindnesses to me at Spicer. God will continue to be with you and bless you.

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Edward Saggurthi saggurthi2003@yahoo.com November 3:

Every one who studied at Narsapur School, now Flaiz Memorial College, from the years 1952 into late 60s well remember the services rendered to the school by the Zills. The historical background of the school given by brother, Pierson Prakasam is a revealing one. Thank you for that information.

I came into the school in 1956. I was late by one month, I got admitted in the month of July. Then classes began, and entrance tests were closed. By the negotiating skills of my brother and seniors in the school I was allowed to attend classes with the condition that I will take the entrance test later on will decide the class in which I will sit. For some reasons that I did not know that never happened, and I went and sat in class 5, which was first farm those days. Since my tutor and sister-in-law, who brought me up told me before she sent me to Narsapur school that she was sending me to 5th standard, and so without anybody's reference I went and sat in that class. For some time, Pr. K. Bhasker Rao, out English teacher scolded me for sitting in that class, and asked me to move into the next room, where 4th standard classes were being conducted, but by hiding under the desk when he came into class I had managed to stay in the class and pass through my exams at the year end and made into next class. Then on no few fear of Pr. Bhasker Rao.

That was the first time I came to see our principal and his wife, and two of Pr. Zill's children. Two kids, Cathy and Karen. Since they were white, very white, we children used to look at them as if they are different species. They used to run all over the campus with their bicycles. Pr. Zill always well dressed, and Mrs. Zill who was always wearing beautiful smile on her face. I never saw her walking slowly or getting angry with any one. When children were sick she used come around and administer medications. I remember once the whole school was affected by the flu fever. The whole school was closed for days, and Mrs. Zill would come around take care of the children. She was like a knighting girl.

I used to visit their house as small boy, once in a while because one of my seniors, and a care taker for me, by name Thata Rao, who used to pump water into their water tank by using a handle type gadget on the incoming water pipe. He has to pump for more than half hour to forty five minutes to fill that tank. When it is filled he would go to the back door of the bunglow and inform Mrs. Zill, and then he will go back to hostel. Couple of times I went there with him. In 1957 when our school campus was electrified, they fixed a water pump on that tube well. Another good memories of Pr. Zill and his contribution to our school, I remember well is, building our School Auditorium/Church building. What I
remember well is, he made all the boys to get into the canal that was running along our school, to collect mud for making bricks. Some self supporting students made good money by getting inside the water and come up with baskets full of fresh mud. During the work hours most the boys had done the same. With that mud bricks were made, and burnt on our campus. By then Pr. Zill left for furlough, and Pr. Stallhnecker completed the building work. I also had the privilege of working with Pr. Zill when he came to Spicer College from Narsapur to teach in the college. I don't remember the exact year but I started working in the college in the year 1967. As Peirson has stated, their contribution to Narsapur school is a commendable one. All those who passed through that school during Zills time are indebted to their leadership. I only feel sad that they did not learn Telugu to converse, and communicate in that language as Dr. Flaize did. I too worked as a missionary in Africa for almost ten years, and I know how important to learn the local language to be felt part of the society. Now I feel bad that I missed that opportunity, and regret for not learning in spite of Church sponsored to learn Arabic.

May God continue to bless his wife and children as they miss their dad, and husband. May the Lord give them the comfort.

Alfred Raju <alfredraju_d@yahoo.co.in> Nov.3
I am shocked to hear Elder Zill passed away; he was a very strong leader, and he developed the school in Narsapur away back in1950 and his friedly smile bring strenth to all students. We share his loss for the country of India.

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2. Remembering P. C. Sharon
Edward Saggurthi <saggurthi2003@yahoo.com> November 3:
Sorry to hear the passing away of my colleague, and friend, Mr. P. C. Sharon. In the years 1970s Mr. Sharon came to Spicer as Chief Accountant. I was working as Bakery Manager. Then he moved to Spicer Cafeteria and T. M Patrick came from north to be the Chief Accountant. During these years we had very good relations. He was a man who was always smiling, and friendly. I don't think he made any enemies during his life time. Even after I moved out from Spicer whenever I came across his he was very friendly. I am sorry to hear about his passing away. The last I saw him was in Hosur a couple of years back. May God bless his family, and give them comfort.

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III. Letter
Ramesh Thamby <rthamby@verizon.net> Nov.2:
It is great to read in the weekly newsletter about the fallen Adventists and their good work.
I was wondering if we can say good things about the living and perhaps profile a living legend each week.Wouldn't it be nice for them to hear/read these words while they are still here with us?
Please let me know your thoughts on it? Thank you.
[PS from CHT,Sr. I have a file of some such people which I have to keep up to date from time to time. It is out of date even now! "the 90+ Club Y. Robert Samraj , Mrs. Grace Prasada Rao, S. John, I. R. Thomas, R. S. Lowry, C. H. Tidwell, Edward Streeter, Eric Juriansz, L. D. Paul, P. C. Sharan, Ed Beck, Tom Davis, D. David, Mrs. June Hooper, William F.
IV. Centennial Celebrations of the Andhra Church

100 Years of Walking with The Lord

October 26 to 28, 2014 at Nuzvid, A.P.

by Dr. M.S. Jeremiah, CEO - METAS

Part 1 of 2

The Centenary of any organization marks a very important milestone in its history. The Centennial celebration of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Andhra was time for festivities, not only for the church but for the whole Southern Asia Adventist community. Held in a carnival like atmosphere, with lots of gaiety, color and enthusiasm the moments will remain forever etched in the hearts and minds of the thousands of people who congregated in Nuzvid to share in the glory of the church’s historic journey.

The celebrations were made even more memorable by the presence of a glittering galaxy of eminent individuals of the church, living legends who have contributed immensely to the growth of the Andhra Church through the exceptional work they put into their respective divisions, unions, missions and other service fields. Many political leaders of the region had been invited and we were particularly delighted to welcome Shri Prataprao the members of legislative assembly and the commissioner of Municipality and local Police Authorities and other high ranking officers.

The icing on the cake was the presence of the venerable Dr. Ted Wilson; much loved and admired President of the General Conference, who spared time from his busy schedules to be present along with his wife. The celebrations were beyond our wildest expectations and were a runaway success. The scale of the functions was huge and venues were packed to capacity.

Also present were the president of the Southern Asia Division Pr. R. John along with his co-officers Dr. Gordon Christo the secretary of the Division and Pr. Robert Clive the treasurer of SUD. All three spoke on the occasion and felt that the occasion was well worthy of celebration and that it was a great moment and opportunity to share and illustrate the work done by our predecessors. Every speaker unfolded life stories of people who have graced the pages of the history of the Andhra Church - births, marriages, funerals and manifold stories of the sacrifice and courage of the pioneers - the work of their hands and minds, their joys and sorrows, their hopes and fears, their laughter and tears. It was truly inspiring stuff that brought goose bumps, tears and myriad emotions to the fore.

Dr. Ted Wilson was carried in ceremony and brought to the grounds in a well festooned chariot. During his entire ride he was flanked by thousands of cheering children, decked in finery, showering petals, dancing and singing, exhibiting their love for their beloved president in uninhibited, unrestrained manner that brought a lump to the throat. Truly, the presence of Dr. Ted Wilson and his wife meant a lot to all those who had gathered here.

Dr. Ted spoke on all three days and reminded the congregation of the difficult days of 100 years ago and how the strong faith and steely determination of the pioneers ensured that this day would dawn. He
complimented all those involved in the centenary year celebrations and said that the enthusiasm, the fervor and the zeal that was exhibited was extremely great. A hundred years, he said have only made the roots deeper in the hearts of the people and now it will grow even taller and higher than ever before.

Pr. M. Wilson president of East Central India Union narrated the growth of the church over its century of existence. He recounted how the seeds for the Gospel history of the Seventh-day Adventist church in Andhra were sown with two literature evangelists, William Lenker and A. T. Stroup, answering God's solemn call, committing themselves to living out the church's mission with firm and resolute determination to ensure that Adventism found its rightful place here in Southern Asia. Pr. T. Francis the secretary of Union and Mr. Pilli Edward the treasurer of the Union played significant role in organizing the programme. All departmental directors of the union deserved to be commended for their co-operation along with the field officers and regional directors.

Many administrators, presidents and field leaders who had made a significant contribution in the growth of the church were individually honored. The melody makers, people who sang in choirs, wrote hymns were especially appreciated for the stellar contributions they had made to the church.

V. URGENT REQUEST 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. You are urgently requested to join by sending an email to the following address: sudnews-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

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