I. Seasons Greetings
1. Gerald & Birol Christo's Season's Greetings

Gerald Christo <geraldjchristo@gmail.com> Dec. 19:
It's been twenty-five years since we moved from Poona to a new home on
the Division "Jeevan Jyoti" Campus. The following year we moved into our
home in Maranatha Colony. It has been a blessed twenty-five years! Early in
our retirement years Birol and I were blessed through our "volunteer
service" in the Philippines, I alone in Bangladesh, and our two short-terms
in Mongolia in 1997 and 2000. We were blessed as we took the lead in
erection our Jeevan Jyoti Church in 2002, followed by the completion of the
Vincent Hill Memorial building which houses Sabbath School rooms, a library
and a prayer hall.
This year I joined the elite 90+ Club of those who worked in this
Division, Birol celebrated her 85th birthday with friends at the La Creme
Eatery, and we marked our 65th wedding anniversary.
My 90th birthday brought many loved ones to join us in multiple
celebrations. These included our children and their families--Glenn, Sandra,
Kynsai and Janai; Gordon and Rose; Cheryl and Andre from Sri Lanka; Sonia,
Kish, Joanna, Andy, Jonathan, Aasha and Jason from the UK; Lorna, Raphael
and Preeti from the USA; Tennyson, Kris and Safira from Canada; John,
Priscilla, Tanisha and Rohit from Bangalore; Maggie and Jyoti from Maryland.
Other relatives who visited were Denis, Krishna and Shantonou from Calcutta;
Birdie and David; Pat, Thambi, Fernette, Kevin, Kelsey and Kevin from the
USA. Sanjay and Dharti from Maryland plan to visit in January 2015.
HELLO'S AND GOODBYE'S
John and Mary Fowler; Philip, Jayanthi Sargunam and their children Angel
and Clifford joined our Maranatha family. Our grandson Noy Gerald II and his
wife Naphrisa moved from being next door to us, to Maryland, USA to accept a
pastoral position at the Southern Asia church.  
Sad events in the death of Marnatha residents Esme Smith, Millicent Davis, and Prabhu Sharan reminded us that we are living on earth in enemy territory.  
LOOKING AHEAD WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS  
We wish to thank God for His blessings. We thank you for your letters and cards, and also wish to thank Charles Tidwell for his e-newsletters which keep us informed about the activities of our friends. We look with anticipation to the New Year. We wish you, our dear kith and kin, and friends a blessed Christmas season and a prosperous New Year. May 2015 be filled with God's blessings--and just a few reverses that will keep us trusting God's promises and providence.  

II. Harold Erickson Joins "90 Plus Club"  
Don Bankhead <drbankhead@gmail.com> Dec. 22:  
The family of Dr. H. D. Erickson celebrated his 90th birthday with him at his home in Salem, Oregon on December 17. His email address is <hde24@msn.com>.  
He is very active and busy. He has published a book on Daniel, and has nearly completed one on Revelation. He conducts Daniel and Revelation seminars every week in the local SDA Church.  

III. Remembering David Lazarus  
Alfred Raju <alfredraju_d@yahoo.co.in> December 12:  
I was sad to know that Dr. David Lazarus passed away. He was a very nice person; we know him from childhood. We lived in one compound in GMH, Nuzvid. What a great loss for the ECIU; he sacrificed lots OF funds to build class rooms and other funding; I personally lost him. I know the family very much -- one brother and two sisters, Lalitha and Dolphin (Dolly) and a great loss for entire Telugu community. Jesus is coming soon and my hope is that we will see Dr. Lazarus soon.  

IV. Letters  
1. Shann Fanwar <fanwar01@gmail.com> Dec. 11:  
On January 7, 2015, my party and I will launch out from New Delhi traveling through the Terai in Nepal and will conclude our 1500 mile long bicycle ride in Shillong, Meghalaya. This ride, the Indo-Nepal Ride 2015 is a small attempt for my group and I to try and promote the Advent Health Message that often has seemed to have taken a lesser place in our witness and agenda. Traveling with me is a small support staff from Shillong, assisted by the Khasi Jianita Conference, the Shillong SDA Church, Fanwar Faith and the
Nepal Section. Also notably is a friend of mine from France who is a non-Adventist but who has come to value the significance of a healthy lifestyle and life choices and is submitting himself to this feat of physical and psychological endurance. We have both just crossed the 50th year mile markers in our lives and the glory goes to God for his blessings. I ask for your continued support in every sense of the word, and that God will send His angels to protect us from the very obvious difficulties and dangers of such an adventure.

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2. Falvo Fowler <falmar@gmail.com> Dec. 14:
Celebrating Mary Fowler’s Birthday
In the middle of a move (across town) and a bunch of deadlines, I forgot to work on something that I meant to for my mom. It’s her 75th birthday coming up. If you, or someone you know, worked with her, was in her class, ate at our house, or grew up with her… and would like to add something to a book of memories, please email me…I’ll include the email (and a photo of you…and your family…if you’ve got that, too) to the printed book (she's old school like that....um...75!) for her to take back when she leaves.

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V. Merlyn Fernando Comments on Church Growth in Southern Asia
Merlyn Fernando <merlynfernando@yahoo.com> December 25:
Right now we are in Kandy, Sri Lanka. Been celebrating Christmas cheer with our team of care givers who keep our community care services operating. We are in our tenth year now. The majority of them are Buddhists youth, but live and serve as well as do Christians. Our care receivers include Christians, Buddhists and Hindus. Next year is 50 years done since Lakeside--the hospital--opened her doors. So we are busy helping in planning a year of community activities in celebration. The start date was Jan 10. The grand climax of celebrations will be in Sept. Each month there will be activity to touch the lives of people around us and giving attention to those who come for services each day.
We are now in the age group where we are privileged to witness celebration of years of work in many places of Adventist work. Hong Kong Tsuen Wan hospital also ended 50 years this year. So also Kerala and Andhra conferences. Is great to think that every union in India is now a conference--self supporting. Lay members have grown. Can't believe there are 70-80 churches in Madras, 40-50 churches in Bangalore---just in these one cities each!
Waiting for a Great Day when the rough and tough living in many places will find Jesus returning so rewarding, and we others will be waiting and sharing all that God has given to us so abundantly.

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VI. VERY URGENT REQUEST
We are changing the way we distribute the SUD e-News. It is being 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. Please accept the invitation if you wish to continue to receive my newsletter. You are very urgently requested to join by sending an email to the following address: <sudnews-subscribe@yahoogroups.com> The old method of sending it to you may be terminated soon.
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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