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VERY SPECIAL NOTICE & IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT SUD E-NEWS
We are changing the way we distribute the SUD e-News. Soon it will go out only via Yahoo Groups. The old
distribution method worked well in the beginning when there were few subscribers and the editor was 20 years
younger! Now, with thousands of subscribers, the old system is both time-consuming and burdensome for me as
I am nearing age 93 to send out the newsletter each week as I have been doing, so the new method will be much
easier for me and you can still receive it regularly.
You already received several invitations to sign up to the SUD e-News Yahoo group. We will send out one
more round of invitations to join the Yahoo group. Please accept the invitation if you wish to continue to
receive this newsletter. Alternately you or any interested party can subscribe by sending an email to the
following address: <sudnews-subscribe@yahoogroups.com>. If you are already receiving the newsletter via
Yahoo groups, you need do nothing further. After the third round of invitations have been sent, the SUD e-
News will go out only to addresses that subscribed to the Yahoo Group.

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I. Nepal Disaster Continued
Adventist Leader in Nepal Tells of Panic and Pain
from the Adventist Review, April 26:

No Adventists were injured in the earthquake, but at least four churches were damaged.
The president of the Adventist Church in Nepal described scenes of suffering and panic after a powerful
earthquake and multiple aftershocks killed more than 2,200 people and damaged scores of buildings, including
at least four Adventist churches.
Umesh Pokharel, president of the Nepal Section, an attached field of the Southern Asia Division, said no
Adventist believers are known to have been injured in the 7.8 magnitude quake, which struck around midday
Sabbath, April 25, as Christians of all faiths worshiped across the country.
"So far no Adventist has been killed," Pokharel told the Adventist Review on Sunday. "However, many
Christians were buried while they were worshiping on Sabbath and died." In Nepal, all Christians worship on
Saturday because it is a nonworking day unlike Sunday, when the country works.
Pokharel said four Adventist churches were partly destroyed. "But there may be more," he said.
Emergency workers were still gauging the full impact of Saturday's earthquake and some 100 aftershocks,
including a 6.7-magnitude tremor on Sunday afternoon. The epicenter was about 50 miles (80 kilometers) from
the capital, Kathmandu, and the death toll in the city alone has topped 700 people, local authorities said.
"The human suffering breaks our hearts and moves us with deep sympathy for the thousand of families who have experienced loss," said Ted N. C. Wilson, president of the Adventist world church. "May this be an opportunity to show Christ's ministry of love and compassion in all that we do as we see more of these disaster happening signaling the nearness of Christ's return," he said in a statement.

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency's local office has deployed workers to assist people with food and shelter, and its international headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland, decided on Sunday to dispatch an emergency response team. . . .

The 150-bed Adventist hospital just outside Kathmandu, the Scheer Memorial Hospital, has been inundated with hundreds of people seeking medical treatment. . . .

"People are in great pain and panic," Pokharel said. He said many areas have no electricity and no water, while telephone and other communication networks have been disrupted and roads are badly damaged. Pokharel was worshiping in a church in Newari, a village in the Kathmandu Valley about 12 miles (20 kilometers) from the capital, when the earthquake hit.

"We saw houses collapsing with our own eyes," he said in a report to the Southern Asia Division. "All people came out of their homes, crying and asking God to forgive them for their mistakes and to save them."

He said geologists had warned local residents and the Nepalese government for years to prepare for a possible earthquake in the Kathmandu Valley so the disaster hadn't come as a complete surprise. But countrywide rescue operations were complicated by a lack of prior preparations, funds and coordination between the government and other agencies, he said.

The 12-mile trip from the village back to Kathmandu took four hours. "By the time we arrived home it was almost 5 p.m. and all the neighbors were outside their homes," Pokharel said, "We all stayed outside under the open sky and felt many" aftershocks. . . .

The Adventist Church has 8,859 members worshiping in 106 congregations in Nepal, according to the latest figures from the General Conference's Office of Archives, Statistics, and Research. The Hindu-dominated country has a population of about 28 million.

Pokharel said he was seeking to restore contact with all church workers in Nepal and to make sure they have food, clothing, tents, blankets, and medicine. "The Nepal Section needs immediate help to meet these needs," he said. He said he also was seeking details about church buildings affected by the quake and taking steps to repair them.

At the same time, church members in Kathmandu were preparing to reach out to neighbors with assistance and information about quake preparedness. "Kathmandu is in an earthquake zone, and the church feels that we need to initiate an awareness program," Pokharel said. He asked for church members worldwide to pray for Nepal. His call was echoed by T. P. Kurian, communication director for the Southern European Division, who has been in close contact with the Nepalese church. "We request all to pray for the people of Nepal," Kurian said. "Also they need aid and support to recover from the effects of the earthquake." . . .

II. Letters

1. Basharat Masih <basharat.masih@yahoo.com> May 1:
My heart goes out especially for the earhtquake affected SDA families in Kathmandu and Banepa, our Church and Scheer Memorial Hospital families. I was a missionary to Nepal from 1974 through 1982 and my sympathy goes to everyone who are affected by this tragedy. Every person is a precious child of God and we need to pray for the disaster affected families.
Dr. Basharat Masih

2. Johnson Choppala <johnsonchoppala@usa.net> May 04:
Minu and I are deeply saddened by the news of the loss of so many of our dear friends within a span of few weeks. All of them known to us for more than half a century. Mrs. I. R. Thomas; truly a mother to us. I was among the first batch of students to attend the Lowry Memorial High School. That was 1946-47 period. We admired and fell in love with our teachers: the Thomases (IRT and YGT), the Robinson Koilpillais, N. Y. Chellais, the O. B. Jonathans, the S. G. Davids. These and more that were there to teach us, love us and discipline us. Amazingly, all of them are from different language areas. Their love, their devotion have shaped
us and are remembered by their students with gratitude for their influence on us. Mrs. Ellen Thomas is remembered for her motherly love for all of us. Minu was not known to her until she met her in 1964. It was the beginning of Minu enjoying her motherly love for her. It is a loss we cannot put in words to describe. Priscilla James and Minu grew up together in Salisbury Park. The loss of Dr. Joseph Selvaraj is keenly felt. The sudden death of Premila the daughter of Lilly and John Victor is beyond shock. The Pedapudis, the Chedalawadas and the Choppalas were co workers and close friends in the Andhra field. And they were closely knit families including the Mathi families. Her passing came as a shock. Our hearts are with the bereaved families. All are brought before the Lord with prayers for comfort and strength during the period of painful loss each family is enduring with that hope of the resurrection morning. Minu and I join them in that hope.

III. Death of Bob Robinson

The following was the first intimation received of the death of Pastor Robinson. Perhaps details of his passing will come in before this newsletter is sent,

Margaret Nathaniel <margaretnathaniel@gmail.com> May 5:
"Usually there is a saying when someone dies 2 others also will die very soon. This has proven true many times in the past, but this time, it was totally different and recently in a span of 1-2 months we lost several of our dear friends, not to forget Mrs. I. R. Thomas, Dr. Selvaraj Vedamony, Mr. and Mrs. John Victor's daughter, Ruby and Joyce Lall's mother, Mr. Kindo, and now Pastor Bob Robinson.
"Pastor and Mrs. Robinson have been an exceptional model couple to all of us young and old alike. Their Dedication, Sincerity, Devotion, Compassion, Concern for God's work to be finished, and I can list a lot of Heavenly qualities that have been seen and felt by all who came across their lives.
"As we all know, though he was not physically well since childhood, this did not keep him behind any other healthy person when it came to work. He bore the burdens of everyday labour far better than any healthy person could ever accomplish. There was no trace of Pain, Self-pity, Uneasiness, Fear, or Worry. He was bubbling with Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. What an example for all of us to follow.
"He died while labouring for God in Andhra Pradesh when he had to go to the USA for urgent treatment and unfortunately this time he succumbed to it. The news has brought a thick cloud of gloom to all who knew him. We thank God for his beloved wife Brenda, who stood by him in all his labours. And may God above abundantly give her Peace at this critical time of her life, which He alone can give. And to all his dear children and their families, loved ones and friends, as they await for the trumpet call to sound when we will see him in perfect health. May God keep us faithful till then."

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2. Measapogu Wilson <measapoguwilson@gmail.com> May 6:
"ECIU tribute to Pr. Bob Robinson
'We Salute "Pr. Bob" and Wait till The Morning
'It was a benumbing shock for us to learn today of Pr. Bob Robinson's sudden demise. Pr. Bob along with his wife Brenda were missionaries, who I believe, were divinely appointed at just the right time for the Southern Asia Division. They came here to fulfill a dire need. They worked hard and never lacked in context and relevance when it came to church growth. Pr. Bob's life was a testament to the great work God has wrought in his chosen children. His way of life supplied ample proof, that when we serve God, he provides sufficient grace, each day at a time.
"After serving the world church in many capacities, Bob accepted the call to serve in India (Southern Asia division) as an assistant for development to the division president. We quickly realized that his heart was unequivocally devoted to evangelism. His zeal for the master won the confidence of everyone who came his way and as a result, people from all over the world came forward willingly to support God's work. He lived a very humble life, eating, traveling and lodging by the most economical means. I'm pretty sure Bob kept heaven busy with all the time spent in prayer for his health and safety while travelling through dangerous terrain and hostile conditions. He gave of his very best to the master, even in his last days. When major church growth took place in the recent past, Pr. Bob took upon himself the responsibility to do outreach follow up. In the past 3 years, he brought in dedicated people to conduct many revival meetings. He built schools and churches, raised funds to educate children, and published books. He did so much in such little time that Pr.
Bob's name has become synonymous with church growth and financial support in India. He was a doyen at recognizing genuine need and was a model Adventist in preparing the world for the Lord's coming. "I have had the privilege of his association for more than 10 years now. We lived as neighbors for 7 years at our headquarters in Hosur. Both Bob and Brenda relished traditional Indian food and our family has the fondest memories of the time spent with them. On countless occasions, we intimately discussed the challenges and possibilities for the growth of God's work in India. When I held the office of the Division ministerial association secretary, his name came up for ordination and it was a privilege to be part of that occasion along with my wife Sofia. At the end of it all, I can't help but salute this "true and faithful soldier of Jesus". My faith has been enriched by his life and testimony, and I am sure others are too! Though his absence will leave a significant void, we stand in support of the bereaved family through our prayers. And I know, that now, we have another reason to work and wait patiently for the Lord's coming, to see Bob again and say THANK YOU. Maranatha!

Pastor M. Wilson, President
ECIU- Hyderabad, India

IV. Spicer Adventist University Recognized by UGC
S. Rajendra Prasad <registrar@spiceradventistuniversity.com>
Praise the Lord once again! His mercies are new every morning!
I am glad to share with you friends from all around the world the good news that Spicer Adventist University, Pune, INDIA, is now recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi, I am sure this will go a long way in helping our students from all parts of the globe to come and have good Adventist education at Spicer at an affordable price.

V. Spicer Adventist University Governing Body Meets on April 28, 2015
S. Rajendra Prasad <registrar@spiceradventistuniversity.com>
The first meeting of the highest authoritative body of Spicer Adventist University (SAU), the Governing Body, was held on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 on Spicer campus:
1. Pastor Rathinaraj John, Chairman (President of SAU, SUD, & Ashlock Education Society)
2. Prof. S. Rajendra Prasad, Secretary (Registrar of SAU)
3. Dr. Justus Devadas, Member (Vice Chancellor of SAU)
4. Dr. Gordon E. Christo, Member (Executive Secretary of SUD)
5. Pastor G. S. Robert Clive, Member (Treasurer of SUD)
6. Dr. Samuel Gaikwad, Member (Professor at AIIAS, Philippines)
7. Dr. G. Nageshwar Rao, Member (Education Director, SUD)
8. Dr. Nilawma Vuite, Member (Professor in a Northeast College)
9. Dr. Jacob Grooves Daniel, Member (Dentist in Bengaluru)
10. Mr. Mahabir Prasad Agarwal, member (Industrialist in Kolkota)
11. Dr. Rathnasamy Jeyam, Permanent Invitee (CFO of SAU) and
All the first 11 members of the 13-member strong Governing Body are Seventh-day Adventists ensuring a minimum of 85 % Adventist presence in this most powerful administrative or Governing Body of the Spicer Adventist University. For the first meeting all but one member (Mr. Agarwal who was faced with an emergency at home) were present and it was a lively meeting. They ratified the appointment of Officers of Spicer Adventist University, Board of Management, Academic Council, Board of Examinations, and appointed Sub-Committees to study the Promotions/Ranking and the Wage Scale of the employees of SAU. They were also given the copies of the First Statutes (Rules and Regulations) and First Ordinances of SAU to study them and approve them with modifications, if any, in the next meeting. Spicer Adventist University is in safe hands and is sure to go places with their rare vision and unstinted support and prove to be a safe haven for all those seeking good Adventist education at an affordable price! Amen!

VI. Addition to 90 + Club
John (Sunny) Wycliffe <sunnywycliffe@gmail.com> May 4:
Please include Mrs. Daisy Joseph, wife of late Pastor Abel Joseph in the SUD 90+ Honor Roll. Pastor Abel Joseph was the son of the FIRST SDA convert, M. Abel in Kerala. In October 2014 we celebrated the 100th anniversary & Elder Ted N. C. Wilson was the Chief Guest of Honor. Our leaders some how forgot to honor Mrs. Daisy Joseph. But God is great & kind to her with super good health! We pray that Daisy Joseph may be blessed to live till Jesus returns to gather His Own.

90 + Club:

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