Readers, My father, Dr. Charles H. Tidwell, continues to experience technical challenges to sending out the newsletter from his computer. He requested me to send it to you on his behalf. You are receiving this because you signed up to receive it via yahoo groups. We don't know if or when those who failed to sign up to yahoo groups will receive it. --Dennis Tidwell

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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
   Dennis Dean Tidwell <deantidwell@yahoo.com> May 8:
   Desperate Housewives of Nepal

   A few days ago Lila and I stopped by a restaurant in Dhulikhel, Nepal to have some steamed momos for supper. While we were eating, we heard a woman wailing and crying "Hey Baghwan!" (Oh, God!) We looked around and saw a Nepali woman sitting at a nearby table, her head against the wall, crying uncontrollably. A couple offered her a Fanta drink, but she would not be consoled.

   When we left the restaurant we asked the cashier what happened to the woman. He told us she lost her house in the earthquake, but now she had also "lost" her gold.

   Nepali women wear gold ornaments that they receive as a dowry when they are married. It is a simple form of life insurance or an emergency fund for hard times. It seemed to this unfortunate woman that her world had fallen apart. She had no hope for the
future. Will she become yet another Nepali woman who sees suicide as the only way out?

Recently while coordinating earthquake assistance with Dr. Dale Mole, CEO at Scheer Memorial Hospital in Banepa, a suburb of Kathmandu, he told us suicide rates in Nepal are highest among women. He told us that distraught Nepali woman often swallow over-the-counter insecticide to end their lives. He said his intensive care staff is currently fighting to save a female patient from a nearby village who ingested an insecticide.

No wonder Dr. Mole was so excited to know that ACTS World Relief has psycho-social resources available to help desperate Nepalis cope with the terrible destruction caused by the recent earthquake. In a few days ACTS World Relief will send psychologist Dr. Rebecca Thomley and her team from Orion Associates to Scheer Hospital. They will counsel with the medical staff and provide them with the skills to help others in Nepal cope with their losses, to assure them there is a better solution than suicide.

Please pray for Dr. Thomley and her team, ACTS World Relief, and Scheer Memorial Hospital as they continue to meet human needs in Nepal.

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Report About Kami Norbu Lama
James Campbell <jcampbellm@sbcglobal.net>

A few days ago I wrote about the destruction of Norbu's home. This was in the first major earth quake in Nepal. Then the second quake on May 12 gave us more concern. None of us have been able to contact Norbu nor could anyone go to see him. On Sunday evening, May 17, we received a phone call from Norbu. Unfortunately the call was ended before we could talk. But it was enough to assure us that Norbu was alive. This morning, May 19, I was able to get through to Norbu's phone number. I was able to hear his voice before the call was ended. He sounded well. We are very relieved and thankful. So far we have not heard of any deaths among the nearly 9,000 Seventh-day Adventist members in Nepal. This appears to be divine protection.

Good news is that even though money transferred to the Nepal Section by Gospel Outreach took almost 2 weeks to be credited to their account, today we received the good new that the funds had arrived. We think that the delay was because so many bank workers were not able to get to work. But now we are confident that funds can be sent. The Nepal Section team are out everyday distributing assistance to members and their neighbors.

We trust that any day now the Nepal Section will be able to establish regular contact with Norbu and to give him assurance of our love and care. By God's grace we should soon find out what we can do and how much it will cost to restore his home and provide a suitable prayer room.

On May 18, the Nepal team visited the pastor and members of the Kaping church. The church and the pastor's house along with members homes are now in ruins. Four churches in Nepal were destroyed or severely damaged.

II. SUDites Meet in Maryland in July
Vijayan Charles <jilliangel1@aol.com> May 18:

The Southern Asia community in Washington/Maryland/USA will be celebrating the Centenary of the Adventist work in Southern Asian in Maryland on July 17 & 18. Elaborate plans are being made for a great get-together similar to the ones we've had in the past.

The Friday evening program will feature highlights of celebrations in various fields with reports from presidents in that field. The venue will be SASDAC located at 2001 E. Randolph Rd, Silver Spring 20904. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. The Sabbath program will be at the High Point High School, 3601 Powder Mill Rd, Beltsville, MD 20705 beginning at 10a.m. with exciting music, mission reports and Bible study. The worship service will begin at 11:45a.m. and our speaker will be Dr. Lowell Cooper.

A sumptuous feast and fellowship follows. The evening program begins at 6 p.m. with music & worship & the secular program begins at 9p.m. We are expecting about 2,500 people to attend including most of the delegates from the S A division to the GC session. We are inviting everyone to join us in this joyous occasion. The Adventist community here will be glad to accommodate you should you need a place to stay. Looking forward to seeing you in Maryland during that weekend. --Vijayan Charles, M.D.
III. Remembering Dr. Joseph Selvaraj Vedamony

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Dr. Selvarai has been a well-loved student and faculty of this great institution during the seventies. The administrators, faculty, staff and students of Spicer Memorial College express their profound shock and sorrow and extend their heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Joseph Selvaraj Vedamony on his sudden and untimely demise on April 21, 2015.

I just knew him as Selvaraj Vedamony, as did all those who joined him at Spicer in June 1966, and took notice of him as he was there almost every day as song leader in almost all services, like Men's Hostel worships, weekend services, and other programmes, though Sunimal Kulasekere dominated the Chapel services with the theme song, 'Soldiers of Christ, Arise!' and Gnan Prasad and Janetta Dkar mesmerised us with their special songs and Sunderan Moses excelled at the piano! But Selvaraj stood out with his baby face, innocence, unassuming and friendly nature and impeccable attire and character. Though he had a girl-friend Priscilla James from Salisbury Park, this couple too stood out like a perfect Bollywood pair with their enviable looks, comely behavior and winsome manners and pleasing demeanour and met in public and open places, vis-à-vis some other couples who met in library stacks and other shady corners, and stood so close for comfort or incurred the displeasure and censure of the Discipline Committee. Selvaraj's first love was to be a medical doctor, but though his initial attempts to reach this goal failed, he sort of resigned himself to focus at what was at hand, and completed his BLA and BTh from Spicer and MA degree from University of Poona, and served as Dean of Men and taught in the Departments of History and Religious Philosophy and has endeared himself to everyone on this campus by his charismatic persona, winsome manners and polite nature, well-groomed and pleasant appearance, versatile and artistic talents, open and broad mind, large and generous heart, and gracious and lofty soul. He has always been a gentleman to the core. With his proverbial patience and perseverance, after he moved to the United States with his wife, he finally fulfilled the desire of his youth of becoming a medical doctor and emulated the life of Jesus closely and devoted his life to healing, preaching, and teaching, and of course, singing! Whatever he did, he did it with dignity, élan and finesse, to the best of his ability, all for His glory and honour!

Though I was a classmate of his younger brother Elwin in the Pre-medical Course, and of his friend Priscilla in non-science courses at Spicer, it was Selvaraj who used to encourage me in my studies and was the mediator whenever Elvin and I had a tiff after playing innocent pranks against each other. Though I last saw Selvaraj at Spicer in March 1967, he continued where we left with his friendly gestures and generous hospitality when I met him and Priscilla again in their beautiful home and fruitful garden in Loma Linda 44 years later in July 2011.

My heart goes out to his beloved wife Priscilla, also a well-loved student and faculty in the Department of Office Administration here in the seventies, his loving siblings and their dear families, dear brother-in-law, Wesley James, and a host of friends and well-wishers at this tragic period. Well, God knows and does the best for His children! "He has wounded and He will heal!" May His grace grant the needed care, comfort, consolation and courage to the bereaved family with the hope that we will soon see our loved ones once again on the Resurrection morning if we are also loyal and faithful till the end!

IV. Death of Mrs. Beth Manley

Marilyn Puccinelli <marilyn.puccinelli@gmail.com> May 18,

Mrs. Beth Manley passed away in April of this year 2015.....I read it in the SunnySide Church Bulletin in Portland, Oregon.

V. 70th Birthday Celebrations - Drs. Rohini and Philip Virathan(Jonahs)

Timothy Jonahs <drjonahs@yahoo.com> May 7:

A small private party marked the 70th birthday of Dr. Rohini nee Shah this last weekend. Philip had celebrated his 70th birthday ten months earlier last July. Philip graduated from Vellore in 1969 and Rohini in 1972. They were married in Surat in February 1972. Philip served for a brief time in Ranchi, Ottapalam and Surat and went on to do a specialty in General Medicine. On completion they both took up their duties at
Nuzvid working alongside Dr. Hitchcox and Dr. McWilliams. He also served as its Medical Director at which time the hospital achieved outstanding landmarks when open heart surgery was done for the first and last time. He also organised at that time health training for village evangelists who made outstanding contributions to the gospel work in the area. They moved to Pune in the early 80's to what was known as PADMEC (Pune Adventist Medical and Educational Centre). Rohini went to Rutgers in the USA and specialised in Addiction Medicine.

Pune Adventist Hospital, under his leadership, saw revolutionary changes. It grew from a 5-bed hospital to the current 48 beds. There is an amazing story to be told here. Rohini's ability to speak fluent Gujarati helped the hospital connect with the Marwari community. One of these families, near the hospital, went to bed to bed at night after having sprayed the house with an insecticide. There were six in the family and all of them were critically ill by morning and amazingly the neighbours decided to bring them to our hospital. The staff worked with great energy and by God's grace, all of them survived. The incident brought our hospital into focus with the community and it soon became a favourite with them. The hospital grew. Dr. Philip's innovative approach with the garbage collection programme established the hospital connections with the community. Another was the establishment of a gym where young people were happy to come. A centre for drug rehabilitation and later, elderly care came into being with Dr. Rohini spearheading the effort. This centre was later separated into a private unit outside the hospital premises.

Dr. Philip, the eldest son of Pr. and Mrs. C. P. Jonahs, was born in Batticloa, Ceylon three months after the death of their two-year old daughter who died of malaria. He was named Virathajenman meaning 'born out of fasting' and dedicated to the gospel ministry. He reminded Philip of that dedication when he chose to go in for medicine. His dreams were realised when Philip was ordained pastor. Their long active service is outstanding in the church in Southern Asia. Their son, Santosh, an orthopedic surgeon, and his wife, Rupa an anesthetic, carry on the baton. Their daughter, Madhur, is a clinical psychologist working in the UK.

Thankfully, they continue to be active professional and in the work of the church. We ask God to continue to bless them.

VI. Addition to 90 + Club

Please add Pr. Anandarao Undru to the 90 + club today, May 10, 2015. Praise God for His mercies. -- Pansy


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