I. Nepal Disaster Continued

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Adventist Development and Relief Agency is working hard in Nepal to bring relief to those devastated by the two recent earthquakes. Among them is ADRA-UK Programmes Officer, Milimo Ninvalle, who has had a busy week:

**Tarps
Distributing vital tarpaulins to the Bhumlutar Village Development Committee in the Kavrepalanchowk (Kavre) District in Nepal

**Food
Distribute 1,000 food kits, reaching 6,000 people. These kits will cover the needs of an average family of six for two weeks. ADRA has procured food aid locally.

**Shelter
Distribute shelters and shelter kits to 500 households. Households are receiving shelter kits to ensure that families stay protected from the rain and can begin to start their home reconstruction.
**Health Centres**
Distributed ten inflatable tents (designed to be used as field hospitals) to restore immediate medical infrastructure to towns and villages affected by disasters, these tents will be used as birthing centres to replace health posts destroyed by the earthquake.

**Clean Water**
Supply each family with one Rainfresh household water purifier unit next week, through it's partners GlobalMedic.

**Hygiene**
Provide enough soap and hygiene education promotion pamphlets for 1,000 households alongside the emergency water unit.

**Education**
Implement a 'back to school' project for approximately 4,000 children in 18 schools in the Kavrepalanchowk District.

II. Remembering Bob Robinson
1. Terrence Davin <terrydavin@gmail.com>
I just read Dr. Jeremiah's tribute to Elder Bob Robinson and was dumbfounded, to say the least, to know how extra-ordinary a man of God he was. He attended our camp meetings at Hope, B.C. (Canada) every year, a very unassuming, humble, loving and lovable person, no one there, including me, would have known the extent of his commitment and involvement in his Master's work. I talked with him briefly every year when I'd see him and still have the business card he gave me on one occasion. My conversation was usually about people I knew i.e., Gerry Christo, etc., he did encourage me to make a trip to India and I remember saying, "At my age? I wish we had more 'Bob Robinsons"; the work would certainly take on a different dimension.

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2. Richard Jesudass <rjesudass@aol.com>
Thank you Dr. Jeremiah for such a lovely, yet fitting, tribute to a man of God. May we all celebrate the life and legacy of Pr. Robinson.

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3. Beverly Thompson <beverly2007@gmail.com> May 23:
This is an echo of my feelings about both Pr. Bob and Brenda. It won't be long until we see them again. May his life be an incentive to all of us who remain to spread the Good News with more zeal.

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4. Gerald & Birol Christo <geraldjchristo@gmail.com> May 27:
Bob Robinson--As we remember him.
Last evening, May 26, 2015 the Jeevan Jyothi church held a memorial service titled "A Celebration of Life" for Pastor Robert Robinson. No memorial service, no words can convey the pain and sorrow the Southern Asia Adventist family felt as the impact of that sad news soaked in. Bob had passed away of a heart attack while recuperating from surgery of a couple of gangrenous toes while he and his wife Brenda were on assignment visiting camp meetings in North America. Numbed into silence images of that towering personality whom I would like to have modeled most for his seemingly sheer invincible characteristic of overcoming hurdles, not by personal choice but by reason of genes. Though he developed Type I-Diabetes at the age of three he lived to its fullest. As a boy he once said, "I am six and sick, but I
will be happy." The joy and laughter from his home of the Jeevan Jyothi Campus reflected the happy times the young adults had when Bob and Brenda hosted watermelon feasts.

The Southern Asia Adventist family share the sentiments so movingly and aptly penned by Dr. Jeremiah in his tribute to Robert Robinson-"One Man Army" in the SUD newsletter of May 22. In scorching heat where "only mad dogs and Englishmen" venture out Bob Robinson traversed the length and breadth of India and Nepal to sow the gospel seed in hearts ready for the Holy Spirit for a bountiful harvest.

Pastor Robinson not only used his talent for fund raising but he was responsible in publishing books in the several languages of India and Nepal for workers and laymen to use in their outreach. Many a family will miss his largesse in educating their children and to cover unexpected medical costs. Bob and Brenda lived frugally but will have earned the commendation of their Lord when He says, "Inasmuch as you have done it to the least of brethren you have done it to me."

Whenever I visited the Retirement Fund Director's office Bob called me into his office and showed me photographs and charts of the work he was building, --evangelistic meetings, church groups, seminars buildings, speakers from abroad, and books he had published. Amazed by his vision and grasp of the unfinished commission, empowered by the Spirit he was truly, "One Man Army."

Birol and I first met the Robinsons under unusual circumstances. The telephone rang. The caller spoke with an American accent. "Do you understand English?" "I sure do," I replied." The voice continued, "Can you make reservations in a hotel? Three of us will be arriving from Russia tomorrow." I said in my best English, "You can stay with us." Bob had been treasurer of the Euro-Asian Division. At the recent 2000 Toronto General Conference Session, the delegates had elected a Russian to be the treasurer and Bob was currently without a job. I had been a member of the General Conference committee when the transfer from expatriate to indigenous leadership began, so I understood his predicament and his emotions. The day of the expatriate missionary seeking a role in leadership in the mission field has ended. Nationals are rightfully taking their places in leadership roles in their own areas. The Robinsons left with the Russian brother. I thought to myself, this is the last time I will see them. A few months later, however, we welcomed the Robinsons as members of the Southern Asia Division family. He filled a need in Southern Asia that very few could fill.

A bond of friendship had been rooted and budded in that brief meeting which fully blossomed when they took up residence at Hosur. The rest is history. A stanza of the anthem which the Jeevan Jyothi Church Choir rendered in closing to the memory of Pastor Robert Robinson. His life will inspire us to be faithful, believe and obey.

Oh may all who come behind us find us faithful;
May the fire of our devotion light their way.
May the footprints that we leave lead them to believe,
And the lives we live inspire them to obey.

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III. Honoring Pastor Lyndon Watts
Reg Shires <RegShires@aol.com> May 28:
I often look for any news about Pastor Lyndon Watts since I was very
close to him and his family at Madras and at Spicer where he built the food factory and trained scores of students as mechanical workers who went on to become engineers. He was a dynamic Adventist leader, highly skilled in building and very dedicated to the SDA message. His children were Harvey, Heather and Dennis who died quite young. Mrs. Watts was also a strong Adventist woman.

This family lived a simple life. The building for Spicer's Food Factory was built at Madras by him, piece by piece, with the help of Albert Victor, Leonard Clemonds and me out in the hot Madras sun and was used at the very large Madras State Fair to show the film "One in 20,000" to packed audiences. Owen D'Costa joined us then and he and I had to take care of the many young men who fainted on seeing the lung operation of a heavy smoker. I write to see if somebody who knew or worked with Pastor Watts can write and tell us something of this dedicated family who made a great contribution to Southern Asia, Canada and the U.S.A. Norma and I had the privilege of visiting their home on a farm near Hurricane, Utah, when they retired, before they settled down at Canada.

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