I. New Division Officers Welcomed

Gerald Christo <geraldjchristo@Gmail.com> August 18:

In a three hour ceremony on August 9, 2015 Ezras Lark and M. Wilson were installed as President and Secretary respectively of the Southern Asia Division. The service began with a welcome by Riches Christian to a church packed with Division Committee members, former president R. John and former Secretary Gordon Christo, Division office workers, retirees residing in the area and included church workers, laymen and members in the Karnataka and Tamilnadu region.

Prior to the installation and oath taking ceremony words of appreciation by Cyril Montero and Ramesh Jadhav for the ministry of rendered to the Southern Asia Division constituency by the immediate former officers R. John and Gordon Christo. The retiring Division Treasurer G. S. Robert Clive hadn't returned from the UK. Following these words of commendation, Hosur English church Pastor Maywald Jesudas presented principles from the life of Moses and David which modeled servant leadership. Interim president V. P. Singh reminded the incoming officers what leadership of God's church really meant when he listed the qualifications needed in church leaders.

After the two former officers expressed their thanks for the words of farewell and the newly elected officers thanked the speakers for their words of welcome Jothi Ambian offered a dedicatory prayer on behalf of the new officers, and Selvin Moorthy brought this session to an end with a closing prayer. The new officers were reminded that in spite of the confusion in the Southern Asia Division caucus their election was a part of God's plan for nothing happens without His knowledge and permission. He whom God chooses He also empowers. The next part of the ceremony moved to the offices of the president and secretary where the new officers were welcomed by the
out-going occupants to their chairs of responsibility.
The last time all three officers were changed was at the San Francisco General Conference session in 1962 when Martin E. Kemmerer had accepted an appointment as the treasurer of one of the colleges in North America before the Session convened and the SUD caucus couldn't come to a consensus out of the remaining two nominations Ole O. Mattison and Duane S. Johnson on who should be the president, paving the way for Roscoe S. Lowry as the consensus candidate after consultations with the entire SUD delegation. Dr. Lowry was not even a part of the SUD delegation for he taken an appointment at La Sierra College.
The third part of the handing over ceremony was held in the Community Hall where interim secretary Kanairaj George presided. Greetings in the form of shawls were presented to the out-going officers and the newly elected officers by the heads of the recognized field units, colleges and schools. The only exception was the presentation of a floral bouquet to Sophia Wilson, the Secretary's wife. A spectator remarked one could opened a shop with the shawls distributed for this ceremony. After a prayer of thanksgiving by V. Selvamoney the Division office hosted lunch for all present.

II. Letters
1. Mehbub Khan <kashana2172@sbcglobal.net> August 17:
Thank you so much for your untiring efforts to keep the Southern Asians up to date with the latest news. As for me, personally, it's very uplifting and assuring that our SDA churches back in Southern Asia are growing in-spite of the difficulties each region faces. Our pioneers indigenous or missionaries, present or past, behoove us to be faithful at our posts wherever we live now.

Having read about the Karens gathering, I was inspired to suggest why not have a gathering or a camp meeting of the Southern Asians (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka) living in North America? If after reading this, there is someone who wants to communicate with me on this, I will be open to a discussion/suggestions with any brother or sister. May the Lord help us all as we continue to serve Him in our families and communities in North America. God bless us all!
-- Pastor Mehbub M. Khan

2. Alfred Raju <alfredraju_d@yahoo.co.in> Aug. 18:
I am shocked to hear aunty Grace passed away we know her for many years when we all were staying in Vijayawada we have lost a great lady and a loving aunty our deep condolence massage to all the children and grand children.
-- Pastor Alfred Raju Family

3. Mary Sunder from Chennai
from GC Review
"We just came [to San Antonio] this morning from India. It took 24 hours in flight, and we changed at least three different flights to reach here. We haven't slept yet, but we find it wonderful to see all the people from different places. It feels like heaven."
4. Edison Samraj <amc.pune1947@gmail.com> August 21:
Special Request for Prayer
We are in the midst of making a software app through Android cell based
to provide an application that will have our programs with download and
sharing facilities. We are also extending it to Apple and eventually to
Windows. The software has been in the process of development. Once it is
completed, we will have all cell users have direct access to the 15
languages by which we are presenting the gospel. Kindly pray for the success
of this app in the 3 brand cell companies, namely Android, Apple and
Windows. Kindly pray that this new initiative that we are taking will make
access easy to everyone who lives on planet earth.
I believe that this will be a breakthrough in making our listeners take
advantage of this program through these applications. We look forward to a
drastic jump in business after this app is installed in these 3 brands. Your
prompt response in prayer for this will be greatly appreciated.
Secondly, we have the privilege of making our shortwave programs in
digital format in major cities and it has been a blessing to know that this
is without any extra cost. I am so happy to inform you that this is a great
blessing because simultaneously we are getting double benefit of not only
listening through the broadcast wave but also through digital which is
normally known as DRM.
We have received a flow chart of all the languages that are connected to
DRM and this is a great information for us. We thank God for this marvellous
leading in making all these things happen. While India is well connected,
these two initiatives will make us connected to the people more than ever
before. May God bless you as you continue to pray for us.
-Dr. Edison Samraj, Director, Adventist Media Centre

III. Lowry Adventist College --Centennial Celebration
Ravindra Shankar <mravis70@hotmail.com> Aug, 22:
I bring greetings from Lowry Memorial College, Bangalore, India. We will
be celebrating a century of God's blessings (Centennial celebrations) from
TO
ALL THOSE WHO WORKED AT LOWRY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
ALL THOSE WHO STUDIED AT LOWRY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
ALL THE WELL WISHERS OF LOWRY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
DEAR FRIENDS,
GREETINGS FROM LOWRY ADVENTIST COLLEGE & EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
Lowry Adventist College situated at Dooravanninagar, Bangalore, India
which was formerly known as Lowry Memorial High School is the flagship of
Christian higher education of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Southern
Asia Division.
The year 2015 is a significant year in the history of this college &
marks the completion of 100 years for this college. This institution has
grown in leaps and bounds and has undergone a metamorphic change during the
last 100 years. Now it is no more an institution, but a group of educational
institutions having six different units functioning in an area of 50 acres
of land in the heart of Bangalore city, which is regarded as the Silicon
Valley of India.
This institution has shaped, mentored, trained & educated thousands of
young people across the globe to occupy very honorable positions in the society today. God has blessed this institution during the last 100 years. We need to celebrate the century of God's blessings & mercies poured upon this institution. The college administration has set aside November 13 - 15, 2015 for this purpose. Hence the centenary celebration of this college & educational institutions will be held to celebrate the goodness of the Lord in thanksgiving on these days. Multiple programs have been planned for these three days.

In this regard the college administration takes pride in inviting you to be part of this celebration. Your presence will bring great joy & happiness to all of us & dignity to the entire event. Hence it is our prayer & desire that you accept our invitation to be one of the guests for this historic event. Looking forward to have you grace this occasion.

More information about the celebration will be passed on to you in due course of time.

Please do remember this event in your prayers.

Do not forget to pass this information to the other well wishers & alumni of this institution.

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Ravindra Shankar, President, Lowry Adventist College


IV. Maryland Church Celebrates 4th Anniversary
Anand Chavakula <contact@hopeside.org> August 17:
HopeSide Community Mission will be celebrating its 4th Anniversary on Saturday, Sept. 5, 2015 starting at 10am. During the 11am divine service, we are honored to feature the testimony of Actor Raja Abel who is a popular Telugu Actor visiting from India. He starred in many highly acclaimed Telugu movies. Despite a very difficult childhood, he has overcome many obstacles to experience a life of success after he accepted Jesus. A luncheon will follow after the Divine Service. All are cordially invited. The address of the meeting is: 12625 Galway Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20904.

V. Two Deaths in 90 + Club
Sharon Isaac <sharonroseisaac@yahoo.com> August 17;
Please note my that my aunt Ellen Thomas and uncle William Muller Isaac have recently passed. Thank you.

90+ Club
Y. Robert Samraj, Mrs. Grace Prasada Rao, S. John, I. R. Thomas, R. S.
Tom Davis, D. David, Mrs. June Hooper, Mrs. Mary Alice Zill, John Curnow,
Mrs. Joyce Ballantyne, Robinson Kolipillai, S. T. Gomer, Edna York, Eugene
Anderson, Lois Anderson, Mrs. W. L. Sharalaya, Clara May Toews, Gerald
Christo, Harold Erickson, Martha Toews, Margaret
Roelke-McNitt, W. Gordon Jenson, Arthur Weaver, Natalie Weaver, Mrs. Daisy
Joseph, Mayville Fanwar Holroyd, Anandarao Undru, Lynn Watts, Norma Watts,
Joy Juriansz, Katherine Skau, Mrs. Lily John, William Moses Mathi. Total = 40

VI. Gordon's Humorous Comment on G C's Women's Ordination Policy
Gordon Christo <drongo.ostrich@Gmail.com> August 16
My wife was waking up bhery early on July 8 at the GC seshun in San Antonio. She was telling me "Hurry hurry." I am saying "why phor hurry wurry?" Then she is telling "Arre you don't know? Today GC will decide whether husband is head of the wife or no." Dephinately that is important phor me also, so we are getting ready phast phast and russ to the Aloo dome. Baapre! all roads is phul of delegates and guests and speshul guests and bhisitors and wives and phamilies all rushing phast phast like walking race. Climate is hot even early morning and we are sweating like anything because dome is bhery phar. Peepul is pushing and shoving and phinally we are getting inside the dome. Phortunately we are having rejerved seats phor SUD in phront. Phirst three speakers are telling three points: (1) Bible is telling husband is head and wife should be quiet, (2) Bible is telling wife also can able to be head, (3) Bible is telling husband is head, but God is excuse if women is becoming head. At last Mike Ryan is telling to come to microphone. Long lines is phorming but everybody is telling only "point of order," and again "point of order" and line is not moving. Then many are telling amendments but all motions is phailing. Phinally someone is calling question and they are telling that motion is pass, and everybody is going back to their chairs and sitting down. Then ushers is giving paper for bhote. It is saying "Can Dibhijuns able to tell woman also to be head, yes or no?" All women is looking excited and Indian men is looking worried. Counting is taking long long time. Phinllly they are phinish and Mike is telling women is depheated. I told my wife "What man! What you are thinking? You go back to kitchen now and be quiet.

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