I. SUD Officers to Visit Loma Linda
Manzoor Massey <mindrealignment@att.net> Sept. 10:
On October 17, the newly elected president of Southern Asia Division, Pastor Ezras Lakra will speak at the gathering of Friends of Southern Asia Adventist Fellowship in Loma Linda. Pastor Lakra, formerly the president of Northern Union of Southern Asia Division, presided over a vast geographic area of the country where more than 600,000,000 million of the 1.2 billion Indians reside. His territory extended from Kashmir to Calcutta. Pastor Lakra is wise and deliberate thinker, team builder with impeccable integrity and resolve. We believe he will lead by example and build on the good work began by many who have gone before him. He will be in our prayers. We wish him all the best and are looking forward to his visit to Loma Linda.
On October 16, Dr. M. Wilson, newly elected Executive Secretary of Southern Asia Division will address the Assembly of Friends of Southern Asia Fellowship in Loma Linda. Dr. Wilson formerly was the president of East Central India Union, home to nearly 800,000 Seventh-day Adventist believers which is more than 60% of the total SDA population in Southern Asia Division. He is a dynamic speaker. He is a humble but talented leader. He will be a strong pillar of integrity. He is a good listener and a team builder. We are confident that he will further advance the work of God in Southern Asia. We are looking forward to his visit to Loma Linda.
We also want to wish the best of life, health and happiness to the outgoing officers. May God continually use their talents to build the kingdom of heaven. It is our prayer that they will serve as the wind beneath the wings of the new leaders.
Manzoor Massey, President, Mind Realignment Leadership Training Institute Director of Gospel Outreach, Region 12, India.

II. Letters
1. Alfred Raju <alfredraju_d@yahoo.co.in> Sept 12:
I'd like to say along with Pr. Ted our G. C. president on the death of Mrs. Mukherjee a great lady and a first lady who passed away; our sympathy to the Indian president, Mr. Mukherjee.
God Bless his Leadership
Pr. Alfred Raju

2. Subodh Pandit <drskpandit@gmail.com> September 16
I have, from time to time, been reading about the activities of Edison Samraj, AMC (his brother Franklin was my classmate and the bass singer in our quartet at Spicer high school) and Kish Poddar (we were neighbors in Salisbury Park). I commend them for the type of thinking, effort and perseverance that goes into such plans. We need plenty of such visionary concepts for our church to flourish.

III. Remembering SUD Auditor Michael Prasada Rao
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Mr. Pagidipalli Michael Prasada Rao, fondly known as Michael P. Rao, was born in a family of pioneers as the youngest third generation Adventist to Pastor P. S. Prasada Rao and Vazramma as a Christmas gift on 25th December, 1947 in Gifford Memorial Hospital, Nuzvid. His grand parents, late Pastor and Mrs. P. Devadanam were Adventist pioneers who established a number of churches in Andhra field. Michael's siblings included his brother late Israel Prasada Rao, sister Vasumathi Vasanth Kumar (USA), and older brother Shamgar Prasada Rao who recently retired as Division leader. Michael had his elementary education in Nuzvid church school when his father was its principal. After completing his elementary education there, he joined Narsapur High School and completed secondary education. He then successfully completed BBA studies in Spicer Memorial College in Pune and also obtained, in the First Division, Master's degree in Commerce in 1972 from the University of Pune. Subsequently, he also completed Certificate Courses in Auditing.

Mr. Michael married a third generation Adventist young lady, Rayavarapu Lalitha, youngest daughter of Pastor and Mrs. R. S. P. Rao on October 21, 1974. Lalitha graduated from Spicer College as a Secretarial Science graduate and became a great support and inspiration to her husband. They both were blessed with two dynamic sons-Sunhith, a B. Sc. Graduate in Medical Laboratory Technology and Sundeep with a Bachelor of Physiotherapy degree. Both are now working in super specialty hospitals in Vijayawada. Sundeep married T. Kavitha of Pothureddipally, a B.Sc. Nursing graduate from Nuzvid.

Michael Prasada Rao started his career as an Accountant in Vishakapatnam school in 1972 and soon became a Chief Accountant in Andhra Section office in Hyderabad. Then he was promoted as Treasurer of Flaiz Adventist College in Narsapur. From here he was called to serve as Local Auditor at National Home and Health Service (NHHS) in Pune. Then he moved to South India Union Office in Bangalore.

Due to his long experience in accounting and efficiency gained in treasury field, he was inducted into the Division Auditing services in 1989 and continued in this field of labor for next 23 years. When the Auditing services were reorganized at the General Conference level, Michael Prasada Rao was elevated as Chief of Southern Asia Division Auditing Services, known
as GCAS Auditor (General Conference Auditing Service). His home field of Central India Union, particularly Andhra field, felt proud that Mr. Michael was elected as GCAS Auditor during two GC Sessions in 2000 A.D. and in 2005. During this period Lalitha Michael Prasad Rao served as office secretary in the Division Secretariat until her retirement in 2010. In all Michael served 40 years in Southern Asia Division winning plaudits in his ministry and retired in April 2012. The Michaels settled close to his co-brother-n-law, Pastor and Mrs. Daniel Kalapala in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh. Mr. Michael Prasada Rao always stood as top ranking student in studies, shone like a star as efficient treasury man, strode through the length and breadth of Division field with auditing kit in his bag, with cheerful disposition on his face and with fervent prayers for advancement of Advent Mission. He lived a life of a loving and loveable parent to his family, a source of inspiration to his fellow workers to keep the integrity of church finances, and finally a longing believer to the Second Advent of Christ. This great falcon had fallen unexpectedly on 27th July, 2015, succumbing to Hypoglycemia and cardiac arrest. His funeral on 29th July was attended by grieving hundreds of his friends and well wishers in Nuzvid and among them were scores of past and present leaders of our church in India. He leaves behind his beloved wife Lalitha, sons Sunhith and Sundeep, daughter-in-law Kavitha, his sister Vasumathi and Vijay Kumar in the USA, his retired brother Shamgar Prasada Rao and Suneethi with all their families and finally host of his grieving relatives and admirers. He rests now in the Lord waiting to hear the Master's CALL on the golden morning.

Dr. K. J. Moses

IV. Life Sketch of Mary June (Jerry) Flaiz Wilkinson
Mohan J. Suvarna Raj <cmjsuvvarnaraj@gmail.com> Sept. 10
Mary June (Jerry) Wilkinson lived an amazing life, filled with an abiding love for her husband, children, a life long passion for her church, and blessing people through mission-minded service. She died peacefully at home on Monday, August 17, 2015, surrounded by her family who she dearly loved-she was 92 years old.

Jerry was born to Ted and Jennie Flaiz on September 8, 1922, in Narsapur, India. She was the youngest of two children, with her brother Ted being the oldest. Her childhood, until age 10, was spent in India, where she first learned to speak Telugu, and then English. Hers was an adventurous life of jungles, elephants and tigers-a childhood that profoundly influenced her throughout her life. Jerry spent the next several years in Loma Linda, California as her father attended medical school. She attended La Sierra University and received her Nursing degree. During her college years she spent time at Walla Walla College, where she met Stan Wilkinson. One day many months later, Stan was standing on a street corner in San Francisco dressed in his World War II army uniform. Jerry and her aunt were in a car, at a stop light, right next to him. Thinking it might be him she said, "Stan, is that you?" It was. They spent time together that weekend, and it started a courtship that lasted a year and a half. They were married in College Place on September 3, 1946. After Stan attended and completed studies at Loma Linda University School of Medicine, Jerry, Stan and their three boys, Richard, Randall and Ronald left for Karachi, Pakistan in 1954, where Stan became the Medical
Director of the Seventh-day Adventist Hospital. They spent five years in Karachi, providing Jerry with many opportunities to teach her children beautiful life lessons. She later wrote a book named, "Rickey's Adventures in Kashmir"—a book about fun experiences that the family had in Kashmir, as seen through the eyes of her oldest son.

Returning from Pakistan in 1959 they moved for a short while to Caldwell, Idaho and then to Yakima in 1960. By this time the family had expanded to 6 children, with Russell, James and Jennie having been born in Karachi. Jerry chose to be a mother full time, and loved her time spent teaching and nurturing her children. The family lived south of Yakima where they planted a cherry orchard and Jerry and Stan provided the kids with the opportunity to learn to work and become self-motivated.

She loved writing and was a talented writer. Through the years she wrote numerous articles, some of which were published in the global church Review magazine. Several years ago she wrote a second book, this one was on her childhood memories of growing up in India. This book title is "The Land My Childhood Knew".

Jerry loved her Seventh-day Adventist Church and its mission—as well as the local church located on Lincoln and 35th Avenue, where she taught different Sabbath School classes and was very involved for years.

Above all things, Jerry, loved her God, her husband of 61 years, Stan, and her children. She exemplified a life of commitment, integrity and love for others. She spoke words of affirmation and intention into her children's lives and continually believed in them, and that has had a major, positive impact in their lives. If you were to condense all of Jerry's life into but two words, it would have to be—She Loved!

Mom, as you said good-bye to this world, our wish for you is that you clearly saw the joy and beauty you created. Farewell, we love you!

Jerry is survived by her children, Richard and his wife LoriAnn, Randall and his wife Susan, Ronald and his wife Janet, Russell and his wife Cate, James and Belinda, Jennie and her friend Don James; her grandchildren, Shannon Payne and husband Erik, Denver Wilkinson and wife, Sherry, Ryan Wilkinson, Eric Wilkinson and wife Katie, Shauna Simons and husband Chris, Jenna Plummer, Amy Han and husband Jason, Riley Wilkinson and wife Paige, Taylor Wilkinson, Landon Wilkinson and wife Kennedy, Savannah Wilkinson, Sean Wilkinson, Andrew Wilkinson, Trew Wilkinson, Parker Wilkinson and Annie Wilkinson; great-grandsons Jackson, Jameson and Hudson Payne, and Avery and Noah Wilkinson and brother Ted Flaiz. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Stan.

There was family burial service at Mt. Hope in College Place, Washington and a memorial service for Jerry at 4:00 pm on Saturday, September 19, 2015 at the 35th Avenue Seventh-day Adventist Church in Yakim.

V. Sri Lanka's Lakeside Hospital Celebrates Golden Jubilee

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It is with great pleasure that I congratulate Lakeside Adventist Hospital in Sri Lanka for their golden jubilee celebration. I can still remember going to the newly opened Lakeside Clinic as an out-patient when I was a student at Lakpahana. The clinic opened under the expert guidance and care of Drs. Pam and Noel Fernando.

Today, you can observe how the one building grew into a well-known
hospital, not only in Kandy, but in all Sri Lanka. Memories come to me of Pastor and Mrs. R. S. Fernando coming to our house on different occasions and discussing with our parents about their vision of starting an Adventist Hospital and having his children who were in medical school, serve there. His vision and dream was fulfilled when Lakeside came into existence. The golden jubilee was celebrated on September 13 at Grand Kandyan Hotel. Many dignitaries such as Sri Lanka's Central Province Chief Minister, Secretary to the Defense Minister, Kandy City Mayor, The President of Private Hospital Association, The President of Private Hospital Regulatory Council, and SDA Union President and Chairman. Many religious leaders such as a Buddhist priest, Anglican Bishop, Hindu priest and a Muslim priest were present to congratulate and to thank Lakeside Adventist Hospital for their services to the Kandy and neighboring communities. Lakeside staff and many of the Kandy business community associates, doctors, consultants, pastors and some heads of institutions were also present to celebrate the occasion. Awards were given to Lakeside staff who served the institution for 20-37 years which included special awards given to Dr. Merle Fernando who was the founder of Lakeside Adventist Hospital and to the President of Lakeside, Mr. Percy Dias for his thirty one years of service to Lakeside and for being the longest serving president, 25 years, and continuing still. One highlight of the evening was the song "Blessings", very appropriate for the occasion, sung by Miss. Minelle Dias. Mr. Dias has seen the hospital grow from a few beds to one of 50. Future plans involve increasing the number of beds to 75. The Dedication and hard work of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Dias and his entire hospital staff should be recognized. God has blessed His institution which has touched many lives. Till Jesus comes again we will never know the full extent of His hospital's influence on the souls of many who entered its doors. Happy 50th Birthday Lakeside Medical Center!

VI. Death of Enoch Williams Chedalawada
Southern Asia Adventist Association (SAAA) deeply regrets to announce the unexpected death of Mr. Enoch Williams Chedalawada on Friday September 18, 2015, in the early hours of the morning. He recently underwent a hip replacement surgery and was recovering well. He was transferred to a rehabilitation unit when the unexpected happened. Enoch was the eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William B. Chedalawada (AKA, Ch. B. Williams) who were pioneer Seventh-day Adventist workers of Andhra Pradesh, later Chief Editor of Margadarsi, at the Oriental Watchman Publishing House in Pune, India, where the family lived and was well known. Enoch and his beloved wife Grace, who preceded him in death, worked for the Voice of Prophecy in Pune. Enoch used his talents in electronics and Grace in broadcast singing of melodious Telugu gospel songs, before arriving in the United States. He continued working in the engineering field until his retirement. The four now rest in the Lord, awaiting the Resurrection Morning! He leaves behind his loving children, Ravi (Marty) and Rekha; grandchildren, Sasha, Jordan, Mia; siblings, Baburao W. Chedalawada (Sarojini), Ardys Prasada Rao (Thomas), Hepzi Ohal (Madhuiker), Lillie Victor (John), Edna D'Costa (Neville), Robert; and a host of nieces, nephews and
loved ones. Enoch and his large family of relatives are prominently known and active in their churches and in the community. Please continue to support and uphold them all in your prayers.

SAAA extends its heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and relatives who mourn his loss. May God grant them comfort and peace to keep them secure in His fold; courage and purpose to face each day anew, as they find new meaning from this loss; and renewed faith in the Blessed Hope, that we will see our loved ones again!

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