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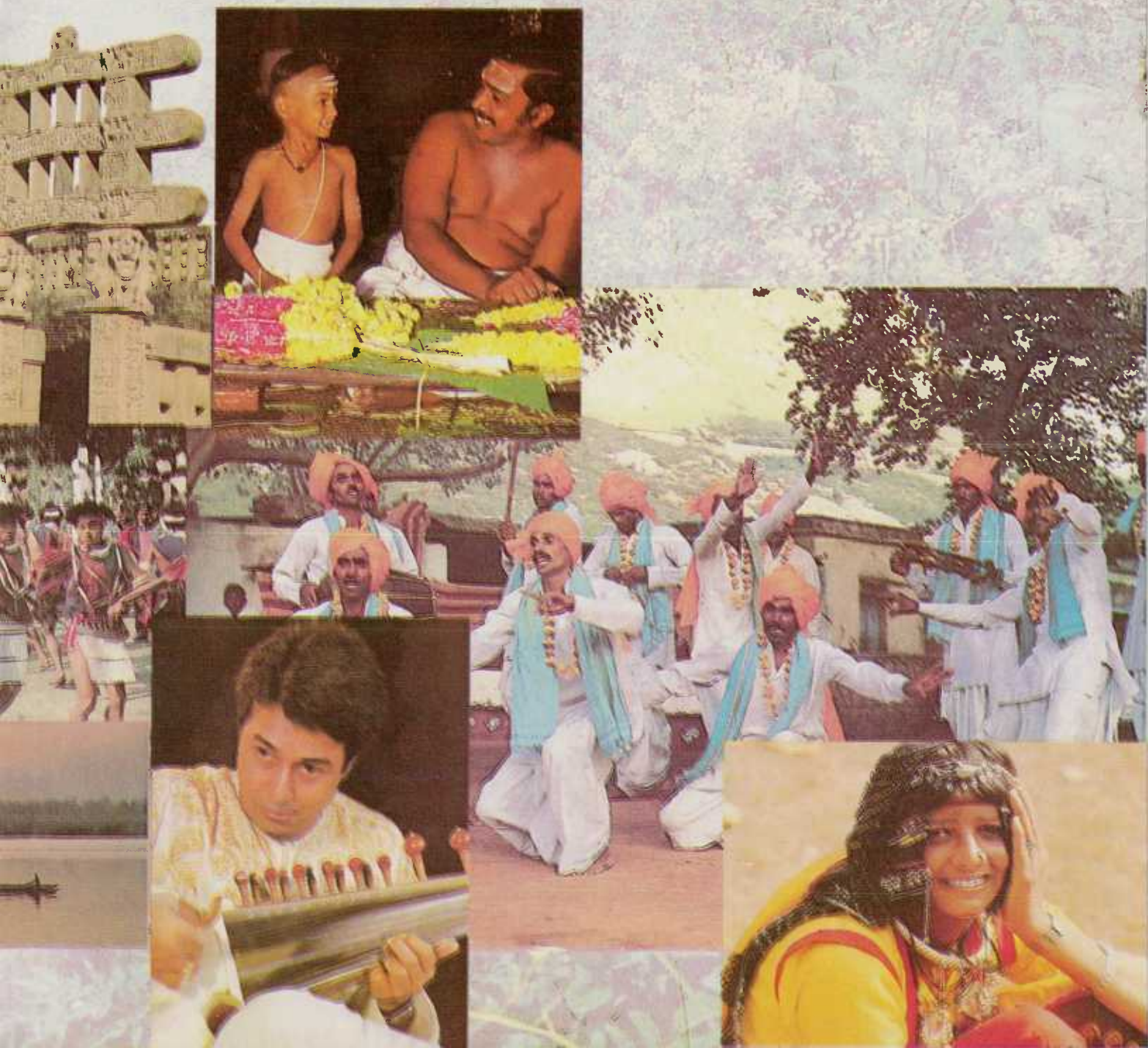




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Today the Church in Southern Asia looks back upon the last one hundred years of its existence, of growth and development, of God's providences, of His care and protection, as well as blessings with a deep sense of gratitude and thanksgiving. On reflection, our faith in the leadership of God in the affairs of the Church and in assurances of God that the Church is the object of His supreme and unique love and care is reaffirmed. We are also led to affirm that we have nothing to fear for the future, as Sister White has pointed out, except as we shall forget how the Lord has led us in the past. So to us it has been a time of grateful reflection and joyous remembrance and praise to our heavenly Father for His wonderful mercies to us as a Church.

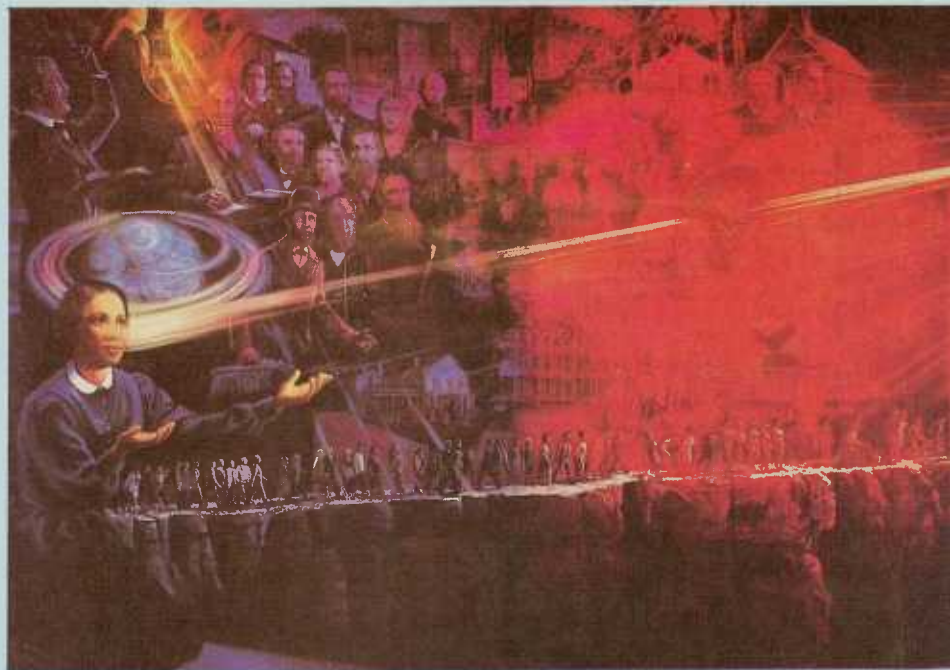
It has not only been a time of reflection and remembrance, but also one of evaluation. Have we measured up to the Lord's expectations? Which have been our shortcomings and even our failures? One could think of opportunities lost, of lack of faith, trust and vision. We recall our selfishness, our pettiness, our neglect and our indifference. We confess our disunity, our refusal to be led by the Spirit. Yet with all of that and in the instances in spite of these, the Church has grown, developed, and has been maturing.

Reflection, remembrance and evaluation must, to be meaningful and relevant, lead to a consideration of our role in the Church in the days to come, and a prayerful seeking of God's mind as to what

He wants the Church to be in the future and how we are to fulfil the mission for which it has been called into existence.

One hundred years is not an insignificant period even in the life of an institution such as the Church and if it had been a period of growth and development it must have been of necessity a period of maturing for the Church. So as we enter the second century of our existence, a very pertinent vital question arises and assumes great significance. That is how mature is the Church in Southern Asia? Let us be sure that God desires His Church to grow and mature.

Dr M E Cherian



The most outstanding achievements of the 100 years



- We have a well-established, as well as a well-knit church organization.
- We have an administrative setup that is capable of meeting the challenges that we face.



- The contribution of our traditional boarding schools right up to the level of Spicer Memorial College, has been highly commendable and has been possibly the major factor in providing a working force and leadership about which we are happy.

- National leadership at all levels of administration.



- We have been able to move into practically every part of the country with the gospel message.



This commemorative poster, *The Christ of the Narrow way*, dramatically assists us in reviewing some of the outstanding events and individuals that have shaped the adventist church so far. It also challenges us to live up to our destiny by focusing our attention on Jesus and following Him along the narrow path that leads to His Kingdom.

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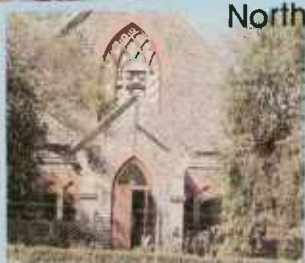
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PUBLISHER'S NOTE



P. H. Ball

The second edition of IMAGES needs a word of introduction. The Division mid-year committee that met in Trivandrum felt that significant landmarks, major events, and personalities who have shaped our work ought to be documented and therefore, the Oriental Watchman Publishing House was given this historical project to review God's providential leading of His people in Southern Asia Division for this period, 1990-1995.

The preliminary pages condition the reader's mind culturally and exposes the multi-functional levels of our organization pictorially. It also helps the reader to look at the church as a Global Movement and at the same time maintain its national identity. This gives us a deeper sense of belonging and unity to the church universal. The reader is urged to view it from this perspective. It is a call to widen our horizon beyond our national boundaries and to deepen our awareness of our common heritage and mission.

The President's introductory statement gives an overview of the positive developments during this period. The highlights of this period is summarized from the point of chronology and importance. The Union President's review is a comprehensive outline of the work done during this quinquennium. They are illustrated and represent the input received from the unions. Any omissions or inclusions must be viewed from this angle. This section also includes the major schools and churches that are represented by these unions.

We have included condensed reports of the Division Departmental directors for the period under study.

We have several special features to make this book interesting and challenging. These ideas, viewpoints, perspectives, worldviews, reviews suggested are from professors, doctors, teachers, pastors, administrators and lay-persons. These ideas do not necessarily represent the official voice of the church. However, they are written for our kind consideration. We hope these special features can stimulate our thinking and prepare us to face the challenges that are ahead of us.

An indepth statistical analysis is part of the financial review of the period. Significant graphs and charts reflect the trends within the organization. While statistics deal with the positive trends, the cartoons help us to capture the negative trends within. We hope the membership of the church will appreciate the spirit in which these cartoons are done. The primary intention of these caricatures is to help us to be self critical. We hope it will motivate us to return to the original blueprint given by God. We trust this volume has captured the spirit and the times of this historical period, 1990-1995. We believe that this experience of God's people will inspire us to move forward and fulfil the mission of the church in this generation. Amen.

PRESIDENT'S INTRODUCTION

As we review the work of God in this field since the 1990 General Conference session, the foremost thought that rises in my mind is that of deep gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His guiding and protecting hand over His work. When we consider the progress, the church has made and God's leadership over the work that has enabled us to be His instruments in the onward march of His church, we are deeply grateful to our Heavenly Father.

If one is to be candid in reviewing the work for the last four years, we must confess that there has been both success and failure, progress and stagnancy. Our failures and possibly even setbacks are an indication that we as human beings have not responded and committed ourselves as completely to the Lord and to His leadership as we should have.

Nevertheless, it is well for us to look at the progress that has been made and that should constrain us to a deeper commitment to the cause of God.



M. E. Cherian

EDITOR'S PERSPECTIVE

This quinquennium is not merely historical, but remarkable in many ways. It is historical because this period coincides with three significant dates: 1991, 1993 and 1994; the Platinum year for SMC; the Centenary year of the Southern Asia Church and 150th year of the Church globally.



Spicer Memorial College celebrated its 75th year in 1991. It has been the force behind preparing workers to carry forward the mission of the church. The leadership of the church is predominantly from the graduates of this premier educational institution. More than that it has upgraded itself in being affiliated to Andrews University. This has made a positive impact on the level of the working force. Thanks to the vision of our pioneers and others to make this dream a reality.

1993 marked the centenary year of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Southern Asia. A little over 9000 members assembled at the stadium in Bangalore to celebrate this historic event. The meeting was marked with praise and adoration for the wonderful ways the Lord has led this movement in the subcontinent. It was a time to reflect over the success and setbacks. It was a grand opportunity for fellowship and to refresh memories of acquaintances and associations. It was a time to ponder over the spirit and times of our pioneers. This event strongly reinforced a sense of history and a proper historical perspective. It re-assured the laity and the workers that there is nothing to fear for the future except we forget how the Lord has led us in the past.

Another event that coincided with the centenary was the Annual council of the General Conference. It was the first time that Southern Asia had hosted such a world event of the church. It gave the laity and the workers an opportunity to see how the church operated on global levels. I was personally impressed by the proceedings and deliberations. The comments, clarifications, and the judgments of our world leaders during the sessions was an educative process. The clarity of judgement, the depth of insight and the modest claim to generality was notable.

This quinquennium is most unique with the year 1994 following 1993. Fifty years after 1844 the message came to India. October 22, 1994 marked the 150th year of the SDA church universal. It was celebrated throughout the Division as the heritage sabbath. The triumph of the disappointment; the spirit of the pioneers; the credibility of the prophetic voice; the commitment to the reformation principles marked the beginnings of the advent movement. Their intervention into human history has given us a sense of destiny, universality and solidarity. So this period under study has been indeed unique and historical. It has given us a sense of the past and given us a mandate to cherish.

This five- year period is not only historical but remarkable in many other ways-organizationally Southern Asia division has shown clear signs of maturity: Two major Conferences were

Edison Samraj

EDITOR'S PERSPECTIVE

established; one new Section organized and three new regions have been formed. Missiologically, we have moved into unentered territories within India and also into Bhutan. More importantly we have entered into dialogue with the dominant religious groups in India with positive results. The establishment of the Centre for Hinduism yielded fruits. The Islamic Study Centre has also made a dent although numerically the impact is less. It is a good point of departure.

Remarkable because the new wage scale has a substantial increase in Norm from 1600 to 2000. Percentage range commensurate range with position; uniform increase between percentage ranges and Annual increment enhanced second maximum.

Never in the history of Southern Asia has the Division Leadership been as actively involved in evangelism. In 1993 Division Departmental Directors were responsible for 927 baptism and in 1994 we have 905 to our credit.

The figures for the Unions are also very encouraging. Tithes and offerings have been on the increase. The number of baptisms has been significant.

The lay involvement in the decision making of the church has been mutually beneficial. The sense of openness has marked our committees. The members have felt free to express their opinion without fear of intimidation. Moreover the division committees has made conscious efforts to hold mid-year meetings in sections offices to ensure participation from local members and workers.

While the Church has diversified its roles of service within and without, it is imperative that it takes a critical look at its own assumptions and ask certain questions. Is our Church programmes effective and productive? Are we preaching the Word? Are we following the blueprint given by God? Is our educational system fundamentally redemptive? Is our curriculum integrating faith and learning? Is our medical practice merely curative rather than being preventive? Is our dialogue with other religions without a hidden agenda? Does our promotion work end without a follow-up? These among other questions are to be raised and answered within the Biblical framework.

If by any chance you felt that the church is about to collapse and that we need to do something about it- Here is a word of assurance. We have been encouraged from the writings of Ellen G White that the Church may appear to fall, but she assures us by the authority of God that it will not fall and will remain strong... 2 SM. There is no need to doubt or be fearful that the work will not succeed. God is the Head of the work and He will set everything in order. If matter needs adjusting at the head of the work, God will attend to that and work to right every wrong. Let us have faith that God is going to carry the nobleship which bears the people of God safely into Port.

Overview

Major achievements in the Quinquennium

- A greater emphasis on result-oriented evangelism.
- More attention to frontier missions and unentered areas.
- A greater awareness to administrative responsibility, moral and ethical standards in administration, financial accountability.
- We've also placed a great deal of emphasis in looking in to the needs and welfare of the workers as well as of the laity.
- A very distinct concern for the ministry of women, a very strong emphasis on stewardship and self-support and at the Division level a greater commitment to providing opportunities for younger workers to assume leadership.
- Emphasis on higher education, improving the physical facilities of church units like local sections, reconstruction of our hospital institutions and building of local church buildings.



O V Jonathan, Director, Education Department

"As we look back on the current quinquennium, the schools have played a vital role in building up the church. Schools also have done their very best to impart quality education that develops academic excellence. More than 60% of our schools got 100% results in public exams.

Shamgar Prasada Rao

On the whole, the objects of the church were carried out by various administrators at various levels quite efficiently. The membership growth literally sky rocketed in comparison. Funds were both received and disbursed in accordance with the policies. The outstanding feature being the provision of financial benefits to the employees that no other quinquennium provided and maintained financial stability. Finetuning of some employees at various levels of responsibilities probably will act as an icing on the cake. It is my prayer that our living God will continue to bless His church. Shamgar Prasada Rao, Secretary, India Financial Association of SDA.



Daniel Thomas

"It is doubtless that the Spirit of the Lord is guiding the administration; as a result, we see growth all over the vast field. "There is a marked decline in the hitherto high incidence of malpractice, misappropriation of mission funds, etc. by the employees. In contrast, there is a spurt in the growth of church membership, including reaching areas that were hitherto unreached." Daniel Thomas, Principal, SDA Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Madurai.

R G Waidande

During this period malpractices were curbed, nepotism controlled, which resulted in raising the standard of the church. Interaction through press conferences, seminars and workshops gave SDA church national and international recognitions. Special departments were introduced to tackle the unique problems of Hindus and Muslims. Enhanced pay scales and retirement age changed disparity into equality. R G Waidande.



Vishrathi Sathe

Our Adventist church today is taking initiative in the development of our church members - young and old - at least in motivating and building confidence in leadership and evangelistic activities. Vishrathi Sathe, Student, Graduate, Spicer Memorial College.

O Israel

This quinquennium has been very eventful. A lot of progress has been made in the area of direct evangelism. I appreciate the effort of field leaders to make it possible.



The major challenges before the Church today.

The first is Evangelism. Secondly, there is nurture and stewardship. The third is development of leadership with greater educational qualifications and commitment. Fourth is the development of local churches. Fifth the development of our laity and a greater and more effective part for them in the decision making process of the church. Sixth, an administrative philosophy that would underline the dignity of every worker and member, commitment to both openness and a democratic process and a style of administrative function in which fairness and freedom are cultivated and cherished.

A S Alva



My association with the SDA institution and its people has drastically changed my commercially and materialistically oriented perception of the world into a morally and ethically stimulating mould. The financial statements reflect only tiny portion of the multifarious activities that the Institution has performed and continues to perform. While my expressions is of someone in awe of an Institution as unique and great as Southern Asia Division of Seventh-day Adventists, if I, as someone who over the years assisted tallying and tabulating financial statements over and over again, have to review and express my view on some of the critical financial aspects of the institution, it will have to be in the following areas:

- (i) A Lack of trained and efficient manpower in some of the local offices, in the areas of finances and planning, is an issue of prime concern.
- (ii) A Lack of planning based on clear-cut long term objectives, lack of adoption of modern evaluation techniques in the assessment of high capital outlays, have all resulted in many incomplete structures, selection of uneconomical and unviable locations.
- (iii) Changing economic scenario due to liberalized economic environment has resulted in substantial rise in people expectations which has indirectly effected the employees of the Institution also.
- (iv) Investment of funds and project plans do not, at times, go hand in hand.
- (v) Many field units spread across the country are in the cross-roads of the financial uncertainty.

A S Alva, Chartered Accountant



Cissy Alexander:

"It is my great privilege to be a member of the Southern Asia Division Executive Committee. Lay representation in the committee has made us feel that the church recognizes the importance of the lay people. We are not only expected to pay the tithe but are also urged to express our opinions in committees. The committees I have attended has always given due importance to the words of lay persons. This has narrowed the gap between the lay members and the administrative personnel. Cissy Alexander, the first lay woman representative in Division Executive Committee.

P K Gayen (Sr.)

"For the past four years, I have been working for the Lord as a Lay Evangelist and the Lord opened the way for me to work among the people of Calcutta and its surroundings and also the Sunderbans in the south of West Bengal.

"We are seeing today a great revival of the gospel ministry in this state, where the first Adventist landed about 100 years ago. With 328 baptisms so far in Sunderbans alone, I was able to establish work in eight different villages. More than 100 souls are ready for baptism.

"I am eager to enter into more districts of West Bengal and win more souls to the kingdom of God with God's grace, I believe, I w-i-l-l." P K Gayen.



Rosy Daswani



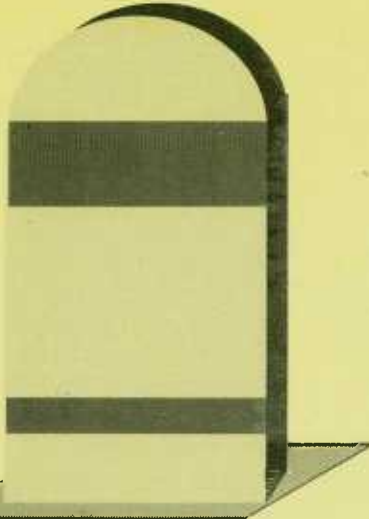
It's like one big family - where dreams of toasting marshmallows in a campfire all together comes true, where your family doctor and your school principal is a friend, not a stranger. And where, anywhere in the world that you go, you find friends who share the same lifestyle as you. And where security lies. You don't have to search for a job in the mean, bad world. There is always one for you.

S Yesudas

The Remnant church is the channel of truth to the world. It has been exalted to prepare the way for ushering the everlasting kingdom. As a humble member, I feel that my duty is confined to pledging myself to support the ministry which the church has been commisioned to perform in these last days. S Yesudas, Member Central Church, Bangalore.



Organizational Highlights



Milestones

- 1990 Spicer memorial college Platinum celebration, Pune. Nov 23.
- 1990 Division Council, Pune, Nov. 26-Dec. 1.
- 1992 First Bhutia Baptized, May 23.
- 1993 Metro-Madras Region organized.
- 1993 Pondicherry Church Platinum Jubilee. Feb 1.
- 1993 Barobisha Church (EIS) Golden Jubilee.
- 1993 Mizo conference established, Feb 23.
This is the first conference to be established in southern Asia.
- 1993 Centenary celebration, Oct. 9, Bangalore.
- 1993 General Conference Annual Council, Oct. 5-11.
- 1993 Surat Hospital Golden Jubilee. Dec. 25.
- 1994 Metro-Bombay Region organized.
- 1994 150th Adventist Heritage Year, Oct. 22.
- 1994 North Tamil Conference organized. This is the first conference in South India union.
- 1994 Gujarat Section formed, Dec 12.
- 1995 North-west region organized, Jan 23.
- 1995 North Frontier Region formed, March 3.

1992
1993

- Sept. 15-19, 1992. School Principal's Conference, Madras.
- April 28- May 1, 93 Seminar on Hinduism, Khandala.
- May 4-6, 1993. Seminar on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse, Delhi.
- Nov. 2-5, 1992. Writers workshop, Pune.
- April 14-17, 1991. Communication Directors workshop, Hosur.
- Jul. 3-8, 1992. ADRA Workshop, Vijaywada.
- Jun. 1-6, 1993. Global Mission Retreat, Pune.
Home & Family Seminars conducted union-wise.
- Oct. 4-8, 1993. Shepherdess International Seminar, Bangalore.
- Sept. 26-30, 1993. Womens Ministries Seminar, Hosur.
- Dec. 1-4, 1993. Lay activities directors workshop, Bhandardara.
- Feb. 11-16, 1992. Literature Evangelists Seminar, Hosur

Organizational Highlights

1994

- Jan 2 Inauguration of Better Living Centre, Chandigarh.
- Jan 5-8 Meghalaya Section Constituency, Shillong.
- Jan 12-15 Headmasters' Conference, Hyderabad.
- Feb 23-24 LEDS Directors' Seminar, Pune.
- Apr 25-27 Religious Liberty Seminar, Bangalore.
- Apr 27-30 North India Section Constituency, Jalandhar.
- May 2 GMH Ground breaking Ceremony, Nuzvid.
- Jul 5-11 Division Mid-year Committee, Trivandrum.
- Jul 12-21 Leadership Seminar, Hosur.
- Aug 20-23 Hospital Chaplains' Workshop, Vijayawada.
- Sep 14-17 Adventist Businessmen's Seminar, Hyderabad.
- Sep 20 Shifting of SIU Office to Spencer Road.
- Oct 27-29 SIU Pastors' Conference, Courtallam.
- Nov 13-17 Division Year-end Committee, Hosur.
- Nov 14-17 AIDS Awareness Conference, Surajkhund.
- Nov 17 Lay Businessmen's Association, Hosur.
- Dec 7-9 Communication Advisory, New Delhi.
- Dec 13-15 All India Religious Liberty Seminar, New Delhi.

1995

- Jan 5-7 Maharashtra Section Constituency, Lasalgaon.
- Jan 11 Groundbreaking Ceremony, Thanjavur Hospital.
- Jan 12-14 North Tamil Section Constituency, Trichy.
- Jan 14 North Tamil Conference Inauguration, Trichy.
- Jan 16-17 Auditors' Council, New Delhi.
- Jan 23 Inauguration of Northwest Region, Chandigarh.
- Feb 1-4 All India Seminar on Islam, Pune.
- Feb 1-5 Literature Evangelists' Convention, Roorkee.
- Feb 17-19 Silver Jubilee Celebration, Ottapalam Hospital.
- Feb 17-21 Family Life Seminar, Hosur.
- Feb 20-23 Health Care Council, Hosur.
- Mar 2 Inauguration of Northern Region, Siliguri.
- Mar 20-Apr 7 Adult Literacy Workshop, Hosur.
- Mar 21-24 ADRA Workshop, Hosur.
- Apr 19-22 Karnataka Section Constituency, Bangalore.
- Apr 25-29 Division-wide Pathfinder Camporee, Hyderabad.

Discussion forums can be a very healthy exercise in building awareness and commitment. It seems to me that so few people realise that the local church is a kind of forum for the purposes suggested above. I believe the task of church leadership at all levels is to make the life of the church more central in the lives of members. Further, it is to encourage spontaneity and local initiative. Occasional forums on special issues could be very valuable to the church. However, to set up frequent forum facility is not the prerogative or the emphasis of the Division Administration.

On the Local Church.

The pastor's role needs to be held in higher esteem within our division. But I would quickly add that it is also essential to view the local church as the indispensable feature of our organisation. When the importance of the local church is recognized by administration at every level I believe we will see a corresponding elevation in the significance of pastoral ministry.

On Major Policy Amendments.

- Detailed schemes for a Family Pension Plan and an Employee's Deposit-Linked Benevolent Fund have been finalized. These are significant provisions for employees.
- The role of the Council of SDA Hospitals has been redefined.
- A Conference endowment Fund Policy has been placed on record.
- Significant



L C Cooper, Former Division Secretary shares his concerns for the church in Southern Asia.

enhancements have been made in sponsorship provisions for the education of future employees. Numerous other policies have been revised or clarified in preparation for the publication of a new policy book in 1993.

On Stewardship.

The emphasis on stewardship has both short and long term objectives. Stewardship is an outgrowth of the spiritual dimensions in one's life. It is not always possible to establish a direct and measurable link between a stewardship seminar and the level of tithes and offerings in a given field. We must look at trends.

There have been growth trends in stewardship which are encouraging. Of course, much more can be achieved. The important thing is that stewardship education must be a continual feature of our work -- not primarily because of financial needs but because of its close relationship to spiritual experience.

My Vision for Southern Asia Division

Southern Asia Division has a lot of possibilities, the greatest lying in the hearts of loving and understanding membership. My vision for the Church is that the love of Jesus will be seen in the lives of all the workers and members in this great Division and that every decision will be made after asking the question, 'Will this help to reveal God's love to the person next to me, and will it help to extend that love to Southern Asia's 900 mission people who are

candidates for God's eternal kingdom?'"

The introduction of the Comprehensive Stewardship Plan has made provision for the local church to retain 50% of their offering for local evangelism, and developmental plans. Each church can have separate plans with the help of section personnel. In this way we will be furthering the objectives of GLOBAL MISSION and significantly strengthening the local church.

My appeal to those who wish to serve the Lord in Southern Asia is that they should not come with the intention of securing employment, but rather to serve the Lord with complete dedication. Even if we have a few workers, the quantum of blessings we receive will be poured out according to the commitment we have for the Lord's work.

The challenge

"The present state of the church's finances indicates that there are tremendous challenges that one has to face. Keeping before us our goal of self-reliance, we must sincerely practise strict economy, and integrity. In this endeavour, the church must move forward as a collective body. We must cooperate in implementing the necessary mechanism to meet the challenges before the church. I believe that this is the church ordained by God and He has His own way of leading the church. As stewards we have to do our part in total humility, submitting ourselves to His greatness. I appeal to my fellow-believers in this Division to be absolutely faithful in paying tithe and offerings. We must not fail to show our gratitude to God for all His blessing. I firmly believe that the years to come are going to be successful years and we will be able to move closer to our goal of self-reliance. The Lord will bless the church when its members live up to His expectations, especially in the matter of financial management."



John Koilpillai, Former Division Treasurer, shares his dreams for Southern Asia Division



J M Campbell, Division Secretary shares his vision for the church.



I Nagahbushana Rao, Division Treasurer challenges southern Asia Division for greater commitment

Division Council, 1990.

The Quinquennial Division Council was held at Salisbury Park Pune from Nov 26-Dec 1, 1990. One of the factors that made the division council significant was the presence and participation of the G C president, Elder Robert Folkenberg and his wife.

A special feature of the council was the evening devotion meetings, instead of the usual reports elder Barron and Wintley Phipps led out with much success. These meetings provided a spiritual impetus to the participants and to the new quinquennial.

Dr Vijayan Charles has regularly funded many projects in India. Here he is seen handing over a cheque to Dr John Willmott for a particular project in SIU.



Transition in leadership- G J Christo along with M E Cherian in one of the business sessions of the Division council, 1990.



(Down) M E Cherian addressed the delegates and urged them to Lift the Saviour up.



Wintley Phipps graced the occasion with his original uplifting songs of praise.



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Platinum jubilee celebrations

The first major event of the period was the platinum jubilee celebration at Spicer Memorial College from Nov, 1990. A large and distinguished group of citizens including the mayor of the city of Pune and the vice-chancellor of Pune University attended the function. Dr R S Lowry, Dr William Johnson and Dr Vijayan Charles were among others who were present on the occasion.

The celebrations came to a close on the weekend of Nov 23, 1990 with the service on Friday night addressed by the General Conference President, Robert Folkenberg and the Sabbath service addressed by the former president of the general conference, Elder Neal C Wilson.



(Inset) G C President Robert Folkenberg addressed the college family on the occasion of the Platinum jubilee celebrations.

Dr R S Lowry presented his message on the importance of Faith. He also reviewed the history of SMC since its inception.



M A J O R E V E N T S



Faith and Learning seminar was organized by the GC Education department for SUD, May, 1990. Dr H Rasi and Dr Akers were the main resource personnel.

Dr Ramdas Pai, Director of Kasturba Medical college, Manipal and Lyn Behrens, President of Loma Linda university, sign an agreement for continuation and expansion of the exchange program between these two institutions. Present at the signing were Dr Calvin Rock, Chairman, LLU Board, M E Cherian, President SUD, Glenn Christo, Administrative assistant, KMC and other dignitaries.



Treasurer's and Accountant's council, 1992. This event was organized by the Division treasury department.

A Writers workshop was hosted by the OWPH at SMC. Nov 4-5, 1992. Standing L_R Edwin Charles, L C Cooper Johnson koilpillai, M E Cherian, Kenneth J Holland, P H Lall, N O Matthew.



Division Leadership Council, 1992.

Division-wide Leadership council, 1992.



Division Year-end meeting, 1994. Several field workers were called to attend the committee as invitees.



Leadership Training Seminar, Hosur. 1994.

Adventist Heritage Year-1994.



Oct 22, 1994 was celebrated as the heritage sabbath throughout the division. Our college students presented a cultural program during the Adventist youth meeting. 1994 marks the 150th year of our church life globally.

A major centenary celebration was held in Pune over the weekend of February 25, 1994 to cover the Central India and Pune-division based institution. This proved to be a real success bringing Adventists for the sabbath services. This was very fitting as Pune has not only played a major role in the history of the church, but remains even today the most important centre of Adventism in the Division.

Kollegal is one of the first areas in which the work was started in the Karnataka section. The organization organized a centenary celebration program on Jan 19, 1994 which was attended by over 700 Adventists. A number of senior workers were honoured at this function.

Karmatar

It was the first outstation established around 1898 by the church in southern Asia. Pioneers such as Georgia Burrus, F. W. Brown and D. A. Robinson worked here. The centenary program was arranged for Feb 14, 1994.

(Down) A skit depicting the early years of our church life was presented at the sabbath school program by the youth of Salisbury Park. It was organized and planned by Jenny Kazi. 1994





100
YEARS
 1893-1993
CENTENNIAL
CELEBRATION

The Annual Council coincided with another important event in Southern Asia Division history. This year 1993, marks the Centenary of the SDA work in India. A special event to mark the 100th anniversary was held on October 9th at Bangalore. Week-end services for the Annual Council was held at the Tennis stadium. Due to unavoidable reasons, Sabbath services were simultaneously held in the stadium as well as in the Chowdiah hall. The Sabbath school featured a drama depicting the beginnings of the SDA work in Mizoram. Sabbath school lesson study (Chowdiah hall) was in the form of Panel discussion. William Johnson, Editor, Adventist Review, was the chairperson. Other panelists included Gordon Christo, Edison Samraj and a woman representative from Holland. The Divine service was taken by the World President Elder Robert Folkenberg. He stressed the need for unity and challenged the members to maintain the uniqueness of the SDA church. General Conference Vice-President Elder Phil Follett addressed the large gathering of believers at the Tennis Stadium. His message focused on the cross of Christ. Later, in the afternoon, the Union Development & Resource Minister Shri Arjun Singh along with former Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Shri Natwar Singh addressed the Adventist church family at 3:00 p.m. M E Cherian introduced the chief guests and thanked them for their co-operation and interest in the Adventist church. Shri Arjun Singh commended the role played by the Seventh-day Adventist church in India in the field of Education and Public Health. Shri Natwar Singh, speaking to the believers hoped that the centenary

celebration would usher in peace, love and good will. The World President of the Seventh-day Adventist church, Elder Robert S Folkenberg, read out a special message from the Vice-president of India, His Excellency Shri K R Narayanan. The message reviewed the good work of the SDA and commended its service in the field of Education, Medical and also Relief work. Elder Neal C Wilson, speaking on the occasion, reviewed his acquaintance with Mahatma Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi and stressed the need for utilizing human resources for the common good. Don Gilbert, Treasurer of the world church offered the concluding prayer. After the welcome ceremony of Shri Arjun Singh and Shri Natwar Singh, the Southern Asia Division report was presented. Dr K J Mosses, Global mission coordinator was the organizer of the program. An interview with pioneers and former missionaries was conducted by Mrs Pillai and Dr Mrs Gaikwad. Pioneers interviewed included W H Mattison R S Lowry G J Christo and M Amirtham. A skit was presented depicting the history of the church in southern Asia. This report closed with the president's stirring challenge for the church to rise and proclaim the Gospel to every person.

Robert Folkenberg addressed the believers on this Historic Sabbath.



Later in the evening a cultural programme was presented exclusively for the delegates of the Annual Council at the Chowdiah Hall.

For the first time the Asia-Pacific Literature Ministry co-ordinating board was held in India. This board met at the Hoilday Inn on October 12, 1993. This Inter-Division committee was formed to co-ordinate the literature needs of the regions represented.

Tennis Stadium, Bangalore.





K R Narayanan, Vice-President
Government of India

Vice-President's Message

Activities of the Adventists spanning one hundred years are examples of courage, humanism, and service to the people, the Vice-president wrote. Institutionalization of your philanthropic activities in many crucial areas of life across the globe have endeared the Adventists to the peoples of the world. Your emphasis on moral values, simple life, stress management, vegetarian diet, non-alcoholic and non-smoking practices have current and continuing relevance.

Thanking the Church for joining massive efforts to provide assistance to Maharashtra's earthquake victims, the vice-president affirmed the church for rededicating themselves to serve the suffering millions and strengthen the human fabric.

*K R Narayanan,
Vice President of India*



Special Issue

Unable to attend the Centenary programme in person, India's Vice-president K R Narayanan sent a message which was read by President Robert Folkenberg.

Objectives

Southern Asia Division Centenary Celebration

ACKNOWLEDGE--God's sovereignty and grace over the past 100 years

APPRECIATE--the faith and deeds of the pioneers

AFFIRM--the privilege of belonging to God's family today

AWAKEN--to the mission for which God calls us

ACCEPT--the challenge of completing the Gospel commission.

A large turnout of about 9000 believers converged for the historic Oct 9, Sabbath Services.





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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



President Cherian welcomed the distinguished guests and the believers assembled in the stadium. He commended Shri Arjun Singh and Shri Natwar Singh for their interest in building our Nation and for the support to the Adventist Church.



President Cherian, presented a memento in appreciation of the minister's commitment to secularism, freedom, and democracy. October 9, 1993.



Shri Arjun Singh, India's Human Resource minister addressed the Adventist believers with words of commendation and support. L-R: Ralph Thompson, M E Cherian, R Folkenberg, Natwar Singh, Neal C Nelson and Don Gilbert.

- 1890** S N Haskell and P T Magan crossed India from Calcutta to Bombay.
- 1892** G C Tenny was sent to India on a fact finding mission.
- 1893** William Lenker and A T Stroup landed in Madras and began canvasing.
- 1895** First regular SDA worker employed.
- 1896** Publishing work began in Calcutta.
- 1898** First SDA Mission station opened in Karmatar.
- 1899** First church school established in Calcutta.
- 1903** The official news magazine-*Southern Asia Tidings* was first printed under the title *Eastern Tidings*.
- 1905** A Health magazine-*Herald of Health* was first printed.
- 1909** Meiktila Industrial School established.
-Simla Sanitarium established
- 1910** Organised as India Union Mission.
- 1911** Harry Armstrong and Owen enter Ceylon.
-Vincent Hill school established
- 1915** South India Training School established in Coimbatore.
- 1917** South India Training School moved to Bangalore.
- 1919** Lasalgoan Training School established, Maharastra.
-Delta Mission established, Burma.

Lay Representation in the Division committee increased

The Division Leadership felt that our committees should have wider representation of lay people, youth, ministers and other types of workers.

In 1991, the lay representation in the division was increased from two to five, including one lady member. In 1993, one more was added making the lay representation six. In 1993, by another action, it was decided that one hospital employee, one minister, one teacher, one medical doctor and two students would be added to the division committee as invitees.



Dr Shanmuganatham and Mr Mohan Rao express themselves without any fear of intimidation.



South Andhra Section, Administrative Complex was formally inaugurated by M E Cherian, President, SUD, June 9, 1995. Committee in session, Hosur, 1994.



"Will the Brothers Meet?" authored by T.J. Samraj, was released by M.E. Cherian in England, 1992.

M A J O R E V E N T S

Mizo Section Comes of Age

Mizo Section: A Brief History

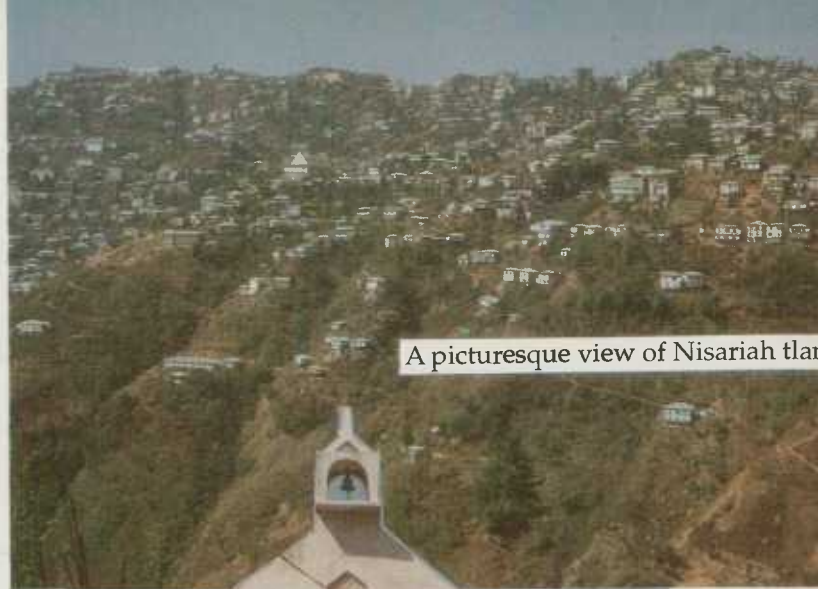
The Advent Message was first brought to Mizoram (Lushai Hills) by Lallianzuala Sailo in the year 1942. Lallianzuala had visited the site of Adventist Training School, Jowai, in March, 1941, accompanying O W Lange, who was its first principal. As they were sitting together under a pine tree, Pastor Lange told him that ATS would be built there. When Lange explained the Adventist programme to be introduced at the new school, Mr Sailo decided to be the first student and was admitted to the school.

Foregoing all the scholarships that he drew from the Government and leaving the Government High School in Shillong, he got himself transferred to ATS in April 1941, to become the first student enrolled in the school. Since people could see remarkable changes in Sailo's character, many parents decided to send their children to ATS and 30 new students enrolled.

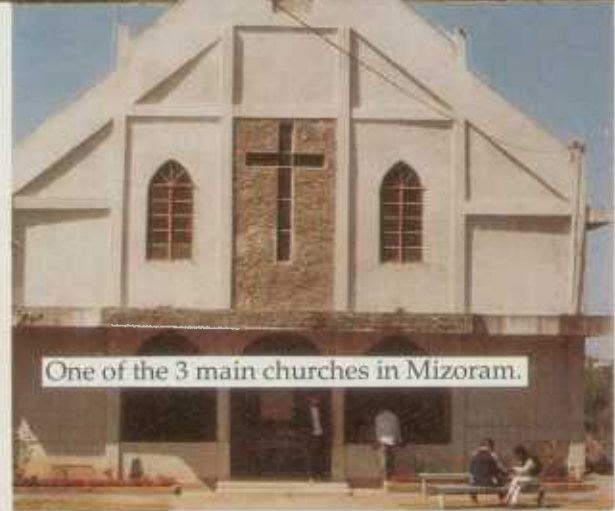
When Sailo was afflicted by enteric fever for many months, Pr Lange was so kind to him during his illness that he felt he received real parental treatment. After joining the Baptismal Class for sometime, Sailo was baptized by Lange on 28 November 1941. Thus, he became the first man from the Mizo tribe to join the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Since he was enthusiastic about spreading his new found faith, Sailo spent his winter holidays in Mizoram in 1942, telling his people all that he knew about his new found religion. While still a student of ATS, under the guidance of Lange, he translated the book, "Christian Doctrine" into Mizo (Lushai) which was printed in Shillong. He started selling copies of this book during the winter vacation of 1942.

Sailo taught at ATS for sometime, and later attended Spicer Memorial College to be the first Mizo student and was awarded a degree in Theology. In November, 1944, six Mizo students were baptized at ATS. Among them were L Hmingliana, former president of NEIU, and Ngurkungi Sailo, the only girl in the group, now a resident of USA.



A picturesque view of Nisariah town



One of the 3 main churches in Mizoram.

Mizo Section

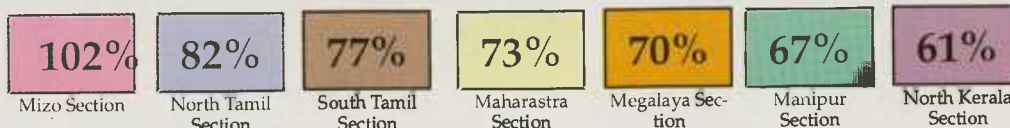
The Mizo Section was created with the framework of the Northeast India Union in 1976, with its headquarters at Aizawl. L Hmingliana was its first President and V L Rawna, its first Secretary. The next Mizo Section President was C Hmingliana.

At long last the church in Mizoram has finally realised a long cherished dream as it has graduated from the status of a 'Section' to become the first 'Conference' in Southern Asia Division. It is now 98.85% self-supporting financially. Through the hard work and faithfulness of members the percentage of self-support has approached the 100 per cent mark.

It is our hope that our gracious God will bless and help His people who strive towards reaching the goals before them, and spare no effort in completing the task He has entrusted in their care.



Self - Support Percentage



Mizo Conference
1ST CONSTITUENCY MEETING
Feb 24-26, 1993 Aizawl, Mizoram



R Folkenberg with M E Cherian and L C Cooper in the process of evaluation.

The First Section to attain conference status in Southern Asia Division



The Mizo Conference was officially inaugurated on the evening of Feb. 27, 1993 by the General Conference President, elder R S Folkenberg in the presence of the chief minister of Mizoram.



Division officers solicit support to the newly established conference.

Steps to Conference Status

STEP 1

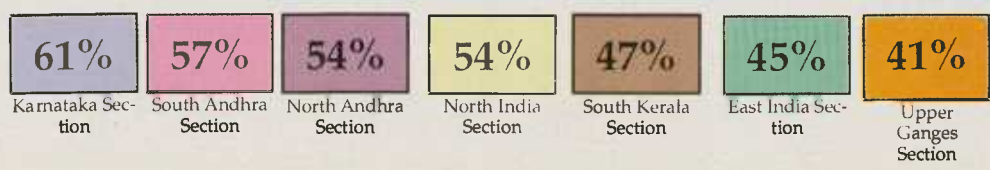
A resolution was passed at the third constituency session of the Mizo Section held from January 31 - February 4, 1990, requesting the higher authorities of the church to study the section's case for Conference status.

STEP 2

The higher authorities (Union & Division) appointed a commission to study the position of maturity in spiritual, organizational, leadership, and administrative and economic matters.

STEP 3

The Division deposited Rs. 350,000.00 in fixed deposit as Endowment Fund. A further sum of Rs. 500,000.00 was also promised.



Figures as of 1993

A BRIEF HISTORY OF NORTH TAMIL SECTION

Adventist message was brought into Tamil Nadu by the Literature Evangelists; William Lenker and A T Stroup, who arrived at Madras in November 1893. Some of our books were translated into Tamil by a volunteer in the year 1894.

J S James came to Prakasapuram in 1905 and a dispensary was opened. In 1908 the India's First Church Building was built in Prakasapuram on a 2 acre donated land. E D Thomas was one of 20 souls baptized by J S James on April 2, 1910.

Until 1909 the work was supervised directly under the General Conference as a detached mission. Then in 1909 the Asiatic Division was started. In 1910, India Union Mission was formed in which South India Mission comprising Tamil, Telugu, Kanada, Malayalam and Sinhalese were a part.

A Tamil magazine was published in 1912. E D Thomas was the first Indian to get ordained to the gospel ministry in the year 1917. G G Lowry established a high school at Coimbatore in 1915 which after several changes in locations and names became Spicer Memorial College.

In 1920, the name India Union Mission was changed to Southern Asia Division in which South India Union was one of its Unions. The Tamil Section has its beginning in the same year, 1920. G G Lowry became the first Superintendent (President). The Church in Pondicherry was started in 1915 by Santhanam and Asirvatham and the church at Madras was started in the year 1921 and Trichy in the year 1923. The church in Coimbatore was started by missionaries and Ambur church started by Arumainayagam, an eminent Literature Evangelist. These churches stand in the line of the oldest churches in this field.

In 1942 the Tamil Section was bifurcated into South and North Tamil Sections when Robert H Pierson was the Superintendent. The Pioneers, V D Koipillai; S Thomas; Gurubatham; Y G Thomas; C Moses; M D Kodan; M Swaminathan; Yesudossan and others had been the pillars to build the North Tamil Section. The headquarters of North Tamil Section had functioned at Tanjore and Erode in the early years. Later it was shifted to Trichy.

Both Sections merged from 1963 to 1973 under the leadership of V D Edward and secretary-treasurer, V Benjamin. Many churches were established by the untiring efforts of dedicated workers like John Willmott and P V Jesudass through their major evangelistic campaigns in the major cities and towns of North Tamil field. Many schools were established from the year 1970 in this field. As the volume of work increased it was again split into two Sections during the presidentship of John Willmott in the year 1974. The North Tamil Section has seen Monickam Dhasan; Y R Samraj; P V Jesudass; P R Israel; P I Thomas; G W Kore; and Paulraj Isaiah, the eminent stalwarts of our field as Presidents. Edward Daniel; V Joseph; John Robert; M Thavasmani; Manuel Sundaram; M William George and Simon Singaravelu have served as secretaries. V Benjamin; E S James; V Christian; Caleb Joshua; S Purushothaman; J D Moses; S P Rao; P D Kunjachan; Enoch Monickam and K Thangam have worked as treasurers and shaped this Section to its present level of Conference Status.

Second section to attain Conference status



Division & Union Officers congratulate the newly elected conference officers.



A Special prayer of dedication was offered by President G W Kore, SIU on the occasion.



The Newly elected Officers & Departmental Directors were introduced to the audience.



A memento was given by Franklin Samraj on behalf of Spicer Memorial College.



President Cherian commended the NTC for their achievements in the past.



I N Rao assured NTC of his support & interest in the future.



January 14, 1995 marked the day when Southern Asia Division inaugurated its second Conference. The leaders of the North Tamil Section took up the challenge at the time of the inauguration of the Mizoram Conference in February 1993. Twenty-three months later, they reaped the fruits of their efforts. The three-day constituency sessions held from January 11-14, 1995, were attended by over 400 delegates and visitors from the North Tamil field as well as representatives from the Division and other Unions.

- 3. I Kumar, secretary South India Union delivered a message of hope & deliverance.
- 4. Bobby kurian, offered a prayer of dedication.

On their first reaction in attaining Conference Status.

we were worried with regard to the financial stability but after the assurance and support from the Division, we were relieved.

On their plans for the next quinquennium

- To establish churches in three new towns and ten villages every year.
- To Construct at least 3 church buildings and 2 workers' quarters every year
- To commit ourselves to strengthen sick schools and help them construct more classrooms with the school development funds collected from Major schools of North Tamil Conference.

On their major concerns:

- i) To Conduct spiritual revival meetings in our area.
- ii) To Nurture the membership with the fundamental beliefs of SDA
- iii) To establish a boarding school of NTC
- iv) To strengthen our laymen in their business by granting financial assistance through LEDS.

On their priority Scale:

- i) Evangelism
- ii) Education
- iii) Medical Ministry



Facts about North Tamil Conference:	
No. of Organized Churches	81
No. of Companies	127
Total Membership	16028
No. of Schools	32
No. of Workers	88
Literature Evangelists	10
Tamil VOP School	1

A Special ordination service was organized during the divine service.



Some early workers who attended the NTC meeting





G E Sharon, President



P Pankaj, Treasurer



Jacob Sathe, Secretary

Facts about Gujarat Section :	
Membership	1541
Workers	26
Global Centers	5
Schools	7
Churches	11
Companies	21
Teachers	143
Hospital	1

GUJARAT SECTION

Another great event in the history of our work occurred when the Gujarat Region was organized into a Section, December 17, 1994, at Surat. The work in the Gujarat area began as early as 1940. The Surat Hospital was established in 36. During the last three years special emphasis has been given to our work in the Gujarat area. As a result, the number of baptisms increased and tithes and offerings showed a remarkable upward thrust. Gujarat Section with 1,640 members is today 101 percent self-supporting. We thank God for this marvelous achievement.

North west Region

One of the major areas of the Division where the work has not penetrated is the Northwest area comprising of the states of Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir and parts of Punjab. The Northwest Region was inaugurated on January 23, 1995 with Chandigarh as its headquarters to organize the work in this area. A school has also been opened in the Ladakh area of Kashmir.

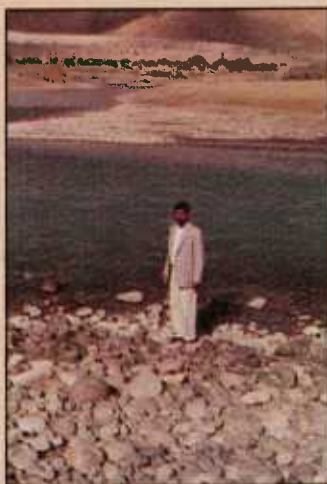


Kashmir

we have a station in Jammu with a school but areas in Kashmir remain unentered. In 1994 Northern India Union sent Wilbert Satyanandam to start a school. So a school has been opened in Leh, Ladakh.

Sikkim

While we had started medical work in sikkim in the early 1980s, before the close of that decade this work was closed down. We had no results in baptism. Early in 1993 Northern India union started moving into Sikkim. A couple with a nurse-wife moved in. Pastor Kujur took special interest and an effort was held. So far we have five baptized members.



The Hinduism study centre's first field testing programme was arranged in Ammapatti & two other villages near Mdurai 1993. 80 People embraced the adventist truth. The global Mission Program arranged for a church to be built. Dr. M E Cherman inaugurated the church building while Pastor Kore offered the dedicatory prayer.

Participants of the seminar organised by the centre for the study of Hinduism, Khandāla, 1993. Justus Devadas, the former director was the chief co-ordinator.



An All India Islamic seminar was organized by southern Asia division, Feb 1-4, 1994.

Seated L-R P D Kujur, S G Mahapure, Shekar Philip, Director Islamic study centre, M E Cherian, Fr Abraham, Secretary, NCC; Edison samraj, Sharath chandra, Director Hinduism study centre, Stephen Benson, Professor Henry Martin institute for Islamic centre; Dr S Syed, Secretary (not seen in the picture)



The seminar on Islam was primarily to promote inter-faith dialogue between Islam and christianity. Pastors and field workers were invited to attend. The basic beliefs and practices of Islam was clearly explained by the resource personnel. Such knowledge was believed to make our encounter with the Muslim brothers and sisters more effective. For the first time in the history of Seventh-day Adventist Church in India such an indepth comparison was given to our pastors. Those who attended felt the need to study the Bible more before they could encounter people belonging to the Islamic faith.



Devoted group of 20 Muslim girls from the North Kerala are taking Bible study under the leadership of S Stanley and M C Thankachan. These girls are to be baptised shortly. They sing Christian songs with great enthusiasm. Seated L to R - Mrs Pohnamma, Thankachan, Pr S Stanley and M C Thankachan.

A Voice of Prophecy Graduate, brought his friend to Christ. The neighbors observed Ebenezer's prayer life for many years. The neighbors did not have a child of their own for over ten years. Ebenezer was requested by the neighbors to pray for a miracle to happen. Indeed God answered their prayer and a girl-child was born. The baby was dedicated during the NTC meeting by M E Cherian.



A tribal village, Karnataka. Three Muslims were baptized by Pr J Daniel on 13th of May, 1994. Shekar Philip is also seen with a newly baptized family.



Boaz, Goa Reg. Director, gave series of Bible studies to Muslim Women.

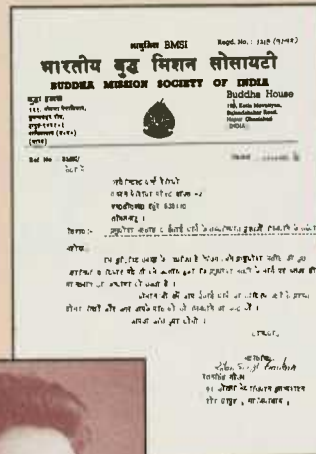


M I L L E S T O N E S

AFFIRMATIONS OF GOD'S CHILDREN



Hard-Core Sikhs are convinced about the reality of the gospel. Baldev Singh, A Sikh was baptized by Elder J M Campbell along with the others.



AWR programs makes an impact on a Buddhist Monk.

Buddhist Monk acknowledges that Jesus Christ alone can save humanity.



A Buddhist student accepts Jesus Christ, Ramond Memorial High School

Ratan Singh Gautam
Chief Buddhist Society of India.



The Region has three organized churches and one organized company.



Deep B Thapa, Director, Himalayan Region



Intelligent Hindus accept the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Knowing Christ was the most wonderful thing that had happened to my life and his love for me is the best gift I could get. I thank the Lord for choosing me out of the hundreds of millions in this world and bringing me to him and showing me His Love. **Koteshwar Kareti**

Gautam Tiwari and Dilraj Yonjan, a team of Global Mission volunteers, entered Phontsholing, Bhutan on March 1, 1992. They began their work with health education for the community and eventually one family invited them into their home.

During the course of their association, the head of the family passed away. The neighbours offered no help for they came to know of the family's interest in Christianity. At this time of need, Gautam and Dilraj conducted the funeral service in the Christian manner. Following this, Bible studies were conducted and within a few weeks, another family joined the studies. After these studies, which included Bible doctrines, **Deep Thapa** baptized ten persons on November 7, 1992, and follow-up work is being done by the Global Mission volunteers. We praise the Lord for the beginning of His work in Bhutan!



A Muslim girl affirms her faith in Jesus.

I will thank the Lord over and over for His grace, hope and mercy and for His blessings which allows me to glorify His name.
Anjom Singh



ANNUAL COUNCIL

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The General Conference of Seventh-day Adventist held its 1993 Annual Council in Bangalore from October 5-11, 1993. The annual council is the major meeting of the year for the General conference executive committee.

"Victory Through Christ" was chosen as the theme for the devotional meetings of the council. Business agenda included policy revisions, review of church progress worldwide, examination of financial trends, and the approval of a budget for the next fiscal period.

From an organisational standpoint the annual council ranks next to General Conference (held every five years), in being the voice as a world Seventh-day Adventist membership.

It was the privilege of Southern Asia Division to host the 1993 annual council. This is the first time in the Division history that a world wide meeting of church leaders is being conducted within Southern Asia Division territory. For the past several quinquenniums the General conference has scheduled annual council outside of the USA twice in a five years period. Since 1985 annual councils outside of North America have been held in Rio de Janiero (Brazil), Nairobi--Kenya, Perth--Australia.

Approximately 275 leaders from around the world attended the annual council held at Bangalore. The International delegation of church leaders was enlarged by 315 delegates from Southern Asia Division for many of whom this was the first time opportunity to see the world church in business session. Preliminary meeting for the council began on September 24 and culminated in the opening session of the annual council at Chowdiah hall on October 5 at 7:00 pm. During the daytime, the council business session was conducted at the Ashoka conference hall. Each evening the world divisions presented brief reports of church work in their respective territory. It was heartening to note the progress made by each division represented. It was a thrilling experience to listen to some of the reports from former communist countries. The evening sessions were held at the Chowdiah hall.

The chief minister of Karnataka, Shri Veerappa Moily, was the chief guest at the inaugural function of the Annual Council. He paid rich tributes for the work done by the Adventists in India.

Robert S Folkenberg announced a donation of Rs 1 crore for the earthquake relief fund, and handed over a token relief fund to the chief minister Veerappa Moily. Thanking the Adventists for their generous contribution Moily said that it was an illustration of a true christian philosophy of showing compassion to others.

Others who were present on the occasion were Karnataka Minister of state for Home, Ramanath Rai, Bangalore Mayor, B S Sudhanwa, and city corporator, Pradeep Reddy.

On the second day of the Annual Council, the chief minister of Mizoram, Lal Thanhawla, addressed the delegates. He identified himself with the Adventists by saying, "Today I feel one of you". He not only acknowledged the contribution made by the missionaries but also praised them for their commitment and dedication.

It was indeed a historic council. The laity and workers were impressed by the way the business sessions were conducted. "Seven days made so much difference to the perceptions in the minds of Southern Asia Division believers about themselves as well as altering emphatically the views about this Division held by leaders of the church from outside the territory of this Division" reported Dittu Abraham, editor, Tidings. The Annual Council concluded with the plea for unity to accomplish the divine mandate given to this great prophetic movement.

The Violin Shaped building - Chowdiah Hall was the venue for the evening meetings.



Hotel Ashok, venue for the Annual Council.





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President Folkenberg addressed a group of Christian Leaders of Bangalore on October 3, 1993 at the Holiday Inn. L-R C C Nathaniel, Don Gilbert, Ralph Thompson, Robert Folkenberg, M E Cherian, John Willmott, L C Copper and I N Rao.

Devotional Topics And Speakers

Theme -
"Victory through Christ"

Christ the Leader

Robert S Folkenberg

Christ the Victor

V F Bocala

Christ the Unifier

L D Raelly

Christ the Provider

Sharon M Cress

Christ the Redeemer

Walter R L Scragg

Christ the Shepherd King

Raymond D Tetz

Christ the Conqueror

Clarence E Hodges



Press Conference with SDA personnel, Bangalore, 1993. L-R: Justus Devadas, I N Rao, M E Cherian, L C Copper and Dittu Abraham.



Adventist Review Editor, William Johnson released the Special Issue at the inaugural function of the Annual Council, 1993.



Sharon Cress, director
Shepherdess International

The World President Elder Folkenberg was given a warm and cordial welcome at Bangalore on his arrival on September 23, 1993.



L D Raelly, President
Eastern Africa Division.



NORTHERN INDIA UNION 1990-1994

by P D Kujur

The Gospel Message penetrated into Bhutan border in 1991. Peter Dupka was the first Bhutanese to be baptized by Pastor Daniel Curia. At present there are twenty baptized members among the Bhutanese



- ❑ Our work in Sikkim began in 1992. Mr & Mrs Narie Singh started the work. A Bhuddist girl accepted the message. There are 18 baptized members in Sikkim
- ❑ An English Medium School was started in LEH LADAKH in 1993. At present there are 60 students enrolled.
- ❑ ADRA RELIEF WORK
 - A. Uttar Kashi Earthquake Relief work was done by ADRA; 42 houses and one hall was built.



P D Kujur
President

- ❑ Centenary Celebration in Karmatar was held on November 14, 1993. The graves of Pioneer Missionaries like Elders A C Brown and D A Robinson which were in a dilapidated condition in a village cemetery were removed to our school campus and appropriately rebuilt. Karmatar Church is one of the earliest churches in the Division.
- ❑ Better Living Centre, was inaugurated in Chandigarah, 1993. Cooking and tailoring classes are being conducted by Pastor & Mrs M M Gill.



- ❑ Madhya Bharat Section headquarters was built and inaugurated in May 1994. Paul Trust has constructed workers quarters at Jaipur. The Singh family of Jaipur have built a parsonage at Jodhpur and donated to Madhya Bharat Section.
 - ❑ The Administration Building at Khunti has been completed. A boys hostel is being built now.
 - ❑ GLOBAL MISSION - 48 AFS Volunteers are working. New areas have been entered. Total baptisms at the end of June 1994 was 2024.



- ❑ Two new Regions in Northern India Union were organized:

- A. North Frontier Region comprises of the territories of Sikkim and North Bengal. J R Tudu is the Director.
- B. Northwest Region comprises of the states of Himachal, Chandigarh and Jammu-Kashmir. M M Gill is the Director.

- ❑ A School for the Blind was started in Karmatar. The first baptism among the non-sighted children was reported.



Mrs. Kujur, herself visually handicapped, teaches Maths through braille.



The Blind Students of Karmatar School received education along with the non-handicapped children.

- ❑ For the first time in the history of the Falakata school, a Buddhist girl from Thimpu, Bhutan was baptized.

Northern India Union is the largest Union in the World today. Half of the population of India live in this geographical zone. This is a challenging field as far as the evangelism is concerned.

We have fifty GLOBAL MISSION volunteers working in our Union and so far we had over two thousand baptisms as the result of AFS volunteers work. There are good results in the border areas. In the West, near Amritsar, we had little over five hundred baptisms and the east in Balughat area near Bangladesh border, we had about three hundred baptisms. Some more calls are coming from Sunderbow in South Bengal.

We have now entered the Himalayas. A school has been opened especially for the Buddhist in LEH LADAKH and a congregation has been organized in East Sikkim. Northern India Union has opportunities and challenges. We praise God for His guidance and providence.



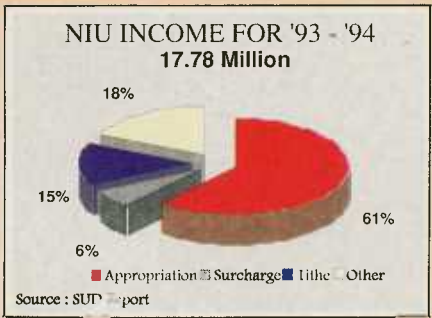
Skillful at craft despite handicap.



The Staff and students of Karmatar School.



S J Edward
Treasurer



T R Gill
Secretary



Northern India Union Office, New Delhi.

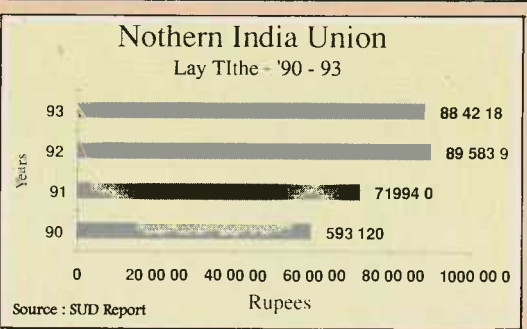
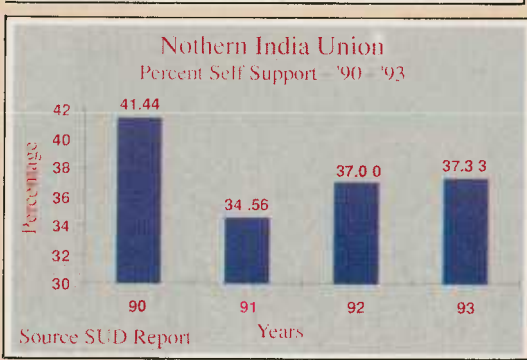
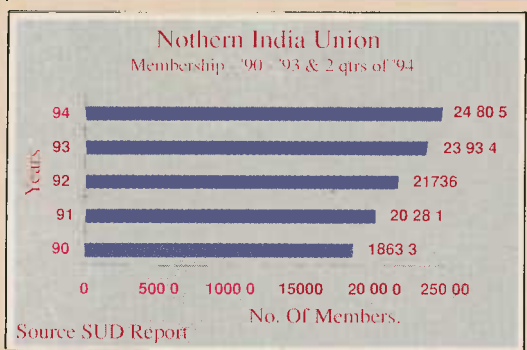
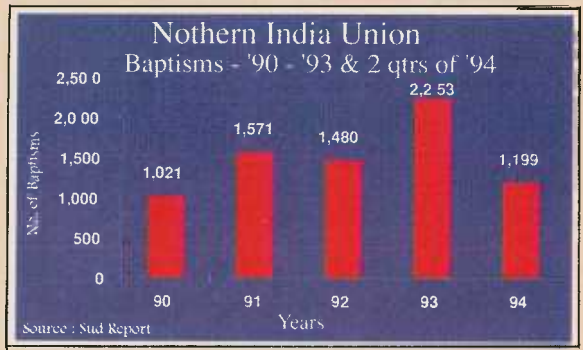
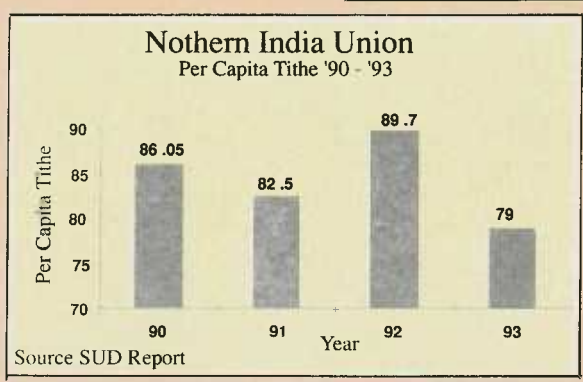


Deep B Thapa
Director,
Himalayan Region



J H Sibill
Director,
Anadaman Island

* **Note** : The Himalayan Region & The Andaman Islands were under Northern India union. Now they are under the direct leadership of the division.





NIU Officers & Departmental personnel along with Office Staff.

Seated L to R C S David, Mrs T R Gill, T R Gill, S J Edward, P D Kujur, Mrs P D Kujur, J N Singh.
Standing: L to R Jyoti Singh, Mrs Iris David, Ram Saran, Mrs Aruna Moses, M G Kisku, K P Singh, Raju Bhola, R Marjee, Suresh Salverajah, Mrs Doris Anand, Andrew Prakash, Mrs Kranti Prakash, Dal



NIU Committee Members.

Seated L to R P Mundu, S R Gill, S J Edward, P D Kujur, T R Gill, I N Rao, B S Massey, J N Singh.
Standing L To R M G Kisku, T M Patrick, J R Tudu, S D Kujur, Davis Massey, S M Gill, K P Singh, C S David, P K Gayen, I K Khan, M M Gill, R Marjee, John Bara.

North India Section.



B S Massey, President



Samuel G Masih, Secretary



S M Kandulna, Treasurer.



SDA Church Family, New Delhi, 1994. Robin Ram, Pastor.



East India Section Officers with Departmental Directors

Ajeet Solomon Bazroy



North Frontier Region.

“North Frontier Region is a recent formation under Northern India Union from September, 1994. It comprises of the state of Sikkim and five major districts of West Bengal: Darjeeling, Jalpaiguri, Coach Behar, West Dinajpur, and Malda.

Recently we have established work in Sikkim. It is a first time in our history we have a company of believers in Sikkim. We are striving hard to establish a church and a school.”

J R Tudu, Director



Northwest Region comprises of the states of Himachal, Chandigarh and Jammu-Kashmir. M M Gill is the Director.

M M Gill,
Director of North West Region.

U N I O N S



Upper Ganges Section, Hapur.



Manoj K Gayen
President



Johnson K Singh
Secretary



V P Singh
Treasurer



Robin Ram
Health & Temp.
& Youth Dept.



Babu Singh
Ministerial



Lakhan M Singh
Church Ministries



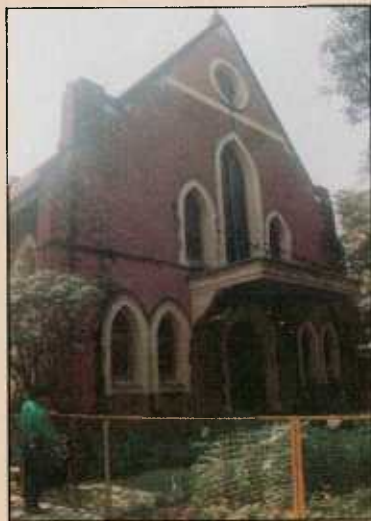
Praveena M Gayen
Children's Ministries



SDA School, Calcutta
Teachers and Staff.
Subir Das, Principal (1992-93).
Dixon Kujur,
Acting Principal (1993).



Ravi Prabhudas
Principal
Moradabad High
School, 1993.



SDA Church, Calcutta, 1995.



The Students of SDA High School, Khunti, Ranchi.



SDA Inter-College staff & faculty, 1995

Seated L to R

Mrs A Matthew, A T Singh, E R Dass, Mrs M Dass, H B Bairagi, R M Gill, Mr.B Tirkey.

Standing 1st row L to R

Mrs R Gill, Mrs E Charan, Mrs. S Gill, Mrs. Saradha Mrs. M Lalzare, Mrs. N Singhn Mrs.Vanaja K, Miss. Ponsi J, Mrs.S Madhoo, Mrs. R Bairagi.

Standing 2nd row L to R

Mrs. A T Singh, Mrs. R Gupta, Mrs. M. Singh, Miss. S Swaroop, Mrs. S Khan, Mrs. B Tirkey, Mrs. K Gill, Mrs. L Chand, Mrs. M Bara.

Standing 3rd row: L to R

Jitender Singh, V Swaroop, P Sigamony, P Chand, M Lalzare, J Charan, R Agarwal.

Standing 4th Row: L to R

K Joseph, F Madhoo, A Khan, S P Gill, A S Gill, R Chand, A Kumar.



The Administrative Personnel.
Dr. E.Dass, Principal;
A.T.Singh, Headmaster;
B.B.Bairagi, Treasurer



Inter-College, Roorkee.

Boy's Dormitory Inset : Administrative Building & Main Entrance



U N I O N S

SDA School Staff, Khunti, Ranchi

Seated L to R

Mrs. P Swansi, E Hansdak, C Kisku, J M Bara, J M Jonathan, L Bhengre, Mrs E Koshi.

Standing Ladies: L to R

Mrs D Jonathan, Mrs R Kisku, Mrs Yadav, Mrs L Massey, Mrs A Lakra, Mrs A Bhengra, Mrs E Tirkey, C Kandulna, Mrs R Bhengra, F Soren, Mrs M Bara.

Standing Men: L to R

P Nath, H Lakra, R Massey, R Swansi, J Swansi, J Tudu, I Bara, W Tirkey, S Kachchap, E Lakra.



SDA school staff and teachers, Hapur, 1995.
Lamm Fanwar, Principal.



SDA School Student Body, Hapur, North India, 1995.



SDA School Staff & Teachers, New Delhi, 1995.

Standing 1st row: L to R

Neeraj Gill, Mrs P Kisku, Sunanda Gill, Mrs. S Solomon, Mrs S Singh, S Vincent (Principal).

Standing 2nd row: L to R

Mrs R Kujur, Mrs P Ram, Mrs R Harrison, Olive Mendies, Mrs S Marjee, Mrs B Bholu Singh.



**SDA High School Staff & Teachers,
Lucknow, 1995.**

Seated 1st row: L to R

Mrs M Sharma, Mrs Bajpai, Mrs Seth, Mrs T. Thamby, V Thamby (Principal), M D Moses (Treasurer), D Kisku (Headmaster), Mrs A Kisku, Mrs I Moses, Mrs M Gordon.

Standing 2nd row: L to R

Mrs N Khattui, Mrs Shanta, Mrs Tandon, Mrs M Sinha, Mrs R Singh, Mrs Garnani, Mrs. J. Springs, Mrs T Kidwai, Mrs Patterson, Mrs Sood, Mrs Nagpal, Miss Anju, Mrs U Agarwal.

Standing 3rd row: L to R

Miss M Revis, Mrs M Thomas, Mrs E Benjamin, Mrs Rao, Mrs A Masih, Mrs Lartius, Miss TaQuen Fatma, Mrs S Singh, Mrs M Dass, Mrs A Masih, Mrs. V Dixit, Mrs T Fatma.

Standing 4th row: L to R

Lazarus, J Gilbert, S Rao, T Khan, M Singh, A Brave, B P Singh, A Dass, E Kujur.



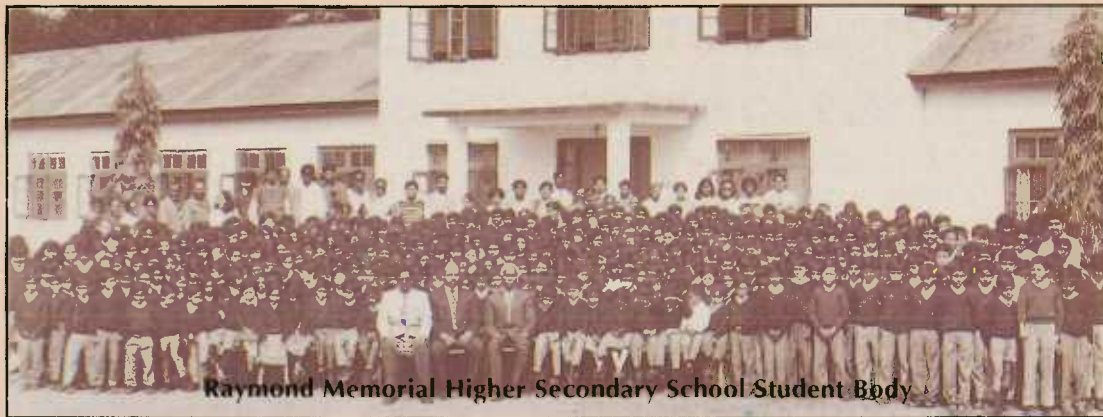
**SDA Church
Lucknow, 1995**



**SDA School Student Body
Lucknow, 1995**



**SDA School Building
Lucknow, 1995**



Raymond Memorial Higher Secondary School Student Body



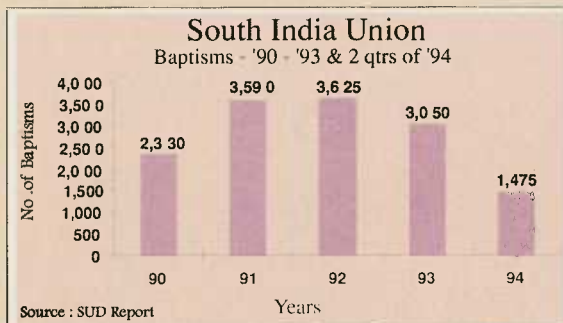
**Raymond Memorial Higher
Secondary School Staff & Faculty.
Principal Gayen.
Headmaster Ezras lakra.**



SOUTH INDIA UNION

G W Kore

South India Union comprises of the territories of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala. We have 2815 regularized workers. 447 organized churches and 428 church buildings.



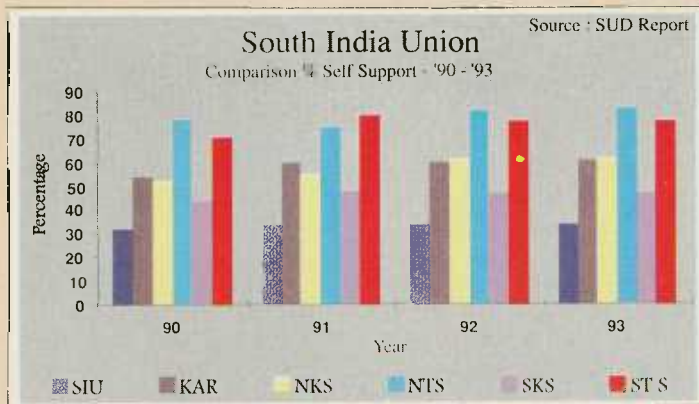
John Willmott
President(1990-93)



G W Kore
President (1993-95)

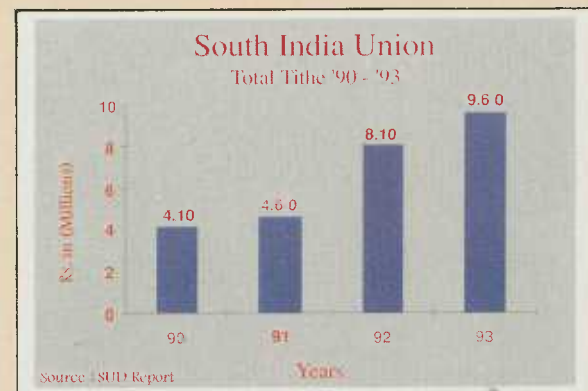
South India Union is running 128 educational institutions with an enrollment of 58,158 students.

South India Union has four boarding schools namely; Lowry Memorial Junior College, E D Thomas High



Lay Tithe	467,105.15
Workers Tithe	93441.10
Inst. Tithe	316,007.70
Special Tithe	81,796.34
World Church Fund	136,949.27
Investment Fund	719.75
Local Church Fund	112,071.12

We are pleased to organize North Tamil into a Conference from January 1995. We are sure that this conference will set the right example for other sections to move in the direction of becoming a conference.



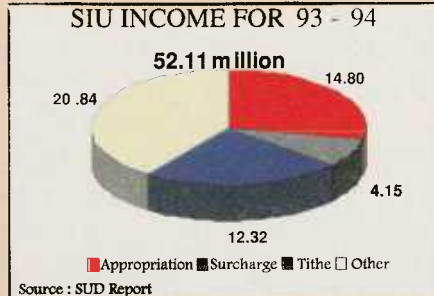
School, Kottarakara High School and James Memorial High School. These units serve as special agents in preparing the children for future service in the church. We are happy for the leadership of these units. We are grateful for their dedication and commitment towards our young people.



I Kumar
Secretary, SIU



B C Kurian
Treasurer, SIU



SIU Officers with Departmental Directors along with Union Committee Members.

Seated L - R : Mrs Hepzibah Kore, Shepherdess International Coordinator; Paulose P Varghese, President (South Kerala Section); Antonidass, President (South Tamil Section); I Kumar, Secretary (SIU); I N Rao Treasurer (Southern Asia Division); M E Cherian, President (Southern Asia Division); G W Kore, President (SIU); Bobby C Kurian, Treasurer (SIU); William George, President (North Tamil Conference); P S Stanley, President (North Kerala Section).

Standing: L-R - 1st Row - M A Matthew, Religious Liberty; P P Varghese, Secretary (South Kerala); Edwin Aaron, Treasurer (South Kerala); Manthri Moses, Treasurer (South Tamil); Enock Manikan, Asst. Treasurer (SIU); Chellapandian K V, Treasurer (S Kerala); Anbalagan Moses, Secretary (N Tamil Conference); Selwyn Moorthy, Treasurer (N Tamil Conference); D Kunchachen, Asst. Treasurer.
William Kore, President; I Kumar, Secretary; Bobby C Kurian, Treasurer;
South India Union;

Standing: L-R - 2nd Row - Simon Singaravelu, Communications; Guna Selvam, Treasurer (Karnataka Section); P R Israel, Global Mission; Daniel Devadas, Ministerial; Sircar, Auditor (S I U); T J Lazarus, Principal (Lowry Memorial); Robert Donald, Education Director; Lazarus Ponnuthu, Youth - Home & Family; Lingan, Publishing; R John, James School Principal; P T John Kutty, Secretary (N Kerala); V Jayachandran, Principal (Madras High School);

Standing: L-R - 3rd Row - J D Johnson, Assoc. Global Mission; Sundaram, Principal (EDT); V R Sukumar, Director (Orissa Region); V K Baby, Secretary (DSB); Bhanu John, ADRA; Babu Judson, Assoc. Global Mission; Gurkha.



Karnataka Section



Pastor D Padmaraj
President



S B John
Secretary



R Gunaselvam
Treasurer

Karnataka Section. Section Officers with Departmental Directors and Office Staff.

Seated: L to R -

J Shantharaj, Ministerial; Peter C Halemane, Youth; Pr John (Former Department Director), Gunaselvam, Treasurer, D Padmaraj, President; S B John, Secretary; D Jayadev, Health & Temperance; D Sharatoraj, Church Ministry; Ebenezer Moses, Education; Stanley Daniel, Asso, Church Ministry. D Padmaraj, President, S B John, Secretary; R Gunaselvam, Treasurer; Karnataka Section.



North Kerala Section Officers,
Departmental Directors and Office Staff. S Stanley,
President; P T Jacob, Secretary; Edwin Aaron, Treasurer.

North Kerala Section Officers,
Departmental Directors and Field
Workers.



South Kerala Section
Committee Members. Paulose, President; P P Varghese,
Secretary; Chelapandian, Treasurer.



Paulraj Isaiah
President. NTS(1990-94)



M. William George,
President. NTS(1994-95)



E Murthy
Treasurer, NTS



Anbalagan Moses
Secretary, NTS



**North Tamil Section Officers,
Departmental Directors and Office
staff.**

North Tamil Section Executive Committee Members with South India Union Officers.

Seated: L to R - Jesudas, Education Director; Selwyn Moorthy, Treasurer (N Tamil Conference); Bobby C Kurian, Treasurer (S I U); William George, President (N T C); G W Kore, President (S I U); Anbalagan Moses, Secretary (N T C); I Kumar, Secretary (S I U); Mr. Mani (Lay member).

Standing L to R - Rajamanimuthai, Health & Temperance; D Xavier, Religious Liberty; Sam Selvaraj, Publishing; Manuel Mannaseh, Ministerial; Patrick, Lay Representative;

2nd row: L to R - _____; K V Samuel; Navamony. _____; Gnanapragasan, Church Ministries.



North Tamil Section Committee Members.



**Tamil VOP Staff with
Officers and Communication Directors.
Mrs. Sheila Chandran, Principal.**



South Tamil Section



R John
President (1990-93)



S Antoni Dass
President (1993-95)



South Tamil Section Office Building

South Tamil Section Office Staff, Madurai, Nov., 1994.

Seated L - R: Sam Kodan, R Jones, Antoni Dass, Manthiri Moses, Rajaratnam.

Standing L - R: Gnanasigamony, Isaac, Jeevaponnappa, Arokiasamy, Paul Edison.



Rajaratnam Jones
Secretary



Manthiri Moses
Treasurer



M. Sundaram
Goa Regional
Director

METRO MADRAS REGION



Durairaj
Metro Madras Reg.
Director

The forming of Metro Madras Region coincided with the "Here is Hope" Crusade conducted by Dr Dwight Nelson and his team from Andrews University. 160 were baptized on 31st July, 1993. Another 40 members were added later as the result of the follow-up work that was done by the team in Madras. This was a very good beginning. In total, 554 new members have been added to the region by the joint efforts conducted by the pastors and members of the churches represented by the region. This is an impressive record for the Madras Region office.

Highlights Eight new companies are formed.

Mohan, a new convert offered Rs 5000/- to be used for conducting Revival Meetings.

A free library of audio cassettes containing Bible discourses, evangelistic sermons and children's stories and songs have been well received by the members of the church. Lay members find this to be an effective tool in influencing those who are in partial light.



A Health Food Stall has been established in Madras School Campus with an initial investment of Rs 40,000/-. Living Spring Life-Style Centre has sponsored this project.

Thiruvattiyai Campaign.

The ground work for this was done by the women belonging to the churches around the region. 51 souls were baptized. The messages were delivered by Dr John Willmott. The meetings were well-attended.

Rev. Martin is a founder Director of GYMA who owns four churches and has 300 members. Impressed by our message, Rev. Martin has shown keen interest in joining our church along with his faithful members. We are in the process of considering their proposal.

Gideon is an elder of Moolakkadai. He has offered Rs 10,000/- to be used for Lay Economical Developmental Service (LEDS).

Mobile Ministry was conducted by Pr Shadrach Samuel and organized by Pr Durairaj in three places. They are as follows: (1) Health Institute, Madras and Dindigal; (2) Bible Camp in Mahabalipuram; (3) Medical Missionary Institute for CMC students, Kodaikanal.

Mrs Durairaj along with other women are actively involved in soul winning program.

Bidar Region Revived

Sukumaran was appointed as the Director for the Bidar Reigon, (1994). This reigon was reorganized on Sept. 15th, 1994 to renew the work in this area. The work has begun with a fresh impetus and we have a membership of 8,862 .

SDA English Church Members, Madras, 1995. Shadrach Samuel, Pastor.
Seated eighth from right.



SDA Tamil Church, Madras, 1995. John Steven, Pastor; Albert Arunachalam, Pastor.



SDA High School, Kottarakara. K A Paulose, Principal.

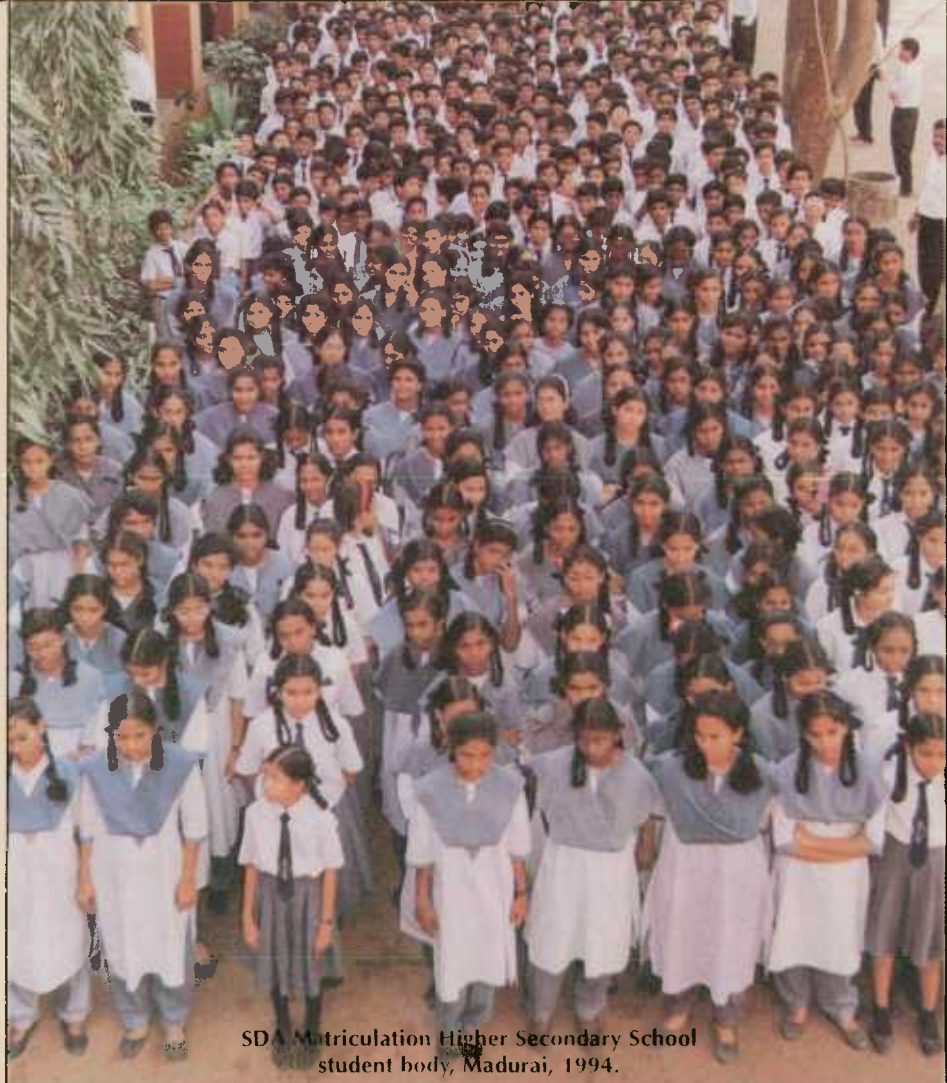




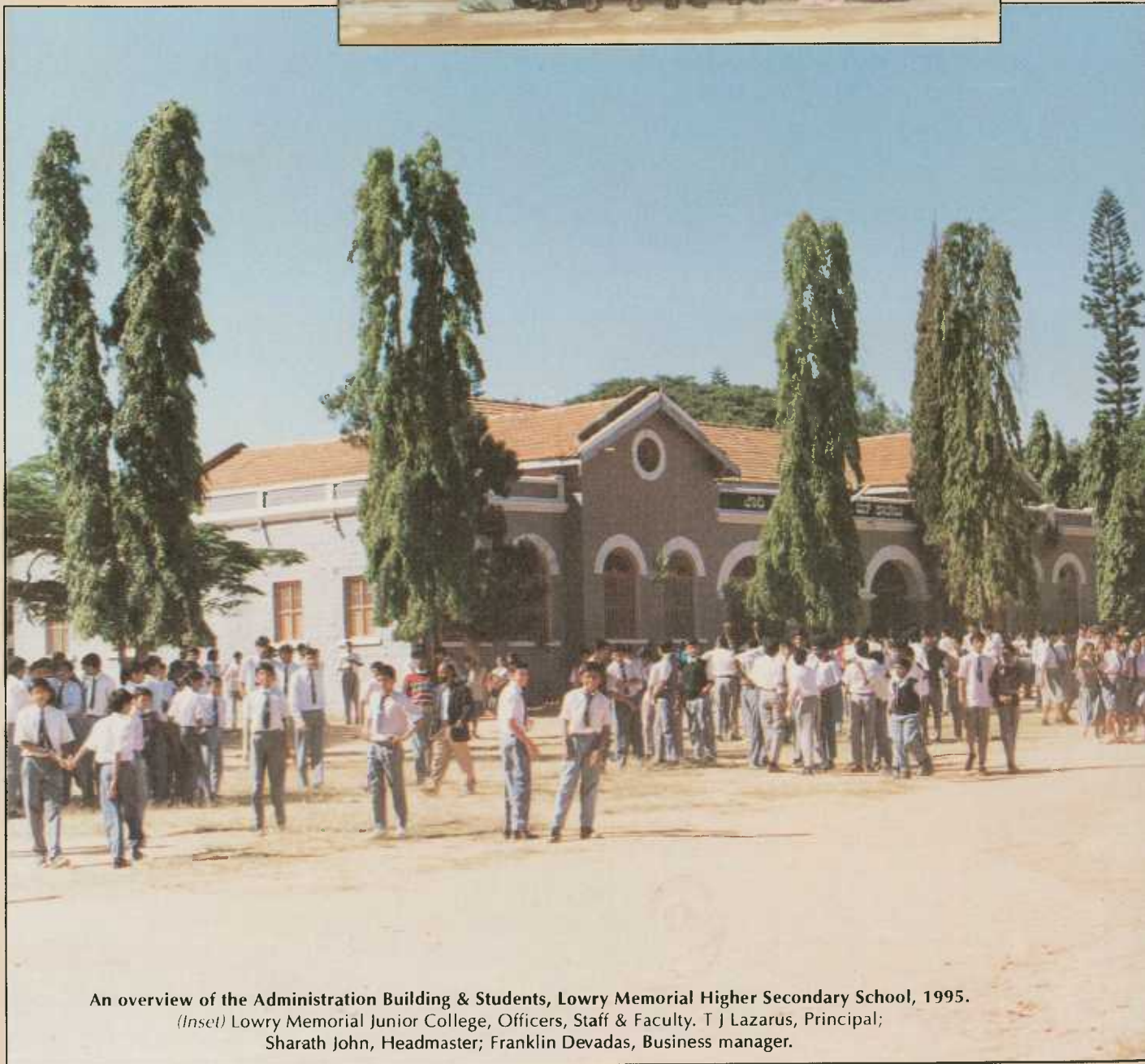
SDA School student body, Trichy, 1995.
(Inset) Staff & Faculty of SDA School, Trichy. R T Jeevanandam, Principal; Swamidass, Headmaster; Jeyaseelam Moses, Treasurer.



Staff and Faculty, Madurai Central School.
Daniel Thomas, Principal; Mrs Sam Kodan, Headmistress; M Paul, Treasurer.



**SDA Matriculation Higher Secondary School
student body, Madurai, 1994.**



An overview of the Administration Building & Students, Lowry Memorial Higher Secondary School, 1995.

(Inset) Lowry Memorial Junior College, Officers, Staff & Faculty. T J Lazarus, Principal;
Sharath John, Headmaster; Franklin Devadas, Business manager.



James - Matriculation Higher Secondary School Staff



James - Matriculation Higher Secondary School student body, Pragasapuram, 1995.
R John, Principal; Headmaster; K Thangam, Treasurer.



SDA Secondary School Staff, Kuttapuzha, Kerala, 1995



SDA High School Staff & Faculty.

J S Navarose, Principal;
Mrs. Margaret Tito, Headmistress;
Surendra Kumar, Treasurer;
Ruby Ratnaswamy, Elementary
Headmistress; Ms Kurian, Primary
Headmistress; Mrs Ranji Navarose,
Asian Aid Coordinator.



SDA High School, Bangalore.



Former President of India,
Shri Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy was the chief guest at the
Annual School Function. SDA School Bangalore, 1995.



Elder Robert Folkenberg was given a warm welcome by the SDA School, Bangalore 1993.



AJY Investiture Service. SDA High School, Bangalore, 1994. Section and Division Youth Directors were present. C C Nathaniel was the main speaker.

E D Thomas High School has students from almost all the states of India.



E D Thomas Higher Secondary School Staff & Faculty, 1994. Sundaran, Principal; G D A Balan, Headmaster; R Gunaselvam, Treasurer.

Leprosy camp conducted at Thiruvilluamala Panchayat Cultural Centre by Thiruvilluamala SDA School, North Kerala Section, 1994.



On July 31, 1993, 164 people were baptized.

Dwight K Nelson, Senior Pastor of Pioneer Memorial Church spoke to the crowd at nearly 800 each night. He was assisted by Shadrach Samuel who interpreted the messages into Tamil.



Clarissa Worley was involved in many Christian outreach activities including her visit to India. "I took the benefits of Christianity for granted before I visited India," she says, "but when I saw the results of Hinduism on culture, I realized how much Western civilization owes to Christianity."



SDA Matric Higher Secondary School Staff and Faculty, Panruti, 1994.

Principal: Mr Paul Ranganathan (Middle);
Headmaster: Mr K C Mani (Left to Principal);
Treasurer: Mr Israel (Right to Principal).



There is much water in the school play ground during the rainy season. Now the School Administration use this place for nurturing fish culture. The students are reminded of the words of Christ, "I will make you fishers of men."



SDA School Staff, Salem, 1994-95. Principal: R Kirubairaj.



General Assembly, E D Thomas High School, 1995.



SDA Church, Kadappakada, Kerala, South India Union, 1995.



SDA School Staff and Faculty, Subramaniapuram, Tiruchy, 1994.

U N I O N S



SDA Matric School, Staff & Faculty, Gudiyatham, Tamil Nadu, 1995.
Principal, Johnson Samuel;
SDA School Treasurer with the Principal, Gudiyatham, Tamil Nadu.
SDA School building, Gudiyatham.



SDA School, Valavanur, 1995. Officers of SDA School of Valavanur, 1995. SDA School, Valavanur Student Body, 1994-95.



SDA High School, Staff & Faculty, Thirumala, Trivandrum, 1995.



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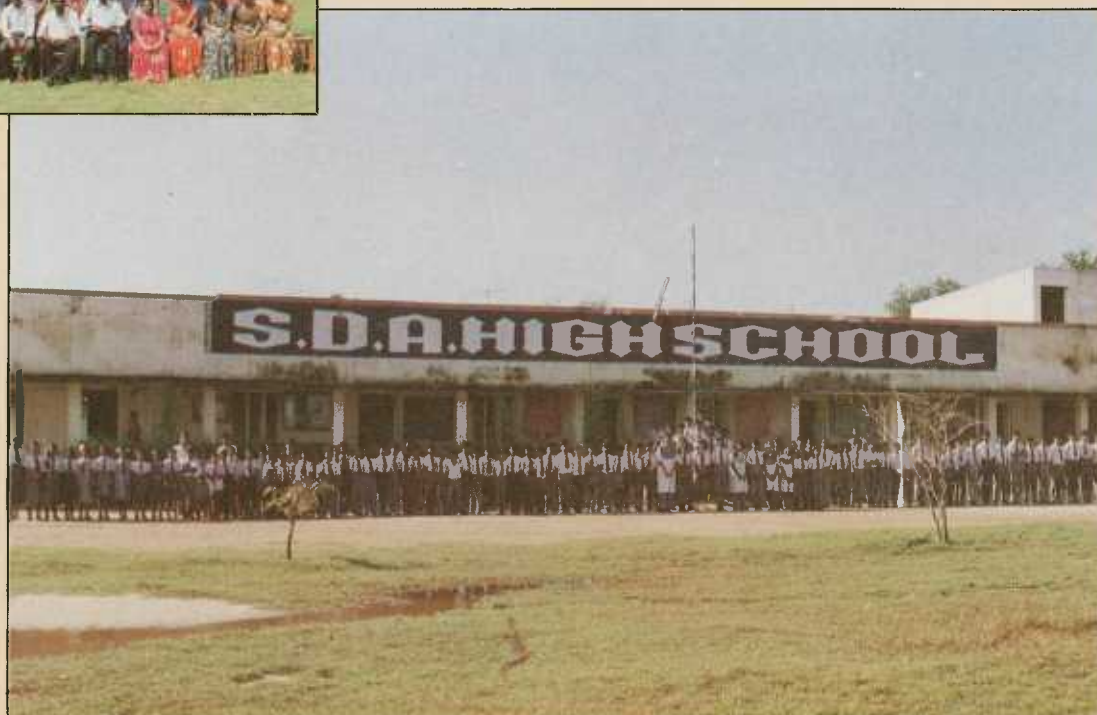


Sunshine Children Home of Seventh-day Adventist, Bangalore, 1995.

Mr & Mrs P M Dawson, Vellore, South India Union. P M Dawson is 90 years old and his wife is 70. He worked at OWPH for 34 years and retired in 1966. He is one of our oldest retirees in Southern Asia Division.



SDA High School, Student Body, Ranipet, Tamil Nadu, 1995.
SDA High School, Staff & Faculty. S Vincent, Principal.



U N I O N S



The Church Family at Vasco-Da-Gama, Goa. Pastor Manuel Sunderam, former director, along with the new director, Pastor T Bovas.



Busy Bee High School of SDA with Principal and Staff, 1995.



SDA School Building, Panjim, Goa.



SDA Church, Mongor Hill, Goa, 1995. This church was built without any assistance from the Union and Division.



Evangelistic Meetings were conducted in Vaddem. Bibles were distributed at the conclusion of the meetings by the Directors.



Church Family at Panjim, Pastor A J Victor.



Church Family, Birla, Pastors T Bovas, M Sunderam, Abraham Pichayah.



Early believers in Goa, Pastor A J Victor.



CENTRAL INDIA UNION

by S G Mahapure

Central India Union has 104 districts, spreading from East to West over the plains to rugged mountains of the Western Ghats. Therefore, the work becomes challenging and defiant. To meet these challenges the Union has an army of 148 evangelists who are working untiringly to conquer these challenges and to reach the unreached. This is their motto. Preaching the Word of God is their anxiety and burden.



SPECIAL NEWS OF INTEREST

North Andhra Section reports of its successful "Harvest Festival" conducted in June, 1994 at Lakkavaram which brought in an offering amounting to Rs.39,000.00. Laymembers from Antervedi have donated three acres of land for establishing a permanent camp-site, the value of which is around Rs.245,000.00. Mr V Mohan, a lay businessman from Kovvur has financed a whole evangelistic programme conducted by Pr W G Jenson and his team. A "Daniel and Revelation" Seminar was sponsored by "Seven Sisters" from Kamman city. They also reported of receiving tithe from friends living abroad amounting to Rs.303,000.00. South Andhra Section reported that several people who are residing overseas have generously contributed towards the work in their section and have received tithe from them amounting Rs.311,500.00. Maharashtra Section reports that they have



R D Riches
President(1990-93)



S'G Mahapure
President (1993-95)

received donations from friends living in USA for church constructions amounting to Rs.250,000.00.

EVANGELISM

This union has a population of 22 crores which is one fourth of India's total population. Evangelism is the main thrust of our church and to meet the enormity of this challenge, the greatest need is the availability of human resource and funds. The management at all levels is endeavouring to find an answer to meet these needs. The emphasis has changed from public meetings to cottage and village efforts where we meet a number of people and the results are positive. This method has proved to be effective as it is easy to work with smaller groups.

The following data would project an insight into what has been accomplished.

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
EFFORTS	400	400	430	430	234
BAPTISMS	3,088	2,925	4,495	6,627	3,446
CHURCHES	227	229	245	247	247
MEMBERSHIP	64,388	67,257	71,677	77,660	80,553

*Figures as of September '94

CIU is proud to announce that Gujarat Region was formed into GUJARAT SECTION on December 16 - 17, 1994. SDA work in Gujarat began in early 1940's through the medical ministry in Surat hospital. As the work progressed, Ahmedabad was chosen to be the headquarters for the Region. It has a membership of 1,541 with 11 churches and 21 companies. They have 32 workers who have a challenge to spread the gospel into the rural area of Saurashtra and the Athwa Dang - a tribal district.



Aptha Rao
Secretary, CIU.



Robert Clive
Treasurer, CIU

ADRA International has approved 28 projects in the Union. So far 18 projects have been completed and 10 are in progress.

In the year 1994 South Andhra Section has the honour of completing three Laywomen's Training Programmes which has helped 32 women. They arranged for an effort meeting that resulted in nine baptisms. Pastor and Mrs I James from the Division have conducted three Women's Ministries Seminars at the Sections represented .

The Union has three boarding schools. Nuzvid school has boarding facilities but it is without boarding status. Lasalgaon school would be completing 75 years of service in 1995. Plans are being laid down for this celebration. Khurda school was able to purchase an Offset Machine for the press through the ASIAN AID ORGANIZATION'S contributions and helped to set up an Vocational School. 17 students have been baptised this year. Flaiz School has an enrollment over 700 boarding students. The recent cyclone has damaged the rice crop but with prayer the staff and students are thankful for what has not been damaged. A Week of Prayer was conducted and has resulted in 44 baptisms.



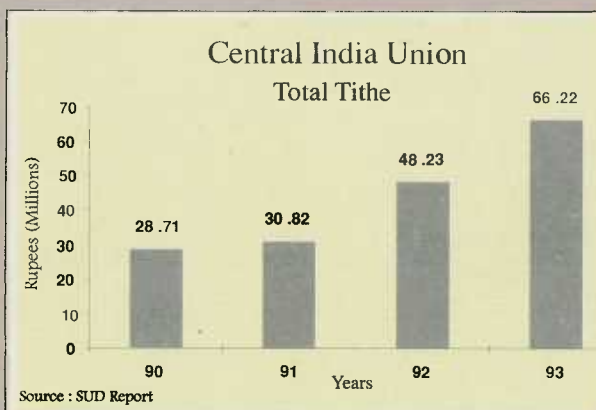
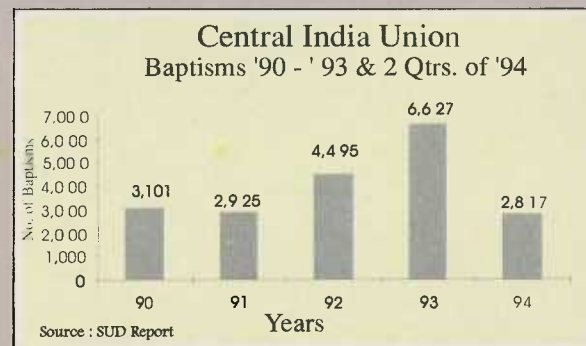
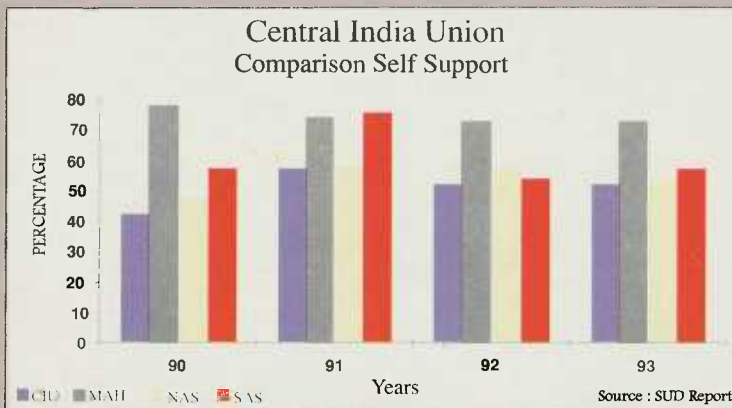
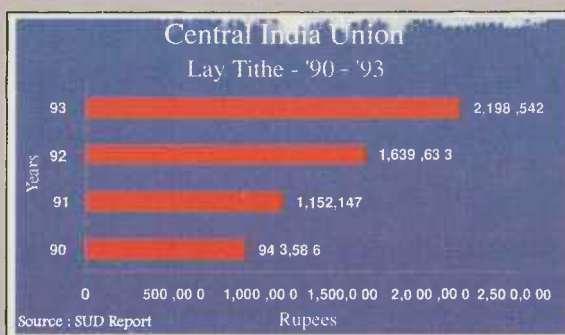
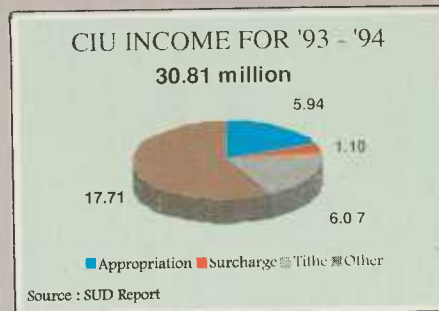
There are 58 Day Schools out of which 39 are Elementary Schools and 19 Secondary Schools. The total number of teachers are 1,219 which includes SDAs and non-SDA with the student enrollment of 21,970. It is indeed a challenge to keep these schools in operation.

Each Section has five centres to conduct Adult Literacy Programmes with 26 volunteers. Through the Global Mission, 44 companies have been established with the help of 30 volunteers who have entered into new territories and were able to baptise over 800 souls.

A Youth Camp for the ACCA students was conducted last year at the "Quiet Corner Camp-Site" in Andhra Pradesh. Nearly 400 students attended this camp and 16 students were baptised. Several Day Schools have also conducted camps and the students have enjoyed its activities and has helped them spiritually.

There are 35 LEs in the Union. They are engaged not only in the sales but are indirectly helping the evangelist. So far they were able to baptise 18 souls. Their sales for this year - upto the third quarter is Rs.2,236,823.00.







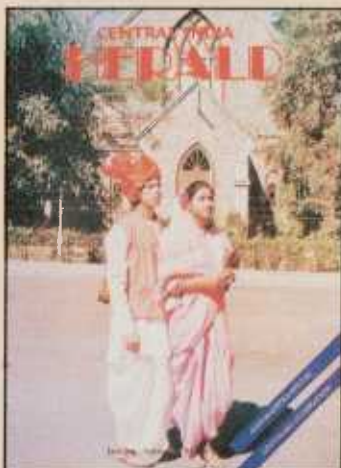
CIU Departmental Directors.

S Shinde, CIDSCO Treasurer;
 O V Jonathan, Education,
 C M J Suvarnaraj, Stewardship & Sabbath
 School; C R Shinge, Church Ministry Assoc; Ch
 John, Ministerial. Y P Mohan, Assoc. PDD
 (M D Joseph, PDD. *Not In the Picture*)



CIU Executive Committee Members, 1994.

Seated L-R : k Daniel, G E Sharon, J S Dass, M L Apta Rao, S G Mahapure, G S Robert Clive, Le Roy Samuel, Boney Moses, V Khandagale.
 Standing L-R: R G Waidande, S Shinde, A S Panicker, N Samson, S Mohan Rao, C R Shinge,
 E Lazarus, Ch. John, Y P Mohan, CMJ Suvarnaraj



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Maharashtra VOP School, Pune, 1995.
Mrs Vasant Khandagle, Principal, VOP along with
(L to R) Lazarus B, Dittu Abraham, Swarnaraj,
Sunil Chavan.



Orissa Region. Officers with staff
N D Samson, President; Dyva Asirvadam, Treasurer
(Inset) Pr. N.D.Samson, Director



Bombay English Church members.
Prakash Mali, Church Pastor.



The Salisbury Memorial Church family.
Mamman Matthew, Pastor.



(Up) Afternoon Shift School
Teachers (Elementary)

**M C D School teachers
with the officers:**
M S Jeremiah, Principal;
S Phasge, Headmaster;
Mohan Rao, Treasurer;



(Down) M C D High School, Surat.1994.





Hume McHenry Memorial High School Student Body along with the teachers and staff, 1995.

Hume McHenry Memorial High School
staff and teachers. Bakul Bhosale, Principal; Ramesh Gaikwad Treasurer;
Mrs. S G Mahapure, Headmistress.





SDA High School students,
Secunderabad.



SDA High School Staff :
Ch Prakash, Principal;
Jeyaraj Moses, Treasurer;
Alex Ross, Headmaster;



SDA High School, Secunderabad.

U N I O N S



SDA High School, Vijayawada.
Staff and teachers of
Vijayawada SDA School, 1995.
K Israel, Principal;
Venkatrathnam, Headmaster;
Mrs. C Rayavarapu, Treasurer;



SDA High School student body, Vijayawada.



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Staff and Faculty.
SDA School, Nuzvid.
Principal- P V Prasad;
Headmaster- C Y Jacob;
Treasurer- Shadrack



SDA Flaiz Memorial High School students, Nuzvid. 1995.

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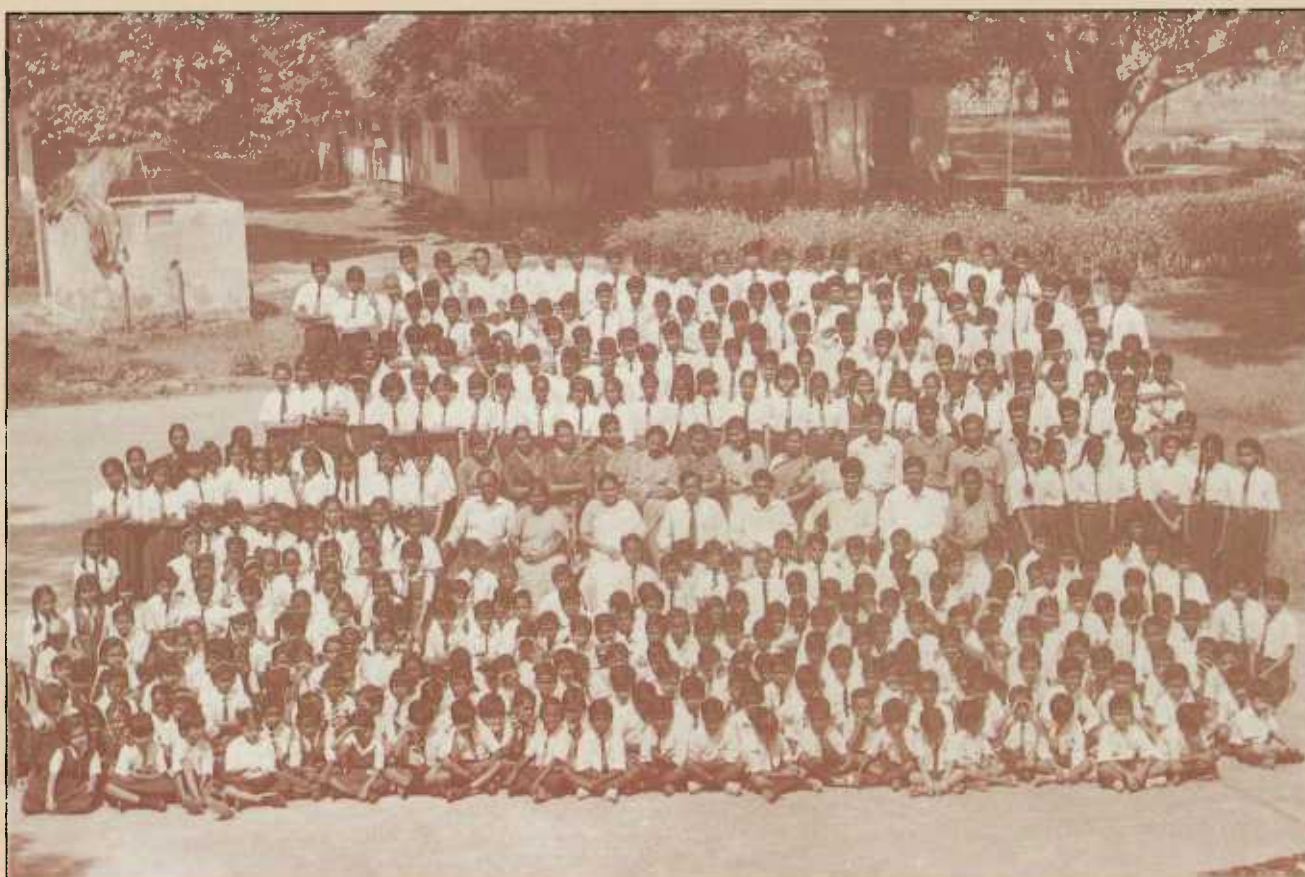


Staff & teachers, Lasalgaon High School.
R G Waidande, Principal;
P S Gaikwad, Headmaster;
Merlin Joe, Treasurer.



**CIU Lasalgaon Boarding School,
Student body, 1994.**

(Down)
Khurda Boarding School, Orissa, 1994.
Davy Sudhaker, Principal;
Edward Prasad, Treasurer.





During the Maharashtra Constituency, six workers from the region were ordained. The backdrop was painted by Joseph Willmott.



The Metro Bombay Region was organized in the month of April, 1994 and I was appointed as the Director for the Region. The team of Bill Dull gave us a very good start in the month of April, 1995. They conducted a Health Seminar which created a lot of interest among the Christians and Non-Christians and opened our way of Evangelizing the City.

The months of May & June were spent in finding out and purchasing properties for the Metro workers. By God's grace we were able to purchase two flats at Kalwa and Nalasopura. Evangelism began in the month of July with the help of the five dedicated workers: Pastor V B Bhosale, Pastor Daniel Borde, Pastor Prakash Mali, Mr. Mathaikutty and Mr. Johnnykutty.

After working for two months, we were able to baptise about 23 souls at the end of August, 1994. From September to December, we had another evangelistic campaign in Bombay Central and Kalwa. The meetings conducted in Bombay Central were attended mostly by the non-Christians. These meetings helped us to branch out in other parts of the City. Other church leaders invited us to present the truth.

By the labours of Daniel Borde, we conducted meetings at Kalwa and were able to baptise 15 people in October 1994. In total 38 souls have been baptised. Kalwa is almost ready to be organized as a Company.

In November and December, we worked hard and 60 souls were prepared for baptism. But due to some reasons we had to postpone this baptism. We will be baptising these souls in the month of March 1995.

In the very Center of a Catholic dominated area in Bandra, we have given Bible studies and Health talks. About 20 blind men attended these classes. One among them, D Bhore was helping us. We are now in midst of health seminar. Dr. Fowler, Dr. Perus, Dr. Rohini were the resource personnel. We are hoping to have good results in this area.

A K Kandane
Director, Metro Bombay Region.



South Andhra Section. Office Staff along with V O P workers

Ch. Victor Sam
Director.
West Andhra Region



North Andhra Section Office Staff along with V O P workers



U N I O N S

Gujarat Section.



G E Sharon
President



Pankaj Parmar
Treasurer



J N Sathe
Secretary



Gujarat Section of SDA.

Standing L to R - Anil Kandane, Accountant/Asst. Pastor;
David Christian, VOP Incharge; Ashok
Borge, Office Boy.
Seated L to R - Pankaj Parmar, Treasurer; G E Sharon,
Director; Usha Rao, Cashier/ Secretary.



N Vijayendra Rao
Secretary, SAS



K Daniel
President, SAS



J V Rayavarapu
Treasurer, SAS



South Andhra Section officers with Departmental Directors.

Seated(LtoR) Vijayendra Rao, Secretary;
Daniel Kalapala, President;
L V Rayavarupur, Treasurer
Standing (LtoR) John Victor Ch, K
Devadanam, Jesudas M M,
R A Moses, P Wilbert.



North Andhra Section



Boney Moses
President, NAS



G S Edward
Treasurer, NAS



P J Jesuratham
Secretary, NAS



North Andhra Section officers with departmental directors.

Seated: G S Edward, B S Moses, P J Jesurathnam;
Standing: G Mohan Raj, D Thyagaraj, K R Jones, M D Edward, G J Paulson, Y P Mohan Rao.

Maharashtra Section



J S Das
President, MS



S R Shinge
Treasurer, MS



R Y Jadhav
Secretary, MS



Maharashtra Section Officers with Departmental Directors

seated Left to Right -

S R Shinge, Treasurer; J S Dass, President;

R Y Jadhav, Secretary;

Standing Left to Right

LazarusB, ADRA & Communication Director; BhaskarB, Ministerial Department; J M Gill, Publishing Department

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SDA Church Family, Lakkavaram, 1995.
Pastor, B Babu Rao.



SDA Church, Nuzvid, 1995. Pastor, M Wilson.

SDA Church, Visakhapatnam, 1995. Pastor, A Arjuna Rao.



SDA Church, Nagpur, 1994. Jacob Satte, Pastor.

SDA Marathi Church Family, 1995. Jagdhane, Pastor, 1995.



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Science Exhibition in SDA High School, Secunderabad, September, 1993.

SDA School Staff, Visakhapatnam, 1994.



SDA Khurda School, Boy's Hostel.



SDA Khurda School, Girl's Hostel.

SDA Khurda School, School Chapel.



SDA Khurda School, Dinning Hall.

SDA High School, Khurda Boarding School, Officers with Teachers, 1993. Davy Sudhakar, Principal; Edward Prasad, Treasurer.



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SDA School Staff, Maninagar, Ahmedabad, 1993.
G Emmanuel, Principal; P Shirsat, Treasurer.



SDA Student Body, Maninagar, 1993.

General Assembly, SDA High School, Secunderabad, 1994.



Lay Congress, Chandapure Church, Sadasivpet, Zaheerabad Region, April, 1994.



Church Foundation Stone was laid by C M J Suvarna Raj. Pr Samson, Orissa Regional Director, assisted him.

Devadala Church building, Orissa Region, 1994.





Twenty-two precious souls were baptized by B S Khajekar in Jalna Area. Peterson Sable brought one soul into the fold.

The President and the Secretary of Maharashtra Section in one of the business sessions.



President S G Mahapure addressed delegates of Maharashtra Section Constituency, 1995.

Dr Samuel Gaikwad was one of the speakers during the Maharashtra Section Constituency, 1995.



SDA School Staff, Kolhapur, 1995.
M E Mathew, Principal.





NORTHEAST INDIA UNION

by J M Dkhar

This Union comprises Manipur-Nagaland-Nagaland Section, Meghalaya Section, Assam Region and Mizo Section -- Mizo Section became the first Conference of Southern Asia Division in February 1993.



In this Union there are the seven-sister States of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland and Tripura with an approximate population of 34 million.

Northeast India Union is the youngest and smallest Union of Southern Asia Division.

Though Northeast India Union is small, the work of evangelization is stupendous. Problems such as ethnic struggle, communication, financial shortage, religious prejudice, lack of qualified well-trained manpower and other hindrances slow down the speed of Church-growth. In spite of all these, it is heartening to note the steady growth of the Church in all respects. The clergy and laity are determined, by God's grace to meet the challenges that are before them .

Departmental Activities

The Union Departments are active. Good results are seen in different parts of the field.

A good measure of success is achieved in the Sabbath School Department as it promotes the Action Unit Plan, Vacation Bible School, Branch Sabbath schools and consistent lesson study.

Global Mission was first implemented in 1991 and to this day 10 new good-sized congregations have been raised, 4 beautiful



J M Dkhar
President(1990-93)

church-buildings are already constructed with Global Mission Fund. Plans are on to build 3 more worship places for which Global Mission Fund is already made available to us.



Welfare Ministry

Welfare and Relief Ministry was extended to the affected people through ADRA as well as through sacrificial resources of local administrative units of the Church. Good sources of drinking water are made available to the people in many areas of the Union through ADRA. Besides these, ADRA is funding a number of "Income generating projects."

Conclusion

We believe that this urgently needed "righthand" will play a vital role in bringing greater success as we labour in this vineyard of the Lord. And to this type of work and with this objective, we dedicate ourselves to God and heartily appeal to the higher organization to work out plans for medical work in Northeast India Union.



Doctors Narendra Rao & Rani Rao, have been recently appointed to work in Aizawl , Mizoram, to pioneer the medical missionary work. At

present they are working at Giffard Memorial Hospital, Nuzvid (A.P.) May, 1995

U N I O N S



D K Baroya
Treasurer.



H. Lalnilawma
Secretary



Union officers with Departmental Directors.
Front row L to R - H. Lalnilawma, Secretary;
 J M Dkhar, President;
 D K Baroya, Treasurer.
Back row L to R - K A Shimray, C M Director;
 C Aitawna, Global Mission
 Coordinator; B Zimik, PDD;
 R Zohniaia, ADRA Director;
 C C Dkhar, Associate
 C M Director. N E Union:



Northeast India Union Office Staff, 1994.



K Wanbe
Secretary



Y D Luikham,
President



S Kashiprii
Treasurer.



Manipur-Nagaland Section Officers along with Departmental Directors:

Seated L to R - S Kashiprii, Treasurer; K. Wanbe, Secretary;
 Y D Luikham, President; Mrs A J Luikham, Ed.
 Director; Miss Janita Luikham, Book Depository
 Operator;

Standing L to R - Z Lukhu, Public Affairs Director; K Luikham, PDD;
 L Kanshel, Youth Director; A S Ning Khan
 Mung, Cashier/Acct; Mani Matum, Peon.

U N I O N S



L K Hluna
Secretary



Lalchansanga Colney
President



R L Sangvunga
Treasurer

**Mizo Conference
Committee Members.**



L F Lyngdoh
Secretary



M M Rimsu
President



J L Khonghat
Treasurer.



Meghalaya Section Officers.



K Dkhar
Principal



W Ratte
Headmaster



Richard Wilson
Treasurer



P Kullu
Preceptor (Senior)



C Nangsiej
Preceptor (Junior)



Mrs. R Marah
Preceptress; A T S



Administrative Team of the Adventist Training Centre, Jowai.



Brookside Adventist School, Shillong.



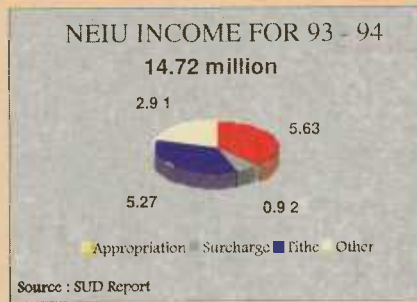
Mrs E Dkhar, VOP Instructor, Meghalaya Section, 1994.

SDA Church, Shillong.

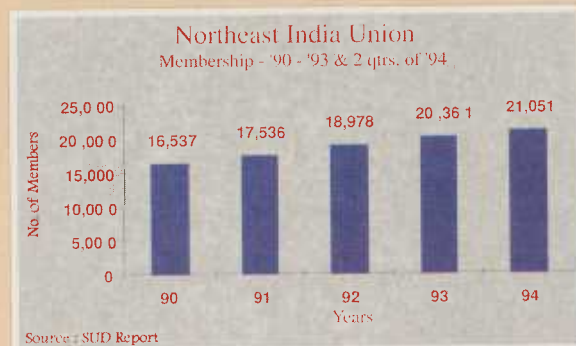




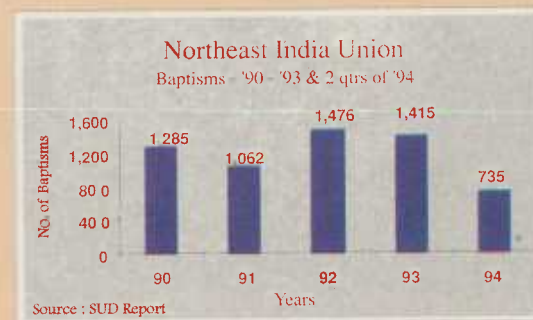
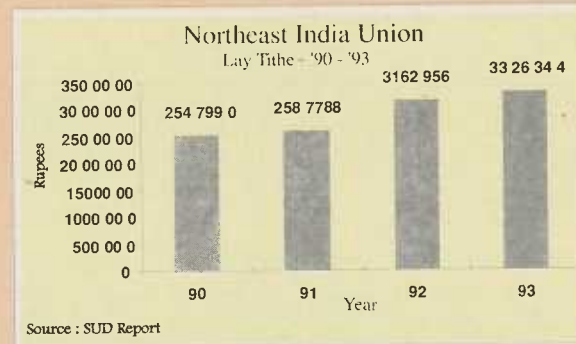
Adventist Training School, Golden Jubilee Celebration, April, 1991. Honourable Shri H Lyngdoh, Minister of Education, Meghalaya State, was the chief guest.



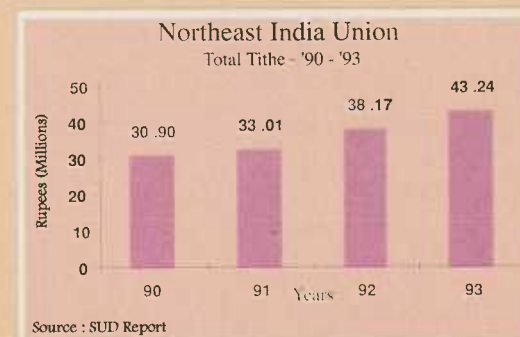
ATS Golden Jubilee Celebration included D R Bankhead and Mrs H D Erickson received a gift on behalf of Mrs O W Lange.



The Advent Singers are the members of the Shillong Church choir. The group exists basically for witnessing in the church and its membership and the community.

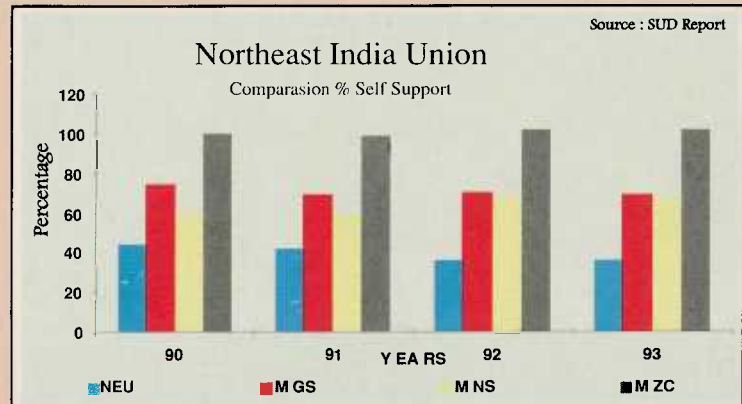


The first Manipur/Nagaland Section organized the retreat for all the schools in the region. L - R: Mrs Z Lukhu; Mr H Haokip, Minister of Power, Manipur State; Mrs A J Luikham, Director, Education, presented a shawl to the Minister.





VBS, Kalatongbi, Ela leading out singing, Northeast India Union.



Pr Y D Luikham, President of Manipur/Nagaland Section, dedicates the child of Mr & Mrs Singh (Mr I Singh is the Minister in the Manipur Government).



Mrs D R Sangma, former Principal of ATS School.

U N I O N S



Students of ATS are trained to do things that are of practical importance, 1993.



D Kujur is teaching in Hindi Sabbath School lesson. Shillong Church, 1995.

(inset Left)Teenagers' Sabbath School, Shillong, 1994. (

Inset Right) Primary Sabbath School, Shillong, 1994. Sabbath School' in Shillong church, 1994.



ATS Sports Day, 1992. Dr A M Perus was the chief guest. He distributed the cups and certificates to the winners.

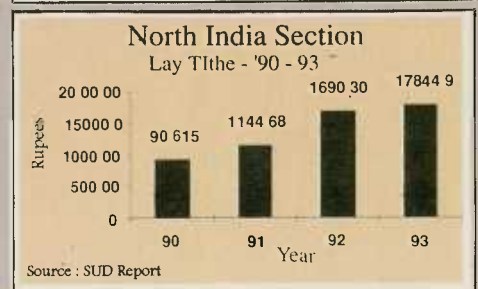
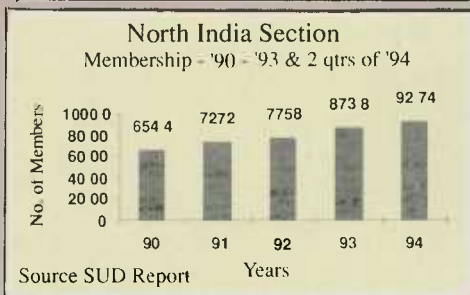
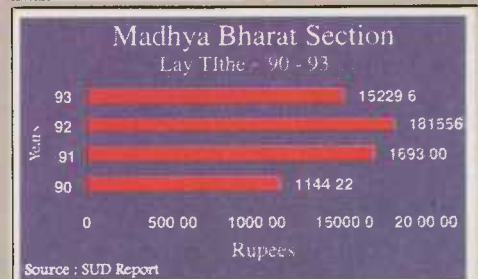
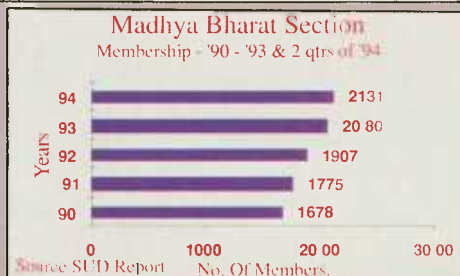
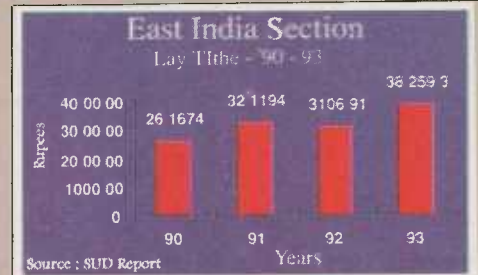
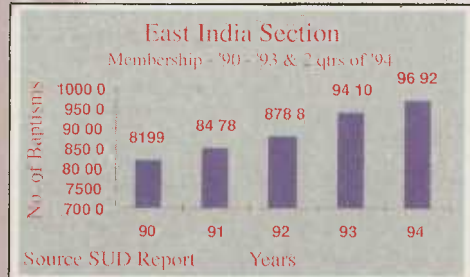
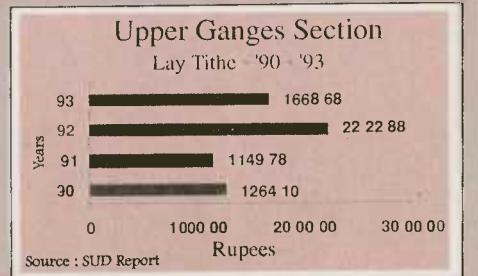
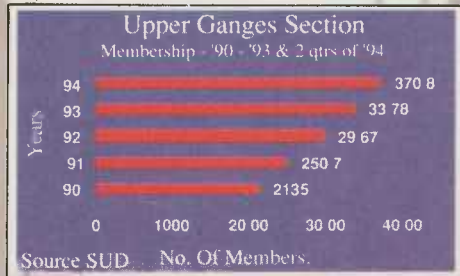
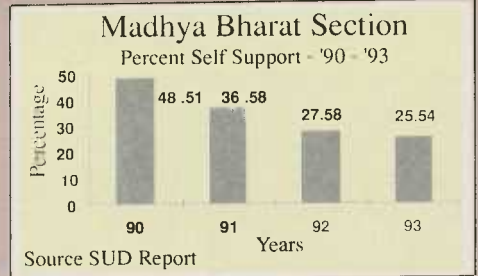
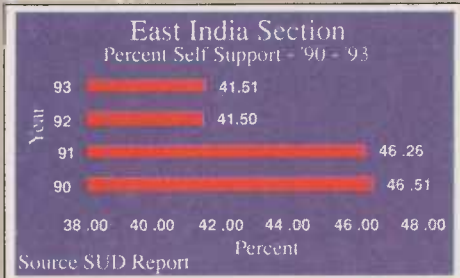
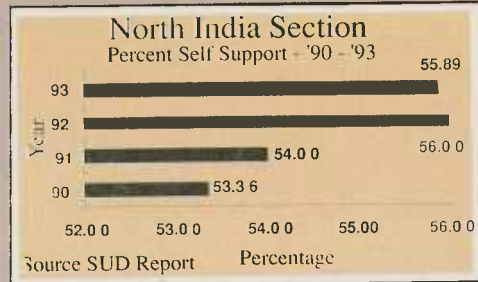
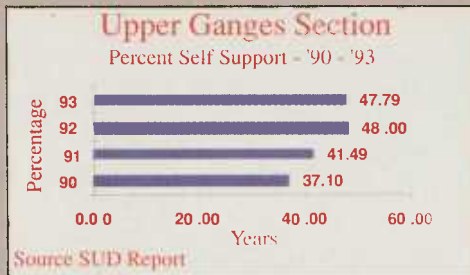


M/N School Retreat.

Seated L - R: P Gangte, ex-DIG; Y D Luikham, President, Manipur/Nagaland Section; Haokip, Minister of Power; C Joshua, PDD, NEIU; L Ashikho, Teacher. Standing: Mrs A J Luikham, Education Director, Manipur/Nagaland Section.

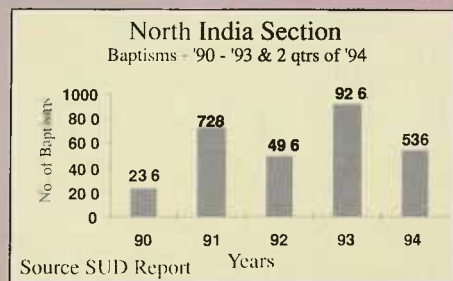
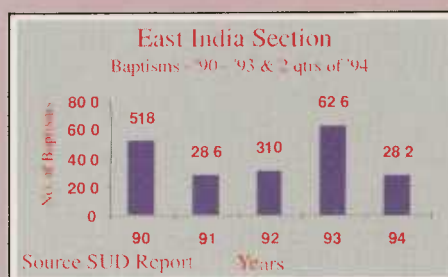
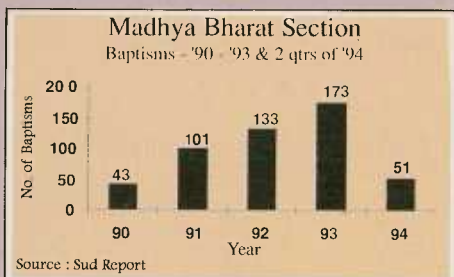
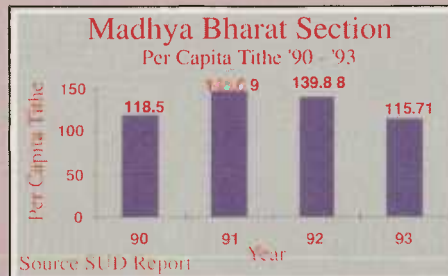
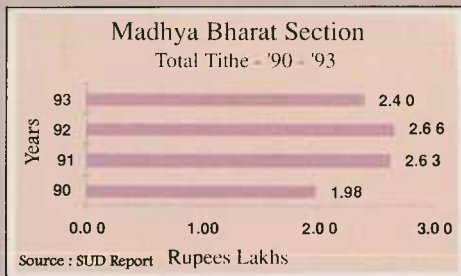
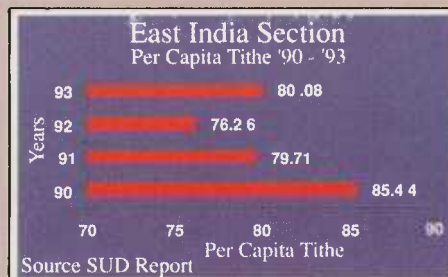
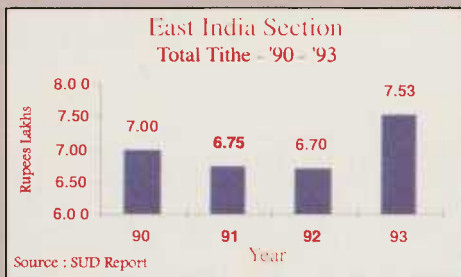
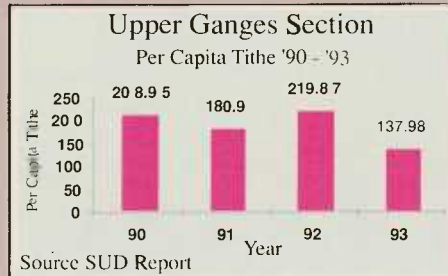
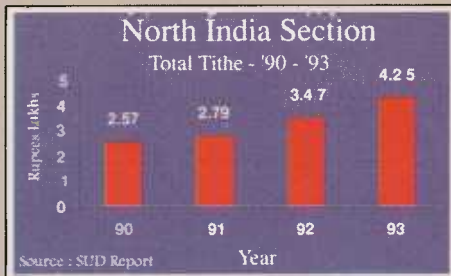
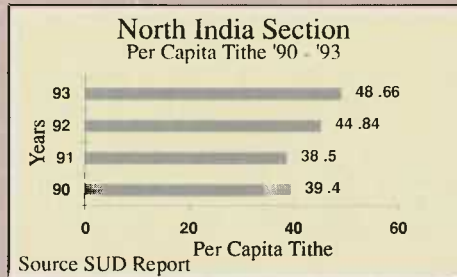
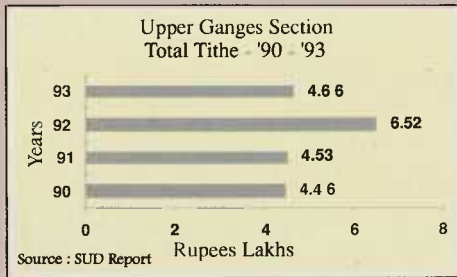


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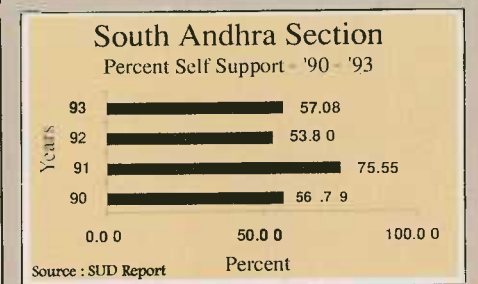
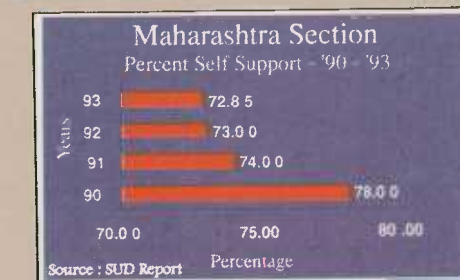
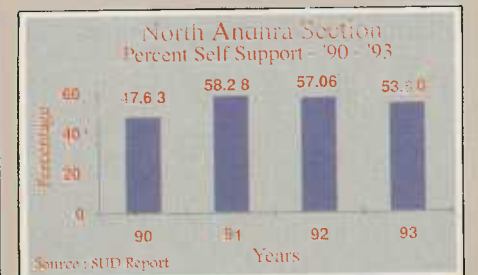
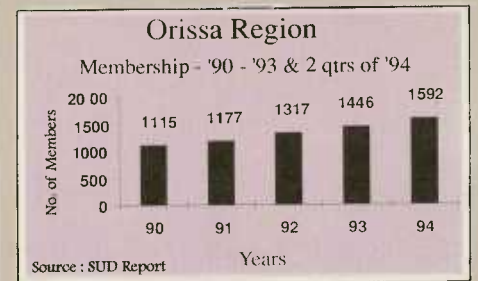
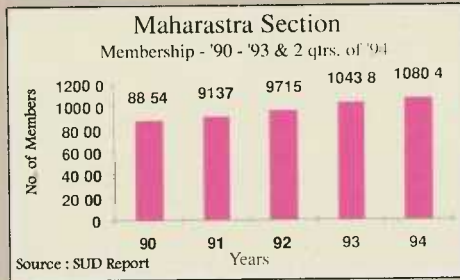
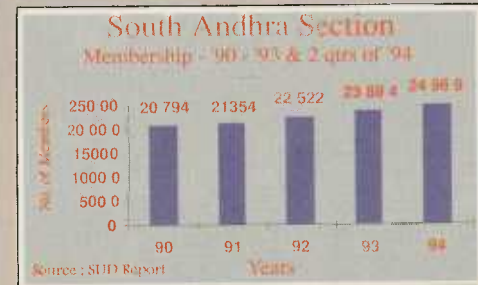
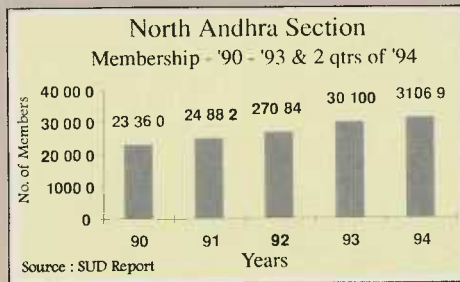
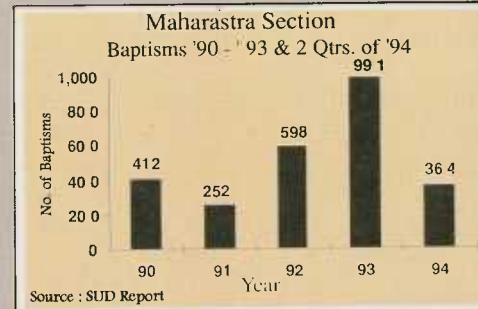
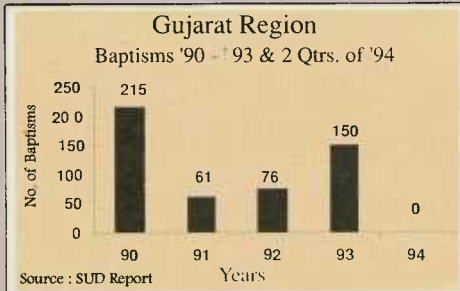
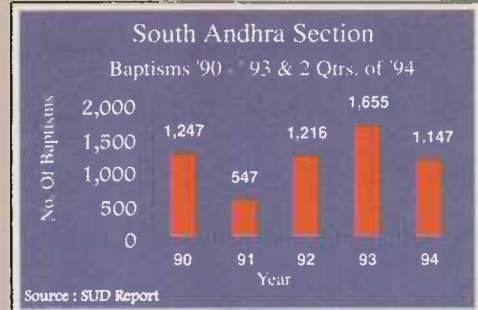
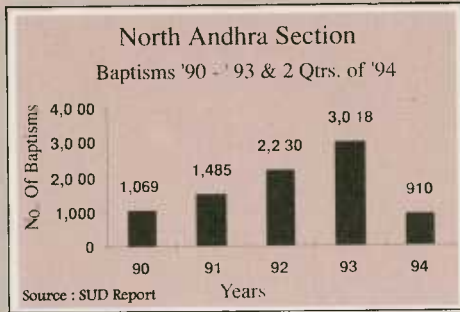


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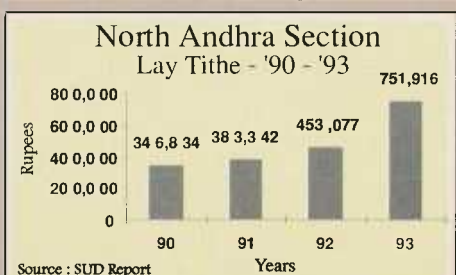
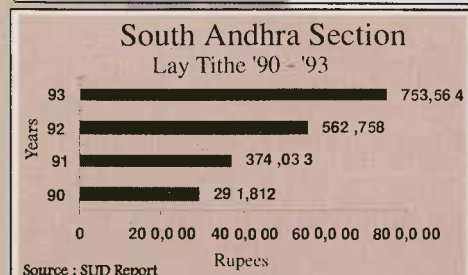
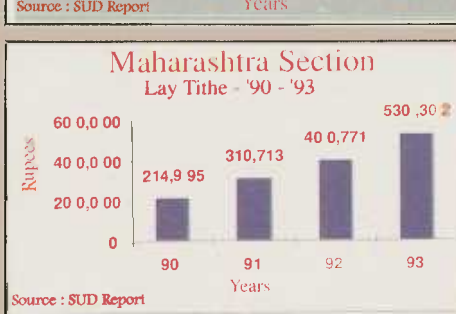
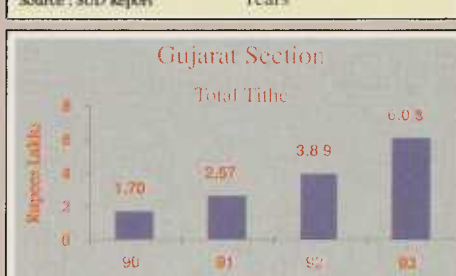
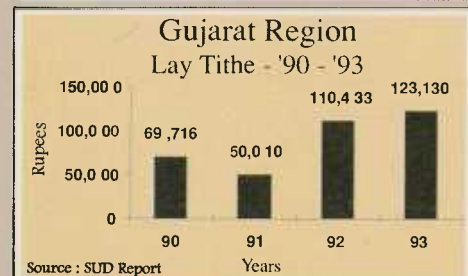
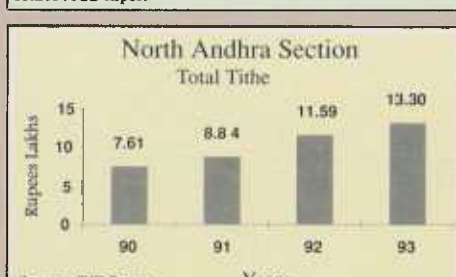
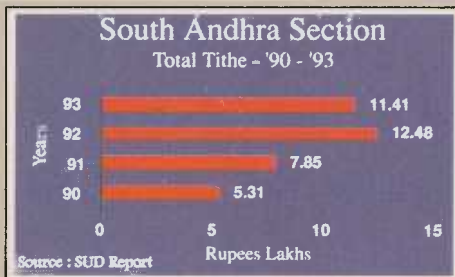
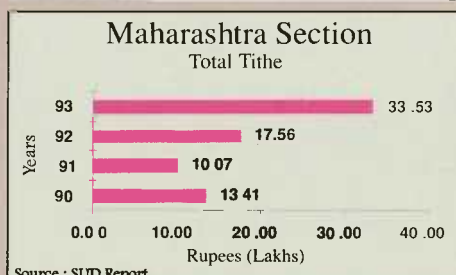
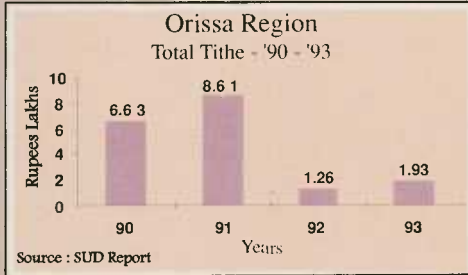
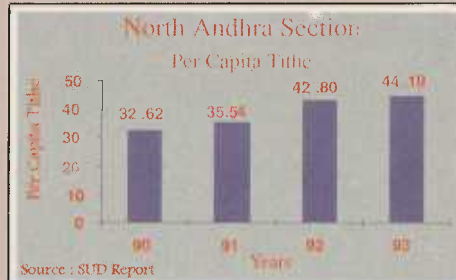
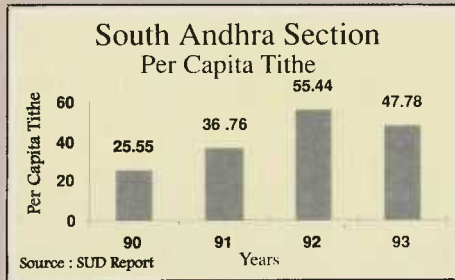


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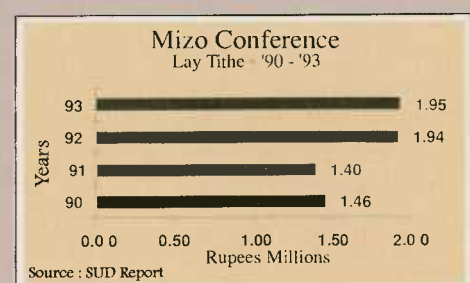
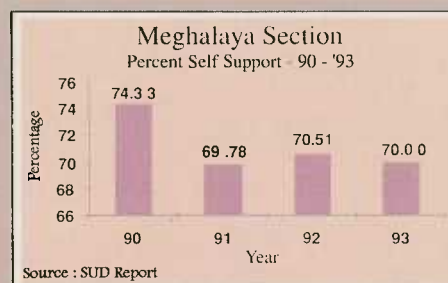
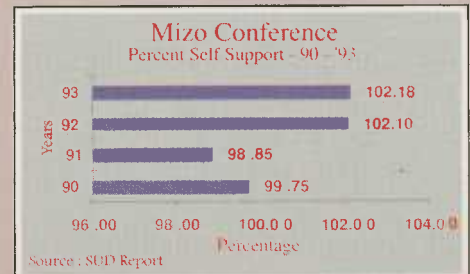
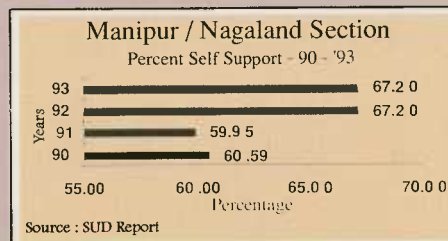
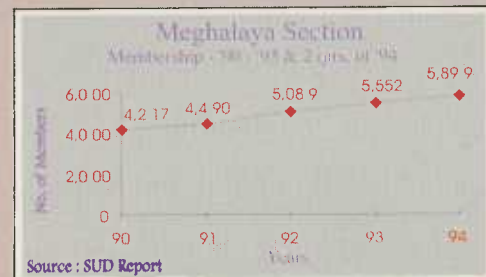
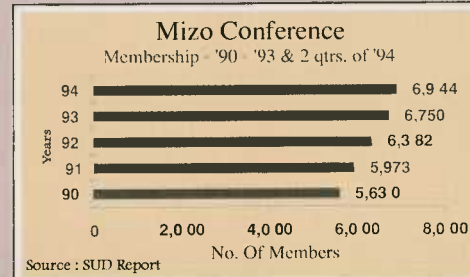
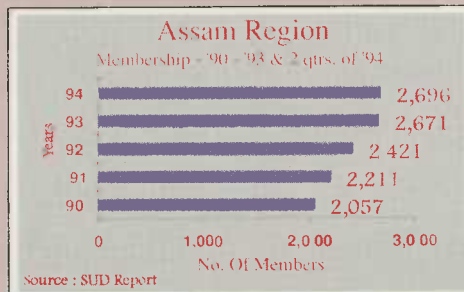
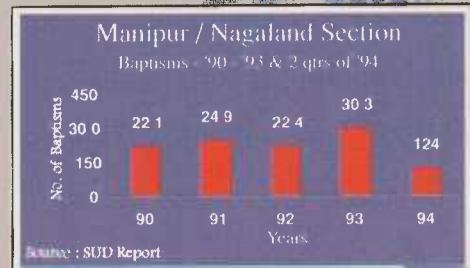
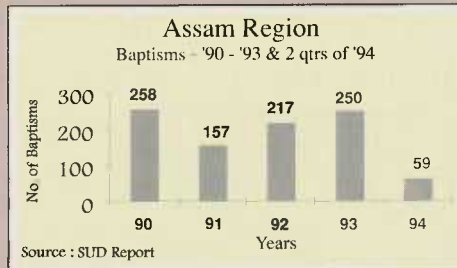
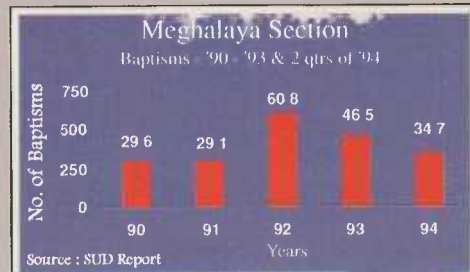
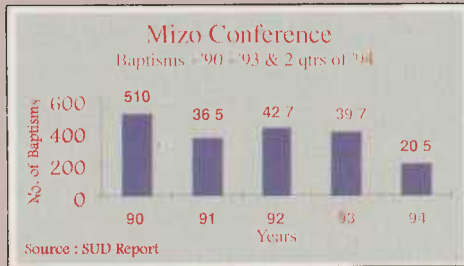


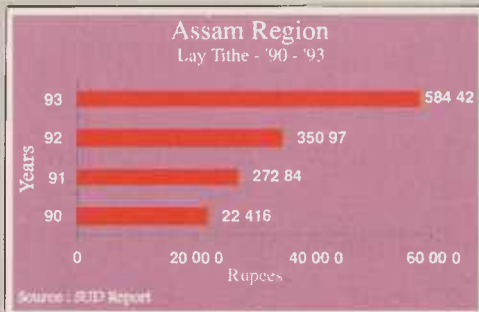
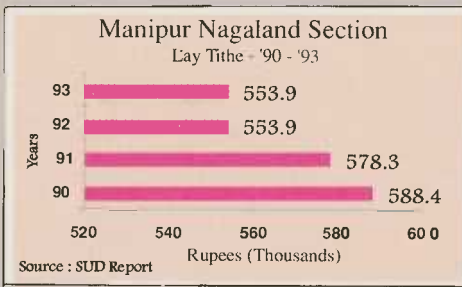
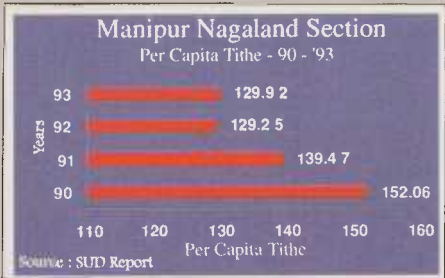
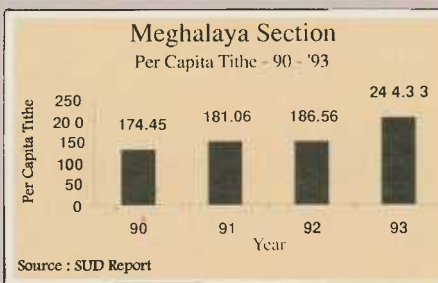
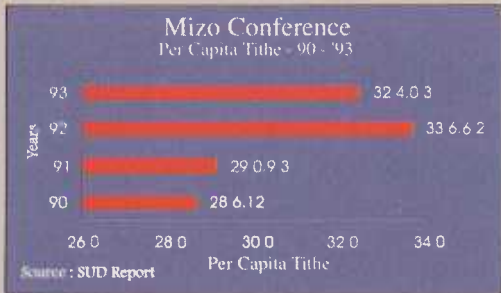
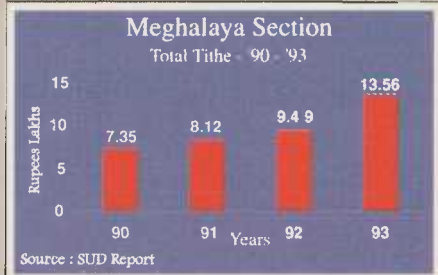
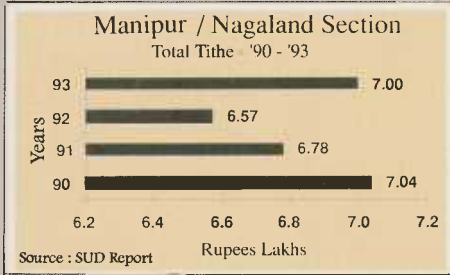
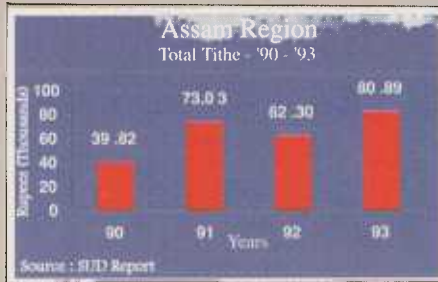
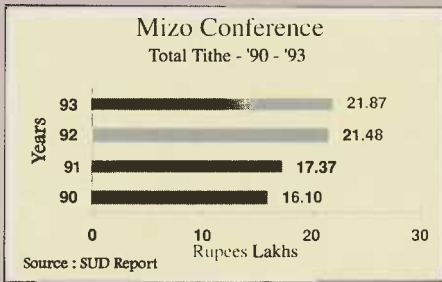
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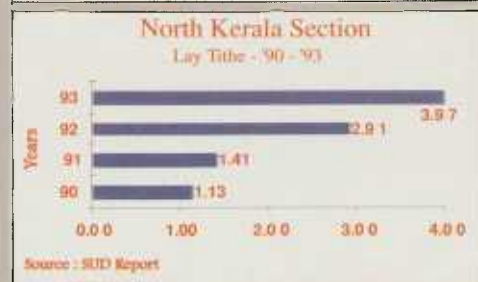
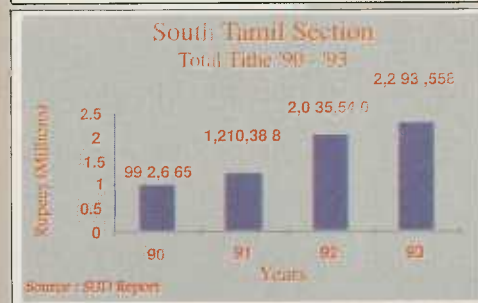
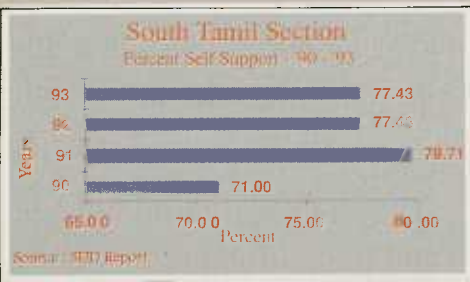
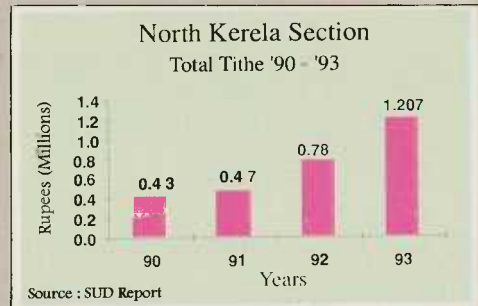
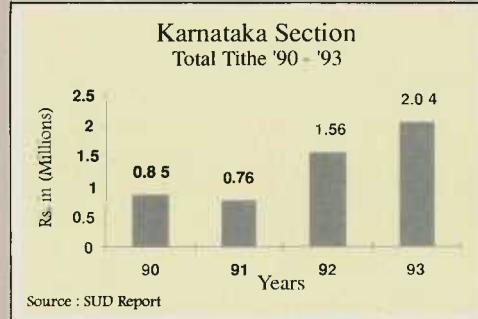
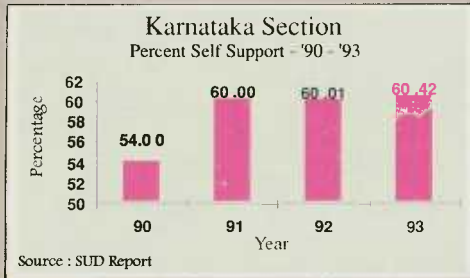
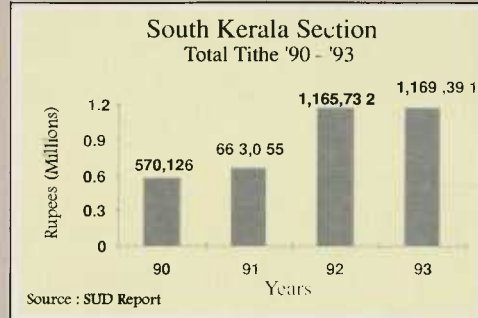
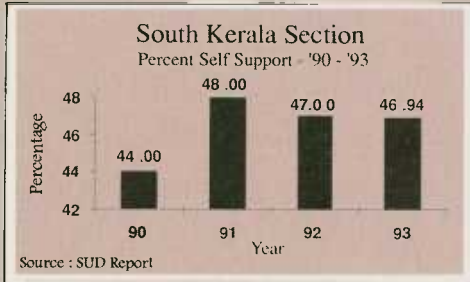
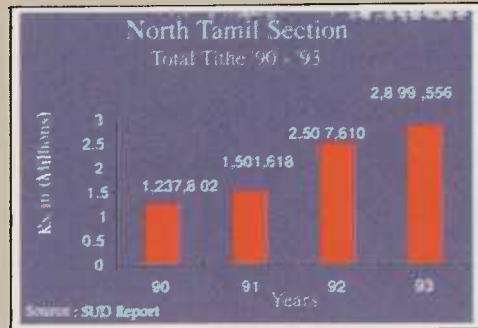
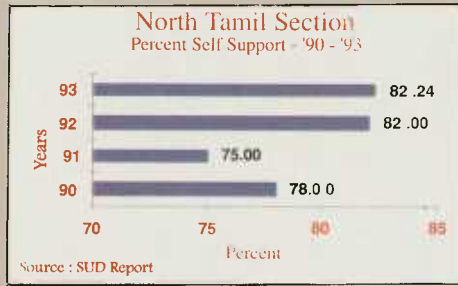




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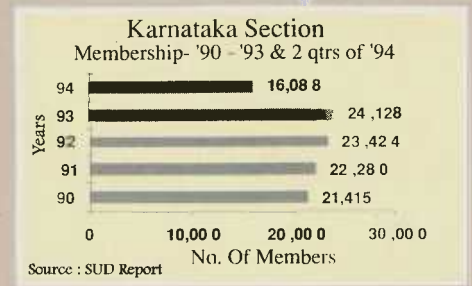
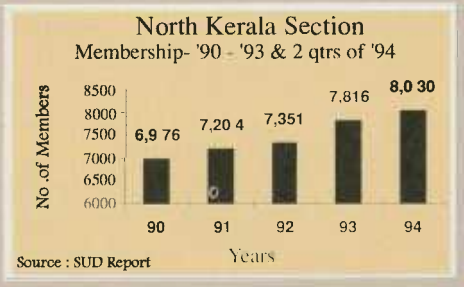
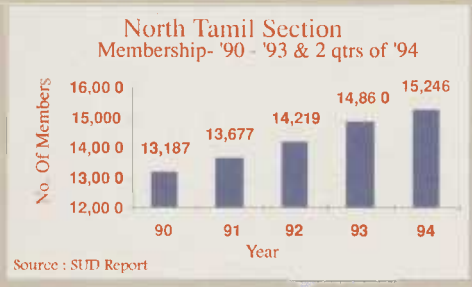
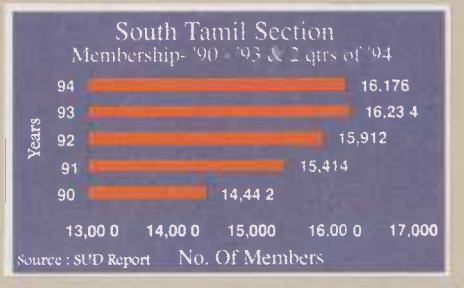
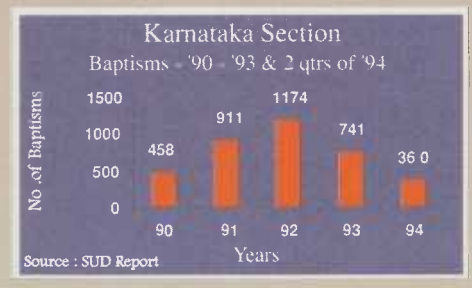
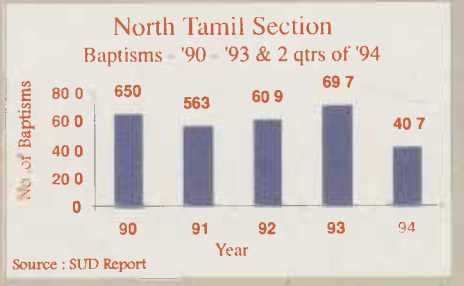
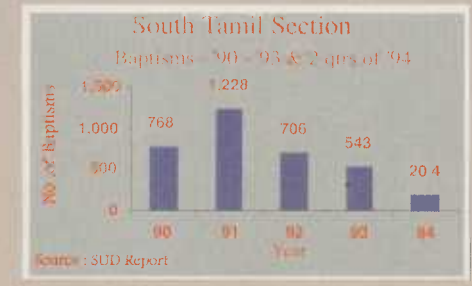
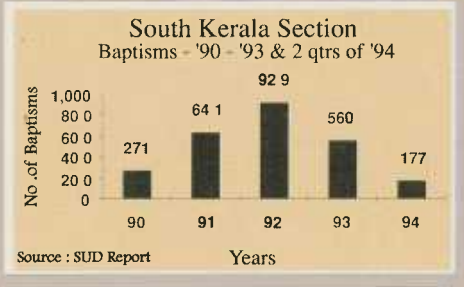
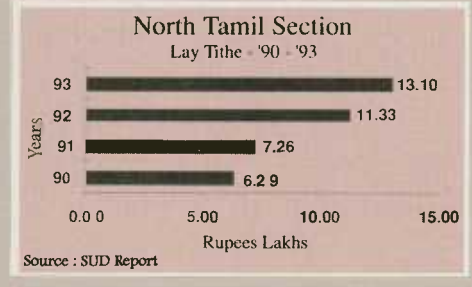
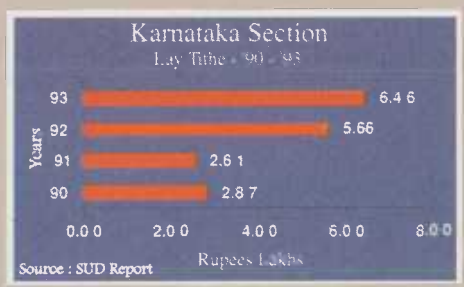
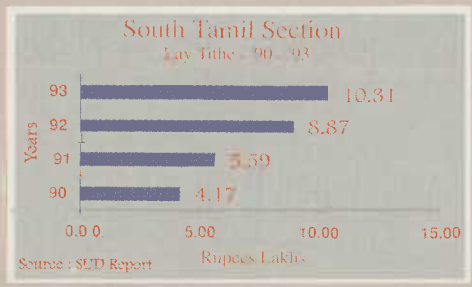


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ORIENTAL WATCHMAN PUBLISHING HOUSE 1990-1994

The period 1990-1994 has been marked with rapid changes and progress. We present this report with a deep sense of thankfulness to God for the way He has led us. There have been major decisions, timely recommendations, and significant events that have been a part of the functioning of the **OWPH**. The leading to the Lord has been felt every step of the way. Through the years God has blessed the ministry of the House and granted it substantial growth. We express our deep appreciation to our Heavenly Father for His guidance.

In Memorai

While in active service, Vijayanand Nirmal and Malini Chavan were laid to rest in the Lord on December 1, 1993 and on February 17, 1994 respectively. From among the pioneer workers, Philemon Walekar, George Zachariah, C K Kurian, John Parke, Cyril David, and Mr & Mrs C N Abraham were also laid to rest during this period.

NEW INSTALLATIONS

We purchased a second computer in 1991 for our computer room. All our six health magazines and **OUR TIMES** are being composed on DTP.

To speed up the work in the Graphic Arts Department, a new Euclid metal halide flip-flop plate maker was installed on February 28, 1992 by Elder R E Appenzeller, Publishing Director of the General Conference. This has helped in the change of process in platemaking from the old carbon rods to the modern use of metal halide lamps. This is a safer and faster method of platemaking.

In June 1994 there was a new addition to the Bindery Department. It was a long felt need to have a lamination machine. This machine was formally installed by the Chairman of the Board, Dr M E Cherian. This



P H Lal
General Manager

will go a long way to cut down costs and the quality of our products. Recently the newly printed prospectus was laminated in the new machine which is highly appreciated.

Another computer with a dotmatrix printer was purchased in November 1994 to assist in the production of books.

The entire OWPH family visited Manugraphics, offset printing machine manufacturers at Kolhapur, on October 27, 1994. All our language Editors and Book Editor were invited to attend the Communication Seminar held at New Delhi from November 7-9, 1994. They have been richly blessed by this Seminar at which important presentations were made by Ray J Dabrowski, GC Communication Director, Dr M E Cherian, Division President, and Elder Walter Scrag, World President of AWR. Four of our staff are now attending an AIDS Awareness Programme conducted at Surajkund, near Delhi organized by CMAI, from November 13-17, 1994.

WRITERS CONFERENCE

The first ever Writers' Conference was held for the Division at Spicer Memorial College on November 4-5, 1992. Forty-two delegates from all over the Division gained knowledge of writing from Elder Kenneth Holland, former Editor of These Times and Signs of the Times. He was the main resource personnel. Edwin Charles, the Editor-in-Chief of the Oriental Watchman Publishing House, along with Elder Holland planned and made arrangements for this conference.

OWPH CATERES TO THE NEED OF THE CHURCH

The OWPH has worked relentlessly to cater to the needs of the Division. We have supplied a monthly health magazine in six languages: **AROGYAVANI, MARGADARSHI, AROGYADEEP, NALWAZHI, SWASTHYA AUR JEEVAN, AND HERALD OF HEALTH**; a bi-monthly message magazine, **OUR TIMES**; **SOUTHERN ASIA TIDINGS**; a monthly new magazine, **ADVENTIST REVIEW**; and **VOP** lessons in English, Bengali, Marathi, Mizo, and Gujarati. We have also supplied tracts in Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, Hindi, Gujarati, Marathi, Manipuri, Garo, Mizo, and Bengali.



APLMCB and OWPH

Recently, there has been a concerted effort at the General Conference to co-ordinate the literature needs of the world divisions. To make the production of literature more effective, the Asia Pacific Literature Ministry Coordinating Board was formed. This board includes officers and publishing leaders of *SUD*, *FED*, and *SPD*. D E Mansell was the editorial consultant for the APLMCB. He co-ordinates the efforts of the three divisions in relation to the literature needs of the region.

"*WILL THE BROTHERS MEET?*" by Edison Samraj, addressing the Muslims in Asia was printed and published by OWPH, as a result of APLMCB.

OUTREACH & RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

For the first time in the history of the **OWPH** evangelistic meetings were conducted at Lohegaon, Yerwada, and Chandannagar, by workers of the Publishing House. These meetings resulted in sixty baptisms on May 1, 1993.

Division, Union, and

Section personnel were involved along with editors and factory personnel.

Dr M E Cherian, Division President, Southern Asia Division, was the speaker at the baptismal service along with other pastors of the Salisbury Memorial church.

The *OWPH* workers are actively involved in outreach programmes. As a result, there have been over 434 baptisms reported during the period 1990-1994. The places of the meetings include Nagpur Chawl, Yerwada, Rasta Peth, Bhavani Peth, Sneha Nagar, Bibavewadi Hilltop, Maharshi Nagar, Municipal Colony, Lohegaon, Khule Wadi, Viman Nagar, and Tingre Nagar.

We would like to thank the General Conference and the Division for their concern and support, all our LEs and PDDs who have distributed Literature to the people, and the **OWPH** workers who have dedicated their lives for making the printed pages containing our message available to the people.

Editors with the officers

Standing Left to right:

S J Samudre, Mohan Wesley, Edison Samraj, Rajeshwara Rao, John Howard, Robert A Mathivanan.



Foreman, Assistant Foreman, Officers :

Left to right -

K K Varghese, Dinker K, Sundera Rao, P H Lall, Y J Wilson, Shegran Segamoney, Calvin Joshua;

Standing Left to right:

Manuel K, Vasant Chavan, A Sukumar, Faithful Turkey, Davadas Chavan.



S K Poddar, was one of the stalwarts of the publishing house. The *OWPH* salutes this great pioneer for his dedication and commitment to the printed page.



Oriental Watchman Publishing House

Seated Left to right:

Segaran S - Assistant Treasurer; Robert M - Editor, NALWAZHI; Edison Samraj - Book Editor; Mohan Wesley - Editor, AROGYAVANI; S J Samudre - Editor, AROGYADEEP; Rajeshwar Rao - Editor, MARGADARSI; John Howard - Editor, SWASTHYA AUR IEEVAN; Calvin Joshua - Marketing Manager; Edwin Charles - Editor-in-Chief; P H Lall - General Manager; Y J Wilson - Treasurer; K J Sundera Rao - Factory Superintendent; Dinker K - Assistant Factory Superintendent; Davadas Chavan - Purchasing Officer; Faithful Tirkey - Foreman Graphic Art; Manual K - Foreman Circulation Department; Vasant Chavan - Assistant Foreman, Bindery Department; Prem Wilson - Photography Department; Vilas K - Maintenance Department.

3rd Row :

Vasant Ghatge, Jaiwant Thakwale, Mohan Abhane, Chandru John, Sunil Kamble, Roshan Raphael, U Solomon, Ravi Khandagle, Prasanna Raj Simpson, Rajkumar, D Janardhan, Anush Lall, Alwyn Arunachalam, Paul Jagdhane, Jaishal Kadamani, Uttam Sathe, Anand Zion, Solomon Auchite,

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Phototype Setting Department



Suresh J, Chandru J

L D Vasantha Rao, Alwyn Arunachalam



Printing Department

A Sukumar, Foreman with the superintendent and his working partners.1995



Press Department

K K Varghese, Foreman.
A Sukumar
along with the printers.1995



Circulation Department

Manual K - Foreman,
OWPH, 1995.

Bindery Department

Dinker K - Foreman along with his associates displaying the current prospectus,1995.



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Kamuel K , Art Department, 1995



Jeevan Holkar, Pasteup , 1995



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Bobby S & Soloman K

Plate Making
Ravi Khandagale



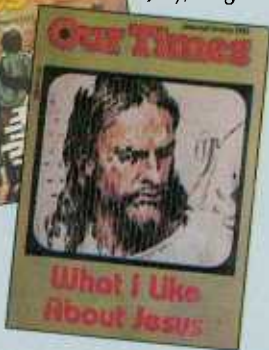
Camera Room
Sunil Kamble, Prem W



Stripping & Layout.
L-R : Roshan R, Faithful T, Prem W



Our Times,
July, August issues, 1993



Our Times
The Focus is Jesus Christ

Edwin Charles
Editor

"I have enjoyed
reading this magazine."



E. Sharat Chandran Singh,
Manipur.



Our Times campaign,
September & October, 1994.

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Robert Mathivanan
Editor, Nalwazhi



Nalwazhi, Tamil Health Magazine, January, 1995.

Your magazine gives many ways to live a healthy life. I congratulate Nalwazhi for being a lighthouse for those who live unhealthy lives."

S P Subramanian, Circle coordinator, Arivoli Movement, Tamil Nadu.

Arogyadeep, Marathi Health Magazine.

"I am a regular subscriber of your magazine. The standard of your magazine is very good and it is also meaningful to the common people. It is a great work."

C D Saokar, Head of the Zoology Department, Arts & Science Commerce College, Deola, Nasik.



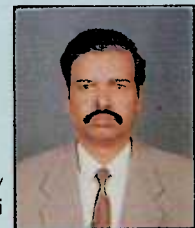
S J Samudre
Editor, Arogyadeep



Arogyavani, Kanada Health Magazine, 1995.

"I have been a regular contributor and reader of Arogyavani. As a physician, I can say this magazine is doing fine service to the people of Karnataka. The articles deal with relevant topics and are helping us to maintain good and sound health."

Dr. H.D. Chandrappa Gowda, District Surgeon, Shimoga, Karnataka.



Mohan Wesley
Editor, Arogyavani

Swasthya aur Jeevan, Hindi Health Magazine.

"I saw your Hindi magazine in my friend's house. The articles are timely and they give more stress on vibrant living. I strongly recommend this magazine to all those who are interested in keeping good health. Wish you all the best."

Yogesh Bahal, Sandeep Cycle Store, Kapoorthala, Punjab.



John Howard
Editor, Swasthya aur Jeevan



Margadarsi, Telugu Health Magazine.

"I appreciate and congratulate the editor of Margadarsi for the work that you are doing. It has helped us to enjoy good health."

Ch. Martin Luther, Teacher St. Alphonsus High School, Nalgonda, A.P.



Rajeshwar Rao
Editor, Margadarsi

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"In relationship to books, OWPH has shown great improvements in the last five year period. Six New books have come out of the press and 21 reprints of the books are made. The Trade Books printed by OWPH in this period are extra."

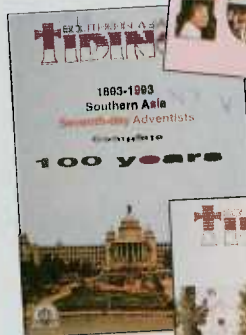
Thomas K Joseph,
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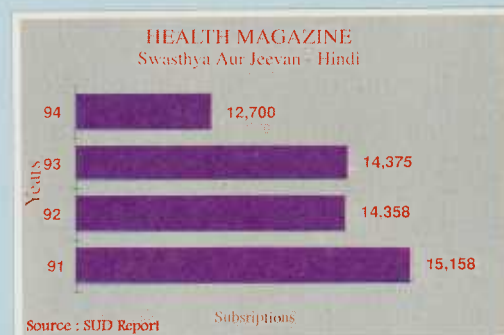
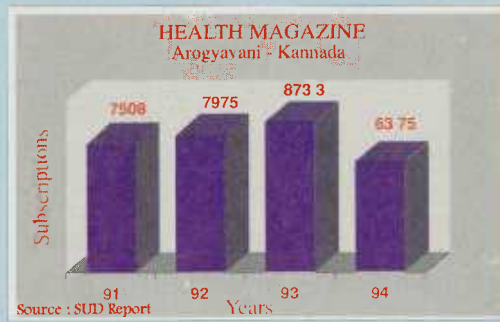
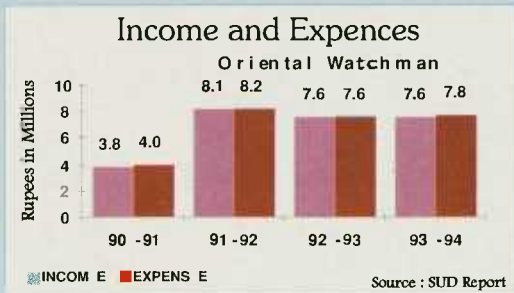


For nearly 90 long years, the Southern Asia Tidings has been the voice of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, speaking to her members and the rest of the world, making known how far we have come in the fulfillment of our mission. In recent years we have made the Tidings more newsy. In these times, a magazine which serves as a newspaper, has to satiate the thirst for information on happenings and events. Concerted efforts on the part of the editors and Communication Department personnel has led to substantial inflow of news and articles to the editorial office. In a Division where the general feeling was that Adventists were either not interested in writing or were incapable of doing so, we are witnessing a change, an improvement, and these are difficult times. But to be a communicator in these days is an exiting experience. Southern Asia Tidings is today more than a record. It is a reflector of the spirit and the life, the experience and the witness of God's people.



Vinita Gaikwad,
Assistant Editor, Southern Asia Tidings.

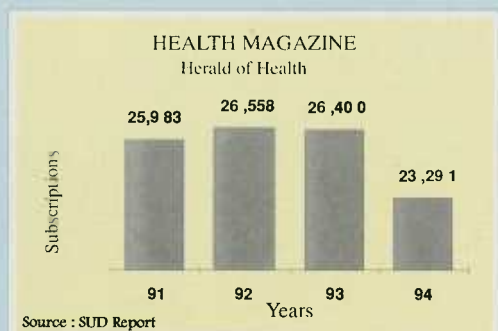
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The Treasury Group along with the treasurer, OWPB, 1994.

Standing L - R:

Satish Sharma, Bhanu Rao, Newton Tryler, Leena Nirmal, John Calvin, Ravi S., Anush Lall.



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Y J Wilson
Treasurer



K J Sundera Rao
Fact. Supdt.



Dinker Khandagale
Asst. Fact. Supdt.



Calvin Joshua
Marketing Manager



Segaran Sigamoney
Asst. Treasurer



C B Hammond
Editor-in- Chief
(1990-93)



Edwin Charles
Editor-in- Chief
(1993-95)



(UP) Release of *To Your Health* by our former Division Treasurer, Johnson Koilpillai, 1992.

(Left) The First flag hoisting ceremony, May 1, 1988.

(Down) The *Word Hymnal* printed at OWPH was released by Robert Folkenberg at the Quinquennium Session.



Dr Cherian commends the *Vegetarian Cook Book*.





Edwin Brave Mathews
Director

ADVENTIST COMMUNICATION CENTRE

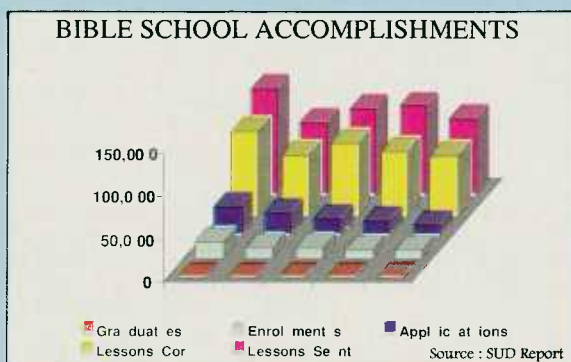
Edwin Brave Mathews

The Voice of Prophecy began in Pune in 1947 under the able leadership of Elder A. E. Rawson and the Adventist World Radio started its broadcasts from Guam in 1984. VOP & AWR, combine to make the Adventist Communication Centre. It has a tremendous task of sending out Bible and Health lessons in English and broadcasting in five languages. These two mediums of the church - the Voice of Prophecy and Adventist World Radio are doing the work of spreading the message of Christ's love like "leaves of autumn".

This report presents the achievements of ACC from January 1, 1990 to September 30, 1994.

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
Baptisms	0	1	13	45	3

The Bible School accomplishments are as follows:



HEALTH CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL

The current Health course is greatly appreciated by the students as it provides the principles of healthful living in a very simple way.

A report of the Music recorded in the studio and the number of programs prepared and sent are projected in the graph.

From the Listener's Mail Report given, you would notice that God has been blessing the ministry of AWR.

We have received wonderful letters from our listeners in 31 countries, who not only hear our programs regularly, but appreciate what AWR is doing. Here are some of the testimonies :

☐ "KSDA to us is an encyclopedia of Jesus Christ. Thanks to your station and thanks to all the staff for bringing us these worthwhile programs."

S. Bhattacharya, Belda, W. Bengal

☐ "From the time I have listened to your programs, a miracle has taken place in my life. It appears now I have received everything I looked for..."

S. B. Sharma, Village Basdihan, Bihar

☐ "I am hearing your programs regularly because I want your programs the most. I want to know details about Parmeshwar Yeshu and I want to walk in his footsteps..."

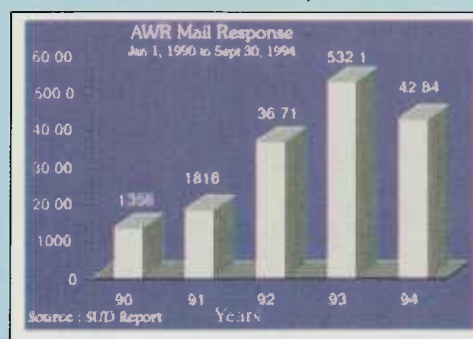
Ghulam Hasnain, Darbhanga, Bihar

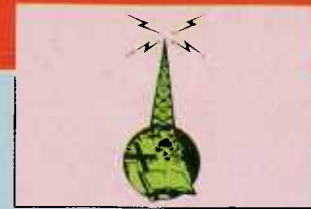
☐ "I Heard your (Malayalam) program on Oct. 13, 1994. The sixty minute program smoothly gets over, even before you could realize it. Your program maintains a high standard. It pushes other religious broadcasts viz., Feba Radio, Radio Veritas etc. way behind..."

Pratheesh S., Trivandrum, Kerala.

☐ "I make posters to promote AWR and I exhibit them in public places."

P. J. M. Varkey, Idduki, Kerala





SPECIAL FEATURES

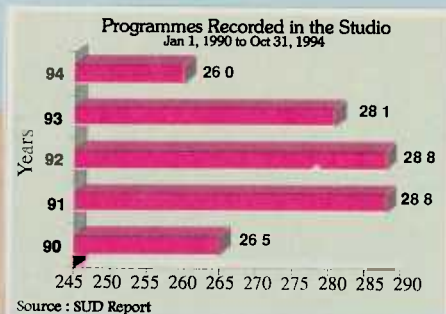
❑ In 1991 a third Studio was started to be a Program Mixing studio to speed up the program production.



❑ The AWR library in ACC, which was started in November 1989 with only 800 books was enlarged. Today the library has around 2500 books to help our Program Producers in finding materials for their radio scripts.

❑ In 1991 an automatic letter press was purchased to print maximum number of lessons in ACC.

❑ Through the help of AWR, the latest music recording equipment was installed in the studio. Some of the music produced through these machines are excellent.



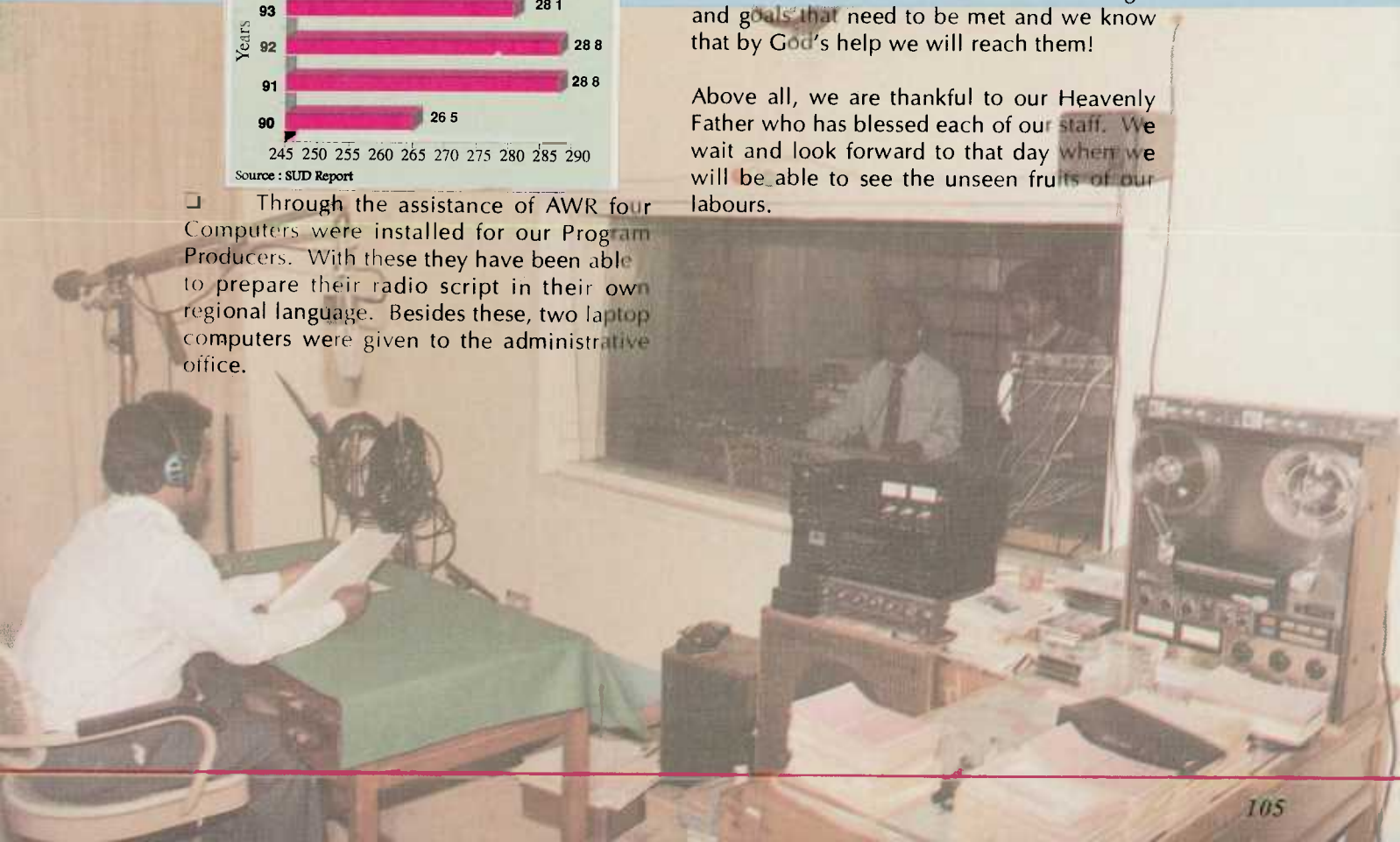
❑ Through the assistance of AWR four Computers were installed for our Program Producers. With these they have been able to prepare their radio script in their own regional language. Besides these, two laptop computers were given to the administrative office.

APPRECIATION

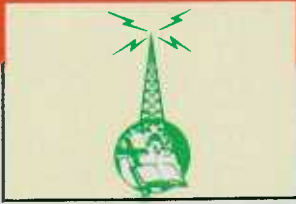
No accomplishment and achievement, presented in this report, would have been possible without the help of our dedicated staff: **Isaac Chavan, Director, Radio Programs; David Phasge, head, Bible School; Mrs. Alice Mathews, Head, Health School; Johnson Raju, Head, Press Section.** They need to be commended for their valuable support to the management in supervising the various aspects of ACC work under their care. Special reference is here made of our Radio Program Producers, **Daniel Jacob (Hindi), T. I. Varghese (Malayalam), G. Elisha Rao (Telugu) and S. Thambiraj (Tamil), and Jacob Jagadhane (a worker assigned by Maharashtra Section to work as a guest radio speaker for Marathi)** who, over the years, worked hard to produce good quality programs for AWR. We would like to thank each one of the staff members for their undivided support, co-operation and hard work.

We would like to thank AWR for bringing into reality our dreams of having the best Studio Equipment and Computers. They are helping us much in our labours. Of course, this assistance has also left us with some challenges and goals that need to be met and we know that by God's help we will reach them!

Above all, we are thankful to our Heavenly Father who has blessed each of our staff. We wait and look forward to that day when we will be able to see the unseen fruits of our labours.



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Edwin B Matthews,
Director, ACC, 1995.



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Isaac Chavan,
Program Production Director works very hard to keep up to the demands of Adventist World Radio.



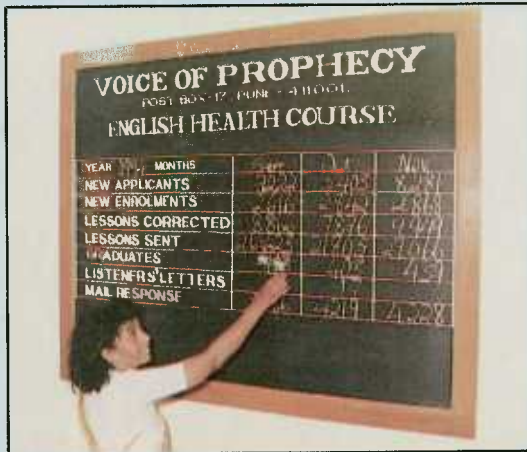
ACC Staff, 1994.
*Seated Left To Right
Left to right*

- Thambiraj - Tamil Radio Program Producer;
- Daniel Jacob - Hindi Radio Program Producer;
- Edwin Matthews - Director,
- Edward James - Treasurer,
- Idiculla V. - Malayalam Radio Program Producer,
- Elisha Rao - Telugu Radio Program Producer;
- Isaac Chavan - Program Production Director;
- R P Singh - Assistant Hindi Radio Program Producer, 1995.

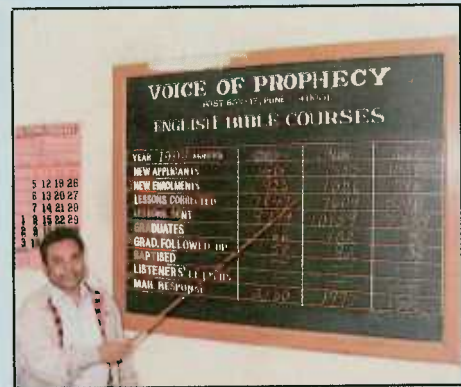
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Edward James,
Treasurer, ACC, 1995.



Alice Matthews, *Head of the Health School reviews the progress of the English Bible Courses, 1995.*



David Phasge, *Head of Bible School gives an overview of the English Bible Courses, 1995.*



Ravindra S Rao & Avinash Holkar,
Technicians working at the studio of the Adventist Communication Centre, 1995

G Elisha Rao,
Telugu Program Producer, preaches the good news of salvation to the millions of listeners in Asia, 1995.



Philip,
AWR Personnel, visited our centre and oriented the Radio Speakers to computers. This innovative move has helped to increase the level of efficiency and quality of radio program, 1995.

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T I Varghese
proclaims the good news of salvation
to the unentered territories of the Far
East and Middle East, 1995.



Priyadarshini Indira Gandhi award
was given to E B Matthews for
outstanding achievement and
contribution to National
Development on 19 Nov., 1994 at
Bangalore.

Interviews and skits are part of AWR.
T I Varghese and others are in one such
recording sessions, 1995.



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Elisha Rao - Telugu Radio Program Producer, 1995.

"We are 20 Telugu speaking workers staying in one place. We came to Saudi Arabia to earn money. Having earned much money, we were not getting happiness and satisfaction but we are fortunate for one thing : to listen to AWR."

B, Shankar, Riyadh, K S A

Thambiraj - Tamil Radio Program Producer, 1995.

"Your radio program consoles my soul. I am alone here leaving my family, wife and children in India. Your program gives me encouragement, comfort and joy. I record your songs, Health talks and sermons and invite others to listen."

M. Mohan from Riyadh



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R P Singh -
*Assistant Hindi Radio Program
Producer, 1995.*



Mohan Masih -
*Punjabi Radio Program Producer,
1995.*

Bible School Staff

*Left to Right: Mrs Omana Varghese, Mrs Mohan Masih,
Mrs K K Varghese, Mrs Daniel Thomas,
Mrs Sundera Rao. 1995.*



Printing Department, Voice of Prophecy, 1995.

*Left to Right:
Joseph Chavan, Mrs Jagdhane, Johnson Raju.*



Health School Staff, 1995.

*Left to Right:
Mrs Phasge, Mrs Haldar,
Mrs Thambiraj, Mrs Gaikwad
Mrs Gunnamoney, Mrs Johnson Raju,
Mrs A Chacko was also part of the
department.*



Arthur D,
*former Tamil Program Producer, working with the
newly installed computer, 1995.*



Maureen Dkhar
*works as the office secretary
for the ACC, 1995.*

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N O Matthews
President (1990-94)



W G Jenson
President (1994-95)

Those Who Were Dedicated in the OREODOXA Since 1965

- 1966 Mrs Bertha Lowry
- 1967 Dr D R Gadgil
- 1968 Dr R S Lowry
- 1969 R L Rowe
- 1970 M Amirtham
- 1971 S Jesudas
- 1972 Gopal Rao
- 1973 Emil Fernando
- 1974 A T Thomas
- 1975 W G Jenson
- 1976 M K George
- 1977 R F Jones
- 1978 H D Erickson
- 1979 Mrs M E Cherian
- 1980 I E Grice
- 1981 S Hutton
- 1982 F H Nash
- 1983 G J Christo
- 1984 C S Marandi
- 1985 W G Jenson
- 1986 K J Moses
- 1987 Mrs L Erickson
- 1988 Mrs A John
- 1989 Dr & Mrs Willis
- 1990 None
- 1991 None
- 1992 D R Bankhead
- 1994 Franklin Samraj

SPICER MEMORIAL COLLEGE - HIGHLIGHTS

W G Jenson

- Platinum Jubilee, 1990.
- Dr N O Matthews - appointed as President of Spicer College 1990.
- Acceptance of Andrews University as a recognized University by the All India Association of Indian Universities (for SMC Graduate School) 1991.
- New Library Opened, 1991.
- Dr S K Agarwal, Secretary, Association of Indian Universities - Chief Guest for Senior Graduating Class, 1992.
- First Christmas and Easter Pageant, 1992-93.
- Southern Asia Global Mission meeting, 1993.
- Latur earthquake rehabilitation project - student involvement, 1993-94.
- New Offset Press Opened, 1993.
- Dr Jayant V Narlikar - Director, Inter-University Center for Astronomy and Astrophysics - Chief Guest for senior graduating class, 1993.
- Ministry of Dr & Mrs Jim Rankin and the unfortunate demise of Dr Jim Rankin, 1994.
- Mr Bill Dull - Health Evangelism conducted in Bombay and assisted by SMC students, 1994.
- W G Jenson - appointed President of SMC, 1994.
- Visit of Prof. S K Khanna, Director for All India Center of Technical Education, 1994.
- Thirteen Sabbath Offering overflow project - Married Student's Quarters completed, 1994-95.



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W G Jenson,
President, Spicer Memorial College.



Dr Joy C Kurian is the Vice-President for Student Affairs.
He has been teaching in the departments of Botany & Anthropology.
He is the Chairman for the School of Social Sciences.
He is the author of the book: Plants That Heal.

Those who were honoured in the OREODOXA Since 1965

G G Lowry	W A Spicer	S L Kirloskar	Mrs C P Reynolds
M S Prasada Rao	R Marjee	Mathew R P	Noble Pilli
Emile John	Mr & Mrs M Thomas,	W F Zill	Dr B P Apte
P C Sheijwalkar	Mrs D M Rai	C E Roe	I M Chand
M D Moses	A M Job	Job Christian	R S Fernando
B F Pingho	A J Johanson	C H Tidwell	R P Nath
Mrs W G Jenson	Mrs Phasge	Helen Meleen Lowry	Mrs Edith Willis
G R Jenson	Dr G S Mahajani	Dr D A Dabolkar	Mrs M E Cherian
R S More	S Chand	R I Mathew	Madhu Samuel
Mrs K Holbert	S Hutton	K J Moses	P C Sharan
P C Mathew	Lal Singh	R S Shinge	Pr & Mrs O W Lange
A K John	T Aruldas	Y R Samraj	K P Philip
V D Ohal	S B Mujamdar	D S Ariyaratnam	Richard Johnson
C S Sulankey	Alex Job	S Unnikumaran	L Sailo
Sharad Pandit	J P Thomas	Mahavir P Agarwal	A K Haldar
Mrs K V Varghese	W G Jenson	Mrs S S Poddar	Manohar Marjee
V Raju	L Hmingliana	Suresh Shevale	A V Sangamerkar
S K Agarwal	K Bhaskara Rao	C B Hammond	R G Buhler
C Marandi	M Thomas	J C Kurian	J B Waidande
S B Hivale	Lakshman Mali	L C Shultz	Mrs E Nicholas
Mrs A John	Mrs H D Erickson	S Dharmadas	P S A Aranze
V Raju	Dr S K Agrawal	John Willmott	Edwin Mathew
D L Gaikwad	A I John	D K Sankeethamony	G Sargunam
M G Borge	Swartha More	Mrs Miriam Kisku	J M Fowler
N Jacob	Mrs M Martin	Veerawami	Justus Devadas
Francis Roy	Mrs Buhler	Joseph Manuel	Samuel Gaikwad
Nilima Nowrangai	V Chelladurai	Mrs L Tharian	Aruputha Rao
Simon Peter	Dayanda Rao	Sharada Mahapure	Mrs Sonabai Zurange
V G Bhide	Mrs Leela Thomas	Mrs R Hivale	P J Commen
S G Jayakar	Edwin Dass	Mrs Edwin Das	K S D Charles
Mrs Saroj Wagh	John Zachariah	S Joseph	Miss Rita D
Gracy Ommen	Mrs Glynn Lalkaka	Ammani Chellathurai	Rajendra Prasad.
Mrs S S Poddar	Jayakumar Bhandari	Job Christian	W L Sharalaya
R S Fernando	Kalee Paw	A Ba Tin	K S Charles
S Kisku	S James	V P Muthiah	A M Job
Jesudass	M Amirtham	K Holbert	Laxman
Zurange	S K Poddar (sr)		

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Dr Samuel Gaikwad is the Vice-President for Academic Affairs. Upon his return from Andrews University, he was appointed as the Dean for the School of Education, A U-S M C



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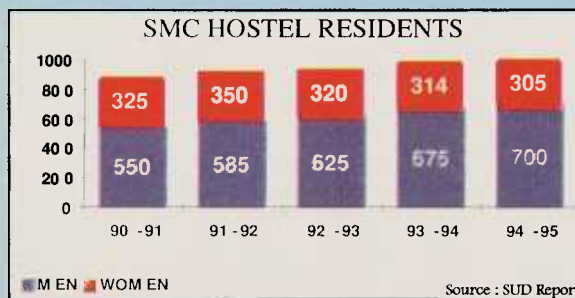
Daniel D Rao

was the registrar for the Graduate School, A U. Now He is appointed as the Vice-president for Academic Affairs. (under-graduate)



Noble Pilli

is the Vice-President for Financial Affairs He also teaches in the Business Department. At present, he is continuing with his doctoral programme in the University of Pune.



Faculty of SMC

- seated Left to Right* : Mrs Chacko, Dean of Women; Noble Pilli, VPFA; J C Kurian, VPFA; W G Jenson, President; Samuel Gaikwad, VPAA; D D Rao, VPAA; Franklin Samraj, Dean of Men.
- 2nd row Standing L to R* - Mary Davy, Mrs. Vijaya Paul Pillai, Nanibala, Mrs. Varghese, Lalita Kurian, Preeti Philip, Debora Samraj, Rekha Rao, Bernice Andrew, Muani C, Reena Gayen, Prema Gaikwad.
- 3rd row standing L to R* - Sanjeevan Arsud, Vijaya Paul Pillai, Rajandran Prasad, Y Mathai, V T Thomas, Biaka C, Gladwin Matthews, Y Andrew, Alexander Samuel, Claudius Soren, Meshach. Roy Jemison I, Sharath Babu, Johnson David, C Gayen, Marcus Kappel, L L McNitt, Tun Tun Aye, Kenneth Swansi. Back row - S Solomon, A K Halder.



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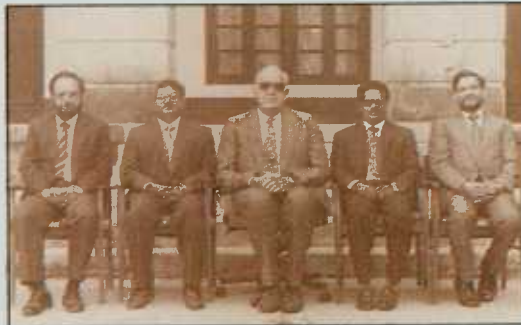
School of Business

L to R - Johnny Philip, L L McNitt, Kenneth Swansi, J Zachariah (Head), Preeta Philip, Noble Pilli, Deborah Samraj.



Division of Social Sciences

L to R - Sanjeevan Arsud, D D Rao, J C Kurian (Head), Franklin Samraj, Deborah Samraj, Biaka C.



President Council

L to R - J C Kurian, VPSA; Samuel Gaikwad, VPAA; W G Jenson, President; Noble Pilli, VPFA; D D Rao, Registrar.



Administration Council

Seated L to R - Mrs Chacko, Noble Pilli, J C Kurian, W G Jenson (Chairman), D D Rao, Samuel Gaikwad, Franklin Samraj;
Standing L to R - R Prasad, Mrs Varghese, Meshach.



Division of Science & Maths

Seated L to R - Samuel Gaikwad, J C Kurian, Mrs Varghese (Head), Franklin Samraj,
Standing L to R - L L McNitt, Alexander Samuel, Marcus Kappel, Rajandran Prasad, Johnson David.



Applied Arts

L to R - Gladwin Matthews, Marcus Kappel, A K Halder (Head), S Poddar, Claudius Soren.



Academic Policy Committee

Seated L to R - Prema Gaikwad, W G Jenson, Mrs Varghese; *Standing L to R* - Samuel Gaikwad, J C Kurian, D D Rao, A K Halder, R Prasad.



Division of Fine Arts

1st row L to R - Reena Gayen, Glynn Lalkaka (Head), Mary Davy;
2nd row L to R - Y Mathai, Betty Jenson, Y Andrew.

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Men's Hostel Deans:
Seated L to R - Tun Tun Aye, Gladwin Matthews, Franklin Samraj, Biaka C.

The Street Play group from SMC has performed on various occasions. "All the colours of the rainbow" promoted Equality & Communal Harmony. The second play was on how to Maintain a Caring Attitude towards AIDS patients. These plays were well appreciated.



The IHO congratulated the group for being second in Street contest on AIDS held on the World AIDS Day, 1994.



Spicer Elementary School Teachers
Ms S Moore, Headmistress, 1995.



Children Sabbath School with the Sabbath School teachers.



Cultural Emphasis Day
Mizo bamboo dance by Mizos; Kolattam by Kannada students.





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Sam Charles (Head), Computer Department. He was appointed as the registrar of the under-graduate program.



Students get personal attention from Mary Davy, Occidental Music Department.



Professor Johnson David explains the nature of chemical reaction of a substance to his students.



Pathfinders with Leo Ranzolin, Vice-President of General Conference; Mrs Gaikwad, Pathfinder Director is seen along with Dr N O Matthews, 1994.



Model village on SMC campus.



Philip Abraham, Chief Librarian caters to the growing needs of the library at Spicer Memorial College.



The offset press was a new addition, SMC press department.

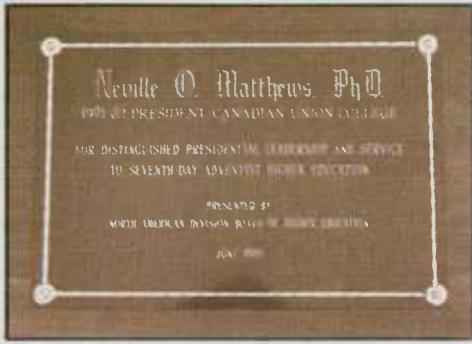


The Andrews University Evaluation team: Dr Mrs Merlene A Ogden & Warren E Minder. They were given a book on India as a gift from the college. Images I was also given as a token of appreciation.



Dr Joy C Kurian teaches the course on Home & Life Values, SMC, 1995.

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N O Matthews received an award for distinguished leadership & service to SDA Higher Education, 1995.



Dr Gordon Christo has the unique distinction of being the first Indian commissioned to write the **Bible Amplifier Series** on the book of **Job**, edited by George Knight & published by Pacific Press Publication Association. It is expected to be published by the summer of 1996. We appreciate his service rendered to the world church.



Graduation procession.



Andrew Yesudas is one of the teachers in Spicer who is the Head of the Art department. Southern Asia Division had assigned him to prepare paintings for a Centenary calendar. His work has been appreciated and welcomed. His works has been displayed at the Culture Display centre in Pune.



N O Matthews, President with SMC faculty, 1993



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Roy Jemison,
Director,
E G White Estate.



Church elders with Pastor Mohan Raj I,
SMC 1995.(Inset) Mohan Raj.



Church Deacons , SMC 1995.

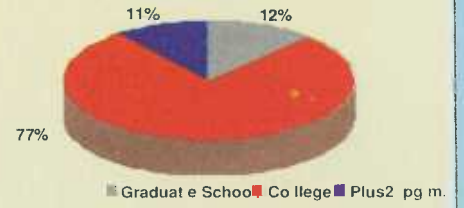


Passion week-dramatized, 1993



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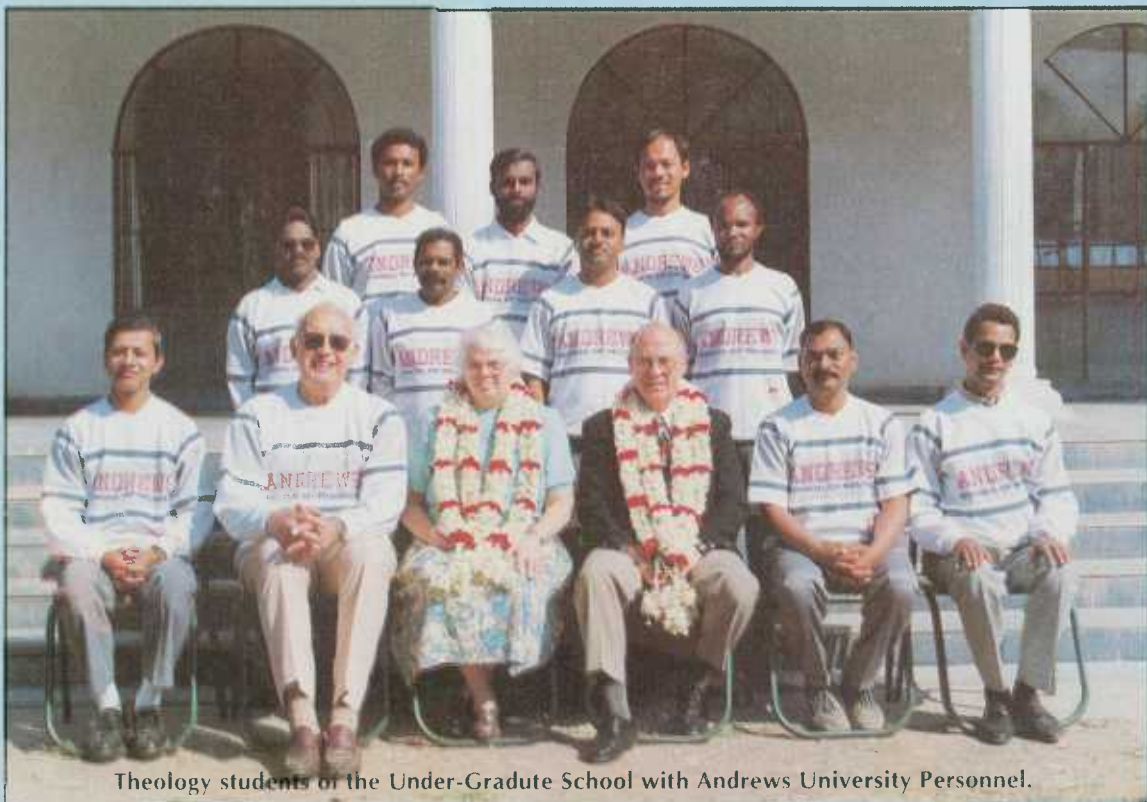


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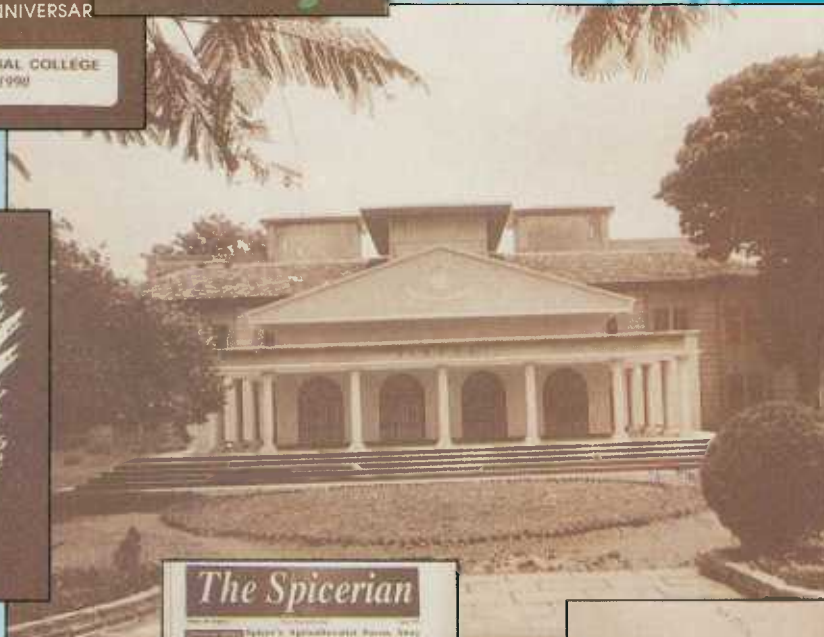
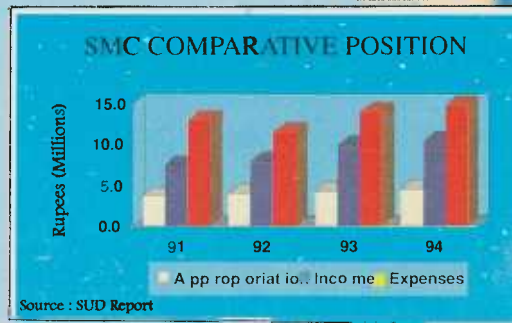
Theology students of the Graduate School.

Seated L-R : Gordon E Christo, Dean, School of Religion ; W G Jenson, President S M C ; Merlene A Ogden, Dean for affiliation & Extension program ; Warren E Minder, Head of the school of Religion, A U ; Nishikant Borge, Professor in Religion ; Sharad Babu, Professor in Religion



Theology students of the Under-Graduate School with Andrews University Personnel.

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Pathfinders with Leo Ranzolin, Vice-President of General Conference; Mrs. Dr.Samuel Gaikwad, Pathfinder Director is seen along with President N O Matthews. 1994.



Spicer church, the largest church in the Southern Asia Division, 1993.



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"These four years under review have been eventful ones. SUD's Global Mission is the resounding call of the gospel, the watchword of the leadership, heart-throb of the laity. It's time we, the leaders, think BIG, act BOLD, and march FORWARD."



K J Moses
Global Mission
Co-ordinator

GLOBAL MISSION

By K J Moses

Southern Asia's Global Mission challenges the leadership and the laity to dare for the Lord, to establish beach-heads for the gospel, and to reap rich harvest of souls. Fulfilling the gospel commission in the generation is its objective. Planting and nurturing Adventist congregations in over 350 unentered populous segments are its measurable goals.

The Division leadership, together with the expertise of Global Mission coordinators of the Division and the GC, formulated different strategies for achieving these goals. Notable among the various strategies were the identification of 100 Division and GC targets (DIVGETS), 100 Union & Section targets (UNISETS), and the adoption of Adventist Frontier Service as a strategy to penetrate into hitherto unentered segments.

implementation

Adventist Frontier Service (AFS), a timebound, definitive action plan to enter new areas has been a program initiated by the Division in concurrence with four Unions and nearly twenty local sections and regions. Unions and Sections were able to mobilize over 200 volunteers from among their secondary schools, local congregations, and Spicer College. Division Global Mission Coordinators, K J Moses and Jesudas Bhaggiem with the assistance of Union Global Mission Coordinators, conducted a dozen training sessions throughout the Division.

Accordingly, those AFS volunteers who were sent two by two throughout the Division territory included 100 to Northern India Union, 40 to South India Union, 30 to Central India Union, 20 to Northeast India Union, and 10 to the newly formed Himalayan Region of Nepal and Bhutan. These teams, assigned to the DIVGET areas chosen by the Unions and Sections, have been working within the framework of total evangelistic program which included health care, VOP, VBS and witnessing on part-time basis and for the rest of the time carrying on literature Ministry.

THE PROGRESS

Experiences: The AFS taskforce have been carrying on their witnessing under trying circumstances. For example, Mr & Mrs Basumatary of DIVGET Pasighat in Arunachal Pradesh bordering China, had been beaten by the terrorist, robbed of his money and prohibited by the security forces to enter into the border state; yet undaunted they carried on their mission by initially conducting children's meetings and won 20 precious souls to the gospel.

Methods: These are but a few examples of effective methods of witnessing by the AFS taskforce which resulted in 3,334 baptisms in 83 DIVGETS of Global Mission venture. Funds were provided to construct 55 new churches in DIVGETS.

Progress in UNISETS

Several active laypersons accepted the challenge of Global Mission and have been engaged in soul-winning activities. For example, Mr P K Gayen Sr., though a retired man over 72 years of age, has been working in several villages around Calcutta in West Bengal and established six new congregations baptizing over 180 souls. Mr Agarwal, an Adventist industrialist contributed funds and Mr Victor Rao assisted Mr Gayen. Pastor R I Matthew of Nuzvid, a retired worker has been engaging in Global Mission and has established three new congregations around Gudivada in South Andhra Section. A group of laypersons in Madurai started a monthly message tract in Tamil

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language, all on their own funds, and have been distributed to many people. Many workers and laypersons have been engaged in evangelistic endeavors. As a result, God has given over 2787 souls in 51 UNISSET areas and funds had been provided to construct chapels in twenty-six UNISSETS.

Church Construction: Funding for purchase of sites and construction of church buildings was made to 81 target areas and the church construction is in progress at 35 target areas. Five church buildings were dedicated the first being UNISSETS at Peeny (near Bangalore) by Elder & Mrs Joel Tompkins of Mid-American Union (USA) and Rajivnagar (Bangalore) by Dr K J Moses; dedicated churches in DIVGETS included Ferozepur in Punjab by Elder Don Folkenberg, Pollachi in North Tamil by Dr K J Moses, Dharapuram by Pastor Jesudas Bhaggien and Thodupuzha and one in North Kerala by Dr M E Cherian, Division President.

Progress in Lay Training

Progress in this last phase comes from the training of both lay members in new congregations and Local Church Leadership Training (LCLT). LCLT has been designed to train lay leaders from churches where pastors/evangelists would be drawn to be placed in new congregations created in Global Mission. Five such sessions were conducted so far and this training would be repeated in all Unions.

THE CHALLENGES

Should the Lord delay His coming, our Global Mission program during 1995 - 2000 AD needs to be totally an integrated church growth plan--a plan to meet the challenges of the times, to reach millions in unentered segments with the gospel, and to lead an invigorated church into the twenty-first century. Like Caleb of old, our prayer must "Given me the mountain". These four years under review have been eventful ones. SUD's Global Mission is the resounding call of the gospel, the watchword of the leadership, hearthrob of the laity, Gods leadership is assured when members response are overwhelming, and taskforce commitment is total. It's time we, the leaders, think BIG, act BOLD, and march FORWARD. AMEN.

" The AFS taskforce have been carrying on their witnessing under trying circumstances. For example, Mr & Mrs Basumatary of DIVGET Pasighat in Arunachal Pradesh bordering China, had been beaten by the terrorist, robbed of his money and prohibited by the security forces to enter into the border state; yet undaunted they carried on their mission by initially conducting children's meetings and won 20 precious souls to the gospel. "



Jesudas B.
Assoc. Dir.
Global Mission

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CHURCH MINISTRIES

YOUTH MINISTRIES

By C C Nathaniel

Youth representation on executive committees: (93-239)

Resolved to recommend to unit administrations that provision be made for selected youth to serve as invitees to major meetings of the executive committee or board. It is suggested that the persons chosen to attend such meetings as invitees shall do so for a period of one year after which other invitees shall be selected. Persons selected as invitees should be church members in good and regular standing. Students, laymembers or employees may be chosen provided they are within the age category for youth (16-30 years)

Youth Representation on DIVEXCO: (93-240)

Resolved to authorize the following pattern of youth representation, as invitees, on the Division Executive Committee with the understanding that persons selected will serve as invitees for a period of one year. Such invitees shall be authorized to attend the mid-year and year-end sessions of the Committee. Names recommended for youth invitee status shall be submitted by Division officers for DIVEXCO approval.

During this quinquennium we had Elder Malcolm Allen, General Conference World Leader for Junior Youth and Pathfinder Club, visit and spend three weeks in the Division, training for Junior Youth Leadership at all levels by conducting training in the Unions. A Division-wide Pathfinder camporee was held in A.P. early this year. Youth leaders & pathfinders from the division attended this important event. Malcom Allan, was the chief instructor.

We had an International workshop on "The year of Youth Evangelism" at Prague from August 4-8, 1992. Southern Asia Division had eight delegates attending this meeting. Our division President Dr M E Cherian also attended this important workshop. There were over 500 youth and youth leaders from all over the world attending this conference. With this preparation the church was ready to enter in the "1993 year of Youth Evangelism". In this division we also printed and distributed to each of the A Y societies 2000 copies of the following guide books brought out by the GC Youth department.

We are regularly sending the magazine - Dialogue to over 1000 SDA students from Africa studying in many universities in India. Pr W G Jenson, spent a lot of time caring for these students spiritual needs. Last year's week of Sacrifice offering for the whole division was less than \$500.

There is a need for vernacular materials, songs and visual aids. We are trying hard to fulfil these needs.

FAMILY MINISTRIES

by Mrs. Margaret Nathaniel

During this period we had the services of Elder and Mrs R M Flowers in 1991 and 1994. The first visit included a trip to each Union where 40-50 couples gathered in each place. This year we invited all Church Ministries and Family Life Directors from each Region, Section and Union to be present for a solid training programme in Pune for 2 full weeks. This was very effective and we feel that even if one gets transferred, there will still be one person who knows something about Family Ministries to teach the new person.

We are right now working on an Adventist Family Survey. This had been given to us from Headquarters in consultation with the UNO in the light of this year being the International

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Assoc.
Home & Family



C C NATHANIEL
Director, Church
Ministries

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Year of the Family. We are working only in the five Sections of South India Union. Each Section will list all the names of Churches and Companies and pick out every 10th Church and do the survey in those places. WE expect to do these in about 40-50 Churches with about 1500 members. These will be sent to the team in USA who will summarize it. The results we will help us to know exactly where we need to focus as far as Family Ministries is concerned.

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRIES

By Paulraj Isaiah

Two Stewardship Councils were held in 1992-One in Pune and another in Calcutta. In 1993 a division-wide council was held in Whitefield, Bangalore. We deeply appreciate the services of Elders Charles Griffin and Don Crane. In 1994, since the induction of the present Stewardship Director in June, 1994, the following promotional meetings have been held.

A planning session for Union and Section Stewardship Directors and Region Directors was held in each Union. That was followed by Two-day Promotional meetings in the following places for Pastors, Elders and Treasurers of the churches.

North Andhra	-	Vijayawada
South Andhra	-	Vijayawada, Nuzvid and Guntur
Zaheerabad Region	-	1 center

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SABBATH SCHOOL

By C S Marandi

In the beginning of the quinquennium the Sabbath School Action Unit Program was introduced by Elder Calvin Smith, Sabbath School Director-General Conference. He helped us to conduct Sabbath School workshops Union-wide. The SABBATH SCHOOL ACTION UNIT PROGRAM (SSAUP) was introduced in the Sections and local churches. The main thrust of the SSAU was that the Sabbath School is to be a tool of soul-winning.

SABBATH SCHOOL RALLIES DURING 1994

Backsliders are being reclaimed by the Sabbath School members. During the Sabbath School Rallies we invited the soul-winners together with their baptismal candidates. Backsliders who have been brought back were also invited for the weekend Sabbath School Rallies. During 1994, we have had the following Sabbath School Rallies.

PLACE	DATE	BAPTISMS
Mizo Conference, Aizwal	May 7, 1994	7
Meghalaya Section, William Nagar	May 14, 1994	23
South Andhra Section, Nuzvid	June 18, 1994	41
North Andhra Section, Lakkavaram	June 25, 1994	40
South Tamil Section, Vaigai Dam	July 2, 1994	109
North Tamil Section, Mettur Dam	July 23, 1994	107
North Kerala Section, (2 Places)	Sept 17, 24, 1994	126
East India Section, (2 Places)	Oct 15, 22, 1994	84
		538

Sabbath School Quarterlies in Six New Languages

In the last two years, we have started printing Sabbath School Quarterlies in six new languages including Punjabi and Nepali. This is besides printing in other vernacular languages.

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Stewardship

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FUTURE PLANS

There is not much expense involved in the simple SSAU program. This does not come in anyway against or compete with the existing evangelistic meetings that we conduct. This would only help accelerate the pace of church growth through this divinely ordained SSAU program.

HUMAN INTEREST STORIES

South Andhra Section

Suryanaran, brought ten souls for baptism. Narayan, the Chaplin of Nuzvid hospital brought a Hindu, who had built recently a hindu temple for their worship. He was baptized during the SS Rally.

Meghalaya

From Rong Rong village a woman testified that the group regularly visited a person who was a seasoned thief. Now he has accepted Jesus Christ. He has changed his way of life. He is ready for Baptism.

East India Section

Aparna Murmu's husband was a drunkard. He used to beat his wife. She also used to drink and reciprocate her husband's habit. One day her husband became sick and died. She became sober and sad. She asked her relatives to help bury him. They did not help her. She tried some Christian relatives and friends. They too refused. But when the Adventist believers at Dalgaon church heard of her plight; they helped bury her husband. They befriended her and showed sympathy and love. They invited her to their homes, church and Sabbath School. She was impressed by their fellowship extended to her. She accepted adventism. She was baptized during Sabbath School Rally on October 15, 1994 along with 40 others.

Baburam Hembrom, a newly converted member has been responsible in bringing four souls after his conversion in the first year itself. They have been contributing Rs 250.00 per month for their evangelistic effort in Bihar, 1995. They deposit the amount in the saving account pass book.

South Tamil Section

Sachidanandam is an adventist bus driver. He witnesses among his co-workers and friends. He gets his Sabbath off. He used his work time in witnessing. He had brought three persons whom he had prepared by giving Bible studies for Baptism during Sabbath School Rally at Vaigai Dam.

North Tamil Section

Saramma had brought seven souls for baptism during the Sabbath School Rally. She has been in touch with the Adventists for quiet sometime, but did not decide to take baptism. However, during the Sabbath School Rally at Mettur Dam she decided to join the adventist church and took baptism along with her seven candidates.



C S MARANDI
Assoc.
Sabbath School

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North Kerala Section

We conducted two Sabbath School Rallies in the month of September in North Kerala Section. There were 126 baptisms. A candidate was prepared for baptism by a laymember. The pastor assisted him. Unfortunately, that Sabbath morning the candidate for baptism was bitten by a snake and was immediately rushed to the hospital. The man insisted that he be discharged from the hospital in order to be baptized that Sabbath afternoon. We thank and praise God for saving his life. He rejoices in the fellowship of the adventists.

PERSONAL MINISTRIES

By Vasant Khandagale

During the past three years, the focus of the Department has been carried out extensively a careful conceived programme for the training of the Laity. There have been concerted efforts to get the Laity involved in the outreach ministry of the Church, and take up a significant role in Church leadership.

Special Features

We conducted lay Training Institutes ; Lay Leadership Training Institutes ; Local Church Revival Meetings for Laity-Area-wise ; Cottage Meetings organized by Lay Members ; Bible Study Groups ; Lay Cottage Efforts & Lay Evangelism through Public Meetings;

Lay-Leadership Workshop For NEIU

A successful Lay Leadership Institute for the North East India Union was conducted from October 16-20, 1994 at Guwahati. Attendance was of the order of 85. Attendees included lay leaders of various churches, officers of the Union and Section, and Departmental Directors. The workshop was inaugurated by Mrs Sailo, Deputy Commissioner of Income Tax (Dept. of Revenue.)

Division-wide Lay Leadership Training Programme

A successful Division-wide Lay Leadership Training Institute was conducted at **Bandardara**, Nasik, in Maharashtra, from December 1-4, 1993. Lay leaders who attended the institute gained new insights into the role and mission of the laity through the various, enlightening papers presented by the church leaders present at the meetings.

The Lord has led our Laity in the past and is doing a marvelous work through them. It is my humble prayer that He will use the personnel involved in helping, leading and aiding the Laity, the most vital resource of the Church, to finish the work and to prepare a people to meet Him!

Mizoram

Two lay associations have consistently played an important role in soul-winning, Daniel's Band and Messengers of the Cross, have set a striking example to the rest of the Division. They have shown what simple, sincere and honest members can do to further the cause of the Gospel mission of the Church.

North and South Tamil Sections

These two Tamil sections have witnessed a spurt in the involvement of the laity. A special Mention needs to be made of the work done by lay members in the Placode area of Dharmapuri district and Trichy in North Tamil Section, and Dindigul and Madurai areas of South Tamil Section.

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V. KHANDAGALE
Assoc.
Personal Ministries

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Council of Seventh-day Adventist Hospitals.: COSDAH

By Ruth Vanslyke

The resignations of Drs A H Kore, A T Jonahs and P Hansdak from denominational employment as Medical Directors of our hospitals brought in new Medical Directors. The Administrative set up in our units now are as follows:

	Medical Director	Business Manager
Giffard memorial Hosp.	Ronnie Gyi	D Vararaj
Surat Hospital	Paul Francis	M Varma
Pune Adventist Hosp.	Philip Virathan	C J Isaac
S D A Hospital, Ranchi		
Mattison Memorial Hosp.	A P Rao	
Ruby Nelson Mem. Hosp.	T M Patrick (Adm.)	
Simla Sanitarium & Hosp.	N Prabhudas	
S D A Hospital, Bangalore	W D Borge	S Dason (Asst. BM)
S D A Hospital, Ottapalam	Matthew Philip	Babu Rao
Shanthi Sadan, Pune	Rohini Philip	C J Isaac
S D A Clinic, Thiruvaiyaru	K A P Yesudian	

We appreciate the services of Dr Lily Chandrashekar who is the first national doctor to be placed on retirement from October 1994 after full time mission service. The second being Dr C K George whose dedicated leadership has contributed much to Ranchi Hospital. During the period, we also lost a physician in the passing away of Dr Jonathan Raju.

New Units under COSDAH

Shanthi Sadan - Centre for Chemical Abuse which was started as a project of the Pune Adventist Hospital was de-linked from the parent body and became an independent unit under the Council of Seventh-day Adventist Hospitals with Dr Rohini Philip as its Director. Though this is not a self-supporting unit, financially, it clearly reveals the church's stand for the need to approach this group of social outcasts.

statistics:	Total beds in all our hospitals	-	637
	Total Employees	-	717 {SDAs - 510: Non-SDAs - 207}
	Total No. of Doctors	-	89 {SDAs - 42: Non-SDAs - 47}
	Total Income as of March 1994	-	Rs 47,030,515.93
	Total Expense as of March 1994	-	Rs 45,939,141.49

COSDAH held its first chaplains' workshop in the month of August this year. This is mainly to train up chaplains who have not had formal education in Hospitals Chaplaincy. CMC Vellore, has introduced a post graduate diploma course for training of hospital chaplains. We are encouraging young people to be trained in this field of ministry.



Dr. Subodh Pandit,
1st General Secretary of COSDAH

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Ruth Vanslyke
Secretary, COSDAH

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Adventist Development & Relief Agency

By Pr K Christopher

This four year period under review has been an active one for ADRA in Southern Asia Division. A total of 120 projects have been approved by ADRA/I and 68 are on-going. 52 projects have been completed and 31 Projects are pending.

In addition to this number, ADRA/SUD has a variety of projects. They are Agriculture Projects, Drinking Water Projects, major Disaster and Relief Projects, Fast Track Relief Projects, Income Generation Projects, and Institutional Development Projects.

Fast Track Relief

Most of the Sections and Regions are making use of the Fast Track Relief Provision and have been sent funds for the victims affected by natural calamities. ADRA volunteers have often rushed to the spot and were able to extend help within 24 hours of the calamity. The implementation of fast track Relief Operations as made the Seventh-day Adventist Church as a caring church. We are grateful to ADRA/SUD and ADRA International for approving this plan. Major relief operations were carried in **Latur & Uttar kashi** for the **quake-hit** victims.

Community Development Projects

We have successfully completed 28 Community - based Development Projects. The Child Survival, Dhulikhel Sanitation, Guntur Tailoring are on-going projects. The Rajamundhry Tailoring, Warangal Tailoring, Kanigiri Tailoring and more than 40 Literacy Projects for women and children are also on-going projects.

AGRICULTURE PROJECTS

In 1993, ADRA, Canada -- approved the funding of the Scientific Food Production and Agricultural training Project in Spicer Memorial College. Dr. Jim Rankins trained 36 farmers. The efforts of Dr. Rankins has been greatly appreciated. ADRA Germany funded the Makunda Fishery Project. This Income Generation Project is mainly for the leprosy patients of the Makunda Leprosy Hospital. This project has benefited nearly 200 lepers and their families.



Horst Rolly
Assoc. ADRA



Edwin Dass
Former Assoc. ADRA



Bhaskar Rao
Former ADRA Director

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K. Christopher
Director ADRA

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PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT

By K J Thomas

YEAR	SALES	LES	SOULS WON	PDDS
1990	8.3	194	115	20
1991	9.9	236	504	21
1992	12.0	241	321	22
1993	13.0	256	873	23
1993	13.78	300	690	24

* Sales Figures in Millions

The major highlight of the period is the starting of Literature Ministry Seminary in Southern Asia. Under the able leadership of G Isaiah, it is proved to be very fruitful and practical. The LMS program has helped us to recruit LEs to the department in an economical way.

The second achievement of Publishing Department in this period is entering Himalayan Region. Today we have five LEs and one PDD. Further, from 1991 onwards we are regularly sending 10-14 students to Himalayan Region. These students LEs performance is higher than the other student LEs from other areas of the Division.

The most important development in the publishing department in the last five years are the changes made in the policy matters. Over 14 policy changes have taken place to make the life and the ministry of LEs in this Division more attractive and beneficial. Raising LEs maximum range from 100% to 140%, inducting LEs into gratuity scheme, and raising LEs pensionable age are a few of them.

During this period, Samuel Gill, the LE from Ludhiana has brought 500 souls and established two churches. Davis Massey, the LE from Delhi has sold for Rs one million. Ben Pakkiaraj, a LE from Coimbatore town was elected as the president of YMCA of that town many times. Also he was the chairman of the Building Committee of YMCA for many years. This is a great social honour and public recognition given to any LE. Ben Pakkiaraj and Samuel Gill are selected to attend the forthcoming General Conference Session in Netherlands.

OWPH has shown great improvements in the last five year period. Sixth books have come out of the press and 21 reprints of the books are made. The Trade Books printed by OWPH in this period are extra.



K J THOMAS
Director Publishing
Dept.



G Isaiah
Acting Director

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Health & Temperance Department

By V Thansiamma

In the midst of modern world which is gradually engulfed by the powerful venoms of addictions, prevention is the best remedy.

All India Seminar on Prohibition of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse: was conducted by the Division on May 4-6, 1993 in **New Delhi**. All the health and temperance directors, delegates of other non-Adventist personnel were present. On November 11, an Inter-school Temperance Speech Contest was conducted by the Division Health & Temperance Department at Sishya School; fifteen non-SDA's and one SDA school participated. The Chief guest for the occasion was K A Manoharan, MLA of Hosur; Dr M E Cherian, guest of honour; chief judge, Mr M Krishna Raj, Retd Chief Education Officer. Another five-day plan programme under the South Tamil Section was conducted at K G Hospital, Coimbatore. It was sponsored by the Lions' Club and Thiru Ganesan, AIR Station Director inaugurated it. sixty men signed the victory roll.

Our Health & Temperance Department displayed a temperance exhibition in the Indian Medical Assoc. in Collaboration with Rotary Club of Tirupur Medical Exhibition. It was attended by many students and young people. During the year 1992 the hard work of Health and Temperance Department of the Union brought in 57 precious souls.

The Division-wide Health and Temperance Seminar on Prevention of Tobacco and Alcoholism in Pune for all the Health and Temperance Directors was held between May 6-11, 1991. Dr S Pandit, Dr Philip, Dr Rohini and Pr Thansiamma were the main instructors at this Seminar. On July 27, 1994 The Division Health Department organized to give responsibilities to the leaders because they are dealing with the young people. Principals, headmasters and teachers from 14 schools within Hosur attended. Mr T K Ramachandran, IAS, Sub-collector of Hosur was the chief guest; Mr M Ravi, IPS, Asst. Superintendent of police, Hosur, guest of honour; and the three local medical doctors were the main speakers. Preventive measures against addictions and application of new, feasible methodology was the theme for discussion .

As we glance back, we could see the gradual growth of the health and temperance work throughout the Southern Asia Division. Temperance contests and rallies are conducted. The number of health course enrollment has increased, baptisms due to health message have become a common phenomena, involvement of the government and other independent organizations with our International Temperance Association has recieved media attention.

Lay Economic Development Service

By M R Satyavadi,

The Lay Economic Development Service Department was revived about 1 year and 8 months ago. When it started, there was much resentment from the field. There were different kinds of reactions. But we are happy to state that all the Unions and Sections have LEDS Directors now. At the Regional level, the Directors are taking care of the work. Much insight and explanation has been given by the Department to the Directors.

LEDS

We are thankful to the Southern Asia Division administration for making available Rs. 10,000 for each Section towards loans. This is matched by Rs. 10,000 from the Union and Rs. 10,000 from the Section. It means that each Section will have Rs. 30,000 to start with -- giving out simple loans to businessmen.

The Department has a plan to approach the government, banks, financial institutions, industrial development institutions and other organizations to avail loans for the laity.

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V. Thansiamma
Director, Health & Temperance



M R Satyavadi
Director, LEDS

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The years from 1990 to 1994 have produced phenomenal growth in every branch of evangelism in Southern Asia.

MINISTERIAL DEPARTMENT

By P V Jesudas,

The church has no greater work than evangelism and soul winning. All our activities is to be directed toward this end. This is the most important criteria by which our work is evaluated and judged. It is with a sense of gratefulness we bring this report to you. The years from 1990 to 1994 have produced phenomenal growth in every branch of evangelism in Southern Asia.

How did the church fare in the last five years in evangelism and soul winning? From the figures given below, you will notice that there is a steady upward trend in baptisms since 1990.

Central India Union increased their baptisms from 3101 in 1990 to 5647 in 1993 giving 2546 more baptisms giving 182% increase.

Northeast India Union baptisms increased from 1202 in '90 to 1415 in '93 - giving an increase of 213 baptisms. This is 117.8% increase.

Northern India Union reports an increase of 1164 baptisms from 972 in 90 to 2136 in '93. This is 2.02% increase.

South India Union reported an increase of 1323 baptisms. This is an increase of 136.2% increase.

IMPORTANT EVENTS

- * There are nearly 120 million muslims in our territory. In order to approach this mighty people, a centre for the Study of Islam was organized in March 2, 1994.
- * The Centre for Study of Hinduism organized an evangelistic Campaign in three Hindu villages where there were no Christian presence. They selected Ammapatti, Valayapatti and Pannikandu - (3 villages in South Tamil Section) They conducted effort meetings. Health messages was shared 82 souls were baptized.
- * Again this centre, organized evangelistic meetings in the areas of Koviloor and Munnar in North Kerala. 40 souls were baptized.
- * The Pioneer Memorial Church of Andrews university conducted evangelistic crusade in the Summer of 1993 in the city of Madras and baptized 156 people.
- * Elder Tucker held an evangelistic campaign in the city of Aizawal, Mizoram in 1992.
- * Metro-Madras Evangelism Region was organized, in 1993. A radius of 50 km of the city of Madras was carved out from North Tamil Section and made into an administrative unit under a director. This will come directly under the administrative supervision and direction of the Division. An yearly evangelistic plan was prepared to meet the challenges. This proved to be successful. Already 215 baptisms were reported from this region and 10 companies established.
- * Metro-Bombay Evangelism Region was organized early in 1994 and a director is appointed. Two



P V Jesudas
Director, Ministerial

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flats were bought to accommodate two workers. Living springs conducted a Health Seminar.

- * Metro-Evangelism plans for Calcutta. Plans are underway to organize a Metro Calcutta - Evangelism Region early in 1995. P K Gayen who established 3 companies. He brought in more than 250 baptisms.
- * Islam Study Centre held an experimental evangelistic meetings in Chikkatonepalya in Karnataka and baptized ten people. Two muslims also were baptized. There are others who are getting ready for baptism.

NEW AREAS ENTERED

Bhutan has opened its door to christianity. Our work began in 1992. Immanuel Kujur contacted the Bhutanese and baptized many people and a church is organized on the India border with 20 people on May 23, 1992.

SIKKIM : We started medical work in 1980. But it was closed down. In 1993 we moved a family where the wife is a nurse. Now we have ten baptized members.

KASHMIR : We have a mission station at Jammu. But Kashmir was entered in 1993, early part of the year of 1993. We sent Wilbert Satyadum to start a school in Leh Ladakh.

* The Andaman Nicobar Islands area was taken from the North India Union and was organized as a separate region under a Director in 1993. It is now under the direct leadership of the division.

* The Himalayan Region is now under the direct leadership of the division. Eariler it was under NIU.

LAY PARTICIPATION

* Mrs Koptheshwarama, a new Hindu convert sponsored a Revival Meeting in her church and helped in many ways to build the church members in Antervedi. She gave three acres of land to the church.

* Mr Ghate of Maharashtra conducted efforts with his own money and established three churches.

* The youth Band of Mizoram established four new churches in 1994.

* The Lay Association of Mizoram called, "Daniel's Band" collects money from the Laity and supports 16 evangelists regularly and operates one school in Tirupura.

* I know of more than 30 lay evangelists who are engaged vigorously in Evangelism in Andhra Pradesh and nearly 30 lay evangelists in Tamil Nadu doing evangelistic work. More than 20 lay members in Kerala and 15 from Karnataka are doing tangible work entering into new places and wining souls.

* In Bengal, Mr P K Gayen Sr. is working hard and brought in more than 256 souls. He established three churches and built a church spending this own money. Now he has started work in many places.

LITERATURE EVANGELIST & BAPTISMS

Evangelism work is being promoted among Literature Evangelists. They had brought in 1813 souls in the 4 year period 90-93.

Samuel Gill, of the Ludhiana church has conducted 4 efforts and baptized 513 souls, all from new areas.

G Isaiah, Acting Division Publishing Director conducted one effort in Madras city and brought in 32 souls in 1994.

FUNDING

In addition to this the attached field received Rs 80,000. In a total budget of 1500 lakhs of rupees (approx). We spent about 2.5 lakhs of rupees for evangelism. This means only 1.7% of our money goes for direct evangelism.

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C Pheirim
Assoc. Ministerial

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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

BY JULIA AND JAMES INJETY

Women's Ministries, a special cell in Ministerial Association was opened in SUD thirteen months ago by the present administration. It has a historic beginning among the Division Departments. The actual functioning of the Women's Ministries in SUD began on September 26, 1993, with a Leadership workshop for the women from all over the Division field. It was conducted at Hosur for five days by Mrs Rose Otis from the GC. She trained the women to use their skills both in the Church and in Outreach Ministries.

BIBLE WOMEN PARTICIPATION IN EVANGELISM

Two hundred and twenty six unemployed wives of pastors in SUD were given Holy Bibles in their own languages and were sent to their towns and villages as Bible women to reach out to non-believers. The acceptance of this program is a proof that Adventist women are eager to increase their involvement and unite in partnership to fulfil the solemn task of warning to a dying world that Jesus is coming soon.

South Andhra section Bible women actively participated in evangelistic effort meetings at Machlipatnam.

Zaheerabad Bible women participated in Evangelistic Effort Meetings conducted by Pr I James while they were having the Training Program.

Karnataka Section reports that Mrs Bharati Thompson, an active Bible woman worked alongside with her pastor-husband. They were able to establish four churches in Bangalore city.

Some Bible women gave Bible studies for five months and prepared 41 people for baptism.

Our pastor's wives will become great instruments in reaching Hindu and Muslim families. The SDA church began with the sacrifice of women and it will complete its work by the sacrifice of the women in these last days too. These Bible women can nurture and prepare the church for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

Times are changing. Church leaders and administrators are beginning to recognize the talents and needs of women. These changes have come because women are studying the Scriptures and discovering their gifts. We are told in the last days, "I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days." Joel 2:28,29. We found that women are mobilizing their husbands in Evangelism. Reports are coming into the office, indicating that the Bible women are studying the Word of God with individuals and groups, preparing the people for baptisms. 206 baptisms have been reported. The fact that women outnumber men in the Adventist church can be an advantage for Southern Asia Division.

"Two hundred and twenty six unemployed wives of pastors in the SUD were given Holy Bibles in their own languages and were sent to their towns and villages as Bible women to reach out to nonbelievers."



JAMES INJETY
Director, Womens
Ministries



JULIA JAMES
Asst., Womens
Ministries

HIGHLIGHTS

Communication Department

by Dittu Abraham,

The Department carries out an important internal service to the church by regularly supplying information on plans, policies, decisions, events, etc., to the various news magazines in English and local languages, published in the Division

Doordarshan Coverage

Doordarshan, the national television agency, sent cameramen to cover the inaugural meeting of the Annual Council held on October 5, 1993, and then again for the Centenary Meeting on October 9, when Union Minister for Human Resource Development, Mr Arjun Singh, was the Chief Guest. Both events were featured in television news bulletins.

Southern Asia Tidings

The Southern Asia Tidings has faithfully kept a record of the events, experiences, the witness and sacrifice of our people for over eight decades.

1993 VOP HIGHLIGHTS

VOP School under Mrs Sheila Chandran were awarded 'A' grades, while the Telugu, Oriya and Marathi schools were given 'B' grades. Other schools that were not doing too well have been counselled and given guidelines which we expect will be followed.

There seems to be an increasing realization to improve and expand, enhance and update the mode, means and method of communication.

The historic Communication Advisory Council of the Division was held at the YMCA International Centre at New Delhi from November 7-9, 1994. About 55 delegates benefitted from papers presented by Elder Ray Dabrowski, director, Communication Department, General Conference of SDA; Elder Walter Scragg, the President of Adventist World Radio (AWR), GC, and Dr M E Cherian, President, Southern Asia Division.

Other resource persons included J M Campbell, Secretary, Southern Asia Division; Dittu Abraham, Director, Division Communication Department; Edwin Matthews, Director, Adventist Communication Centre; Vinita Gaikwad, Assistant Editor of Southern Asia Tidings; and Ms Angela Holdsworth from the Department of Journalism, Spicer Memorial College.

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Dittu Abraham
Director
Communication

HIGHLIGHTS

Department of Education

by K Jesuratnam

The history of Adventist Education in Southern Asia is a story of undimmed vision, growth, and challenge.

The wide network of schools operated by the church throughout Southern Asia aims at reaching out and touching the lives of children scattered throughout India and Nepal. Within our schools are thousands of children who would never hear the name "Jesus" if it were not for Adventist Education.

The increase of student enrollment within four years is 13,856, an increase of 17% in enrollment. Southern Asia Division has the distinction of having schools with the largest enrollment in the Adventist world - Madurai Central, Madras, Pondicherry in South India Union; Surat School in Central India Union; Lucknow, Jalandhar, in Northern India Union. Of the total student enrollment in 1990, 10% were pupils from SDA homes. In 1994 SDA student enrollment dropped to 8.95%.

Teachers

The teachers employed in 1994 school year were 6403, as compared to 3573 in 1990. Out of 6403 teachers employed in 1994, 2186 of them are non-SDA teachers. But in 1990, the non-SDA teachers were 1187. Employment of non-SDA teachers is increased: 1985 - 21%, 1990 - 25%, 1991 - 28%, 1992 - 30%, 1993 - 35% and 1994 - 34%.

The need for teachers of Science & Mathematics has been the major concern of our educational administrators.

Major Events

The first thing that the Division Education Department has done during this quinquennium was to call a special meeting with all the Division and Union officers, Division, Union and Section Education directors and Regional directors to study the present condition of our education programme in Southern Asia Division, and to give necessary guidelines to streamline the operation of our school system.

1. Dr A C Segovia, the General Conference Associate Education Director conducted Bible workshops for all the Bible teachers in four Unions during the month of May 1991.
2. The Southern Asia Division Administrators conference held at Madras in September 1992 was a major event of the quinquennium with General Conference personnel participating in the seminar. Principals of major institutions attended the meeting and went back immensely blessed by the programme conducted by Dr A C Segovia, Dr M E Cherian, president of Southern Asia Division, K Jesuratnam, Division Education director and M C John, the associate director.
3. Dr Segovia inspected the following boarding schools from August 22 to September 16, 1993: Lowry Memorial Junior College, Kottarakara School, James Memorial School, E D Thomas School, Falakata School, Roorkee Higher Secondary School, Lasalgoan School and Spicer High School. Dr Segovia's visit to Southern Asia Division was very valuable as it was more instructional, and less of an inspection.
4. The Southern Asia Division Headmaster's Conference was held at Hyderabad from January 12-16, 1994 and this was another major event of the quinquennium with Division personnel participating in the conference. Headmasters, Union and Section Education Directors attended the meetings.

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K Jesuratnam
Director, Education

HIGHLIGHTS

The following schools were upgraded from High School to Plus-two Level.
 1. James Memorial High School, Prakasapuram, South India Union.
 2. Seventh-day Adventist High School, HAL, South India Union.

Commission on Boarding Schools

The Division Executive Committee appointed a Commission to study the present housing conditions of all our Boarding Schools with the following members:

Members :	K Jesurathnam-	Chairman
	Robert Donald	- SIU
	Prema Gaikwad	- SMC
	O.V Jonathan	- CIU
	D Sangma	- NEIU
	S D Kujur	- NIU
	M J Prakasam	- CIU

Examinations

In 1981 the Division introduced Plus-2 or DCEC examination. DHSC and DCEC examinations have proved useful in maintaining a minimum educational standards throughout the Division.

While we rejoice in the achievements of our schools, we are also striving to overcome some weaknesses. One major problem is the lack of trained teachers. Out of 6403 teachers, 2815 teachers are holding recognized teaching certificates.

Today 34% of our teaching staff is non-Adventist. This trend should be rectified only by a strong sponsorship programme for Mathematics and Science subjects.

The other weaknesses in the system are in the area of facilities, financial self-support and integration of faith and learning. The Adventist schools have served the church well in Southern Asia and it has taken the flag of Adventism to towns and cities across the land and in each the banner is flying high. But the future demands that we maintain and re-emphasize three distinctives of Adventist Education -- the redemptive, educational and personal imperative.

Statistical Report for 1991-92	CIU Central India Union	NIU Northern India Union	NEIU Northeast India Union	SIU South India Union	Grand Total
Schools					
Elementary	33	43	20	50	146
Secondary	20	12	4	54	90
Total No. of Schools	53*	55	24	104	236
Student Enrollment					
S.D.A. Students	3,555	1,115	1,258	4,281	10,209
Non-S.D.A. Students	15,029	11,379	3,089	50,040	79,537
Total No. of Students	18,584*	12,494	4,347	54,321	89,746
Teachers					
S.D.A. Teachers	891	320	245	1,874	3,330
Non-S.D.A. Teachers	205	230	37	961	1,433
Total No. of Teachers	1,096*	550	282	2,835	4,763

*The figures for CIU include the statistics of Spicer Memorial College High School which has 694 SDA students and 40 non-SDA students; 87 S D A teachers and 2 non- SDA teachers.

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A Bairagee
Assoc. Education

HIGHLIGHTS

"Never has it been in the history of the SDA Church, when nearly 100 muslims, interested in God's word assembled in a Seventh-day Adventist Church for study, at their own request. "

ISLAMIC STUDY CENTRE

by Shekar Philips,

The Islamic Study Centre was officially organized, in the month of March 1994, by an action of the Division Administration, at Pune, Maharashtra. It is out of a deep sense of concern for our muslim brothers and sisters that the administration has decided to launch out, to propagate the good news, among this neglected group of the Indian population.

In India there are approximately 121 million muslims which constitute 14% of the Indian population. Next to Indonesia and Bangladesh, India has got the highest number of Muslims in the world. In fact we have equal or more muslims in India than in Pakistan. Secondly, Islam possess a tremendous challenge of reaching the most gospel resistant people groups in the world, namely, the muslims, who forbid any form of evangelism.

Often the global Islamic Centre at England, is asked "what are the results of your work? Is your work merely academic or is it evangelistic in nature. It is quite possible that such questions can be raised about the Department here. Therefore, may I acquaint our readership of the plans, objectives and strategies of this newly constituted Department.

OBJECTIVE:

It is to foster a movement within the Muslim community that believes in Isa as their redeemer and proclaiming the soon coming of Isa, in order to prepare a people, to correctly represent God to the Muslim community.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

The purpose is to reach the Muslim people with the claims of the gospel thereby establishing in the Muslim community a fellowship of believers in Isa as their Saviour, who live, work and relate to the larger community as God's remnant in the Muslim community. The urgency is in the belief that the soon coming of Isa is very near and that God is giving a final call, to prepare a people to meet Him.

ISLAMIC STUDY CENTRE - ACTIVITIES COMPLETED - 1994

GOA

Between the months of September and October 1994, an effort meeting was held by Manuel Sundaram at Vasco-da-gama, close to a large fertilizer plant, Zuari Agro Chemicals. A middle-aged lady Laxamma of the CSI Church began to attend. She was so attracted that she brought her neighbours and friends which included three married muslim ladies -- Razia Begum - 25, Baseera Mohideen - 28, and Fatima Begum - 40. All of them are house wives, who do a bit sewing and knitting at home. Their husbands work as casual labourers in a Chemical factory. Abraham and A Rajdass, who assisted in the effort meetings, have expressed that through these ladies a great work is opening up at Goa. These ladies are undergoing Bible studies and will be shortly baptized. The centre is making elaborate plans to expand muslim evangelistic work in Goa.



Shekar Philips
Director Islamic
Study Centre

HIGHLIGHTS

ACTIVITIES IN PROGRESS - BOMBAY

The book, "Will the brothers Meet", authored by Edison Samraj has been a great source of attraction to a number of muslims in Bombay city. This book was given to an oil dealer by Mammen Matthew (Former Bombay Church Pastor). The oil merchant read the book and wanted to have a dialogue with the Pastor. Later, 30 muslims including ladies assembled at the Bombay English Church, and had a dialogue. In due course of time - close to a 100 people began to attend every meeting. Mammen reports, that the spirit of God was moving the hearts of these men. Never has it been in the history of the SDA Church, when nearly 100 muslims, interested in God's word assembled in a Seventh-day Adventist Church for study, at their own request. Temporarily this has been suspended, but the centre here is making plans to continue these Bible studies.

CONCLUSION

It is expected that these plans with the help of field workers at all levels, will be able to achieve the high objectives and goals, the Islamic Study Centre has set for itself. With the support of the various ministries, at the Section and the Union levels, it is expected that deep inroads would be made, in promoting and propagating the Adventist Message among our Muslim brothers and sisters in this year 1995. The task seems insurmountable, but we know, there is nothing too hard for the Lord.

Public Affairs and Religious Liberty/Sponsorship

By Dr Justus Devadas

During this Quinquennium we had conducted a three day seminar on the topic "Religious Freedom, Communal Harmony and Peace and the role of Youth" at Bangalore from April 25 to 27, 1994. About 100 people from various religions attended this seminar. Leading scholars and religious leaders presented papers and the delegates had useful discussions. We have worked on the constitution and by laws to register the International Religious Liberty Association with the Government as a non-profitable, non-secretarian organization.

A three day National Seminar on "Religious Freedom and National Integration" was held at New Delhi from December 13 to 15, 1994. Honourable Shri Salman Khurshid, Minister of State for External Affairs inaugurated this Seminar. Delegates from all over India participated in this seminar.

Report on Sponsorships

It may be well to note that only the Seventh-day Adventist Church in India sponsors and spends money to educate students in medical colleges.

Since our schools need more science and mathematics teachers, Southern Asia Division is providing financial assistance to our Church Members to take up graduate studies in scheduled universities. We have provided financial assistance for one student to study M.Sc. Physics and another one to study MCA (Masters in Computer Application). We have sent five candidates to Philippines for Doctoral studies this year.

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Justus Devadas,
Director
Sponsorship

HIGHLIGHTS

by V Christian

The Auditing service in Southern Asia Division is a part of the General Conference Auditing Service. The role of the Auditing Service is to strengthen, support and protect the interest of the organization in revealing the accuracy and operation of the financial status of the institutions. The Auditors are EYES and EARS to the Administration.

On the other hand the role of the administration is to see that proper individuals are appointed, who are honest, competent, and efficient in handling the finances in all units, including, providing a written job description to all concerned. In addition, a Sound Internal Control System, which is the back bone of any business, should be instituted and implemented to provide maximum safeguard for the fund of the organization.

Auditors Responsibilities & Limitations

The auditors responsibility is discharged when he has reported his findings, observations and recommendations. As you know, that he is not charged with Administrativè responsibility; therefore, it is not a part of his task to implement or enforce corrective measures in any situation, unless he is specifically instructed by the administration to do so.

Over Expenditure

Almost all the institutions are spending enormous amount over and above the budget voted. Budget should be prepared well in advance, considering the future developments and previous years expenditure before voting. Once the realistic budget is voted, the expenditure should be controlled, and at the same time revenues to be built up.

The Treasurers of various institutions are not showing enough interest and prudence in verifying regularly, the work done by the subordinates, as a result, the volume of queries, and audit work is being increased to that extent.

Co-operation of the Unions and Sections is very important and essential in order to safeguard the funds, not only by strict measures in instituting a sound Internal Control system, but also to take an appropriate Disciplinary Action against such persons, involved in irregularities, mismanagement and misappropriation of the institutional funds. Sad to mention here that some of the Unions are not taking suitable disciplinary action against such persons even after the Special Enquiry Commission report.

Workers' Indebtedness

The Liquidity and the working capital position in many of the educational institutions are in a downward trend.

Conclusion

High quality auditing plays a very important role in the financial stewardship of the Assets of the Church.



V Christian,
Auditor



G S Nelson,
Assoc. Auditor



Michael Rao
Assoc. Auditor



(L-R) :
Jayaraj T., Div. Staff Auditor ;
R. Moses, NIU Staff Auditor ;
S. Sircar, SIU Staff Auditor ;
I. Pannikar, CIU Staff Auditor.

TREASURY PERSONNEL

HIGHLIGHTS



Johnson koilpillai
Treasurer 1990-93



I Nagabhushana Rao
Treasurer 1993-95



Lall Dass
Assoc. Treasurer



Caleb Joshua
Asst. Treasurer



Jacob Mathew
Asst. Treasurer



John Stanley
Asst. Treasurer



Melvin Prasad
SDA Provident Fund



Rimsu
SDA Provident Fund



Mohanraj J
Internal Controller

"The present state of the church's finances indicates that there are tremendous challenges that one has to face. Keeping before us our goal of self-reliance, we must sincerely practise strict economy and integrity. In this endeavour, the church must move forward as a collective body."

HIGHLIGHTS

HINDUISM STUDY CENTRE / SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

By N Sharath Chandra

"October 22, 1994, the heritage Sabbath was observed throughout the Division, committing each member of the church to rededicate himself to carry out the Lord's commission and to prepare himself to meet the Lord."



N.S. Chandra
Director



J Skariah
Former Director,
Hinduism Study
Centre

The first important function of the department is to promote the availability of Ellen White books in the major local languages of India. It is heartening to note that four books are ready for printing, namely:

- (1) Steps to Christ - Marathi
- (2) Life of Christ - Marathi
- (3) Great Controversy - Tangkhul Naga
- (4) Desire of Ages - Malayalam

We would like to see that all Sections take an active interest in getting Ellen White books translated and printed so that our lay people can have an access to these books.

Secondly, it is necessary to conduct seminars to make the worker and the lay members aware of Ellen White's writings. In this direction it is proposed to conduct seminars for one or two days with the following topics for discussion and study:

- (1) Building up of the Church
- (2) The Unique Appeal of Inspired Writing
- (3) The Spirit of Prophecy Speaks
- (4) Inspiration and the Prophetic Messages
- (5) The White Trustees and Their Work

Thirdly, to make available the books of Ellen White at our office so that the workers in the field can purchase them at affordable prices.

Fourthly, on October 22, 1994, the heritage Sabbath was observed throughout the Division, committing each member of the church to rededicate himself to carry out the Lord's commission and to prepare himself to meet the Lord.

Lastly, I would like to express my deep appreciation for the leadership in the Division, more so to our beloved President, Dr M E Cheria, who has been a source of strength in my work and also for providing funds to carry on the activities of the department. I also would like to express my appreciation to the White Estate and the Publishing House for providing subsidy for the purchase of Ellen White books and also the printing of the books in the local Indian languages. We wait upon the Lord so that His work can be accomplished through us.

Building Department

by G Dayak,
Bldg. Engineer

PROJECTS TO BE COMMENCED

Global Mission has completed about 40 Churches at an estimated cost of about 70,000 per building, which comes to Rs 28 lakhs.

ADRA has been operating two major projects, one in Rajahmundry where they have spent about 1.65 crores of the Vocational Training Centre, and a similar project is under construction at Champai, Mizoram, at an estimate cost of Rs 2.5 crores.

HIGHLIGHTS

INDIA FINANCIAL ASSOCIATION OF SDA

By Shamgar Prasad Rao

INCORPORATION

The India Financial Association has been incorporated in the year 1908, the oldest of all the registered bodies of the Church. The Association is both the owner and the trustee for all capital assets acquired by any unit of the church. It was originally registered in the state of West Bengal and was transferred to the state of Bombay in 1940 and again was transferred to the state of Tamil Nadu in the year 1975. The Company is limited by guarantee and not having a capital divided into shares. The Company by its registration under Section 26 of the Company's Act is charitable.

LAND

The Association holds in its name all lands and buildings of the Seventh-day Adventist Denomination and holds the same in Trust for Service Association of SDA. The total amount of land (book value) amounts to Rs 4.39 crores. The present market value of this is about ten times more on an average. The Association holds prime properties in Metro Cities such as Bombay, Delhi, Calcutta and Madras and A and B grade cities whose value is hundred times the amount of book value. All of it put together on re-evaluation of these lands as required by the department of Income tax would run into about 100 crores.

Addition during one financial year from mainly company units, such as, Unions, Sections, Regions and SERVSDA alone, amounts to, on an average about Rs 1.84 crores and from Hospitals and Educational Institutions about Rs 2.25 crores.

BUILDINGS

Total book value of all the buildings amounts to Rs 15.64 crores. Buildings, of course, are being depreciated at the rates prescribed by the Companies Act. The accumulated depreciation provided is Rs 4.48 crores from the year 1978 till date.

CONCLUSION

With the direction given by the Division Administration, the Association's work is being streamlined. All the units of the Division will need to extend full support in following the procedures of the Association in acquiring and maintaining the capital assets.



Moses A.
IFA Asst.

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Shamgar P. Rao
Secretary, IFA

HIGHLIGHTS

"Southern Asia Division Employees Housing Deposit Scheme is open to all regular employees."



Clement Martin

The Housing Deposit Scheme is to help you make Provision for "Home of Your Own" in the future. This Scheme was launched by the Division in April 1993. It is to encourage all employees to save specifically for their own House/Flat/Plot.

From the time of Cave-Dwellers to the present one, the foremost needs of man has been "Shelter." Home Ownership is one of the most safe form of investment. It improves the "Status" of the family and gives the family a sense of Security especially in the Old Age. To pay the full cost of the House/Plot in "Cash" is the Best Policy.

OBJECTIVES OF THE SCHEME

To maximise the return to the individual member through Systematic Investment. It is a Scheme to help those who want to help themselves fulfill the dream of "House of Your Own."

BASIC FEATURE OF THE SCHEME

The scheme is open to all regular employees. A member saves regularly Rs. 50, Rs. 100, or more in multiples monthly as long as the person do not own house/plot. The amount saved under this scheme is for housing facility and is to be utilized for building/buying house/plot for personal use.

BENEFITS OF THE SCHEME

1. Long term benefits to the members in having funds for the ownership of House/Plot/Flat.
2. Maximum return to members on their deposits.
3. Bonus from the Division to members of the scheme.
4. Sense of security, happiness, and comfort during retired life.
5. In the event of death, resignation, retirement or termination of service, the accumulated balance in the account shall be released to member, nominee, or beneficiary.

House of Your Own.?

HOW DO I JOIN THE SCHEME

Fill out the Membership Application form and make a commitment to save monthly and help yourself realize the dream to have "House of your Own". Handover the application form to your Treasurer/Business Manager right away.

Div. Secretary & Associates

HIGHLIGHTS



L C Copper
Secretary 1990-93



James Campbell
Secretary 1993-95



G S Peterson
Assoc. Secretary



M C John
Assoc. Secretary



J D Moses
Asst. Secretary



S Ponniah
Ad. Asst.
Division President

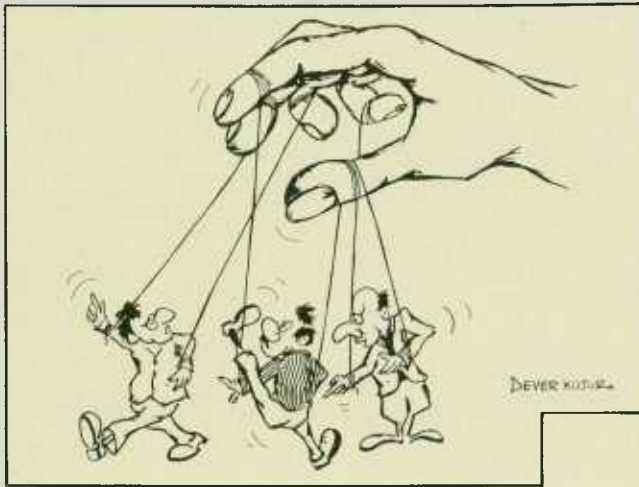


C D Mathew
Secretary Legal Units



Vanslyke Joseph
Asst. Secretary
Archives & Statistics

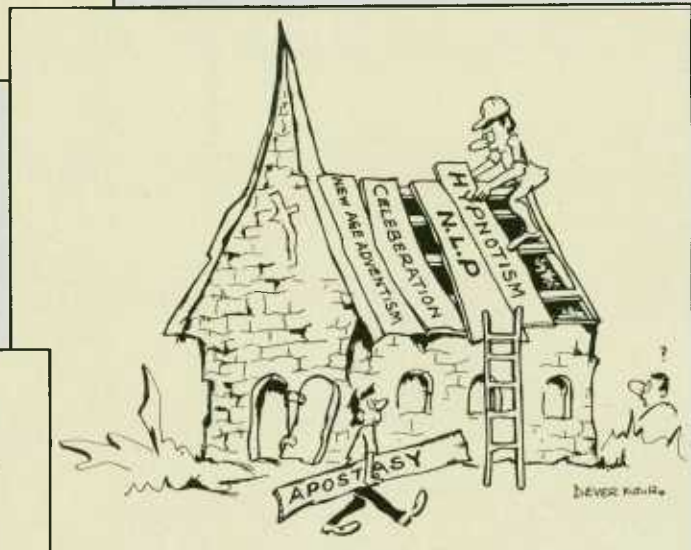
"Southern Asia Division has a lot of possibilities, the greatest lying in the hearts of loving and understanding membership. My vision for the Church is that the love of Jesus will be seen in the lives of all the workers and members in this great Division."



Manipulation or Remote control

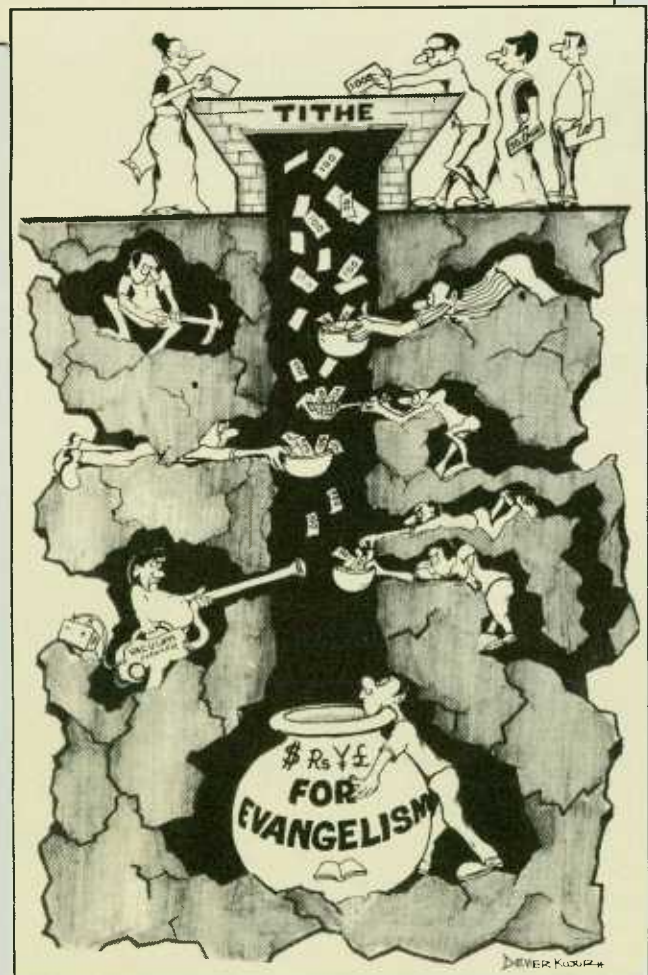
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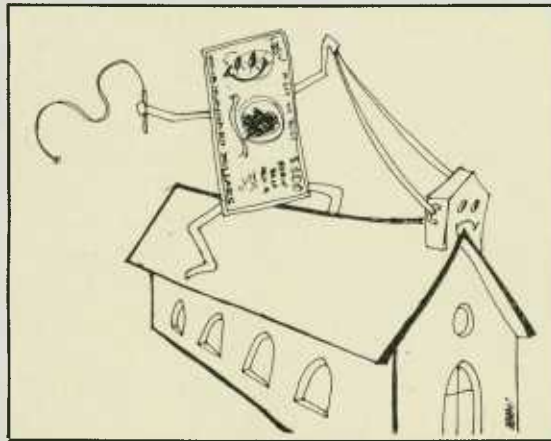
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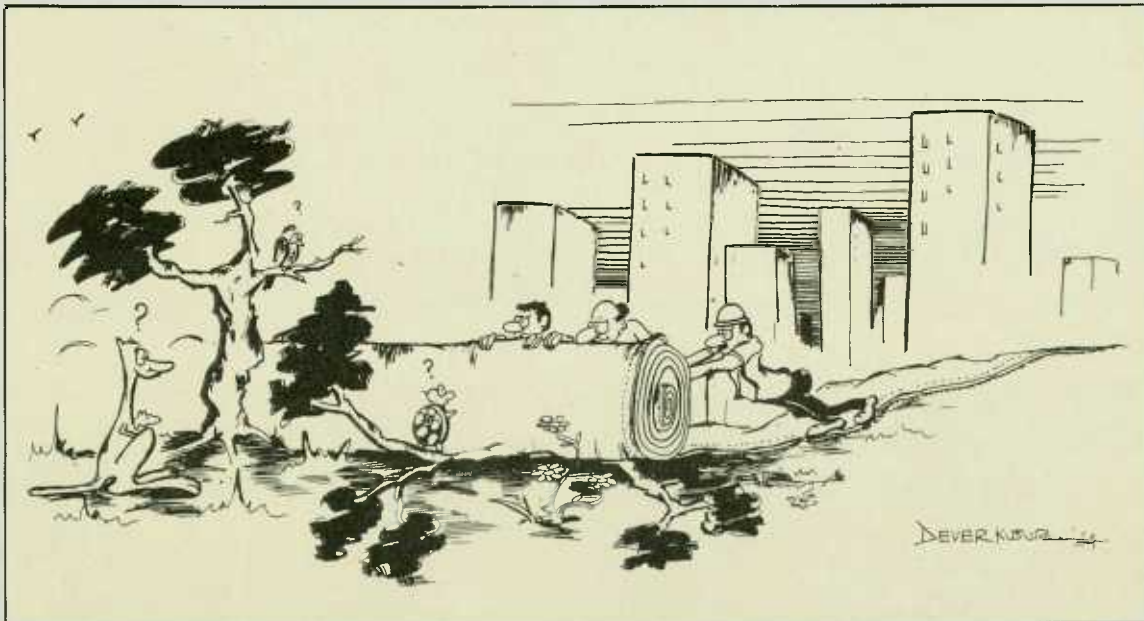
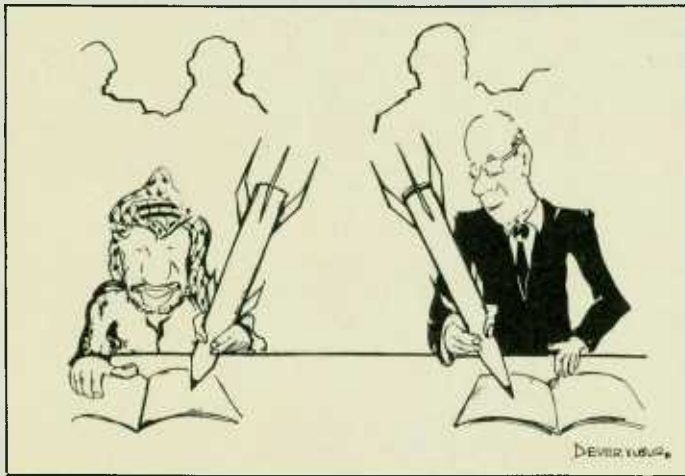
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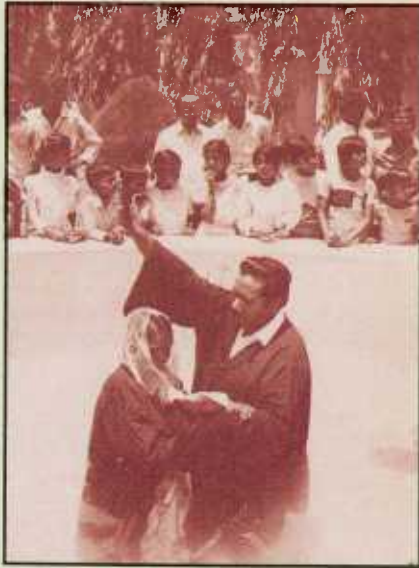


The controlling factor





ADVENTIST PRESENCE AND GLOBAL MISSION CHALLENGE IN INDIA



Dr K J Moses is the Coordinator for Global Mission in Southern Asia Division.

Global Mission in Southern Asia is an experiment of outreach activities during this decisive decade of 1990s. Adventist Frontier Service (AFS) is a strategic plan of locating volunteers in unentered segments in the Division. During the period under review eight planning sessions were held attended by nearly 200 officers and departmental leaders from Union and Section. These leaders identified 100 DIVGETS and 250 UNISETS for 1991-95 to make a systematic penetration with the gospel. They spent for the first time in history, thousands of man-hours in actual detailed preparation of witnessing activities and submitted 350 SCENARIOS to the Division. These were processed at the Division office and forwarded to the GC Global Mission Office.



Global Mission Baptism, NEIU.

Jesudas Bhaggien conducted a Leadership Training Programme for Global Mission personnel, 1993.



Southern Asia Division-wide Retreat at Spicer College, Pune, June, 1993.
Attended by nearly 200 Adventist Frontier Service Volunteers; Global Mission leaders from the Division, Union, Sections; and Dr M L Ryan and Mr & Mrs Don Folkenberg from the General Conference; Dr M E Cherian and Dr K J Moses are seated on either side of Dr Ryan.



Global Mission baptism at Akola was conducted by Bhaskar Bhosale, the Ministerial Director of Maharashtra Section.



Global Mission Effort was conducted by P Augustine Prabhudas South Andhra Section, December, 1992.



Global Mission Workshop, NIU.



AFS Workshop, South India Union.



AFS Training Programme, Manipur.

AFS Training Programme, NIU.



AFS Workshop, South India Union.

Global Mission Target Church in Meghalaya Section of North-East India Union. Nearly sixty Church buildings are under construction and some have been dedicated already, thanks to our kind donors.



Dr M L Ryan, GC Global Mission Coordinator addressing the Planning Session of Global Mission in India. Dr M E Cherian, President of the Division is seated.

Fifteen baptized candidates at Nalgonda DIVGET in South Andhra Section of Central India Union.



Thirty people were baptized at the Malapuram DIVGET in North Kerala Section of South India Union on 23rd October 1993.

Orissa Region of Central India Union
Global Mission — Baptisms at DIVGET
Bhavanipatna - 25 members were added on Jan 8, '94.





Eighteen baptized at Village Kharora, Raipur Dist., Madhya Bharat Section ,Northern India Union.



Congregation, and the baptismal candidates on the river bank.



Global Mission volunteers at Paheva in North India Section of Northern India Union. They were given bicycles to carry on witnessing programmes at their target areas. A kind donor in the USA has donated these bicycles to Indian Global Mission.



G Isaiah along with Global Mission Assoc Director, Jesudas Bhagggen led out in the Global Mission Training in Nepal.

Global Mission Workers at Zaheerabad Region. Victor Sam is the director.



Global Mission Baptisms, Bhavanipatna, Orissa Region, Jan. 1993.



Global Mission Target, Baptism at Makui.

A Global Mission Effort was conducted by Pr Kandane in Anekapalli, North Andhra Section. Pastor Apta Rao Assisted the global mission effort. ,1993.



327 souls were baptized during Golden Jubilee Celebration, Amritsar, NIU



Baptism Service, NIU,

SIU Highlights

1994 has been an eventful year for the ministerial department of south India union. This year has been declared as the year of evangelism emphasis. After many years we were able to cross the 4000 mark in baptism in 1994.

We have conducted a pastor's workshop for all ordained ministers in south India union.

In 1994 19 men were ordained for the ministry of the gospel. 175 evangelistic efforts were conducted. Our messages has entered into 72 new areas in the year 1994. We hope to do better in the year 1995.

Daniel D
Director Ministerial

Youth Activities



Y M Dkhar was the main speaker in the Youth Investiture service in Shillong Church, 1990.

Prayer Bands are part of the Week of Prayer in Adventist Schools. Students at Adventist Training School, Jowai, Meghalaya.



Youth Week of Prayer was conducted by V K Baby, SDA School, Panruti, Tamil Nadu, 1993. Prayer bands were held to reinforce the need for building a personal relationship with God.

E D Thomas High School Quartet, 1993.



Pathfinder group, Hosur, Director - Mrs L C Cooper.

Twenty-two students joined a special Bible Study class after the AY Week of Prayer conducted in Secunderabad by Pr C R Shinge.



Spicer Pathfinder Club, Pune, 1993. Seated: Mohanraj Israel, Prema Gaikwad, C C Nathaniel, C R Shinge, Meshach Samuel.



A Week of Prayer was organized by the Orissa Regional Director, Pr Samson. Pr C R Shinge was the speaker and 14 students were baptised.

Week of Prayer. Seated L - R: Pr R John, Pr Rathna Singh, Pr Samuel.



Ceyola Frances Warjri sings accompanied by Miss Georgene Shangpliang during Divine Service of Youth Week of Prayer, 1990 in Shillong SDA Church.

Investiture Service. SDA School, Valavanur, April 1994. Principal and Section Youth Directors were present at the occasion.



Kavitha, a tribal girl receiving the VBS certificate from Pr J Daniel.

A Week of Prayer was conducted in Shillong Church 1994. The speaker J G Warjri and interpreter, R P Blah behind the pulpit during Divine Service. Mrs J G Warjri sang an appealing special song.





NEIU Youth Congress in Aizawl, Mizoram, Jan 1993.
 L - R: Pr C C Nathaniel, Pr J M Dkhar, Dr A M Perus,
 Pr K A Shimray and Dr H Lalnilawma.



A Y Camp, Central India Union, 1994.



A group of youth along with members of the church with
 Gujarat Regional Officers:
 G E Sharon, President; Pankaj, Treasurer.



Baptismal group along with Teachers & Pastors,
 Khunti School, Bihar, March 28, 1992.



Youth Week of Prayer in Rustumbade,
 Narsapur, 1994-95.



VBS, Aurangabad, 1993.



Guntur School.



Youth Week of Prayer, August 1994.



Youth Camp in Manipur. (inset) Hiking of MBS camp.

Division-wide Pathfinder campore



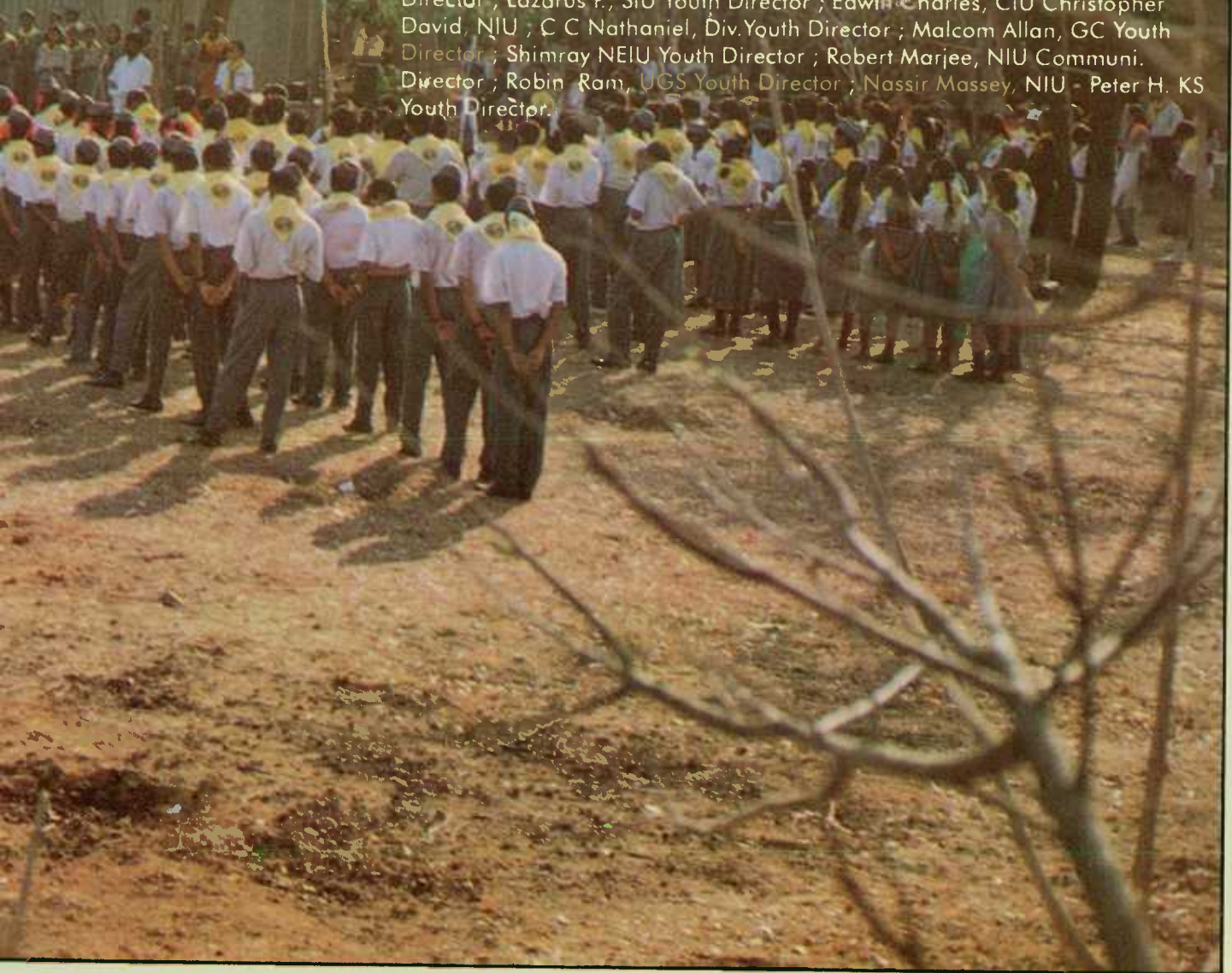
Flag Hoisting Ceremony, 1995.



Division-wide Pathfinder campore, April 25-29 1995.

Seated L-R

Pastor, Secunderabad church. Isaac, STS Youth Director ; C. Shinge, CIU Youth Director ; Lazarus P, SIU Youth Director ; Edwin Charles, CIU Christopher David, NIU ; C C Nathaniel, Div. Youth Director ; Malcom Allan, GC Youth Director ; Shimray NEIU Youth Director ; Robert Marjee, NIU Communi. Director ; Robin Ram, UGS Youth Director ; Nassir Massey, NIU - Peter H. KS Youth Director.





E.D.Thomas High school,1994

Baptismal Group along with Officers & Pastor of the church.
Youth Week of Prayer was conducted by M.R.Satyawadi

Investiture Service, E.D.Thomas High school. Lazarus P. Union Youth Director along with other officers of the section attended the function. 1992.



Investiture Service Narsarao Pet School.
Youth Director of South Andhra Section was present.



Adult Literacy

Integrated with Sabbath School

Marandi has revitalized the department and has developed models that assures church growth. His involvement in Adult Literacy work in partnership with Literacy India Trust (Inter-denominational Organization) has proved to be very effective. They have completed Textbooks in Punjabi and Gujarati. He has also been responsible for developing Santali textbooks. Through the Literacy Ministry, more than 100 souls have been baptized. Another interesting feature of the Adult Literacy programme is the integrated educational model developed for the blind children. Most of the blind students are from Karmatar school. Some of the blind students even compete quite well with the sighted in the classes. This is incredible.

Division Committee Resolved

That the objectives of spiritual nurture, fellowship, and community outreach and Global Mission be encouraged by the adoption of the Adult Sabbath School Action Units Plan or an equivalent plan within a multi-option strategy in some selected churches of the Unions/Sections. Each Union/Section will develop a plan of implementation and report annually to Division CM Department.

Guidelines for the Adult Sabbath School Action Unit

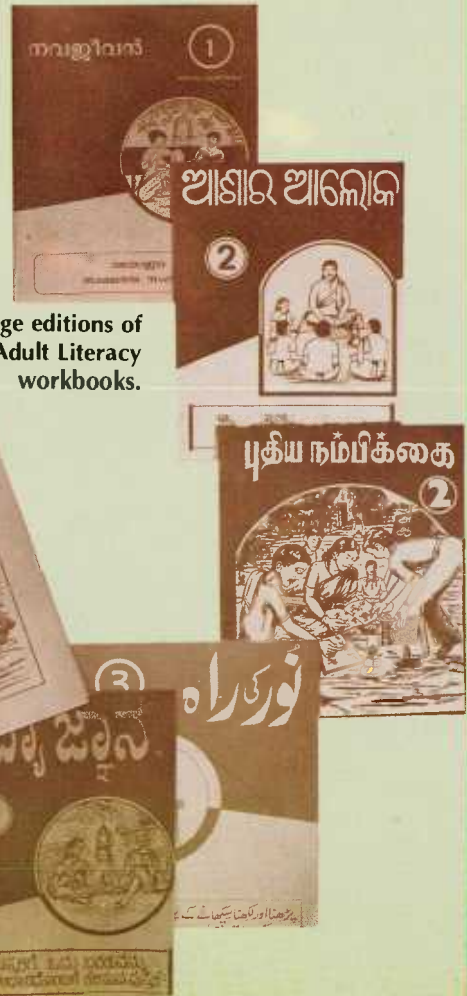
Plans were defined as follows:

- ❑ Classes of Six to Eight: Classes are formed into groups of six to eight for optimum participation.
- ❑ Outreach Leaders: Each class has an outreach leader called a Care Coordinator, who is an assistant to the Church Personal Ministries Leader. Assisted by a secretary, the Care Coordinator promotes outreach in accordance with the class plan.
- ❑ Class Time: 50 minutes is provided to the Sabbath School class. 15 minutes is devoted to outreach at the beginning of the class followed by 35 minutes for lesson discussion.
- ❑ Time for missing class members: There is weekly caring for missing Sabbath School class members. The discussion group leader (teacher) takes upto five minutes at the beginning of the 25 minute outreach time to welcome all, take the record, arrange for sending cards, telephoning, and visiting missing Sabbath School class members.
- ❑ Lesson Discussion & Application.
- ❑ Sharing, Fellowship - Consultation for Evaluation.

Marandi meets with the Adult Literacy graduates.



Language editions of Adult Literacy workbooks.





Adult Literacy Workshop at Kadrudih, Karmatar, Bihar, 1994.



Adult Literacy, North Andhra.



Not too old to learn, Adult Literacy programme.



Mandapeta Church, A P.



Sabbath School Rally, South Andhra Section, June 16-18, 1994, Nuzvid. Pastor C S Marandi along with Ch John and the Section counterpart honoured the soul winners.



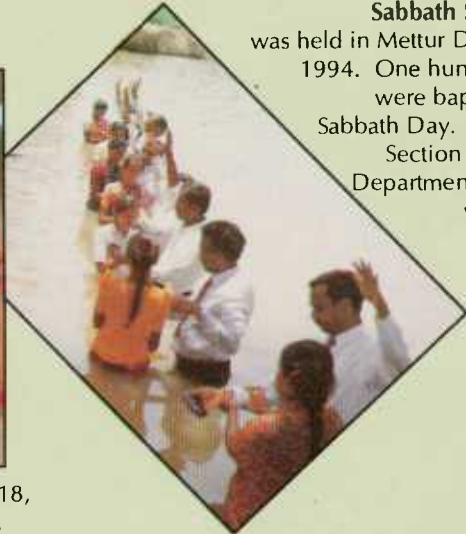
Sabbath School Rally, East India Section, Dalgaon, Oct. 25, 1994. The soul winners were honoured by Pastor Marandi and Pastor Mundu.



Pr James Campbell, Division Secretary, honours the soul winners at a special function arranged by the Sabbath School Department, Mettur Dam, July 23, 1994. Another soul winner honoured by James Campbell. The Division Secretary commends a lay soul winner.



Sabbath School Rally, South Andhra Section, July 16-18, 1994, Nuzvid, A.P. Soul winners with candidates.



Sabbath School Rally was held in Mettur Dam, July 19, 1994. One hundred and six were baptized on the Sabbath Day. North Tamil Section Officers and Departmental Directors were present on the occasion.



Soul winners with baptismal candidates, Northeast India Union, 1994.



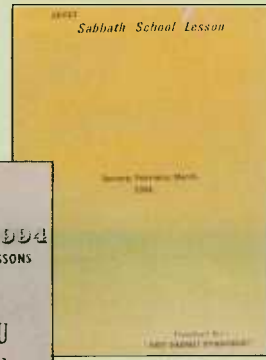
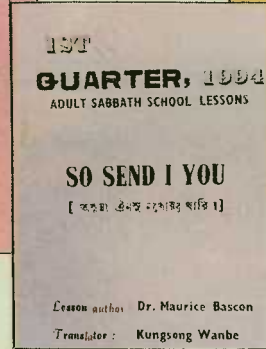
A mother brought her backsliding daughter, son-in-law, and another person in the village back to church. This was a result of the Sabbath School Action Plan.



Soul winner with four baptismal candidates.



A soul winner in Northeast India Union helped to bring a seasoned thief to accept Jesus as a personal Saviour. Pr Marandi commends this lay person for her meritorious service.



Translated Sabbath School Lesson

Study Books: Santali, Punjabi, Tangkhul, Manipuri, and Rong Mae.



Mrs Johnson Koipillai was actively involved in Adult Literacy Programme of the church.

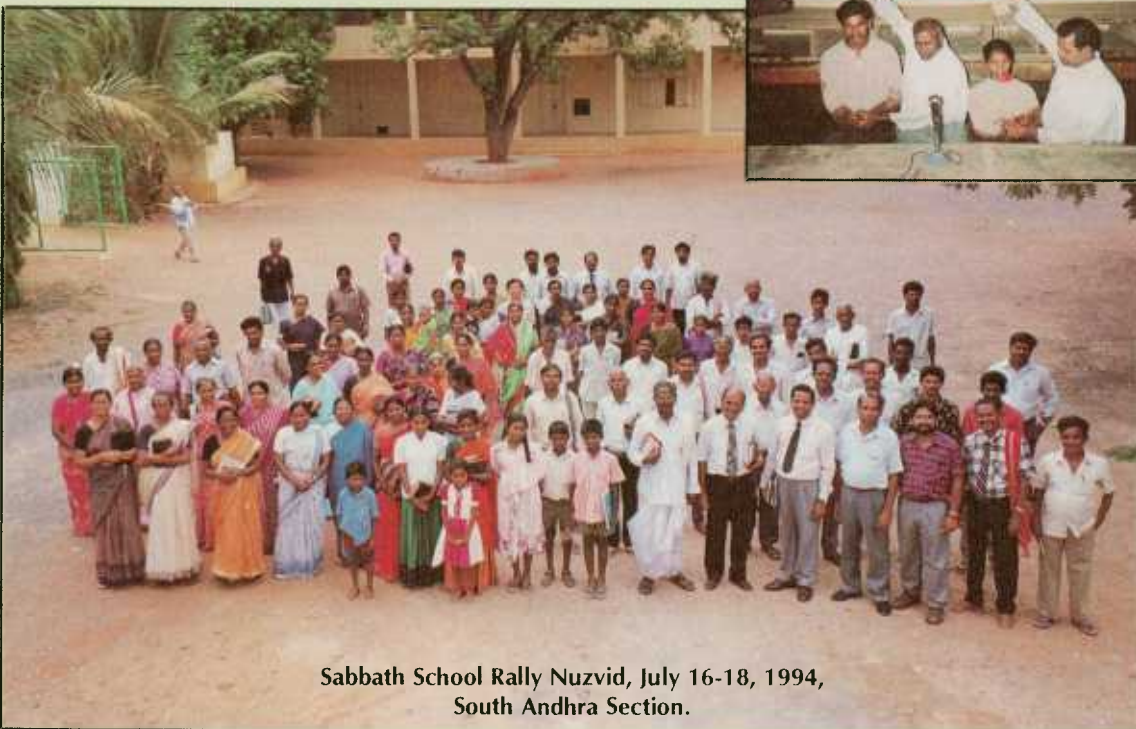


Sabbath School Action Unit, South India Union, 1994.



Mrs Devadanan receives a certificate of merit for being a good soul winner.

Sabbath School Rally concluded with baptism by R A Moses & Ch John, June, 1994.



Sabbath School Rally Nuzvid, July 16-18, 1994, South Andhra Section.

HOME & FAMILY WORKSHOPS



Shepherdess International Meeting was organized by Mrs Nathaniel, Ranchi, 1992.



Central India Union Children's Ministries Workshop. Director: Mrs C C Nathaniel along with Division, Union officers and delegates, 1992.



Family Life Seminar, Bairaich School, 1992. Pr & Mrs C C Nathaniel engaged the delegates with a lot of desk work. 1992. Family Life Seminar delegates, North India, 1992.



Family Life Seminar was organized by Pastor and Mrs C C Nathaniel, Narsani School. Pr & Mrs Nathaniel was the resource personnel, 1992.



Family Life Seminar, Lucknow, 1992.



Family Life Seminar, Surat, 1992. The Workshop was valuable for the couples who attended the workshop.



VBS, Hosur, Ms Sunila Moses, Mrs Justus, Mrs Nathaniel, Mrs Jacob, Mrs Caleb Joshua.



Children's Ministries Workshop at Roorkee, 1992.



VBS, Shrungava Ruksham, April, 1992. Nita Christopher, a Ministerial Student from SMC assisted in the programme.



Branch Sabbath School, Hosur, 1993. Mrs E Gomez, shares a Bible story with the children.



Sabbath School Children, Dilma East Garo Hills, Meghalaya Section.



VBS was conducted at Kodikulam near Madurai in five villages by K Divaviaraj.



VBS was conducted by S Chandran.



The home of a retired worker, G W Arthur was the place to gather the children for a Branch Sabbath School, Lasalgaon, 1992.



VBS, Andaman Island, 1994. VBS was organized by Mrs Sibil and two students from Spicer College assisted them-Emmanuel Paulraj and Samuel Gnanasekhar, 1994.



VBS, Khammam, Guttala Bazaar, April, 1992.



Children Evangelistic Campaign,
East Garo Hill, 1994.



VBS, Pune, 1992. Student leader, Shivaji Borge.



Home and Family Leadership Training
Seminar Delegates, Pune, February 17 - March 1,
1994. Pr & Mrs. Nathaniel and Pr and
Mrs Flowers were the main resource personnel.

PERSONAL MINISTRIES



Lay Training Institute, Machilipatam. Pr V J
Khandagle was the main resource personnel.



Lay Training Institute was conducted by V J Khandagle,
Ch John and Victor Sam, Zaheerabad, 1994.



Pastors' Wives Workshop was conducted by
V J Khandagle, Ch John and N D Samson. Tithe
boxes were given to them as a reminder of
their commitment to Stewardship policies of
the church, 1994.



Delegates to Northeast India Union, Lay Leadership
Training Workshop in Guwahati, Oct 16-19, 1994.
Seated L - R: Mrs C C Dkhar, C C Dkhar, Mrs K A
Shimray, Pr K A Shimray, Dr H
Lalnilawma, Mrs J M Dkhar, Pr J M
Dkhar, D K Baroya, Pr V J Khandagle
and Mrs Khandagle.

Members of the General Body



Members of General Body of the COSDAH met on August 22, 1994, Vijayawada.

Left to right: Standing - T M Patrick, D Vararaj, P V Jesudas, K Christopher, M Varma, V Solomon, S K Subramanian (proxy), Sahar Dason, J Devadas, M Kisku, R Gyi, S Ponniah (invitee).

Seated - V Philip, P D Kujur, G W Kore, V Thansiamma, I N Rao, M E Cherian (Chairman), **Ruth V Joseph (COSDAH, Secretary)**, K A P Yesudian, C K George, P Thomas, R Philip.

Those who were present but not in photograph:

R Isaiah, Jessie Isaiah, Paul Francis, A P Rao, M Babu Rao, H Lazarus.

Pune Adventist Hospital has diversified its service in many areas. It has been successful in keeping the environment clean by initiating a community oriented garbage program. It has also established a chronic care centre that caters to the well being of the sick and the old. For the past one year, PADMEC has been operating a naturopathy department.

PUNE

It has also been successfully operating a rehabilitation centre under the leadership of Dr Rohini.

Recently, a chaplain was appointed to cater to the spiritual needs of the patients. Vibrant Life Centre has provided the infrastructure for the development of the total personality. Dr. Philip is

anxious to make his dream of a new hospital complex come true.



Pune Adventist Hospital workers group. Medical Director, Dr Philip V; Treasurer, Isaac John; Dr Manoj Samuel; Nursing Superintendent, Mrs Faithful Tirkey, 1995.

C O S D A H



The need for a bigger hospital is part of their dream plan. This picture is a suggested design.



AASHRAY



Personal care is given to everyone who comes to the Chronic Care Centre.



The first Anniversary celebration of AASHRAY. **Dr Philip** spoke on the occasion and thanked the staff for their commitment and dedication.



Simple and economical remedies help to cure some very common ailments.



Keeping them in good spirit is part of their concern, providing them recreation is also part of the daily routine.



John, a medical missionary from Australia worked in the Naturopathy department for over a year and has contributed much to the development of this new field in our hospital. We commend him for his service.

Water treatments are part of natural healing, massaging is also part of the physiotherapy treatments.



C O S D A H



The drug addicts pass their leisure time by singing songs — Adventist Church Hymnal. Enough time is given for recreational activities.



Group therapy is part of recovery process. Dr Rohini is in one such session.



The hospital chaplain, Shinde is seen praying with a Muslim patient for healing and restoration.



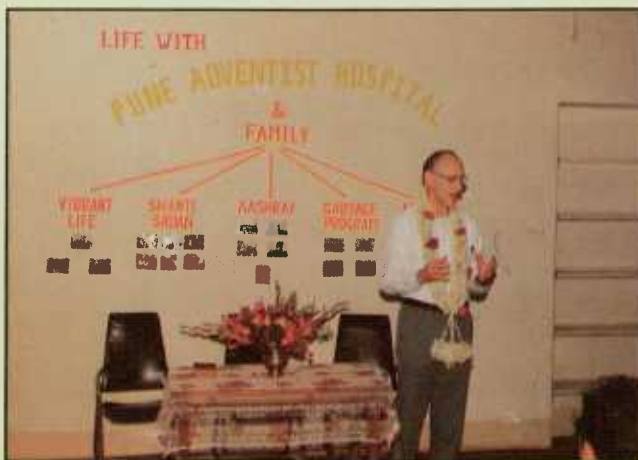
As a result of counselling and guidance, Orthodox Hindu woman accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour. Pastor Shinde has been a positive influence in the community.



Garbage program was successful with the cooperation of hundred of homes around Salisbury Park Estate.



Body building exercises.



Dr Albert Whiting addressed the staff of Pune Adventist Hospital. He is the Director for Health & Temperance Department at the G C, 1993.

C O S D A H

The SDA Hospital in Ottapalam has rendered 25 years of commendable service to the sick around the community from its modest beginnings. This institution has grown to meet the growing needs of the community and on this Silver Jubilee year, the hospital is committed to expand its service to a larger group of people. This hospital has been recognized by K M C for Internship Training since 1993. In 1994 registration processes and the department of Pharmacy was computerized. Later a model of ultra sound and

Echocardiography was obtained. A new Paediatric wing was opened by G G Thomson, District Collector of Palghat, 1991. In 1992 Ottapalam hospital was recognized by the Christian Medical Association of India (CMAI) to conduct a three year course of graduate training program. We have many plans and proposals for the future. We wish to expand the service and also desire to have an institute of Health Science that will equip us to be effective as health educators.

OTTAPALAM

Dr Matthews K Philip
Medical Director



Seventh-day Adventist Hospital, Ottapalam, 1994.

(Inset Middle) Computerized of Health Information Service in progress, Ottapalam, 1994.

(Inset Left) A timely help for Bio-chemical Investigation.

(Inset Right) The Dental Department, 1994. Dr Alwin Devaraj is at work.

SDA Hospital, Nursing staff,
Ottapalam.



Giffard Memorial Hospital staff.

Medical Director - Ronnie Gyi; **Business Manager** - D Vararaj; **Nursing Superintendent**

The dream of director Dr Yesudiam of establishing a hospital also achieved by the laying of the foundation stone by Dr M E Cherian on January 11, 1995, Thanjavur. Union, Section personnel were also present.

(Inset) An overview of the site.



Surat is one of our largest hospitals in Southern Asia Division. Over the past 50 years, the institution has grown along with the city. What once used to be the humble Athwa Lines is now one of the most refined areas of the city. The 26 bed hospital is now 130 bed hospital providing basic and specialized care.

Over 3000 patients visit the hospitals' out-patient department and nearly 2000 patients are examined at the first aid centres and clinics at the nearby industries and slums every month. On an average 300 patients are admitted each month, many for critical care. The Diagnostic department reports over 6500 different tests and more than 150 major and minor surgical procedures are performed every month. Some of the major projects are underway: to re-establish the Multi-disciplinary Intensive care unit; to establish a school of Applied Health and a specialized care unit to handle poly-trauma, burns and industrial accidents.

The hospital has established the standard for service and committed nursing care in Surat. Keeping this asset in mind a Nursing School was started in 1978 to train nurses to work in our denomination. About 155 students have graduated from this school so far. It is estimated that over 90% of them are still serving in India, with about 60% still in the mission service in various parts of the country. Even the ones who have

left the country, have been recognized for quality nursing care.

In addition to these services, the hospital has been involved in various evangelistic programs. A church was established in the tribal village of Lakhali, about 70 km from Surat, through the active participation of the hospital staff. A Tamil church has also been established in a slum nearby. The young people of the Surat church actively participate in singing bands, literature distribution and Bible study groups. The Adventist Community Centre, one of the largest halls in the denomination was opened last year with help of the MC Dhamanwala school. This building is a boon for both workers and lay-members to have fellowship and to worship together.

SURAT

The floods and the plague which affected Surat late last year was an exercise in faith and a reminder for all of us about the saving power of God's love. Though many deaths and loss of property was reported in the city our campus was unaffected. In fact it gave us opportunity to serve the affected people through relief work.

We move forward in faith; though the harvest is ripe, the reapers & resources are few. But the mighty hand of God is never too short to face any Goliath. God grant us the courage to use the 5 stones and the sling and to move forward in His strength.

Paul Francis; Medical Director



Surat Seventh-day Adventist Hospital Medical staff:
Medical Director, Paul Francis;
 Business Manager, M Varma; Nursing Superintendent,

The hospital Chaplain, Dinesh Phasge is seen praying with the patient for healing. He reports that those who had recovered from their illness attended the Bible study classes and also enrolled for VOP correspondence course.



Medical Director, Paul Francis and Silas Kumar, the church pastor actively involved in the relief work.

The Surat hospital staff responded to the plague with great interest and dedication. Despite an operational loss of more than Rs 50,000 a day the hospital had taken every effort to prevent the spread of plague in the city. Insecticides were sprayed in the campus for control of vectors. With support from the mission and ADRA a forum called Adventist Plague Relief was established to bring help to the people of Surat, especially those in the slum areas. With the help of voluntary workers from the hospital this forum distributed medicines and food worth 3.2 lacs to all the needy areas.

Looking back at the crisis it was an intense exercise for all of us in faith and trust in our Saviour. As in the case Israelites in the land of Goshen, God did deliver us; not for our righteousness sake but, for His.



Madhu Varma shows his concern and care towards the affected people in a tangible way.



The medical staffs were committed to the distribution of medicine worth more than 1.2 lakhs.



Adventist volunteers actively involved in the Plague Relief work.



Careful diagnosis is part of the recent successful story.



Care and personal attention is given to every patient.



Distribution of medicine during the plague was time-consuming.



Donations were given for the physically disabled by service institutions.

Dr Timothy Jonahs, former Medical Director, Surat Hospital was present on the occasion.

B A N G A L O R E



Seventh-day Adventist Medical Centre Staff, Bangalore, 1994. Medical Director, W D Borge; Asst. Business Manager, Sahar Dason; Nursing Superintendent, Mrs Rosy Borge.



The present hospital building, Bangalore, 1995.



Doctors of the Seventh-day Adventist Medical Centre. Medical Director, W D Borge (2nd from left); Dr Paulson Israel (seated extreme right).



Nurses along with Superintendent. Mrs Rosy Borge (seated 2nd from right).



Office Staff of Seventh-day Adventist Medical Centre, Bangalore, 1995.



Seventh-day Adventist laboratory technicians, Bangalore, 1995.

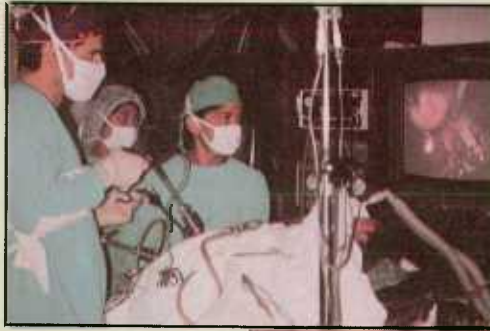


Assistant Nursing Staff. 1995



The new building of the SDA hospital, Frazer town, Bangalore, 1994. The hospital has expanded itself by constructing a new hospital building. It was opened by Elder Don Gilbert. this project was under the leadership of W D Borge, Medical Director and the support of South India Union and the Division.

SCHEER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, NEPAL



Dr Vigna, Medical Director, is seen performing Laparoscopic surgery at Scheer Memorial.



**Scheer Memorial hospital
Medical Staff, 1993.**
Director, Leonardo Vigna;
Business Manager,
Daniel Nastaes.



As part of the expanding plans land has been purchased for a hospital building. The donation has come from North America Division. This is a view of the proposed site.

(Inset Far Right) A volunteer from Argentina Daniel Nastaes works as business manager for Scheer Memorial hospital.

(Inset Far Left) A volunteer from Argentina, Dr Juan Carlos Moroni, works in Ultra sound clinic, Scheer Memorial Hospital, 1994.

(Inset Left) A volunteer from Argentina, Marta Moroni, is working in Pharmacy, Scheer Memorial Hospital, 1994.

(Inset Right) A volunteer from Argentina, Ester Nastaes is the Sabbath School Coordinator for children, November, 1994.



Scheer Memorial Hospital is also committed to keep the environment clean. A garbage disposal programme has been initiated and implemented. Amber Rai, Gardener is seen with the new garbage disposal trailer, December, 1994.



Garbage disposal area, 1994, Scheer Memorial Hospital.



Suresh Pudasaina, Accountant, July, 1994.



(Inset Right) Sharmila Tamrakar, Billing Clerk, 1994.



(Inset Left) Surya Shakya, Accountant, 1994.



Scheer Memorial Hospital building, 1994. (Inset) Ward Aid, Kalpana Sapkota is working in delivery room. Scheer Memorial Hospital, August, 1994.



Scheer Memorial Hospital hosted 107 delegates attending the 1994 Conference on Surgical Oncology. Delegates from Asian countries were involved, others were from United States and United Kingdom.



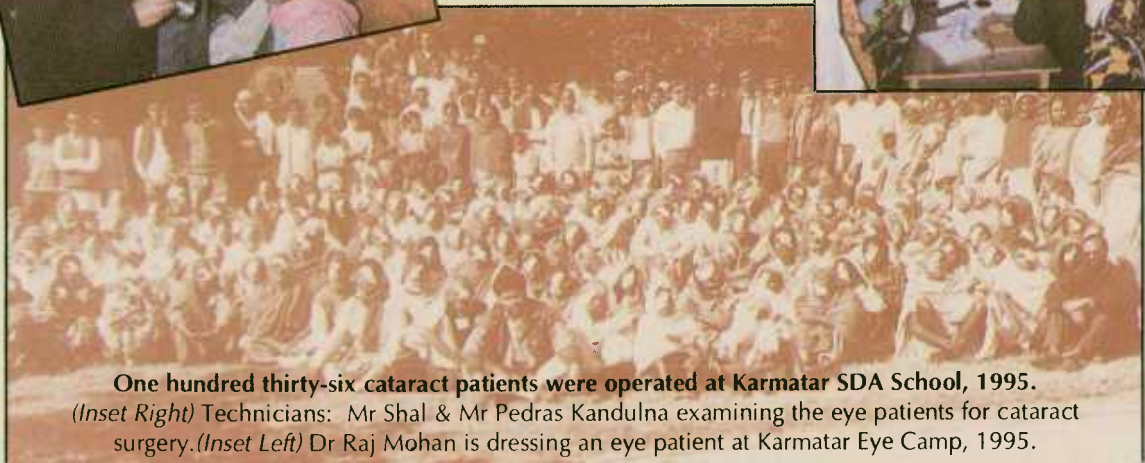
ADRA International sent two tents to shelter the overflow of patients during the epidemic in monsoon.

R A N C H I



Front view of the hospital, Ranchi, 1995.

SDA hospital Medical staff, January, 1995.
Medical Director, Dr C K George.



One hundred thirty-six cataract patients were operated at Karmatar SDA School, 1995.
(Inset Right) Technicians: Mr Shal & Mr Pedras Kandulna examining the eye patients for cataract surgery. (Inset Left) Dr Raj Mohan is dressing an eye patient at Karmatar Eye Camp, 1995.

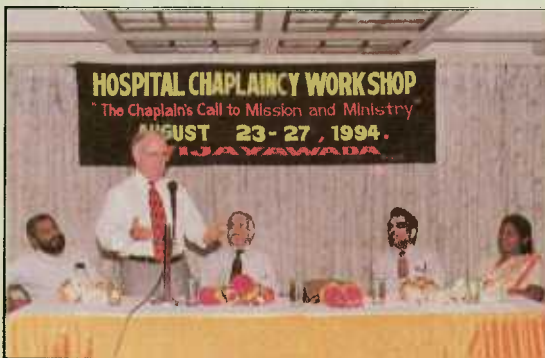
SIMLA SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL



Simla Hospital Medical Staff:
Director, Dr Pradhudas, 1994.



Simla Sanitarium and Hospital building, 1994.



The first Hospital Chaplaincy Workshop held at Vijayawada, A P, August 23-27, 1994. Standing: Dr Martin W Feldbush, Assoc. Director of Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries of General Conference. Seated: Dr (Rev) George Isaac, Dean Chaplaincy Dept, CMC Hospital, Vellore; Dr M E Cherian, I N Rao, R Joseph.



The Simla Sanitarium from rear side, 1995.



The senior doctor, P D Mahen has devotedly served this hospital for many years.



The X-Ray department, 1995.



Dr N Prabhudas, Medical Director of Simla Sanitarium is seen examining a patient, 1995.

SDA CHRISTIAN MEDICAL COLLEGE STUDENTS



Nursing students and staff with Dr Justus Devadas, CMC, Vellore, 1995.



Medical students, post graduate students, doctors and the hospital staff, CMC, Vellore, 1994.



Paramedical students, CMC, Vellore, 1995.



SDA Church Family, Vellore, 1995. Pastor Vijayan is the pastor of the church. Seated Left to right: Mrs Charles, Dr & Mrs Justus Devadas, Dr Wash Burn Wilson, Vijayan, Mr Wash Burn Wilson, Pastor & Mrs Job, D David, C B Hammond.

MANIPAL

MEDICAL

STUDENTS



Nursing students at KMC, Manipal, 1995.



Graduates of '94. Sathyaraj Dorairaj, Prameet Johnson, Lavona Ariyaratnam, Minnie Faith (absent).



The student group at Manipal KMC, December, 1994. Doctors, nurses, and medical students.



Paramedical students at KMC, December, 1994.



MBBS students at KMC, December, 1994.



Some of the interns and postgraduates, KMC, 1995. Seated Left to right: Jacob Prabhakar, postgraduate student; Minnie Faith, Intern; John Rajpathy, Intern; Kenny Christian, postgraduate student.

ADVENTIST DEVELOPMENT RELIEF AGENCY



ADRA International has been one of the major social agency in India. Kokhana Leprosy Project was under taken in Nepal and the people have greatly appreciated the Adventist presence in their midst, 1994.



Kokhana Leprosy Project, Rehabilitation of children. The Queen of Nepal visited the lepers colony and spent time discussing matters of mutual interest.



An Australian Ambassador visited the Kokhana lepers colony and was very happy to know the progress.



Pastor Bhaskara Rao, the former ADRA Director for Southern Asia Division visited the flood affected areas along with Sam Kodam & Durairaj, Union personnel.



Sacks of rice were ready for distribution for the cyclone affected areas in Madurai.



Madras flood relief programme. Durairaj and Alfred Raju supervised the relief operation.



ADRA reaches the flood victims in South Kerala. Division, Section personnel were present on the occasion.



Lowry Dairy Project was financed by ADRA International. Division, Union and the School Principal, Pastor Lazarus is seen along with the ADRA director, Pastor Christopher during the ground breaking ceremony.



A Tailoring School in Vuyurru was started by ADRA. Vuyurru Tailoring Project Inauguration. The J M lucas Tailoring Training Programme was inaugurated by K Christopher, ADRA Director, Southern Asia Division, 1992.



ADRA workshop was conducted for the Union and Section personnel. Workshop in one such session.



The delegates for the ADRA Workshop. G C personnel and Division Directors were resource people at the Workshop. Horst Rolly, Christopher were among others who led out in the discussions and deliberations.



ADRA-Guntur Vocational Training Centre for women. ADRA Vocational Training Centre was inaugurated by Dr M E Cherian in Guntur on August 24, 1994. Division, Union and Section personnel were present.



ADRA Workshop, South India Union.



Leprosy Sanitarium received clothes from ADRA. Bhanu John is seen along with the section counter-part.



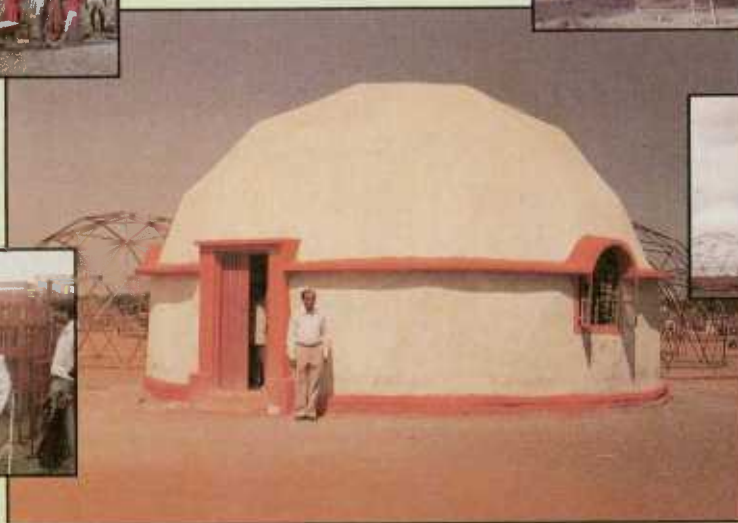
Kerala flood victims were given shelter, and materials to rebuild their houses by the Division President, 1994.



ADRA built houses for those who were homeless.



Grateful families.



Earthquake victims in Latur, Maharashtra.

ADRA International intensified its activities by constructing houses for the earthquake victims in Latur, Maharashtra. They were made to withstand any major earthquake and there they have built dome-like structure. Although the new houses failed to enthruse Latur quake affected, yet the people were well-settled. Activists assured them that they are perfectly safe.



Dr Manoj Samuel was one of the first Adventist doctors to reach Latur. Christopher , ADRA Director; Horst Rolly, ADRA Assoc. Director; Dass, Maharashtra President; Pastor Swarnaraj , Union ADRA Director; Lazarus B, Section ADRA Director, were actively involved.

A donation of rupees one crore was given towards the earthquake relief operation by the SDA church. Rupees 10 lakhs was also given to Sharad Pawar, Maharashtra Chief Minister.



ADRA was involved in the distribution of food items in Polavaram, North Andhra Section President Boney Moses along with his fellow officer was present.



ADRA project, ATs. 1992.



ADRA Rehabilitation, Pedaprolu was inaugurated by K Christopher, August 23, 1994.



President M E Cherian hands over the cheque of ten lakhs to the Maharashtra State Chief Minister Honourable Sri Sharad Pawar. J S Dass, president of the section was also present.



Central India Union ADRA Director, Swarnaraj is testing a newly constructed borewell.



ADRA Relief Work, Trivandrum.

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT



Appenzeller commends Joshua for meritorious service.

David Thompson, Top Salesman, Himalayan Region.



Mariadas, Outstanding L E, Central India Union.



R M Massey congratulated by our World Leader for highest sales, Northern India Union.



Y James was one of our outstanding L E in South India Union.



L E Institute, Spicer Memorial College, 1995.

Seated Left to Right:

- S M Gill, PDD, Northern India Union;
- M D Joseph, PDD, Central India Union;
- G Isaiah, Acting Publishing Director, SUD
- Elder J L Compose, World Publishing Leader;
- Calvin Joshua, Marketing Manager, OWPH;
- D Lincoln, PDD, South India Union; Barnabas,
- PDD, Northeast India Union.

South India Union Publishing Department Directors, Section Directors.

Left to right: Sam Selvaraj, STS; P Wilson, NTC; K K Lazarus, SKS; S Pushparaj KS; N Subbaraju, NKS.





G Isaiah, Acting Director, Publishing Department. He has been responsible in initiating many positive trends in the publishing ministry. The Literature Ministry Seminary (LMS) concept is one among them.

Literature Ministry Seminary (LMS), CIU; Vijayawada, 1994. Thomas K Joseph and G Isaiah were the main resource personnel.



LMS, Kathmandu, Himalayan Region: Deep Thapa, David Thomas, G Isaiah, Thomas K Joseph.

Samuel Gill was honoured for winning 538 souls during the Constituency Session, 1994.



LMS, Ernakulam, SIU.
Pr G Isaiah shares a moment of joy with his co-workers.



Top Three Students in Sales, 1994.

SOUTH INDIA UNION

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| 3. Eric Omusa Ondite | Rs 22,744/- |

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| 1. Watson Swansi | Rs 44,120/- |
| 2. Moses Lugun | Rs 28,192/- |
| 3. Shilpa Shingaara | Rs 26,387/- |

NORTHEAST INDIA UNION

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| 1. Sharad Khajekar | Rs 39,969/- |
| 2. K Vanlaltluanga | Rs 37,683/- |
| 3. Belum Pashel Anal | Rs 31,859/- |

HIMALAYAN REGION

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| 1. Immanuel Durairaj | Rs 25,370/- |
| 2. Samuel Raj S | Rs 19,754/- |
| 3. Johnson Yesudas | Rs 18,013/- |



Literature Evangelist Rally Day, September 22-24, Nellore, South Andhra Section, 1994.
Seated L - R: Victor Joshi and K Daniel.



Honourable Minister for Education and Parliamentary Affairs, Shri Veerappa Moily released the 100th of Arogyavani, Kannada Health Magazine. Shantha Kumar, PDD, KS, assisted in the programme along with Union Officers.



Elder J L Compose used the newly developed prospectus to demonstrate the principles of christian salesmanship in one of his sessions at the LE Institute held in Spicer Memorial College. 1995.



D Lincoln

PDD, South India Union.



M D Joseph

PDD, Central India Union.



S M Gill

PDD, North India Union.



Barnabas

PDD, Northeast India Union.



L E Rally, September 23, 1993, in Nellore, South Andhra Section.



LMS Training programme.

Seated L - R: M D Joseph, R G Waidande, G Isaiah, Thomas K Joseph and Kirupa Rao.



LMS, Himalayan Region.



Christopher Muturi had the highest sales for the year 1994.



LMS was inaugurated by J M Dkhar, Union President NEIU. Seated on the platform: Barnabas Zimik, PDD, NEIU and K Luikham, PDD, Manipur/Nagaland Section.

Top Three Students with Credits

SOUTH INDIA UNION

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|-----------------------|-------------|
| 1. Rajkumar Satyawadi | Rs 13,780/- |
| 2. Samuel G Gesora | Rs 7,984/- |
| 3. D Fredrick Paul | Rs 3,765/- |

CENTRAL INDIA UNION

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|-----------------------|-------------|
| 1. Christopher Muturi | Rs 28,850/- |
| 2. Thomas N Asaigo | Rs 16,433/- |
| 3. R Raghavulu | Rs 13,580/- |

NORTHERN INDIA UNION

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|---------------------|-------------|
| 1. Watson Swansi | Rs 14,492/- |
| 2. Walter J Bhengra | Rs 9,705/- |
| 3. Reuben Gill | Rs 8,424/- |

NORTHEAST INDIA UNION

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| 1. Akham Kamsuan | Rs 11,321/- |
| 2. Belum Pashal Anal | Rs 9,499/- |
| 3. Adahe Sibo Chachi | Rs 8,424/- |

HIMALAYAN REGION

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| 1. S T Solomon | Rs 4,140 |
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S M Gill, PDD, NIU, along with Elder J L Compose, World Publishing Leader; G Isaiah, Division Acting Publishing Director and Section PDDs.



Belum Pashel hails from Manipur & is from the tribe of ANAL NAGA. In 1994 an award was given for the highest sales in summer canvassing in Southern Asia Division. At present he is studying at Spicer Memorial College.



Athia Arche hails from Manipur & is from the tribe of MAO NAGA. She joined the Publishing Ministry in 1993. She is a LMS graduate. Her total sales for 1994 was Rs 80,240/-. This was the highest sales mark in the whole Division among the women. She ministers among the tribe of AO NAGA in Nagaland.



Delegates of Division-wide L E Convention held in Roorkee during February 1-5, 1995.

Seated L - R:

David Thomson, Himalayan Region; D. Lincoln, PDD, South India Union; Barnabas, PDD, Northeast India Union; Calvin Joshua, Marketing Manager, OWPH; P H Lall, General Manager, OWPH; G Isaiah, Acting Publishing Director, Southern Asia Division; Elder J L Compose, World Publishing Leader; James Campbell, Secretary, SUD; S M Gill, PDD, North India Union; M D Joseph, PDD, Central India Union ;Y J Wilson, Treasurer, OWPH.



The Publishing leaders of Section, Union and Division with OWPH officers during the Division-wide Publishing Convention.

HEALTH & TEMPERANCE PROGRAMS



Anti-Tobacco and Nutrition Seminar was organized by the Division Health & Temperance Department for South and Central India Union from August 5-12, Pune, 1993.



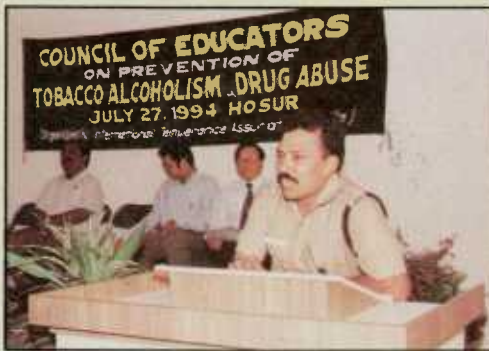
Students and teachers from Roorkee SDA High School brought more inspiration through their melodious songs.



Discussion period, All India Seminar, New Delhi, May 4-6, 1994. Temperance Directors and school Principals were also invited.



A Council for Educators was organized at Hosur, July 27, 1994. Temperance Department Director, Thansiamma delivered the welcome speech.



T K Ramachandran IAS Sub-Collector addressed in Seminar. M Ravi, IPS, Asst Supdt., addressed the delegates in Lucknow, 1992.



Temperance Exhibition, Indiranagar SDA School, 1992.



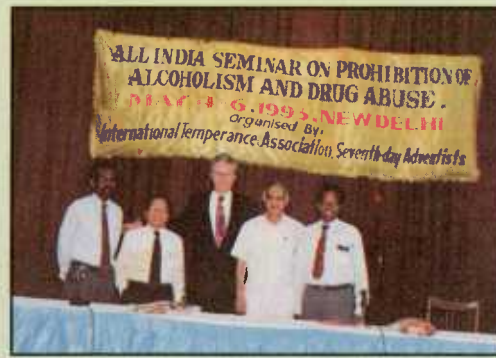
Temperance Rally, Khunti, 1994.



Temperance Contest, Indiranagar SDA School, 1992.



Health lecture was arranged for the staff and students of Government Secondary School at Malacca, Carnicobar Island, January, 1994.



Organizers of the All India Seminar Prohibition of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, May, 1993, New Delhi.
L - R: Justus Devadas, Thansiamo, Elder Thomas R Neslund, M E Cheria, C S Marandi.



SIU Temperance contest was held in Gandhi Nagar, SDA Higher Secondary School, Pondicherry, October, 1994. Mr Gandhiraj, Minister for Education, distributed the prizes to the winners. Mr Rangaswamy, Minister for Agriculture, inaugurated the Temperance Rally.



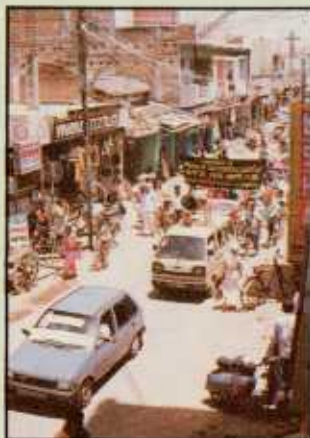
Temperance Speech Contest winners at the All India Seminar on Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. Ms Sheila Chaman, Doordashan News Announcer, Minister Tangabalu (centre) along with the organizers and teachers.



Temperance Rally was organized by North Tamil Section in Hosur, July, 1994.



Bill Dull along with his team conducted a Health Workshop from May 5 - June 5, 1994. He also conducted the similar workshop this year in Pune and Ranchi.



World Tobacco Day was observed on Hosur, May, 1993.



Temperance Rally, Kerala. P I Thomas, John Willmott and other Section officers were present.

Lay Economic Development Service



The first LEDS director meeting was held in Salisbury Park, Pune, 1994.
Seated L - R: Swarnaraj, G W Kore, L C Cooper, M E Cherian, M R Satyavadi, K J Moses, K P Philip.



Adventist Businessmen Conference was held in Hyderabad to discuss how they can contribute to develop and build the resources of the church. M R Satyavadi, Director, LEDS.



Mrs Christina Lazarus MLA in A P released the first Businessmen Conference souvenir in Hyderabad.



Pheirim conducted an Evangelistic Series in Karur. Pr Vijayan is seen translating the message into Tamil. Pr Pheirim has conducted over four satellites crusade since 1991. The first tribal satellite crusade was conducted at Polavaram. 204 were baptized. The second tribal satellite crusade was conducted in Thiruvur from June 1-27, 1992. 150 were baptized. The third tribal satellite crusade was conducted in Ravulapalem from October 25-November 17, 1993. 171 were baptized. The fourth tribal satellite crusade was conducted in Karur from August 8-September 3, 1994. 151 were baptized.

2a. South India Union conducted a historic camp meeting at Madurai from August 19-22, 1992 which was attended by 3000 delegates from all over the section. Dr Willmott was the main speaker during the evening sessions. During the day, workshops were conducted by leaders from the Union and the Division. A rally was organized. 2500 Adventists led by the Division Secretary, L C Cooper and John Willmott walked for over 3 km through the busy streets singing and praising God witnessing to the people in this temple town. 218 candidates were baptized in the newly constructed baptistry in Madurai North school campus.



An Effort Meeting was conducted by Bhaskar Bhosale in Solapur, 1993. Section Officers and Departmental Directors were also present for the baptism.



Revival Meeting, Madurai, August 19-22, 1992. A mammoth rally was led by Section, Union and Division personnel in the Temple city of Madurai, 1992.



A Revival Meeting was conducted by R D Riches & A K Kandane at Hatkanagle, 1991.



An Effort Meeting was conducted by M M Rimsu in Kantolگری. 34 souls were baptized on January, 1994.



The Church Family in Abalgri, Mehgalaya, 1994. A Revival Meeting was organized on October 29, 1994, by the Mehgalaya Section President.



Manjit Singh was baptized during the Golden Jubilee Celebration of North India Section, March, 1994. Pr Samuel G Masih, Executive Secretary, introduced the couple and their children before the baptism. P D Kujur, President NIU and other Section personnel were present on the occasion. 327 were baptized, Amritsar, 1994. TR Gill, Executive Secretary, along with other pastors are seen baptizing these precious souls.



Pastor Ch John has conducted many evangelistic meetings in Andhra and has been a very successful soul winner. He has assisted Pr C Pheirim and Pr W G Jenson in the Effort Meetings conducted in Thirivur & Kovur.



Samuel G Masih, James Campbell along with other Pastors are seen baptizing precious souls into the fold.



Pastor M M Prabhudas baptized 10 precious souls in May 21, 1994, Orissa Region.



Satnam, although he was handicapped, regularly attended the effort meeting conducted by Angrez Singh & Kewal Masih along with his parents. He was baptized along with his parents on October 9, 1994. Satnam believes that he will become whole when Jesus comes. This Evangelistic Campaign was launched to enter into unentered territories through AFS volunteers.



Pr Boney Moses and Pr Apatha Rao are seen conducting the business session of North Andhra Section Constituency.



Women's Ministries Training was conducted by Division and Union personnel at Narsapur, August, 1993.



Harvest '90 Programme, Kerala, SIU, 1993.



Pr Shantharaj baptized Srinivas Naik at Chikkathorepalya, Karnataka, 1994.



Dr John Willmott is one of the outstanding evangelist in Southern Asia Division. He conducted an Effort Meeting in Khamman, 1990. Pr Ch Paul translated the messages into Telugu.



A mass baptism was organized on the banks of River Godavari, A P.



William Moses conducted an Effort Meeting along with the team of six evangelists in Dang District. The response was very good. Gujarat Section Administration has made plans to establish the Lord's work in unentered territories. The Government of Gujarat donated five and a half acres of land to the SDA church in Athwa Lines.



Ratnakumari Vangaveety, MLA attended Fowler's Evangelistic Campaign in Vijayawada, A P. Mrs Daniel welcomed her with flowers, October, 1993.



Peter Mundu, Section officers, Departmental Directors, along with baptized members, Karmatar, 1994.



Peter Mundu baptized the first blind student at Karmatar, August 27, 1994.



KJ Moses conducted an Effort Meeting in Amalapuram. Ch John assisted in the translation.



Non-sighted children rendered a special song at the Karmatar Church, 1994.



Elder R D Riches dedicated the church in Beddipalem, Machilipatnam.



Pr Arogyaswamy is one of the outstanding evangelists in South Tamil Section. He has conducted many Effort Meetings and he is a successful soul winner.



Maharashtrian Bhajan, Bhusawal.

Mr Sbin Kharsohnoh, one legged layworker who hobbles over hills and valleys preaching and winning souls.



Mrs M Dkhar teaching youth Sabbath School class out in the open at Thynroit during the "Heritage Sabbath," October 22, 1994.



A view of the congregation during the "Heritage Sabbath," celebrated at Thynroit on October 22, 1994.

L C Cooper, despite his heavy work-load as an administrator took interest in baptizing precious souls into the fold.



A Ministerial Training Seminar was organized from September 26 - October 1, 1994, by the Northern India Union Ministerial Department, NIU Ministerial Director, P L Solomon. Pr Pheirim was one of the main resource personnel. Pr P L Solomon has worked very hard to create an atmosphere that is conducive for evangelism.



The African students group in Aurangabad, 1995. The SDA Church choir in Aurangabad won the Carol competition organized by YMCA. This group of students are a real witness to the city of Aurangabad. Music instructor, Jactone and Osodo (right side of the pastor); Pastor & Mrs T B Kakade (standing centre); Elder of the Church, Jeremiah Mokyia (standing extreme left).



Mr & Mrs Joseph Puthenveedu donated 10 cents of property at Kombayar, Idukki, Kerala, 1995. The members of the Church are anxiously waiting for the Church building to come up.



Pr Dass and Apha Rao are seen baptizing precious souls into God's Kingdom, 1995.



Robert Clive, the Treasurer of CIU, conducted an Effort Meeting in Koppara from December 7-17, 1994. The meeting was coordinated by George Raju with the assistance of school teachers. There was an average attendance of 600 adults and 75 children. This Effort resulted in 104 baptisms which included Non-Christians and college students. More baptisms are expected to follow. A prayer hall is expected to be built shortly for the new congregation.



Northeast India Union Church Family, 1995.

Pr Jacob has baptized 56 African students in Bhopal Jabulpur, 1990.



Interested Karen people of Andaman Island. Pr J H Sibil, Director is in the centre. One newly baptized Karen has gone to Spicer College.



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES



East India Section
Workshop from May 15-18, 1994.
Seated Left to Right: P Mundu, I James, P L Solomon.



Women's Ministries was revived during the Mid-year meeting. A special function was held to mark the occasion. Mrs Julia James, Assistant Director, led out in the candle light ceremony. July, 1994.



Women's Ministries Workshop, South Andhra Section, Machilipattnam, 1993. Organizers: Pastor & Mrs I James; Coordinators: Elisha Rao & Wilson.



Women's Ministries, Orissa, 1993. Seated Left to Right: Ch John, V J Khandagle, Mrs & Pr I James, Pr & Mrs Samson, Pr Ponda.



Women's Ministries, North Tamil Section, November 14-27, 1993. Seated Left to Right: Vijayan, Pr & Mrs I James, Simon Shingar Valu, Manual M.



Women's Ministries Workshop, South Tamil Section, Madurai, January 24 - February 7, 1994.



Women's Ministries, Zaheerabad, March 20-27, 1994.
Seated Left to right: Victor Sam, I James.



An effort meeting was conducted in Zaheerabad by Pr I James, 1994.



Women's Ministries Workshop, South Tamil Section, 1994. Pr I James delivered the key note address. Pr Aroyaswamy was the main translator.
Seated Left to Right: Rathna Singh, Jeva Ponappa.



Women's Ministries, Manipur/Nagaland Section.
Seated L - R:
Mrs & Pr Y B Luikam, Pr & Mrs I James, 1994.



Women's Ministries, North India Section, June 5-18, 1994. Seated L-R: Instructors - JH Joseph, I James and Samuel Masih.



Women's Ministries, East India Section, May 15-28, 1994. Instructors: P L Solomon is the Ministerial Secretary for the Northern India Union; Christopher David, IFA, Northern India Union.



Women's Ministries Workshop, North Andhra Section, April 19 - May 1, 1994. Instructors: KR Jones, T Johnson (not seen), I James.



Women's Ministries Workshop, Guntur, South Andhra Section, 1994. The Adult Literacy Programme and Women's Ministries jointly worked together on this literacy campaign.



Women's Ministries Workshop, Narsapur, North Andhra Section, April 19-21, 1994. Instructors: K R Jones, CM Director; I James, Director, SUD; T Johnson, Pastor.



Women's Ministries Workshop, Maharashtra Section, Lasalgaon, 1994.
Seated L - R: Instructors - Bhaskar Bhosale, Pr & Mrs I James, Daniel Kamble.



Participants of the Women's Ministries Workshop took the Sabbath School over the weekend. R J Waidande, Principal, assisted in the programme.



At the conclusion of each workshop each participant received a copy of the Bible, Orissa, 1994.



Bibles were distributed by Pr I James, Karnataka Section, December 5-18, 1993.



Women's Ministries Workshop, South Kerala Section, November 9-22, 1994. President, South Kerala Section, is seen translating Dr M E Cherian's key note address.



Women's Ministries Workshop, South Kerala Section, Feb. 9-22, 1994.
Seated L - R: K Yohanen, Pr & Mrs I James and K M David.



Women's Ministries Workshop, North Kerala Section, 1994.
Seated L - R: A Yohanen, Aaron, I James, Stanley Samuel (president), P Kurian.



The General Conference Women's Ministries Scholarship for Spicer Memorial College student was given during the weekend service and Mary Anal was one of the six who received the scholarship.



The GC Women's Ministries Training programme was held in Hosur on September, 1993. Mrs Rose Otis, Women's Ministries Director was the main resource personnel.



Mrs I James talks about the Life of E G White in one of the sessions, Imphal, Sept. 4-18, 1994.



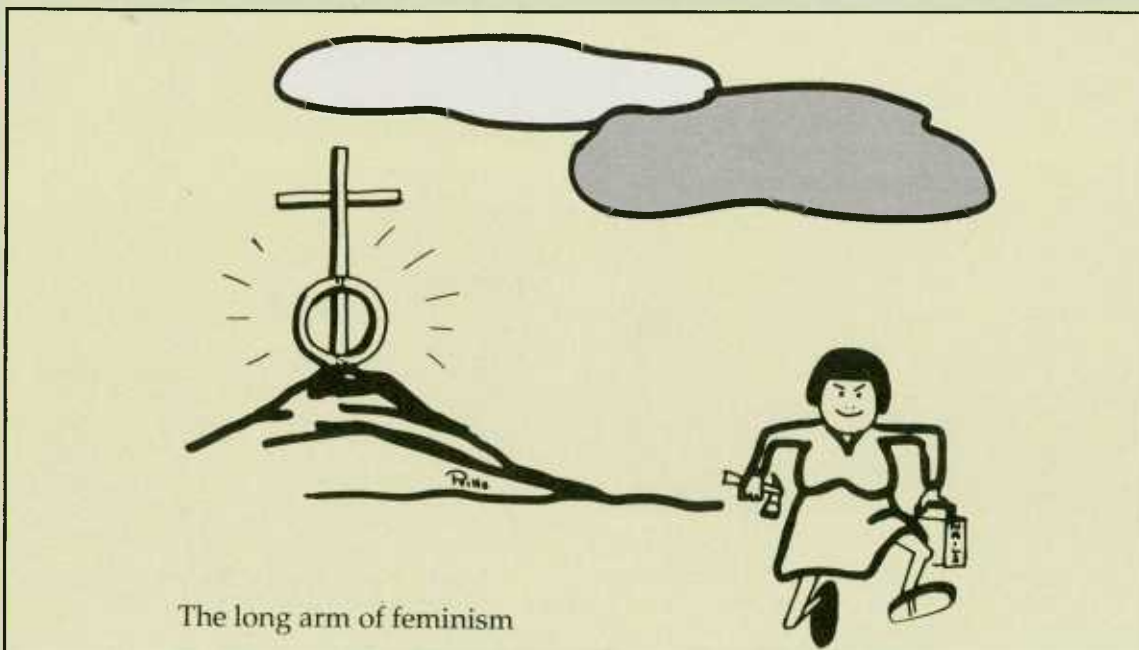
Twenty-five were baptized by Pr I James. These candidates were as a result of the help of Bible Women along with the effort meeting conducted by I James, March, 1994.



Women's Ministries, Manipur/Nagaland, Sept 14-30, 1994. Pr & Mrs I James were the resource personnel along with the Section Departmental Directors.



Women's Ministries Workshop, Bangalore, 1993.



The long arm of feminism

COMMUNICATION



Division Communication Advisory Council delegates, New Delhi, November 7-9, 1994. Elder Ray Dabrowski, GC Communication Director and Elder W R L Scragg, AWR President were the guest resource personnel.



Communication Workshop held in Pune was organized by the Central India Union, Communication Department, August 22-28, 1994.

Seated Left to right:

Edwin Charles, Jennifer Kazi, Vinita Gaikwad, P H Lall, W G Jenson, Dittu Abraham (Director, Communication Dept., Division), Swarnaraj (Director, Communication Dept., CIU), Mrs Nola Tudu, Angie Holdsworth and Edison Samraj. Editors, Radio Speakers and Field Representatives were participated on the Seminar.

A Communication Council was held in Trivandrum with the Division Officers.

Seated L - R:

Edwin Mathew, Director, ACC; M E Cherian, J M Campbell; Deep Thapa, Himalayan Region Director; Zova, NEIU Communication Director; Swarnaraj, Communication, CIU; Margee, Communication Director, NIU; Simon S, Communication Director, SIU; Dittu Abraham, Division Communication Director.



GC Communication Director, Ray Dabrowski with other Communication Personnel.

On October 22, 1994, the 150 Adventist Heritage were also celebrated over the weekend at SMC. A Special Issue of the Tidings was released by our Division President, Dr M E Cherian, assisted by Division Communication Director and the General Manager of the Publishing House.



EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



K Jesurathnam and Dr N O Matthews attended the Educational Seminar in Hong Kong, 1990. Dr H Rasi was the resource person.



Francis Fanthome, Secretary of ISCE Council, addresses Adventist Educators, 1992.



Delegates for the Educator's Council, Madras.



M C John leading the educators in taking a pledge to revive true Adventist Education.



Educational Council, South India Union.



Northeast India Union - Manipur/Nagaland Section- wide Teacher's Institute was conducted by Mr A Bairagee, Div Assoc Education Dir, Mrs D R Sangma, NEIU Ed Dir and Mrs A Luikham, M/N Section Ed Director from June 22-25, 1994.

Principal's Council in Lucknow.



Teachers' Meeting at Kandias, Kerala, 1994.

SDA High School Staff & Faculty,
Thiruvillumala, North Kerala Section.



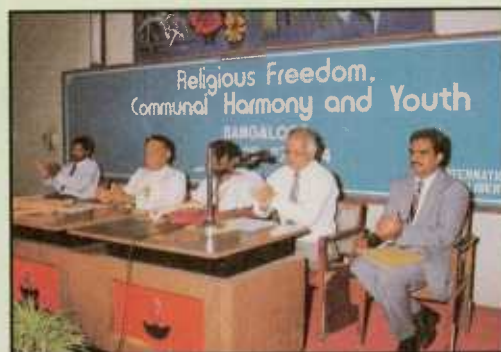
RELIGIOUS LIBERTY



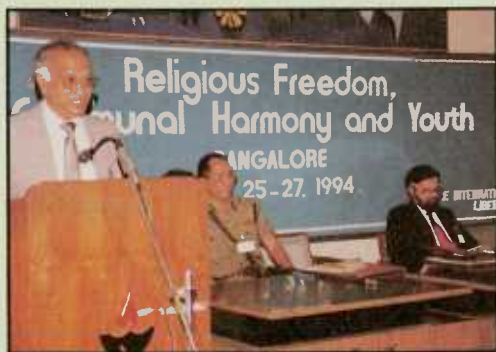
The participants at the IRLA meeting, Bangalore, April 19, 1994.



Dr Kamal Shariff, Dean of MGR Medical University, Madras and Dr M D Nalvade, Head of the department of History, University of Pune, were resource personnel at the Seminar.



His grace Rev. Alphonsus Mathias, Archbishop of Bangalore delivered a stirring message at the Valedictory function, 2nd from left.



Dr M E Cherian delivered the key note address. Seated Left to Right: H T Sangliana, Special Commissioner of Police, Bangalore; Dr Kanal Shariff, Dean of MGR Medical University, Madras.



Honourable Sri Ramnath Rai, Minister of State for Excise, Karnataka, delivered his message at the Valedictory function. Seated Left to Right: Dr Justus Devadas, Director, Religious Liberty, Southern Asia Division; Rev. Alphonsus Mathias.

Dr Maqsood Ali Khan, Editor for Salar Publication, delivered a lecture at the Seminar.



An All India Seminar on the theme "Religious Freedom and National Integration" under the auspices of the International Religious Liberty Association (IRLA) sponsored by the Southern Asia Division of Seventh-day Adventists, was held in New Delhi from December 13-15, 1994. This Seminar was organized under the leadership of Dr Justus Devadas. Delegates from all over India participated in the Seminar.

Shri Salman Khurshid formally inaugurated the All India Seminar on Religious Freedom by lighting a lamp, December 13-15, 1994. Seated Left to Right: Mr Ali Merchant, the Secretary of the National Baha' Assembly of India; Dr M E Cherian, Rev. Fredrick Gokhavi, Director, Executive Ministries, Campus Crusades; and Dr M D Nalavade, Head, Dept. of History, University of Pune.



The chief guest at the inaugural session

was Shri Salman Khurshid, the Minister of State for External Affairs, Government of India. In this inaugural address spoke about the problems we face as a world community. He said, "Politics and religion should not intermingle."

Dr M E Cherian, President, Southern Asia Division, in his key note address stated that India with its heritage of freedom and harmony, has in its Constitution enshrined the principles of religious freedom and national integration. Leading scholars and religious leaders presented papers on the theme subject bringing out the perspective

of religious freedom and national integration as perceived by various religious communities in India.

Resolutions adopted at the IRLA in Bangalore

Moved that we delegates to the seminar on Religious Freedom, Communal Harmony, and Youth, held from April 25 to 27, 1994, pledge to work with the International Religious Liberty Association in promoting the ideals of religious freedom and harmonious, peaceful co-existence between religious communities in this country of ours which has for several centuries upheld the freedom of religion and tolerance of other faiths, and further, to work in any place, at any time, and in any capacity with the strength and energy given us by the Almighty, to promote, foster, and spread good-will and brotherhood among our fellow citizens.

Resolutions adopted at New Delhi Meeting

- 1) We believe in the solidarity and unity of our country.
- 2) We believe and accept the **religious plurality** of the society and appreciate the guarantee and **safeguard enshrined in our Constitution** for all the citizens of this vast land.
- 3) We acknowledge and accept diversity in unity and **reject the imposing of uniformity.**
- 4) We believe that the present-day crises in our country are due to religious fanaticism, bigotry and the interferences by political parties and vested interests that the main causes of disunity and economic inequalities.
- 5) We believe that education can play a major role in building the character of our nation and eradicating ignorance, suspicion, fear and hatred among the peoples.
- 6) We believe that a definite effort must be made to include a dispassionate study of all religions in the national curricula at all levels to inculcate the virtues of religious freedom, communal harmony and national integration.

Indian Medical Educational And Welfare Service



Despite their disabled condition and in recognition of their meritorious service, four individuals were honoured in Spicer Memorial College by the Division President: Sharath Babu, Sam Charles, Edwin Matthews, Y J Wilson.

Citation : "In recognition of your meritorious service to the church in Southern Asia as the church worker and inspite of the serious handicap which occurred very early in life, you have been a worthy example & inspiration to many. " ...be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." (Rev. 2:10) Southern Asia Division of Seventh-day Adventist, Hosur, presented at Spicer College on Feb. 6, 1995.



IMEWS brochures, 1992 to 95.

Dr A M Perus

works for the Wildwood Hospital and Life Style center, Wildwood, Georgia, U.S.A. He also conducts Health Seminars in India. He deals with topics like stress management, weight control, cancer preventions, diabetes control, heart diseases, Quit smoking program and also explains the eight laws of health. His



ministry has been a blessing to Southern Asia Division.

Living Springs Life- Style Centre, New York,



Bill Dull works for the Living Springs Life- Style Centre, New York, as the chairman & founder member. Living Springs is a Health centre that demonstrates the principles of life- style that provide for optimum health. He regularly conducts health seminars in India on stress control, heart prevention technique, family life issues and hydrotherapy for the family. They work as a team and they have proved to be a blessing to many. Their life-style has been indeed an example. Southern Asia Division is grateful for their service. Team members include Mrs. Louis Bill Dull, Ruth Zolliner, and Elina.



Makey Dayanand, son of M. Meshach and Dayavathi, studied upto 7th standard in Nuzvid, SDA School. Later he went to the U.S.A. along with his parents as emigrants. He was admitted at Bucklodge where he secured the highest marks in his class. As a result, he was awarded a prestigious **Bill Clinton award in 1994**. This brings honour and glory to SDA school in Nuzvid. We congratulate Makey Dayanand for his academic performance and the school that nurtured the spirit of excellence.



Robert Skau

He retired from active service a few years back. But he has not retired from his

service for humanity. He was recently appointed as the President of Nehru Peace Foundation for V.O.Chidambaranar District on Sept 26, 1994.



Ch Paul

retired in 1986 after 40 years of service. He is active in teaching at the Ministerial Seminar held in

Nuzvid and he has conducted a major effort meeting at Karimnagar, A.P. which is a Naxalite infested area. He has conducted Bible studies in Daniel & Revelation in Khamman from May 12 to June 6, 1994. This program was sponsored by the seven sisters of Section. We praise God for his committed and dedicated service.

Division Awardees :

(1990)

Sudhakar Prasad, Luther Das

(1991)

Jannette Samuel, Clarence James Samuel, Rita Prabha Thapa

(1992)

Jeffrey Samuel, David Mathew, A S Varekan

(1993)

Sridevi Gavvala Panchi, Victory Singh, Prince Immanuel K

(1994)

Annie Phobe K, T Anitha, Manohar Raju Kandikatla .

Division High School Certificate Examinations Awardees:

(1990)

Jeffrey Samuel, Prem Kumar Martin, Melvin Mohan Rao B;

(1991)

David Mathew, McKay Thein, Shantha S Daram Rao ;

(1992)

Raj Prabhu R D, Bhaskar Rao Nelakurthi, Mervyn Allan Paul, Paul Bhaggien ;

(1993)

Chitra Clive Ganta, Annie Phoebe K, Marvin John;

(1994)

Aby Philip Kurien, Vinay Samuel Gaikwad, Sandeep M C Kisku

Benjamin Sable

is a retired pastor who is actively involved in the translation of the writings of E G White into Marathi. He has completed the translation for The Life of Christ and Steps to



Christ. Desire of Ages, Acts of Apostle, Prophets and Kings, Patriarchs and Prophets are in the process.

Grace Samuel



President, Human Rights Party, Pondicherry State.

J Robert Donald,



B L A, M A, Ph D, of the University of Pune who had been a professor of Philosophy and Psychology

at Spicer Memorial College for 11 years. He is at present appointed as the Director of Education for South India Union. He is also engaged in his Research studies at a more advanced level leading to D Litt Degree. His name was selected by the Research Editors for inclusion of his Biographical details in the Edition of Who's Who - India, 1993; Asia's Who's Who, 1987; and World's Who's Who, 1989 for making an important contribution to the Psychological understanding of Man, his nature, potentialities and development. His thorough and painstaking study in Humanistic psychology marks a very welcome and pioneering attempt in Indian Universities. In 1982, the Academy of Higher Education, Manipal selected him as a 'Fellow' of the Academy for being one of the outstanding contemporary Achievers. He is associated with the Government of India's Staff Selection Commission as its Advisor on the Interview Board; the Government of Karnataka's Training Centre for IAS/IPS Services Examinations as its Advisor and Guest Lecturer; and Bangalore City Police as its Traffic Warden.

Glenn Christo

Glenn Christo has been awarded the prestigious Times Fellowship award for the year 1994. This council has rightly recognized the potential of Dr. Glenn Christo. The Expanding Role of the Private Sector Professional Education is the topic under study. Dr Glenn will study the strategy and and policy needed for the regulation and promotion of private professional education in the new national context. At present he is the Director for Planning at the Manipal Academy of Higher Education. He also teaches pediatrics at K M C, Manipal. We are grateful to him for his role he is playing in shaping the future of Professional Education.

LIMELIGHT

Dr N Jacob Dever Kujur



Director,
REACH
International.

The purpose of the organization has been to render effective aid to the children. All aids had been channeled through Southern Asia Division. They are at present supporting thirty-six (36) schools in India. Apart from SDA schools, REACH International directly runs eleven (11) institutions and also aids the lay society at Trivandrum, Kerala.

The total new enrollment of the school in India is about 2000 students. In the year 1992-93, Rs. 37,85,981 was spent on operations of the school and Rs. 28,63,029 has been spent on land and buildings. Southern Asia Division commends Dr Jacob and Mr Ravi G for their dedicated service rendered to the needy students.



Ravi Gnanakkan
Director,
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Daphne Das

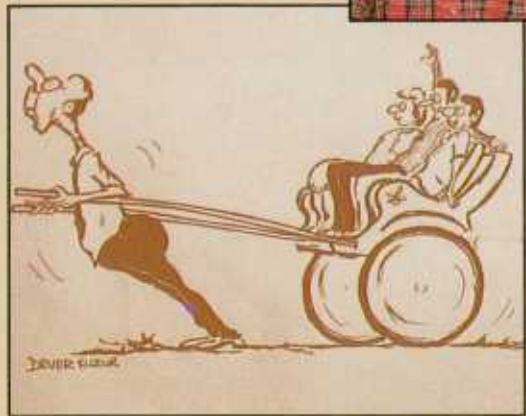
**Images
1893 - 1993**

Images 1893 - 1993 Church in Southern Asia "The book Images I is a achievement as it reflects places, personalities and have shaped the work in Division from 1893 to 1993. The captions are precise, meaningful, and as we roll on the pages to see the clear, beautiful pictures, the progress of the work has been portrayed to the public. It also projects a collective cause in the development of God's work in the Adventist Arena." **Daphne Das, Headmistress, SDA School, Mysore.**



Dever Kujur is a freelance artist who runs his own private studio in New Delhi. His work involves cartooning, illustration, advertising, graphic design, sign writing, painting, product design, and automotive design. During his career he has received many awards. The highest award was from the "Hindustan Times".

The All India Annual Art Competition, 1988, New Delhi, in which he won two prizes in cartoon competition. The other awards were from Shri Ram College of Commerce, Hindu College, Delhi University, and from the All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS) in the Chetna Festival. He has many years of experiences in the field of Art. In 1990



GC Indianapolis, one of his illustrations was displayed in the booth of Health Department, G C. Recently during his visit to Australia he painted Bible pictures for the Ministry. He firmly believes one of the best ways to witness for the Lord is through art. He hopes many Adventist young people would discover their talents and use them to God's glory.

Ms Grace Harris

Ms Grace Harris is one of our faithful members of Salisbury Memorial Church. She has been actively involved in establishing Branch Sabbath School in the outskirts of Pune. Mayor Bhagat Savant felicitated Grace Harris for her meritorious service rendered to the community. We praised God for her unselfish service.



N A Fernandez

Fernandez has rendered 55 years of active service to this church. He is a retired L E from South India Union. At present he is the Vice-president for a council for the Nursery & Primary English School in Trichy District. He is also the Chairman for the By-Law Committee. He has been working as an Election officer for the Tamil Nadu Government. We commend his service rendered to the church and society at large.



**True Story of the
Loving
God**



The SDA marvelous the events, issues that Southern Asia

1993. The captions are

The True Story of the Loving God, is a book written by Dr. Shanmuganathan, addressing the Hindus in India.

**Adventist writer
contributes to :**

**Malaimurasu
Tamil Daily**

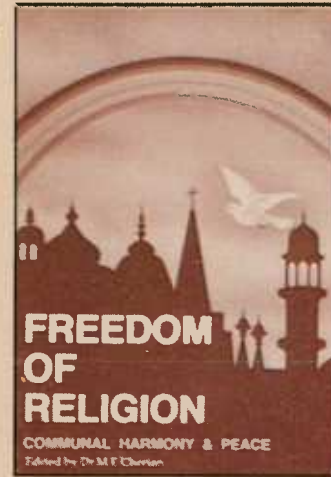
**The freedom
of religion**



**Johnson
Christian**

Johnson Christian, a former worker of the Southern Asia Division. He regularly conducts Educational workshops in our schools.

Prabakar Samuel is one of our workers in South India. He regularly contributes to one of the popular Tamil Daily, Malaimurasu. Prabakar writes about the end- time prophecy and makes comparisons to the Hindu Scriptures as points of commonality. One such article that attracted much attention was a comparison of Daniel Chapter II with the dispensation (Yugas) and it is interesting to note that people are interested to see the end of time as the end to sin. We appreciate the willingness and the courage of Prabakar to share the good news in the secular press.



The freedom of religion is a compilation of papers presented in the IRLA Seminar held in Delhi. This book was edited by M E Cherian



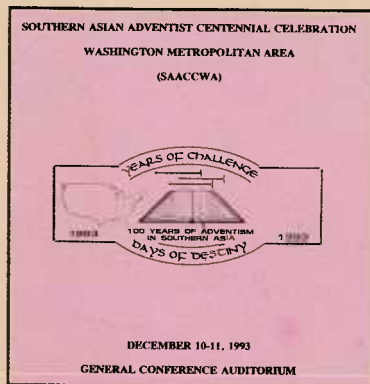
**Manzoor R,
Massey**

conducts Health Seminar in India. His service has been greatly appreciated.

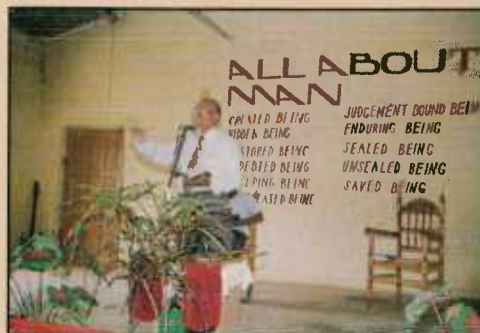
D Balraj's Agathiar Arai Kural



D Balraj, one of our retired workers, in SIU has written a book in Tamil entitled Agathiar Arai Kural. This book has captured the imagination of the Tamil speaking people. Agathiar was one of the converts of St. Thomas who came to Tamil Nadu to spread gospel in A.D. 52. He wrote many poems and later summarized the cardinal doctrine of the Bible in 30 poems. He had boldly stated the names of the false gods, goddesses, poets and puranas. D Balraj has not only compiled the poems together but explained the concepts of salvation to the Hindi mind. The Bible Society of India has also printed his compilation from the New Testament.



The Southern Asia Community in Washington celebrated the Centenary year of the church, December 10-11, 1993. The chief organizers are: Michael Israel, Edwin Joseph, Benoy Pandit, Jayaraj Sathyasheelappa, Edna Venkatraj, Lalamama Sailo, Sujjan John, Ravi Narasiah, Maxwell Paul, Y Rathan Raj, Franklin K, Franklin David, Vijayan Charles, Madhukar Ohal, Ella May Stone Burner. SAAA & AFI & SA Church were the organizations that were actively involved in the planning and execution of this meaningful event for the Southern Asia Division Church. A special booklet was released on the occasion entitled SAACAWA.



P N Bazroy

Pastor P N Bazroy has been one of the most profound Bible scholar and dynamic evangelical preacher, both in English and in Hindi, in North India. After retirement from

service in 1987, he has settled down in Khunti, near the SDA school campus. As an elder of the church, he spends his time providing guidance and nurtures the growing church members. He also translates many English religious literature into Hindi, especially the Sabbath School Quarterlies. His family vigorously support the church, through their tithes, offerings, donations, and active participation.

LIMELIGHT

Two Blind Members from Pondicherry

North Tamil conference is blessed with two blind church members in Pondicherry. They rendered special songs during the Inauguration of the North Tamil conference session. They sang songs of praise in Tamil. *Left to right:* Gnanamani and Arulmani.



First Indian Missionary to NAD

Dr John M Fowler.

He is the first missionary from India to North American Division. He worked in Southern Asia in various capacities including being the Editor-in-Chief of the Oriental Watchman Publishing House, Division Educational Director and as an Associate Secretary. He is also a popular and most wanted speaker in many parts of the world. We are grateful to God for his service rendered to the World Church. At present he is the Associate Editor for the Ministry Magazine.



Y James

was one of the outstanding L E in South India Union. His life of dedicated service will be remembered for a long time.



David Chitate.

He is a former student of Spicer Memorial College. He is currently working as a Voluntary Director of a Community Project. He is actively engaged in the prevention of AIDS. At present he is carrying out his doctoral research on Management of AIDS and Disasters. The research compares Asian and African Countries. He is developing a Model Programme for AIDS Prevention from the perspective of developing countries. ADRA plans to use the material for wider circulation.



Tashi Tshering,

Despatch Section, Bhutan. He is one of our faithful members in Bhutan.



Dr Justus Devadas

"The University of Pune awarded a Ph D degree to Mr Justus Devadas, on March 8, 1994 for his thesis "A Historical Analysis of the Ethnic Crisis in Sri Lanka."



Arthur and Maud Spalding Award given to Margaret Nathaniel

It was recognition well-deserved for one who has been involved in the Home and Family ministry for many years. Mrs Margaret Nathaniel, the Church Ministries associate who heads the Home and Family department in the Southern Asia Division, was awarded the Arthur and Maud Spalding Award for her distinguished record of service to the cause of Families. Elder Ron Flowers, Church Ministries Director of the General Conference, and his wife, Karen, an associate Director in the Department, handed over the distinguished award to Mrs Nathaniel in the presence of a large gathering at Salisbury Park, Pune, before the Divine Service on Sabbath, February 26, 1994.

L C Cooper

He was the former secretary of the division. He worked in various capacities. An individual committed to hard work in the Lord's cause, Pastor Cooper played an important role in organizing the Annual Council held at Bangalore from October 1-5, 1993. At that time the Division also celebrated the centenary of Adventist presence in Southern Asia. It was hectic work for him. As Secretary of the Committee, Cooper proved to be efficient and reliable in discharging the various responsibilities related to the office. Mrs Rae Cooper was also



a member of the Division staff. Her contribution to the lives of the women and the children merits a separate write-up.

The Coopers are blessed with two children, Jondell, a graduate in Psychology and Todd. Both of them have completed pre-medical requirements and are expecting to join medical school.

Pastor Cooper, played a key role in formulating development-oriented programmes such as the **Church Growth Index** and the **Comprehensive Stewardship Plan**, which were designed specifically for Southern Asia and aimed at furthering church growth.

Indian sculptor, Ezra David



P V Prasad

Nuzvid School Principal, Mr P V Prasad, receives the Best Educator award from Shri K Jana Reddy, A.P. Agriculture Minister.



Indian sculptor Ezra David, an active layman and a prolific artist, sculpted the bust of Neal C Wilson, former G C President.

Edwin Skau

works as a Sub-Editor for Maharashtra Herald. We appreciate his service rendered to the secular Press. He also assisted in the Book, IMAGES I. We thank him for it.



Eleazer Paul Sathiaraj

A medical student, Kasturba Medical College, Manipal, has learnt to memorize and recite large portions of the Holy Bible. He explains that he performed much better at his studies as he memorized whole chapters and books of the Bible.

P a r m a h a m s a award given to M D Joseph

Home Minister S B Chavan conferring the Parmahamsa award to M D Joseph, who stood first in his University M A results.



L I M E L I G H T

E V Samuel, worked as a Pastor for many years in South India Union.



Merlin Thomas, outstanding nursing student, Surat Nursing School.

Savita Somani, outstanding nursing student, Surat Nursing School.



Manmaya Manger, outstanding nursing student, Surat Nursing School.

Renola D Borge, outstanding student .



S. Vedanayagam, was one of the outstanding workers in South India Union.

Samuel Gill

Samuel Gill is one of the outstanding LE in Northern India Union. He is a very Successful soul winner. He has been selected to attend the G C session in Netherlands.

Ben Pakyaraj

Ben Pakkiraj is one of the outstanding LE in South India Union. Recently he was elected as a President of Y M C A. He is also the chairman of building Committee. This is a great honour for Publishing Department. He is also selected to attend the G C Session.

Davis Massey

Davis Massey is one of the outstanding LE in Southern Asia Division. He is known for his sales. He has sold truth-filled literature for over one million during this four year period.

Some NRI's & Former Missionaries who have contributed to SUD

L C Charles	P R Solomon	Sharad S Pandit	A J Johanson	Mrs D P David
Madhukar Ohal	Mrs O W Lang	Dr Philip Nathaniel	F Martin Ytreberg	Crawford
Vijayan Charles	Osuri Israel	Ms Ella May	W C Machett	C K John
Franklin David	Eric Khandagle	Stoneburner	E A Hetke	W A Benwell
Colonel Singh	G P Raja Dass	D R Bankheads	William McHenry	Dr Jaganalt Roa
I R Thomas	E N Chand	E S Sudharshanam	I E Grice	C H Burger
Manzoor Massey	Bernard Lall	S Matthews	Manners Hillock	John Wycliffe
I K Moses	S Chand	Chedalawada	Mrs Collet	Meister
Johnson Christian	Eddy Streeter	Williams	D H Skau	G D Werner
S John	Justin Singh	William B Singh	A W Matteson	Dr R Down
Moses Christian	W H Mattison	Mathi William	W F Zill	Dr Cathy
P K Peterson	K S D Charles	C M Frank	Davis Thomas	Puroshtham
Pramodh Gaikwad	D R Watts	E N Simon	Pr & Mrs Willis	Small Dr Johanas
M D Moses	William Johnson	R D Riches	Smith Dr Ninan	L J Larson
Mrs C K John	I D Higgins	Bob Shepherd	George Abraham	T R Torkerson
R N Baird	K Gopala Rao	H D Erickson	R L Rowe	
John Fowler	P K Simpson	Hebsi Singh	Dr Buxton	
John Wilmott	Sadanala Joseph	R E Rice	Dr Jacob	
W G Maywald	O Israel	L C Cooper	Dr J B Oliver	

K K Varghese

K K Varghese has rendered 44 years of service to the Publishing House. His sense of duty and his commitment to the printed page is noteworthy. We salute this great stalwart for his meritorious service rendered to the church.

Robin Tribhuvan

He is a member of the Salisbury Memorial Church. He has successfully completed his doctoral thesis in the field of Anthropology.

John Willmott

John Willmott is one of the outstanding evangelist in Southern Asia Division. He has conducted many evangelistic campaigns throughout the Division. He is a successful soul winner. He has worked as the Union President in both North and South India Union. In 1993, he was appointed by the GC to work in South Africa as an evangelist. He caters to the spiritual needs of the Indian community in South Africa.



K J Sundara Rao

He began his work in 1954 as a Telugu compositor. In 1966, he entered the Graphic Art Department and worked there as a worker, assistant foreman and foreman. In 1982 he became the Foreman of the Graphic Art Department. In 1985 he was appointed as the assistant Factory Superintendent. He worked in this capacity for 5 years. In 1989 he was appointed as the Factory Superintendent. He had the opportunity to visit and be trained in Prasad Process, Madras. He has rendered 40 years of service to the Publishing House. We commend him for his meritorious service.



Chandrika

Chandrika, a lay member of the parassala SDA church, has organised an orchestra for witnessing through music & song.



A Special Award was presented to the Mizo Conference in recognition of their outstanding achievement in becoming the first section in the division to attain self reliance. M E Cheriau presents the award to the President and Secretary of the conference, L Colney and L K Hluna

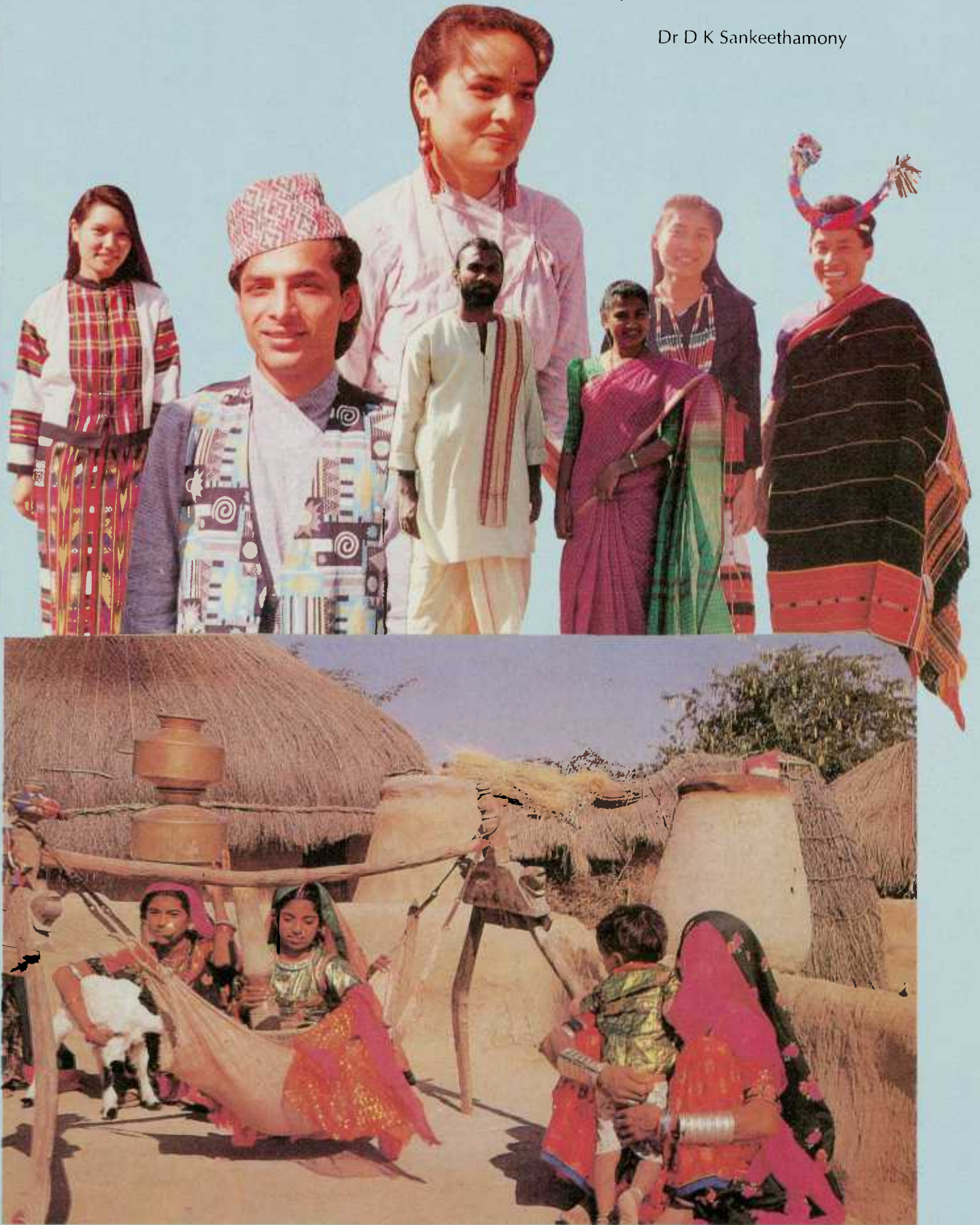
Mathi Samuel Prasada Rao, a doyen among national church leaders passed away on July 2, 1994, in Santa Cruz, California, USA. He was 89.



LIMELIGHT

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but scarcely discerning the realities of Asia.*

Dr D K Sankeethamony



A THEOLOGICAL CHAPTER:

BEYOND THE BULLOCK - CART

by Dr D K Sankeethamony

Late Dr Brian de Alwis, theological world-view influenced my concept of an Indigenous Adventist Theology and my own need for a genuine Indian Adventist Theology. Brian was in a hurry to formulate a "praying, meditative, doing" theology in Southern Asia. He felt that something radical had to be done in the Indian church! His burden was that the manner in which the Gospel should be presented in India needed to be different from the way in which it is disseminated in other parts of the world. After all, our problems are different! His vision to promote an Indigenous theology through publications which eventually came to be known as "The Bullock-cart Theology Series." The recent issue (Series - 9) carries an article entitled "The Role of Women in Seventh-day Adventist Church in India," written by Dr Prema Gaikwad reflects this burden.

Out of the total population of almost 915 million people in India, about 460 million are considered to be poor people. Out of these 460 million, almost 60-70 million are considered people who cannot be employed but who are in need of some social security. It means that the rest of the 460 million people, living at various levels of poverty, need to have employment opportunities for earning income to meet the minimum requirements for survival. The increase in India's population is mind boggling. "Every sixth person on the globe is an Indian." I believe that unless the Adventist message is understood and interpreted in the context of the sufferings and afflictions of the vast millions of the Indian masses, it will not have any meaning in our country's setting.

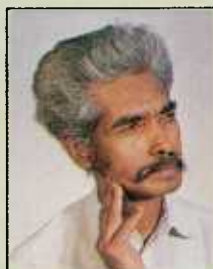
"The symbol of the bullock-cart, so typical of the South Asian scene, is intended to be a call to "do" theology and not merely "import" it. A bullock-cart with only one wheel turning merely goes round in circles. A theology to be truly Asian must be developed in accordance with the particular nurture Asian soil has to offer, and to be truly Adventist it must identify with the transcultural core which constitutes the distinct Adventist message.

For centuries Christian theology has suffered from myopia, focusing intently on Western history and culture but scarcely discerning the realities of Asia. Bullock-cart Theology Series is a compelling effort to restore the Church's vision and to heighten its awareness of the people of God in this vast and teeming region. Thus it becomes a source-booklet as well as a guide for those who wish to explore the new and vibrant theologies.

A living theology must speak to the actual questions people in India are asking in the midst of their dilemmas; their hopes, aspirations, and achievements; their doubts, despair, and suffering. It must also speak in relation to the answers that are being given by Indian religions and philosophies, both in their classical forms and in new forms created by the impact on them by western thought, secularism, and science. Adventist theology will fulfill its task in Southern Asia only as 1000 Adventist churches, as servants of God's word and Revelation in Jesus Christ, speak to the Southern Asia situation.

Theology is a living thing and has to do with our very existence as human beings in a particular situation and therefore must be related to the traditional beliefs, classical expressions of faith and cultural forms. Theology is not an intellectual activity that takes place in the seclusion of a class-room, but a human activity that takes place in a culture; it is not a theoretical science with a fixed structure of thought applicable to all times and all places, but one that is dynamic and mobile and adaptable to changing circumstances. No doubt there are elements of constancy and continuity and an unchanging content in any theology, but the form or the modus undergoes changes in relation to the context. To interpret a text without context is a pretext! Although no theology is derived from the culture alone, it does take form and is shaped in the particular situation or context. Authentic, living theology arises from an interplay between the

"logos" and the culture in which it seeks to express itself. The theologian being part of the culture himself, cannot but speak from its context and in its terms. Hence, I believe the need for restating Adventist theology in relation to the faiths and



D K Sankeethamony

Dr Sankeethamony is the professor in Religion and he has also worked in the E G White Estate for some time. He is deeply concerned about contextualizing the gospel.

In his article, A Theological chapter: Beyond the Bullock Cart, he argues that there are contextual compulsions that need to be addressed by Christian theologians.

ideologies in Southern Asia is a "must." We have an imparted theology that does not make much sense in the context in which we are living in India.

In 1881 the Lord's Messenger, Ellen G White wrote: "In reviewing our past history, having traveled over every step of advance to our present standing, I can say, Praise God! As I see what the Lord has wrought, I am filled into astonishment, and with confidence in Christ as leader. We have nothing to fear for us, and His teaching in our past history." [Ellen G White, Life sketches (Mountain View, California: Pacific Press Publishing Association, 1943), pg. 196]. Let us build the fundamentals of Adventist Indian theology in relation to the Indian thought. We need to create new concepts on both old and new material that will help to fulfill the mandate implied in her famous statement made by the supreme mystic Ellen G White; heighten the

motivation to "finish the work" assigned to the Southern Asia SDA Church; deepen personal appreciation for and response to Christ's sacrificial and priestly ministry in our behalf.

There is beyond in the Bullock-cart theology; there is beyond in science; there is beyond in reason; an ever receding something beyond the grasp of the mind--the inexplicable, mysterious--what the Indians have auyakata. These point to an ultimate beyond which gives meaning to the proximate beyond--the experience of transcendence in everyday life. Even after a hearty meal in a classless, casteless society there will still be a hunger for something MORE--for the BEYOND. Indeed we can only speak of God, who is BEYOND us, by what is called 'analogy' (comparison) derived from our own anubhava, experience. In this sense, Bullock-cart theology is striving to become the experiential theology in the Southern Asian context.

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P.R. Solomon

ASHRAM

A CONTEXTUALIZED
MODEL FOR DISCIPLING
THE HINDUS OF TAMIL NADU
by Poovelingam R Solomon

For the past four hundred years Christian missionaries tried various methods to reach the Hindus, but with little success. 82.64 percent of Indians still remain as Hindus while only 2.43 percent adhere to Christianity. Discipline Hindus still remains as a great challenge to the Church in India. The institutional approach and the social gospel approach of the missionary endeavors have brought only nominal converts from low caste population who follow animism or popular Hinduism. Therefore, the Church in India is confronted with the problem of reaching the Hindus with a suitable approach.

Advantages :

- Ashram approaches the Hindus at their deeper spiritual level of need.
- It is an indigenous entity, not a foreign institution like the church which is Western.
- It is concerned with discipleship, not with proselytism.
- It is not carried out by paid workers, but by volunteers who serve with the sense of divine call.
- Personal accountability to God is the motivating factor for the volunteers, not the statistics and reports.
- Ashram is free to develop programs to meet the local needs from grassroots level, and it is not obligated to implement programs imported from abroad.

I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE

by Nishikant Borge

*Medley of races trod for ages
Unheeding the guidance of sages
smeared the way with human fight
Lost the vision of Divine light
Unable to behold the way-the Christ.*

*In its desire for unity
Mankind divided over uniformity,
From cosmos to chaos to darkness
Goes human quest in blindness
Unable to perceive the Truth-the Christ.
Sapped of its life, the feeble Earth
At loss to sustain life and mirth
The once-upon-a-time blessedness
Lay reduced to a vast wilderness
Waiting to receive the Life-the Christ.*

*Listen to the Voice of the Wind.
Beckoning man his ways to rescind.
Gently blowing away, to man's great delight
Fog that blinds human sight.
And behold the way-the Christ.*

*Drawn are we then in brotherhood
When caught up by Divine Fatherhood.
Open to light that pierces gloom
And saves humanity from eternal doom
Present again the Truth-the Christ.*

*Mother Earth with open arms
Sends from her bosom healing balms
And Father has soiled His hands again
For man, the lost paradise, to regain.
And forever have the Life-the Christ.*

On Irrelevance Of Traditional Religion

Religion has been, to a very large extent, institutionalized. We have even conceptualized our beliefs in God and absolutised them. This has hindered our progress as humans towards the Divine. This progress of the human is within the context of the Cosmos (the world). Now the world implies all the aspects religious and secular. There seems to be a polarization of the religious and secular world. Religion continues to cling on to the old concepts while secular world has progressed. Old traditional religious concepts cannot contain and solve the problems the human faces in secular world. It's like pouring new wine in old wineskin. Hence the irrelevance of traditional religion.

Religion must be reformed to contain and sustain the situation of the progressing secular world. We must seek the solution, as Christians, in the mystery called Christ. Christ does not belong to the Christians but all mankind belongs to Christ. This understanding will fulfill the universal demands of Christianity.



Nishikant Borge is a professor in the department of Religion. He has completed his Masters in Theology at the Papal Seminary, Pune. He teaches Religious Philosophy and Biblical Languages. He wishes that the West gives an empathetic hearing to Eastern Theologians.



David N Sen
 D. Sc.(Czech)
 Professor & Head.
 Laboratory of Plant
 Ecology- Department of
 Botany, Jodhpur University.



Dr V Chellathurai is one of our outstanding Adventist Scientist in India. He completed his doctorate in the Department of Mathematics in 1992.

He taught in Spicer for a few years but now works as a Coordinator, Core Programmes, Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics, in Pune. He has participated actively in the organizing of the 12th Indian Association for General Relativity and Gravitation meeting held in Pune, 1983. He is also involved in making various proposals for Astronomy & Astrophysics Centre. He is a member of many professional bodies including the Indian Association for Relativity and Gravity. His doctorate thesis deals with the effective gravitational charge closely related quantity to energy. The basic difficulty in defining mass-energy in an unambiguous way arises in general theory of relativity because Einstein Field Equations, the energy momentum tensor T_{ij} refers to the energy of metal field only and not to the energy of gravitational waves and gravitational character; it is therefore understandable that any attempt to localize the gravitation energy will always be adequate and efficient. This is basically the focus of the Ph D Thesis. He also deals with blackholes in the Einstein universe and in a magnetic field. We are proud to have a scientist of such stature in Southern Asia.



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Dr Shanmuganathan

THE NEO - SCIENCE

by Dr Shanmuganathan

What is the relationship between Science and Religion? Three most popular views are suggested.

❑ *Science and Religion are opposed to each other. Science is right. Religion is wrong.*

❑ *Both Science and Religion have their places. But both must be kept separate from each other.*

❑ *When properly looked at, there can be harmony between science and religion.*

But what is the view of SDA Church in this regard?

Of the above three views the third comes close to the SDA view, but not close enough. Mrs White often mentions about 'The Science of Salvation.' In this science of salvation, we do not talk so much about 'harmony' as 'complete' merging of science and religion. Such complete merging is possible if and only science and the religion is true religion. The fact that the conventional sciences and the conventional religions do not merge so well is simply indicative of two great truths.

❑ *The conventional science is not the true science. At best, it is only an approximation or a special case of the true science.*

❑ *The conventional religion (including the traditional Christianities) is not the true religion. At best, it is only a distortion or a perversion of the true religion.*

The point overlooked is this: One's concept of what science is nothing but part of his religious belief. And one's religious beliefs have either a liberating or an enslaving influence on his science. Today's physics is hampered and embarrassed by the so-called uncertainty principle and the EPR problem. Today's mathematicians are disconcerted by the Godel's theorem of incompleteness of mathematical systems.

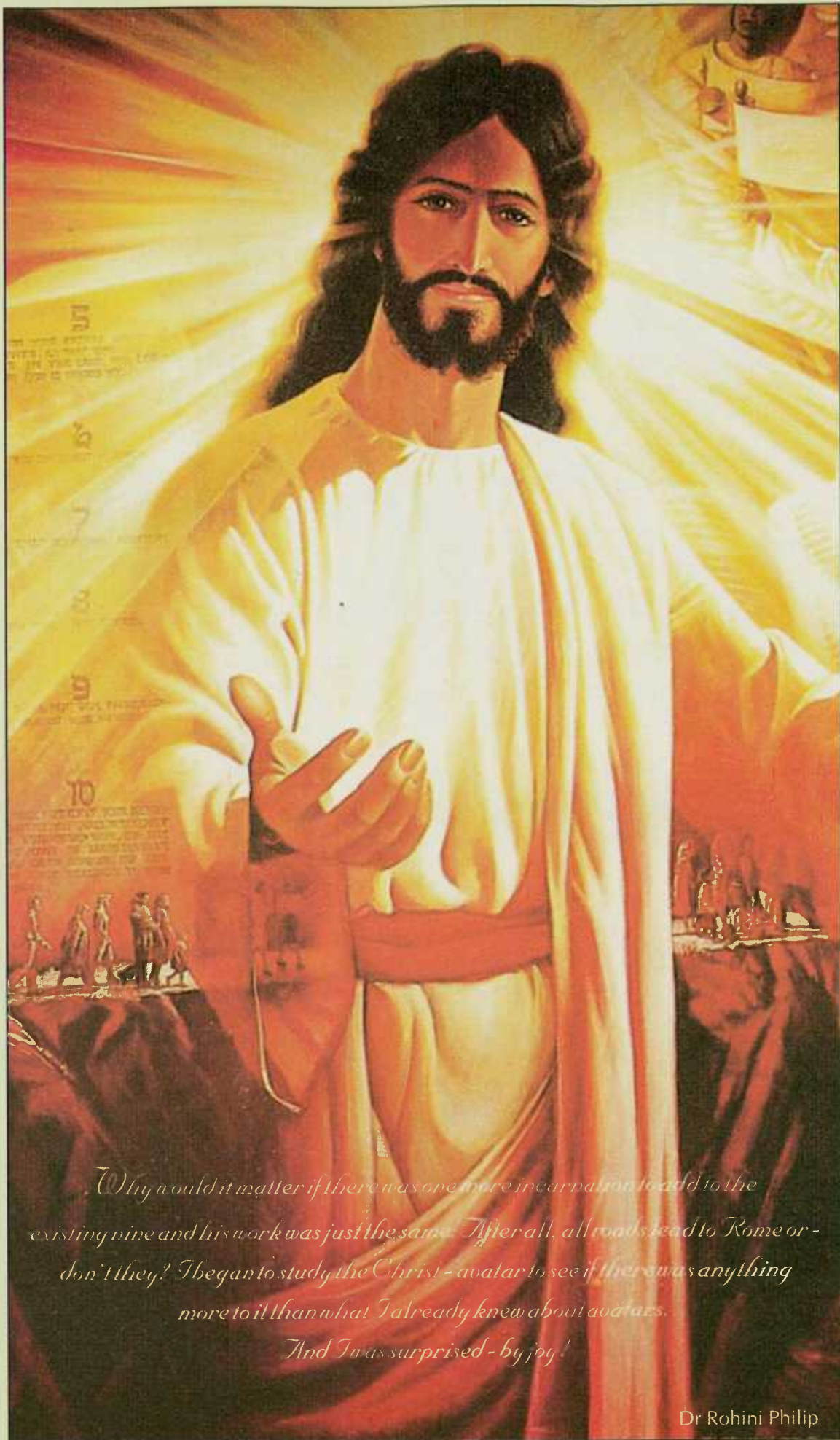


Dr Shanmuganathan

Dr. Shanmuganathan is one of our outstanding lay-man in Southern Asia. He teaches Physics at the American College, Madurai. He Completed his Ph.D. in Physics From the Oregon graduate Institute For Science & Technology. He is also a member of the Division Committee, representing South India Union. In his article entitled Neo-Science, he has suggested that science and religion when properly looked at are harmonious.

The science of salvation as envisioned by Mrs White is the true science. This science deals not only with things but also with persons. This science deals not only with the supposedly objective things like mass, length etc, but also with the supposedly subjective things like purposes and motives. The laws in this science not only have the attributes like continuity, consistency, symmetry etc., but also have attributes like kindness, honesty, justice etc. This science makes explicit demands not only on one's intellect and logical reasoning but also on one's emotion and moral reasoning. This science is more general, much broader and includes all the conventional sciences. This is both a truly religious science and a truly scientific religion. This science is not only for the scientists but also for the common man. This religion is not only for the common man but also for the scientists.

A vision of the above kind of true religion is the same as true science is available in the SDA Church though most SDA Church members are not aware of it. The church has an obligation to share this vision. A new book entitled "The Story Theory of Humanity," is a humble attempt to explain the basis of Neo-Science. This book will become available by the end of the first quarter of 1995.



Why would it matter if there was one more incarnation to add to the existing nine and his work was just the same. After all, all roads lead to Rome or - don't they? I began to study the Christ - avatar to see if there was anything more to it than what I already knew about avatars.

And I was surprised - by joy!

ONE AMONG MANY?

by Dr Rohini Philip

"And whenever evil rises, I will be incarnated to destroy evil." Krishna, the avatar of Vishnu the "Preserver" part of the Hindu trinity announces this as the basic reason for the whole concept of avatar. The word avatar is translated loosely into English as "incarnation."

Coming from a background of Hindu philosophy, the concept of avatar formed a dominant theme, in my pattern of thinking. The acceptance of a Bible-based avatar had to be examined and cross-examined before faith became a reason-based experience.

Come into my shoes and think along with me. An avatar in Hindu philosophy, whatever its name, always had the fullness of the deity in itself. Omnipotence, Omniscience and Omnipresence and an indestructible quality of life was present from its inception. The external form of body, mind, ego and desires were only illusory. The God remained God - with only an external form of a species! To use Biblical language, God put on the form of! The reason for the avatar were 2-fold

- ❑ To save that which was good
- ❑ To destroy that which was evil.

This activity according to the Vedas, is an eternal activity since the concept of ongoing life is cyclical and repetitive in nature. From all this to an move on to the one and only avatar in Bible based Christianity, has been an adventure in personal awareness and faith.

What does the Christ-avatar look like on the Indian Road? One base platform unites. He is God residing in human form. Yes? or No? Adventism in India seems to be silent on this issue. Why

would it matter if there was one more incarnation to add to the existing nine and his work was just the same. After all, all roads lead to Rome or - don't they? I began to study the Christ - avatar to see if there was anything more to it than what I already knew about avatars. And I was surprised - by joy!

"And the word was made flesh." What does the word `flesh' mean. Just the external form? Just the physiological reaction to use his Divine attributes and none of the emotional upheavals of wanting my own (will). Jesus the will of God became. He had no pull from his human nature? And what kind of human nature-pre-Adamic, post-Adamic? The more I read the more the two sides seem to balance out. He could have had the sinless nature of Adam before the fall or the nature of Adam after the fall. [Forget it, I told myself. Wiser guys than you have been studying this topic and have been content to leave the two divergent views carefully canned in theological semantics.

The Bible states in Romans 8:3 that Jesus came in the "Likeness of sinful flesh." One piece of the puzzle emerged from that little gem of inspired writing `Steps to Christ' - "The greatest battle ever fought is the battle against self." Now is `self' a part of sinful nature or pre-fall sinless nature? What is self? I heard an echo from the Garden of Gethsamane "Not my will but thy will be done." The self - self-will - the foundation for the existence of sin. Jesus had it just like I have it. Hooray. [But - isn't that heresy]. So a small diagram, to explain it to myself

A small diagram would be helpful:
But now Jesus cannot be my example because he has two natures and one Divine Nature has no habit or urge or



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Jesus			
Mother	Father	Mary	Holy Spirit
Sinful Nature	Sinful Nature	Sinful Nature	Divine Nature
Sinful nature		Divine nature - Fully God Sinful nature - Fully Man	

propensity for sin. And he can choose between two wills. I am stuck with one only BUT not forever. Enter the Holy Spirit into the diagram.

Now according to Romans 8:14-16, I too now am complete in Jesus and have an urge to please God and not myself.

[No propensity here too, but certainly a memory

Mother	Father
Divine nature	I Holy Spirit working on me
Sinful nature.	I accept this work and I am born again of the Spirit.

bank of past sins that was against the Spirit-controlled nature.]

So now I begin to understand. He had a massive agenda. It shows me that through the work of the Holy Spirit sin is a dispensable thought. He makes me like Himself in his incarnate state - born of the Holy Spirit having a dueling dual nature and yet with the total possibility of having no sin - if I choose to say along with Him, "Not my will but your will be throughout my life. I am Holy and Sanctified daily.

But how can God allow this when I have already sinned? Ah, the avatar provides a solution for that too. He takes my sin-load and its sidekicks of shame, guilt, inadequacy etc., and pays the price in pain that I will not and need not experience - ever! This avatar is different. He has come to save that world which is bad, ugly, evil - all who sense the inner lostness and fragmentation - all who know themselves as sinners - and I am one of them.

One lurking question - If Christ came

in sinful nature wouldn't he need a Saviour too? I look at that cross on calvary and see a tremendous answer that shatters the darkness. My sinful nature cannot be redeemed or saved. It is an intruder in the holistic creation that is God's plan for every human being. Death is the corporate death of the sinful nature of every person. It is finished!

Christ came to save the sinner but not the sinful nature. In the death of the sinful nature of the Christ-avatar, is the death of the sinful nature of every person. As the apostle Paul says we believe that if one died then all died. Over the years, what began as a comparative study turned into an assurance from God looking at me personally in my daily fight against my self-centered existence. Becoming part of it only to show me how never to be a part of it. To be in human nature and yet be alive is only of the divine nature that is mine through the Holy Spirit. To be always in the world and yet never of it.

Institutional preferences



STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

by SAM CHARLES

The analysis of data understudy has been based on the report presented by the division treasurer. It is an overview of the salient features of factors and figures that are relevant to our organizational growth and development.

The growth of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Southern Asia, that is, mainly in India can be viewed from 1980 to 1993. This period covers four years: 1990 - 1994. The average Baptism per term for Southern Asia as a whole and for each Union separately, was compiled. The details, of the average baptism per term is as shown below.

UNION	1980-84	1985-89	1990-93	1990-94 Project
SAD	10,471	8,920	10,327	10,752
CIU	4,228	3,883	4,282	4,556
NEIU	657	1,135	136	1,342
NIU	1,546	1,001	1,581	1,746
SIU	4,040	2,901	3,149	3,109

Baptism have been an average of 10,253 per term. During these terms, baptism have dropped in the South India Union, other Unions have shown a steady growth.

During the years, 1988-90 the average baptism went down to 7,556. From the year 1991 there has been a steady increase from 7,737 in 1990 to 13,345 in 1993 to give an average of 11,190 per year. This shows a better baptismal performance during the term 1991-94. This trend is seen in all Unions and Sections.

The highest baptism during any given year was from the Central India Union in 1993 with 6,627. Among the section, North Andhra Section had 3,018 baptisms.

OBSERVATIONS

1. A large percentage of baptisms were recorded towards the end of the quinquennium.

MEMBERSHIP

The total membership of SDA at the end of the Second Quarter of 1994 was 207,983. There has been a substantial growth from 91,721 in 1980, the membership increasing by 226.76%. The increase in membership for each of the term from 1980 to 1994 is as shown below.

UNION	1980-84	1985-89	1990-94
SAD	34,546	38,794	42,921
CIU	16,312	17,445	5,778
NEIU	2,951	5,059	5,128
NIU	5,429	2,822	5,128
SIU	9,854	13,469	2,453

OBSERVATIONS

□ Drop in membership from 21,229 in 1987 to 18,633 in 1989 in North India Union.

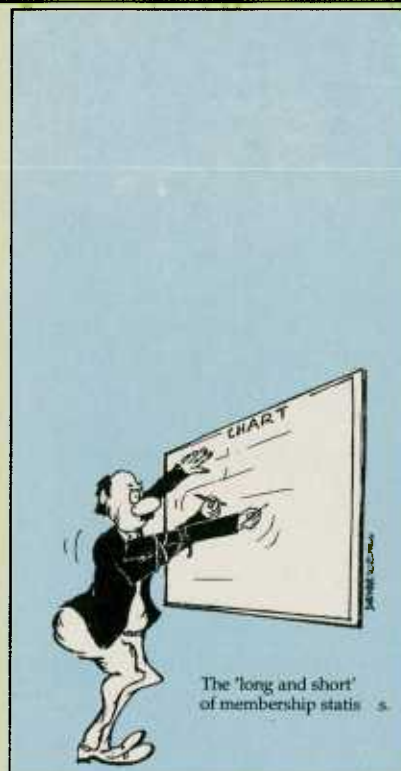
□ Drop in membership from 5402 in 1988 to 2,135 in 1990.

The Sections Percentage Growth

Sec.	Percent Growth	Sec.	Percent Growth	Sec.	Percent Growth
MS	184.27%	MS	141.63%	VGS	129.75%
NAS	275.56%	MC	224.14%	KS	338.02%
SAS	267.36	AR	235.46%	NKS	187.05%
GR	496.11%	EIS	224.98%	SIS	160.78%
OR	438.57%	MBS	284.89%	SKS	124.88%
MMS	181.49%	NIS	268.83%	NTS	184.26%



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SELF-SUPPORT

The Self supporting ability of the Division is measured by the percent self support of each of the individual sections. A study of the self-support status of the section can be viewed as follows.

UNION	1980	1984	1989	1993
CIU	32.55%	48.39%	40.00%	51.66%
NEIU		14.60%	35.66%	36.70%
NIU	25.39	43.16%	36.63%	37.33%
SIU	42.42%	45.26%	25.44%	34.02%

Central India Union has a Self Support percent of 63% in 1983 but came down to 40% in 1989 and is currently 51.66% in 1993. It was not consistent at any period of time nor was there a steady growth consistent over a period of time. Only three Sections, Maharashtra (72.85%), North Andhra Section (53.80%) and South Andhra Section (57.68%) are over 50% self supporting.

The Northeast India Union is 36.70% self supporting- the highest self supporting being 44.31% in 1990. Of the sections, Mizo section with 102.78% is now a conference with the Manipur/ Nagaland section (67.20%) and Meghalaya Section 70%, the other two sections above 50% self supporting.

Northern India Union has a low of (37.33%) self support with a maximum of 43.16% in 1984. Of the sections, East India section was 59.60% self supporting in 1984 but is now only 41.51%. Madhya Bharat section which was 54.09% in 1983 is a very low 25.54% in 1993. The only section that is above 58.89% is the North India section.

The South India Union has a self supporting percentage of 34.02 with a high of 60.82% in 1982. There seems to be a steady decrease in the self-support status of the Union. Of the Section, North Tamil Section is 82.24% in 1985. Karnataka section (60.42%) and North Kerala Section (61.08%) are the other sections above 50% self supporting.

From the year 1980 to 1983 the tithe per capita increased from Rs. 39.75 to Rs. 110.99. From 1980-89 the increase has been minimized. There was a significant increase from 1991 (70.59) to 1993 (110.99) giving an average increase of 14.21. And of 2.41 from 1990-91, 27.57 for 1991-92, and 2.83 from 1992-93. This increase is reflected in the per capita tithe of these Unions CIU (13.66), EIU (16.95), NIU (1.13), SIU (20.79) and has made a conference. Of the others, South Tamil Section is 77.43% with a high of 83.4%.

The Mizo conference has the highest per capita tithe of 324.03 as of 1993.

Per Capita Tithe

Average Increase in Per Capita Tithe

1980-84	1988-89	1990-94
2.668	3.018	14.27

LAY TITHE

SUD Lay-Tithe as of 1993 was Rs. 10,259,861 (\$ 330,962). This is an increase of Rs. 4,537,647 (\$146,376) from 1980 (5,722,214). South India has the highest percentage (42.6%). This amount with NEIU (8.4%) was the lowest. SIU has the highest lay force.

TOTAL TITHE

SUD's total tithe for 1993 was Rs. 22,464,437 (\$724,659). This is an increase of 18,818,592 over 1980 and an increase of 10,806,978 over 1990 per annum.

CIU has an increase of 2.68% during 1990-93. NIU shows a drop in tithe from 1992 to 1993 though the drop is not significant (.03%). NEIU has an increase of 1.96% while SIU has an increase of 2.35% during 1990-93.

There has been a significant increase in the total tithe during 1992 (5,984,111) and 1993 (3,796,007) over the preceding years.

Percentage Increase in Total Tithe

1980-84	1984-89	1989-93
195%	153%	207%

OBSERVATION

Since total tithe is inclusive on worker's tithe, a large increase in total tithe.

The difference between total tithe and lay tithe.

WAGE FACTOR

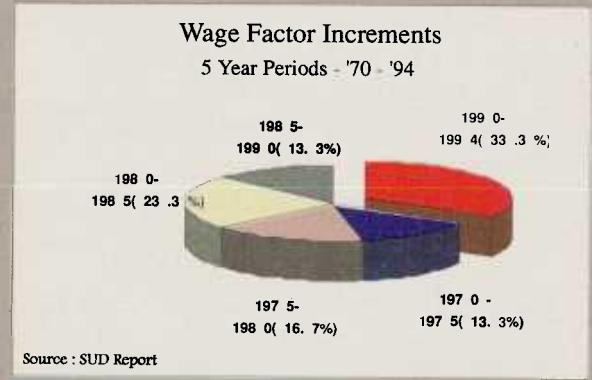
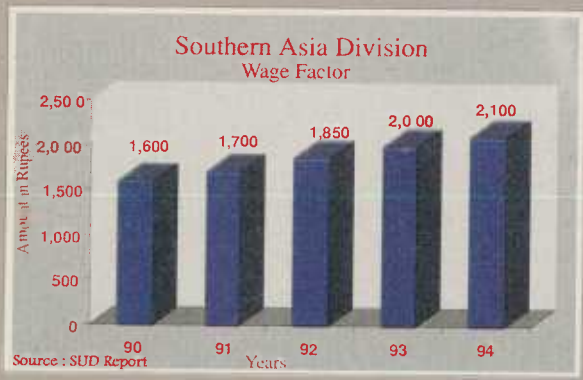
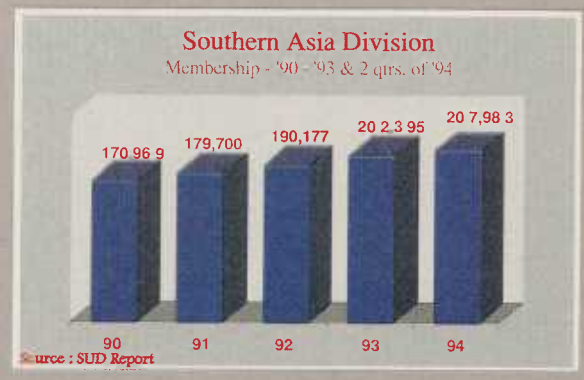
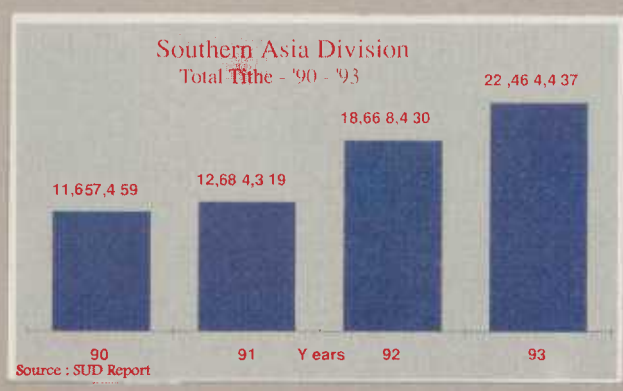
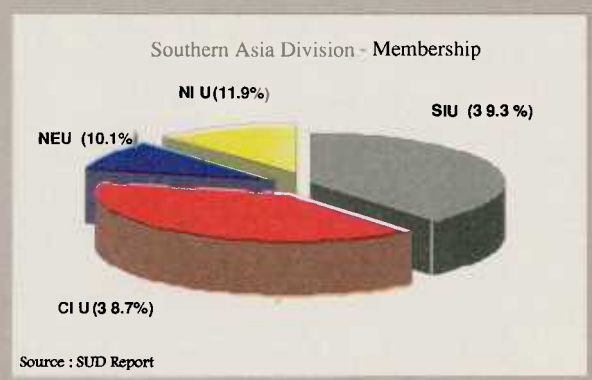
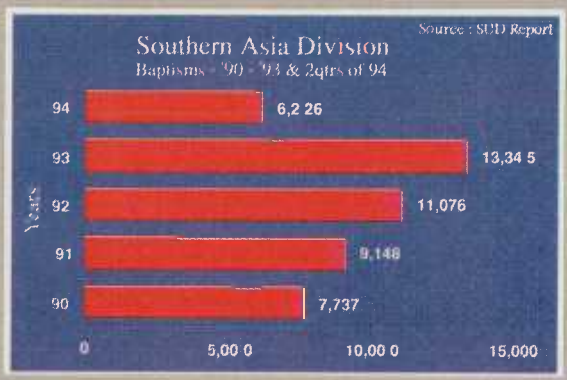
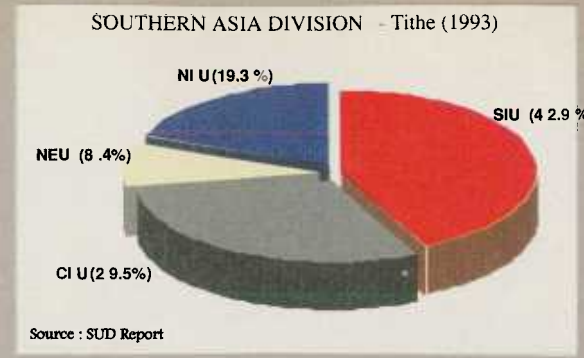
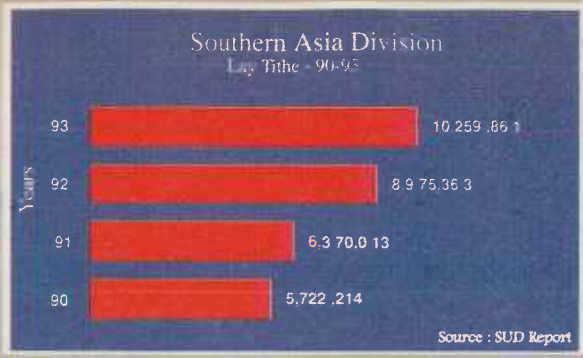
The wage factor has increased from 1000 in 1979 to 2100 in 1994 - an increase of 210%. The table below shows the increase in wage factor per term.

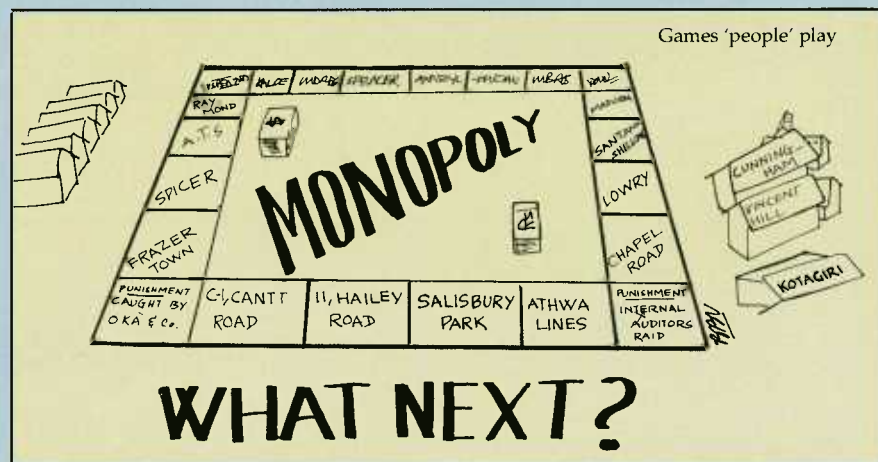
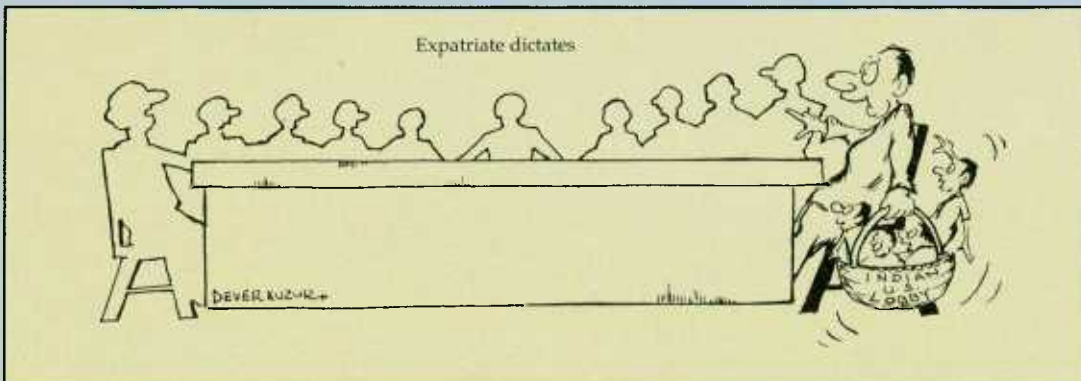
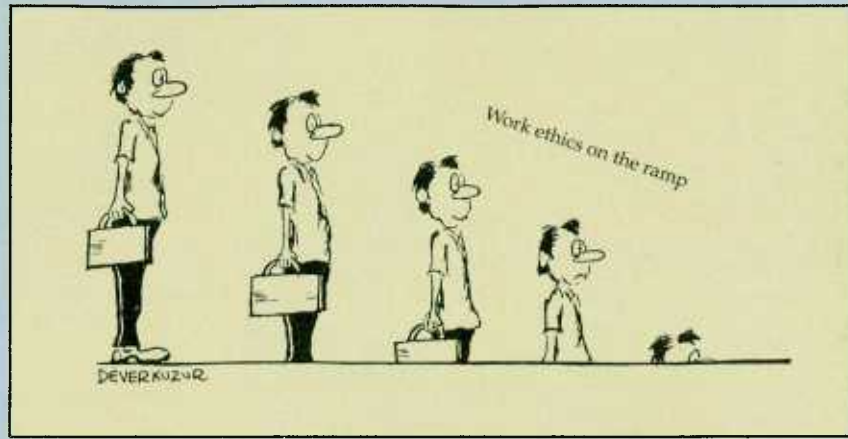
The increase in wage factor during 1980-85 and 1985-90 was constant to 125% while there was an increase of 6% to 131% during 1990-94.

Rupee was devalued in 1991, dollar value doubled.

Inflation was very high during 1990-93.

Year	1980	1985	1990	1993
Lay	1,285,026	3,144,914	5,722,214	10,259,861
Worker's tithe	2,260,821	3,969,458	5,935,245	12,204,576
Total	3,645,847	7,114,372	11,657,459	22,464,437





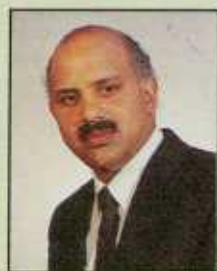
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EAST AND WEST: AN ADVENTIST PERSPECTIVE

by Kenneth Cherian

As the Seventh-day Adventist church starts of on its 2nd century of work in India it should be advised to reflect on the philosopher George Santayana's observation that those ignorant of history are condemned to repeat it. While much of the world in the past two millennia have fallen to Christianity and Islam the Indian heartland has remained staunchly Hindu even while exporting Buddhism to the lands further East. This is remarkable when one considers that Hinduism has spent 800 of the past 1000 years under the tutelage of Muslim and Christian powers.

In a hundred years of considerable expenditure in time and money the Indian SDA church has huffed and puffed its way to a membership of 200,000 in a land of 900 million. This works out to .0023% of the population and rapidly shrinking as the country proliferates at a rate of 20 million additional people each year. So if we have such a powerful message why these dismal numbers? There are typically three ways of looking at this: The first is the approach of the conservatives who see no need or lack the requisite imagination, for change. Their call is for more of the past, a past which has failed. Next is a smaller adapting of church policy and teachings to an Indian way of life. The third approach argues that the very issue is misguided and that numbers shouldn't, in this case, count. I would like to suggest that the first approach has harmed the church; the second is well intentioned but badly thought out and often wrong; the third approach is right but impractical. The answer I believe, lies in probing the genius of Hinduism for answers to its flourishing in India. While the ancient religions of Egypt, Mesopotamia, and Greece have fallen by the way-side, Hinduism a contemporaneous sibling to these early faiths remains vibrant as ever. Is there a key element in Hinduism which accounts for its durability? If the church



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recognizes this element could it repackage its message to the specifications of India, without compromising its faith? I believe that the answer is Yes to both questions.

The issue will become clearer if we try to establish who we are as a group in this vast and diverse land. The church entered India during the British Raj and while this was a coincidence considering the 19th century establishment of the SDA message. It is also true that our church as well as most Christian organizations thrived under the Raj. The Hindu still cannot bring himself to forgive us for this advantage but there is no need for us to be defensive or contrite, it was a historical turn of the dice and for a while it went our way.

This is where the well-intentioned enculturist often errs. Their call to indigenize the church often looks more like an attempt to make amends. We need to change but not for this reason.

Similarly those advocating a de-emphasis of numbers mean well but their call is hopelessly utopian. We are an unbiasedly proselytising organization so that attention to numbers is inevitable.

However it is the approach of the conservatives which attracts the most. We are a religious minority in India and should never compromise on our distinctiveness, but the actions of the status quo, the conservatives make it appear as if the minority status is extended to our Indianness. There is a sub-text in our denominational narrative which ignores or refuses to recognize the incomparable religious heritage of India, looking instead to the West for inspiration and guidance. And it is this attitude which prevents us from learning from the success of Hinduism. So if there is a key to the undisputed domination of Hinduism in India what is it?

An Indian sage earlier this century observed that there are two minds in the world - the Greek mind and the Indian mind. The Greek mind is analytical, rational, enamoured of the scientific method and in search of clear and specific answers. The Indian mind is non-linear, admits to a non-mechanical mind and is comfortable when the explanations are many and contradictory. If this is a generality it is a useful one in our case for no where is this more transparent than in an approach to religious life.

When the Greek (read Western) mind dominates a religion it aggressively seeks out texts to arrive at 'correct' answers.

So it is not enough that God tells us he created the world we must also prove that this is consistent with scientific evidence. This attitude is reflected in the

church as a community since there are right answers and the church has defined them it means that there is a right and uniform way in religious practice also. But we should keep in mind that even if there are 'right' and specific answers it does not follow that there needs to be uniformity in religious expression. This is where the church has failed to learn from Hinduism and is indeed, I am convinced, the reason for the failure of the semitic religion in India. The Hindu religious temperament would find this theologically unsound. God after all speaks to each of us individually so is not diversity in overt expression inevitable?

Take the example of the Sabbath, the Hindu might argue, is not this Holy day equally honoured if we attend church, or meditate by the sea, or celebrate by swimming in it? It is the spiritual attitude, which is important not the external observance. The Greek mind and the SDA pastor will find this suggestion unacceptable.

The Hindu hermeneutic recognizes the infinite capacity of divine writings to seek out the individual and speak to him or her uniquely. After all when we stand before God as his children we stand before him as his only child. His message, unmediated by any church doctrine, is message for me alone--the communication of a parent to an only child. The gospels bear this interpretation out. The fault of the darkness is not that it tried to fight the light but simply that it tried to understand it rather than letting the light speak to us (John 1:5 King James version). The metaphor of Christ as the living spring in our lives is significant because water readily takes the shape of its container (*John 4:4 and John 4:14 K.J.V*)

It is only when the Seventh-day Adventist Church recognizes this major difference between the approaches of East and West will the S.D.A message make an impact in India. This is diametrically opposed to the 'Greek mind' of the conservatives whose test of orthodoxy is conformity to the norm--a norm as established by the General Conference and the theology departments of acceptable universities in the west. The way of India is not a call to an irresponsible relativism. It is the

recognition that God speaks to us differently and that these differences sometimes show. Neither is this way enculturation. It is not making amends or trying to be more Indian. It is rather a pragmatic approach if Christ's message is to become meaningful to India's multitudes. It merely says: Preach Christ and let the message speak to the listener.

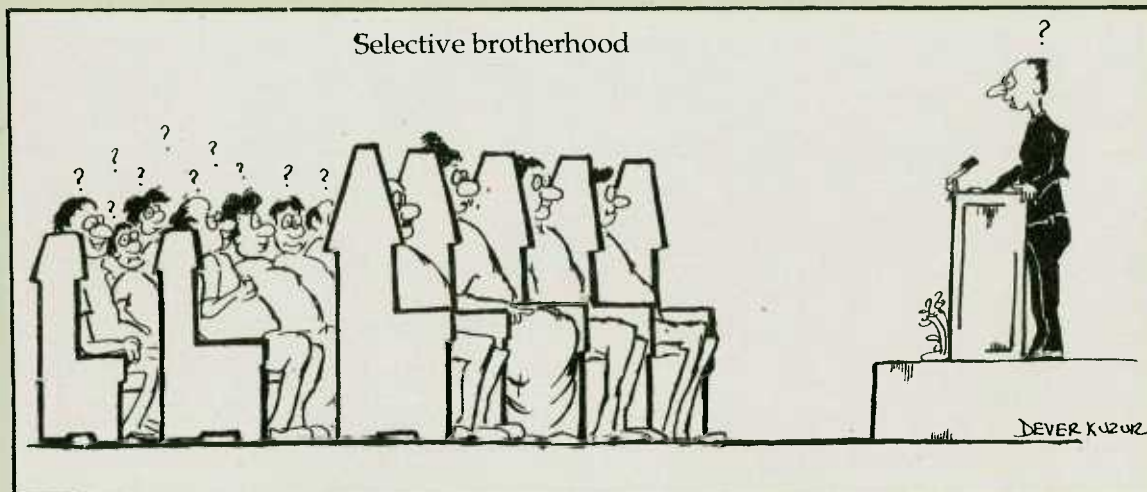
The failure of Christianity in India is that it tried to graft a western mind upon an Indian soul and it has not worked. It may work in science, even the social sciences, but it will never work in religion. It hasn't worked for the Roman Catholic Church and it won't work for us. The genius of Hinduism, and the cause of its resilience, is that, it sees a diversity in expressions of religious faith as inevitable. And this idea is not incompatible with Christianity although it may be incompatible with Christianity as packaged by Adventism.

The sooner we realize who we are and our own affinity with other Indians the sooner it will be suitable for this land. In the movie 'The Party' the brilliant British comedian Peter Sellers, play the role of a dimwitted Indian actor who can't seem to get anything right. But there is one scene where the Indian character as depicted by Sellers comes up with a winning answer. Asked 'who do you think you are?' by an indignant British character, he replies 'In India we don't think who we are. We know who we are'.

The SDA Church in the sub-continent has not arrived at the premiss of the question, never mind the question itself. We neither think of who we are let alone know who we are. There is a straightforward answer. We are Indian, cultural and religious heritage and all, who have accepted Christ. There are far too few of us but this will change if this awareness is reflected in the message we take to our brothers and sisters.

In the 19th century the truth was introduced to India in a Western guise. It has not succeeded. Now a hundred years later, with the church in Indian hands, it is still not too late to change.

Selective brotherhood



THE METAMORPHOSIS OF THE MISSIONARY MOVEMENT OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH IN SOUTHERN ASIA

by W G Jenson

In the history of the origin and growth of the seventh-day Adventist church in Southern Asia, there have been both foreign and indigenous missionaries.

In 1890 Elder S N Haskell and Dr Percy T Magan were the first Seventh-day Adventists to visit India. In 1893 William Lenker and A T Stroup landed in Madras and began canvassing for Seventh-day Adventist subscription books in the major cities of India. In 1895 the first regular Seventh-day Adventist worker Georgia Burrus (later Mrs Georgia Burgess) arrived in Calcutta on a self-supporting basis.

The work of foreign Seventh-day Adventist missionaries in India (Southern Asia) was but an advancement of the missionary work started in 1874 when Elder J N Andrews the first foreign missionary of the church, went to Switzerland.

The early missionaries followed the usual pattern of work, by establishing the publishing work, educational institutions and medical institutions. As the church grew, new centres were opened, more and more missionaries arrived to strengthen the working force. Several families were distinguished by having more

than one member serve in the work of the church in Southern Asia. Other families were distinguished by having more than one generation serve in the Southern Asia Division. Notable among these are the Lowry and the Mattison families.

With the growth of the church among the people of the various countries of the region, and with the education and training of the youth of the church, it was but the next logical step for the peoples of the region to assume positions of responsibility in the work of the church -- Administration, evangelism, publishing, educational and medical work. With the emergence of a strong, educated and trained national leadership, the need for foreign workers was reduced. After the 2nd world war, when the nations in the Southern Asia region gained their Independence, the number of foreign missionaries, for a time, increased, but soon dwindled. Now we are just a few missionaries left in the entire Southern Asia region. From time to time some come as specialists to assist in a particular project for a limited time. The indigenous church continues to increase in strength. There is a corp of persons who have gone from the lands of the Southern Asia region to serve as foreign missionaries in other parts of the world.

It was ever the goal of those who served as missionaries that the church in a given country/region should develop and become self-sufficient in the administration, and extension of the various branches of the work of the church. That goal is progressively being fulfilled, not only in the countries of Southern Asia Division, but in all of the nations of the world where foreign missionaries have laboured. When this gospel of the kingdom shall have been preached in all the world, as a witness to all nations, then the end shall come. Are the first gleams of that glorious day now shining? Undoubtedly they are.

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THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS THE INDIAN SCENARIO

by Thanga Pandian

Any responsibility that does not include within its objectives the real human need for values and standards is inadequate and unfulfilling. The minds of such students or people is provided for by commercial interest; nothing enters their calculations but profit motive. The standards of the organisation in essence have been commercially determined. And in the process the vibrant and living conscience which is the real function of our institutions gets killed.

Today, Adventism is no more a movement for want of a fresh and life engaging philosophy. We are expertise in doctrines that has made us more dogmatic. While philosophy offers a vitality, doctrines makes one dogmatic, more institutionalised and rhetorically puffed up. We are very successful in our planning committee, standing committee, executive committees and other institutional tactics. To what end? We have lost hold of the philosophy. We keep inventing doctrines out of every text. We have lost hold of the life giving, life sustaining force of the collective mind - the Bible, the classics of Christian literature which is vital to life. The crisis

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is the crisis for the living philosophy, the crisis for the worship of a true kind. Our preoccupations, our conversations, the very furniture of our minds have been philistine in nature - political, commercial and materialistic.

An attempt to find the full meaning and power for the word 'blessing' would be more soul searching and involves value judgement. What is good and evil would be much more clear after one finds the real import of the word. An organ similar to the Ministry journal need to be created in India for such a collaborative enterprise.

We can not take our refuge in the prophecy saying that things will be so in the last days. The question ought to be; what crisis? We cannot remain in the cloisters of our doctrines and prophecies. Anyone who is complacent about human problems cannot be a true Christian. There is yet a lot of work to do at the intellectual and spiritual level to respond to many of the pressing problems of the day. We

have to fight a hard battle against the pot-boilers, the cinema, the tally and all forms of Philistine instruments and Philistine Gods.

It is generally believed that in the west the Laity controls the clergy and in East, clergy controls the Laity, but both extremes are harmful.

THE ROLE OF 'LAITY' IN THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

by Bakul Bhosale

The abrupt end of the millerite movement in 1844 gave to the world a gift of new church that is the "Seventh-Day Adventist Church". Hence, the Seventh Day Adventist Church is rightly called as 'Progeny' of the millerite movement. This Church has progressed in leaps and bounds ever since 1844. Although it has well progressed and remained faithful to the Master, we must realize that the time has come to look back and to assess ourselves and to set right our priorities.

LAYMAN A SPECTATOR?

Adventist Church, the Remanant of God has a major responsibility in finishing God's work on this earth. And after 1844 this responsibility has advanced tremendously. We, as a church believe that the 'Lost World' must be saved but this Gigantic Task cannot be accomplished by the ministers alone. Therefore, it has become imperative for the church to realize that Layman should not be merely treated as 'Spectator' in Gods Church but they must be treated as co-labourers.



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It is in this context that the role of Laity assumes importance in the Church. It will be my endeavour to enumerate briefly the 'Role of Laity' with special reference to 'Non-Working' Laity and to recommend few suggestions.

MEANING OF THE WORD : LAITY

It is very difficult to define the word 'Laity' because the Adventist Church Comprises of three different Categories of people.

- The Administrators.
- The common Employees of the Church.
- Ordinary Members of the Church.

The first two groups in the Church are the members as well as the employees of the organisation. But the third group is only the member of the Church and not the employees of the organization. Yet all these three groups can be referred to as Laity as far as the Church structure is concerned. However, in general The Adventist Church identifies Laity as group of people who are the members but not the employees of the Church.

Inspite of the three Categories that exist, it is marvellous to note that there is a spirit of unison and cooperation that prevails in the Church today. As a result the Church has ushered in the period of growth and prosperity for the last 150 years.

NEED TO RE-EVALUATE THE ROLE OF LAITY

However there is an urgent need to re-evaluate the role of our Laity today because the picture is not so encouraging. The Church has not yet used the Laity in accomplishing his work. It was my privilege to talk to some of the leading and experienced men of Church regarding the role of Laity. After much meaningful discussion, three distinct opinion emerged.

- ❑ Our Laity has played a very limited role in the growth of the Church.
- ❑ It has played a moderate Role.
- ❑ The Church has not done much in tapping the potentials of the Laity.

The Church must concentrate its efforts in recognizing and using the talents of our Laity in advancing God's work. However, while doing so the Church must be cautious because undue emphasis must not be given to any one group because that will lead to a spirit of Dominance in the Church.

SPIRIT OF DOMINANCE

It is a matter of 'Great Concern' that even the Adventist Church is not free from the menace of Dominance. People like to dominate Church in order to fulfill their selfish motives. For some unfortunately "Dominance is as important as breathing." It is generally believed that in the west the Laity controls the clergy and in East clergy controls the Laity, but both extremes are harmful. The power of money is another good reason for the people's dominance. But we must remember God need more people with consecrated hearts rather than people with money. Money should not be the criteria for dominance in God's Church. The spirit of dominance will disappear from the Church only when the members of the Church believe that Church belongs to God and He is the Supreme Commander of His army.

LAITY THE PRESENT ROLE

The Role of Laity is not so encouraging because it is not so comprehensive or result-oriented. Why do I say this?

- ❑ Today large percentage of our Laity has become Church goers rather than Church planners.
- ❑ Their role is limited to attending church meetings and participating in Church elections.
- ❑ To represent Laity on the organisational committees. The question that needs to be addressed to the Church is, Is that all that the Laity can do for the Church today?

I am of the opinion that the church must make a 'New Discovery' and not a Re-Discovery on the role of Laity in the Church. It's time that the church envisage the role of Laity in the light of

the statement made by sister White, the statement reads thus: "We are not to feel that the work of the Gospel depends principally upon the minister." (*Testimonies Vol 6. p. 427*)

LAITY, THE ROLE IN WAITING

Therefore it is crystal clear that the Church must widen the scope of responsibility for Laity in finishing God's work. Laity should be treated as equal partners in the cause of God and not merely helpers. This can be done by training our Laity to take up that responsibility. We must;

- ❑ Teach them the structure of Church organization and its functions.
- ❑ Get them well acquainted with church finance to dispel their doubts.
- ❑ More representation must be given to the Laity on the organisational Committees so that their voice can be heard.
- ❑ Make them incharge of Church company's to train them in the work of evangelism.
- ❑ Encourage leadership seminars at local levels.
- ❑ Create in them feeling of oneness and belonging. There are scores of laymen who have lost interest in the Church because the Church has lost interest in them.
- ❑ Theological training for the Laity can give firmness in their conviction.

In other words we make them Co-Labourers in God's cause. God's people must bear in mind that there is no secret in God's work. Therefore we need to train our Laity in every sphere of Church activity so that they will be on the fire for God.

HOPE

The concept of 'Partnership In Gospel' must be effectively taught and practiced by the church in Southern Asia. It will be impossible to finish the work of God single handedly by the employees or the organization. We read the commission of Jesus in Matthew 28:19

"Go ye therefore into all the world and preach the Gospel." Who is this ye? Is it leaders, Administrators, ministers, layman? Sister White answers this question in Testimonies Vol.4 P. 469, "When men of business, Farmers, Mechanics, Merchants, Lawyers etc. become members of the Church they become servants of Christ. And their efforts are no less than the efforts of a minister in the cause of God." These statements clearly explains the partnership of Gospel and enhances the role of Laity in the Church, Once Elton Trueblood said, If a average Church, should suddenly take seriously the notion that every laymember, man or women is really a minister for Christ. We would have something like a Revolution in a very short time." May this be a 'Reality' for the Adventist Church, as we stand on the threshold of our Saviour's soon coming.

THE EMERGING ROLE OF ADVENTIST WOMEN IN THE CHURCH IN INDIA TODAY

By Prema Gaikwad

The year 1995 is designated by the Seventh-day Adventist church as the year of the Adventist Woman. This year the church hopes to focus on, more than ever before, the challenges and opportunities of today's Adventist women. In this context, how fitting it is to recapitulate the concept of the role of Adventist women in the church in India.

It is interesting to note that women have played a major role in the formation and development of the Adventist church. This is true of the church at large as well as that in India. Rachel Preston and Ellen White are two of the examples one might think of in relation to the origins of the church. Regarding the beginnings of the work in India, it would not be wrong to say that God used women in a definite way. Ms. Georgia Burrus was one of the first Adventist missionaries to come to India. Her convert--the first Adventist--was Nannibala, a woman. Nannibala too became a witness for God. Since then myriads of women have shared the work that God has given to the church in India.

But this work has not been too easy for women. A major problem that women faced was the negative attitude that prevailed, in general, toward women. A glimpse into the history of the status of women in both the religious and the secular worlds reveals that over the years, while there was a fluctuation in the treatment

of women--sometimes they were treated well, other times not so well--men have continually dominated women and have suppressed their rights and privileges.

The entrance of Christianity in India opened up a new era for women in the 20th century. Once again women started gaining back the respect and privileges they were denied for centuries. Gandhiji too played a significant role, along with many leading men and women such as Swami Vivekananda, Tilak, Pandita Ramabai, Ranade, to improve the social conditions of women.

During the International Women's decade, 1975-1985, the government of India launched many programmes to improve the status of women, especially that of rural women. Now in almost all spheres of life--political, business, educational, religious, social--women have been taking leading roles in the country.

The Adventist church in India has been supportive of women. In the area of education the church has helped to educate girls and women just the same as boys and men. More women are entering graduate and post-graduate studies than before. Dr. (Mrs.) C.K. John is the first Adventist Indian woman to complete doctoral studies abroad and return to India to help in the area of education at Spicer College.

Women are also completing theological studies. Ms. Chawngdinpui at Spicer College is the first woman to major in religious philosophy in India. Currently she is enrolled in the graduate programme in theology at Spicer. She is also teaching in the department of religious philosophy at the college--again a new role for her. This trend continues now with other young women enrolling in the ministerial studies at Spicer. Soon we may have women who would pastor local churches.



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Women are also using their pens as tools in the work of God. Till a couple of decades ago (until her death) the writings of Ms Gloria Thomas in the department of sabbath school inspired both the young and the old. Other women writers include Mrs B Christo, Mrs M Nathaniel, Mrs H Kore, Mrs I James, just to name a few.

Now yet another role is open to women--the brave ones. This is the colporteur and Vacation Bible School (VBS) ministry. A few women and young girls have taken up the challenge of canvassing and have done well. The VBS ministry has been open for women for a long time, but more are participating in it now than in the past.

In the area of leadership women are taking up administrative roles especially in the schools. Southern Asia has several women principals and headmistresses in the schools. A few accountants of schools are also women. Ruth V Joseph is the first associate treasurer in SIU and is now the first woman to be the secretary for COSDAH. A substantial number of Adventist women are engaged in supporting the work of God through the teaching and medical ministries as well.

With regard to other administrative roles such as that of hospitals, publishing house, and Sections, Unions, and Division, women play more of a supportive role than leadership roles. At the Division level we have two women administrators, Mrs. M. Nathaniel and Mrs I James. In a research study (at Master's level) conducted recently (1994) by Stanely Daniel, it is stated that very few women (comparatively) hold leadership roles in the church (Seventh-Day Adventist) administration. In the future more women may be called upon to take up such responsibilities.

It is heartening to see that the Church Ministry department at the Division is making headway in encouraging women's participation in the ministry. The activities of the Women's Ministry is one example of this. Another active agent in this line is the department of Family Ministry which has, especially since its inception in 1985, conducting

seminars and other programmes helping parents aware of their ministry.

As seen so far, women are engaged in both complementary and supportive roles in the church. Both the Scriptures and the Spirit of Prophecy support such roles for women. The Spirit of Prophecy encourages the use of the talents of women in ministry and tells that there "should be twenty women where now there is one" (1946, p. 472). It further says, "When a great and decisive work is to be done, God chooses men and women to do this work, and it will feel the loss if the talents of both are not combined" (p. 469).

We must realize that the work of the church in India belongs to the whole church. Fortunately church leaders are aware that women's contribution is also important in the church. What needs to happen is that the Seventh-day Adventist church in India should make practical plans and give more opportunities for women to serve as the Lord calls them.

I would present a challenge to the women of the church. It is time for women, more than ever before, to increase personal evangelism, and through their gentle, appealing ministry, support the paramount work of the church--to spread the gospel--and expedite the coming of the Lord.

Today the SDA Church as a institution has acquired the dimensions of major ventures

THE CHALLENGE OF SELF-RELIANCE IN SOUTHERN ASIA DIVISION

by A Solomon Bazroy

A critical analysis of the structure of income statements, reveals that the SDA church in Southern Asia Division depends heavily upon its members for the return of tithes.

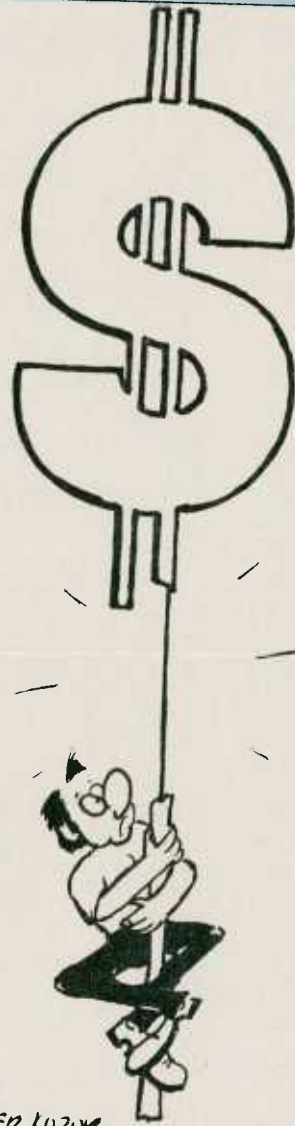
While asset utilization analysis reveals the efficiency and effectiveness of the management, self-reliance analysis not only reveals the philosophy and objectives of the top level policy and decision makers, but also reveals the result of the performance of the management of business administration. Self reliance reveals how much a church, as a corporate body, has grown from childhood into maturity as a whole.

When the management of the church run by an organization, is faithful in attainment of its purposes, ideals, and objectives, it must depend upon God for the means of existence, survival, and growth; and not on appropriation.



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Getting a grip on foreign funds



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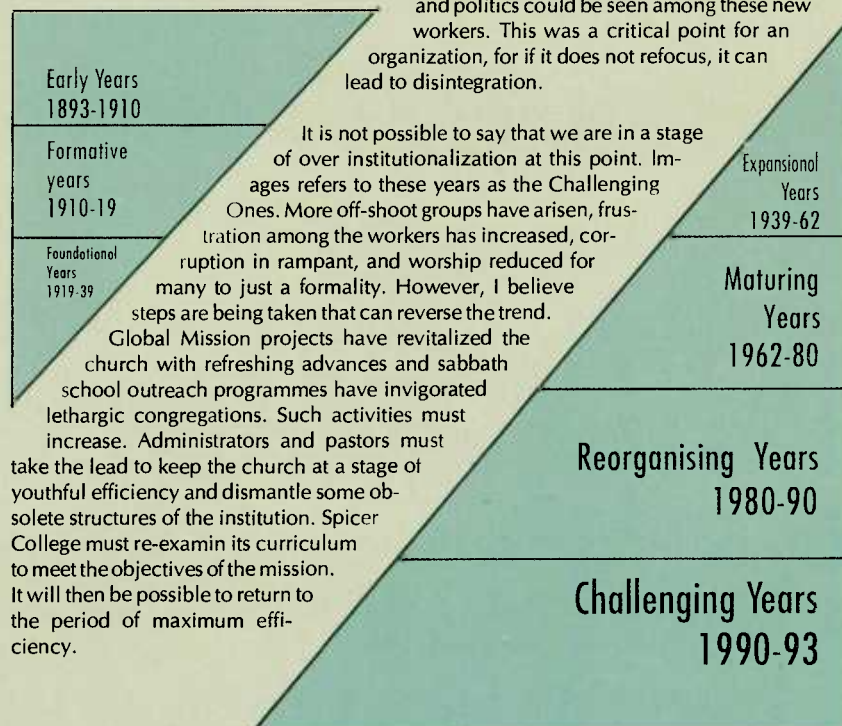
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PROGRESS IN RETROSPECT

Images, the centenary pictorial of Southern Asia, divided up the history of Adventists in Southern Asia Division into seven periods: Early Years (1893-1910); Formative Years (1910-1919), Foundational Years (1919-1939); Expansional Years 1939-1962); Maturing Years 1962-1980); Reorganizing Years (1980-1990); and Challenging Years 1990-1993). These headings themselves speaks to the stages of institutionalization.

The period Images calls the Reorganizing Years (1980-1990), demonstrated many characteristics of Moberg's Institution stage, both locally and in the world field. Some reform movements arose (in India the most outstanding was the Jubilee group), and membership percentage increase which had been declining from 1962, continued to decline to 60% increase for 10 years. With the withdrawal of missionaries, national workers assumed leadership, but largely without the spirit of the missionaries. Graduate programmes began at Spicer College, and new workers regarded working for the church more as employment

rather than as a mission. Interest in policy and politics could be seen among these new workers. This was a critical point for an organization, for if it does not refocus, it can lead to disintegration.



Complexity of our Context

Today the SDA Church as a institution has acquired the dimensions of major ventures of the Church which need to be managed professionally. The administration functions along the lines of large business organizations which have a multifold responsibility.

The administration functions along the lines of large business organizations which have a multifold responsibility of caring for the welfare of employees, and evolving policies, bylaws and constitution, planning, setting goals, evaluating results, trends, etc. It is the successful management and functioning of a complex structure that holds up the system. The church needs to be managed professionally.

The church and her various units of witness and service have grown and expanded almost as much as, and in some places more so, than the rate at which the society around has been making progress. Challenges are not diminished by growth; they tend to multiply with it.

The basic nature of the challenges is twofold: there are first of all internal compulsions of various hues; next, eternal forces and affairs which call for careful handling. Catering to the needs of a large membership and managing the affairs of the many institutions are onerous tasks. Wage scales, employment rules and regulations, retirement benefits, disciplinary procedures, membership nurture,

and, above all these, living up to our mission of evangelistic outreach -- these are matters that call for careful attention within the organization and church. Stretching the limited resources of the church is a concern that needs to be addressed with utmost care.

Christians, though recognized for their care and concern for the poor and suffering, for their unselfish service, are caught between the ongoing struggle for supremacy between the larger communities. In most places, Christian missions are confined to Christian groups. Where outright preaching of the gospel is not possible, Christians stay within the parameters of "social service."

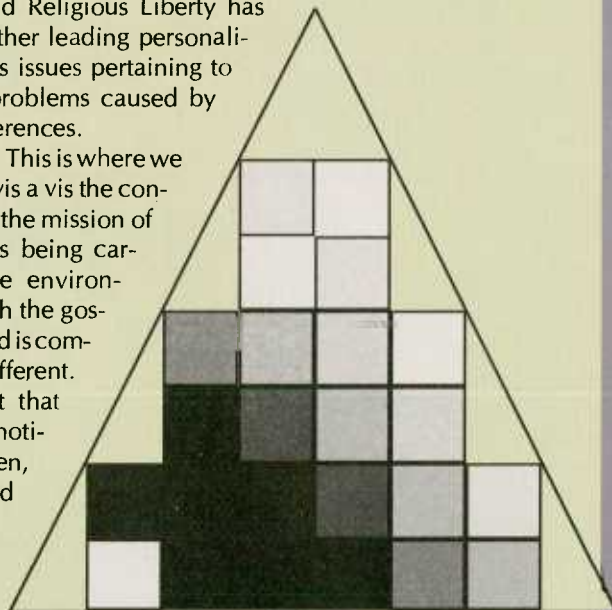
Development and Relief Agency alleviating suffering through a wide range of projects, and an adult literacy programme geared to combat illiteracy.

In an obvious attempt to build bridges of understanding between the major religions in India, in the past 3 years the Division has established Centers for the Study of Hinduism and Islam. Seminars have been conducted to enlighten Church leaders about the fundamental beliefs and practices of these two major religions. The Department of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty has brought together leading personalities to discuss issues pertaining to the serious problems caused by religious differences.

This is where we stand today, vis a vis the context in which the mission of the Church is being carried out. The environment in which the gospel is preached is complex and indifferent. Yet the spirit that imbues and motivates the men, women, and youth who are controlled by the passion to share

God's word to a perishing world, is the same undying spirit that led Jesus to the Cross. As long as Seventh-day Adventists remain faithful to the dictates of the Spirit that charged the life of Jesus, the Church will remain successfully engaged in finishing her mission of hastening the Lord's soon return!

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INDIAN ADVENTISM : A PERSPECTIVE

by Franklin Samraj

A century of Seventh-day Adventism in India has been built upon the bedrock of earlier Christian Missionary endeavours and its numerous missions beginning from the time of Thomas, the disciple of Jesus Christ, the efforts of the medieval church and the many national churches during the colonial period. The arrival of the missionaries of the SDA Church was 50 years after the birth of the Adventist Movement in the U.S. Reaching out to the Asian region after its establishment in Europe and Australia.

The SDA Church is 150 years old worldwide and 100 years in the Indian Scene. It is a sufficient period for us to look back and find out what one may call the "lessons of history," as we step into the second century of Adventism in India. Our church has a creed - what we may call as fundamental beliefs which makes our church unique. we also have an organisational constitution which has been the basis on which we have been functioning world-wide. However, the vibrancy of any organization is largely determined by its aims and objectives: How far they have been absorbed by its members; how far they have been used by the various levels in the organization. It is these aims and objectives that needs to be defined, understood and accepted by all the members. The efficacy of our church is based on the quality of the empowerment given to its members. This is derived from the Mission objectives. The members are presented with motivations that provide them to be team members and co-workers with God. The quality of empowerment is also based on knowing one's own role and rights within the organization to enable the person to work effectively. The victorious church is the corporate body of believers, individuals of course, but one in Christ - 1st Corinthians 12:1-31.

It is true that our church has a Mission statement formulated by the General Conference, but the question is how far has this Mission statement percolated to the different levels in the organisational structure and how far it has been absorbed at different levels of church organization. I am afraid this is not the case, leaving many in the working force and the laity to be

ignorant of this motivating force. This can affect the church adversely, in its growth and vitality. Truly, it can be said, if there is no mission statement, there can be no direction. The converse, therefore, is very true. If there is a mission statement, there is a beacon of light to show the direction of action. Further, a mission statement well articulated in the vernacular language is going to be very valuable.

Our church at present has specialized in various areas of work. These can be called the various arms of the church. One of them is our educational system. This needs an apex body which can perform the following duties:

- ❑ To formulate an updated educational curriculum for the Indian students in primary, secondary, collegiate, and university levels to suit the times we are in.
- ❑ To outline a comprehensive curriculum which includes Biblical topics presented at different levels and integrate them in the faith and learning process.
- ❑ To look into the aspects of relationship with governmental agencies and accrediting bodies both including those of the government and those outside of government purview to provide for the youth an education that is not only qualitative but also recognized. This will fulfill their aspirations and meet denominational expectation.
- ❑ To plan and outline the appointment of officials to constitute as members in the Boards of Trustees for different institutions who collectively would be responsible to this apex body for the maintenance and continuance of the policies outlined by this body for the church's educational programme.



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This apex body could be called the Adventist Education Commission consisting of competent members of the church who together will outline the pattern of education the SDA church will promote.

Our Junior and Senior College growth does not correspond with the growth of our high schools. This means that there are many in our high schools who are unable to have further education due to the lack of facilities at the college. This is a detrimental factor.

The remedy for this is to be sought in the upgrading of many of our educational institutions. And with the population that we have in India it is imperative that we concentrate on this need.

A phenomena noted recently is the absorption of many workers who have been trained

in "outside institutions." These workers for all practical purposes need certain orientation and the only way this can be done is for these people to undergo a brief period of stay of "orientation" at one of our institutions which has been popularly known as the Enrichment Programme. The question is, is this a satisfactory arrangement? Is it only a remedial measure to solve the problem of needed personnel in our growing organisation? Are they treated at par with other workers? If not, why not? It is in this context that the Adventist Education Commission should chalk out a plan to remove this difficulty so that our youth would not be denied higher Christian education. Such an opportunity would enable and empower them to enter upon a career of their choice either in the denomination or in the community. The value of this body cannot be underestimated as it would spell out its aims and objectives and clearly outline the role of every person in any activity of educational work in the context of the Adventist church.

Similar apex bodies such as Adventist Evangelical Commission, Medical Commission, Publishing Commission and Community Development Commission etc., are essential to meet the needs of publishing, medical, ministerial and ADRA work. These bodies would promote the concept of individuals defining their roles in addition to outlining the general programme, which would result in more participation, making these arms of the church refined, efficient and valuable. This will provide for a coherent and a consistent organisational framework for team work and collective responsibility.

One of the areas of difficulty that the church is facing is in the policy of remuneration. It is imperative that the wage scale be studied and formulated to suit modern compulsions of remunerations. The current policy of denominational workers being categorized is not based on the value of a person's contribution in the integrated sense. For example, the church pastor who, in the line of duty, ministers to his congregation, administers church discipline, promotes stewardship, tithes and offerings, is hardly of any value in the denominational structure. If the church organisation is to grow upward, it can only grow with dedicated and committed pastors who are given their primary roles and remunerated fairly for their work. There has been recent discussions on this matter and efforts are underway to remedy this aspect and give the necessary position of authority to the pastor. The pastor are the primary force of this church.

A very important dimension of the church is its finance. One rightly asks the question what is the source of church finances? Though the Indian church has been blessed by the

regular appropriations, it is to be seen from the perspective. However with the church maturing, this has to stop. It is in this context that church pastors play a very important role in the promotion of stewardship among the local congregations to return their regular tithes and offerings.

Can the work in the Adventist organization be counted as a career? If so, can it be a full time or a part time work? Considering the remuneration that is given for denominational work, one can see the disparity among various levels, making and forcing people to involve themselves in other work areas to meet their financial ends. This tendency has a negative effect in the effectiveness of workers in the denomination. Without a proper understanding of the Mission Statement, without fair remuneration to all, denominational work has not been an attractive career. This explains why many have left for different work opportunities. As a church organisation an employee must concede to these constraints that exists in terms of mobility and different work experiences that are possible, but care should be taken to reward faithfulness, hard work, and integrity by suitable provisions in remuneration and recognition.

There are a lot of well thought-out programs initiated at the General Conference for the world wide church. However these programs in itself, though good, can become valuable only if these have been integrated with local needs. This

process of adapting general programs for local needs would make us more responsible. It will also bring out the creativity of the local church member. Such an adapted cultural response will fulfill the aims and objectives of the church.

SDA theology which has been developed primarily by committed students of the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy has, in recent years been questioned. In India while this is not a major trend it must be accepted that there are some who still do not accept the classical Adventist positions on Biblical doctrines. Recent trends have demonstrated that many such people who have not based their theological foundations on classical Adventist positions have left the church. The Adventist movement is a prophetic movement and to deny this would be to deny the historicity of this movement and the identity of the Adventist Church in terms of its beliefs and its future.

As a student of Church History it has been my opportunity and privilege to study the work of four generation of workers. In all of these four levels there seems to be specific work patterns and work ethics related to their con-

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victions. One can easily identify the different patterns of the workers in their respective time periods. The earlier workers were hardly out of High School when they entered denominational service. They established churches. The advent of workers with Junior College degrees further extended church activities. However with the arrival of workers having, Senior College qualifications there has been simultaneously, patterns of extraordinary growth, unwanted stagnation and in some cases disintegration of existing work. The question is why? Is it due to higher education? No! The reason lies purely in the quality of commitment of each individual and in the person's understanding of the mission of the church.

Independent ministry has been valuable and helpful to the church. However, it has generally been looked down upon world-wide. This movement has been with us for some time and this is an indication that things must be sorted out by the laity and the church leaders, failing which, it can lead to divisions in the church.

Educational leadership at different levels especially in the higher education front has been accustomed with the concept that qualification from the overseas Universities from western countries are superior, while it must be conceded that qualification from many Universities abroad are very good and needed, it is also a fact that in recent years many Indian Universities have attained and do maintain high standards. With the support of reputed Indian scholars and very good publishing houses. Here the church can take advantage of these changing situations in the educational front and collaborate with these institutions. This can be specifically looked into by the Adventist Education Commission in matters pertaining to individuals sponsored for higher education and in the upgrading of educational institutions.

Respect and use of good Indian scholarship is needed for the growth of our church. Indian Adventist scholars should diversify their study areas and take on themes pertaining to India and thus have the Indian experience in the total world-wide perspective. For example studies in Geo-Science offers much in the areas of understanding the relevance of the universal flood as a historical event with "testimony" and evidences from the Indian soil. Another study area is the understanding of the Indian ethos, while it is a fact that there has been many undesirable social practices, the Indian culture is one that has many excellent characteristics which are Biblically acceptable and this can be used by the church to meet people where they are. The use of Indian music and literature as a vehicle for presenting Biblical themes cannot be underestimated. Some of the best loved christian hymns that are sung in the churches in South India today are Biblical themes with Carnatic tunes. Why has the church not pursued earnestly in this front! Can this be a challenge for us today?

The current number of denominational workers is around 8000 and we are growing rapidly. For the maintenance of church standards and values, workers must submit to a Code of Ethics. The relevance of an Adventist Employment Bureau for coordinating placement of new applicants throughout the Division within the context of "Careers Open to dedicated Talents" is keenly felt today so that our organisation can employ people who will work for the church and at the same time be loyal.

In India the SDA church is primarily looked upon by many within as a denominational company rather than a church, and by the outside community as a welfare agency. The ratio of the working force to the church members is roughly 1:25. Three-fourths of the workers are connected with school work which is an indication that school work is a dominating force both in terms of the finance it generates (for self-sufficiency) and the number of personnel it involves. The other major group is the ordained ministers, around 350, who hold important positions in leadership at the Division, Unions and Sections. Virtually every administrator in the church is an ordained minister. This situation has removed many pastors from their work at the local church to that of administrative roles thereby reducing considerably active ministers involved in evangelism and church ministry at the grassroot level. This phenomena is not a desirable one because it affects church growth.

The above aspects are new approaches for the denomination to make it relevant to India. Can we find reasons for explaining the situations we are in now? Yes! We can find reasons to defend the positions we are in. But we are called to look beyond justification and instead see the possibilities ahead with a renewed spirit. What is our church worth today? We cannot fully estimate its value: But it is the apple of His eye. Christ as Head of the church has laid before us His example when He said "I came not to be ministered unto, but to minister". Mark 10:45

The church of God in the Post-diluvian world today is amidst six billion people. And as the remnant church, it has a primary role to play to fulfil the commission in these last days. There has never been a time in the history of mankind when God's people have been a challenged such as ours for corporate action. The church primarily today is God's people fulfilling the gospel commission corporately under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. And therefore the individuals comprising of this community do have a role that transcends individuality and remove anything that tends to concentrate only on the self. The Post-diluvian world has had many challenges but the challenge of today calls for consecration and commitment in His cause. The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen. - Revelation 22:21.

On What Sparked the Interest

Well, it all began with a book called, "Will the Brothers Meet?". I gave it to one of my friends in Bombay who happened to be an oil dealer from whom I used to buy oil for my household needs. After reading the book, he initiated a discussion on Christianity and Islam.

Who took the initiative to have the discussion?

I must say, that he took the initiative. This young man came to me and said, "I read through the book: **Will The Brothers Meet?** and I would like to have a discussion with some of my friends over this book and the Bible." I agreed. In the mean-time this young man had taken this book to a centre called the Islamic Research Centre in Bombay. (This is a well organized centre in Bombay for research. They publish Islamic Literature and they distribute among the Muslims. A little earlier this young man gave a Koran to read. He attended the Bible classes and requested for a Bible. Later we decided to call for a discussion on these topics with the members of the Islamic Centre. The centre consists of well-to-do people, Medical Doctors and Engineers, who form a committee and they are like a centerstage for guarding the principles of Islam. Some were fundamentalistic in their outlook yet they agreed to have the discussion with me.

On the Nature of the Meeting

I was given to understand that it would be like a round-table discussion but later I discovered that it was more like a preaching session. When the meeting really took place, the topic itself was changed. Instead of discussing the book we discussed Christianity and Islam. "Is the Bible the Word of God?" was the first question that we discussed. Dr Shuiab presented his views about the topic in great detail. He was from the Islamic Research Centre. He is a medical doctor. His arguments undermined the credibility of the Bible and Christianity.

On the approach adopted

I went there for the meeting without any preparation except for a short prayer I was not aware of the nature of the

program. Moreover I did not have much time. The representative from the Islamic research centre presented his views for 45 minutes. He systematically questioned the very authority of our Scripture. If I was not grounded in God's Word, it would have weakened my faith. I sat there and offered a prayer I did not know how to respond. The issues they raised were serious and complicated but I must say the Lord gave me a marvelous illustration to counter the arguments rather than reacting to the objections raised. My duty was to present the truth. This was my grand opportunity to share the good news to the Muslims. I cannot go to the Muslims home and speak about the Bible; neither could I distribute Christian literature openly. So here was a rare opportunity for me to present the truth. I presented the truth as it is found in the Scripture.

On the questions raised

Narrations of sinful activities were incompatible with God's nature and cannot be in the Bible. The Word of God cannot contain sexual descriptions and vulgar actions. This was something they could not accept. They raised many other questions on Trinity. They also asked: Is the Bible the Word of God? They had questions about the signs in the Bible. They had some queries concerning the Christian pattern of prayer.



Mammen
Matthews

Mamen Matthews is the Pastor of the Salisbury Memorial Church. Recently he had an interesting encounter with a group of well-educated Muslims in Bombay. What follows are excerpts from the exclusive interview with the Oriental Watchman Publishing House.



Whenever I made a point that was significant, and reasonable, they nodded their head in agreement.



Shadrack Samuel

Shadrack Samuel is one of our senior and well-respected Pastors in Southern Asia. He reflects on various aspects of church-life. What follows are excerpts from the exclusive interview with the Oriental Watchman Publishing House.

When members truly get a vision of being born again and when they truly experience being born again, when such members are added to the church, true growth takes place.

On church growth

I would say that when members truly get a vision of being born again; when such members are added to the church, true growth takes place.

On Conversion

If anyone who is interested to be members of the church, they must have at least three months orientation before any decision for conversion is taken. The meeting should be conducted for 20 days. They must be taught the 27 doctrines of the church. They must also be exposed to the Adventist life-style.

Reasons for refusing administrative responsibilities

It is true I have refused administrative responsibilities. I have a specific reason: When I joined the ministerial course, I happened to study The book of Acts, Chapter 6, where there was a problem in the early church. The believers went to the Apostles with the complaint that the Greek widows were not treated as the Hebrew widows. The Apostles' response was interesting: "We will not spend time settling matters like this but rather preach God's Word." This is our mission. By this I do not mean to say that others ministries are less important.

On church standards

I am confused as to what is the standard of the church. For example, a man accepts the Seventh-day Sabbath but he cannot keep it holy. Yet he accepts the Lord Jesus Christ. So I don't know whether we should baptize because he accepts the Lord Jesus Christ or should we wait until he keeps the Sabbath.

In my ministry I have not baptized a person unless he has decided to keep the sabbath.

On your concept of the gospel

My concept is that I was in Adam when he sinned. I inherited Adams fallen nature. The good news of the gospel is that God the father put the

whole human race in Christ when he hung on the cross and Christ's death was both inclusive and representative. Thus I was crucified with Christ. Now that I live it is not I, but Christ who lives in me. This is how I have been called to inherit the divine nature of the last Adam or the second man Christ Jesus. This is the gospel as I understand it.

On time setting

People who set time use Biblical passages to prove their point. We should use biblical verses to tell them not to set time. Our main motive should be to prepare people for the second coming than to set a time.

On what is lacking

I think what we should strive to do is to be baptized by the holy spirit. I believe in the inward manifestation and the outward manifestaion of the holy spirit Door-to door visitation and preaching is important. I long to see this kind of experience manifested in our midst.

On relationship between the laity and the pastor

I personally believe in the universal priesthood of all believers- that means every believer is called to be a priest. There is no position such a laity and clergy. I feel our laity ought to be more educated or should be trained. When God called the children of Israel out of Egypt, God's plan was that there should be a kingdom of priests. When Moses made an appeal as to "Who is on the Lord's side?", the Levites responded. They were not pastors or laity. They were one of the tribes of Israel. For 1500 years this continued. God calls us to His royal priesthood and therefore, a believer is a priest. Even though the church has this concept of laity and pastor, I think Biblically speaking there should be no such distinction.



CONTEMPORANEOUS MOVEMENTS OF ADVENTISM

by Edison Samraj

The emergence of Adventism and its contemporaneous movements is an interesting correlation. The context suggests that it is God's initiative and interest in restoring a proper perspective of truth. But truth was systematically diluted and undermined by scientific and philosophical thinking of the 19th century.



Darwin influenced by the new scientific method of induction proposed his basis for the origin and development of life. He laid the foundations that govern natural selection and thereby implicitly sustained man's ontological continuity with nature. Later, Marx picked these strands of thinking and developed his theory of a classless society by defining man as a social animal. After a while Nietzsche tied the Marxian premise and the Darwinian thesis of natural selection and declared God dead. When the image of God in man was denied and social relations determined man's essence, then God and Freedom became redundant. Rhetoric and scientific argumentation took over every sphere of life.

It is in this context, the advent of Adventism becomes relevant and significant. For Adventism reaffirmed the fundamentals of scripture by sola scriptura. It defined the essence man and explained the basis of true freedom. When the seeds of communism were being sown and the foundations of evolution was gaining importance and acceptance, The Three Angels Message was preached by our devoted pioneers. It helped to restore man's true identity and assured the human race of the true meaning of fulfillment.



We thank God for his providential intervention in human history in restoring the proper perspective of truth. We praise the Lord for our dedicated pioneers and for their commitment of truth. The edifice they have built is truly phenomenal. Eternity alone will determine its real value. We celebrated the centenary year of the Southern Asian Church. Now we rejoice together as a global family for being part of the restoration process of the human race for over one hundred and fifty years.

A STUDY OF ADVENTIST YOUTH

Kenneth Swansi



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A Demographic, Psychographic, Sociographic and Behavioristic Profile Introduction

"The youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow" is an old, oft repeated cliché. The youth are indeed the construction material for the social, economical, political and ecclesiastical edifice of tomorrow. The responsibility of shaping the future lies on the shoulders of the youth of this generation. This new generation of Adventist Youth will in the future define the meaning of Adventism in Southern Asia. A purposeful study of the youth is crucial at this juncture, because we are entering into the third millennium which brings before us major challenges and issues. Failing to catch the spirit of the age and to understand the shifting paradigms of this generation will render us obsolete and oblivious. A careful study of the youth is therefore necessary to understand their behavioral patterns, socio cultural trends and their psyche.

Spicer college is the best possible place for conducting a study on Adventist Youth. This is true because here at Spicer we have a representative population from all over India and the neighboring countries. Spicer being the only Adventist college in India serves as reservoir of "leaders in the making". All units in Southern Asia Division draw their leadership, to a large extent, from this reservoir.

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

Demographic Information											
Regions	Sex		Area of Study							Totals	
	M	F	Rel	Busi	Sci	Arts	Lg/Lt	SoSci	Edu		Und
NIU	76	31	12	20	14	10	9	9	2	31	107
NEIU	80	46	33	16	10	14	11	8	7	27	126
CIU	114	65	32	38	22	16	15	20	3	33	179
SIU	210	89	118	51	13	22	10	9	32	44	299
Other Div	107	59	37	39	12	22	4	24	10	18	166
Totals	587	290	232	164	71	84	49	70	54	153	877

NIU-North India Union Rel-Religion Lg/Lt- Language and Literature
 NEIU-North East India Union Bus-Business SoSci-Social Science
 CIU-Central India Union Sci-Science Und-Undecided
 SIU-South India Union Art-Arts (Fine & Applied)

A breakdown of the total undergraduate student body on the basis of unions, sex, area of study and nationality is given below.

Life Ambitions

Most individuals have a life ambition. For some it is well articulated, definite and clear. Others have a hazy notion of what they would like to do and would like to be in life. Life ambitions, whether articulated or hazy, drives individuals, consciously or subconsciously, to shape their own destiny. Given below are a few statements which represent the aspirations and ambitions of the youth.

* Male

- "To serve the SDA church with pride." (Spiritualist)
- "To be rich and a good Christian at the same time." (Balancer)
- "I want to be the Managing Director of a Multinational Corporation." (Materialist)

* Common to both

- "I want to achieve the highest level of excellence in my field of work." (self-actualizer)
- "To complete a Ph.D. from Andrews University and work for the Lord." (self-actualizer).
- "To be number 1 and still be humble." (self-actualizer).

* Female

- "To contribute my utmost to the society" (Social Worker)
- "To be a good mother and a loving wife." (Traditional Homebody)
- "To be the best office secretary and then the boss someday." (Achiever).

While many men expressed their desire to serve the church and the society at large a strong drive towards material prosperity, influence, achievement and independence was evident. The women on the other hand showed a greater inclination towards social roles and domestic aspirations.

Teaching seems to be a popular common choice. Business Management and Pastoral ministry seem to be particularly popular with men. Office Secretary is a favorite career choice among the women. A large percentage of women seemed undecided on their career.

Career & Profession Goals

Employment decisions and assessment of career prospects					
Decision to work for the Church	Assessment of Career Prospects in Mission Denominational Work				
	Great deal	Some	Little	No	Totals
Yes	68	87	35	10	200
Uncertain	5	12	10	2	29
No	0	4	3	7	14
Totals	73	103	48	19	243

Career Prospects and Employment Decisions in Mission

Is the decision to work or not to work for the church influenced by the career prospects in mission work? Table 3 helps us to determine the relationship. A statistical analysis seems to indicate that the decision to work or not to work for the Church is significantly influenced by perceived career prospects in mission. This would mean that if the career prospects in mission work is "great deal" the youths would decide to work for the mission.

Profession career choice		
Professional Choice	Male %	Female %
Teacher	20	34
Management & Business	28	09
Secretary (office)	00	19
Pastor/Minister	37	05
Social Work	03	06
Technical Work	05	01
Others and undecided	07	26

Some reasons for choosing to work for the Church:

- "Because I'm indebted to the Church."
(Rational motive)
- "That (denominational work) is the purpose of the life of an SDA."
(Emotional Motive)

- "It is easier to keep the Sabbath."
(Religious motive)
- "I belong to this Church and I should support it in all possible ways."
(Social Motive)

Some Reasons for choosing not to work for the Church:

- "Because there is little scope."
(Opportunism Motive)
- "By working outside I can support my Church better."
(Positive Motive)
- "The leaders are corrupt and politically motivated. If I stay in the mission, I will soon be like one of them."
(Reclusive Motive)

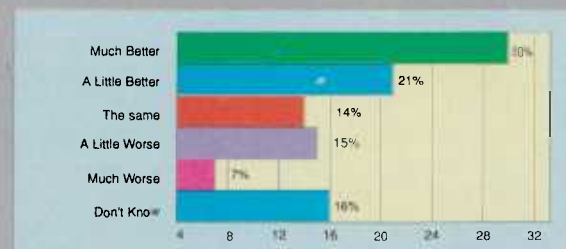
The Adventist Youth view themselves as modern, outgoing and fun loving. The men describe themselves as being more bold than their women counter-parts. On the other hand, the women considered themselves less modest than the men.

The juniors experience a pull-tendency towards the average curve line. A junior describing this pull-tendency says "We freshmen are always under pressure to conform to the general pattern of living at Spicer." Thus a freshmen who sees himself as less modern experiences a pull, caused by his seniors, towards having a more modern outlook.

Denominational v/s Nondenominational Work

How economically attractive is denominational work when compared to non-denominational work? The table given below gives the Adventist Youth's opinion on the economic prospects in mission work.

Economic Prospects in Mission Work

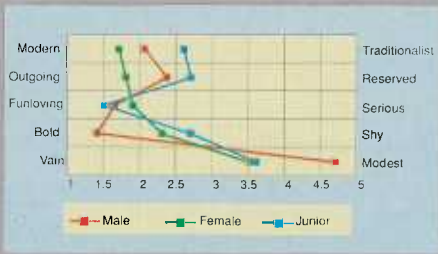


65% of the youth view working in mission as a more attractive proposition. However, 35% of the youth view the work outside of mission as a more lucrative option.

Life Style and Personality

Self concept on selected personality traits and life style are give below.

Lifestyles



belief, faith, and heritage is necessary to hold the Church together. However, the other 1/4 were neither proud nor ashamed.

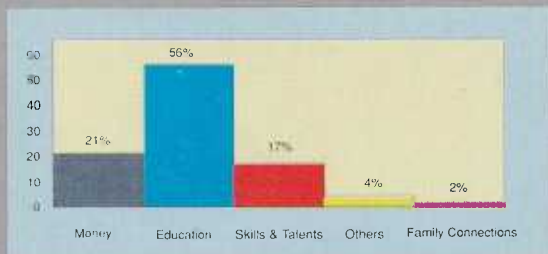
Outsider's View on the Adventist Community

Are Adventist respected as a community? Do our youth feel respected by others in the society?

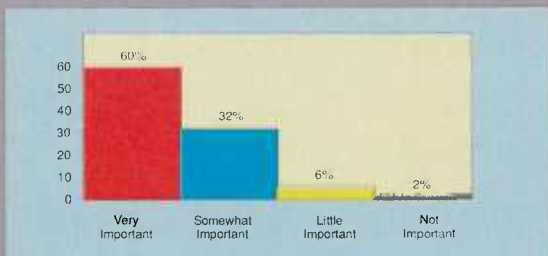
The response seems to indicate that Adventists are generally respected. Strict adherence to and advocacy of health and temperance principles along with a strong commitment to the society through IMEWS & ADRA are considered as positive opinion building practices.

Desire for Status

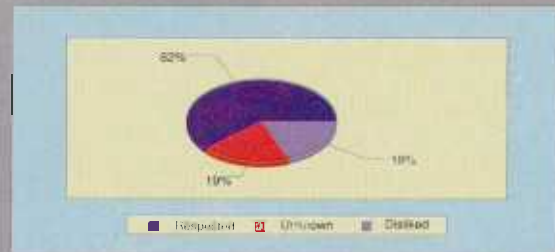
Status Symbols : Determinants



Status Symbols : Importance given to status



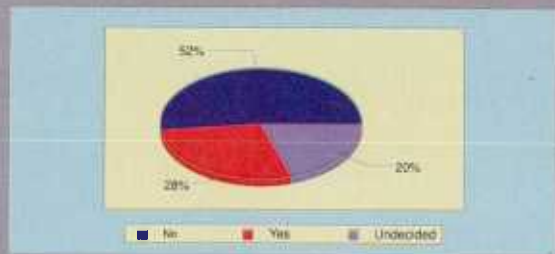
Respect Accorded to Adventist by the Society



Attitude Towards Politics

Adventists are generally politically inactive and do not actively support running for political offices. However, many are beginning to believe that we need to shed such inhibitions and become more politically involved.

Running for Political Offices



Desire for Status

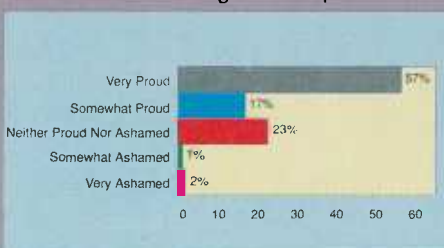
Status is the social rank and prestige accorded to a person, by the society. The youth of today are very status conscious.

Education is perceived as that which brings status and prestige the most followed by money and special skills. From this we infer that there is a strong drive to acquire education, money and specialized skills.

Assessment of Pride in being an Adventist

Self-esteem and community pride is important in determining the relative worth of an

Pride in being an Adventist



individual in a society. To the question how proud are you to be an Adventist the following response was received.

About 3/4 of the youth take pride in calling themselves Adventist. This is a very healthy self-concept. Pride in one's community



Attitudes towards Christian Beliefs

The table below presents the attitude of the youth towards selected Adventist beliefs.

CHRISTIAN BELIEFS AND ATTITUDES					
CHRISTIAN BELIEFS	SA	A	U	D	SD
Sabbath Observance	67	18	3	9	3
Investigative Judgement	47	35	10	5	3
G C is God's designated voice	10	34	22	21	12
Literal Creation week	21	40	18	13	8
SDA is the remanent Church	37	36	15	6	6
Roman Catholic Church Antichrist	26	41	18	10	5
Adventists will be persecuted	31	44	14	8	3
Christ will return in your life time	25	34	33	7	0
E G White was a true prophetess	41	40	11	6	1
Infallibility of E G White's writings	21	48	17	10	4
All other Churches are apostate	10	33	36	17	4
At the second coming only those who have achieved perfection will be saved	22	31	11	28	7

- SA = Strongly Agree ● A = Agree ● U = Undecided
- D = Disagree ● SD = Strongly disagree (Response expressed in percentage)

The youth expressed a strong agreement on the following Adventist beliefs. Sabbath observance, investigative judgement, acceptance of E G White as a true prophetess and the SDA as the remanent church. However, only 69% accepted the infallibility of E G White's writings and only 61% agreed or strongly agreed to the literal creation week story.

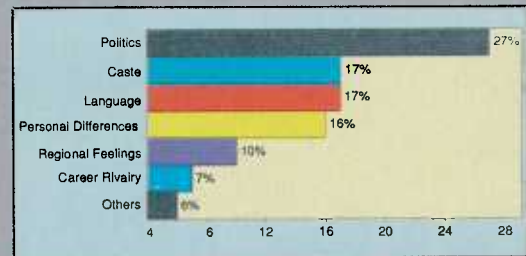
SOCIOGRAPHIC PROFILE

Intracommunity Relationship

There seems to exist a strong cohesive community feeling among the Adventist Youth. However, the following barriers were identified as alienating factors.

The major alienation factors are internal politics in the church, caste, language barriers and personal differences.

Alienating Factors



Frequency of Interaction with Non Adventist	
Frequency of relationship	Percentage of person
Frequently	28%
Occasionally	42%
Seldom	26%
Never	04%

Intercommunity Relation

Social interaction with non-Adventists were mostly occasional. Our youth mostly socialize in a closed community with only occasional interaction with "outsiders". This offers every little faith sharing opportunities and fosters unhealthy social inbreeding.

Marriage Prospects

Possibility of finding a suitable life partner in Adventist circles may not be very great. The opinion of the young people on the possibility of successful mate prospecting is given below.

A little over half are confident to find suitable partners. However, a little less than half are either not confident or think it is not possible.

Mate Prospecting		
Is possible	May be possible	Not possible
57%	29%	14%

Self Arranged v/s Parent Arranged Marriage

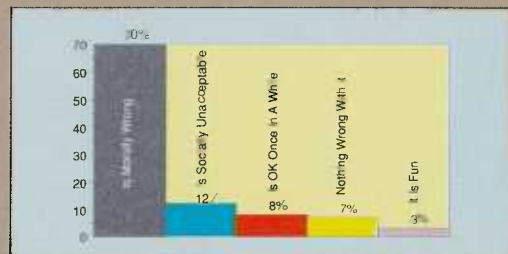
Preference on the type of Marriage Arrangement		
Self arranged	Parent Arranged	Others
60%	37%	3%

In keeping with the western trends most prefer self arranged marriage. Many who preferred self arranged marriage said they had their parents' approval and also their encouragement. This is particularly true because many parents have in the past faced difficulties in arranging suitable partners for their wards.

Attitude Towards Premarital Sex

A composite of 18% accept premarital sex as occasionally ok, nothing wrong and it is fun. This in the opinion of the researcher is serious and alarming. This is probably because of the so called 'Sex Renaissance' the modern society is experiencing and from which the Adventist cannot be uninfluenced. The proliferation of literature, T.V. Programs and Movies with sex themes may have induced such an attitudinal position.

Attitude towards Premarital Sex



Social Problems faced by Youth Today

In trying to identify the major social problems faced by the youth today the following problem areas surfaced. Insecurity, lack of love and belongingness, lack of direction and aimlessness.



Authorities both ecclesiastical and organizational often view the behavioral manifestation of these problems which are insubordination, non-compliance, sex, addiction etc., as a 'rebellious spirit'. However these are only 'symptoms' and we need to consider the 'problems' which are embedded deep in the psyche of the youth.

Human behavior is a subject of great interest because when carefully observed and analyzed its causative motives, drives and compulsions can to some extent be established. A Behavioral picture of the Adventist Youth can be drawn by studying the activities they're engaged in.

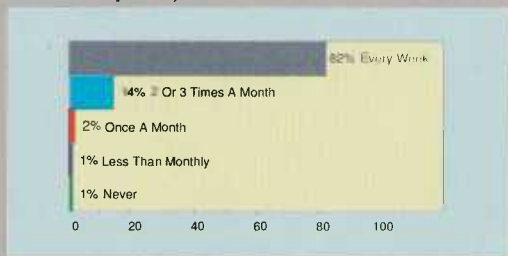
Vegetarianism seems to be on the decline. Movies have become a popular entertainment media and most Adventists remain teetotaler. However, tea and coffee is consumed occasionally. Unclean meat is generally abstained from and ornaments are seldom worn.

SECULAR PRACTICE	ALWAYS	SOMETIMES	NEVER
Movies in theater	5	49	46
Movies in TV, VCR and cable	6	63	31
Dance	3	39	58
Ornaments	2	21	77
Non-vegetarian diet	20	57	23
Tea and Coffee	11	37	52
Alcoholic drinks	1	18	81
Eat pork, Prawns, fish without scales and lobsters	2	22	76

Religious Practice

Sabbath observance is of immense concern to us Adventists. It is considered sacrilegious to indulge in certain activities on Sabbath. The table below shows how frequently the youth engage in such activities on Sabbath:

Frequency of Church Attendance



Eating at a restaurant, travelling, listening to secular music and even shopping and TV watching on sabbath no longer seems to be a taboo! Almost half as many do it at least sometimes, the other half may not be too sincere in recording ever!

Frequency of Sabbath engagement	Always	Sometimes	Never
Watching T V	6%	40%	54%
Secular Music	4%	37%	59%
Travel Extensively	1%	60%	39%
Shopping	1%	41%	58%
Going to Restaurant	1%	41%	58%

Tithe and Offering Giving Practice

Do the young people's opinion of how tithes & offerings are used influence their tithe & offering giving behavior? The following table helps us to study the dependence.

The study shows that the amount of tithe and offerings paid is strongly influenced by the opinion on the use of the tithe and offerings.

Behavioristic Profile

Payment of Tithes & Offerings	Offering giving behaviour and it's perceived use				Totals
	Opinion on the Use of Tithes & Offerings good use	don't know how	misused	grossly misused	
Yes	40	52	8	4	104
Sometimes	20	52	19	7	104
No	06	12	06	4	28
Totals	72	116	33	15	236

Believers Turnover

Every church is interested to know the likelihood of its members dropping out. The cross tabulation given below shows the likelihood of the youth dropping out of church with the level of relationship they have with Christ. Does the strength of one's relationship with Christ influence one's likelihood of dropping out of church?

Likelihood of dropping out	Relationship with Christ				Totals
	very strong	strong	neither strong nor weak	on and off	
Not at all	44	51	57	19	171
Small chance	13	13	17	2	45
Possible	3	7	3	4	17
Quite likely/ already dropping off	5	4	3	3	15
Total	65	75	80	28	248

"I'm not going to Church on account of anyone else's beliefs. I'm a Church goer because of what I believe."

CHURCH IN A BALANCE

It is not only important but also imperative to recognize the youth's perception of the Church's strengths and weaknesses

Strengths & Weaknesses

Aspects liked the most

- * Opportunity for leadership
- * Advocacy of vegetarianism
- * Health and Temperance message
- * Excellent doctrines & beliefs
- * Disciplined life style
- * Knowledgeable about Bible
- * Strong sense of security
- * Choose family feeling and fellowship
- * Sabbath message
- * Educational system and Philosophy
- * Gift of Prophecy
- * Assured job in the church
- * Law-abiding and peace-loving
- * Emphasis on charity work

Aspect liked the least

- * Too conservative
- * Politics in the church organisation
- * Over zealous to convert
- * Worship is too formal and rigid
- * Electioneering and campaigning for posts in organisation
- * Not practicing what we preach
- * Employment in the Church is career orientated instead of service orientated
- * Unwise use of Church resources
- * Indifference in outsiders
- * Outside of the Indian Social mainstream
- * Lack of reverence during worship
- * Lack of Professionalism in dealing by the Church officers

RECOMMENDATIONS

We would like the Church to:

Involve the youth in decision making; At least get their inputs

Change the worship patterns and practices to make it more meaningful.

Practice what we preach.

Adopt a more responsive attitude towards the needs of the youth.

Accept diversities in expression of faith and belief.

Give a wider scope in educational offerings (Technology, Architecture, Engineering, Law).

Plan more youth activities such as camps, seminars, workshops and meetings.

Encourage the youth to find employment outside the Church.

Provide recognized education at the college level.

Discard politics from the Church organization.

Bring reformation and spiritual revival.

Initiate greater interaction with people outside the Church.

THE PRESIDENT'S VISION

The vision I have for my Church in Southern Asia, is in all probability shared by most of our believers and workers throughout the Division.

My desire for my Church is that it be spiritually strong and maturing, and doctrinally sound; a church that is aggressive in soul winning, concerned with and committed to bring relief to those who suffer and in need; a Church that is united, international in outlook; a Church that is Bible and Spirit of Prophecy based and yet progressive.

My vision is that of a Church that is ever loyal to its Lord and Saviour and in proclaiming the Gospel and the Present Truth that are committed to it. Thus a Church that is mission centered and driven; a Church that is sacrificial and true to its stewardship obligations.

I long for a Church that is spiritually vibrant; in whose life the Holy Spirit is actively present and guiding; in whose life and ministry the fruits of the Spirit and the grace of God are evident, whose life brings glory to the one who called us out of Spiritual darkness and death into its marvelous truth and light.

My vision for my Church includes a deep and abiding concern for our youth and for their nurture and education; committed to an effectual educational program rooted and grounded in the adventist philosophy of education.

I visualize a Church in which our women are honoured and encouraged to play their rightful role; in which our laity is in partnership with the workers in the life and mission of the Church and its decision making process; in which the rank and file of the workers are respected and taken into confidence by the administration; in which administrators are fair and service oriented.

I want a Church that is loyal to this nation of which we are a part and committed to its welfare; a Church that is an agent of change in regard to customs and practices that are harmful and unethical; a Church that is opposed to performing the practices of dowry, a church that is aggressive in eradicating illiteracy, caste, etc. A church that is anxious to avoid malpractices, nepotism, and unfair dealings.

I look forward to a church that is involved in social service, development activities and relief work; committed to health care, literacy programs for children and adults, and doing all the good we can in all the ways we can.

The church is strong to the extent the local church is strong and vibrant. The local church must be built up and made effective and participating. The local churches must be well nurtured.

A large proportion of our laity is socially and economically backward and handicapped. This problem must ever remain a priority for the church. Ways and means must be found to bring about a qualitative change in their condition and help them to realize in this life the blessings of the Gospel.

The church must not lose its vision and mission. The Lord is coming soon. We must be prepared to meet Him and help others to meet Him. We must ever remember the words of the Master: "Ye are the salt of the earth" and "Ye are the light of the World" and therefore in my vision for the church the prayer of our Lord and Saviour must become a reality: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

I pray and long for a church that is "strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might" (Eph 6:10).



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The Church is the depositary of the wealth of riches of the grace of Christ and through the church eventually will be made manifest the final and full display of the love of God to the world that is to be lightened with it's Glory.