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This is the last Will and Testament of me Mary Lillian Merry of Brooklands Guest Home, Coonoor, Tamil Nadu, in the Republic of India, in respect of my property in England, made this thirtieth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-six.

I hereby revoke all former Wills, Codicils and other Testamentary instruments made by me in respect of my property in England and declare this to be my last such Will. I appoint Mr R. W. Berkshire, of 44 Wolsey Road, Sunbury-on-Thames, Middlesex, TW16 7TU, to be my Executor in this connection and direct that all my debts and Funeral Expenses in England, if there be any, shall be paid as soon as convenient after my death.

I give and bequeath unto my Executor, Mr R. W. Berkshire, all my property in England.

M. L. Merry - (Miss).

(This section of the document is crossed out with a large diagonal line.)

Signed by the said ^{Testatrix} TESTATOR Mary Lillian Merry in the presence of us, present at the same time, who at her request, in her presence, and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names as witnesses.



M. F. Neale (Mrs)
36 Threefield House Lane
Southampton
SO1 1BU
Retired Widow

Norman Vivian Arch
Brooklands Guest Home
Coonoor, Tamil Nadu
India. 643 101
Clerk in Holy Orders.

Brooklands Guest Home
Coonoor
Tamil Nadu
India
643 101

24 October 1987

Dear Ray,

It is my desire that the funds which I have left in my will to you be distributed in the following way: £ 500 (five hundred pounds) be a gift to you for your own personal use and then the remainder, after any outstanding debts have been paid, be presented to the Secretary, Maswell Park Church of 150 Inwood Road, Hounslow for any important project of the Church or for the Church's general use.

This is a token of my love and gratitude to God, to you, and to Maswell Park Church for loyalty to me through these long years since 1938.

*With warm greetings to all,
Sincerely, M. L. Merry*

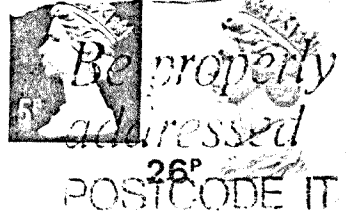
M. L. Merry (Miss)

To Mr R.W. Berkshire
41 Wolsey Road
Sunbury-on-Thames, Middlesex
TW16 1TU
England, U.K.





Aerogramme



Royal Mail

MISS LILIAN MERRY
 KMF HOSPITAL,
 KOTAGIRI, THE NILGIRIS,
 TAMIL NADU,
 INDIA
 643 217

Sender's name and address

MR R W BERKSHIRE
 41 WOLSEY ROAD,
 SUNBURY ON THAMES
 MIDDLESEX, ENGLAND
 Postcode TW16 7TU

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I received from the bank, dated 15/2/91 shows your balance as £ 13,013.82, while your current account remains at £ 201.95.

Well it was lovely to hear via Norman Arche that you are continuing to bear a good testimony to our wonderful Saviour. We at Maswell well understand your problems with poor vision and bodily frailty, something I see in my own mother, who is now 92. However, like yourself, she continues to rejoice in her glorious Lord and maintains a lively interest in missionary causes, etc. Rest assured you are upheld at the throne of Grace at Maswell, as our prayers centre on past and present missionaries.



Every blessing be in the Name which is above all names.

Ray Charles (TITUS 2:13)

7 June 1991

141 Wobsey Road
Sunderbury O/T Middlesex England

Dear Lilian,

I recently received a letter from Norman Archer giving information concerning his own and his family's movements. He was also good enough to fill me in with details regarding your current position at the KMF Hospital at Kotagiri, from correspondence he had received from his old friends at Coonoor who have seen you recently.

This letter served as a reminder to drop you a line or two just to let you know how things are with us here in the UK, and at Maswell Park in particular.

You may be surprised to hear that my wife Freda and myself have returned to Maswell after some years at our local congregational church here in Sunderbury. Sadly the church has little or no interest in mission and as time went by we felt less and less happy about the situation. Our daughter and her family left for the same reasons and are now happily settled in an outgoing fellowship at Staines. Our son and his family seem content to remain at Sunderbury Congregational. We are happy to be back at Maswell and have settled in very well. I am now serving on a newly formed "Mission Planning Group" and this together with my duties in the Gideon ministry keeps me quite busy. You may have read in 'By the Way' that door to door visitation is about to start in the Maswell neighbourhood, so we are praying that the Lord will stir the people up as contacts are made. John Hills our senior elder (pastor) continues to grow stronger in grace and wisdom and spares no effort in seeking to promote the work of the Kingdom at Maswell. He, together with four other men, form a truly spirit led team ministry. Freda and I are in one of four house groups attended by Ernest and Theresa Wilding.

Concerning your financial affairs here in the UK, I received a letter from Barclays Bank in Telcham suggesting the transfer of your savings from the 'Higher Rate A/c' to a new 'Capital Advantage A/c'. The transfer would, as they said, yield a better rate of interest. Accordingly I arranged the transfer which became effective 7/8/90. The last statement



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141 Wobey Road
Sunderby OT Middle England

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SPECIMEN OF HOW A WILL SHOULD
BE MADE

This is the Last Will and Testament of me Leslie Heath of 8 Beaumont Road, Lincoln, in the County of Lincolnshire, made this seventeenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty-four.

I HEREBY revoke all former Wills, Codicils and other Testamentary instruments made by me and declare this to be my last Will. I appoint my wife Jean Heath and Robert Lowe of 6 Denton Road, Wolverhampton, to be my Executors and direct that all my debts and Funeral Expenses shall be paid as soon as convenient after my death.

I give and bequeath unto my Son, Richard Heath, my Gold Pocket Watch. To Robert Lowe, of 6 Denton Road, Wolverhampton, the sum of One Hundred pounds. To my wife, Jean Heath all the remainder of my property.

Leslie Heath

Signed by the said Testator, Leslie Heath, in the presence of us, present at the same time, who at his request, in his presence, and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names as witnesses.

John Walls,

Garland Road, Leicester,
Painter.

Henry Armstrong,

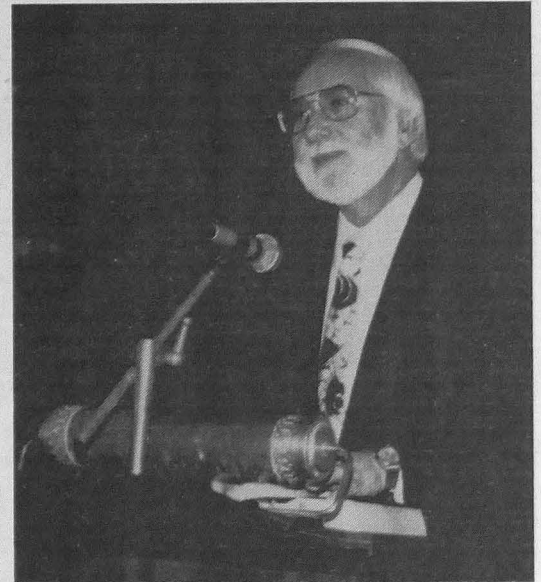
Devon Street, Lincoln,
Clerk.



INDIA Christmas 1990

"THANKS TO GOD WHO LEADS US IN CHRIST'S TRIUMPHAL PROCESSION" (II COR. 2:14 and for....

- * a first visit to Bangladesh, July 23-28, to the Bangladesh Baptist Fellowship, Dhaka;
- * recovery from various illnesses and "slipped disk";
- * attending the Baptist World Alliance Congress, "TOGETHER IN CHRIST," August 14-19, Seoul;
- * CBFMS "Mission 2000!" Decade of Harvest Planning Conference, Chicago, August 25-31;
- * a brief visit (enroute to Chicago) with Indian friends in Pasadena; opportunity to see our daughter Lisa Roberts and to send son Karl (U.S. Marines) off toward the Middle East;
- * a safe sojourn in Korea during two historical events: 1) a first-ever meeting in Seoul between North Korean and South Korean leaders to discuss possible reunification, and 2) the worst natural calamity of the century which flooded the countryside and rendered 200,000 homeless;
- * attending a few sessions of the ATA (Asian Theological Association) Theology Commission's Conference in Seoul, meeting friends from several Asian countries;
- * teaching at ACTS (Asian Center for Theological Studies and Mission) an intensive course on Mission Issues in Asia;
- * visits to significant churches and institutions, meeting Christian leaders in Korea;
- * meeting with Dr. Yong-Jo Song, president of Seoul Bible College, pastor of Yang Wi Moon (Presbyterian) Church, translator of my biblical theology of mission text into Korean.



Roger

PRAY "THAT THE FRAGRANCE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST MAY ABOUND" and especially...



- 1) for the Korean Revival to spread into North Korea, East Asia, South Asia, and the West;
- 2) for the future of CGRC and the McGavran Institute in the face of uncertainties and crises;
- 3) for son Karl and his newly-wed Virginia and step-son Joseph. Karl returned to the States when she had to have emergency surgery. He is remaining Stateside to go into recruiting.
- 4) for daughter Lisa, husband Shane, Justin, and Charles Aaron born into the family just recently;
- 5) for decisions regarding home assignment: timing, location, duration;
- 6) for ministry invitations in India, to other South Asian countries, Africa, USA and Europe.

May the joy of Christmas be yours today and throughout the New Year—

THE HEDLUNDS

Financial Support Needed: \$134 per month

Joseph, Virginia, Karl-Justin, Lisa, Hans
June
90-1294



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Mr. Mark Weckesser
CBFMS Treasurer
P.O. Box 5
Wheaton, IL 60189-0005

9 July, 1991

Dear Mark,

Greetings from South India!

June and I have just been to visit Miss Lillian Merry at the KMF Hospital in Kotagiri. We discussed with Dr. Oommen, the Hospital Director, and Mr. M. T. Samuel of Coonoor, who has charge of Miss Merry's affairs, the need for additional funds to cover expenses for Miss Merry's care. The CBFMS pension was not adequate. It was decided to approach you about the need for money to cover the short-fall. I thought there might be some possible supplement or pension increase.

Arriving back at Brooklands, your letter came informing Miss Merry of recent Board action increasing the pension amount by \$75.00 per quarter! An answer to prayer! I am writing this letter to thank you on behalf of Miss Merry who is unable to correspond.

At 94 yrs. of age Miss Merry is doing fairly well having survived a stroke but with some subsequent memory loss. She is rejoicing in the Lord as she awaits her "call home."

We are grateful to the CBFMS Board and staff for their consideration of the needs of retirees like Miss Merry.

Many thanks to all concerned.

Cordially yours in Christ,

Roger E. Hedlund

cc: Dr. Oommen
Mr. M. T. Samuel



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Mr. and Mrs. Norman Archer
29 Westcott Road
Kennington, London
England SE17 3QY U.K.

9 July, 1991

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Archer,

Greetings in Jesus from South India!

We have just been to Nilgiris to visit Miss Merry and thought we should give you a brief report. Lilian is doing fairly well everything considered. She knew us and was quite bright.

Lilian had just had a letter from Mr. Berkshire, and she was concerned about her affairs in England as well as in India. She wanted to see her Will. After reading everything, she was finally convinced that all was as she wanted it. Her mind is now at peace; she is praising the Lord for Norman Archer who saw to it that she wrote out her last will and testament. We also thank you, and the Lord, for the care and guidance you provided.

Next year I hope to visit England to attend the European Church Growth Conference in London 27-30 March, 1992. Perhaps I might see you? I hope to arrive early in March for prior meetings, visits, lectures being arranged by Rev. Stan Davies of the Evangelical Missionary Alliance (telephone 071 735 0421) and Ms. Monica Hill of the British Church Growth Association (telephone 071-407 6038). Did I hear you are at Spurgeon's Tabernacle? A place of interest. Or is it Spurgeon's College? I am particularly interested in training institutions.

Warm regards.

Greetings from Wilson and Kamala. They are doing well.

Cordially yours in Christ,

Roger E. Hedlund



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Mr. Ray Berkshire
41 Wolsey Road
Sunbury-on-Thames
Middlesex, England TW16 7TU

9 July, 1991

Dear Mr. Berkshire,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Miss Lilian Merry. My wife and I went to Nilgiris last week in order to visit Miss Merry at KMF Hospital, Kotagiri. We are members of the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society which explains our link with Miss Merry.

Miss Merry is not really able to correspond at the present time. Considering her age she is doing well and has had a remarkable recovery from the stroke she suffered about two years ago, but has considerable memory lapse.

The main purpose of this letter is to acknowledge your letter of 7 June, 1991, which Miss Merry has received. She was a bit shocked to discover she has such a large sum (L.13,000.) in her bank account in England! I did discuss the matter with Mr. M.T. Samuel who manages her affairs in India, and we hope she does not divulge the information or the amount to others.

But we do have a request. The pension which Miss Merry has been receiving from CBFMS has not been adequate to cover all the expenses connected with her present care. At present the shortfall is being supplemented from Miss Merry's Fixed Deposits in her Current Account in her Coonoor bank which, however, may soon be exhausted. Would it be possible to arrange a quarterly transfer of L.125. to her account in Coonoor which is operated jointly by Mr. M.T. Samuel on behalf of Miss Merry? This amount would adequately supplement her pension to meet all present needs as well as cover eventual funeral expenses. If possible, kindly arrange for direct transfer to her account in the State Bank of India, Coonoor, Savings Bank Account No.CB-1538. The account is operated jointly in the name of Miss Mary Lilian Merry and Mr. M.T. Samuel.

Kindly inform Mr. M.T. Samuel, Manager, Nonsuch Tea Estate Ltd.; Ritz Bldg.; Coonoor, T.N. - 643 101; India. It is better that nothing be communicated directly to Miss Merry at KMF Hospital.

Copies of Miss Merry's documents including her last will and testament are with Mr. Samuel. However I wonder if you ought to have a copy of the document pertaining to her assets in England? Kindly intimate if we should send a photocopy to you.



We are grateful for your thoughtful Christian concern as well as for the prayers of God's People. Kindly inform the Maswell congregation that Miss Merry despite her infirmities is happy in the Lord as she awaits her "call Home."

By the way should someone wish to send a small gift for Miss Merry, she could use a pair of warm slippers (with slip-proof soles) and a nice nitegown. This could best be sent to her care of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson at Brooklands who will personally deliver the packet to Miss Merry. It is better if all communications be sent either to Mr. Samuel or care of Brooklands Christian Guest Home, Coonoor - 643 101, T.N.

Next year I am looking forward to visiting England and would be happy to meet you and give a personal report on Miss Merry. I plan to attend the European Church Growth Conference 27-30 March, 1992, but hope to have the entire prior month for ministries in U.K. My itinerary is being arranged by Ms. Monica Hill of the British Church Growth Association (telephone 071-793 0264) and Rev. Stan Davies of the Evangelical Missionary Alliance (telephone 071 735 0421) who is arranging for me to speak in various Bible and missionary training institutions.

Warm regards.

Cordially yours in Christ,

Roger E. Hedlund

cc: Mr. M.T. Samuel



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10 July, 1991

Dr. A. P. Oommen
KMF Hospital Superintendent
Kotagiri, Nilgiris, TN - 643 217

Dear Dr. Oommen,

Greetings from Madras. The enclosed copy of my letter to the CBFMS Treasurer will be of interest. When we arrived back at Brooklands we found a communication had just come informing of the CBFMS Board's recent (June 1991) increase in the pension.

I tried to phone to you, but you had already left for Madras. In any case, this is good news. The amount is not large, but at the current exchange rate it will be a help.

We are grateful to you for the care given by the Hospital. We have just one request. Could you assign someone to see that Miss Merry gets a daily bath and change of linens? We will be happy to provide an additional nightgown or two so that she might have a fresh one for each day. (A package will be on its way before long). Sorry to trouble you with this small detail. I do understand the difficulties with patients of this type....

Thank you for your kindness.

Cordially yours in Christ,

Roger E. Hedlund



KOTAGIRI MEDICAL FELLOWSHIP

Tel. Office : KOTAGIRI
Rly. Station : KOTAGIRI O/A

Phone : 737

KOTAGIRI - 643 217,
NILGIRIS,
S. INDIA.

Date 2nd August '91.

To

Prof. Hedlund,
55 Luz Avenue,
Mylapore,
Madras 600 004.

Dear Prof & Mrs Hedlund,


Thank you for your kind letter of 10th July.

I ascertained from the Head Nurse that Lillian was being given fresh bed linen every day. However, Lillian has her own reasons for not wanting these changed every day! In any case, we shall see that she gets her change of linen.

Thank you also for informing me about the CBFMS decision to increase the pension for their retired staff. This will be of benefit to many, I'm sure. I don't suppose I need to write to Wheaton because they have taken pre-emptive action.

With kind regards,

In Christ,





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17 July, 1991

Denver Conservative Baptist Seminary
Post Office Box 10,000
Denver, CO 80210

Regarding the Seminary Mailing List

Dear Friends,

Recently Roger and I went to visit Miss Lillian Merry, one of our retired CBFMS missionaries who now resides in the KMF Hospital in Kotagiri. She has been on your mailing list for a number of years and she has been a faithful prayer warrior. However at the age of 94 and having suffered several mini-strokes she is no longer capable of handling the mail that comes to her. We would therefore request that you remove her name from the Seminary mailing list.

D-24273
Miss M. Lillian Merry
Brooklands Guest Home
Coonoor
Nilgiris, TN 643 101
India

At the same time we would request that you remember her in your prayers as she awaits the Lord to call His faithful servant home.

Sincerely yours,

June Hedlund



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55 LUZ AVENUE . MYLAPORE, MADRAS 600 004
telephone: 777 - 95

17 July, 1991

Alan & Connie Ch'ng
33 Jalan SS 2/76
47300 Petaling Jaya
Selangor, Malaysia

Dear Friends,

We write to you on behalf of Miss Lillian Merry whom you met at Brooklands Guest House in Coonoor some years ago. Miss Merry and we are from the same mission and we recently went to see Miss Merry.

For two years now she has been living at the KMF Hospital as a result of several mini strokes. She is 94 years of age she finds it difficult to remember who people are and what her connection is with them.

We would request that you remove her name from your mailing list as she is no longer able to handle correspondence. At the same time we would appreciate your prayers for Miss Merry as she waits for the Lord to call her home.

May the Lord continue to bless you in your ministry with harvest for His kingdom.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. June Hedlund



Mr. M. J. Samuel
Nonsuch Tea Estate Ltd.
Ritz Building
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Mr. Ray W. Berkshire
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- April



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FAX MESSAGE TO: 708-665-1418 USA
Mark Weckesser
CBFMS, Box 5
Wheaton, IL 60189-0005

Dear Mark,

18 November, 1991

Thank you for the clarification on self-employment tax. I would be appreciated your sending a xerox copy of the 1988 income tax form in which \$581. was paid. We may be able to get a refund here. At anytime in the future should U.S. income tax be paid, please send a copy of the same to us for deduction on taxes paid here.

The Dec. 15th estimated tax is soon due. It was figured at Rs.25.50 for Rs.48,053.00 each. The dollar value presently is Rs.26.85 thus the figure is Rs.51,000 for Roger and the same for me. Therefore we need \$3798.88. If the devaluation continues, we may need to make another adjustment later.

The last time the Telex transfer was fast, but we paid a heavy bank charges on this end. The auditor advises that you send me a Bank Draft in my name. If my bank will not encash immediately, he says we can put it through his bank.

Thank you.

June Hedlund, No. 55 Luz Ave., Mylapore, Madras - 600 004 India

P.S. Please share will Leonard and office staff.... Last week I visited Miss Lilian Merry at the KMF Hospital. (Roger and I had visited her last July also, but she better on this visit). She was up and dressed. When I entered her room, she was on the small balcony hanging a nightie in the sun to dry. I called to her several times, but she did not hear me. At last we were almost nose to nose when she turned my direction...and that startled her a bit. With a little help she remembered who I was and we had a nice visit. At 94 1/2 yrs., she still displays a sense of humor. But she most certainly did not want to have her picture taken!



April 1994

INDIA

Patricia Crabtree now has direct dialing, both incoming and outgoing calls. Also there is a Fax number, Baptist Mission, Paratwada; Fax No. 011-91-22-202-4162. Terrific!

Pat had a traveling companion this time as she returned to India. Her friend, Nadine. Then in Jan. three German friends were her houseguests for a week. Then she was off for a week to attend an EFI All-India Womens conference. February was spent in catching up on accounts, year-end reports, bankin, business correspondence and the Mela. This was the 40th Anniversary of the Mela.

Pat inclosed a letter from Dr. Ashok Phillip Oommen about Miss Merry. "Miss Lilian Merry is still a patient in our hospital. (Kotagiri Medical Fellowship) She has just completed 97 years of life. She is now hard of hearing and her eyesight has deteriorated considerably; only at times is she able to recognize doctors and those who take care of her. Recently, she stumbled and sustained a fracture of her right femur. She refused any surgery, and miraculously without any surgical intervention she improved. Because of constant bladder problem, she is on in-dwelling catheter drainage."

And here is a note to Beth. "Please convey my regards to Beth Walton. As a senior friend, way back in 1959, she influenced my thinking into becoming a doctor. I am sure that she would be pleased to note that even after so many years, I am still working in the medical mission field. Now, my son, Samuel who is now at Christian Medical College, Vellore, is hoping to work in Mission service as a doctor. (He is in his 3rd year at Vellore)

Noel Kotian of IEM working among the Korkus in the Sembadoh area writes that his family has been living in Amravati since 1992. They made the shift for the sake of the children's education. His translation work includes James, Colossians, 1st Peter and 1st Timothy. He has been working on his B.D. studies. He will complete this in April and then will be able to concentrate on translation. He adds, "There is great malnutrition among Korku children. Nearly 400 children died recently. It is almost famine condition Do pray for us that we may know how to help." Noel's wife, Yashode, is busy on the computer. She has keyed in all of the Korku material we have translated. The Kotians have 3 children, Sunil in the 10th class, Sabina in 6th and Sharon in 5th. They have been in the Melghat area since 1982.

Canada

Jack and Mina Miner are enjoying the Mexican Riviera. Jack says they are confirmed snow birds, but they drive down there in their homemade recreational vehicle. Jack is working on a little book for their children and grandchildren. It is a story of 'Miner Affairs', a record of their wanderings and God's goodness through the years. (I think we'd all like to read it!)

John & Evelyn Garrison are "fine and happy" Evelyn writes, "We are enjoying leading a weekly Bible study of about 15 people whose birthplaces reach around the world. Our living quarters is surrounded by homes occupied by Chinese, Sikh and other cultures."

Colin & Merle Butchersend greetings. Colin's schedule April through June takes him all over Canada and in May to Hungary/Romania and Russia. (Paul Kerr will be traveling to Romania too) Then Merle has her own unique program that she calls "World of Neighbors." The focus is on the 11 countries represented by her ESL classes. They ask prayer that they may be able to share the Gospel with these students and their families. Pray for Philip who is beginning a new phase of orthodontic treatment, and for Brian who will return to Guelph for the summer and then begin Middle East Studies at McGill University, Montreal in September.

Arizona

Don & Ellabeth Crabtree :In January Ellabeth fell, sustaining fracture of her femur just above the right knee. She cannot put any weight on that leg for 3 months. They have home care help, however, and seem to be managing well.

Florida

Nelson Schoen had an interesting experience lately. "I have been helping the D & D Missionary Homes with some library work - as a volunteer. At a recognition dinner on the 8th, I was seated across the table from a single lady and a couple who were strangers to me. In conversation I learned that the couple, the Lebolds, were Canadians and from the FEBCC and knew the Kerrs, Butchers, Middletons and Searles. The single lady was Elsie Uhler who served 3 months in 1980 at Chandur Bazar. We all had lots to talk about." "I am keeping well and busy. Best regards to all."

Illinois

Dr. Tuggy with John Branner have been on tour of the Asian fields. Sr. Tuggy retires June 30th. John Branner had a visa for India; it will be good to hear his first impressions of the work there.

Walter Fricke has been on our mailing list. He wrote, "Though I am no longer editing the Alumni News, I still like hearing from the India Gang. (Party Line) God Bless."

Indiana

Eileen Prickett talked to Dian when she was back for Jane's wedding. Some prayer requests regarding BCA will be included at the end of this issue.

Michigan

Ruth Lee thinks she has developed "tennis elbow" from shoveling snow. Like all of us she is tired of snow and below zero weather. " I am still going to an Inner City school to help a 6th grade teacher - reviewing reading and math. Then I help a Vietnamese woman once a week with English." She also has a SS Class of 20 4 year olds.(Wow!!)
Pray that a full time co-ordinator who can give wise and spiritual direction to B.C.A. will be found.

N. Hamp.

Edwin & Dorothy Jacques celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary this year. They appreciate the news of each one of you in the Party Line. They are thankful for fairly good health, and are busy correcting the page proofs of that 800 page book on The Albanians now being published by McFarland.



Penn. Bill & Eleanore Peck also write about the weather: "We had a severe winter here. We had 16 storms this year of rain, ice snow and cold weather. Calcutta was never like this!

Eleanore continues to struggle with pain and medical problems. Since her fall, she is very unsteady on her feet and cannot stand very long nor take more than a few steps. Her body retains fluids and legs are now large and hard. She is up every day and I'm 'pushing' my wife around more and more. I am beginning to have medical problems too, but a urologist is taking care of me. Bev continues to work near here and is a great help to us in the home. Bruce and family return from Kodai in April.

Dr. John Thomas of Calcutta Bible College writes that a Graduate Department of the college has been started. There is need for teachers in both sections of the school. Please pray for this need. Last November many came from around the world to celebrate the Bicentennial arrival of William Carey in Calcutta. Carey Baptist Church and Calcutta Bible College students presented a play depicting Carey's life and work in India. It would have been great to have been there!"

Kathleen Bowser writes, "We had about 20'' of snow the first week of January followed by another 7" later in January. The gutters on one side of my house got clogged up, and ice pushed up the edge of the roof causing water damage. My insurance will take care of most of the damage. There was also the matter of frozen pipes. With my hair dryer and some hot water, I got the ice out of them. (shabash!)"

Hammond & Julia Major: "We are ready for Spring! It has been quite a winter for all of us here in the East! Michael and I celebrated our birthdays, 4th and 5th of March at our favorite place, 'Eat-N-Park. Hammond and I were happy to have all our grandchildren with us. We missed Joe and Eleanore down in Tenn."

Tom Major, I heard through Philip Dogre that Tom has had surgery. When I decided to call out there for more news, I found I did not have their telephone number!

Oregon Elizabeth Walton sends her telephone number - 503-652-3024. Number of the Office is 503-654-3171. Beth writes, "The crocus and daffodil are already in bloom."

Wisc. Ruth Ihrig was pleased to get a letter written by Sunita, Chumchu and Gudu's daughter, who is studying at Boys' Christian Home. She wrote well in Hindi, lapsing into Marathi only at the end.

Receipts for your 1994 Party Line Fees are enclosed. Thanks for this evidence of your support and keep the news coming, please.

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"By the time you are 80, you have learned everything. You only have to remember it." -George Burns.

"So often the first screw that works loose in a person's head is the one that holds the tongue in place"



June 1994

LILIAN MERRY FINALLY HOME May 13, 1994

Lilian has spent the last years of her life at the Kotagiri Medical Center where Dr. Philip Oomman has been so kind to her. News of her death was sent to the Hedlunds, and I have just rethis news from them. Lilian was 97 years old.

As I remember the many years of fellowship with Lilian, at Lahi, Seoni Malwa, Khirkiya, and Paratwada, it was her burden for the Korkus that stands out. Surely now she is bringing the Frommans up-to-date on the latest news from Korku-land.

Roger & June Hedlund left for Sri Lanka for two weeks of ministry at the Lanka Bible College. (as of May 16th)

By this time the 4 camps for boys and girls and young people of our BCA area are over. Did you know the first two camps for girls were held at Khamla? When we moved to Chikaladra the camp was enlarged to include both Hindi and Marathi speaking girls.

Paul and Virginia Morris write from Florida, "We always enjoy the Party Line and news of friends we had such close fellowship with in the yesteryears. We are both doing very well for our age! We expect to go north the last week of August and stay until Feb. We will be baby-sitting Doug's new baby when the mother has to go back to work. Last October the North American Consultation on So. Asian Christians, held at Wheaton College afforded me the chance to fellowship with the Tuggys, Hedlunds, Ray Eichers, Charlie Warrens and many old India hands including D. John Richards."

And they close with " when you get to SW Florida you must visit us in what has just been determined one of the top 20 retirement communities in USA. It's a great place to live.

John and Evelyn Garrison are moving. Their new address as of June 10th is P. O. Box 802, Golden, B.C. VOA 1HO
Residence address: 516 11th Street S. ,Golden, B.C. VOA 1HO

There are some 80 Sikh families living in Golden. John and Evelyn have been called to minister to them. They ask for our prayers.

Prabhudas and Hiru Nitnaware (Boys Christian Home) will be in Minneapolis Aug. 3-6. Aug. 9th they will be in Los Angeles with Sally Miller and will meet there with the Majors . They will be at the Wheaton headquarters Aug. 1-3. I understand Ruth Lee will meet with thm there. Please pray for them as they travel. They will be in the Sandy Cove area all of July.

Elizabeth Walton has had both cataracts removed, has new glasses, and can now read o.k. again. Beth was glad for the message from



Philip Oomman in the last Party Line. "I had a letter from his sister Dr. Annie Oomman Poonen telling of her great joy in returning to Kothara area after many years. Pat showed her the I.E.M. work in the area. Annie said, "I had such a sense of belonging - a thrilling experience like the fulfillment of a long-held dream."

Dora Johnson has been busy substituting in the school. She plans to visit Eileen soon and then together they plan to drive on to see Ruth Lee.

Beryl Girard "I finish our tutoring program May 27th, then on 30th I plan to head for Oshkosh to spend some time with Ruth Ihrig.

At our last India Fellowship here in the Cities, we had a report from Dr. Alton Olsen. (He and his wife Ruth were missionaries in Landour for some years.) Now every other year they return to India for a month, or join their son in Vancouver where he and his wife working among the Indians living there. (They see Vern Middleton often.) We also had a report from Ralph Pegors, retiree from Pakistan. He told us there is a radio program that broadcasts Indian music to the large Gujarati community here. Ralph hopes to be able to get some Christian Indian music on that program and then of course to be able to contact some of the Gujarati listeners."

And out in California the Gnaniahs continue to reach out to the large Indian community there.

Just a note from Faye Major. "Tom is about the same - still fighting the problem of pain. We look forward to Prabhudas and Hiru's visit. We often talk to Patricia by phone. She is doing well. "

Not too much news at this time, but I want to get this off before I leave for Oshkosh. Please send in your travel plans - esp. if you plan to be here in Minneapolis for the Annual Meetings June 23-26. We will plan a mini reunion if you can come.

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Thanks for sending news of Lillian. Now she is with the Lord she loved and served so well.
Do let us know ^{about} your ministry in ^{Laurel} ^{Sound} ^{great}.
Beryl



Australia Doris McGowan wrote of her memories of Lilian Merry. "I have just heard via Party Line that Lilian Merry has passed away. My thoughts went back at once to my first association with her at Chikaladra. She had come from Ceylon where she was working and was living with Mr. and Mrs. Fromman. She had a great burden and love for the Korku people. Those of us who lived at Ellichpur also went to Chikaladra in the hot season. I remember the picnics and hikes we had there and especially th evenings when we gathered to pray, to sing our favorite hymns, and just to fellowship. Lilian was a happy person - easy to get along with- and we enjoyed one another's company. It was a pleasure to me later on to know that she had returned to India to take up the work at Khirkiya." (Lilian became a CBFMS Missionary in May 1947.)

Doris called Alice Donaldson, also a former missionary under the Korku and Central India Hill Mission, to tell her about Lilian's death. Both Doris and Alice are now 90 years of age, and they may be the only ones still living of the old Korku Mission.

England Stella Jones writes, "I first met Lilian when she was on furlough, and I was a student at the Missionary School of Medicine in London. Her love for India and its people was clear to me from the beginning. To Lilian India was "home" more than anywhere else. It was not surprising, therefore, that retirement in England, cut off from her beloved Korkus, left her restless and longing to return.

Although she did not adopt India dress, with regard to food and in so many other ways she lived as the villagers themselves. Physically strong, she did not spare herself, but there were times when she was near exhaustion. Then she had to take a day or two resting in her room. Material things meant little to her. Like her Lord she travelled light. She was a great character, utterly dedicated to communicating the Gospel, through her work on the Korku language as well as preaching in the villages. Many have been enriched by her ministry, and surely it can be said of her as of John Bunyan's Christian, that finally, she passed over, "and all the trumpets sounded for her on the other side," (Stella assisted Lillian in the 1950's. Stella is now a retired pastor of the United Reformed Church living in North Wales.)

Arizona Morris and Lavon Powell are announcing the marriage of their daughter, Shalu Renee, to Mr. Bryan Reid Taylor on the 13th of August at 7:00 P.M. in the Hope United Methodist Church in Bullhead City, Az. Congratulations!

California Alice Major 's letter leaves me with a guilty feeling. She had just gone through all her closets, rearranged her living room and cleaned out her frig.!! She continues, "Did I ever tell you that when I visited my brother and sister-in-law in Querryville, Pa. last year, that I met Frank & Esther Fiol? They asked about you, Ruth, Lilla, Eileen and Dora. They are in the same retirement home as my brother and sister-in-law. Steve Fiol is Music Director at Milliken College, Decatur, Ill. Robert Fiol is Navy Chaplain & violinist at Norfolk. Va. David Fiol is President of the Board at Woodstock School. Bruce is in Florida and pastors the Marco Island Church. I also met Bill and Sarah Marlow. He knew the Grubbses real well."

Patricia flew up to Santa Cruz this week to visit Tom & Faye. Tom is not very well. My family are all well and we praise God for His goodness."



July 1994

INDIA

Patricia Crabtree's letter of June 7th was from Landour where she was on vacation with her friend Helen Penner. Crabby was studying Hindi again and planning to take the second progressive exam in the Introductory Course. And they were having a heat wave in Landour that is 78 instead of the usual 70-72 degrees. But the last week of May Rajasthan had over 120 degrees! Rain had not yet come at the time of Crabby's letter to Maharashtra.

Crabby inclosed a letter from Elly Zimmerman, a niece of Mr. Carl Wyder who was for years the superintendent of the old Korku Mission. She wrote, " In the year 1930 I came to Ellichpur as a missionary. I had to return to Germany in 1934 because of ill health. During the world war our connection with India was broken but we did learn that another Mission had taken over the work. Many years have passed and many things have changed, but I still pray for our stations; Ellichpur, Khudawandpur, Kothara, Bhaidehi, Khamla, Ghatang, Duni, and the lovely Chikalda. I wonder how the work has grown." As Crabby added, "It is amazing the prayer support team we have had all these years!"

A little clarification: The FAX number (given in the April issue of Party Line) is at IMBO Bombay. They forward it by mail. But it is still a quick way to reach me. I have had 2 phone calls from Stella to Khudawandpur! Very clear, just as though we were in the same room. From October 31 we will be. Yes, they Stella and Vern arrive Badnera on October 31. They will leave for Madras the day after Thanksgiving. It's gonna be great!"

Dian Willbur 's news is from her Prayer letter May 12th. She also mentioned the heat. She was busy picking up boys for the boys camp as she returned the girls from the girls camp. What a busy summer she had planned! Besides the camps there were medical clinics baby shows, women's meetings and a farmer's meeting planned.

Note: Over 1800 children and 200 onlooker adults were reached through the village VBS program. Girls Camp - 109 attended. Boys Camp - 99, and Youth Camp 91.

Roger and June Hedlund are now located at Serampore College, Serampore, Hooghly, West Bengal 712201. (The Madras address will also reach them.) Roger has been appointed as Professor of Mission Studies (Research) At Serampore. You no doubt have his Prayer Letter (June) with prayer requests. Do pray for them in this "major transition".

Boys Christian Home The new school year began the third week of June with 25 new boys and about 30 new girls.

Steve and Meena Neumann are beginning to meet Indian families in London. Steve is studying Gujarati, and they are beginning to build friendships.

Bonnie Holland was graduated from Western Seminary with a Master's Degree in Intercultural Studies. Now she is seeking financial and prayer support .



Indiana Eileen Prickett, "Dora and I had a good trip to Michigan and saw Ruth Lee makes her home. She has done a lot of renovating. I do not envy the job although when I first came home, I had a lot of energy to do things like gardening with Keith at the home place. One year I planted hundreds of onion plants - was stopped by the rain and mud. Gene had ordered 1000 plants!!"

BRACKINS ⁵ RICHMOND TIMES DISPATCH



submitted
by Eileen



"... THIS JUST IN...A THREE-YEAR STUDY SHOWS THAT KNITTING OR READING WHILE DRINKING A CUP OF TEA AND LISTENING TO THE NEWS WITH A CAT CURLED UP ON THE COUCH IS BAD FOR YOU!..."

COMMENTARY: Legislating Nature

Michigan Ruth Lee "The visit with Dora and Eileen was so nice. I was glad I got a bed for the guest room before they came so they didn't have to sleep on the floor on an air mattress. Now I'm looking forward to seeing Prabhudas and Hiru in Wheaton on the First of August and then Patricia Aug. 18th. August will be a very special month. I'm still enjoying tutoring a Vietnamese lady in English. She is a lovely person and such fun to work with.

I'm fighting a losing battle trying to keep the squirrels away from my bird feeder. I put Crisco on the pole that holds the feeder. They were foiled for a bit as they slipped down when they tried to climb. Then they started jumping down from an overhanging branch. So I chopped back the branch, but now they are back again! Can't win!!!"

Minnesota Dora Johnson also has confirmed how great the visit with Eileen and Ruth was. Dora drove from Mankato to Lafayette and then they went on to Belmont to visit Ruth. After returning to Mankato Dora has been busy entertaining cousins from California, Oregon and Iowa 4 sets.

Beryl Girard went to Oshkosh at the end of May to spend a few days



with Ruth Ihrig. That was a great time. I did not attend the annual meetings, but I was invited to the get-together of the Pakistani missionaries at an Indian Restaurant in St. Paul. That was great. Present were the Websters, Tuggys, Kerrs, Dobras, Pegors, Roubs, Elkins, Pittmans. (A letter from the Pegors told about the 3rd Annual Sindhi Convention. The next Sindhi convention will be held here in Minneapolis - July 10-13, 1995.) July 3-6 Prabhudas and Hiru will be here in Minneapolis. I am excited!!!! "

Phil and Lilla LiCalzi have their home up for sale. Their new address will be given in Party Line later.

Penn. Hammond and Julia Major are eating lots of broccoli, beets and greens from thier garden. They plan to visit Eleanor and Joe in Tenn. August.

Note to all mosquito victims: When I arrived in Oshkosh chewed up by Wisconsin mosquitoes, Ruth introduced me to AVON's Skin-So-Soft Mosquito, Fleas, & Deer Tick Repellent. Also Sunscreen Lotion. It really works for I bought some before I left for 3 weeks in North Dakota. (N.Dak. mosquitoes are really vicious.) And this Avon stuff really works - of course you have to remember to put it on!

Here's a prayer sent by Julia Major. (I had a copy in the Bible I used in India)

A Seventeenth Century Nun's Prayer

Lord, Thou knowst better than I know myself, that I am growing older, and will some day be old.
Keep me from getting talkative, and particularly from the habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.
Release me from the craving to try to straighten out everybody's affairs.
Keep my mindfree from the recital of endless details - give wings to get to the point.
I ask for grace enough to listen to the tales of other's pains. Help me to endure them with patience. But seal my lips on my love of rehearsing my own aches and pains - they are increasing and my love of rehearsing them grows sweeter as the years go by.
Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally it is possible that I may be mistaken.
Keep me reasonably sweet: I do not want to be a saint - some of them are so hard to live with - but a sour old man/woman is one of the crowning works of the devil.
Make me thoughtful, but not moody; helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all, but Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

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*Hi,
I'm sure you will enjoy your
next teaching at Sewanpa
looks like a busy schedule
India seems so far
like a dream
Guess I'll take
Prabhudas
back.*

M. T. SAMUEL

The Nonnuch Tea
Kstata's Ltd.
Ritz Buildings,
Esomoor 643101.
13-5-1994.

2.45 PM

Dear Dr. Hedlund,

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ.

I have just had a telephone call from the Kstasini Medical Fellowship to say that Miss Lillian Merry passed away just after 1 P.M. today, in sleep, and that the end was peaceful. I have informed Mr. Wilson of Brooklands Guest Home, Esomoor, who is the executor of the will of Miss Merry. Also the U.K. High Commission local representative in the Nilgiris, Mr. D.R.B. Tynan has also been informed.

The funeral will take place at Kstasini tomorrow, the 14th.

I am trying to contact you over the phone.

With Christian regards.

Yours sincerely
M. T. Samuel



J. Wilson
Brooklands Guest Home
Coonoor, Nilgiris
T. N. 643 101
June 24, 94

Dear Dr. R. Hedlund + June.

We are in receipt of your letter of May 16th. By now you are in Serampore. Trust you both are keeping well and settling well. Everything went on all right out Mill Merry's funeral. I have been wanting to write to you, but somehow we were busy having house full of guests all the time.

I had a letter from Mr. R. Berkshire of U.K. asking for the details of Mill Merry's death. Mr. M.T. Samuel did not want to give any detail as to how she died, but I was able to get from other reliable source and passed on to Mr. R. Berkshire, because they are planning to have a memorial service for Mill Merry. I have sent ~~but~~ Mill Merry's U.K. Will to Mr. R. Berkshire and he received it intact and I am glad about it. We are keeping all Mill Merry's trunks with full of papers and other personal belongings. When you come you could sort out.

Please, don't mention anything to Mr. M.T. Samuel. I have been asking him to hand over Mill Merry's left over cash to that woman ~~the~~ deal with her will for India. He keeps saying he will come, but never comes to hand over. I am beginning to feel there is something going on between Dr. Joment + Mr. Samuel.



If you could see that your Milly in USA does not send any money to Mr. Samuel or friends in the U.K. should take any trouble to send any extra help. There must have been enough money in Milly Merry's account and she had fixed deposits also. If you could find out and let me know when did your Milly in USA send her last pension. It would be also better if you could let me know for last one year how much money has been sent towards Lillian's expenses. please, don't mention anything to Mr. Samuel yet. I will wait and see how long he will take to settle the account. Since the Brooklands Superintendent is the Executor of Milly Merry's will, I am anxious to see that it is settled as soon as possible. But Mr. Samuel doesn't want to hand over the account.

The funeral expenses seem to be too high. We can talk about these things when you come. Please, pray that Mr. M.T. Samuel would settle it without delaying.

Love with our love & regards.

Sincerely,
J. Milly



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Mr. and Mrs. Wilson
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16 May, 1994

Dear Wilson and Kamala,

Greetings in Jesus.

We have just received word from Mr. M. T. Samuel about the passing of Miss Lillian Merry on Friday. If I am not mistaken, I believe she achieved 97 years--full of Praise! She blessed many. Two years ago in England I spoke in Miss Merry's "home" church, and there were a few there who remembered her. But I think mostly she will be remembered by many from Nilgiris and other places in India. We will always remember Miss Lillian Merry: a remarkable person. I am sure the funeral was a time of thanksgiving for her life. Thank you for your part in the arrangements.

Apparently Mr. Samuel tried to reach us by phone, but we were in Kodaikanal. We returned to Madras on the 14th. Today we go to Sri Lanka for two weeks of ministry at Lanka Bible College.

We are grateful to you for your care of Miss Lillian Merry through several years. Do let us know if there is anything we should do. We are sending a FAX today to inform CBFMS (now called CBInternational) in Wheaton.

Kindly convey our gratitude to all who had a part in taking care of Miss Merry: Dr. Ooman and the Kotagiri Medical Fellowship staff, Miss Rose and all of you at Brooklands and Queens Hill.

One request: if there are any personal papers, correspondence, etc., left by Miss Merry, these may be of interest for the CBFMS archives at Denver Seminary. At one time she had a box full of such, and if any remain, we would be grateful if someone could store the same until we can come and have a look.



May the Lord continue to bless your lives and ministry. In June I take up my new appointment at Serampore, but we are keeping our residence in Madras and will be back and forth from time to time. June will be coming here in July-August, and could possibly come to Coonoor at that time.

Cordially yours in Christ,

Roger B. Hedlund



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Mr. M. T. Samuel
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16 May, 1994

Dear Mr. Samuel,

Greetings in Jesus. We received your letter this morning telling of the peaceful home-going of Miss Lillian Merry on the 18th. If I am not mistaken, I believe she had achieved 97 years--full of Praise! She blessed many. Two years ago in England I spoke in Miss Merry's "home" church, and there were a few persons there who remembered her. But I think mostly she will be remembered by many from Nilgiris and other places in India.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in trying to reach us by phone. Actually we were in Kodaikanal, and returned to Madras on the 14th. Today we go to Sri Lanka for two weeks of ministry at Lanka Bible College.

We are grateful to you for your faithful handling of Miss Lillian Merry's business affairs through these several years. Do let us know if there is anything we should do. We are sending a FAX today to inform CBFMS (now called CBInternational) in Wheaton.

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May the Lord continue to bless your life and service. We will always remember Miss Lillian Merry: a remarkable person. I am sure the funeral was a time of thanksgiving for her life. Thank you again for making the arrangements.

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Cordially yours in Christ,

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Dr. A. Philip Ooman
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16 May, 1994

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Thanks again for everything you did for Miss Merry. May the Lord continue to bless your ministry.

Cordially yours in Christ,

Roger E. Hedlund



M.T. SAMUEL

The Nonsuch Tea Estates Ltd.,
"Ritz Buildings",
Coonoor 643 101,

19th May, 1994.

Dear Dr. Hedlund,

Greetings in the Name of Jesus.

Many thanks for your kind letter of the 16th May, and I do appreciate the sentiments you have expressed.

I am glad to say that a fitting farewell was given to the 'grand old lady'. The funeral was very well attended. From Coonoor, Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Kowski and Mrs. Anita Lazarus were there. From Kotagiri, Miss Andersson, Miss Ruth Rose and other old friends were present. Almost all the Staff of KMF were present, with Dr. Ashok Oommen and his wife playing a lead role in the various arrangements. The Service was conducted at the KMF Chappel, and Rev. Philip Mulley of St. Luke's Church conducted the Funeral Service. Several friends of Miss Merry spoke, recalling their association with her. Yes, the funeral service was indeed a time of thanksgiving for her life. You are right - Miss Merry was 97 years old, her birthday being on the 20th January.

I am endorsing a copy of this letter, along with a copy of your letter, to Dr. Oommen, Miss Ruth Rose and to Mr. Wilson, for their information and suitable action as regards the personal papers, correspondence etc. left behind by Miss Merry. In fact, Mr. Wilson had contacted me on the phone this morning, and he is going to gather all the belongings which are at Queen's Hill and at K.M.F., and bring them to Brooklands.

With Christian love,

Yours in Jesus Christ,

Copy to:

Dr. Ashok Oommen, K.M.F., Kotagiri.
Miss Ruth Rose, "Queen's Hill, Kotagiri.
Mr. Wilson, Brooklands Guest Home, Coonoor.



Newsbrief



CBInternational
On The Cutting Edge Of The Harvest

Formerly CBFMS

May 27, 1994

TRAVEL NOTES

Scott and Jenny Hovater, MACs, leave for Taiwan May 30 to teach at Christ's College.

Rich and Cherie Strahm leave for the Philippines June 1 and arrive June 3.

Alan and Melody Pieratt leave South Brazil June 7, rather than the 12th as previously published.

Brian Jackson, MAC, leaves for Japan June 15.

Yvonne Marion (MAC) returns from Mauritania June 15.

Ralph and Polly Brown, MACs, arrive in Pakistan June 17.

Tom and Zita Pezzota leave for the Philippines June 22, arriving June 23.

Doug Cannon leaves for Taiwan June 22 and arrives June 23

Margaret Rhodes (MAC) returns from Cote d'Ivoire on July 7.

Tom and Barb Ward leave for Pakistan July 7 and arrive July 8.

Bruce and Nancy MacPherson plan to leave Argentina for home assignment in November.

PRAYER REQUESTS

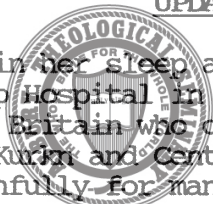
On May 15, Don Price flew from South Brazil to the States for therapy on his back. However two State-side orthopedic surgeons confirmed that his condition is too acute for therapy, and they have scheduled surgery for today, May 27.

On May 13 Kent Mathews, son of former missionaries Randy and Alice Mathews, was killed in a bicycling accident in France where he was working with disabled children. Randy and Alice request no phone calls at this time. Cards may be sent to them at: 7420 E. Quincy, #102, Denver, Colorado 80237.

Marie Palmer, two year old daughter of Joe and Suzaane, Macau, has been diagnosed with ulcerative colitis which will require four to six months of treatment here in the States.

UPDATE

Miss Lilian Merry passed away in her sleep at age 97 on May 13, 1994 at the Kotagiri Medical Fellowship Hospital in South India. Miss Merry was one of the missionaries from Great Britain who came with CBI (then CBFMS) when we took over the field of the Kurmi and Central India Hills Mission in 1945. She served with us faithfully for many years in Central India. Miss Merry retired in India.



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16 May, 1994

Dear Dr. Ooman,

Greetings in Jesus.

We have just received word from Mr. M. T. Samuel about the passing of Miss Lillian Merry on Friday. If I am not mistaken, I believe she achieved 97 years—full of Praise! She blessed many. We will always remember Miss Lillian Merry: a remarkable person. I am sure the funeral was a time of thanksgiving for her life.

Apparently Mr. Samuel tried to reach us by phone, but we were in Kodaikanal. We returned to Madras on the 14th, so were unable to come for the service. Today we go to Sri Lanka for two weeks of ministry at Lanka Bible College.

We are grateful to you for your care of Miss Lillian Merry through these several years. Please convey our thanks to your staff and all who had some part in her care. Do let us know if there is anything we should do. We are sending a FAX today to CBFMS (CBInternational) in Wheaton.

One request: if there are any personal papers, correspondence, etc., left by Miss Merry, these may be of interest for the CBFMS archives at Denver Seminary. At one time she had a box full of such, and if any remain, we would be grateful if someone could store the same until we can come and have a look. I am also writing to Mr. M. T. Samuel and the Wilsons.

Thanks again for everything you did for Miss Merry. May the Lord continue to bless your ministry.

Cordially yours in Christ,

Roger E. Hedlund



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Mr. M. T. Samuel
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16 May, 1994

Dear Mr. Samuel,

Greetings in Jesus. We received your letter this morning telling of the peaceful home-going of Miss Lillian Merry on the 13th. If I am not mistaken, I believe she had achieved 97 years—full of Praise! She blessed many. Two years ago in England I spoke in Miss Merry's "home" church, and there were a few persons there who remembered her. But I think mostly she will be remembered by many from Nilgiris and other places in India.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in trying to reach us by phone. Actually we were in Kodaikanal, and returned to Madras on the 14th. Today we go to Sri Lanka for two weeks of ministry at Lanka Bible College.

We are grateful to you for your faithful handling of Miss Lillian Merry's business affairs through these several years. Do let us know if there is anything we should do. We are sending a FAX today to inform CBFMS (now called CBInternational) in Wheaton.

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May the Lord continue to bless your life and service. We will always remember Miss Lillian Merry: a remarkable person. I am sure the funeral was a time of thanksgiving for her life. Thank you again for making the arrangements.

Kindly convey our gratitude to all who had a part in taking care of Miss Merry: Dr. Ooman and the Kotagiri Medical Fellowship staff, the Wilsons, Miss Rose, and all at Brooklands and Queens Hill.

Cordially yours in Christ,

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Mr. and Mrs. Wilson
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16 May, 1994

Dear Wilson and Kamala,

Greetings in Jesus.

We have just received word from Mr. M. T. Samuel about the passing of Miss Lillian Merry on Friday. If I am not mistaken, I believe she achieved 97 years—full of Praise! She blessed many. Two years ago in England I spoke in Miss Merry's "home" church, and there were a few there who remembered her. But I think mostly she will be remembered by many from Nilgiris and other places in India. We will always remember Miss Lillian Merry: a remarkable person. I am sure the funeral was a time of thanksgiving for her life. Thank you for your part in the arrangements.

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May the Lord continue to bless your lives and ministry. In June I take up my new appointment at Serampore, but we are keeping our residence in Madras and will be back and forth from time to time. June will be coming here in July-August, and could possibly come to Coonoor at that time.

Cordially yours in Christ,

Roger E. Hedlund

