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All India Friends Gathering (AIFG) at Hoshangabad, M.P. India

From the Secretary

Once every 3 years Friends from around India meet for the All India Friends Gathering (AIFG). This year this gathering was held at Friends Rural Centre Rasulia and I had the pleasure of attending. Included in this newsletter is a report prepared and photos of the happy time we spent together.

Before the gathering I was able to visit Vishwas Nath (the printer of this newsletter) and Hari Kura in Delhi, attend Sunday worship at



Ronis Capman is walking with two men at Delhi

Bhopal Meeting House and share time in the homes of numerous Friends in Bhopal. After the gathering I visited Itarsi Friends Church, had the pleasure of visiting Friends in Itarsi and then participated in a Young Friends camp at Rasulia.

I also visited one of the 3 schools under the care of Friends Schools Governing Board India, Itarsi and you will find a report on that visit in this newsletter.

I am very conscious of the impact that air travel has on the environment and so think carefully before organising visits to groups affiliated with the Asia West Pacific section of FWCC. I am also

conscious of the Quaker tradition of travelling in the ministry that was started by George Fox as he walked "cheerfully over the earth". Visiting Friends in India was such a blessing and a very worthwhile thing to do. I mostly communicate with people by email and so to sit in the Friends churches at Bhopal and Itarsi, and to sit in the Meeting House at Rasulia and look out over the rice fields was a delight. Visiting Friends in their homes and sharing tea and beautiful Indian food led to the kind of rich conversations it is hard to have just by relying on my computer.

I hope by now you have all discovered the wonderful resource that Friends Journal has brought to us over the last 2 years with their Quaker speak videos. The most recent was on travelling in the ministry and can be found at this link.

<http://quakerspeak.com/why-traveling-ministry-is-vital-for-quakers-in-the-21st-century/>

The India Gathering was a step in the pilgrimage we are all to the gathering of our world wide family in Peru in January 2016. The FWCC Plenary theme was explored and creative greetings in the form of footprints were written to send to those who gather in Pisac, Peru.

Please give your prayerful support to those who are travelling to Peru on our behalf in January 2015. It is a big journey to make and decisions made at this meeting will shape our future together. Follow the work of the Peru meeting on the FWCC World Office website:

<http://www.fwcc.world>

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**Report on the All India Friends Gathering
(AIFG) which took place from
October 21-25, 2015 in Hoshangabad, M.P. India**

*"Creation waits in Expectation for the Sons and Daughters of
God to be Revealed" - Romans 8:19*

It has been a good week at Friends Rural Centre, Rasuliya, Hoshangabad. We have been led with good works, quiet meditations, song, prayer, dance, food, and, conversations.

Sixty-Two attenders have been present in spirit and mind to practice



Young Friends at Rural Centre at Rasulia, Hoshangabad

Quakerism together, study and receive messages from many Friends testimonies.

Days have been full with many attenders rising long before day break and having evening conversations that trailed off until late at night.

As we arrived at holiday festival season, music, drumming, and chants surrounded the centre (causing some sleepless nights for some). In fact, even some of our most venerable statespersons at times had threatened to take on the maddening crowds or ring the necks of boisterous roaming dogs and pigs; before regaining their Quaker composes.

Most time at FRC was very peaceful. Mornings were cool. Birds'

songs were harmonious. The green verdant landscape of Rasuliya is a healthful surrounding setting a scene of peace and was a living example of creation waiting expectantly for our works, our faith, our journey, and our practices as Friends.

Developing on the themes of caring for the Earth, Stewardship of Creation, Compassion and Equality among Humanity, and Kindness to the Environment; we agreed that creation is waiting for the sons and daughters of god to assist us in growing into a personal transformation of Truth. What we can all do we are called to do NOW.

A person reading this report may ask: How did the transformation occur?

Each day participants began with Meeting for Worship. First we would join Friends Rural Centre (FRC) staff during their prayers. Then we would convene in the Meeting House for quiet worship and meditation. This meditation was mostly silent, though sometimes messages came (mostly in Hindi or song). It was a calming, joyful, and peace filled way to begin our days. MRMM - Marble Rock Monthly Meeting; BYM - Bundelkhand Yearly Meeting, Chhattarpur; BhYM - Bhopal Yearly Meeting, Bhopal; GFCI - General Friends Conference India; MIYM - Mid India Yearly Meeting, Itarsi all were active participants bringing their own hopeful messages.

Everyday we had Indian breakfasts. Fresh fruits every day, some idli-samnabar, boiled eggs and bread for western palates.

Presentations were given on scripture, practice, faith, and organizational structures by Shikha Titus and Merryl Titus (BYM and MIYM), Samson Samuel (MIYM), C.B. Lall, Ronis Chapman (FWCC - AWPS, AYM), Archana Gour



Old couple at Rasulia

(GFCI) Patricia Macgregor (FWCC-AWPS, A/NZYM) and Jack Walk, Wanda Yiannakis, and Nathan Shroyer (IFWG-PYM) both in India and abroad.

Games were played by all ages ("pass-the-ball" and musical chairs). Tea breaks and Excursions provided for small intimate conversations. Another favorite activity was the planting of more than 100 mango trees by participants. Children and children of all ages loved piling into the trailer holding the young trees pulled by a tractor down the bumpy roads and into the prepared fields. Enormous hoses and buckets fed water for the transition of the trees. Ongoing plans are to plant rows of organic fruits, vegetables and herbs between the young trees and sell the organic produce at a new roadside farm stand.

On the last evening, we celebrated the life of Samuel Ram Lall (94 years young) who has been a lifelong Friend. Following this we had an epilogue exercise of using handprints of multi colored paints to stamp a handmade flag. These symbols of our call to action will be joined by messages scribed onto tiny cut-out paper footprints (each with messages of goodwill and love) which will go to Peru in January for the worldwide FWCC gathering.

On the final day (First Day), we gathered in groups and went to worship with local Meetings and Churches in Itarsi and Hoshangabad. This was the perfect completion to a spiritual journey towards weaving a new fabric of friendship.

The subject for the week from Romans 8:19; "The Creation waits in Expectation for the Sons and Daughters of God to be Revealed." was woven into everything we did. No one was left lacking. All participants were encouraged and actively engaged. Ages of participants



ranged from one to ninety-four.

Yours in Faith with Peace and Love,

Seventh All India Friends Gathering

Submitted by:

Devdas Shrisunder, Bhopal Yearly Meeting and

Nathan Shroyer Chester River Friends Meeting (Monthly)

India Friends Working Group -Philadelphia Yearly Meeting

Reflections on the All India gathering from Wanda Yiannakins, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

Dreams do come true and it happened in India. My eyes found great pleasure as I enjoyed birds and animals everywhere. Like the hummingbird with a brown stripe running down the front of its breast. A woodpecker with a long red beak, white breast and an indigo blue body; also colors of brown and yellow on its wings. Wonderful varieties of monkeys were on the road sides and in the parks. Their young clung to the parents as if they were one. A group of Camels were herded with goods on their backs at a meditative pace; a pace



All India Friends Gathering at Rasulia, Hoshangabad

that slowed down my thinking to a blissful peace. I saw Chipmunks resting on a side wall as they ate. They are so tiny. Marking in their fur was easily identifiable, even on the other side of the world. Ferrets played freely in the park as we walked by.

A mouse peaked out from behind the kitchen cabinet as a feast was being prepared and I was one of the guests of honor. As I left I was blessed with a very special gift; a beautiful handmade shawl with many colors running through it.

As we observed how to haggle, in the shops, Lizards listened on the walls and ceilings. Pigs larger than Saint Bernard dogs simply being pigs sorted through the rubbish according to their delight. While in the streets they stayed in their space as we shared life together. White Egret's meditated in the rice patties waiting for their next meal. Donkeys traveled together down the neighborhood roadway, as their master walked along side of them. Cows of all sizes and colors were all around. They seemed to be representing a deep regard for life.

There was new birth, of beautiful happy puppies staying close to their mom while I observed their love. Very few cats were visible but present, more hidden because an ancient myth has instilled thinking that cats are more harmful than other animals. They have more stillness in life and wait for just the right time and place to reveal their selves.

A Tiger was photographed in Bhopal the day after I visited. The picture in the paper revealed its size. It was full grown and amazing even to see in the paper. I wouldn't expect a tiger to be any different, especially in India. It was magnificent.

The ants were much smaller than US ants yet once they laid their teeth (as group) into my foot I realized their tremendous power. They had enough power to make me move very quickly from their place of residence to my tea tree oil. (Take my advice and don't leave home without it.) Mosquitos lay in wait on the green plants surrounding the grounds as well as in the houses of our new Friends homes. The most intriguing of all the animal kingdom in India were the people, especially women and girls. They wore the most beautiful clothes I have ever seen. Their hair was long and braided with

decorations in it, an adornment that comes natural to their beauty. Even their feet were beautiful. They wore the same lovely clothing no matter the work, tree planting or serving dinner. What seemed to me to be adornment for queens and princesses was an everyday routine in India.

Yet I was fortunate to see deeper into their hearts. They were different, inquisitive, joyous, and eventful even trusting, in me, a stranger. I could sense their joy in the midst of what others may call poverty.

The young man whose voice was so soft spoken others would quiet themselves to hear what he had to say. He shared his vision for more young man to get together in Rasulia as he did to learn about water filters, farming and Spiritual matters of God

There were times I felt helpless though, like the time the taxi driver rolled down his window and smacked a boy begging in the head. He didn't really hurt him enough to cause damage but to make the message clear. go away.

As I experienced pollution like I have never known I came to love these people more. The plane I left on was delayed because of pollution. The trash decorates the cities while dogs, pigs and goat feast within it. My heart grew more to love them and appreciate them for their strength.

The time spent in India has brought once again and awakening. A reality only being there could bring. How precious and strong the people are to focus. Focus on peace, love and acceptance. They have life and life more abundantly. They gently touched each other as friends do, like I did when I was a child. I remember skipping and holding hands with a friend going down the sidewalk. We were so happy. I could see the special relationships and care very much like the younger times in my life with my young friends. There was a deep respect for the older ones as well.

How sad we do not carry this pleasure as we grow older; such as companionship and compassion for one another. Other things pull us away.

While I went with the people in their homes I got to know them and their way of living day to day. Many times, seeds of love (as I like to think), were planted in my heart. Now I truly know their names. A musician named Hamit who played guitar with me as we practice songs to teach the children memory verses from the bible. A woman named who has written ten children's books. She was there to teach alternative to violence. We were very happy to discover we have writing children's books in common. I taught that God teaches us how to keep peace through the Ten Commandments and the Two Greatest. The children had fun learning hand signs to remember them. I met 150 girls in the school I visited and was blessed to dance with them. Joy unspeakable!

I hope more face to face contact be restored to our people (in the U.S.) so we can have the strength to carry on and to know peace and acceptance for each other. I recently read and fully believe, we need to forgive not live in fear and embrace each other. Love, even if it hurts. Get out face to face while we are able. Smile at someone on purpose it is not hard to do. Say Hi. Touch them. If they are someone who knows you well go ahead and give them a gentle pat on the back. It goes both ways and is better than no interaction at all. Look at them in their eyes you may be extending their lives and restoring their joy. A little can go a long way to someone who feels no love.

I could not learn what I learned about these people in a book or on TV. You will be happy to know if you visit this most amazing country you will find what you are looking for. As I have. It could be a deeper appreciation for what we already have and do. Or as I felt, a deeper love for God the creator, others, and even more love for myself.

Sharing from the heart,

Wanda

For many years Philadelphia Yearly Meeting has taken a special interest in India with their India Friends Working Group. This group was represented at the All India Getheirng by Wand Yiannakis, Nathan Shroyer and Jack Walz.

HOW WAR IS REMEMBERED - Celebrating the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF)

June 3, 2015

By Robin Lloyd, WILPF United States of America

Late April, I witnessed three centennial events related to World War I (WWI), all happening in the same week 100 years ago: the International Congress for Women at the Hague (28 April 1915), the use of chlorine gas by Germans at Ypres, Belgium (22 April 1915), and the start of the British and ANZAC (Australian-New Zealand Army Corps) attack on Gallipoli, in Turkey (25 April 1915). While celebrating the first - the founding event of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom - I was invited to attend a centennial commemoration of the last at a cemetery outside The Hague.

On Saturday, 25 April 2015, a member of the New Zealand WILPF group, Liz Remmerswaal Hughes invited me to a solemn ANZAC graveside ceremony sponsored by the embassies of Australia and New Zealand in the Netherlands. It was the 100th anniversary of the start of the disastrous invasion of Gallipoli early in WWI when 11,500 Australian and New Zealand soldiers died due to the irresponsible decision of Winston Churchill to extend WWI to the eastern Mediterranean.

Gallipoli was an event that has seriously impacted Liz's family. She felt impelled to witness; she could no longer contain the fury and sadness she felt, not just at the senselessness of the degradation and killing that occurred there but at the twisting of historical memory that has turned the event into a foundational patriotic creation story: the 'birth of two nations' and a justification for building common cause with the rest of the "Commonwealth.

Liz's maternal grandfather, Gustav Victor Bergh, was too young at age 16 to join the New Zealand army in 1915, so he joined the Australian army. He was gassed at the Somme, in France, but



returned to marry his sweetheart, Lizzie.

Like many soldiers, he never spoke about the war, but his health was poor because of the war and he died in his 50's.

Liz's other grandfather, Jackie Gethin Hughes, born 1866, was already a soldier who had served in the Boer War for the English when WWI broke out. He went to fight at Gallipoli and remained there for a hellish six months - one of the longest serving officers at Gallipoli. According to Liz "He was a much loved and respected man who cared for those around him in the terrible circumstances of constant bombing and poor conditions."

He spent six months convalescing in a British hospital before he was fit enough to go home to his young family. After his return, his health broken, he was discharged as unfit for service a year before he was due for his pension, which was difficult and demoralizing. However he lead the ANZAC day parade in his Wellington hometown until he died in his 80s.

Twenty four years later, Liz's own father, Pat Hughes, volunteered to fight Hitler and served in North Africa and Italy. However he had no illusions about war.

Robin Lloyd (with yellow sign) went with Liz Remmerswaal Hughes (behind olive tree) and friends from WILPF Australia and WILPF

New Zealand to the centennial commemoration of the ANZAC day in The Hague, the Netherlands. The symbolic olive tree is not only to remember those who have suffered from war, but the effort to build peaceful pathways and avoid conflict in the future. The tree will be planted in the garden of the Peace Palace in The Hague - where WILPF was founded in 1915 - on 5 June 2015. Photo Credits: WILPF Australia

"These things that happen to families - the ill health, the pain and suffering - the price that is paid decades later. There is no glory to it," Liz said.

Liz and her New Zealand and Australian friends wanted to mark the occasion for WILPF.

They bought an olive tree, symbol of peace, and after not hearing back from the New Zealand embassy in response to a request to plant it somewhere, decided to bring it to the ceremony anyway, and work out what to do from there.

There was a large crowd standing in a dispiriting drizzle around a stone monument, and one could hardly hear the voice of the New Zealand ambassador commemorating the disastrous event.

Fortuitously, after all the official wreaths were laid by the gathered ambassadors and military organisations, there was a call for others present to lay their tributes.

I didn't know what was planned, but Liz whispered "just follow me" (which I didn't) and she and three other WILPF members picked up the tree that they had secreted in a corner of the performance area and seamlessly took part in the ritual.

None of the officials or well dressed onlookers seemed to mind these informally dressed knap-sacked women taking part in the ceremony, in fact it felt as if the women were expressing a truth that the other participants were restrained for patriotic reasons from expressing.

The way this disastrously planned and executed battle of WWI has come to be seen as the occasion for the 'birth of two nations' - as it was announced over television - rather than as an occasion for revulsion from war and from the nation state, and from the

commander, Churchill, who ordered the deaths of their best and brightest, is a most successful perversion of history in the interests of military elites to maintain the power of the state by glorifying the sacrifice of war. I wonder whether the women of Australia and New Zealand were involved in the decisions to exalt this painful historical moment into an occasion for national pride. No doubt they would want their sons and husbands to be remembered, but perhaps not this way.

Robin Lloyd

"Let us then try what love can do"

William Penn 1693

Statement from Britain Yearly Meeting after the 13 November attacks in Paris.

The attacks in Paris on 13 November were deeply shocking and our hearts continue to go out to those killed, injured, bereaved and traumatised.

It is human nature that the closer suffering comes to us, the more acutely we feel the pain and grief. But that experience should sensitise us to the suffering caused repeatedly by acts of war and violent crime in more distant places, including Beirut, Sinai, Bamako and Aleppo. It should strengthen our determination to build a safer world together. Terrorism is a deliberate attempt to provoke fear, hatred, division and a state of war. War - especially war with the West - is what ISIS/Daesh wants. It confirms the image they project of the West as a colonialist 'crusader' power, which acts with impunity to impose its will overseas and especially against Muslims.

The military actions of Western nations recruit more people to the cause than they kill. Every bomb dropped is a recruitment poster for ISIS, a rallying point for the young, vulnerable and alienated. And every bomb dropped on Syrian cities drives yet more people to flee and seek refuge in safer countries.

Our political leaders seem determined that Britain should look strong on the world stage. Quakers in Britain believe our country should

act with wisdom and far-sighted courage. A wisdom that rises above the temptation to respond to every problem with military might. A wisdom that looks back at our failures in Libya and Iraq and Afghanistan and learns from experience. The courage - and strength - to think through the likely consequences of actions to find a long term, lasting solution.

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- Quakers in Britain

Although there are no quick or easy answers, there are things we can do, all of us together, which will defeat the terrorists more assuredly than military action. Quakers in Britain commit to playing our part in these actions.



*Jack Walz speaking to Young Friends about John Woolman
Devdas Shrisunder is translating into Hindi.*

We can quieten ourselves and listen to the truth from deep within us that speaks of love, mutual respect, humanity and peace.

We can and will refuse to be divided. By bridge-building among faiths and within our local communities we can challenge and rise above the ideologies of hate and actively love our neighbour.

By welcoming refugees, we can not only meet the acute needs of those individuals but also undercut the narrative of those who seek to create fear and mistrust.

And we can ask our political leaders to:

- Treat terrorist acts as crimes, not acts of war
- Stop arming any of the parties fighting in Syria
- Observe international law and apply it equally to all parties
- Build cooperation among nations, strengthening those international institutions which contribute to peace
- Export peace rather than war, so that we can create the conditions the world needs to address its most serious problems, including climate change.

The statement concludes with this extract from a statement made by Quakers in Britain in 1943 (Quaker faith & practice 24.09):

"True peace cannot be dictated, it can only be built in co-operation between all peoples. None of us, no nation, no citizen, is free from some responsibility for this."

A number of other Quaker agencies around the world have issued public statements on terrorist attacks. Links to some of them:

Quaker Council for European Affairs	https://qceablog.wordpress.com/2015/11/23/rejecting-violence-and-embracing-our-neighbours/
Britain Yearly Meeting	http://www.quaker.org.uk/news-and-events/news/quakers-responding-to-terrorism
Friends Committee on National Legislation	http://fcnl.org
American Friends Service Committee	http://afsc.org/story/responding-isis-attacks-afsc-calls-no-more-victims

Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO) and Climate Change

QUNO staff work with people in the UN, multilateral organisations, government delegations, and non-governmental organisations, to achieve changes in international standards and practice. Quakers are known for speaking out against injustice and war - issues that are incompatible with our vision of a world in which peace and justice prevail.

Their work is rooted in the Quaker testimonies of peace, truth, justice, equality, and simplicity. As Quakers they understand peace as more than the absence of war and violence, recognising the need to look for what seeds of war there may be in all our social, political, and economic relationships.

The human impacts of climate change is one of their current areas of work and you can read about the work they have done to prepare for the Conference of Parties (COP) 21 of December 2015.

<http://www.quno.org/areas-of-work/human-impacts-climate-change>

Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre, Birmingham England

Woodbrooke is promoting the online courses they will be running in 2016. These courses include 'on line' retreat days, webinars and courses on being a Quaker clerk. More information can be found on the Woodbrooke website:

<http://moodle.woodbrooke.org.uk>

Research on the role of Quakers during WW1 in Wellington, Aotearoa/New Zealand

During WW1 Quakers in Wellington spoke out against the war and also supported those affected by war. Read about the research of Elizabeth Plumridge, Wellington Meeting at this link:

<http://quaker.org.nz/article/wellington-quakers-in-world-war-one>

You lift me and I'll lift thee and we'll ascend together.

Update on Nepal earthquake relief from Dan Cammack, Evangelical Friends Mission

In the month of May many Friends around the world sent donations to Evangelical Friends Mission for the church communities of Bhaktapur and Ramechhap in Nepal.

A committee of five was organized in Nepal to oversee the project. The president of the yearly meeting known as Evangelical Friends Church Nepal participated in the work of the committee. The committee visited Ramechhap and Bhaktapur to survey the needs and to come up with a plan. They decided to use funds mostly in Ramechhap and did so sometime during the month of June.

After the project was completed the pastors of the Friends churches in Bhaktapur and Ramechhap submitted a report, and receipts to the yearly meeting office.

According to the report, thirty bundles of tin were given to thirty families in Ramechhap. The tin is primarily for their roofs. My understanding is that twenty of the families were given cash for transporting the tin to their homes "as the location of their houses are not motorable to take tin for them." And then five families from Bhaktapur were given cash for their needs. The report does not specify what those needs were nor how much they were given..

We received more donations in the month of June for the Bhaktapur area. The largest part of those donations came from Think International School in Asia. Those funds, are being sent to Nepal during these days for a project that has been prepared for the Bhaktapur area. We do not send funds until a plan is in place. We also wanted to make sure the first project in Ramechhap was accounted for. So this is why the funds have been slow in getting to Nepal.

We are deeply grateful for your help in this emergency situation and also for your prayers. It means a lot to Friends in Nepal to know that there are Friends around the world who are thinking of them and praying for them, and doing what they can to give some assistance

through their donations. The Lord bless you for your generosity.

Dan Cammack

Executive Director Evangelical Friends Mission.

"I pray every single second of my life; not on my knees but with my work. My prayer is to lift women to equality with men. Work and worship are one with me." Susan Anthony.

Friends schools In Mid-India

Friends Foreign Mission, a British Quaker organisation started 3 organisations in India in the late 1800's. These were Mid India Yearly Meeting, Rasulia Rural Friends Centre and Friends School Governing Board. Each of these organisations is still serving the community today.

Friends School Governing Board had 3 schools in its care. In Itarsi they have a boys school and a girls school and in Sohagpur a girls school and hostel. All these places are in Madhya Pradesh.



Friends Governing Board Meeting



Teachers at Friends School, Itarsi.

Hoshangabad, the home of Rasulia, the Friends Rural Centre, is about 90 kilometers from Bhopal, Itarsi is about 20 kms further south and Sohagpur is a small town approximately 25 kilometers from Itarsi. These schools are known to Friends around the world and over the years donations have come to them from a number of different countries.

It has been a challenge for the Board to finance the school in recent years and they now have financial support coming to the school through the international organisation Compassion. Compassion organises sponsors for the students and thus enables girls who would not otherwise be able to have an education to come to school each day.

It was a pleasure to visit the girls school, meet members of the governing board and the teachers. A number of the girls came to the Young Friends camp at Rasulia and were very interested to learn more about Quaker faith and practice.

I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it.

Nelson Mandela, The Long Walk to Freedom, 1994.

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Tree planting at Rasulia Friends Rural Centre

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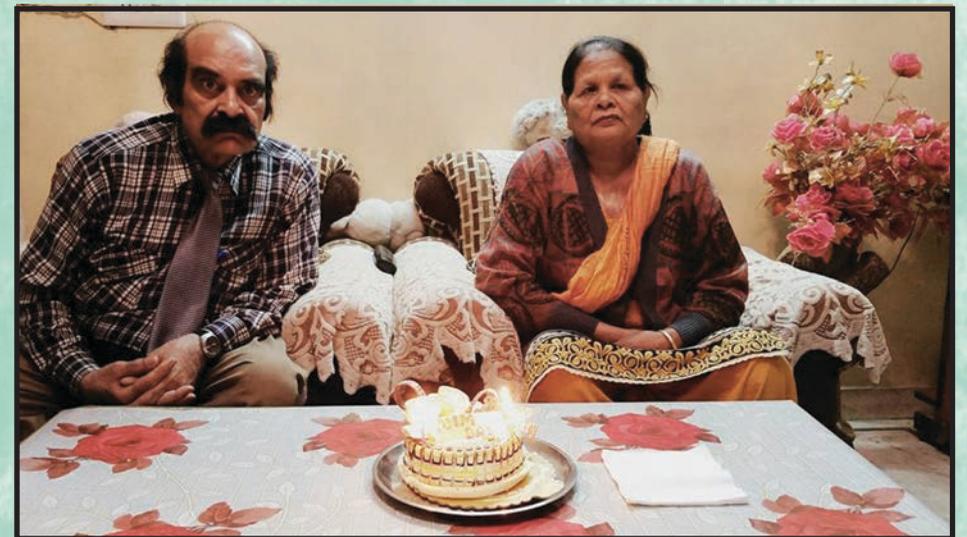
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AWPS - Asia West Pacific Section (FWCC)
AYM - Australia Yearly Meeting
A/NZYM - Aotearoa/New Zealand Yearly Meeting
PYM - Philadelphia Yearly Meeting
IFWG - India Friends Working group (PYM)
HMMK - Hariwar Monthly Meeting Karnaktaka



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