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Subject: Fwd: Nice meeting you

Dear Dr.Soumya,

I am Lakshmi Natesan, D/O Late A.K.Natesan writing this email to express our hearty condolences to you and the entire family for your loss of your beloved father and our grand uncle Dr. M.S. Swaminathan.

Just to share a little history my father grew up with Dr. MSS and his family for several years at Kottaram. I had a pleasure of hearing a lot from my father and mother about my father's amazing early years full of affection, learning, appreciation to nature and discipline that shaped his later years.

With a great desire to meet such a wonderful person and a great achiever, my kids and I requested a few minutes from Dr.M.S.Swaminathan when we visited India during summer of 2019. I was stunned when I received a prompt reply from him accepting our request. My kids (13 year old son and 16 year old daughter back then) along with my Mother and 19 year old niece met him and Mina Amma. That was an experience I never would forget. It thought me how to be humble despite who we are and how to see the world from whatever height we reach!