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Yes, No-or Wait



People immersed in complex problems often want simple answers. When faced with a critical decision, they long for a clear-cut yes or no. "Try to be

reasonable," "weigh the alternatives," "use good judgment," "look at it logically"—any or all of these trite bits of advice bring little relief. People in trouble want a quick way out.

Wise students of human behaviour tell us, however, that providing ready-made solutions perpetuates weak character. Untangling a twisted skein of circumstance is the first step in weaving a pattern of happy living. Waiting for a blurred outlook to come into focus guarantees a safer passage than a quick but impetuous start. Both character quality and ability to cope expand in direct proportion to the successful conquest of tough conditions.

Familiar with the whole fabric of human foibles and faculties, God measures His answers to our prayers not by what we ask but by what we need. We would like to have Him say, "Yes." Rather than face uncertainty we

would accept a "No." But far more often, God's answer is, "Wait."

This is not easy to take. It makes us disappointed, frustrated, sometimes even bitter. But it is one of God's best medicines for spiritual health.

Take an analytical look at some of the Bible characters who survived this ordeal of delay: Abraham, Joseph, Moses, David, John the Baptist, Paul.

Everyone of these men received direct divine promises that stimulated reasonable dreams of success. But what a combined record of agonized suspense! Not harrassment nor torture nor rejection was a greater test than the long, long years of waiting. Endurance must be added to belief and acceptance in the equation of faith.

David's song says the ultimate result is worth it all.

"Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thy heart: wait, I say, on the Lord" (Ps. 27:14).

Ellen White adds: "If we will but wait patiently and prayerfully upon God, and not follow our own impetuous plans, He will guide our decisions, and open many doors of hope and labor."*

Cordially,

Paul H. Eldridge, President

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COVER: A curious goat surveys unfamiliar camera-toting intruders in his jungle. This photograph was snapped near Kuching, Sarawak, by Jane Allen, managing editor of OUTLOOK.

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Arakakis

Dr. Shigenobu Arakaki has returned to Japan Missionary College, this time as president of the school. Both Dr. Arakaki and his wife, Lily, taught at the college from 1953 to 1960, and 14 years later they have returned. The new college president holds a Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University and a Doctor of Ministry degree from San Francisco Theological Seminary. His most recent post in the United States was principal of Sacramento Union Academy in California. The Arakakis are Japanese Americans born in Hawaii.

Pioneer Returns

A pioneer in Adventist medical work in Thailand, W. A. Geschke, M.D., has joined the staff of the Phuket Mission Hospital. In fact, Dr. Geschke has been giving short terms of relief help in Phuket and Bangkok since 1966. He came to the Far East in 1940 and stayed until the outbreak of World War II in 1941. He also served in Rangoon, Burma, from 1955 to 1956, so overseas medical work is not new to him.



Geschke



Howe



Liebelt



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GC Visitors

Four General Conference personnel made extensive tours of the Far Eastern Division this fall. Walter A. Howe, associate secretary of education, itinerated with Jay H. Lantry of the Division education department, making a general survey of secondary schools. Ben J. Liebelt, associate secretary of the GC Sabbath school department, and William V. Clements of the Division presented Sabbath school institutes in every union of the Division. The task of Harold L. Reiner, associate secretary of the GC communication department, and Royce C. Williams, associate secretary of the Division's communication department, was to survey the Bible correspondence schools. And Dr. Ralph F. Waddell, former Far East missionary and now secretary of the GC department of health, visited the medical institutions of the denomination in this part of the world with Dr. Clarence Ekvall, secretary of the Division health department.

Faith in God

Contrary to the opinion of some of their colleagues a group of psychotherapists say they are convinced that faith in God is not a neurosis but rather an important part of mental health. Dr. Rudolph Calabrese says many contemporary psychotherapists try to "out-Freud" in denouncing religion and belief in God. On the contrary, doctors at the Christian Institute for Psychotherapeutic Studies in the United States, say atheistic tendencies lean more toward neuroses.

Answer for Oppressed?

Oppressed people and the poor of the world are watching carefully what is going on in China, according to a report from an ecumenical consultation in Belgium. The report says they're hoping to find in China, rather than in the church, a solution to their own problems. One statement says, "A meaningful witness in the face of the achievements of the new China depends on a concern for the people of the world that matches that of new China."

Followers of Christ

Christianity has become the faith of 30 percent of the world's population. The current pace of Christianity in Africa suggests that half of the continent will be Christian by the year 2000. At that time most Christian believers will be living south of the equator.

Foreign Missionaries

The latest official census reveals that 2,900 foreign missionaries are at work in India. This means that of the 60,000 foreigners presently in India, one to 20 is a missionary.

What can an orphan share with other people? With no mother or father, no home, no food or extra clothes, orphans are generally the recipients of gifts rather than the givers.

The young people at Seoul Adventist Hospital Orphanage do receive gifts from their sponsors, but during the years at the orphanage, many have found something



They Know His Love

they can share with others—the love of Jesus.

Today only 30 to 35 orphans, all over 12 years of age, live at the orphanage. One week each summer they conduct an energetic Vacation Bible School which includes a health and medical program, English classes, and an evangelistic crusade as well as songs, stories, and crafts for young children.

Country town

This year a small rural village at the end of a rough dirt road in Southeastern Korea near Taechon Beach was selected in which to hold the Vacation Bible School.

"It was a six-hour trip from Seoul," reports Chuck Lee, who was brought to the orphanage by American soldiers when he was six years old and is presently associate director. "The eight miles from Taechon to the village were the hardest. The road was the



worst I've ever driven. It was so rough that driving was only a little faster than walking."

The village is a peaceful spot and quite a contrast to the hustling city of Seoul where the orphanage is located. The Adventist church in the village was headquarters for the VBS. It's a simple country church without pews, hymnals, piano, organ, or electric lights, so the members sit on the floor and sing from a large handwritten hymn book propped up in front where everyone can see. Kerosene lanterns are used for light.

The VBS team of 15 members included two nurses from the hospital and a senior ministerial student from Korean Union College. Three of the grown orphan boys who no longer live at the orphanage arranged their vacations so they could help with the effort.

Meetings

Children, about 125 of them, crowded into the church each morning finding a space to sit on the floor. While they heard Bible stories and learned songs about Jesus, the nurses and grown orphan boys visited every home in the village. They helped the sick, distributed free medicines, and of course, extended invitations to the evening meetings. Some of the older boys worked with the farmers on road repairs and clean-up projects.

A girl who had lived in the United States for three years taught a class in conversational English in the afternoons. Middle and high school students study English, but in this rural area they don't have opportunity to hear spoken English. The topics for these classes came from the Bible and the teacher illustrated them with flannel-graph pictures.

Evangelistic meetings were held each evening, introduced with a health talk and climaxed with a sermon by the ministerial student. Attendance was only 75 the first night, but it gradually increased until some 250 adults and children came to the last meeting. In response to an appeal made at the last meeting, 87 persons indicated their desire to follow Christ.

Interests

With the VBS over and now back at work in Seoul, Chuck has learned that seven or eight young non-Adventists are attending church every week as a result of the Vacation Bible School, and each Sabbath afternoon some 25 children gather for a story hour.

Do orphans have something to share with others? Those at the Seoul Adventist Hospital Orphanage do. They may not have earthly family ties, but they are members of the family of God. They may never know a mother's love. But they know His love. That's what they have to share.



Chuck Lee prepares for a medical clinic in connection with VBS.

Adventists First at Peru Earthquake

Seventh-day Adventists distributed eight tons of food after the recent Peru earthquake. According to the U.S. State Department, the denomination was the first on the scene with relief.

In a note from SAWS representative Jim Patton in Peru, a request has come for 50 tents for the quake victims in the Lima area where some 4,000 homes were destroyed.

SAWS also approved shipment to Peru of a 200-bed portable hospital which will serve in emergencies. Also approved was \$5,000 in cash and the expenditure of up to \$100,000 for shipment of clothing to Peru, Cambodia, Vietnam, Chile, Brazil, Ecuador, and Indonesia.

Obituaries

C. E. Stafford

Clarence Eugene Stafford, M.D., passed away August 4 in Southern California. Although he never served a full mission term, Dr. Stafford gave a year of relief work in the Philippines and Thailand from 1955 to 1956, and another six months in Taiwan in 1961. When six years old, his father was called to China to set up the Shanghai Publishing House.

Helen Orr Olson

The mother of former FED missionary Dr. Cal Olson, Helen Orr Olson died in September as a result of a freak auto accident. Funeral services were held in the University Church, Loma Linda. Her son served at Youngberg Memorial Adventist Hospital in Singapore.

Ordination of Women Is Still Under Study

Although ordination of women to the Seventh-day Adventist ministry failed to win full approval at the denomination's Annual Council in Loma Linda, California, in October, the council did grant divisions the privilege of exercising "discretion in any special cases that may arise before a definitive position has been adopted."

The matter has been under study for nearly two years, and will continue to be studied, according to Robert H. Pierson, General Conference president.

Women may serve in pastoral evangelistic capacities without ordination in areas where this is acceptable, the council affirmed, but the opinion was expressed that for reasons of unity no change in church policy on ordination could yet be made. A survey of the world divisions reported that "the time is not ripe nor opportune. Therefore in the interest of world unity of the church no move be made in the direction of ordaining women to the gospel ministry."

Adventists Vote Largest Budget

Budget belts burst again at Annual Council this year when the denomination approved its largest financial plan in history. In 1975 the church will operate on \$76.8 million, or 16.9 percent more than in 1974.

Of this amount \$41,445,000 is earmarked for overseas work, and nearly half a million dollars was set aside for use in opening new work overseas in fields not yet entered by the church or for new programs of institutions which will

advance the cause of Christ in areas already entered.

Kenneth H. Emerson, world treasurer for the church, in introducing the budget stated that whereas many other churches were faced with a falling away of contributions, members of the Adventist church have rallied to the problems of inflation and dollar devaluation by greatly increased giving. "For the first time in many years," he said, "giving to missions has increased more than tithing."

Shrimp Boats Carry Food to Flood Area

Four shrimp boats operating out of Port Isabel, Texas, U.S.A., loaded up with beans and other food staples instead of shrimp and ferried them to flood victims in Honduras and the Ban Islands.

The food was delivered to the Seventh-day Adventist World Service (SAWS) disaster relief center in Honduras. Reportedly some 80,000 people were left starving as a result of hurricane Fifi. Some 15 tons of clothing already in Honduras was distributed by SAWS representatives, along with \$30,000 worth of food, medicines, blankets and tents.

Citizens of Port Isabel chipped in to help pay for the diesel oil to

power the boats on their 2,000-mile voyage from the U.S.A. to Honduras.

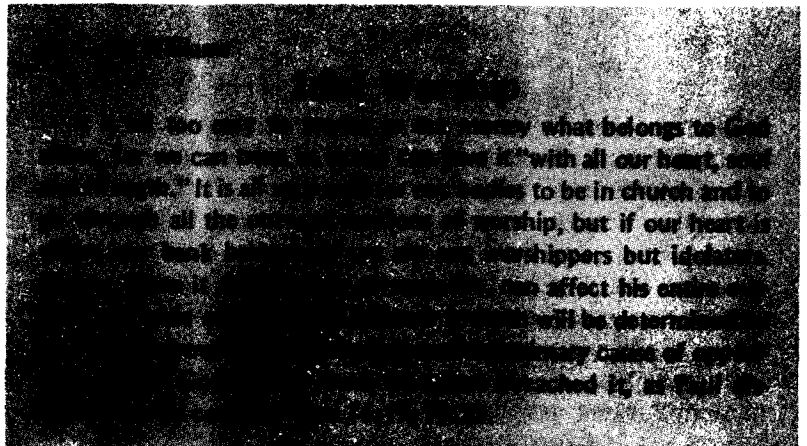
Cuneiform Collection

The sixth largest collection of cuneiform tablets in the United States has been deposited at the archaeological museum on the campus of Andrews University.

The collection consists of approximately 3,000 baked clay tablets dating from about 2,000 B.C. to 500 B.C. They are from southern Mesopotamia, which is the area south of Baghdad in modern-day Iraq. Most are oblong, about one-half inch thick, and range in size from three-fourths inch by one-half inch to four inches by six inches.

The collection has previously been kept at Hartford (Conn.) Theological Seminary Foundation since being brought to America about 60 years ago, said Dr. Seigfried Horn, curator of the archaeological museum at AU.

"Approximately 100 tablets were studied while at Hartford, but only four were published," he stated. "The entire collection has now been deposited at AU, and we have been given full rights of publication. The Hartford Theological Seminary Foundation retains only the property rights."



east indonesia

Publishing Leaders Train Salesmen

"We must keep our minds and thoughts high so that we can have the power to persuade and impress," J. K. Manoppo told literature evangelists in the South Minahasa Mission.

Manoppo, union publishing secretary, accompanied by Nathan Ruhupatty, mission publishing secretary, recently conducted two literature evangelist rallies, presenting modern ways in canvassing and in approaching customers.

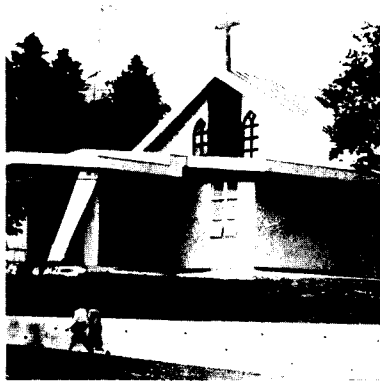
Questions frequently asked literature evangelists on doctrines, magazines, and salaries of the salesmen, were covered in detail. This type of instruction helps prepare the literature evangelist to meet queries with accurate and immediate answers as he visits prospective customers—*N. Ruhupatty.*

japan

Two New Churches Open for Services

Two Japanese congregations are attending church services in recently dedicated buildings.

To church members and workers of both Japan Publishing House and the Japan Union Mission office as well as to overseas Adventists, the completion of Kamenokoyama



Kamenokoyama Church in Yokohama



Urawa Seventh-day Adventist Church

church was a happy occasion. For many years the church members used the crowded chapel of the press and conducted Sabbath school outside of the building or in the factory. Overseas members met in the classroom of the overseas church school.

The total cost of the new building which seats 300, was US\$110,000. For two years church members gave pledge offerings for the building and its furnishings. The Far Eastern Division assisted with US\$43,000. Now the church has started another campaign to raise funds for the second-stage construction of Sabbath school classrooms.

The new Urawa church in the outskirts of Tokyo was dedicated last summer. Pastor Y. Yokomizo, president of the North Japan Mission, stressed in his dedicatory sermon that the church should serve the people of the community.

This church has a seating capacity of 80 and has an attached building with two well-equipped classrooms and eight single-room apartments. The apartments were built with future plans of health food cooking classes and possibly an English school. The apartments will provide comfortable quarters for student missionaries and for Adventist youths studying and working in the Tokyo area. Pastor N. Imai and church members are given credit for this plan.

korea

TARGET 80 Report

Two Korean churches have reported marked progress with TARGET 80 programs.

Much of the success of the Ja Woon church is due to the work of an Adventist laywoman who moved to Ja Woon about four years ago. She started her lay evangelism program by caring for the sick in the village and making house to house visits. Then she started a Branch Sabbath School.

Within the framework of the TARGET 80 program, she has been active in finding new interests in Adventism. Recently 50 of these interests attended church, and she has also established a new company

of 45 persons who meet regularly in a nearby village.

In the Mapo church, every member is participating in TARGET 80. First they studied the ABC's of prayer in a class conducted by the pastor. Then they organized into small groups to visit homes and give Bible studies.

As a result of these activities some 150 people have shown a sincere interest in learning more about the Bible, so a TARGET 80 evangelistic crusade was held in the autumn.

The Korean Union Mission reported an increase of 44 new churches and 1,033 new Sabbath school members for the first half of 1974.

north philippines

Entering Palanan

High mountain ranges and difficult transportation have made the northeastern section of Luzon quite inaccessible. Hiking takes two or three days. Flying is both irregular and expensive. Boat travel requires a long, dangerous journey from Aparri or Port San Vicente in Cagayan. And so the years have come and gone with little contact by Seventh-day Adventists.

We shall go

Then recently there was a military operation at De Guyo Point, which brought the territory to national attention. After the radio news broadcast, Adventists wondered, "When shall we go to Palanan and preach the message?" They remembered a promise made to Mayor Bernardo Aladino of Palanan to open work there. "Now is the time," they decided.

Two literature evangelists, Alberto Feliciano and Lamberto Taguba, preceeded us. Then a week later, Estalito Curampez and the writer followed. A small, light plane brought us to Palanan.

Army headquarters gave us a permit to work, and we began an effort right away. We preached at night, and during the day looked the area over as a guide to workers who would come later. We visited 16 barrios and sitios, from the Atta tribal village along the seashore in the north to a logging camp in the south, just three kilometers from De Guyo Point.

Harvest ready

We found Palanan and the surrounding regions ripe for harvest. In one of the meetings a man stood up and said, "Pastor, we want you to stay and preach to us. No one has ever come with a sound system and slide projectors before. You not only preach, but you have evidence to support what you say."

We met Agustin Barnedo, town councilor and head forester, and Angel Arania, town councilor and forest guard. Both men are former Adventists who want to return to the church. Mr. Barnedo offered an area near his claim to be petitioned for the mission—195 hectares along the seashore, near an air strip, along the road to town, where water is available. It would be a good site for a school or clinic—the most urgent needs of the region. He promised to help petition the land.

No Adventists

Mr. Arania confessed that his faith had grown cold because there were no other Adventists to meet with. He attended all the Sabbath services while we were there.

Estalito Curampez went to Palanan with me because his father,

now dead, was well known there. During our last Sabbath meeting, his mother testified that she too will continue keeping the Sabbath. Her two sons with their wives and her daughter with her husband gave similar testimonies. Thus the group of our first Sabbath keepers in Palanan was formed. In addition, there are others who want to study more.

Challenge

Palanan is a challenge to our leaders. It is an area big enough to be a district with a pastor. It needs a school for the Attas. It needs a secondary school and a clinic where their sick can be given medical help. Above all, the people need our church for they are hungering for truth. I appeal for your continued prayers for the eight Sabbath keepers in Palanan and for the many other people there who are interested in the message of salvation—*V. A. Arreola.*

Tirad View Wins Green Revolution

Tirad View Academy recently won first place in the Green Revolution Contest for high schools in the Ilocos province. The Green Revolution is a national thrust to involve every segment of society in the Philippines to produce more food.

Winning first place in the Ilocos province makes the academy eligible for participation in the regional contest before the national finals are awarded in the third round of a yearly program sponsored by Mrs. Imelda Marcos, the First Lady of the Philippines.

The excellent gardening program of Tirad View Academy is the first that has brought recognition to the school.

Filipino Colporteurs Surpass Sales Goals

If the Advent message is not finished everywhere, it is not finished anywhere. This is the philosophy of literature evangelism.

The unique and amazing role of the literature ministry in the Philippines is the fact that 69 years ago there were no Seventh-day Adventists in all of the Philippines. Today there are more than 158,000, and 2,105 are literature evangelists scattered throughout the 7,123 islands.

With heaven's blessing, both the total literature sales and total baptisms increase steadily each year. The first million-pesos-sales year was 1967, and today we see sales by millions and souls by thousands. Partial reports of baptisms during the first half of this year showed a total of 1,054 baptisms as a result of literature evangelism.

Ten million pesos in sales was the goal for 1974, but before the end of September that goal had been surpassed. It is expected that sales will reach the 14-million-pesos mark by the close of the year. Magazine sales alone had reached one million pesos by the second week of September, thus surpassing the goal of 75,000 pesos.

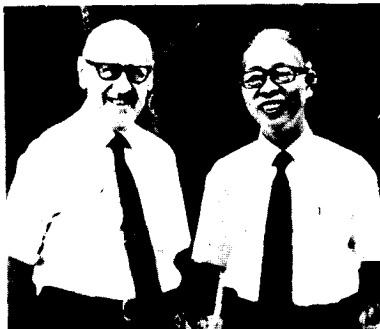
The Philippine colporteurs call themselves the *progress team*, guided by the aim, "Reaching tomorrow's goal today." The enthusiasm of the team is maintained and enjoyed by fellowship meetings and rallies, double-the-sales seminars, brainstorming sessions, publishing councils and institutes, group outings and other activities. Indeed, these workers are zestfully happy in the service of God.

Our task is made clear by this statement: "We are fast approaching the end. The printing and cir-

culaton of the books and papers that contain the truth for this time are to be our work."—*Colporteur Ministry*, p. 5.

Inspired by this prophetic declaration and the scriptural pronouncements that "the Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it" and that "of making many books there is no end," the *progress team* is hard at work excelling past milestones of accomplishments and reaching unprecedented heights of achievements—*F. M. Arrogante*.

south china



Dr. Andrew Nelson (left) and Professor Henry Luke have given a total of 100 years to Seventh-day Adventist education.

Educators' Service Totals Century

Professor Henry Luke, now teaching at the Tai Po Sam Yuk Middle School, and Dr. Andrew Nelson of South China Union College, together have given 100 years of service to the Seventh-day Adventist educational program.

Professor Luke's 44 years of service have all been with South China Union College except for his present teaching assignment at Tai Po where he has been for the last four years.

Dr. Nelson has given 56 years of teaching and administration to the church's educational work. He was

president of Japan Missionary College and Philippine Union College, and has taught in several colleges.

Hong Kong MV Distributes "Signs"

Missionary Volunteers of the Pioneer Memorial Church in Hong Kong are using outdated copies of the *Chinese Signs of the Times* to introduce their friends and neighbors to the magazine. Then, if the friends and neighbors wish, they may receive further copies free for one year.

Old copies

It started several months ago, explains John Lai, MV sponsor, when the mission office gave us 100 outdated copies of the *Signs* and challenged us to launch an evangelistic project.

MV members decided that each person would be responsible for distributing the magazines in his own neighborhood. It was suggested that they insert one copy in a letter box each day until all copies were gone.

More

The first thing we did was to get more magazines and to secure donations to help with the project, explains Lai. We had 4,000 copies and US\$100 in cash to begin.

Next we printed letters of introduction and invitation to be inserted in the magazines. The letters requested the reader to send in his name and address so that future copies would be certain to reach him.

Even before all the copies were distributed, the MV Society was receiving letters of appreciation. One woman sent a US\$100 donation. In addition to the magazines, the MV Society is also sending tracts and Bible course enrollment cards to those on the mailing list.

South Philippines

Students Shine in NSO Inspection

It has been the practice of many schools in the South Philippines that the military training phase of instruction start only in the second semester, and often not much earlier than final inspections.

It was for this reason that the National Service Organization of the South Philippines conducted an opening annual inspection in the early months of the school year 1974-75 for all Youth Development and Citizens Army Training units.

Points were given to the units according to the initiative exerted by the commandant and the co-operation of the academy faculty. Mindanao Mission Academy in Manticao, Misamis Oriental, got the highest point score with 129 under Second Lieutenant Joshua Paypa, commandant. This unit will receive a banner for achieving top score.

Southern Mindanao Academy was second with 117 points under Second Lieutenant Milbert Cabardo and Matutum View Academy took third place with 112 points under their principal as the commandant, Second Lieutenant Abraham Neri.—*L. S. Lacson, Jr.*

southeast asia

Singapore Report

Sixteen years ago the Singapore San Yu High School began with four classes and 160 students. Since

then the enrollment has more than doubled. Of this number, 50 are from foreign countries. This year 130 students graduate—90 from 2 Pre-U classes and 40 from 1 Sec. 4. Besides our own teachers, there are a few teaching part-time, thereby increasing the total to 21.

Baptisms

Three baptismal classes with an average of 25 students to a class were organized this year after a Week of Prayer was held. Although 16 students were baptized last year, we hope that more from the present baptismal classes will join the church.

The present school building was first constructed to house only four classrooms. As the years have gone by, three more were added, but the situation is still not ideal. The latest one was once used as the sitting room of a private residence and was recently approved by the Ministry of Education only after alterations had been carried out. It has been the desire of the school for many years to construct a new school building, and this we hope to accomplish with government approval.

Money provided

The San Yu High School has met many financial difficulties, but by the grace of the Lord, it has overcome all obstacles through the generous contributions of the mission, church members, parents of students, and well-wishers.

We know that with inflation and the high cost of living pressing upon us these days, the financial situation could become worse, but we trust the Lord for guidance. After all, the school exists for the sole purpose of giving young people a Christian education, and with the continued support of all of our friends, the Lord will not withhold His blessings from us. We need your sincere prayers—*H. C. Wang.*

Penang Implements Health Evangelism

“The conversion of souls is the one great object to be sought for in our medical institutions. It is for this that these institutions are established.” *Letter 213, 1902.*

The implications of this statement by Ellen White led to a rethinking of how the Penang Adventist Hospital could more completely aid an already strong chaplain's program in soul-winning. As a result, the health evangelism committee was established under the chairmanship of John Lai, chaplain.

After preliminary brainstorming three areas of effort were proposed:

- 1) staff education in health principles;
- 2) patient health education; and
- 3) community outreach.

Karen Koh, dietitian, has started presenting weekly lessons from the *Marvels of Life*, to Chinese-speaking kitchen and grounds workers. The same course is offered to English-and Bahasa Malaysia-speaking patients on the recommendation of the attending physician. Finally, a monthly series of health talks is being given to interested community people along with ambulatory in-patients. These talks are advertised on bulletin boards.

Thus far Dr. F. C. Schneider has lectured against smoking; Dr. E. J. Ketting has discussed the importance of a balanced diet for expectant mothers; Dr. Kenneth Oh has described the dangers of high cholesterol intake and resultant heart disease; and Dr. Sam Ketting has proposed ways of avoiding peptic ulcer disease. Dr. John Melnick, the new internist at Penang, is slated to present the next health lecture.

Pathfinders Open Doors to Community

With company coming, the Pathfinders of Haad Yai, Thailand, went full force into spring housecleaning.

The list of expected guests included the Haad Yai district officer, the secretary of education, and the local television station. In celebration of the silver anniversary of Pathfinding, the entire community was invited to this year's Investiture program.

Who we are

In addition to the Investiture ceremony, the purpose of the event was to tell the people of Haad Yai about the activities and aim of Pathfinders—especially of the local Pathfinder club.

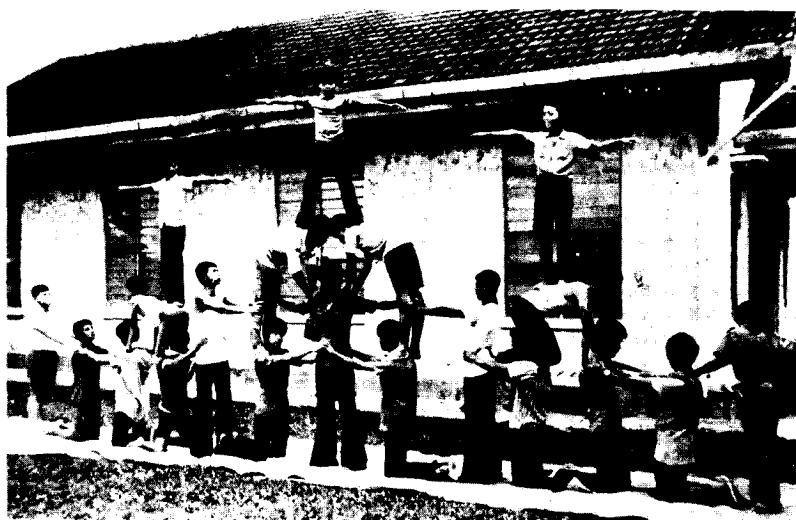
The whole program would be televised locally, so the Pathfinders wanted to look their very best. With hammers and nails, mops and brooms, water buckets and paint pails, they administered emergency first aid to their church building. One wall had to be removed to accommodate the expected crowd. The church got a fresh coat of paint, and as a finishing touch, a new drape was hung in the front of the auditorium.

What we do

Colorful posters depicting the work and activities of Pathfinders lined the halls of the church so that visitors could view them easily, and especially for the occasion, a big WELCOME sign was hung at the church entrance.

The program consisted of a brief history of Pathfinders in Haad Yai, remarks by both the secretary of education and the local district officer, and the Investiture of 56 Pathfinders.

In his speech, the district officer challenged the youth to uphold the



Haad Yai Pathfinders presented some tumbling acts at the time of open house and Investiture, but their venture wasn't all play. Before they were done, the young people of Haad Yai had given their church a fresh coat of paint.

standards of their club by putting their ideals into actual practice, thus contributing to the country's effort of curbing juvenile delinquency.

He said, "I'm proud of these young people. I wish we had more of this kind of youth in our district."

"We are not Christians," commented one guest, "but is there a way my children can join your club?"

One individual described the program as "simple, impressive, and dignified"—certainly a fine commendation for the witness and efforts of the Haad Yai Pathfinders.

—A. I. Elumir.

Cambodia Members Are Active SAWS Workers

Seventh-day Adventist World Service (SAWS) workers of the Phnom Penh church in Cambodia claimed special promises from Psalms 91 and 34 for protection as they delivered clothing to more than a thousand families in Kompong Spoo, a village located

60 kilometers outside the city of Phnom Penh. Along the way they drove through a heavily devastated area that had just that week been reclaimed by government forces. The entire church of 25 members braved the trip. The rewards of service were in seeing the grateful smiles from the refugees receiving the clothing and in knowing that the church group had fulfilled God's commands in Isaiah 58.

Every new member baptized into the Phnom Penh church automatically assumes the role of a SAWS worker and is soon outfitted in a nice uniform. Nearly 100,000 refugee families have received clothing from SAWS during the past year. At the moment, more than 62 tons of clothing are on the way to help nearly 3,000,000 refugees.—Bob Grady.

New Bicycles

The student missionaries and Pastor Ng Gan Theow of Phnom Penh have new bicycles and a 3,000-watt generator—compliments of two benefactors in the U.S.



Paul and Jean Kravig are into their second year at the English High School in Haad Yai, Thailand.

An English School In Haad Yai

Volunteers Paul and Jean Kravig are into their second year of operating an English high school in Haad Yai, Southern Thailand.

The school, which was begun by the Kravigs, offers the entire four-year American high school curriculum. However the Thai students complete the requirements in only three years by studying some 14 hours each day. Paul and Jean and one student missionary carry the entire teaching load of the school. Presently Linda Holm of Loma Linda University is teaching chemistry.

The small English school of approximately one dozen students is an extension of the Haad Yai Mission School, operated by the Thailand Mission. Located on the same compound, the English school is a small Thai-style building with classrooms on the ground floor and the Kravig's apartment above.

Why do Thai young people wish to have an American high school



With the assistance of his wife and a student missionary, Paul prepares the curriculum and teaches approximately 12 high school students.

education? The primary reason is to learn English, and by taking the complete American high school course, they are exposed to English in every class and have an excellent command of the language by the time they receive their diplomas.

As volunteers, the Kravigs provide their own round-trip transportation from the United States and receive no salary or service credit. Only their housing and food are provided.



Classrooms are downstairs and the Kravigs live upstairs in this Thai-style building which is located on the same compound as the Haad Yai Mission School.