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Family Altar Day

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The General Conference have appointed January 5, 1952, Family Altar Day in all our churches throughout the world field. We are happy to join our sister fields in this plan and trust every church will follow the program that will be sent out by the General Conference.

As we enter the new year with its responsibilities and opportunities we need to make the family altar a very definite part of every Seventh-day Adventist home. The trials and tests that face the people of God in these closing days of earth's history demands a constant and abiding trust. We must fortify our homes against the enemy. The family altar is one of the strongest bulwarks against the temptations of the enemy. The blessing of God is assured where the family daily commit themselves into the care of the Father. In the instruction to this people we read, "If ever there was a time when every house should be a house of prayer, it is now. Infidelity and skepticism prevail. Iniquity abounds. Corruption flows in the vital currents of the soul, and rebellion against God breaks out in the life. Enslaved by sin, the moral powers are under the tyranny of Satan. The soul is made the sport of his temptations; and unless some mighty arm is stretched out to rescue him, man goes where the arch-rebel leads the way."

"In every family there should be a fixed time for morning and evening worship. How appropriate it is for parents to gather their children about them before the fast is broken, to thank the heavenly Father for His protection during the night, and to ask Him for His help and guidance and watchcare during the day. How fitting, also, when evening comes, for parents and children, to gather once more before Him, and thank Him for the blessings of the day that is past. Vol. 7, page 42 and 43.

"Fathers and mothers, however pressing your business, do not fail to gather your family around God's altar. Ask for the guardianship of holy

angels in your home. Remember that your dear ones are exposed to temptations. Daily annoyances beset the path of young and old. Those who would live patient, loving, cheerful lives must pray. Only by receiving constant help from God can we gain the victory over self. M. of H. page 393.

May we heed this timely instruction and may every home keep the fire of love burning on the family altar. Remember the date when special consideration will be given to this in your church on Sabbath Jan. 5, 1952, Family Altar Day.

A Day of Fasting and Prayer

BY CLYDE C. CLEVELAND
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All will agree that we are living in serious times. War and the threat of war exist on almost every hand. These things should cause us to seek the Lord very earnestly on behalf of our work in the world.

At the recent Fall Council it was decided to set aside Sabbath January 12, 1952 as a day of fasting and prayer for all of our churches all around the world. The following six points are mentioned as objects of our special prayers on this day:

1. For the power of the Holy Spirit to rest upon our ministry and people for holy living and effective witnessing.
2. For the winds of strife to be held a little longer, that the work of God may go forward unimpeded.
3. For God to open, or reopen, doors in lands now closed to the preaching of the message of Christ's return.
4. For His hand of care and protection to be over our youth called to serve their countries in connection with the armed forces.
5. For the lives of our leaders and people to be preserved in the lands of affliction.
6. For these brethren, and our people everywhere, to be endowed with the mighty power of the Holy Spirit for soul winning.

We trust that all of our members in the Malayan Union will join together on this special day to seek the Lord for His blessings in these particular points.

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Heroes for Christ

By H. K. SHOW

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—“They felt that God required more of them than merely to preserve the truth in its purity in their own churches; that a solemn responsibility rested upon them to let their light shine forth to those who were in darkness.” G.C. p. 79. Yes, we consider the early Waldensian colporteurs as heroes for Christ, but that spirit is not dead today. We have been told that the work that we might have done in peace will have to be done in a time of great stress, and many of our workers in various parts of the world are finding that this is the case in their own fields today.

Fifteen colporteur evangelists and prospective colporteurs were present at the opening meeting for the Vietnamese colporteur institute in Saigon on October 7, 1951. They were not there because they were looking for an easy work, but because they wanted to help finish the work of God. In recent months four colporteurs in their territory had been captured by bandits. One had been killed after being warned not to return to make his delivery. One had been severely beaten and robbed. It is not too easy to be a colporteur in Indo-China today, and much of the territory is denied to our workers, but the spirit is good and the colporteurs each pledged to win at least one soul in the coming year.

With the help of the Lord, we feel that this goal will be surpassed.

The instruction was given by H. K. Show, publishing secretary for the Malayan Union Mission. Brother Bond from the Malayan Signs Press was also in attendance as was Elder E. H. Wallace, President of the Indo-China Mission. Brother Pham Thien, newly appointed Publishing Secretary for the Indo-China Mission was in charge, and brother Le Hau was the translator. Brother Thien expects that the new literature, which the increased facilities of the enlarged press will provide, will be a large factor in making the coming year a banner year in the history of the publishing work in Indo-China.

Sabbath morning four of the colporteurs enacted a little drama showing how they expect to win souls in the future. They started with the colporteur giving his canvass for a soul-winning book, and ended with the newly converted prospect taking his friend to church with him. The possibilities for soul-winning in the canvassing work are limited only by the faith of the colporteur.

May these trying hours strengthen the faith of each of God's people, and help them to courageously force back the power of darkness.

MALAYAN UNION ANNUAL COMMITTEE MEETING

FEBRUARY 1 to 10

The Annual Meetings will be held in the Union Office from Feb. 1 to Feb. 10. Friday, Feb. 1, will be a day given over to prayer and devotion.



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Singapore English Church Opening

BY CLYDE C. CLEVELAND

Sabbath, November 3, 1951, was a high day for the Singapore English Church. On that day the opening service was held in the new church building at 120 Balestier Road. This building was purchased in the Providence of the Lord at a very reasonable price some months ago. Since then certain major repairs have been made and the building completely redecorated. This was done under the direct supervision of Brother Martin Lee working in conjunction with Pastor H. W. Peterson.



Opening Services, New Singapore English Church

The four Singapore Seventh-day Adventist congregations united for this opening meeting. There were approximately 600 in attendance. Eighteen ordained ministers were on the platform together with over 60 members of the combined choirs of the Singapore English and Malayan Seminary churches under the direction of Minnie Iverson-Wood. There were many beautiful floral gifts which had been provided by the mission, by our Singapore institutions, and by individuals.

Pastor H. W. Peterson opened the service by giving a short summary of events leading to this important occasion. He expressed His thanks to all members who had generously given of their time and efforts to make possible the opening of this house of worship in such good condition at this time. After a special number entitled "Send Forth Thy Spirit" had been given by the combined choirs,

Pastor C. P. Sorensen, the secretary of the Far Eastern Division, presented the message of the hour. He referred to the early beginnings of our work in Singapore in the time of Pastor G. F. Jones. Several of our early pioneers were with us on this occasion and stood in response to the invitation from the platform.

Following the regular service, 29 candidates were baptised, two at a time, by Pastors Peterson and Pogue in an interesting baptismal service. All of these had taken their stand publicly at the Detamore-Turner evangelistic effort at the Victoria Memorial Theatre, but 14 of them were students of our Malayan Seminary that had been faithfully studying with Pastor Pogue over a period of many months.

This service marks the opening of a much larger work in Singapore. The acquisition of this fine building with its ample seating capacity will make possible the development of a much larger English church than has hitherto been possible. It is our sincere prayer in these closing days of earth's history that many honest souls in Singapore will be led to accept God's special message for this time and join in worship with us in this place.

"One Man's Experience"

Couple leaving Victoria Theatre after meeting: "Elder Detamore, will you come out and talk to us Monday evening? We have some problems to discuss."
"Why yes, indeed."

MONDAY EVENING AT THE HOME

"We have been convicted in heart that this is the Truth and we want to take our stand to follow it—both my wife and I. The very first night the Spirit spoke to my heart and I *knew* it was the truth!"

"But there's the problem of our jobs. I am new in the motor firm. They wouldn't let me off and I'll probably lose my job. My wife is a stenographer in the government, has a good paying job and it's hopeless for her to get Sabbath off, but she's about willing to give up her work. We asked you to come to pray for us to have strength to go through with it and to know what to do!"

LATER — AT THE HOME

"Well, Elder Detamore, here's the letter — a brief note flatly refusing me the Sabbath:

Dear Madam:

"We have to inform you that regarding your request for the Sabbath free, this cannot be granted.

"I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant

(Signed) _____"

—"Rather curt and cold isn't it? But Mrs. Stanley, you must be firm. Put God first; trust *Him* and He will provide a way."

IN THE GOVERNMENT OFFICE

"What does this letter of resignation mean, Mrs. Stanley? Why are you quitting?"

"My letter requesting Sabbath free was refused. I *must* obey God and live with a clear conscience as much as I hate to lose my position."

"But that's foolish.—Why should your Sabbath religion rob you of a good job. It is unreasonable to carry it that far. I'd like to talk to your preacher—at my home, perhaps. Would you please arrange the date?"

FRIDAY EVENING AT THE EMPLOYER'S HOME

"Well, Mr. Detamore, we will give her the Sabbath off for two hours each Saturday to go to church if that will satisfy you—like we do the Moslems. You just *cannot* honour a different day like that and be in government service."

"But remember the whole Sabbath is God's—from sunset Friday night to sunset Saturday night. We don't use it like people do Friday or Sunday—they go to worship for an hour or two and then off swimming, golfing, or even making a little money on a side-line business deal. No, Sabbath is *all* for God. We cannot break even one hour of it. Adventists are different.

"Let me show you our Year Book, here, and how our vast organisation blankets the world—a missionary-minded people. Yet we must make great sacrifice. We must face ridicule for our faith. We must lose jobs. We pay tithe on what we do testant mission work."

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"I am sorry Mr. Detamore, but I cannot hold out any hope, you just cannot keep the Sabbath in the government. The chances, Mrs. Stanley, are ninety to ten against you. I only wish I could help you. I am sorry. But anyway, thank you for coming. At least I understand your position now, and I respect it."

"Thank you. And I am going to be praying for you that God will help you to find a way for her, and that somehow you can help to save her job. Thank you for your sympathetic interest and help. Your broadmindedness and kindness is comforting and deeply appreciated."

LATER

"Mr. Detamore, I have good news. I went to the manager of my motor firm and asked for the Sabbath off and right off he said, 'Of course you may have the Sabbath free. I'm delighted to give it to you. In fact, I believe the Seventh-day Adventists are the right church. I sometimes call it my church.'

"And do you know what else? He says my wife can come and work for the firm and have Sabbath free?—Isn't it wonderful how God is working?"

STILL LATER

"I have wonderful news! I have my Sabbath free!"

—"And did you keep your government job, Mrs. Stanley?"

"Yes. Do you know what? Every Sabbath I have off, completely. Then every Sunday a government car calls at my home for me and takes me to the Governor's residence. I take his dictation and do his stenographic work and then the car takes me home! Isn't it marvellous how good God has been?"

SABBATH, NOV. 3, 1951—AT THE NEW CHURCH

"Oh how thankful I am that you and Mrs. Stanley can be baptized today—the very first baptism in this beautiful new church. How I thank God for the miracles He has performed for you. And oh, the happiness and courage it has brought to us to have you come with us!"

Jumble Sale

By two o'clock in the afternoon the old assembly room in the Malayan Seminary was in readiness. Uniformed M.V. boys and members of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade were stationed about the room and by the entrances. Within,—the tables, benches and clotheslines groaned beneath their heavy burden of second-hand clothing, all neatly arranged and ready for the big moment. In one corner hundreds of shoes had paired off and sat silently awaiting their new owners. Novelty items, toys and household articles covered several tables.

New Malay kabayas and other articles of interest were included in an attractive display prepared by the ladies of the Malay church. A line of chairs by the doorway were occupied by those who were to check purchases and receive the money. Mrs. W. O. Baldwin and Mrs. K. T. Kong, the two Dorcas leaders took up their stations looking tired and a bit warm but ready for anything.

From the courtyard below came the hum and buzz of many voices and a look over the banister provided a view of the dozens of crowded tables lining all the walls and walks. Appetizing foods to fit any taste, thirst, nationality and preference were there in super-abundance. The food committee chairman, Mrs. Grace Yeo commanded a lookout station from one corner of the grassy square.

It was November 11, the day set for the big Dorcas sale in Singapore. The first customer was allowed to enter. The long line moved up one.

Hours later when the last customer, with his bags of purchases and a tray of Poh Piah had departed; when the last tables, serving dishes, clotheslines, baskets, scissors and scotch tape had been returned to those who had lent them for the occasion; when the tired and somewhat disheveled cashier had finished counting the cash, the happy ladies of the Balestier Road and the Seminary churches looked at each other in amazement. They had cleared \$1,000!!!

It was fun, it was hard work, it was satisfying. It was for charity.

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Antim and His Dream

By J. T. Pohan

"Please baptize me as soon as you are free to do so," said Antim to me one day. He had been six months in the baptismal class. No worker or church member may claim to have been instrumental in creating an interest for God in Antim's heart. God did it himself directly through a dream significant!

In relating his dream to me, Antim said, "I saw up in the air a man all dressed in white who appeared as a beam of light piercing through the darkness of night. As I looked at him in great admiration he came and handed me two buck shot. I did not feel inclined to accept the offer and said that I had never been interested in shooting. However, he urged me to take them and assured me that I would enjoy using them at some future time, so I took them.



Antim

"As soon as I awakened in the morning there was born in my soul a burning desire to read from the Malay *New Testament*, a book I had had the privilege of reading once in the past. Consequently I borrowed one from a friend and later bought a copy of the Old Testament also. These two books I studied with great interest, first alone and then with others helping me."

There was a conviction in Antim's heart that in this dream he was being called to serve God. This young man is intelligent and full of fire in sharing his faith with his friends and neighbours. He goes here, there and everywhere to witness for God. Without his knowing it, he is a good speaker. In order to learn better how to give this message to others he has gone itinerating with me. Alone, he has gone to neighbouring villages, shooting as many as possible with his two buck-shot, the Old and New Testament, according to his interpretation of this dream. He is happy indeed in anticipation of the day when he will be buried in baptism with his Lord. Pray that Antim will not only be taken into the fellowship of the church by baptism but that he will one day become a leader among his people of Marudu.



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Investiture Service in Bangkok

When J. L. Pogue went to Bangkok for a week of promotion for the M.V. work he expected to invest seven Friends, but during the week something happened. When the evening for the Investiture Service arrived the church was so filled with students to be invested that the parents and friends had to watch through the windows.

A very colorful program was presented with many taking an active part. Not only the older ones had been working but the little folks as well, for pins were awarded to one hundred and eleven Busy Bees, eighty-five Sunbeams and seventy-three Builders. More than nine times the originally expected number of Friends were invested that night, sixty-four to be exact, and three Companions and two Guides.

**FAR EASTERN DIVISION
 ANNUAL COUNCIL**

JANUARY 10 TO 22

The Missionary Volunteer and Publishing Department Pre-Councils will begin January 10 and end January 15. The first day will be given over to prayer and devotion..

The Council will begin on January 15 and end January 22.

是如此。你既然在政府機關工作，當然不能守一個不同的日子。」

「但是，先生，安息日整天是屬於上帝的，從星期五太陽下山一直到星期六太陽下山整天都是安息日。我們不像守星期五或星期日的人，做完一兩個鐘頭的禮拜後，就要游泳，打球，或甚至再做一點生意。安息日整天是屬於上帝的，我們甚至不守一小時也不行的，安息日會的教友是不同的。」

「請你看看教會的年鑑，我們的組織遍滿全世界，但我們得付出重大的犧牲，我們也知道人們會嘲笑我們，但我們唯有面對之，我們有時會因此失業，我們把收入的十分之一繳給教會，以維持傳道的工作進行。」

「戴牧師，我實在是對不起，她既在政府機關工作，斷不能守星期六的。斯丹尼太太，我敢說妳能得允准的機會是微乎其微的，我實在愛莫能助，真對不起。但無論如何，謝謝你光臨敝舍。至少如今我已知道妳的苦衷了，我尊敬妳。」

「謝謝你對她的同情，你確實是個明白道理的人，我願祈求上帝幫助你，使你能够幫助斯丹尼師母得繼續工作。」

幾天之後。
「戴牧師，我告訴你一個好消息。我向我汽車行的經理請准了安息日休息，他滿口答應，他說：「當然可以，我很高興地讓你休息，實在地，我相信基督復臨安息日會是真教會。有時候我還稱它做我的教會呢！」

「戴牧師，你還知道嗎？經理還說我的妻子也可以在汽車行工作，並得到安息日休息，上帝的作為確是奇妙。」

再過幾天。
「戴牧師，我告訴你一個好消息。我已得到安息日休息了。」

「斯丹尼師母，政府怎麼允准呢？」

「是的，允准了。安息日整天不必工作。每星期日有一輛政府的車把我載到總督府去，我就在那裏把他的話速記起來，工作完了後，車子又把我送到家裏。上帝確是奇妙。」

一九五一年十一月三日安息日早上，地點是巴利斯達路一二〇號新教堂。
「斯丹尼兄弟，我實在感謝上帝，你跟你太太今天能够受浸加入主教會，這還是在這新教堂內舉行的第一次浸禮。我實在感謝上帝為你們所安排的道路，我們也得到不少快樂和鼓勵。」

新舊讚美詩歌對照表

(請將此表剪下，貼在新讚美詩歌中，俾便應用)

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2	242	40	63	73	38	106	67
3	14	41	71	74	44	107	107
5	208	42	26	76	62	109	125
7	174	44	37	77	28	111	262
8	83	45	153	78	150	113	172
10	168	48	11	79	45	115	32
12	194	49	173	81	134	116	78
13	111	50	131	83	247	117	162
16	143	51	29	84	1	118	171
19	109	52	15	86	216	123	43
20	101	54	94	87	157	126	86
23	3	55	130	88	116	127	179
24	115	57	152	89	34	129	164
25	118	58	110	90	41	131	163
26	181	59	154	91	177	134	113
27	51	60	23	93	48	135	220
28	156	61	151	94	200	136	36
32	122	62	158	95	114	139	87
33	69	64	123	96	99	141	5
35	60	65	24	98	65	142	126
36	128	66	4	99	47	143	19
37	91	70	79	101	46	144	82
38	92	71	8	102	90	145	55
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「父親和母親，你們無論事情是多麼忙，切不可疏忽舉行家庭禮拜。要祈求聖天使在你的家中照顧保佑，須記得你們所親愛的子女，常有遭受引誘的危險。無論是老是少，每天都有許多煩惱等着他們。凡欲有忍耐，仁愛，快樂之生活，非多禱告不可。只有時刻接受上帝的幫助，我們纔能够戰勝自己。」（服務真詮三六五面）

願我們注意這合時的教訓，並願每一個家庭保持愛的火光在家庭的祭壇亮着。最後，請記住將要來到的禁食祈禱日。（安士敦）

星洲英語教會 新教堂開幕禮

一九五二年十一月三日（安息日）是星洲英語教會的一個大日子——巴里斯達路一二〇號新教堂於是日開幕。靠主恩典，我們於幾個月前以非常公道的價錢買到這間禮拜堂。購後，由李馬丁兄弟及裴德森牧師負責修葺事宜，因此今日我們方有一所宏大壯觀的禮拜堂。

是日早上，星洲四間教會——華語，英語，巫語，神道學校——聯合在一起做禮拜，赴會人數約有六百位。坐在講台上的是十八位牧師及吳德師母領導下的英語教會和神道學校教會的聯合唱詩班之六十位唱詩員。

裴德森牧師致開會辭，並向各贊助人致謝，接着聯合唱詩班唱特別詩「請送主靈」。遠東總會總幹事蘇仁森牧師講道。他提及鍾士牧師領導

下的星洲聖工的初期情形。我們很歡喜見到初期教會的幾位教友於會衆之間起立，他們的忠貞守道使我們得到不少的鼓勵。

講道完畢後，有二十九位慕道友受浸加入教會。他們於過去都曾在戴德模與湯納二位牧師主持的佈道會中公開表示歸主；但其中十四位是南洋神道學校的學生，浦雅各牧師也曾與這班學生查經好幾個月之久。

這次的大聚會乃是擴展星洲聖工的起始點。我們誠心祈望當茲世界歷史快將結束之日，有許多人立意接受主的特別信息而加入教會，與我們一同在此新禮拜堂敬拜上帝。（郝福蘭）

佈道員的一個故事

佈道會剛散會了，斯丹尼夫婦走近台前來握手。

「戴牧師，星期一晚上請到敝舍一叙。我們有幾個難題想要討論，你答應嗎？」

「一定的，一定的。」

星期一晚上，在一個家庭裏。

「我們心中確信這是真理，我們立意接受並照着去遵行。第一天晚上，聖靈即已在我心中運行，我知道這是真理。」

「但是我們的工作便有了問題，我是最近纔進入一家汽車行工作的，他們不會讓我在安息日停工，所以大概我將會失業的。我的妻子是在政府機關當速記員的，薪水相等高，她也是沒有希

望可以得到安息日休息。但是她正想辭職。我們今晚特地請你到這兒來爲我們禱告，使我們力量經過這難關，同時知道如何照着上帝的旨意去做。」

過了不久，又是在同一個家庭裏。

「戴牧師，你看，這是他們寄來的信，他們不允許我在安息日停工。」

「親愛的女士：

這一封信是特地通知你，我們不能允准你在星期六休息。專此，順祝
大安

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「多麼簡略冷淡的一封信，你說對嗎？但是斯丹尼師母，你一定要堅持着。上帝是第一，信靠他，他會替你開路的。」

在政府某機關的辦事處。

「斯丹尼太太，這封辭職的信是甚麼意思？爲甚麼妳要離開這兒？」

「我因得不到在星期六休息，現在除了我辭職外，別無他途。我必定要順從上帝，我雖極不願失去我的工作，但是我得到良心的平安。」

「這實在太笨了，爲甚麼妳的星期六教會要使你失去這麼好的一個工作，你如此做法，未免不近情理。我倒想同你的牧師談一談。就請你替我接洽一個時間。——地點還是在我的家好。」

是星期五晚上。

「戴牧師，我們每星期六特別讓她停工兩小時去禮拜，你想怎麼樣？我們對待回教徒職員也

