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New Thailand Publishing House and Mission Office Dedicated

By John Bernet, Publishing Secretary Southeast Asia Union

June 9, 1963 was a great day for the Thailand Mission. On this day a special dedication service was held in Bangkok for the beautiful new building, which houses the Thailand Publishing House on the first floor, and the Mission Office and Voice of Prophecy on the 2nd floor.

Opening prayer was given by the writer. Santi Sorajjakul, principal of the local Mission Training School welcomed the many workers, friends and visitors who were present, and introduced those who participated in the program.

Elder Wayne A. Martin, the former mission president, who has since returned to the USA., gave a short history of SDA Mission work in Thailand. The first workers were two colporteurs, who came up from Singapore to sell the Chinese SIGNS OF THE TIMES. The first mission building to be erected was the Bangkok Chinese Church, which was built over a Chinese cemetery. At first the Mission Brethren had a hard time to find a contractor who was willing to build the church, because they were afraid that the evil spirits would tear it down after it was built.

Since that time the work has grown until there are now more than 900 members. However the most growth has been made in the last few years. A training school



has been established, from which 12 pastors and Bible workers have graduated. Recently, a city wide evangelistic crusade was held in the staunch Buddhist city of Bangkok, with the result that one hundred and twenty are now attending a nightly Bible marking class. Many of these folk are VOP graduates, who are enrolled by our literature evangelists and laymen.

Fine progress has also been witnessed in the publishing work. A goodly number of Spirit of Prophecy books have been printed — the latest being COUNSELS TO THE CHURCH, volumes 1 & 2. The bookmen army has grown from one to more than twenty full-time and part-time workers. The colporteur sales for the month of April, 1963 exceeded the whole of 1960.

C. P. Sorensen, President of Far Eastern Division, cuts ribbon to open new building as G. O. Bruce, Union secretary-treasurer, and Wayne Martin, mission president, look on.

Elder C. P. Sorensen, President of the Far Eastern Division gave a most inspiring dedication address. Below are a few of his remarks:

"This is a great day for the Thailand Mission. We have waited 45 years for such a project as this to be completed in this country. This is the denomination's forty-third publishing house and three-hundred-seventieth mission office. The General Conference gave 1/4 of the fourth quarter, thirteenth Sabbath overflow offering of 1961 to build this attractive edifice. An additional US\$33,000.00 was receiv-



Pastor Suntee translating for C. P. Sorensen at the opening ceremonies for new mission office.

ed from the General Conference Publishing House Expansion Fund and Far Eastern Division to buy the most modern printing equipment available for the publishing house. No one can claim ownership. It belongs to the Seventh-day Adventist Church of Thailand. It is here to serve the church. This should be a day of thanksgiving for Thailand for it is a sign of growth."

G. O. Bruce, Secretary-Treasurer

of the Southeast Asia Union gave the dedicatory prayer, in which he thanked God for the many gifts — both small and large, which were given by our loyal sacrificing people around the globe.

Elder Sorensen cut the ribbon, and declared the new building open. Elder Martin then concluded the service by taking everyone on a guided tour of the handsome building, which is truly most representative of our work.

Publishing Houses

**By Choo Yow Fong, Manager
Malayan Signs Press**

I am very happy to be able to give you a general report of the publishing work in the Union of Southeast Asia. First of all, I want to give you the warm greeting of the staff and workers of the publishing houses in this Union. Yes, I mean publishing houses for we have the unique distinction of the only Union having three publishing houses. The Vietnam Signs Press is located at Saigon. The Malayan Signs press or a more appropriate name Malaysian Signs Press as recent political changes indicate is at Singapore. The latest and newest publishing house is the

one at Bangkok, Thailand.

The Vietnam Signs Press at present under the able leadership of Bro. Le Cong Giao, is forging forward in that difficult land where there is internal strife. This press was originally started by Bro. Lowlet in 1934. Through the years this press has prospered until today it is serving the needs of over 80 colporteurs in Vietnam. The Publishing Secretary is Bro. Do Binh supported by three able assistant secretaries wholly paid by the Vietnam Signs Press assistant leadership fund. The colporteurs scatter the truth filled literature over all Vietnam selling both to friends and foes. Their only identification are the books they carry for they do not know who their customers will be. The seed sown has brought

forth much fruit and it is very gratifying to know that the Lord is blessing the literature ministry there. Let me illustrate this point by the work of one colporteur. This colporteur works among the villages and it is considered dangerous work and he carries no identification papers. In the evenings he conducts cottage meetings and has raised up a church at Vinh Binh. From this work he has brought in 10 others to swell the colporteur ranks. Many interests have been aroused by these faithful colporteurs and constantly calls have been made to the mission for more workers to give them more light. So far 20 souls have been reported baptized from the efforts of colporteurs. Their sales have been over VN\$ 3 million as against VN\$ 2 million in 1961. Several months ago a book depository was established at Tourane to better serve the colporteur.

We want at this juncture to thank the General Conference Publishing and Rehabilitation Committee for their generous donation of US\$11,000 for a Heidelberg cylinder press to replace their worn out press. We wish our General Conference officers present here can convey our gratitude. As I read this report this evening the steamer carrying this press is unloading at the Saigon harbour. We have been promised that the cases containing the press will be uncrated and the press installed and running in a few days.

As you go all over Vietnam, you will see our literature. Government officials have remarked that the best and most beautiful books in Vietnam come from our press. I have in my hand here a few samples of their products. If these beautiful books can be produced from old and worn out presses, we are sure better and more beautiful books will be forth-coming as their new Heidelberg press begins to roll. We wish the publishing department workers in Vietnam success and trust you will pray for the work there.

Coming down south we have the Malayan Signs Press at Singapore. This Press was established in 1919 and we count it a privilege to carry on the work started by our early pioneers. Malaysia is a cosmopolitan place and in order to meet

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Report of San Yu High School

By Yang Chung Pei, Principal
San Yu School, Singapore

The San Yu High School has entered its sixth year of operation and for this we must thank God for His guidance and blessing, the Malaya Mission, the School Board and brethren and sisters of our faith for their combined efforts, hard work and co-operation in maintaining the school. Apart from imparting spiritual and general knowledge to the students, the work of winning the souls of youth for Christ is being carried on without ceasing. Results have shown that our work is bearing fruits.

The school has undergone an important change in its organization and administration in the last two years. The reason is that due to the inability of the mission to continue operating the school financially, the institution was handed over to the Thomson Road Chinese Church to operate it as a church operated school, to save it from being closed down. Members of the Chinese Church met to discuss this matter on numerous occasions, and decided to take over the management of the school in 1962. Since then, they have contributed their time, energy and money to give the youth of Singapore a true education. Together in sacrifice and faithfulness, they are shouldering the responsibility of doing missionary work among the young people and training workers for the Lord's vineyard.

I am happy to say that there is close co-operation between the Chinese Church and the school. Pastor Daniel Liem, who is pastor of the Chinese Church and vice-chairman of the school board, is doing his best to keep the day-to-day working of the school going

smoothly. Throwing in his whole heart with the Bible teachers of the school, he takes an active part in the programme of soul-winning, conducting Bible study classes whenever there is a necessity. Members of the faculty, besides teaching in the classrooms, hold various kinds of work as church officers, thus doing their share in promoting the work of God.

In 1962 the first Secondary IV class was established. We welcome the following teachers who have joined the school: Mr. Ang Sin Teck (Mathematics), Mr. Yang En Yu (Science) and Mr. Stephen Pan (Biology). We also like to offer our thanks to Mr. Benny Liem and Mrs. Milton Lee who had volunteered their services to the school. At the present moment there are ten full-time and part-time teachers. Among them are two elders, three deacons, three Sabbath School superintendents, one Sabbath School division leader, one MV leader, two Pathfinder club directors, one Home Missionary leader and one church clerk.

In 1961 there were only 4 classes with an enrollment of 166 students. The following year the number of classes was increased to 6 with 233 students. Bible study occupies the first period of the school day. The text books used were published by our mission and the lessons were prepared in such a way that the students are given a simple knowledge of the Bible doctrines at the beginning, reaching the advanced level as they finish the last book. All the students congregate in the church every Friday for a combined service during which time spiritual instructions are imparted. They are

given every encouragement to participate in the activities of the MV and Pathfinder club. On Sabbath day there is a full attendance of students at the Sabbath School.

The school holds two Weeks of Prayer a year to revive the spiritual life of its members. In 1961 Pastor Milton Lee and Pastor C. I. Meng were the speakers. Ninety-seven students joined the Bible study class out of which six were baptized. Pastor Milton Lee and Pastor Joshua Chong conducted the Week of Prayer respectively in 1962. After they had spoken, a Bible study class of 88 students was organized. Seventeen students from this group were baptized. The figure is the highest on our record.

Jesus said, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me." (Matt. 19:14). He accepted their childlike sympathy and unselfish love. This group of school children from non-Adventist homes has been selected and directed by God to our school to receive a Christian education. Their parents are happy and willing to place their loved ones under our guidance and care, and at the same time to pay the school fees. These students cheerfully study the Bible every day, knowing that they are receiving a religious training which cannot be gotten elsewhere.

What stirs our hearts is the effort put forward by these young people during Ingathering Campaigns. Filled with zeal and love for the advancement of God's work, they witness for the Lord by patiently visiting every household and office to solicit funds. Undaunted and unafraid of hard work and abuse, they labour from morning to evening for two whole days accepting any sum of money from the contributors, however small it might be. Donations of 10

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San Yu High School

| Year | Classes | Yearly Average Total number of students | Teachers | Bible study class | Baptisms | Ingathering Campaigns |
|------|---------|---|----------|-------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| 1958 | 4 | 256 | 9 | 48 | 1 | \$4,280.00 |
| 1959 | 6 | 167 | 9 | 52 | 1 | \$2,705.80 |
| 1960 | 6 | 209 | 9 | 75 | 2 | \$2,405.60 |
| 1961 | 4 | 166 | 7 | 97 | 6 | \$3,609.20 |
| 1962 | 6 | 233 | 10 | 97 | 17 | \$7,095.40 |
| 1963 | 7 | 295 | 11 | | | |

Union with Christ and Brotherly Love

By Ellen G. White
(From *Counsels for the Church*,
Vol. 1, pp. 46-49)

It is the purpose of God that His children shall blend in unity. Do they not expect to live together in the same heaven? Is Christ divided against Himself? Will He give His people success before they sweep away the rubbish of evil surmising and discord, before the labourers, with unity of purpose, devote heart and mind and strength to the work so holy in God's sight? Union brings strength; disunion, weakness. United with one another, working together in harmony for the salvation of men, we shall indeed be "labourers together with God." Those who refuse to work in harmony greatly dishonour God. The enemy of souls delights to see them working at cross purposes with one another. Such ones need to cultivate brotherly love and tenderness of heart. If they could draw aside the curtain veiling the future and see the result of their disunion they would surely be led to repent.

Union with Christ and One Another Our Only Safety

The world is looking with gratification at the disunion amongst Christians. Infidelity is well pleased. God calls for a change among His people. Union with Christ and with one another is our only safety in these last days. Let us not make it possible for Satan to point to our church members, saying: "Behold how these people, standing under the banner of Christ, hate one another. We have nothing to fear from them while they spend more strength fighting one another than in warfare with my forces."

After the descent of the Holy Spirit the disciples went forth to proclaim a risen Saviour, their one desire the salvation of souls. They rejoiced in the sweetness of the communion with saints. They were tender, thoughtful, self-denying, willing to make any sacrifice for the truth's sake. In their daily association with one another they revealed the love that Christ had commanded them to reveal. By unselfish words and deeds they strove to kindle this love in other hearts.

The believers were ever to cherish the love that filled the hearts of the apostles after the descent of the Holy Spirit. They were to go forward in willing obedience to the new commandment: "As I have loved you, that ye also love one another." John 13:34. So closely were they to be united to Christ that they would be enabled to fulfil His requirements. The power of a Saviour who could justify them by His righteousness was to be magnified.

But the early Christians began to look for defects in one another. Dwelling upon mistakes, giving places to unkind criticism, they lost sight of the Saviour and of the great love He had revealed for sinners. They became more strict in regard to outward ceremonies, more particular about the theory of the faith, more severe in their criticisms. In their zeal to condemn others they forgot their own errors. They forgot the lesson of brotherly love that Christ had taught. And, saddest of all, they were unconscious of their loss. They did not realize that happiness and joy were going out of their lives, and that soon they would walk in darkness, having shut the love of God out of their hearts.

The Apostle John realized that brotherly love was waning in the church, and he dwelt particularly upon this point. Up to the day of his death he urged upon believers the constant exercise of love for one another. His letters to the churches are filled with this thought. "Beloved, let us love one another," he writes; "for love is of God. . . . God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. . . . Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another." 1 John 4:7-11.

In the church of God today brotherly love is greatly lacking. Many of those who profess to love the Saviour neglect to love those who are united with them in Christian fellowship. We are of the same faith, members of one family, all children of the same heavenly

Father, with the same blessed hope of immortality. How close and tender should be the tie that binds us together! The people of the world are watching us to see if our faith is exerting a sanctifying influence upon our hearts. They are quick to discern every defect in our lives, every inconsistency in our actions. Let us give them no occasion to reproach our faith.

Harmony and Union is Our Strongest Witness

It is not the opposition of the world that endangers us the most; it is the evil cherished in the hearts of professed believers that works our most grievous disaster and most retards the progress of God's cause. There is no surer way of weakening our spirituality than by being envious, suspicious of one another, full of faultfinding and evil surmising. "This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace." James 3:15-18.

Harmony and union existing among men of varied dispositions is the strongest witness that can be borne that God has sent His Son into the world to save sinners. It is our privilege to bear this witness. But, in order to do this, we must place ourselves under Christ's command. Our characters must be moulded in harmony with His character, our wills must be surrendered to His will. Then we shall work together without a thought of collision.

Little differences dwelt upon lead to actions that destroy Christian fellowship. Let us not allow the enemy thus to gain the advantage over us. Let us keep drawing nearer to God and to one another. Then we shall be as trees of righteousness, planted by the Lord, and

watered by the river of life. And how fruitful we shall be! Did not Christ say; "Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit"? John 15:8.

When Christ's prayer is fully believed, when its instruction is brought into the daily life of God's people, unity of action will be seen in our ranks. Brother will be bound to brother by the golden bonds of the love of Christ. The Spirit of God alone can bring about this oneness. He who sanctified Himself can sanctify His disciples. United with Him, they will be united with one another in the most holy faith. When we strive for this unity as God desires us to strive for it, it will come to us.

It is not a great number of institutions, large buildings, and outward display that God requires, but the harmonious action of a peculiar people, a people chosen by God and precious, united with one another, their life hid with Christ in God. Every man is to stand in his lot and place, exerting a right influence in thought, word, and deed. When all God's workers do this, and not till then, His work will be a complete, symmetrical whole.

The Lord calls for men of genuine faith and sound minds, men who recognize the distinction between the true and the false. Each one should be on his guard, studying and practising the lessons given in the seventeenth chapter of John, and preserving a living faith in the truth for this time. We need that self-control which will enable us to bring our habits in harmony with the prayer of Christ.

The heart of the Saviour is set upon His followers' fulfilling God's purpose in all its height and depth. They are to be one in Him, even though they are scattered the world over. But God cannot make them one in Christ unless they are willing to give up their own way for His way.

Co-Operation

In the establishment of institutions in new fields it is often necessary to place responsibilities upon persons not fully acquainted with the details of the work. These persons labour at great disadvantage, and, unless they and their fellow workers have an unselfish interest in the Lord's institution, there will



Pastor K. T. Chin and young Colporteurs in Thailand

News of Progress in Northeast Thailand

By D. Kenneth Smith

Seven young ladies were recently baptized by the writer and three weeks later, two young men were also baptized in Ubol, northeast Thailand. These had all studied the Voice of Prophecy lessons and had been prepared for baptism by the Bible worker, Miss Boon Dang. Another baptism is planned soon.

During the months of October and November, a Bible Marking Class was carried on. It is hoped a good harvest will result from this series.

A class in Song Conducting and another in Note Reading is currently being offered. The choir and Pathfinder Club have been reactivated and the Mission school is going well.

result a condition of things that will hinder its prosperity.

Many feel that the line of work they are doing belongs solely to them and that no one else should make any suggestions in regard to it. These very ones may be ignorant as to the best methods of conducting the work; yet, if one ventures to offer them advice, they are offended and become more determined to follow their independent judgment. Again, some of the workers

A recent colporteur institute by Pastor K. T. Chin of the local mission resulted in a good group of workers being recruited. Three young ladies are working in a large area north and west of Ubol. A young man is working in Korat, a large city in central Thailand where we have no work. They plan to work up to the north to the Laos border. Another full time, one part-time and several student colporteurs are also working in Ubol and the surrounding towns. We ask that you remember the work in this section of the Lord's vineyard in your prayers. The need is great and the workers few.

are not willing to help or instruct their fellow workmen. Others who are inexperienced do not wish their ignorance to be known. They make mistakes, at a cost of much time and material, because they are too proud to ask counsel.

The cause of the trouble it is not difficult to determine. The workers have been independent threads, when they should have regarded themselves as threads that must be woven together to help form the pattern.

These things grieve the Holy Spirit. God desires us to learn of one another. Unsanctified independence places us where He cannot work with us. With such a state of things Satan is well pleased.

Every worker will be tested as to whether he is labouring for the advancement of the Lord's institution, or to serve his own interests.

The sin that is most nearly hopeless and incurable is pride of opinion, self-conceit. This stands in the

way of all growth. When a man has defects of character, yet fails of realizing this; when he is so imbued with self-sufficiency that he cannot see his fault, how can he be cleansed? "They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick." Matthew 9:12. How can one improve when he thinks his ways are perfect?

None but a wholehearted Christian can be a true gentleman.

best-known books: "Time has not been a test since 1844, and it will never again be a test." —**Early Writings**, p. 75.

That has been our teaching all through the years. (See **Testimonies**, volume 1, page 409; **The Great Controversy**, page 457.) Writing in the **Review and Herald** of March 22, 1892, Ellen G. White said:

"Again and again have I been warned in regard to time-setting. There will never again be a message for the people of God that will be based on time."

Also: "Those who presumptuously preached definite time, in so doing gratify the adversary of souls; for they are advancing infidelity rather than Christianity. They produce Scripture and by false interpretation show a chain of argument which apparently proves their position. But their failures show that they are false prophets, that they do not rightly interpret the language of inspiration." —**Testimonies**, vol. 4, p. 307 (1879).

The Heresy of Time Setting

By Robert L. Odom
Index Editor, White Publications

The desire for setting the time, the precise date, for the fulfillment of promises or predictions in the Holy Scriptures is contagious and probably will continue as long as time lasts. In the stream of mail that crosses my desk from day to day there is evidence that this spiritual disease has been increasing gradually during the past three years. We may see more of it during the next two or three years.

How can we explain this new desire for time setting? The answer seems to be this: We live in an age when people who believe and study the Bible have become increasingly aware of the fact that much prophecy concerning the last days of this world is being fulfilled. Events of tremendous significance have been taking place, events that presage things of still greater import. It is easy in a time like this for minds that are inclined to undue excitement and fanciful thinking to become a prey to the folly of time setting.

We lament the fact that some of the present-day time setters and their followers formerly were members of our church. But the Seventh-day Adventist Church always has been and still is unalterably opposed to time setting. While we believe sincerely that the Millerite Adventists, a little more than a century ago, had a sound basis for the computation of the beginning and ending of the prophetic period of 2300 days of Daniel 8:14, Seventh-day Adventists have consistently refused to endorse or approve any time setting by anybody since that date, and they have faithfully and repeatedly warned men against the practice.

What About 1964?

Two or three small independent groups have made 1964 the target date for their predictions. They allege that the 120 years during which Noah's warning message was given to the antediluvian world (see Gen. 6:3) is a type of the preaching of the gospel of the kingdom to all the world in the last days (Matt. 23:14, 37). By simply adding 120 years to the autumn of 1884, they proclaim in print, on the radio, and by any other means possible, that the end of probation, or some other important religious happening, will occur sometime during the autumn of 1964.

As the autumn of 1964 draws nearer, this speculative time setting takes on different shapes. One group of time setters, for example, in a recent issue of their paper published an article entitled "Why I Believe We Are in the Final Three and a Half Years of Probationary Time." The writer says: "Note the month in which the Supreme Court handed down the ruling on the constitutionality of the 'Blue Laws' in 1961, then add three and a half years to that and see just when that period will expire."

Accompanying the magazine that was sent to me was a broadside bearing this heading: "The Door of God's Mercy About to Close!" A diagram, with 1844 at the beginning of the line and 1964 at the end, carries this caption: "Noah Warned the People 120 years — Likewise Will be 120 Years."

Time is Not a Test

Early in the history of Seventh-day Adventists the following warning was published in one of our

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cents, 50 cents, \$1.00 or \$10.00 are received with gratefulness and thanks. Their goal was \$3,000 in 1961 and the amount collected was \$3,609.20. Although they were asked to collect the same amount as in 1961, a final count (in 1962) showed that a total of \$7,095.40 was donated by well-wishers, friends and the public. These non-Adventist children have proved time and again their love for the Lord and His work. Are our hearts not touched by their earnestness and sacrificial spirit?

In 1962 after the setting up of a Secondary IV class, permission for our students to sit for the Government examination was obtained from the Ministry of Education. Our students did not have to take their examination on the Sabbath day as the Government did not set any question paper for that day. Truly God has greatly blessed us.

In conclusion, I request you not only to pray for our school but to give every assistance possible so that this institution will become a place for the gathering of precious souls for God's kingdom and the training of future labourers to proclaim the message of His soon return.

Arrivals and Departures (From page 8)

North Borneo and our Union to go to New Guinea to be in charge of the work there. The Union committee appointed Pastor A. Peters to be the president of North Borneo Mission. Pastor Peters and family have recently moved to North Borneo to direct the work of the Mission.

Please remember to pray for these workers as they take up their new duties or return to their homeland for furloughs or new responsibilities. There are many problems and difficulties to be met and we need much of the Lord's blessing as we work together to win souls for heaven.



"I am sorry to tell you that my lessons are many times confiscated by my narrow-minded father who is a tyrant. He likes to scold us and makes our life miserable. Mother is very grumpy these days too and she shouts and yells at the top of her voice for any slight mistakes we make and beats the children mercilessly. My brother aged thirteen helps to get the hidden lessons at quite a risk you know. I have gained alot of knowledge from these lessons and whenever I feel sad or miserable I go over them and some sort of consolation comes over me."

"Even though we are Muslims, I have a great liking to your teachings. I have faith in Christ and if He will accept us, we will try to spread the truth to our friends through your help."

"The Sabbath is quite a great problem to me and it is true that I have never yet observed it. I have learned that to keep the Sabbath is one of God's laws but whatever can I do for I am a Moslem? I feel so sorry that I am unable to keep it and I hope you will be kind enough to tell me what I ought to do. My heart tells me to observe the Sabbath. I have faith in it, yet I disobey it. Please be kind enough to help me solve my problem."

From the Tamil Section:

"I have been searching for God for 5 years. As a result I found these valuable and inspiring lessons which are so helpful. I am reading the books you sent me very carefully and am helping those around me in the name of Jesus. I would love to see you in person and be baptized."

"We have studied the Bible lessons so well that we have no doubt whatever as to who Jesus is. We believe that He is God and we think of Him always. During the last month in our family there was sickness and we prayed to Jesus for health and He has cured us. Herewith I am enclosing a thank offering with love."

"Every week I have eagerly waited for your lessons for they they have brought peace to my burdened heart. They have helped me immensely."

"Although I have been a Hindu I have learned from your lessons that love is supreme and that we should obey God's commands. For many years I had no peace of mind, and was restless, but now I enjoy peace and serenity. May the Lord bless your good work. Please send me some songs of praise for morning and evening. The name of Jesus brings inspiration to me. I wish to be visited when it is convenient. I know it will make me very happy."

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the needs of the colporteurs, we have to produce and stock books in Chinese, English, Malay and Tamil. You can see that it is not an easy job.

The Malayan Signs Press Editorial Department is busy and many books are being processed. We have produced the "Guardian of Health" and "Happiness for Husbands and Wives" in Malay. These are sold as a set and a religious book "Hidup Bahagia," is given out at the same time. A First Aid Book in Chinese was released a short time ago in conjunction with a campaign to get more two years subscriptions to the Chinese Signs of the Times, our Chinese missionary journal. Currently "Happiness for Husbands and Wives" in Chinese is being revised and new ill-

ustrations added. Recently the book "Christ Our Saviour" in Chinese was released and this has proved to be a good seller and soul winner.

A new colporteur book in Malay is in active preparation and will be available at the end of the first quarter of 1963. We trust our growing force of colporteurs with the help of our local publishing department secretaries will break all delivery records in 1963. We are providing 2 full budgets for assistant publishing secretaries from the assistant leadership fund and the fund for this purpose is still growing.

The sales have been good and we hope to close the year with over \$300,000 worth of sales. During the year in review we have purchased over \$9,000.00 of new equipment and we are constantly modernizing our plant and machinery.

Plans have been drawn up for a new and larger paper storage. It will be a two storey building and the top floor will have accommodation for two single workers plus a good size guest room. We hope to complete this programme about the middle of 1963 at an estimated cost of M\$30,000.00.

In the past the Malayan Signs Press has been called upon to help train workers for sister publishing houses. We are proud of our role and count it a pleasure to have been of help to Vietnam and Indonesia in their early days. At this moment we have at our press in Singapore, one of the men sent to us from the Thailand Publishing House. He is in active training in the various aspects of printing and binding and soon he too will return to help produce gospel filled literature for the people of Thailand.

Our newest is the Publishing House in Thailand where the physical building is being erected at the present moment. The General Conference Publishing and Rehabilitation Committee has again generously helped to build up this press. Funds are on hand to purchase the required equipment. The offset press for this house has already arrived at Bangkok and a paper cutter and a typecaster have been purchased. The rest of the equipment will arrive as the building takes shape. We hope by April 1963 that this publishing house will produce truth-filled literature in this strong hold of Buddhism.

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Arrivals and Departures in Southeast Asia

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The past few weeks have seen quite a number of arrivals and departures and changes not only in the Union office but in other places throughout our Union field. For a long time the Union has been waiting for calls to be answered to care for several of our Union departments. Some weeks ago these calls were answered.

Pastor and Mrs. Doyle Barnett recently arrived in Singapore. For about twenty years they have been in the Far East working for the Chinese speaking people on the mainland of China and more recently in Hong Kong and Taiwan. Pastor Barnett will be in charge of the Home Missionary department in the Union and Mrs. Barnett will lead out in the Sabbath school department.

Pastor and Mrs. J. Lantry and three boys recently arrived from the United States to join the Union family. For a number of years Pastor Lantry has been M.V. and Educational department secretary. He has also experience in teaching and as an administrator in our schools. We are happy to have him lead out in our Union M.V., educational, and temperance departments. Mrs. Lantry is already assisting in the teaching program of Southeast Asia Union College.

Miss L. R. Frederick left Southeast Asia Union College recently on permanent return. She will be teaching at Canadian Union College. Miss E. Rogers who has been at Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital for many years, has recently left for the United States. Miss F. Dagoberg of Penang and Miss Mary Nygaard of Saigon have also left on furlough. Miss A. Tinsworth has just arrived from Australia to do nursing work in Saigon.

Recently Pastor D. R. Guild and family left Singapore for their homeland for a well earned furlough. During this time he will do some studying at Andrews University and assist in some evangelistic efforts. Pastor R. Tilstra and family of Vietnam Mission have left also on furlough to California. Pastor Wayne Martin and family of Thailand have just left on permanent return to the United States. Pastor Martin will be located in the States of Florida.

Pastor Palmer Wick and family have returned to Thailand after a year's furlough. Pastor Wick was appointed to be president of Thailand Mission to replace Pastor Martin who recently left. Just recently Pastor and Mrs. C. G. Oliver left

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Pastor P. G. Wick and family returned from furlough in July to Thailand, Pastor Wick was recently appointed as president of Thailand Mission.