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When Mrs. E. G. White was attending a meeting in Dorchester, Mass., in 1848, she was given a vision of the duty of the brethren to publish the light they had received. After coming out of vision, she turned to her husband and said: "I have a message for you. You must begin to print a little paper and send it out to the people. Let it be small at first; but as the people read, they will send you means with which to print, and it will be a success from the first. From this small beginning it was shown to me to be like streams of light that went clear round the world."

"Like streams of light that went clear round the world." Perhaps the following testimony by an Vietnamese army captain, spoken to one of our publishing leaders, is an indication that this prophecy is being fulfilled in Southeast Asia. "Everywhere I go to conduct military campaigns against the communist guerillas, I find your colporteurs and your books. Sometimes, I go to places where the situation is very dangerous, but still I find your literature evangelists there. Tell me, how do you force your members to go to these places of great peril? What tactics do you use on them?"

Every month during 1963, our ministers of the printed page contacted more than 200,000 with our message. Their testimony and their literature were both seen and heard in the Sultan's palace, in the president's office, in the business place, and in the peasant's thatched roofed home. In addition to this, their missionary activities report shows that they handed out 85,928 tracts, enrolled 42,130 in the VOP, gave 1,742 Bible studies, and best of all — witnessed the baptism of 76 precious souls from their contacts.



John Bernet (right), union publishing secretary shows literature sales report to H. W. Bedwell, union president.

"Streams of Light in Southeast Asia

By John Bernet, Publishing Secretary, Southeast Asia Union

The three publishing houses within our Union are producing most attractive literature for both the public and the church. It is no secret that many folks in the world greatly appreciate our literature. For our 165 bookmen sold more than 20 million pages of it during last year. The total worth of it in dollars was M\$525,000.00. This is a 160% gain in sales over 1960, just three years ago.

Our colporteurs are self supporting missionaries. And while they are able to do so much missionary work, still God has seen fit to bless them financially. Throughout the Union, a number of them are now doing so well that they are driving automobiles, scooters, and more

and more are owning their own homes.

We thank God for His bountiful blessings upon our publishing program in Southeast Asia. Our hearts are made glad by the increasing number of high caliber laymen who are joining the ever growing colporteur soul-winning army. Still the call is for more workers to enter God's vineyard. Mrs. White says: "This is the very work the Lord would have His people do at this time." The world must hear the warning. When the call comes, "who shall I send, and who will go for us?" send back the answer clear and distinct, "Here am I; send me".

A Chinese Physician Becomes A Literature Evangelist

By Paul Tan, Union Assistant Publishing Secretary

In this part of the world, some people have the idea that the canvassing work is meant for those who are jobless and for men and women who are good for nothing else.

This is the wrong idea because in the Spirit of Prophecy it says, "In all parts of the field canvassers should be selected, not from the floating element in society, not from among men and women who are good for nothing else and have made a success of nothing, but from among those who have good address, tact, keen foresight, and ability. Such are needed to make a success as literature evangelists."—CE, 79.

March 15 to 21 was the "Big Week" for all the churches in Malaya Mission. Our publishing department had many promotions in different churches. I was assigned to talk in the Singapore Chinese Church. Soon after the service I had the privilege of talking to all those who had signed up to participate in the "Big Week". One of them was a fine looking middleaged man, Mr. Wong She Cheong. Mr. Wong was one of the converts of Pastor Milton Lee's efforts. He

has 3 children and a lovely wife. He was a Chinese physician for 18 years, and he made good money too.

This brother worked very hard during the "Big Week" and sold many of our literature and health books.

After the "Big Week", he gave his testimony in the Chinese Church about his experiences in canvassing during that week. I remembered that he said the greatest joy in his heart was to be able to do his part by bringing the blessed hope to those who are still sitting in darkness".

After the Big Week, Brother Wong expressed to us that he would like to become a full-time literature evangelist. He feels that the Lord has called him to help to carry the blessed hope to the dying world and I am glad to state that Brother Wong is one of our best colporteurs in selling our Chinese literature.

I visited Brother Wong many times in his home. He's staying in a crowded Chinese kampong. All his neighbours are Buddhists. When Brother Wong has his family wor-



Wong She Cheong

ship in the morning and evening, his neighbours will stand at the door step and watch, and always Brother Wong takes the opportunity to tell them about Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Let us pray for the literature evangelist Wong and his family, and that they will be shining lights in Kampong Japa, and that many souls will find the Saviour through his literature ministry.

Praise the Lord for letting us have another good soldier in the colporteur army of our Southeast Asia Union.



L. Pandjaitan

	Colp.	Sales	Tracts	V.O.P.	Souls
1963	50	\$ 186,971.09	26359	5717	23
1962	30	163,173.46	15878	5584	7
Increase	20	\$ 23,797.63	10481	133	16

Time is Marching On!

By L. Pandjaitan, Publishing Secretary, Malaya Mission

The Lord has been very good to us and has blessed our literature work in a very remarkable way. During 1963, the Malaya Mission's fifty literature evangelists (Regular and part-time colporteurs) delivered approximately \$186,971.09 worth of our good literature and saw 23 souls baptized as a result of their work. If we refer to our comparative summary for 1962 and 1963 as below, we have much to be thankful.

Two branch Sabbath Schools were established by our literature evangelists last year. We have set our goal for 1964 as appeared below:

Sales = \$ 225,000.00 Souls = 30 Colporteurs = 60 V. O. P. = 5000

The literature evangelist comes face to face with many people every day. He must meet them mind to mind, and heart to heart with the truth. God has given us the message. He has given us the publications. The world is filled with people who are looking for a better way of life, who are seeking for truth. Surely this is a day of great opportunity for all our literature evangelists and our lay people to

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Success in Time of Trouble



By Do Binh, Publishing Department Secretary, Vietnam Mission

1963 was a very special year to the country of Vietnam. During this year, many special events happened that caused the Vietnamese to be concerned for their future. The war that was going on for so many years now promises to go on for an undefinite length of time. The business is poor and the economy of the country is very bad. In addition to all this the nation had to face the Buddhist problem. Everywhere, the people are wondering about their future. They are hoping and longing for the day when they will have peace. But the Bible predicted that "there will be no peace in the last days". Sin will continue to make this world a miserable place until the day when Christ will come to make everything new.

Inspite of all the troubles that are going on in Vietnam, God has blessed the Publishing work in a special way. The literature evange-



list work is progressing rapidly. God has protected our bookmen wherever they go, on highways and byways. He recently rescued two literature evangelists from the hands of the communits after they had been kidnapped for one month and twenty-two days and had been working in a remote village. Through the work of our literature evangelists all classes of people come to know the message through our truth filled literature, for they carry the printed pages of life everywhere.

Below is the missionary report of our 93 faithful literature evangelists in Vietnam during 1963: God blessed our colporteurs during 1963 with 53 souls who were baptized into the truth. A branch Sabbath School was also organized by a number of our literature evangelists.

We trust that with God's blessings coupled with the untiring effort of the army of literature evangelists, the three angels' message will be preached throughout war-torn Vietnam, and that Christ will soon come to take us home with Him. We solicit your prayers on our behalf that we may faithfully finish the task that is given to us.

Number	of	books sold:	26,029	copies
Number	of	Periodical Subs:	615	**
Number	of	Magazines:	77,761	39
Number	of	Free Literature:	32,360	
Number	of	VOP cards distributed	35,305	copies

Total value of books and magazines sold: 4,000,000.00 VN Piastres.



Photo upper right:

Literature evangelists of Vietnam at Saigon meeting with J. Bernet, E. A. Brodeur, G. Huse, and J. Mason.

Photo left:

Beginners institute being conducted by Do Binh, publishing secretary of Vietnam, at Can Tho.



Vietnam Signs Press



By Le Cong Giao, Manager Vietnam Signs Press

The Vietnam Signs Press has been specially blessed by God during the last few years. As our colporteur force has doubled and quadrupled, and the activity at the press has increased correspondingly. The tremendous increase of our output would not have been possible without the new equipment made available to us by the General Conference Rehabilitation committee. Through their generosity we now have a new giant Heidelberg cylinder press and a Solna offset press. We soon hope to install a new Polar paper cutter.

Out of our own funds we were able to buy a new, badly needed, stitching machine. New books, just off the press or being printed at the present time include, "Practical

Guide to Family Education", "On Becoming a Man", The Impending Conflict", a new edition of "Steps to Christ" and "The Prince and The Rebel"

Last April 17, our Vietnam mission delegation had an audience with the Prime Minister of Vietnam, General Nguven Khanh, At that time we presented to him with a number of our latest books which he graciously received.

We pray that God will bless

these volumes as they go to the homes of leading statesmen as well as those of the average citizen.

Time is Marching On! (From page 2)

double our efforts for the salvation of our fellow people. The challenge of the unwarned millions of 8,449,000) is before us.

Fast moving events in the world remind us daily that we are living in perilous times. "Time is a gift of God and is to be used in winning souls to Christ." -Testimonies Vol. 9 p. 38. Time is marching on. "Time and tide wait for no man." Yesterday is gone forever and to-morrow is future. The only time that is really ours is today. We will seek God's blessings on all of our plans and effort that they may be fruitful.

Into the Forbidden Gate

By Abel V. Pangan, Assistant Publishing Secretary, Thailand Mission

"Who has permitted you to come in here?" demanded the Army

"The guard at the gate has allowed me to come into your office because I have a very important purpose of seeing you, Sir" courteously replied Mrs. K. S. Wong. Observing a tight military security, the Thai Army Headquarters personnel prohibit any civilian entering their compound without proper permit previously secured.
"What can I do for you then,

lady?

I am Mrs. Wong from the Home Health Education Service calling to your beautiful office in the interest of health and the prevention of disease," she explained.

At the close of her canvass the chief officer was glad to purchase the Thai Guardian of Health. "You're doing a very important work, Mrs. Wong; however I would like to know as to what you do with the proceeds of the books you

are selling," interrogated the officer.
"Well, do you see these cards in my bag? Many of these cards were filled in by the soldiers in the adjacent room. These are enrollment cards for our free Bible Correspondence School. Our Mission gives out lessons to these students free of charge. After a student has completed the required number of lessons we issue him a beautiful diploma free also. That is just one of the many ways we use a small portion of the profit we make out of these books."

When Mrs. Wong returned to the chief's office to deliver the book, Malaya and Singapore (population the chief officer was so happy for the service our colporteur was doing, that he encouraged many of his soldiers to enroll in the Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School.

Mrs. Wong is a teacher by profession. The reason she left her teaching profession and has joined the literature ministry is because: "This is a very important work, especially here in Thailand, because it is one of the best ways to reach thousands of people who may never be reached by the preacher." At present, Mrs. Wong is giving Bible studies to five persons every Sunday.

That Other Angel



By David Chung, Publishing Secretary Thailand Mission

In Revelation 18:1, we read: "And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory." Commenting on this text, the Spirit of Prophecy says: "And in a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power and who lightens the earth with his glory." Testimonies Vol. 7, 140.

From these statements we know for certainty that we as literature evangelists have a real great work to do. The world population now stands at two thousand nine hundred million people, and the population increases faster than the hand on your watch ticks off the seconds —85 a minute, 130,000 a day, 48,000,000 annually. That is just the population increase. What a challenge! What an opportunity! What a responsibility!

Within the church we have many

effective agencies that are being used of God to proclaim the message. All are important, all are needed. But our literature work is among the most effective agencies. You may ask: Why is it so? Well, throughout the ages literature has always been powerful in its influence. Mrs. E. G. White says: "This agency can reach and influence the public as no other means can." Col. Min. 149. Another reason is that our literature evangelists are going out where the people are. They search them out in their homes, in their shops, in their offices, and there they place the truth in printed form in their hands.

Thailand is a vast and extensive country, noted for its yellow robes and famous pagoda. The population is about 30 million, and among these masses of people we find only one Christian in six hundred people. What a tremendous challenge it is. We have now only a handful of ten full-time colporteurs working in this vast country. Four years ago we had only three working. Thank God for His blessings and guidance we are now increasing in number and in sales. Last year we overflowed our goal which was 600,000 bahts by 23,000 bahts. This year with many new ideas and plans we hope to overflow our goal of 700,000 bahts.

God is calling you to join the literature evangelistic work today. We have no time to lose. We must work now. Mrs. White said: "Night after night I am standing before the people bearing a very positive testimony and pleading with them to be wide awake, and to take up the work of circulating our literature." Why should you wait? We need many more literature evangel-

ists in Thailand. Remember, we have come to the time in this world's history when things happen fast. "The final movements will be rapid ones..." and your decision must be prompt and emphatic also.

Thailand Publishing House

By E. A. Pender, Manager Thailand Publishing House

The Thailand Publishing House, the newest Seventh-day Adventist publishing house in the world is on its way to produce truth filled literature for the 29,000,000 inhabitants of this great country. During the past few months we have been busy installing the equipment and getting everything ready to run. Will be printing the Guardian of Health as our first project and it is on its way. Many steps must be taken in preparation for this and at this time 100 pages are ready. Unfortuanately we have not re-

Unfortunately we have not received all the necessary equipment to complete all of the operations necessary to publish a book from beginning to end, but they are on their way and soon we will be going full force. At the present time we perform some operations and the ones we cannot do we have done outside.

There are many plans for the future and if conditions continue as they are the demands will increase and we will have to enlarge our facilities. We are sure the Lord will bless us as we endeavor to supply the literature evangelists with the books and magazines to warn the people of the things to come.

E. A. Pender, Manager

Thailand Publishing House (ground floor) Mission office on first floor.



A Blessing in Disguise



By Thomas Huang, Publishing Secretary, Sabah, Brunei, & Sarawak

One morning Pastor J. T. Pohan was in the Immigration Office trying to renew his visa in Brunei. When he approached the man incharge, the officer was very hostile to him, and would not renew the visa for him. He tried many ways to get it renewed but was in vain. Pastor Pohan then offered a prayer to the Heavenly Father, and as soon as he had finished his prayer, the officer turned to him and said that he would renew the visa if Pastor Pohan could get a letter of recommendation of some government person, saying that the books he was selling were good for the public, and that his stay was essential.

Pastor Pohan quickly went to see one of his customers at the Department of Education in Brunei. When the officer in the Education Department saw Pastor Pohan, he warmly invited our brother into his office. The officer asked Pastor Pohan if he still had some of the Health books left. He would like to purchase another copy, because someone took his copy. Before Pastor Pohan could reply, a man came up to the officer and said that he liked to order one too. Another came up with an order. The third man ordered, the fourth followed by the fifth. Before long, Pastor Pohan had ten orders. He rushed back to see if he had that many copies. Sure enough, there were just ten copies left in the box. He called a taxi and rushed to the Education Department with the ten copies of Penjaga Kesehatan.

After all this, Pastor Pohan told the story to the Education officer

and why he came to the Education Department. The Officer right away typed out the letter of recommendation and gave it to Pastor Pohan. With the recommendation, Pastor Pohan rushed to the Immigration office and showed the letter. The officer at the Immigration was speechless and renewed our brother's visa. Pastor Pohan sold 10 copies of Penjaga Kesehatan. Indeed this was a special blessing in disguise. Brother Pohan is a retired pastor who is devoting his retirement to the literature ministry. His sales last year amounted to more than M\$10,000., and he only worked part time. If he can do it, so can you?

Cambodia District

M. G. Tortal

The Cambodia district is blest with the opportunity of having a Book and Periodical Agency. To make it possible for the populace to read and accept the message, two of our Chinese brethren, Robert Jean and Wong Ping Wo, are doing their best to put our books and literature in the hands of the people.

Call it a big challenge if you will, but these two faithful colporteurs have approximately five to six million people to canvass to—more than 2½ million people for each of them! How long will they ever accomplish the work of "breaking the ground," we do not know. But we do know that it is time for our brethren to "pray to the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."







The objective of our B & PA is not only to provide books and literature for the unbelievers, but also to serve our church members in whatever book or literature they would like to buy. Believing that our church members should be the first ones who should read our books, the B & PA has decided to hold its book display in the chapel on May 9 and September 5. Books available on the display are as follows: French-Conseils du Medicin; Les Enfants de ce siecle; Cuisine et Dietetique; Le Christ Revient; Rayons de Sante; La Vie et ses Problemes; Guide Pratique; Le Tabac et l'Hygiene; Vie et Sante; Le Signes des Temps; Chinese-Highways to Health; Guardian of Health; Great Controversy; Marked Bible; Steps to Christ; Patriarchs and Prophets; Ministry of Healing; Meaning of Our Times; On Be-coming a Man; On Becoming a Woman; Happiness for Husband and Wives; Chinese Signs, etc.
Note: A Cambodian Guardian

Note: A Cambodian Guardian of Health is on its way to the press. It will be available very soon.

Malaysian Signs Press

By Y. F. Choo, Manager

We are here, in this space allotted to us, to tell you of the activities of the publishing house in Singapore. Two other publishing houses in this Union are in Vietnam and Thailand. In keeping with the march of events, we are, today, no longer known as Malayan but MALAY-SIAN SIGNS PRESS. We have no part in the march of events but we are happy to be able to trace the march of progress of the publishing house here. What evidence is there in support of this progress?

Imagine for a moment that you are being taken on a conducted tour of the premises. One land mark conspicusous by its absence in former years is the structure which is now the STORE ROOM. It has solved the problem of finding adequate room for the storage of raw materials. Structural provision has been made in its construction so that if required the present flat roof can be utilized for more office space. Redecoration and reconstruction of sections of the building have lent added dignity and prestige to the offices of the Manager and Editorial Department.

As you continue with your tour you will find that many pieces of equipment have been added to make this printing press a modern plant. There is, for example, the re-smelting furnace, a labour saving device, that does away with the old method of melting lead. SOLNA offset press spells out another milestone of progress. The installation of this offset press represents a major break through in the policy of the management and directors to do the work economically and efficiently. It is our earnest hope in the foreseeable future to illustrate our publications with colour printing so that added luster can be given to a job that is already well done. In particular, we hope to give colour to the Chinese SIGNS so that it will get the added impetus to put it on its course to win the hearts and minds of its readers to the Banner of the Master. A new book, "Dear Mother To Be" has just been print-ed on the new offset press. A few other publications that will be rolling off the press are "Mari Kita Tanya Doktor" and "On Becoming a Woman", a reprint in Chinese.

We thank the Lord for His guidance and blessings without which it would not have been possible for us to strike this happy note of "PROGRESS" at the MALAY-SIAN SIGNS PRESS and we solicit your prayers as we re-dedicate ourselves for devotion to duty in His cause and for His glory.

God Needs You...

and Elder Bernet and all his associates conducted a very inspiring students' campaign at Southeast Asia Union College and San Yuk Chinese High School. At that time, a colporteur club was formed. I am glad to say that during this vacation, twenty-eight students are going out canvassing.

I have the privilege of going out with some of the Chinese students. While out canvassing with them. they told me many times that they preferred to sell our "Chinese Signs" magazines than any medical books. When I asked them why. they told me that if the people ordered a year's subscription of the "Chinese Signs", they would receive our message for one year. They added, "The purpose of our coming out to canvass is to bring our truth to the people". Praise the Lord! We are glad that so many of our young people have the burden for souls and put that burden before thinking of earning more money for themselves.

While all these twenty-eight students are working hard, what about the rest of the other students? What are you going? Haven't you heard a soft voice appealing to you "I need you".

I pray that when the next vacation comes, many more young people will join these student colporteurs, and hasten to finish the great task which our Master has entrusted to us



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"God Needs You"

By Paul Tan, Assistant Publishing Secretary, Southeast Asia Union

Young people can do mighty things for God. And young people can do mighty things for Satan too. Do you know how Hitler was able to build so quickly one of the greatest military organizations of all time? Because he went to the young people of Germany and said to them over and over again, "I need you!". The young people responded, as they always respond to dynamic leadership. Someone has said "He who owns the youth, owns the world", and another said, "The destiny of our organization depends upon how its young people under twenty-five years of age feel concerning it"

In Southeast Asia Union, we have 2,731 young people in our church schools and colleges. We are planning to have stronger promoting programs in our schools and appeal to all young people to feel the burden for souls instead of idling and wasting their vacation at home. They can devote their vacation time to the Saviour by joining the colporteur army and bring truthful literature to the distressing world.

Recently Elder Mason, the Division Assistant Publishing Secretary

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"Why Tarriest Thou?"

By R. R. Figuhr, President General Conference of S.D.A.

"Why tarriest thou?" asked Ananias of Paul on that eventful day when he visited the penitent persecutor in Damascus, to pray for the restoration of his eyesight. Paul had been sitting in darkness and uncertainty for three days-days of deep heart searching. Never before had he come to such a decisive point in his life. But now the tarrying was ended. The days of following his own plans and preferences gave way to something much greater. He was about to be launched upon an entirely new career, as different as could be from his former one. The Lord's purpose of sending Paul, the converted Jew, far hence into the Gentiles was about to take place.

It is good to know that Paul tarried no longer. He arose, was baptized, and, as he said later, began to follow "the heavenly vision." Long years passed and he came to the end of his life's journey. Here he declared his satisfaction with the decision he had made. Paul had no regrets. He was satisfied to end his days while in God's service.

The question "Why tarriest thou?" comes to many Seventh-day Adventist church members today. A vast field of opportunity and service awaits many. We have excellently equipped printing plants with highly skilled workmen and capable and dedicated writers. They are producing books and magazines that are attractive and appealing. The urgent need is for colporteurs, full-time where possible, part-time where circumstances make fulltime impossible. Many men and women who now are successfully following other lines of activity could not only make a good living as literature evangelists but could at the same time have a definite and important part in God's work in these closing days.

The call is for successful people to enter this important line of work in God's cause. We are glad for those who have closed their stores, left their profession, and dropped their tools to respond to this high calling. They decided to tarry no longer. God is blessing and prospering them.

But more are needed. It is doubtful that there is a single church in the Southeast Asia Union no matter how small, that does not have in it one or more who could, with the training the mission furnishes, become a successful literature evangelist. I have been informed of a six-year-old lad and a man over 70 who both have recently made outstanding records in selling our literature. Age seems to make no difference in this work.

At the final end of the journey, where the wisdom of all choices will be truly evaluated, the dedicated literature evangelist will, as did Paul, declare his satisfaction with the choice he made. Then he can look forward confidently to receiving the crown reserved for all God's faithful laborers.

The great pyramids of Egypt are a classic example of misused effort and personal interest. The history of Egypt would have been entirely different had the investment of time and money that went into building the pyramids been expended instead on road building. Roads would have been a blessing to the whole nation; the pyramids merely exalted the rulers who built them for themselves. Road builders work with others in mind; pyramids and monuments reflect only self. Paul built no pyramids, but he ranged the highways of the world to carry the gospel. Thousands of others today are following his example and traversing the highways of nations with the gospel invitation in printed form. Perhaps God wants you to join them.

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