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It Pays to Visit Voice of Prophecy Students

"In areas where house numbers are irregular and the search is often unsuccessful, along dusty or muddy roads through the kampongs and rubber estates, on lonely jungle footpaths leading to the villages, or on busy city streets noisy with distractions; it takes courage to visit Voice of Prophecy students.

"And when we find the students often they are adult Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus, or Christians who have studied the lessons in hope of getting something for nothing, jobless people who felt the Voice of Prophecy course might qualify them for a job. Then there are the teenagers who are attracted by a colourful diploma to hang on the wall as a room decoration. Hundreds of the Voice of Prophecy students I have visited are of this type.

"In spite of these hundreds I still continue to visit the Voice of Prophecy students, for among these hundreds I find sincere seekers for truth.

"One Sunday afternoon a few months ago I found myself in a big kampong searching for a particular house which I could not find. After a two hour search, the sun was setting, and I was about to give up. As I headed toward home I made one last inquiry and found the house just a few doors away.

"Perhaps the long search was in the providence of God for I found the whole family at home, and the girl I was to visit was having difficulty with her family. My visit was in response to this letter the Voice of Prophecy had forwarded on to

me: 'After completing three of the Voice of Prophecy Bible courses, I desire to become a Seventh-day Adventist, for I know that they follow the truth of Christianity. Please help me because I am desperate as my mother is against my wishes.'

"I was impressed by the sincerity of this fourteen year old girl. But I conversed more with the parents as they were the obstacle to her desire to become a Seventh-day Adventist. I arranged for Bible studies with the whole family and as

I taught them they were gradually softened to the Advent message. The whole family were baptized in August, the husband, wife, and four children.

"Yes, it pays to visit Voice of Prophecy students, and in this case I would say it pays much." —Jan Hutauruk, Pastor, Penang Malay Church.

"Recently I visited a Voice of Prophecy student in Pontian who has taken three of the English courses and is now taking the Daniel and Revelation course. She had never been visited. Since my visit she has been attending church regularly. There is great potential in visiting these Voice of Prophecy students." —Daniel Lee, Acting Pastor, Pontian.

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Pastor Jan Hutauruk (left) with Joshua Subbiah (center) and his family at the time of their baptism. (See story on page 4).

The WORD is in the Air

VIETNAM RADIO WORK. At 6:00 P.M. on Sunday, June 27, 1954, the inaugural message of the Voice of Hope was broadcast over Saigon Radio. It was just a few days before the signing of the historic Geneva agreement which partitioned Vietnam into two zones separated by the Ben-Hai River at the 17th parallel. The empire of Bao-Dai, the last king of the Nguyen Dynasty and the last king of Vietnam, crumbled.

A tremendous exodus followed the signing of this decisive agreement. About one million northerners fled to the south and became refugees. Finally all normal relations were disrupted and the bamboo curtain came down between the two zones. With the withdrawal of Pastor Nguyen van Xuan and his family, our work in the north closed.

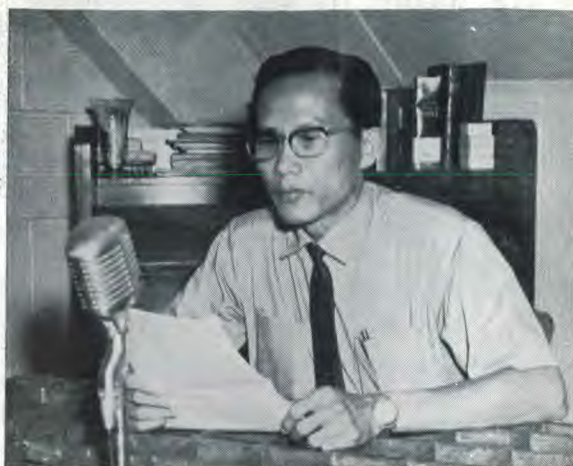
But the Word, going out over the airwaves, still penetrates beyond the bamboo curtain. In the providence of God the threefold message is still reaching the people north of the 17th parallel.

Since 1954, stations sending out the "Voice of Hope" have grown from two to nine. We are now on all but three of the government stations. Though located in the south, these stations penetrate to the far reaches of the north. While the government utilizes these stations as a means of propaganda, information, education, and indoctrination, God is using them to preach the gospel to the Vietnamese people living on both sides of the Ben-Hai River.

The government is selling transistor radios at a very low price to peasants in remote rural areas. Plans are under way to add 12 new stations and to distribute 100,000 additional radios to the rural areas. These radios are the main means of entertainment and information and they are turned on virtually all the time. The brethren in the provinces are very proud of our radio programs which are heard by most of the people living in these rural areas.

After the recent coup in Saigon, the watchman of the Phuhuan church reported very excitedly, "Pastor, this morning all my neighbors listened to your radio sermon. You know what they said? They said, 'The message is wonderful.

Pastor Le-Huu, VOI speaker, Vietnam.



If all the religious leaders preached a doctrine like this preacher does, then there would be no conflict, no turmoil at all! ' ". I had preached that morning on religious freedom and the separation of church and state.

In addition to our Vietnamese broadcasts, we also have broadcasts in English, Mandarin, and Cantonese going out over Radio Saigon.

So God is sending the Word out over the air to reach souls living in remote places with the gospel of salvation who are unaccessible to our preachers. —Pastor Le-Huu, Radio-TV Secretary.

THAILAND RADIO WORK. Sometime ago our Bangkok Voice of Prophecy broadcast was cut off the air. But in the past year there have been many changes in the

government of Thailand and things are now becoming more favorable for us to get back on the air. When we contacted the manager of the largest station in Bangkok recently to see if we could get back on the air he told us that it was not yet the best time to get back on the air, but things were getting better. Then he added, "Your God will surely honor your faith because you are so perseverant and you surely will get back on the air soon."

We are endeavoring to get on smaller stations around the country. It has become a matter of prayer for our members all over Thailand that God will touch the hearts of those responsible for the radio broadcasting that they will grant us

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Sopon Jaigur, VOP speaker, Thailand, with HMS Richards Sr. and Jr.



The WORD By Mail

THAILAND BIBLE SCHOOL. 1964 has been a banner year for the Voice of Prophecy correspondence school in Thailand. During the first nine months of this year 116 VOP students have been baptized. This is more than the total number of baptisms for the whole mission just two years ago! We expect between 20 and 30 more baptisms from our VOP students by the end of the year.

Most of the new "Why of Life" lessons, prepared for our union has now been translated and will be printed in 1965. This course is much more simple and more easily understood by non-Christians. Our present course will be used as an advanced course for those who wish to study further.

Last year an application for our course was filled in by an inmate in the federal correctional institute in Bangkok. As this man studied the VOP course, he told his friends about it. We now have 87 students from this correctional institution and 43 graduates! One of our workers is visiting these prisoners and many of them are now very interested in the gospel of Jesus Christ. These Bible lessons are an entering wedge to places our workers cannot ordinarily go and hundreds of souls are being reached by this method. —Palmer Wick, director.

VIETNAM BIBLE SCHOOL. Before the end of 1964, we hope to release the new CONG DUONG



Jantorn Sittideth, Bible School instructor, Thailand.



Singapore VOP Staff. Back row: (left to right) D. R. Guild, Director; Edmund Ho, Jimmy Kng, Djamaan Soelaiman, head of the Malay section. Front row: Miss Wong Siew Fong, Miss Miriam Tan, Miss Janet Arulpragasam, head of the Tamil section; Mrs. Lillian Guild, head of the English section; Miss Jue Man Hin, head of the Chinese section.

SONG—Way of Life course—especially prepared for Southeast Asians. This will mark the beginning of a new era for the Vietnam VOP, for our present course is inadequate. —Le-Huu, director

CAMBODIA BIBLE SCHOOL. Our Cambodian Bible School is using three Chinese courses and one Cambodian course which was translated from Chinese.

The Cambodian lessons, although approved by the Department of Information, have encountered police suspicion in one area. Two promising students were investigated by the secret police and as a result, stopped taking the lessons. We are thankful this situation does not exist throughout the country.

In an effort to improve our enrollment ratio, we are planning to replace the first part of our Cambodian course with the new Way of Life Bible Course prepared especially for Southeast Asia. Also, we plan to advertise our courses more widely in 1965 in an effort to help our tiny school to grow. —Ralph Neall, director.

SINGAPORE BIBLE SCHOOL. The Singapore school, serving all of Malaysia, sends out more than 200,000 lessons each year in four languages. Each year more than 5,000 of our students graduate from one of our twelve courses.

Perhaps the best way to report on the progress of the Word going out through the mail from our Singapore school is to share a letter from one of our pastors that came in the morning mail:

"Dear Pastor Guild, I came in possession of your letter regarding an Indian young man who is taking the course in Tamil in Sungei Bahru Estate, around 30 miles from Malacca. I visited him last Monday and found that in his estate there are several who have taken the course in Tamil and English. I have arranged further Bible studies, and I'll be going there every Monday.

"We recently baptized 3 young boys, who have been students of the VOP. We hope to baptize more before the end of the year.... Sincerely yours, A. Waworoendeng."
—D. R. Guild, director.



By Thomas Huang, Publishing Secretary, Sabah and Sarawak Missions

They must have been slipped under our door. No one was there when it happened, so I did not see the person who brought them. When I returned from school, I picked them both up. Anxiously I read the first card, and found it to be from a correspondence school offering a free Bible course. The second card was a duplicate.

Without a moment's hesitation I filled out one card for myself and the other card for my brother and mailed them. Then with eager anticipation I waited for the first lesson. That was six years ago. It almost seems like a dream to me now.

Little did I realize then what the studying of these correspondence lessons would do in changing my life.

When I had completed fifteen lessons, I received an invitation to attend a series of meetings at the Victoria Memorial Hall by Dan Guild, director of the Singapore Voice of Prophecy Bible Correspondence School.

Although my parents are Methodists, I became convinced that the Ten Commandments have not been changed and that the Sabbath is Saturday and not Sunday. I came to believe that Jesus is coming again in our day.

In spite of much opposition from my family I was baptized on Sunday night, May 31, 1959. My old self was buried in the watery grave of the Balestier Road Seventh-day Adventist Church. I came from the water a new man in Christ.

By Joshua M. Subbiah, A Layman Penang Malay Church

My daughter was taking a postal course on Bible study. I did not pay much attention to it although when she received a graduation certificate from the Voice of Prophecy, I was pleased with my daughter's achievement.

I observed that my daughter must have received something good from studying the Voice of Prophecy, for she often pleaded with me when I came home in a drunken state, and would pray for me in spite of my unworthiness as a father.

Although we were Methodists, there was much unhappiness in our home as a result of my drinking habit. I could not stop drinking, for without drink, my nervous system played havoc on my mind and body. No amount of advice from my wife and daughter had any effect on me. Nor would the taking of pills give any help in my overcoming the drinking habit.

Then one day a God-sent man came to my house. Fortunately I was in the house, I say fortunately for I am not usually home at the time of day that he came. He asked for my daughter, Gloria Joshua. Then he spoke to us of the signs of our times and of the soon return of Jesus Christ.

He came weekly to hold Bible studies and have prayer. He told us of the binding claims of the Ten Commandments and of the Sabbath. He told us of a group of believers in the last days called the remnant church, established as a fulfilment of Bible prophecy, called out to warn people to fear God and to make them ready for Jesus' coming.

One day I casually told him about my drinking habit. He told me that drinking is against Christian principles and advised me to give it up, for he said, "No drunkard shall enter heaven." To help me overcome my evil habit he gave me books that deal with the evils of drinking. As I read the story of family tragedies, wives and children scattered and uncared for as a result of drinking, my heart was melted.

How I Became A S

Although a Methodist I did not know how to pray. Mr. Jan Hutaurok taught me to pray and I asked the Lord to help me to overcome the habit of drinking. Previously I could not sleep at night unless I was drunk, but now when I could not sleep I prayed and asked God to help me overcome this dreadful habit, and I could sleep peacefully.

When I stopped drinking, my former boozing friends told me that I would die by a slow death. They taunted me and begged me to drink with them. They were astounded at my will power, for previously I had been helpless to stop drinking and had the reputation of being an incorrigible drunkard in Butterworth. At the very mention of my name people would say, "Oh that drunkard", but now they keep quiet at the mention of my name.

In June of 1964 my wife and I were baptized into the remnant church. Through the power of God and prayer I turned my back on



A group of those who graduated from t

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my old life. May God keep me faithful in this new found faith until Jesus comes.

**By Ee Teck Ee, Teacher
Southeast Asia Union College**

Feeling myself to be a sinner and in need of the peace of heaven, I longed for a more satisfying religion. I began studies with a Catholic priest and became convinced that the Catholic Church is the Apostolic Church founded by Christ upon St. Peter. Although I was thinking of becoming a Catholic, I had not yet found the peace and victory over self that I was longing and searching for.

On the campus of the Catholic school I was attending, there is a big cathedral with a statue of St. Peter out front. Peter is carved out of marble but his toes are made of brass. Beside the statue is a notice informing the worshipper that a certain number of days in-

dulgence is granted to anyone kissing the toes. But even kissing the toes failed to give me the peace of forgiveness.

By divine providence several copies of the Chinese **Signs of the Times** were placed in the library of the Catholic school. Who placed them there? Only God knows. Some of my classmates subscribed to the Signs. I read them eagerly.

In every issue the **Signs** advertised a free Voice of Prophecy Bible correspondence course. One of my classmates signed for the course. He seemed to enjoy it and was very happy when he got his diploma. He urged me to join, but I hesitated. One day my classmate said, "Unless you sign for the Voice of Prophecy Bible course now it may be too late." "Yes," I thought, "it might be too late." And so I signed for the course.

Events happened in rapid succession. I found Jesus as my Saviour, was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and eventually graduated from the Southeast Asia Union College, where I am now teaching.

Prophetic Guidance Study Course at Penang

**By Pastor William E. Smith,
Penang English Church**

Thirty-seven church members of all ages participated in the Prophetic Guidance graduation service on Sabbath morning, August 29, 1964, in the Penang English Church. Elder D. R. Guild, Radio-TV secretary of the Southeast Asia Union, delivered the graduation address and presented the diplomas.

The Spirit of Prophecy in the Seventh-day Adventist Church was systematically studied in a series of sixteen group study classes conducted by the writer during the regular prayer meeting hour. Each evening included three features: a sermonette, "Adventures in Prophecy"; a review of the completed test sheets; and a preview of the lesson or lessons for the coming week.

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**By Sapon Jaiguar, Speaker
Thailand Voice of Prophecy
Broadcast**

About fourteen years ago, I first became acquainted with Seventh-day Adventists and was invited to study the Voice of Prophecy English course. I completed the Thai course and then also studied the English course. I was very much impressed with these lessons and soon joined the baptismal class and was baptized into the remnant church, and decided to give my life to the spreading of this gospel so that the work of God can be finished in Thailand.

A few years after my baptism, there were a large number of Voice of Prophecy students in the Chiang-mai area of northern Thailand. As the interest was quite good, it was decided to hold a series of evangelistic meetings there. At the close of these meetings three of the Voice of Prophecy students were baptized and one of these three later became my wife. So, you see, the Voice of Prophecy correspondence course has been doubly important to me.

In 1962, our Mission began its first Voice of Prophecy broadcast in the Thai language and I was chosen to be the speaker for this broadcast. This was a new and very interesting experience for me, and even though our program was cut off the air, it seems that now we have a good chance to get back on the air again soon. I am now broadcasting a weekly health broadcast on the local station in Chiang-mai. I thank the Lord for the Voice of Prophecy.



Prophetic Guidance Course in Penang.

It Pays to Visit Voice of Prophecy Students (From page 1.)



Pastor & Mrs. S. J. Lee with VOP student.

Pastor S. J. Lee, president of the Malaya Mission, has recently been spending a day or two with each of the pastors in his mission visiting Voice of Prophecy students. He reports:

"Pastor K. B. Tan of the Penang church recently joined my wife and I in visiting Voice of Prophecy students in the state of Kedah. To locate one of the students we spent two hours searching. We finally parked our car and walked a mile and a half down the railroad track to find him. When we arrived it was 6:30 in the evening. But how happy this young man was to see a Voice of Prophecy representative!

"Mrs. Lee and I spent two days with Cheng Kwei Yong and two days with Chan Sing Chor visiting VOP students in the distant places of Muar and Kluang. We had wonderful visits with these students, some of whom were difficult to find.

"Some of the students, especially those who are very young, were afraid to come out and see us. Their parents too were suspicious to have strangers call upon their young children. But after breaking the ice we had some very good visits with the parents and talked to them about their children's studies and encouraged them to encourage their boys and girls to continue studying the VOP lessons. Some of the parents were so interested that we believe that if frequently visited that they will be interested in studying the truths themselves....

"This is real work and tiring too when one has to work right through the heat of the day." —Pastor S. J. Lee.

With such enthusiasm for visiting the Voice of Prophecy students on the part of a mission president, we are certain to see wonderful results in the future.

Yes, it pays to visit Voice of Prophecy students.

Prophetic Guidance Study Course at Penang (From page 5.)

During the week, the students studied the lessons assigned and **The Treasure Chest**, and filled in the test sheets. Test sheets were graded by the Singapore Voice of Prophecy.

During the course the Ellen G. White books were displayed at the front of the church. The members were acquainted with various volumes and encouraged to begin a systematic reading of them.

As a special feature on the closing night of the course, Ellen G. White's grand-daughter, Mrs. Jacques, was visiting Penang, and told personal experiences involving her early years with Mrs. White. This was indeed an interesting highlight of the course.

As a follow-up, the filmstrip series, "The Life and Work of Ellen G. White" was shown as a

colorful visual review of the Spirit of Prophecy guidance in the church.

A better knowledge and appreciation of the Spirit of Prophecy by the church membership has resulted from this comprehensive yet interesting study of the Prophetic Guidance Course.

Thailand Radio Work (From page 2.)

permission to broadcast soon. With this large country of almost 30 million people it seems that a Voice of Prophecy broadcast is the only way we will reach them with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We would like to ask that you also remember to pray for our Voice of Prophecy broadcast that we may soon be back on the radio sending the Word out into the air.

For the present, Sopon Jaiguar, our Voice of Prophecy speaker, is broadcasting "The Way of Health" from the station in Chiangmai. Those who listen are invited to enroll in a health correspondence course. When they graduate from the health course they are invited to enroll in the Bible Course. Plans are underway to expand the coverage of health broadcasts throughout the country. Perhaps through this means we can find an entering wedge into the hearts of the masses. —Pastor Palmer G. Wick, Radio-TV Secretary.



Pastors Guild and Smith handing out the Prophetic Guidance Course Diplomas at Penang.

Protestant Congregation Becomes Adventist

By Elder B. Smith, Home
Missionary Secretary, Thailand

God delights to bless simplicity and Brother Chalern is one of God's simple instruments. Though blind he finds his way out to the outlying villages of North Thailand in search of those who will listen and accept the story of Jesus' love. Some months ago Brother Chalern was given the name of a Voice of Prophecy interest living a half day's journey by bus north of Chiangmai.

The VOP student proved to be a member of a small Pentecostal congregation in that village. Brother Chalern asked him to read certain texts. Others became interested in the studies. After ten days of studies a number expressed a desire to become Seventh-day Adventists.

Sometime later Pastor Sapon from Chiangmai went to visit this new group of Sabbath keepers. Soon there were fifteen ready for baptism and ten others preparing for it. Near the close of Pastor Sapon's visit the district leader and local pastor of the Pentecostal group attended the meeting and raised objections to the Sabbath truth. He stated that the day was not important for we are not bound by a day. Pastor Sapon answered, "But you must remember that the Sabbath is ordained by God. It is like your wife who was ordained to you. You wouldn't go with just any woman but you are faithful to the woman who was ordained for you." This statement brought the discussion to an abrupt close.

The leader then stated, "The reason I came to this meeting was to ask these members if it is their intention to become Seventh-day Adventists." They stated that this

was their intention. He then dramatically stated, "I give you members to Pastor Sapon." Pastor Sapon replied, "I want to thank you."

A little later the local pastor came to Pastor Sapon and stated that it was also his desire to become a Seventh-day Adventist. He added, "Your words struck a tender spot for this district leader had left his wife in another town and is living with another woman. I can see that you are teaching the truth and want to join with you."

The representatives of this church made an appointment to visit Pastor Sapon and Dr. C. Lamberton in Chiangmai to negotiate the sale of their church building in that village to the Seventh-day Adventists. Certainly the Spirit of God is working in behalf of those who are sincerely searching for truth. We expect many more such wonderful experiences in Thailand.

Establishing New Lighthouses (From page 8.)

Pastor Waworoendeng and Brother Giang Tu Minh are studying with about twenty Voice of Prophecy students in Tampin, Malaya, and expect to start a church company in the very near future.

Recently a student from Kedah wrote to us requesting a visit by one of our pastors. Pastor Lee asked Brother Jan Hutaaruk of the Penang church to make the call. He responded immediately and sent this report to Pastor Lee: "You may be glad to know that the Indian girl who has completed the VOP course in Tamil whose address you have given me has been visited and she has taken her stand to accept baptism. I have started studying with her to further up her knowledge of the faith which she has decided to accept. It is necessary that I must conduct a Sabbath meeting in her home. All the members of the family have given a consent to it and even join in the meeting. All of them can speak Malay. By the way, the girl is a story writer. She stories for the Tamil newspapers." Again we have the seed for a church from one Voice of Prophecy student.

The Muar church in the Malaya Mission was started through a concentration of interested Voice of Prophecy students.

The Cheng Mei church in Thai-

land was established as a result of an evangelistic meeting held to reap the fruit of Voice of Prophecy interests.

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Establishing New Lighthouses

By Daniel R. Guild, Radio-TV
Secretary, Southeast Asia Union

Earl Anchant, one of our col-
porteurs in the Malaya Mission,
decided to hold some meetings
in Batu Pahat, where he is canvass-
ing.

For years the only Seventh-day
Adventist family living in Batu
Pahat have been passing out enroll-
ment cards for our message-filled
Voice of Prophecy Bible course.
From our office, Earl obtained the
names of all these Voice of Prop-

hecy students and after visiting
them, he invited them to come to
a meeting at the Simbang Ranta
English school. Providentially God
opened the way to use a classroom
in the school without charge.

On the first night about thirty
crowded into the small classroom
to view the Hope for Today Bible
films. The next night, when forty
attended, they moved to a larger
classroom. Finally, to make room
for all who attended, the meetings
were moved to the school auditor-
ium.

Though half of the group are
Hindus, after fourteen meetings,
from thirty to forty students are
still attending. The audience has
been most attentive. One evening
two Hindu boys were whispering,
a third Hindu boy turned to them
and said, "Can't you keep quiet
during God's presence? Don't you
know!"

Earl hopes his Bible studies can
be followed by an evangelistic meet-
ing, for he is certain a church can
be raised up in Batu Pahat from
these interests. He reports at least
ten very interested people right now
who are good candidates for bap-
tism.

Earl is also canvassing in Mersing
and plans to begin meetings there
soon. The manager of one of the
hotels, who has two daughters tak-
ing the Voice of Prophecy lessons,
has offered a room in the hotel for
a meeting place.

In the state of Malacca, Pastor
Waworoendeng is conducting three
branch Sabbath schools weekly with
Voice of Prophecy students.

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DID YOU KNOW

The Southeast Asia Union has...

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